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The Central Committee for Organizing the 74th Anniversary of Independence Day 2022 held the second coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) on 5 November, with an address by Chairman of the Central Committee Vice Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice- Senior General Soe Win. Chairpersons and officials from the different subcommittees presented the progress of their assignments. After hearing the reports, Chairman of the Central Committee stressed the following points:

- To systematically take security measures for successfully holding the ceremony with essence.
- To hold the ceremony in line with the COVID-19 restrictions, prepare the tasks to prevent the danger of fire in launching fireworks.

The meeting was attended by the Union Ministers, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw council, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw command, and deputy ministers. The officials together with guests joined the meeting through videoconferencing.

Source: Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (6-11-2021)

- **Chairman of the Central Committee Vice Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice- Senior General Soe Win delivered an address at the Second Coordination Meeting of Central Committee for Organizing 74th Anniversary of Independence Day as follows:**
 - ♦ He instructed officials to systematically take security measures for successfully holding the ceremony with essence.
 - ♦ It is necessary to hold the ceremony in line with the COVID-19 restrictions. As the ceremony is at the national level with essence, those from respective subcommittees need to supervise the functions in conformity with the national level celebration.

Union Election Commission (UEC) Met with Political Parties to Discuss Electoral System



The Union Election Commission organized an electoral system meeting with the representatives of political parties and the people who are interested in the election at the Yangon Region Government office in Yangon on 5 November.

During the meeting, the discussions of UEC Chairman U Thein Soe are as follows:

- Most of the parties discussed at the meetings between the UEC and political parties in 2021 to change the electoral system that suits Myanmar. The 16 political parties also sent papers on the Proportional Representation (PR) system and so the talk on the current electoral system was held as per the decision made in the previous coordination meeting held in May.
- We can see two fundamental electoral systems for various political election and voting systems of the world countries such as First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) and Proportional Representation (PR).
- The use of FPTP system in the previous elections of Myanmar according to 1947 and the multi-party elections according to 2008 Constitutions, thoughts of people that most of the democratic countries would adopt that system as the candidates who received the most votes win.
- Many countries refused that this system is no longer suitable with the current situation and adoption of PR system.
- The PR system defined a large constituency and determined the number of candidates to be elected from that constituency. Moreover, the system defined the number of elected candidate based on the results of election from each party in election.
- The advantages of PR system are obtaining an equal number of representatives in proportion to the population, having full rights for smaller parties, ethnic nationalities, women and individuals as the parties set the number of candidates according to the proportion of votes they received, and weakening the one-party system and providing the closest balance to the hopes of the people based on the results of voting.
- The principles of the 2008 Constitution to follow the genuine, disciplined democratic system, holding of two general elections according to the 2008 Constitution, the victory of just one great party

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The discussions of representatives from political parties are as follows:

- The PR system should be adopted in future elections and they agreed the proposals of the UEC.
- They suggested introducing the Closed List and re-change to Open List after

two terms of the election period.

- If the county will adopt the PR system, voting frauds will be reduced. They suggested that the whole country should not decide as a constituency and the necessary cooperation should be conducted the discussions of PR system from National Solidarity and Peace Centre.

The meeting was attended by the UEC Chairman U Thein Soe, Yangon Chief Minister U Hla Soe, the members of UEC, officials, a total of 113 persons: 93 from 53 political parties and 20 civilians who interested in the election. The second day meeting will hold on 6 November.

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Discussions of U Myo Nyunt from Democracy and Peace Party



Discussions of U Hla Thein from Union Solidarity and Development Party

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COVID-19 Prevention, Control, and Treatment Activities Continue in Respective Regions and States



In every state and region of Myanmar, Tatmadaw and departmental officials are accelerating the COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities such as, opening quarantine centres and vaccinating against COVID-19.

