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Excerpts from the Explanations of Major General Zaw Min Tun at the 10/2021 Press Conference Held by Information Team of State Administration Council



The 10/2021 Press Conference of Information Team of the State Administration Council (SAC) was held at the Ministry of Information on 26 November. The team leader of Information Team of the SAC Major General Zaw Min Tun, and member of Union Election Commission (UEC) U Khin Maung Oo answered the questions raised by the media agencies.

Excerpts from the explanations of the team leader of Information Team of the SAC Major General Zaw Min Tun are as follows:

- Since Myanmar became independence, the nation practiced a policy of **“independent non-aligned”** in its foreign policy during the Parliamentary Democracy Period (1948-1962) and the Revolutionary Council Period (1962-1971). Then, the government has pursued **“independent and active foreign policy”** starting from 1971.
- Myanmar became a member of ASEAN on 23 July 1997 and followed the ASEAN Charter, ASEAN spirit and ASEAN way.
- During Myanmar’s chairmanship of

ASEAN in 2014, Myanmar has successfully cooperated with member countries in the processes of establishing the purposes of the ASEAN Community’s Post-2015: ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC); ASEAN Socio Cultural Community (ASCC); and ASEAN Economic Community (AEC).

- At present, regarding the decisions upon Myanmar representation including Myanmar’s attendance of ASEAN summits without common consent by some ASEAN’s member countries, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement that Myanmar objects to such actions which are not stipulated in ASEAN charter and basic principles as well as are contrary to the purposes of the ASEAN.
- The government of Myanmar temporarily closed the basic education schools for 2020-2021 academic year due to the outbreaks of COVID-19 pandemic. Although the SAC reopened the basic education schools at the same time for 2021-2022 academic year, the schools had been temporarily again closed starting from July due to the infections of

COVID-19's third wave.

- At that time, the basic education schools had been reopened starting from 1 November because of strengthening the collective efforts of people, declining the infection rates at certain level, completion of vaccination process to 1,223,054 students in total (above 1.2 million students) aged 12 years and above for first time as per the 24 priority groups, and finishing the 66 percent completion of the vaccination.
- There are 4,772,943 students in total (above 4.7 million of students) enrolled in the basic education schools. At present, there are 3,313,482 students (above 3.3 million of student) attended the school, which is about 70%.
- During the surge of COVID-19's third wave in Myanmar, people and social welfare associations with Tatmadaw have conducted the COVID-19 preventive, control and treatment activities. Therefore, the infection rate dropped to 2.35 percent in the fourth week of November compared with 41 percent of those tested on 23 July which was the peak of the infection rate. In addition, the infection rate was significantly declined to 38.65 percent.
- Up to 22 November 2021, the Ministry of Health has already purchased over 31 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines and accepted above 10 million doses donated by partner countries. So, the doses of purchased and donated COVID-19 vaccines are above 41 million in total.
- Up to 20 November 2021, a total of 15.3 million people out of nationwide population have been vaccinated against COVID-19 and 10.5 million people have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 while 4.9 million people have received the first dose. A total of 25.8 million of COVID-19 vaccines have been vaccinated across Myanmar.
- The media agencies are aware of the "Hit list" created by the terrorist group NUG in this month as well as people have been threatened not to speak out the list.
- The members of terrorist group NUG were strongly refusing and explaining that they did not made the list, and we are amazed that international organizations and some Embassies remained silent upon such actions.
- Sa Sa, the main instigator of the NUG terrorist group, delivered the speech at a terrorist training via online conducted by a citizen of US in February of 2021.
- Zaw Wai Soe from terrorist group NUG delivered the speech that **"Do not open the small bags, if you do, it will end up your life" and "foods are also put poison"** which included in video clip. These are irrefutable evidence for acts of terrorism.
- Due to the brutal killings and assassinations of the so-called NUG and PDF terrorist groups, 12 Buddhist monks passed away from 1 February 2021 to 11 November 2021 as well as 12 teachers educational staff/teachers died and 15 injured, and three departmental staff died and eight injured up to 15 November 2021.
- Up to 16 November 2021, about 198 administrative officials were killed and about 148 others were injured, about 38 civil servants including staff from GAD, prisons department, forest department, department of border areas and national races development, township electric department were killed and 79 others were injured by the brutal killings and assassi-

nations of terrorist groups. A total of 248 persons were killed and 227 persons were injured without any reasons.

