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74th Anniversary of Kachin State Day Celebrated



The SAC member Jeng Phang Naw Taung reading out the message conveyed by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on the occasion of the 74th Kachin State Day

The 74th Anniversary of Kachin State Day was celebrated on the lawn of the Kachin State Government Office in the morning of 10 January. The ceremony was attended by State Administration Council Members, Union Ministers, Kachin State Chief Minister and state government members, Commander of Northern Command and officials, departmental officials and local ethnic nationalities.

The ceremony began with a salute to the State Flag, and SAC Member Jeng Phang Naw Taung read out the message sent by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on the occasion of the 74th Kachin State Day.

The attendees happily participated in the Kachin traditional Manaw festival which was held on the lawn of the Kachin State Government Office. They also looked around the exhibitions and sales booths

opened by respective departments to commemorate Kachin State Day.

In the afternoon, Honorary Certificate/ Award-Giving Ceremony of Commemorating the 74th Anniversary of Kachin State Day was held at the City Hall in Myitkyina. During the ceremony, State Administration Council Members, Union Ministers, Kachin State Chief Minister and state government members, Commander of Northern Command presented first awards for Excellence in Management to eight, second awards to 16, third awards to 22; second awards for Excellence in Business to five, third award to one; first awards for Excellence in Social Activities to six, second awards to 11 and third awards to nine. They also rewarded honorary certificates to 193 people. A total of 271 people were presented honorary certificates and honorary awards.

Photos of Celebration of 74th Anniversary of Kachin State Day



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Press Release on Two US Nationals who Failed to Abide by COVID-19 Prevention, Control and Treatment Measures of Myanmar

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is obliged to take effective precautionary measures that must be followed by foreigners and locals in order to contain the spread of the COVID-19 in accord with the guidelines of the World Health Organization (WHO). In this regard, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a

press release and strongly condemned the actions of two U.S. nationals, who failed to abide by COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment measures of Myanmar, blatantly violates the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations on 10 January.

Press Release

1. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is obliged to take effective precautionary measures that must be followed by foreigners and locals in order to contain the spread of the COVID-19 in accord with the guidelines of the World Health Organization (WHO). Additionally, with a view to preventing and controlling the outbreak of Omicron variant, “an announcement on the update of testing and Quarantine Requirements for Travellers through International entry points and border gates to Myanmar” (updated as of 16-12 - 2021) issued by the Ministry of Health was distributed foreign Embassies, organizations of WHO and international organizations on 16 December 2021.

2. It is reported that a U.S. diplomatic passport holder, who entered Myanmar by air on 2 January 2022, was tested positive for COVID-19 on 4 January 2022 during his quarantine period at Sayar San Hotel. In addition, a staff of the U.S. Embassy, who entered Myanmar by air on 3 January 2022, was tested positive for COVID-19 on 6 January 2022 after undergoing an RT-PCR test during his quarantine period at Pan Pacific Hotel. The said two U.S. nationals were transferred to the properties of the U.S. Embassy by staff and party of the Embassy at their own will in order to take treatment by their own arrangement without any permission from the concerned authorities, although the Embassy has been duly informed the health protocols for COVID-19 detected patients issued by the Ministry of Health and to admit the patients to the designated hospitals (public and private hospitals).

3. As the rapid escalation of the spread of the Omicron variant has occurred across the globe, the Myanmar government has been effectively undertaking to prevent and control the spread of the virus in the country by adopting rigorous precautionary restrictions measures in accordance with the WHO standards. Moreover, it is mentioned in Article 41 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations that “Without prejudice to their privileges and immunities, it is the duty of all persons enjoying such privileges and immunities to respect the laws and regulations of the receiving State. They also have a duty not to interfere in the internal affairs of that State.”

