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Statement by the UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Myanmar Knut Ostby on security situation in Muse Township

I have been following with concern the reports of numerous civilian casualties resulting from recent clashes between the Taung National Liberation Army (TNLA) and Government security forces in Muse Township in Northern Shan State.

I urge all relevant parties to exercise maximum restraint in protecting the civilian population from further casualties, and to allow the delivery of humanitarian assistance to affected communities.

The armed conflict continues to exact a heavy toll upon Myanmar society, and I express my sincere condolences to all families that have lost loved ones in this incident.

The UN encourages all parties to re-double their efforts to advance the Peace Process, and offers its full support to finding a peaceful resolution to the conflict.

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