- Due to the mine blasts and arson attacks of terrorists, 444 schools and 25 hospitals/clinics were destroyed up to 15 November 2021 as well as stalls from ten markets in ten townships, 397 roads/bridges and 67 State-owned and private banks were damaged up to 20 November.
- Under the instructions of terrorist group NUG and CRPH, the arrested offender Phyo Zeyar Thaw organized four terrorist groups which are Eastern district terrorist group, Southern district terrorist group, Northern district terrorist group and so-called SOF terrorist group, as well as sub-terrorist groups in townships. Moreover, he identified seven areas to commit acts of terrorism in Yangon region.
- After arresting him, according to his interrogation results, 293 offenders in connection with terrorist acts were arrested along with 169 varieties of small weapons, 231 homemade guns, six homemade mortars, 20,000 assorted bullets, 43 40-

mm bombs, 175 homemade mortar grenades/bombs, 48 grenades, 16 varieties of mines, 1,099 homemade mines and other related items. Such confiscated items are extremely dangerous amounts.

- The terrorists transported the weapons/ammunition hidden in the oxygen cylinders by taking the advantages upon the government's decision to allow the widespread importation of oxygen cylinders not to cause any delay for public health. How dirty and nefarious actions they have done are, he commented.
- The government of Myanmar will continue to follow the foreign policy described in the 2008 Constitution Law. Moreover, reopening the schools because of significantly declining the infection rates of COVID-19 are the activities of our government. The entire people are urged to fight against the terrorists until they can no longer exist in order to restore community peace and tranquility as soon as possible.

The Press Conference in Myanmar language in detail can be accessed at Myawady Webportal (www.myawady.net.mm) and (www.moi.gov.mm).

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The Evidence Explained and Showed at the Press Conference (10/2021) of Information Team of the State Administration Council