4. The unlawful action of the said two U.S. nationals and the staff of the Embassy could adversely affect the public health of the receiving country. In addition, such action blatantly violates the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and the laws and regulations of the receiving country. Therefore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs strongly condemns this action. The Ministry, once again, calls upon those concerned to strictly adhere to precautionary restriction measures relating to the control of the COVID-19 pandemic of the country. The authorities concerned will continue to take necessary actions in due course in order to contain the spread of the COVID-19 variants in the country.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (11-1-2022)

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Preparations Are Underway to Hold General Elections Again Said UEC Chairman U Thein Soe



The opening event of No. (1/2022) advanced training course for deputy staff officers who will be assigned at the Union Election Commission-UEC and sub-commissions at every level was held on 10 January. During the event, UEC chairman U Thein Soe highlighted the following points regarding the necessary preparations for the holding the general election again:

- UEC is not only undertaking its primary functions but also making necessary preparations to implement the task of holding the general election again since it is critically important to ensure the elections are free and fair.
- UEC is also discussing with political parties on the possible practice of PR system for the coming election instead of FPTP system which has been used in previous elections. Moreover, necessary measures are also taken to amend the laws, by-laws and guidelines for PR system.
- Regarding the coming general election, the UEC will take measures to ensure it

is free and fair, as well as impartial. In order to secure the impartiality, every step of election must be carried out in line with law. Therefore, staff who will be assigned in the commission are required to study the laws and by-laws.

The opening event of the course was attended by UEC members, trainees and responsible officials and the course will be reportedly opened from 10 to 20 January 2022.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (11-1-2022)

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- UEC will take measures to ensure the coming general election is clean, free, fair and impartial.

Union Minister U Aung Naing Oo Inspects Investment Activities in Taunggyi and Yaksawk Townships



On 9 January, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, U Aung Naing Oo performed the following activities:

- He inspected the cement factory of Shan Yoma Cement Co. Ltd in the Pinpet region of Taunggyi township. The factory that runs under the permission of the Myanmar Investment Commission is wholly owned by Myanmar citizens, and produces 1,000 tonnes per day. He also viewed the avocado plantation implementing environmental conservation in the factory compound. Moreover, he visited the avocado cleansing and packaging factory which is collectively operated by local avocado farmers.
- He inspected the mango cleansing and packaging processes of Unique Lawksawk Mango Public Co., Ltd in Kyainn village of Magyigon village-tract of Yaksawk township. The Union Minister discussed the promotion of the collaboration with mango farmers, the exports of marketable fruits in addition to mango and the improvement of other investment-related matters.
- On 10 January, the Union Minister met with merchants and industry business-people of Shan state (South). He urged

that it is required the proper cooperation between the government and economists not to harm the State economy during the period of political changes.

Shan state Economic Minister U Khun Thein Maung, the officials from the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, the Chairman and vice

chairman of State Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and business persons attended the meeting, and the business persons discussed the matters relating to challenges in the workplace, the necessary things supported by the government and suggestions.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (11-1-2022)

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



Opening the new oxygen plant in Nanyun township of Naga Self-Administered Zone

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 476 people have been vaccinated against

COVID-19 as third dose, a total of 140,606 people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 as second dose and 46,475 people as first dose on 10 January.

- A total of 11,267 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 3,117 students as first dose on 10 January. A total of 1,514,588 students have been vaccinated against COVID-19 till 10 January 2022.

- Bengali people in Pauktaw township of Rakhine state and people aged 18 years and above who are taking shelter in IDP camps have been vaccinating against COVID-19.
- Taninthayi Region Chief Minister and officials rewarded K 12.5 million of cash assistance and honours of certificate to doctors, nurses, Myanmar Red Cross Society, volunteers and philanthropic associations who actively participated in the COVID-19 prevention, control and treat-

ment activities of Dawei district.

- On 10 January, the relevant officials opened the oxygen plant which was constructed with the donation money contributed by generous donors in the public hospital of Naung Yun township of “Naga” Self-Administered Zone in Sagaing region. The plant can produce 80 oxygen cylinders (40 liters) per day.

