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The white-coloured texts in the above image are "Message of Greetings Conveyed by Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on Occasion of Marking 74th Anniversary of Kachin State Day

The excerpts from the messages conveyed by the Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on the occasion to mark the 74th Anniversary of Kachin State Day which falls on 10 January 2022 are as follows:

- After regaining independence, the 10th January was designated as "the Kachin State Day" in honour of forming the Kachin State government at the first meeting of the Kachin State Council Conference on 10 January 1948. The commemorative day of the Kachin State Day has been annually held for 74 years.
- The Kachin State is home to Kachin ethnics such as Jingphaw, Rawam, Lisu, Lachik, Lawngwaw and Zaiwah, Shan ethnics as Tailay, Tailai, Tailon, Taisa and Taihkamti ethnics and Bamar eth-

- nics in addition to other ethnics totalling over 1.7 million amicably.
- The Kachin State is rich in valuable natural resources such as gold, jade and amber and scenic beauties of the natural environment as well. Moreover, the Kachin State is an origin of the Ayeyawady river, the main artery of Myanmar.
- Traditional costumes, traditional dances and beauties, literature and customs of Kachin ethnics are happy and pleasant. The Kachin traditional Manaw festival and Htaungka dance are sorts of ethnic heritage that are attractive not only to local people but to international tourists.
- The fascinating Kachin State with natural beauties and abundance of natural resources cannot fully enjoy the beauties of the natural environment because

armed conflicts are yet to cease. Consequently, it cannot efficiently utilize natural resources in the development tasks of the state.

- In implementing the development projects, only when the region is stable and peaceful with prevailing rule of law will it accomplish the missions. The ethnic people residing in the Kachin State who have understood the taste of peace are very keen to restore the peace at present. Hence, I believe that they would like to taste the fruits of sustainably perpetual peace.
- The State is striving for building the Union based on democracy and federalism in accord with the wishes of ethnic national people.
- Hence, we all emphasize the development of the peace process and sustainable and harmonious development for all ethnic national brethren.
- Relevant organizations and stakeholders need to have the correct attitude and same wishes for achieving the success of the peace process.
- The government is controlling all the work process not to harm the peace process as much as it can. I would like to urge EAOs and all stakeholders not to derail from the path of NCA with conscience based on the nationalistic spirit due to acts of terrorism, sabotages, internal and external instigation, incitement of media and various reasons.
- Everybody knows that if the country is not stable and peaceful, building the Union based on democracy and federalism, and development of the State will be far from the public aspiration.

- Individuals or in groups should not serve the State interests but all ethnic national people should do so through the united strength based on the nationalistic spirit.
- In implementing the roadmap, I firmly believe that any difficulties and challenges will be firmly challenged with the patriotic spirit based on the genuine Union spirit of the ethnic nationals for the sake of the nation and the nationals.
- I would like to deeply urge all ethnic national people to participate in efforts to wipe out incitement and danger of violent attacks of terrorists undermining the peace and stability of the State and opposing the government.

The Prime Minister sent the message of greetings and prayed that may all ethnic national people residing in the Kachin State be those capable of emerging the local stability and peace and development with momentum and be those capable of serving the interests of the state, people from the state, the country and the citizens.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (10-1-2022)

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Members of State Administration Council and Union Ministers Meets with Lisu Ethnic Nationals in Myitkyina

The members of the State Administration Council (SAC): Jeng Phang Naw Taung, U Moung Har, U Sai Lone Hsai and U Shwe Kyein, together with Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi, Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs U Saw Tun Aung Myint, Deputy Minister for Ethnic Affairs and departmental heads arrived in Myitkyina town on 9 January by the special aircraft, and they were welcomed by Kachin state Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan, Commander of

Northern Command, Cabinet members of Kachin State Government and officials.

The Chief Minister of Kachin state extended greeting message, and respectfully presented Kachin traditional Knife, Bag and Headscarf to the SAC members and Union Ministers at the Malikha hall of Kachin State Government.