- A total of 161 closed contacts (84 males and 77 females) are taking necessary treatments at Nay Pyi Taw Interrogation and Accommodation centre.
- The vaccination processes continue in respective regions and states. As per the priority programme, a total of 244,960 people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 as second doses and 108,140 people as first doses on 5 November.
- A total of 43,980 students aged 12 years and above from Basic Education Middle and High schools in respective regions and states have been vaccinated against COVID-19 on 5 November. A total of 1,096,797 students have been vaccinated against COVID-19 up to 5 November.
- According to the announcement of COVID Vaccination Fund Management Sub-committee, the closed balances of COVID-19 Vaccination Fund opened at the Myanmar Economic Bank (Nay Pyi

Taw) on 5 November 2021 are: Myanmar currency OA-013733 is K215,827,075,142.53 and foreign currency EDC 600012 is US\$62,349.53.

Measures are being taken to import Covid-19 control, containment and treatment medicines and related equipment as follows:

- On 5 November, 5 tonnes of liquid oxygen carried by one bowser, 3 oxygen generators for business and 7 tons of masks were imported from abroad by two companies using two vehicles.

The Ministry of Health is conducting COVID-19 tests regularly, 1,057 new cases of COVID-19 were found from testing a total of 22,715 samples and the infected rates are 4.65 percent on 5 November. Up to 4 November 2021, a total of 505,038 cases were found from testing a total of 4,985,195 samples and death toll reached 18,783.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (6-11-2021)



Receiving closed contacts at Nay Pyi Taw Interrogation and Accommodation Centre



Importing oxygen and medical supplies through the border trade posts



Local people in Daik-U township vaccinated against COVID-19



Students aged 12 years and above vaccinated against COVID-19 in Tangyang township

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Tatmadaw Medical Team Provided Healthcare in Villages Occurring Seasonal Flu in Lewe Township



As people are suffering illnesses caused by seasonal flu in Laltawgyi and Wet-pokethin villages of Lewe township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Territory, local medical team under Nay Pyi Taw Command conducted necessary medical treatments and public health awareness activities.

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Terrorists Commit Terrorist Acts Not Only Bombing Schools But Also Endangering the Lives of Education Staff to Disrupt the Education Sector

The terrorist groups CRPH and NUG organized the PDFs to kill innocent people living in peaceful environments using various kinds of reason and conduct mine and arson attacks on the homes in some regions of the country with the aim of utter devastation. Currently, they intentionally killed the education staff, including teachers who are one of the 'Five Infinite Venerables' to affect the education sector while the schools are reopened for not delaying one academic year for student.

- The Senior Assistant Teacher Daw Hla Hla Than, 55 from (D) Ward of North Okkalapa Township of Yangon Region was shot to death by a terrorist while she was on a taxi that she hired to No (2) B.E.H.S of Dagon Myothit (East) in the morning of 5 November. The victim died on the way to the hospital due to the gunshot wounds.
- Similarly, U Khin Maung Than, deputy staff officer of Natmauk Township education office of Magway Region lost on the way to his home on 1 November and the dead body with throat cut wound was found in the field near Kyu Aing village on the morning of 4 November.
- Around 3:00 pm on 4 November, two terrorists riding motorcycles threw bombs into the basic education school at the corner of 82nd street and Sagaing street of Tampawady Ward in Chanmyathazi Township of the Mandalay Region and ran away. The bomb did not explode and the security members seized the bomb.

- Similarly, terrorists conducted a bomb attack on B.E.H.S (Yway) in Kangyidaunt Township of Ayeyawady Region. The school caught fire and the teaching aid materials and windows of the classroom were destroyed. The police seized materials including 7 pvc pipes near the school.