The Ministry of Health is conducting COVID-19 tests regularly, 105 new cases of COVID-19 were found from testing a total of 8,832 samples and the infected rates are 1.20 percent on 10 January. Until 10 January 2022, a total of 532,167 cases were found from testing a total of 6,140,608 samples and death toll reached 19,293.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (11-1-2022)



Local people vaccinated against COVID-19 in Tanugoo township



Local ethnic nationals vaccinated against COVID-19 in Tachileik township



Students vaccinated against COVID-19 in Kawkareik township



Students vaccinated against COVID-19 in Mokaung township

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Security Forces Arrested Terrorist Groups Gathering in U Nout Village to Commit Terrorist Attacks in Yinmabin Township



Confiscated weapons and ammunition while the security forces arrested the terrorists arriving in Oo Nauk village of Yinmarbin township

The villagers who displeased the violent acts of terrorists secretly reported to security forces the information tip of gathering of 50 so-called PDF terrorists in U Nout village to commit terrorist attacks in Yinmabin Township of Sagaing Region. According to the report, security force members raid the village to arrest the terrorists to the village on 10 January. After security forces exchanged fire with the terrorists, the

latter fled in disorder to the south of the village.

Security forces arrested five terrorists dead and seized one M4A1 assault rifle, one MK 12 assault rifle, 14 homemade guns, three homemade handguns, two handmade mortars, two hand-grenades, 16 handmade mortar shells, 155 assorted bullets, three magazines, two walkie-talkies, accessories



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used in bombings and one “Ford” car.

As terrorists are doing acts of violence in some villages, local residents unjustly being bullied by terrorists do not want to accept them and their acts. In this regard,

security forces are accelerating local security measures in line with Rules of Engagement (ROE) based on the information tips secretly provided by the residents.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (11-1-2022)

- **As some villagers provided information tip about gathering of so-called PDF terrorists in U Nout village to commit acts of violence in Yinmabin Township, security forces members arrived there to arrest terrorists and exchanged fire with them resulting in the seizures of five dead bodies of terrorists, arms, ammunition and other related items.**
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Some Terrorists Who Blasted Electric Power Pylons Extending to Tagaung Nickel Factory Arrested



Confiscated homemade guns, hunting rifles, homemade mines and related items

The news report about the terrorist acts blowing up the electric power pylons which extend to the Tagaung Nickel Factory in Htigyaing township of Sagaing region on 7 January was described in the VOLUME 1, ISSUE 9, Information Sheet published on 9 January 2022.

Regarding the above-mentioned incident, while security forces are taking all possible measures to identify and capture the terrorists, so-called PDF terrorists opened fire at the security forces at the junction in the Thandaung village. Due to the return fire of the security forces, three

terrorists were captured dead along with two homemade guns, one hunting rifle, one homemade mine, related items used in bombing and two motorcycles.

According to further investigations, it is reported that the terrorists died in the engagement were those who were involved in the planting bombs at the electrical power pylons extending to the Tagaung Nickel Factory in Htigyaing township on 7 January and security forces members are carrying out further investigations to capture other related offenders.

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ICE (Methamphetamine) Worth over K17.3 Billion Seized in Loilem Township



Seized ICE (methamphetamine)

Police seized ICE (crystal methamphetamines) worth more than K17.3 billion in Loilem Township on 7 January. During the incident:

- The combined team comprising members of Anti-Narcotics Task Force of Myanmar Police seized 635 kg of ICE (crystal methamphetamines) in a 12-wheeler Isuzu truck driven by Myit Soe together with Kyaw Sai (aka) Ar Kyone near the Hotint village on Loilem-Taunggyi Road in Loilem Township of southern Shan State.
- Acting on the information chains, they also seized a further 603 kg of ICE (crystal methamphetamines) in a 12-wheeler Isuzu truck driven by Thet Zuu together with Zay Khaung on Loilem-Taunggyi road between Cho Kham and

Mongpon villages.

- At about 8 pm on that day, the officials also arrested other suspects called Ko Aung (aka) Naw Taung and Marla (aka) Sha Ywal along with 1238 kg of ICE (crystal methamphetamine) worth over K17.3 billion in their Hijet car near Loilem tollgate.

According to the inspection, it is reported that the drugs seized were transported to Taunggyi from Mongkong of Tangyan Township and those six suspects are being taken legal proceedings under the law as well as further investigations are being carried out.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (11-1-2022)

- **Six offenders who carried ICE (crystal methamphetamines) worth more than K17.3 billion were arrested in Loilem town of southern Shan state.**