The SAC members, Union Ministers and Chief Minister of Kachin state met and extended a greeting to the members of Lisu Literature and Culture Central Committee and local Lisu ethnic nationalities at the



The Chairman of the Lisu Literature and Culture Central Committee of Myanmar presenting Lisu traditional "Zar Zaws" to the Union Ministers

Lisu traditional culture ground. The relevant officials reported on the requirements of Lisu Literature and Culture group of Myanmar and presented Lisu traditional "Zar Zaws" to the SAC members and officials. During the meeting, the SAC members and officials enjoyed Lisu traditional performances (Kwarchal) and awarded cash assistance for Lisu Literature and Culture group.

Afterwards, the SAC members, Union Minister for Border Affairs and officials inspected the construction site of the Ayeyawady Bridge (2) in Myitkyina, visited the university library and met with the rector, pro-rector, professors and staff of Myitkyina University, and the construction of 10-track (50m x 25m) swimming pool of the

Department of Sports and Physical Education in Thida ward of Myintkyina, and gave necessary instructions to the responsible officials.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (10-1-2022)

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Meeting with Lisu ethnic nationalities

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Union Minister U Khin Yi Provide Honour of Certificates to 13 Townships for Completing the Pankhin Project



The events of providing honour of certificates to 13 townships for completing the Pankhin Project and handing over the National Scrutiny Card-NSCs to local people were held at the townhall of Myitkyina township on 9 January. During the event, the Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi stress the following points:

- The Pankhin project is being implemented across the country to ensure every citizen has a proper scrutiny card for the future of the country.
- The Pankhin was initiated to ensure all eligible people hold a card can cast votes in future elections since the electoral frauds occurred in 2020 general elections.

- Besides Pankhin project, the processes of taking census and implementation of e-ID system are also being undertaken.
- In the process of granting household lists and National Scrutiny Card-NSCs, it was successfully completed by conducting door-to-door services in the wards of 13 townships including Waingmaw, Tanaing, Chipwi, Hsawlaw, Moekaung, Shweku, Momauk, Puta-O, Machanbaw, Nogmung, Kawnglanghpu, Sumprabum and Mansi.

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Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (10-1-2022)

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Granting Household Lists and Citizenship Scrutiny Cards to Citizens Under Pankhin Project



Granting Citizenship Scrutiny Cards to students in Kawkareik township under "Pankhin" project

The State Administration Council has implemented the Pankhin Project since 3 May 2021. Under the project, measures are being taken to grant citizenship identification cards for over 3.8 million people.

The progress of granting household lists and relevant citizenship scrutiny cards under Pankhin project in respective regions/ states from 3 May 2021 to 7 January 2022 are as follows—

Sr.	Contents	Household List(HL)		Holding cards 10-year-old scrutiny cards 18-year-old scrutiny cards							
		Official HL	MHL	Total	CSC 3(a)	ACSC 6(a)	NCSC 10(a)	CSC 6(a)	ACS C 4(a)	NCS C 6(a)	Total
1	Progress of granting cards to citizens by births	269,130	13,631	282,761	287,943	1,138,590	1,426,533				
2	Progress of granting cards to citi- zens by law	3,844			7,655	13	297	38,878	82	2,166	49,091

Reference –

CSC 3(a), ACSC 8(a), NCSC10(a)

= 10-year-old CSC/ACSC/NCSC

CSC 6(a), ACSC 4(a), NCSC 6(a)

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Official HL = Official Household

Lists

MHL = Migrants Household

Lists

Photos of Granting Household Lists and Citizenship Scrutiny Cards under "Pankhin" Project



Danuphyu township



Sinbaungwe township



Nay Pyi Taw Council Territory

In line with the guidance of the chairman of the State Administration Council, for ensuring the successful implementation of the Pankhin Project, the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population is reportedly cooperating with relevant adminis-



Thone Gwa township

trative bodies of respective regions/ states to continue the works of granting household lists and identity cards to people.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (10-1-2022)

• A total of 1,475,624 citizenship scrutiny card holders and 286,605 cards of household lists were granted under Pankhin project in respective regions and states from 3 May 2021 to 7 January 2021.

Nippon Foundation Donates One Million Covaxin Doses to Myanmar



Of two million Covaxin doses that is to be donated by the Nippon Foundation of Japan to Myanmar, a total of one million doses (worth over US\$ 17 million), as a first batch, arrived at the Yangon International Airport on 9 January.