The terrorists intentionally conduct terrorist attacks against the schools to inflict damage and even to endanger the lives teachers and students to affect the learning opportunities of new generations. Therefore, the people are urged to cooperate with the security forces to fight terrorism and security forces are taking necessary measures to arrest the perpetrators as early as possible.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (6-11-2021)



High School teacher Daw Hla Hla Than died due to the gun shot of terrorists in North Okkalapa township



A homemade bomb found in the compound of Basic Education School in Chanmyathazi township



Terrorists planted mines to Basic Education High School (Yway) in Kangyidaunt township

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Leader of SAC Information Team Major General Zaw Min Tun Made a Statement on the RCF/ RFI Loans of IMF



Leader of the Information Team of State Administration Council Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun gave answers to media questions regarding the RCF/RFI loans of International Monetary Fund - IMF as follows:

Q: Mingalabar. The media has stated that the anti-COVID-19 fund of US\$-372 million provided by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is lost in the hands of the State Administration Council. We would like to ask you to respond to those media reports.

A: We have already read those media reports and what the IMF has said. In fact, they are unchecked news and besides, they are biased. What we found in the news was that the fund was an aid for Myanmar. The first thing I would say is that the fund is a loan which must be paid back. Actually, the fund was provided as the Rapid Credit Facility (RCF) and the Rapid Financing Instrument (RFI) loans in connection with COVID -19. The loans were received under an agreement to be arranged by the Central Bank of Myanmar and the Ministry of Planning and Finance (MoPF). The loan payment was made two times and the govern-

ment exercised in accord with the financial procedures. During the first payment, US\$-356 million was transferred to the US dollar account of the CBM on 1 July 2020. The CBM then put Ks 490 billion, its equivalent in kyats, into the State account of the MoPF the next day. In the second payment, US\$-372.391 million was transferred to the US dollar account of the CBM on 28 January 2021. The CBM then put Ks 495.50 billion, its equivalent in kyats, into the State account of the MoPF on 29 January 2021. RCF has a grace period of five years and a loan repayment period of ten years. RFI has a grace period of three years and a loan repayment period of five years.

In fact, they are loans which must be paid back. Under the agreement between CBM and MoPF, the former is responsible only for drawing the loans and the latter do the work of spending it. The RFI balance sheet of the MoPF was checked by the Union Auditor-General Office and the result was posted on www.mopf.gov.mm, the website of MoPF. Everyone can visit the website. As regards the said loans, information about the purchase of equipment worth US\$-100 million and below for

COVID -19 prevention, containment and treatment and COVID - 19 Economic Relief Plan (CERP) was released for four times, and about COVID -19 related news for three times. The information about the findings on expenditures for COVID -19 prevention, control and treatment of the government departments and other organizations and work procedures was also released. The relevant ministry is preparing for the fourth release. It will publish the detailed information this month. Moreover, the government is releasing the balance sheet of the COVID-19 donations every week. It has already released the latest developments on the remaining balances in opening and closing the account statements and the income during the period between 25-10-2021 and 29-10-2021. They are available on the earlier mentioned website. The detailed list of the purchase of COVID -19 vaccines can also be found on the website. The account statements issued on 29-10-2021 stated the amount of the final installment paid to Sinopharm of China on 27 - 10-2021. What I mean here is that the government is doing its duty with full responsibility and accountability through the transparent way. Sadly, there are reports issued without any knowledge of the government's sincere action or without seeking any information from the relevant ministries or without paying attention to it. These reports are issued to disturb the country's COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment undertakings and cause international misunderstanding of the country's situation.

Now, I have already explained the government's undertakings and anti-COVID -19 activities. The Tatmadaw has been taking part in the anti-COVID -19 activities with might and main even before the assumption of the State duties. Individu-

al Tatmadaw members as well as officers are making contributions to the COVID - 19 funds time and again from their salaries. So, people or the media can find detailed and reliable information on the websites of the respective ministries. They should act only after visiting the said websites. It has been officially announced that the infection rate in the country exceeded 40 percent in July, and now it has fallen below 4 percent. This progressive trend has proved the effectiveness of the government's endeavours and public participation in COVID -19 prevention, control and treatment undertakings. So, I would like to urge the people to continue their support for the undertakings.

Thank you.

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 - The acts of news media without any knowledge of the government's sincere action or official statements are to disturb the country's COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment undertakings and cause international misunderstanding of the country's situation.
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