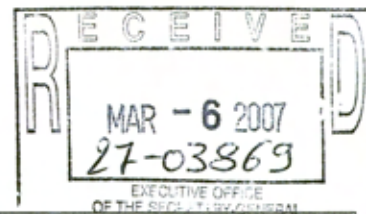


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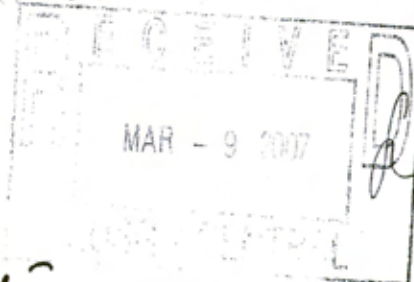
Dear Mr. Nambiar, Vijay

Please find attached the proposed response to the letter from the Permanent Representative of Myanmar dated 27 February 2007, which is attached for ease of reference.

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Thank you.

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I do not think this  
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We regret if the reference in question mischaracterizes the situation in your country. As a precaution on our part, the relevant paragraph has been removed from the UN website and its archives.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

  
Vijay Nambiar  
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Chef de Cabinet



THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

6 March 2007

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Ban Ki-moon

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27 February 2007

Excellency,

I would like to refer to the item of news which appeared on 26 February in UN News Service entitled "Immediate aid needed in Myanmar's conflict zones, UN rights expert says" with regard to the press statement by Professor Paulo Sergio Pinheiro. Professor Pinheiro's statement did not contain any reference that Myanmar's military has conducted counter-insurgency operations against civilians. (Full text enclosed). However, the particular news item wrongly included a paragraph which stated "In Kayin State, also known as Karen State, Myanmar's military has continued counter-insurgency operations against civilians". This is an irresponsible statement because it is completely untrue. The Government of the Union of Myanmar conducts counter-insurgency campaigns only against the Karen insurgents that have been conducting terrorist acts against the general populace. The UN country team and the Diplomatic Corps were taken to these areas and were able to interview the victims of the terrorist acts who have informed them that the perpetrators of these attacks are the Karen insurgents. This news item has caused great harm to the national reconciliation process of my Government.

The news item reflects either unprofessional or biased conduct of some members of the Secretariat. If the inclusion of the news item is unintentional, it is gross incompetence. If it is intentional, it would tantamount to assisting the disinformation campaign of a powerful member of the United Nations and would be contrary to Article 100 (1) of the Charter of the United Nations.

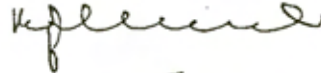
I would therefore like to request that necessary steps be taken to prevent the occurrence of such irresponsible action by certain members of the Secretariat which affect the credibility of the Organization. It could also negatively effect Your

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Excellency's laudable efforts to build trust and confidence between the Member States and the Secretariat.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



(KYAW TINT SWE)

Ambassador

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Press Release

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XXXXXXXXXX **UN Human Rights Expert urged the Government of Myanmar** XXXXXXXXXXXX  
**to authorize access to affected areas by humanitarian actors**

23 February 2007

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar is very concerned by the on-going military operations in Kayin State and its humanitarian and human rights implications. He received testimonies from villagers who recently fled from Toungoo District and Eastern Bago Division. These villagers, who had already been forcibly displaced at several occasions, provided information that verify allegations received by the Special Rapporteur during the year 2006 on the magnitude of the humanitarian and human rights situation in these areas.

As the result of the increase of military operations, the number of communities in needs, such as villagers facing food shortage, internally displaced villagers and refugees significantly increased in 2006.

The Special Rapporteur noted the importance of providing these groups at risk with immediate humanitarian assistance. He reiterated that the humanitarian assistance should not be made hostage of politics. It must be only guided by the best interests of the affected communities. The Special Rapporteur believed it would be a terrible mistake to wait the political normalization of Myanmar to help and to empower the affected communities and their representatives.

The Special Rapporteur urged the Government of Myanmar to authorize access to the affected areas by the United Nations and associated personnel, as well as personnel of humanitarian organizations and guarantee their safety, security and freedom of movement.

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