

# **Salween Community's Statement on Mong Ton (Tasang Dam) Hydropower Project and Other Salween Hydropower Projects**

**Taungyi City, Shan State, Burma/Myanmar**

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1. Although the Mong Ton Hydropower Project site is located in Mong Ton area of Shan State, the consultation for this project is being held in Taungyi City instead, calling into question the sincerity of those organizing the consultation.
2. There is no transparency in any of the Salween Dam Projects, which will bring hardly any benefits for local people. Therefore, we oppose all the Salween Dam Projects.
3. Any projects planned on the Salween River must be stopped until a genuine ceasefire is established and a political settlement to the ongoing conflicts is reached.
4. We urge an immediate halt to all these Salween Dam Projects, which do not have adequate safeguards to prevent natural disasters such as floods or dam breaks.
5. The Salween Dam projects will compromise the economies, health, education, culture, standard of living, and physical security of local communities, including women and children. Therefore we strongly oppose plans to implement dam projects on the Salween River.
6. We strongly object to any projects on the Salween River that will jeopardize peace in the area and destroy the wellbeing of local ethnic people.
7. We strongly condemn the failure of companies and all responsible parties involved in the Salween Dam Projects to transparently disclose information to the people of Burma/Myanmar, especially affected communities, PRIOR to beginning the projects. Hence, we the Salween Community urge the immediate halt of all the Salween Dam Projects.

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