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GPRN/NSCN celebrated its 6th unification anniversary and the 60 years service of its president Khole Konyak Friday at the Khehoi designated camp attended by hundreds from civil societies, public, well wishers and Naga Army.

Speaking in Konyak as interpreted, Khole Konyak said he joined the movement at a young age and continued to serve even till today, despite not being able to walk properly.

Khole reiterated that though there were many “big Naga leaders” today, yet none initiated the feeling of “oneness” among Nagaland and reiterated that unless Nagas unite nothing could be achieved. He lamented that Nagas today were shedding blood of “our own brothers” and hoped the spirit of nationalism would not leave Nagas.

GPRN/NSCN ato kilonser N Kitovi Zhomimi, speaking in Nagamese, said that time has come for the Nagas to be practical and to decide what they want.

He said time has come to decide whether to continue with the armed struggle against the Indian government or settle for an acceptable solution.

He reminded that Naga national workers unified on November 22, 2007 after hue and cry from all sections of the society but asked, what people want them to do now?

Kitovi asked people whether they were prepared to continue with the armed struggle, despite losing seventy to eighty Naga soldiers then public should also be ready to provide voluntary soldiers and acquire arms and ammunition for the Naga national workers to continue the struggle.

He asked people as to what steps they wanted GPRN/NSCN to do since the government of India has rejected sovereignty including integration of Naga areas.

Kitovi asserted that any political solution with the government of India would be only through consent of people so it was upto them to decide.

He however reaffirmed the stand of the GPRN/NSCN, that “sovereign independence” cannot be compromised and could be achieved “tomorrow, day after or even after 100 years” and the door was always open. Kitovi however pointed out that if the stand was to be followed, “there was no future for the younger generation.”

Analyzing the present situation in the state, Kitovi said that Nagaland cannot accommodate the ever increasing young educated youth and if the trend continued, the educated youth would resort to killing and stealing for livelihood.

He said the top priority for the GPRN/NSCN was to safeguard and protect the welfare of the young generation.

Kitovi said: “ for political problem we have to take political solution and political solution is any solution that can be good for the people.”

He said that for the GPRN/NSCN “anything” meant good for the people and which ensure “bright future” for the younger generation.

Reiterating that GPRN/NSCN would not “rush” to Delhi and initiate a dialogue with government of India without consulting with the people, Kitovi informed GPRN/NSCN has constituted a consultative committee to interact with the Naga leaders and intellectuals on their opinion.

He informed that the committee would meet at least three people from each tribe of Nagaland chosen by their own community to seek the opinions. He then asked each tribe to be prepared to endorse their

opinion to the committee without fear.

“Every tribe should be involved because this is a common issue, it is not for a particular tribe, and every Naga has equal right so equal participation is needed.” said the ato kilonser.

He said it was time to make “our approach” practicable and that in this juncture the “Naga political formula” was to give “top priority” to the Nagas of the present Nagaland. He said that it was “beyond imagination and out of question” to gather all the Nagas into Nagaland and move forward.

Kitovi asserted “we make our stand clear and prepare ourselves. Our approach should be practical; if our approach is not practical then we cannot achieve anything.”

He reiterated that Nagas of Manipur, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh were not being “discarded”, Kitovi said it time would come for them but until then it was not possible for all to gather in Nagaland and have feuds with each other.

No Naga leader is initiating oneness: Khole

Time for Nagas to be practical: Kitovi

“Instant peace to maintain peace and tranquility is to take up Nagas and Nagaland issues as priority number one and after achieving it we should focus on other Nagas on priority basis.” said Kitovi.

On formation of Nagaland Tribes Council (NTC), the ato kilonser said he do not see why Nagas of Nagaland should not have their platform if Nagas of Manipur could have United Naga Council (UNC) in Manipur.

He said people from Manipur, Assam and Arunachal must not “decide the future of the Nagas of Nagaland”, and no objection should be raised when Nagas of Nagaland formed a platform to address their problems.

On formation of ACAUT, Kitovi said that it was “shameful” on the part of the Naga national workers when ACAUT came out with their resolution to pay tax to one government.

He said it should be taken as a challenge by the all the Naga national political groups to realize “our fault” instead of threatening ACAUT.

He then said that since people were paying tax they have every right to know why they are paying tax and how they are benefiting from it.

Applauding ACAUT for standing for the future of the younger generation, Kitovi also cautioned them not to be in a hurry lest they fall and are unable to rise again.

On the issue of NSF and GPRN/NSCN having a “distant relation”, these days, Kitovi cautioned that NSF as student body and “children” should not take advantage of being a child.

On NSF demand not to deduct tax from teachers, Kitovi said that his government has agreed to do so provided NSF provide proof that the concern teachers was dedicated and sincere while discharging their duties.

Appreciating a certain page in social networking site, Kitovi applauded young minds of Nagas coming together and discussing issues. He however cautioned them to be careful and use “modern language” as the whole world was monitoring the same.

On the event of the unification day, GPRN/NSCN also released political prisoner NSCN (K) education kilonser, ‘maj’ (ret'd) Kiwongkhum Yim.

Earlier, guest of honour president Naga Mothers Association (NMA) Abeiu Meru acknowledged the continuing struggle for a political solution to the Naga issue.

On the unification day, Meru also reminded the Naga national workers on the importance of peace and