- At the handover ceremony, HE Mr Maruyama Ichiro, Ambassador of Japan to Myanmar and the executive director of Nippon Foundation, handed over one million doses of Covaxin to the departmental officials from Myanmar.
- The second batch is scheduled to come on 23 January with another one million doses.
- The vaccination programme will continue for targeted groups to increase the COVID-19 immunization coverage by 2022.

total of 45.1 million of COVID-19 vaccines purchased from abroad (15.4 million doses of Covishield, 26.7 million doses of Sinopharm, three million doses of Sinovac) and a total of 14.3 million doses as donations (2.5 million doses of Covishield, 3.6 million doses of Sinovac, 2.2 million doses of Covaxin and 1,700 doses of Sputnik-V), totalling 59.4 million doses.

The Ministry of Health urged the people to get vaccinated without fail on the due date or within the fixed period at the nearest vaccination centres and to join in the processes actively.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (10-1-2022)

- Of two million Covaxin doses that is to be donated by the Nippon Foundation of Japan to Myanmar, a total of one million doses (worth over US\$ 17 million), as a first batch, were delivered to Myanmar.
- The second batch is scheduled to come on 23 January with another one million doses.
- Until 10 January 2022, the Ministry of Health has received a total of 45.1 million of COVID-19 vaccines purchased from abroad and a total of 14.3 million doses received as donations, totalling 59.4 million doses.

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



Vaccinating students aged 12 years and above against COVID-19 in Minbu-Saku township

COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities such as opening quarantine centres and vaccinating people against COVID-19 continue in respective regions and states.

- The vaccination processes continue in respective regions and states as per the priority programme, and a total of 84,451 people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 as second dose and 29,070 people as first dose on 9 January.
- A total of 3,161 students aged 12 years and above from Basic Education Middle and High schools in respective regions and states have been vaccinated against COVID-19 as second dose and 414 students as first dose on 9 January. A total of 1,511,471 students have been vaccinated against COVID-19 till 9 January 2022.
- Local people from Kyaukpyu and Pauktaw townships of Rakhine state and people aged 18 years and above who are

- taking shelter in Kyauktalone IDP camps have been vaccinated against COVID-19.
- outbreak of the Omicron COVID-19 variant and accordingly accelerating its allround efforts such as speeding up the prevention and control activities, making preparations for Quarantine Centres, Treatment Centres, and medical supplies including oxygen, and cooperating with other relevant Ministries, local authorities, generous donors and philanthropists.
- As of 9 January, 21 million people in total have been vaccinated against COVID

 19. About 16.6 million people have received two-time full doses of the vaccine and 4.4 million people have received the first doses. 37.6 million people in total have been inoculated against COVID-19 in Myanmar.



Vaccinating people from Kyauktalone IDP camps and locals in Kyauk Phyu and Pauktaw townships against COVID-19



Importing medications from abroad

The Ministry of Health is conducting COVID-19 tests regularly, 137 new cases of COVID-19 were found from testing a total of 8,822 samples and the infected rates are 1.55 percent on 9 January. Until 9 January

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Officials Systematically Continue to Welcome Myanmar Nationals Returning from Abroad at Various Border Crossings



Officials continue to welcome Myanmar nationals who returned from abroad at various border crossings and the following returnees were welcomed from 3 to 9 January 2022:

- 176 returnees were welcomed at the Lweje and Kan Pite Tee border crossings located in Kachin state.
- 221 returnees were welcomed at the Myawady border crossing located in Kayin state.
- 1,014 returnees were welcomed at the Muse and Laukkai border crossings located in Shan state.

Healthcare officials from relevant public hospitals and members of the Tatmadaw Medical Corps systematically conducted the efforts of testing COVID-19 tests and providing quarantine entry documents to the returnees, explaining instructions released by the Ministry of Health, keeping the infected peo-ple in separate plac-es and providing necessary measures as well as escorting them to their respective places in passenger vehicles provided by township departmental officials.