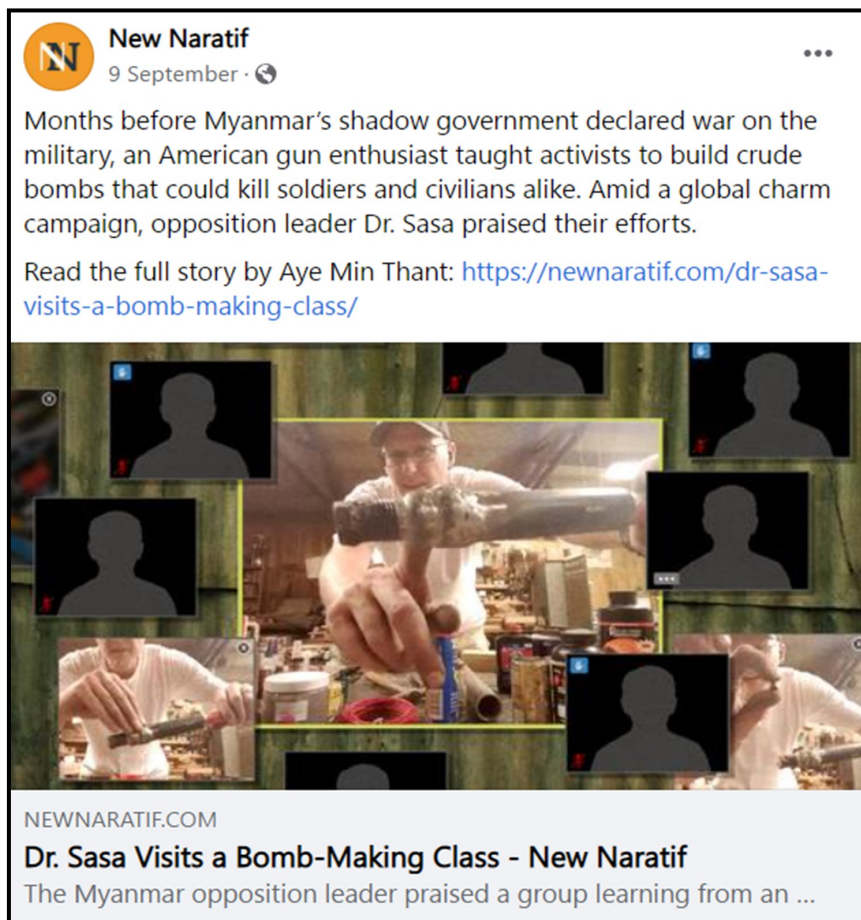


The seizures of items at the PDF stations in KNLA Brigade (1 and 2) areas



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Photos of Evidence Displayed at the Press Conference (10/2021) of Information Team of the State Administration Council

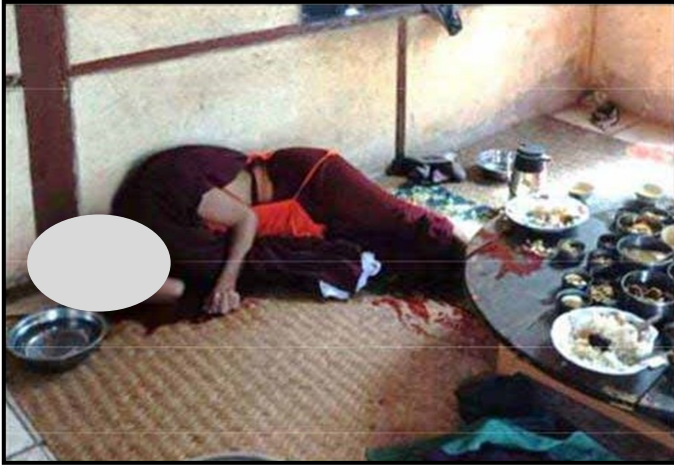


The lessons of making homemade gun, grenade and way of terrorist bombing in New Naratif media agency via online



NLD party's supporters assassinating the people accusing as "Dalan/Informant"

Photos of Evidence Displayed at the Press Conference (10/2021) of Information Team of the State Administration Council



The Buddhist monks passed away due to the brutal killings of terrorist groups without any reasons



The educational and health staff killed due to the brutal killings of terrorist groups without any reasons



The administrative officials killed due to the brutal killings of terrorist groups without any reasons

Photos of Evidence Displayed at the Press Conference (10/2021) of Information Team of the State Administration Council



Schools damaged in the mine blasts and arson attacks of terrorist groups



Hospitals/clinics damaged in the mine blasts and arson attacks of terrorist groups



Markets, roads and bridges damaged in the mine blasts and arson attacks of terrorist groups

Photos of Evidence Displayed at the Press Conference (10/2021) of Information Team of the State Administration Council



The damages of private banks in the aftermath of the arson and bombing attacks of terrorists



The damages of State-owned banks in the aftermath of the arson and bombing attacks of terrorists

Photos of Evidence Displayed at the Press Conference (10/2021) of Information Team of the State Administration Council



Photo of the weapons hidden in oxygen and gas cylinders



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Photos of Evidence Displayed at the Press Conference (10/2/2021) of Information Team of the State Administration Council