Myanmar nationals stranded in abroad have been welcomed through border crossings as per the instruction of the State Administration Council, and 60,079 returnees had returned to Myanmar from abroad from 25 July 2021 to 9 January 2022.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (10-1-2022)

- A total of 1,411 returnees returned from abroad had entered to Myanmar through Lweje, Kan Pite Tee, Myawady, Muse and Laukkai border crossings from 3 to 9 January 2022.
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Myanmar Ships about 4,000 Tonnes of Honey to Abroad Yearly



As Myanmar is rich in natural forest resources with the present of healthy honeybee's species creating tremendous potentials to produce organic honey, 2,000 tonnes of honey for domestic consumption and of 4,000 tonnes of honey for the external markets have been annually produced. The Apiculture Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, and beekeeping businesses in both lowland and highland produces honey yearly and ship it to foreign markets. Beekeepers living in rural areas earn family incomes from making small-scale beekeeping business.

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and regions, the Apiculture Department is carrying out the supervision and services on pollination for 1.5 million acres of crops.

Vietnam, Myanmar and Thailand are the largest producers of honey among ASEAN countries and Myanmar, as an agro-based country, is making an attempt to boost honey production. It is observed that the beekeeping business commenced in 1979 in Myanmar and Myanmar's honey penetrated the foreign market in 1985.

Source: Myanma Alin Newspaper (10-1-2022)

- Myanmar yearly makes the production of 2,000 tonnes of honey for domestic consumption and of 4,000 tonnes of honey for the external markets.
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Fossil Enthusiasts and Experts can Study the Fossils in Thanbo Village of Kyaukpadaung Township



The Hotels and Tourism Supervising Department is taking measures to turn the area of Thanbo Chaunghpya, Thanbo Alal and Thanbo Ywarthit villages into the Community-Based Tourism area because million-year-old Ingyin fossils and ancient iron smelting furnaces were found there.

According to the findings in the area:

- The Ingyin fossil which have been excavated has 74 feet in length and 5 feet 7 inches in width and found at 17 feet below.
- Around 100 kinds of fossil fragments believed to be parts of primates have been collected. However, only 7 of them were found to be primate fossils.
- Unknown similar primate fossils which are believed to be the ancestors of humans about 4000 million years ago was also found. The fossil found in the area is also similar to the Pondaung primate.

- Thanbo village is located next to the Mount Poppa Koe Kwe forest and many Ingyin fossils were found in the vicinity of the village.
- In the tamarind forest to the east of Thanbo Chaunghpya village, there stand many iron smelting furnaces which were used in forging weapons for the Kings of Bagan dynasty.
- The Thanbo Chaunghpya is also found out to be the village selling traditional medicines to the pilgrims from various parts of the country.

If fossil enthusiasts and experts want to study the fossils in Thanbo Village of Kyaukpadaung Township, they can contact to the Bagan sub-office of the Hotels and Tourism Supervising Department.

Source: The Mirror Newspaper (10-1-2022)



Photos of fossil enthusiasts which have been excavated

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A Terrorist Died in Explosion during Attempt to Detonate a Homemade Mine at the Frontage of Township Development Council in Tatkon Township

An explosion occurred in front of the Township Development Council Office in Myawady ward of Tatkon township on 9 January. As security forces members arrived there for further inspection, they found an injured man at the frontage of development council office on Yangon-Mandalay road. The man was seriously injured with shrapnel wounds and cuts on his face, and fingers cut off from his both hands. Although he was transported to the Tatkon Public Hospital, he died of the injuries.

When security forces members checked around the office, they found a homemade remote mine made with a PVC pipe that is connected with one keypad phone, three batteries, one detonator and one detonating cord. Security forces deactivated it and seized it.

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Confiscated explosive devices





Tatkone township municipal office where the explosion occurred and a dead terrorist

online by taking an opportunity of new generation youths' curiosity. It is examined that 27 accidental explosions had occurred including the above-mentioned incident causing 28 deaths and 25 injured during the attempts of terrorists with no sufficient skills to detonate homemade mines.

It is reported that the death cases were opened regarding the dead terrorist who died during his attempt to detonate a homemade mine, and security forces members are carrying out further investigation to uncover and arrest other perpetrators involved in the incident.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (10-1-2022)

- A terrorist killed in an explosion during the attempt to detonate a homemade mine at the frontage of Township Development Council in Tatkon township and the Yangon-Mandalay road.
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