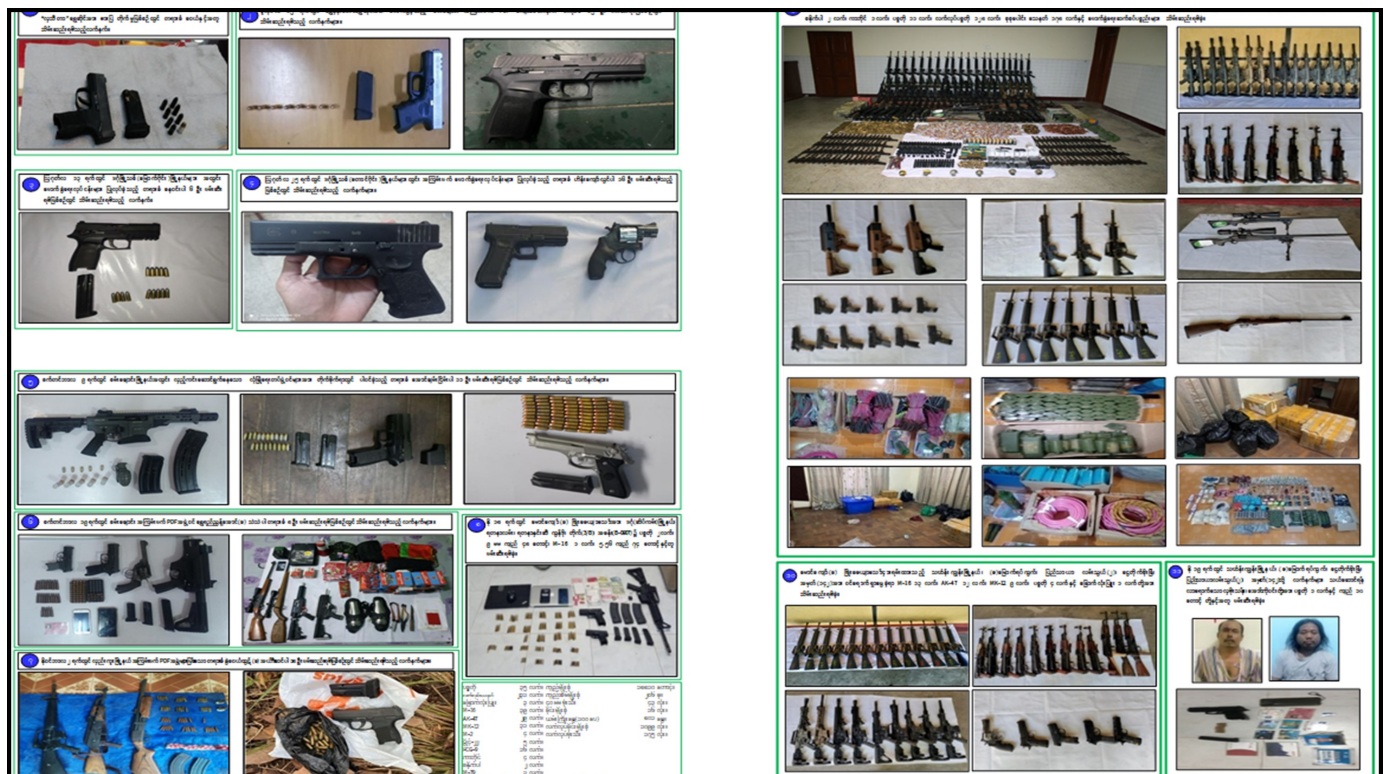


Assassinations on security staff, administrative officials, innocent civilians and bombing attacks on public areas by PDF terrorists



Safe Houses where the terrorists lived, rent by offender Maung Kyaw (aka) Phyo Zeyar Thaw

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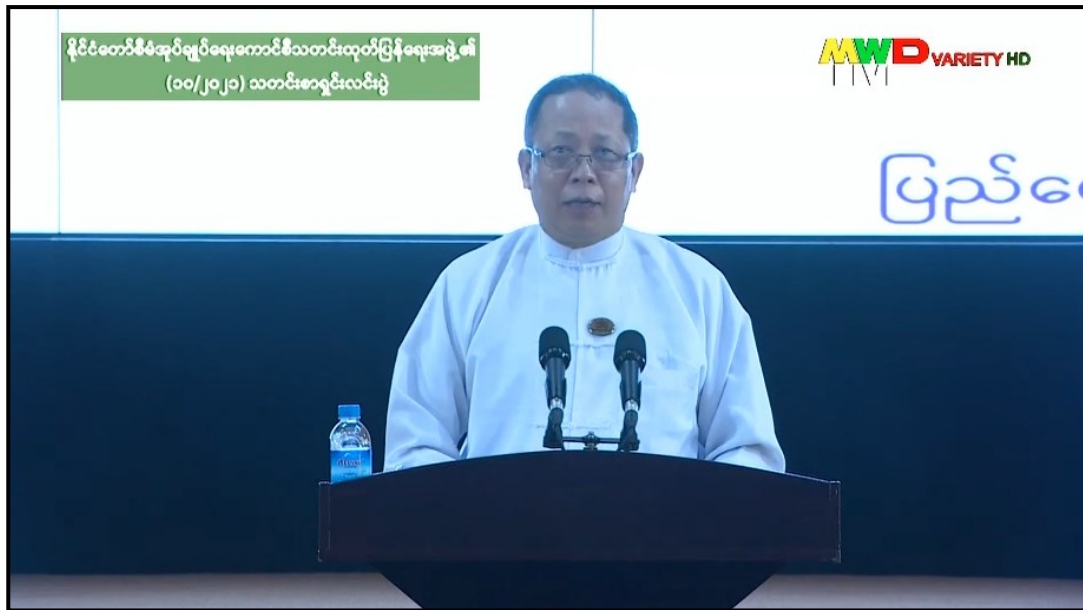


Confiscated weapons/ammunition from terrorist together with offender Maung Kyaw (aka) Phyo Zeyar Thaw



The photos taken with Daw Aung San Su Kyi found in the phone of offender Maung Kyaw (aka) Phyo Zeyar Thaw

Excerpts from the Explanation of UEC Member U Khin Maung Oo



The excerpts from the explanation of UEC member U Khin Maung Oo are as follows –

- As per the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Union Election Commission Law, and Parties Registration Law and By-Laws, the Union Election Commission is conducting the audit with the joint audit teams, composed of representatives from concerned departments and organizations led by the members of UEC. The audit process of political parties was being started from the fourth week of August. In doing so, 34 political parties have been done the auditing process from 23 August 2021 to 15 October 2021, and 4 parties are currently under the auditing process.
- When the current Union Election Commission met and discussed with political parties in February and May 2021, the majority of political parties agreed in principle to practice the Proportional Representation (PR) system, which is suitable for Myanmar. And papers are received for further comprehensive discussions.
- The representatives of 53 political parties and 113 civilian representatives who are interested in the election attended the meetings related to electoral system organized by the Union Election Commission at the Mingalar Hall of Yangon Region Government office in Yangon on 5 November 2021 and 6 November 2021.
- The Union Election Commission prosecuted 16 perpetrators, including ex-President U Win Myint, ex-State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, ex-Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Hla Thein, ex-Union Minister of Union Government Office U Min Thu, ex-members of the Union Election Commission U Myint Naing and U Than Htay, ex-Chief Minister of Mandalay Region Government and ex-Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman Dr Myo Aung, who involved in electoral processes, election fraud and unlawful actions, in the respective townships' courts under the existing laws on 15 November 2021.
- The Union Election Commission found that the total number of voter lists that

might lead to widespread election fraud is over 11.3 million while inspecting the voter lists of the 2020 General Election.

- The Union Election Commission is conducting necessary amendments of the legal framework for holding the upcoming elections in a better condition and convenient manner by analyzing the weakness of previous elections.
- The preparation has already been done for the amendment of the respective Election Laws if the Proportional Representation (PR) system, which is suitable for Myanmar among the electoral systems, is adopted.

The Union Election Commission, he explained, is taking necessary measures with special consideration for reviewing, amending, and enacting the related Laws and By-Laws, and compiling voter lists for

holding the free and fair multi-party democratic general elections in line with the 2008 Constitution as the fifth point of the Five-Point Road Map after the accomplishment of undertakings under the provisions of the state of emergency.

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- While the Union Election Commission started the audit process of political parties in the fourth week of August, 34 political parties have been done the auditing process from 23 August 2021 to 15 October 2021, and 4 parties are currently under the auditing process.
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Excerpts from Questions and Answers at the 10/2021 Press Conference of Information Team of SAC



There were many people who lost the voting rights in the general elections and by-election held from 2010 to 2020 as they did not possess Citizenship Scrutiny Cards and How the Union Election Commission will resolve such issue in the coming general election which will be organized by the State Administration Council? Regarding the question:

Member of UEC U Khin Maung Oo answered as follows:



Chief editor U Win Oo from NHP news agency

- In 2020 election, there were around 11.3 million of voters with possible voting riggings and 4.8 million out of them were without citizenship scrutiny cards; A law has been drafted to ensure every people has citizenship scrutiny card that approves the citizen or an associate citi-

zen or a naturalized citizen and they also live in their respective areas.

- The Ministry of Immigration and Population is implementing the measures to grant citizenship scrutiny cards to people who meet the requirements under the 'Pankhin' project. The State government and relevant departments are taking urgent measures to grant citizenship scrutiny cards to people in need of the card and therefore, every individual is also required to make efforts to get the card. Only the cooperation of government and people can resolve the issue.

If the State uses the Proportional Representation-PR system, there are many types of such electoral system and it also has a wide meaning. Since the electoral system must be in line with the State's Constitution, we want to know which type of PR system will be practiced? PR system for the representing the constituency or the PR system called Parliament Access? If the PR system is used in the future, I'd like to know how much the ethnic people enjoy their rights. I'd also like to know whether UEC made reviews on the reports presented by the election observation team. I want to

know the former UEC chairman U Hla Thein is being charged by which law. A provision of the State's Constitution defines that "No proceeding shall be instituted against the members of former administration in respect of any act done in the execution of their respective duties." Therefore, in case similar incident occurs in the future, the current UEC member U Khing Maung Oo and relevant officials might worry for such possible action and so I'd like to know what measures has been taken by the current UEC. Regarding the questions:



Chief editor Zaw Min Oo from Tal' Pyaw online media and news agency

Member of UEC U Khin Maung Oo answered as follows:

- Observing the nature of PR system I've already presented earlier, you will see it will more benefit the ethnic people; As the votes will be proportionally counted without losing any, the system will more benefit for the ethnic areas and people; as the PR system will ensure the proportional and fair number of Hluttaw representatives, ethnic people can enjoy more benefits from the system; according to the nature of PR system, the constituency must be widely designated as per the number of votes and therefore, the proportional benefit is the essence of the PR system.

- Although there are many types of PR system, the List PR system is found out to be mostly applied. In the system, there are two kinds of lists called Close List and Open List. We have to do more discussion for one or two more months and after that, I will be able to give a precise answer.
- Regarding the matters of taking actions against the respective responsible persons of election, we've already answered before that immunity from prosecution has been granted for the right acts sincerely conducted during the tenure of their duties.
- In case a person is prosecuted, he/she has the right to defend. If his/her acts are found out to be rightly done with sincerity, there will be no legal proceedings. However, if anyone committed the cases I mentioned earlier, they will certainly be taken action.

Due to the wrong policies and the poor management for tender businesses at grass-root level during the term of NLD-led administration, the tender business entrepreneurs had faced many difficulties. Increasing QC tests by lowering the rate of PAE caused many damages and losses. In addition to such difficulties, the entrepreneurs



Journalist U Maung Maung Tun from VOM news agency

are now encountering unnecessary delays with the current banking businesses. Fur-

thermore, there are many labour difficulties as well as payment difficulties. In this regard, I'd like to know whether there are any plans to facilitate the tender businesses during the time of the State Administration Council. Regarding the question:

- Major General Zaw Min Tun said we've known the difficulties of the tender businesses. The major issues are the current banking systems and the difficulties to import from abroad after submitting tenders.
- Due to the changing value of Myanmar Kyat, the initial tender value did not meet the current prices. At present, the tender issues have been resolved with two parts. The first part is the importing issue and the import from sea-borne trade is reportedly higher than the import of land-routes. Now necessary measures have been taken not to cause any delay for the items arriving at the port.
- Another issue is the container ships entering Myanmar ports. The container ships are entering Myanmar ports and our country is facing the scarcity of containers like other world's countries. I just want to answer that, we are making efforts to resolve the difficulties as early as possible. Regarding the banking businesses, we've known that some businesses are encountering problems and

difficulties. Therefore, we are now taking utmost efforts as much as possible to resolve the problems and difficulties of banking system and monetary matters in December.

Regarding the question what are the conditions of cooperation in technology and investments which included in the discussion the representatives of Myanmar and Russian Federation for friendly cooperation:

- Major General Zaw Min Tun answered that Russia and Myanmar have been friendly Nations for a long time. At present, the military cooperation between the countries now considerably develop and later, the multi-sector cooperation has been emphasized.
- According to the agreement on the establishment of Inter-Governmental Russia-Myanmar Joint Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation reached on 29 August 2014, preparations have been carried out to hold the 3rd Joint Commission Meeting in Myanmar in this year.
- Before the 3rd Joint Commission Meeting, the 1st Business to Business Dialogue aiming to promote bilateral trade and investment cooperation between Myanmar and Russia was virtually held on 28 September 2021 as per the procedures of MERP. The dialogue was headed by the Union Minister for Foreign Economic Relations and the Ambassador of Russian Federation to Myanmar.
- During the dialogue, the possible areas of cooperation such as bank and insurance, agriculture, livestock, fishery, power and energy, food products, which meet the future plans of the two countries, were interactively discussed with the inclusion of government officials, and private companies.



Journalist U Nanda Lin from 97 media agency

- At present, responsible persons from Russian Federation are now coordinating and communicating with concerned Ministries of Myanmar to create new opportunities of bilateral trade and investment cooperation between two Nations. As the Russian Federation has proposed to hold economic-related dialogues for the cooperation which have many advantages for both sides, our country is taking necessary measures to materialize it.

The statements of ‘cessation of right to inheritance’ by the parents to their children related to the terrorist groups of NUG, PDF and CRPH are frequently seen in the newspapers in recent days. In this regard, could you please explain more whether the children actually lost their right to inheritance according to the existing laws just by advertising so in newspapers?



Journalist Ma Khine Khine Htwe from Myanmar Hard Talk media agency

- Major General Zaw Min Tun answered that he also found many statements of ‘cessation of right to inheritance’ in newspapers in recent days. He also observed that social media also commented that such statements are just for protection. It is also not official from the legal perspective. The right to inheritance is not lost by merely posting such statements on newspapers. The cessation of right to inheritance will be legalized only after the parents opened a complaint of being their children as son/daughter who do not listen their words (Twar-note-ta son/daughter). If they continue supporting terrorists directly or indirectly after putting such statements in newspapers, they will be taken action as per relevant laws.
- It is mainly up to those who are on the run due to the agitation of the NUG, PDF and CRPH terrorist groups. Regarding those who are on the run and leave for other countries due to agitation of the terrorist groups, the State government daily announced the statement of re-invitation for them if they generally have not committed any crime. Doing everything within the law is the best. For example, the STF team, under the control of the Yangon Terrorist Group in which Phyo Zeya Thaw was involved, has made the young people to fill in application forms and organized them into its members. Once the young people has filled in, they have to launch the tasks ordered by the NUG, PDF and CRPH groups.
- Although such young people wish to return to the legal fold, their parents’ names, address and jobs were already in the application forms they filled. When some youths after realizing their acts are wrong wish to return to the legal fold before the legal proceedings, the terrorist groups directly threaten parents of those youths. In some villages of Sagaing region, the PDF terrorists forced all of the youths from those villages to join the PDF groups. If the youths refused such offer, the PDF terrorist groups threatened them by saying “You and your family are going to be announced as informants/

dalans”. But it is mainly up to those who are on the run and on the wrong path. If they have not committed crimes, they can return to the legal fold anytime. He answered he just wanted to comment that doing everything within the law is the best.

Regarding the question on how would the State government react if the GZ and PDF other than NUG, asked for negotiation:

- It is unlikely to appear negotiations between government and the groups being declared as unlawful associations as well as terrorist groups. They must first show their positive actions to ease the condition of being declared as terrorist groups so that negotiation might appear. There has been no country which conduct negotiation with the organization being declared as the terrorist groups, Major

General Zaw Min Htun said.

- It is likely to hold talks with EAOs, armed groups with historical backgrounds. However, there will be no talks or negotiation at all with those who are trying to jeopardize the State by taking opportunity over the recent development, Major General Zaw Min Htun answered.

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- **As the PR system will ensure the proportional and fair number of Hluttaw representatives, ethnic people can enjoy more benefits from the system.**
- **The Government is now taking utmost efforts as much as possible to resolve the problems and difficulties of banking system and monetary matters in December.**
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