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Information Sheet

New Year Message for 2022 from Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing



The excerpts from New Year Wishes for 2022 extended by the Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 22 December 2021 are as follows:

- The Prime Minister extended his greetings to all esteemed national brethren for mental and physical health and wellbeing with auspiciousness on the occasion of the New Year 2022. I implemented the stands on the peace and stability of the State, unity and development as much as possible for ensuring the firm path of multiparty democracy we all are walking today.
- The Tatmadaw is always serving the interests of the State and the ethnic people in accord with the duty and obligations entrusted by the Constitution. Our government will continuously cooperate with the ethnic people in harmony for further peace and stability of the State, prosperity and food sufficiency.
- The Coronavirus disease triggered by COVID-19 changed itself to the Omicron variant virus. It has been found in our country, so all people need to take care of such a pandemic. With regard to the vaccination, I set an aim to complete vaccination for more than 50 percent of the targeted people in 2021. So far, people more than 18 years old have been vaccinated for more than 51 percent. As schools have been reopened, over 87 percent of the students above 12 years old have been inoculated. I would like to inform the people about efforts to produce the vaccines at home.
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Afterwards, the government will continue its endeavours for ensuring peace and stability of the State, development, the prosperity of the State, peace and emergence of the Union based on democracy and federal-

ism. Upholding the saying goes: "Unity will reflect the prosperity", I would like to urge all to join hands for the prosperity of the State.

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

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Announcement for EAOs to Ensure State Stability and Peaceful Living of Ethnic People

As it is found out that the so-called CRPH, NUG and PDF terrorist groups who are committing brutal bomb attacks and killing innocent people in some major cities are relating to KIA and TNLA groups, the State Administration Council released an announcement urging the EAOs to stop the acts of harming the peace and stability of the State, regional development and life and property of the ethnic people.

Announcement

The government formed the National Unity and Peacemaking Central Committee, the National Unity and Peacemaking Working Committee, and the National Unity and Peacemaking Coordination Committee in order to beef up the peace process and is striving for holding the coordination meetings with all EAOs after opening the routes to hold the smooth and effective peace talks.

As the so-called CRPH, NUG and PDF terrorists have committed terror acts in some major cities and brutally killed innocent people, security force members have made efforts to arrest those terrorists in cooperation with conscientious people. It was found that the terrorists arrested in some major cities of upper Myanmar including Mandalay and Sagaing regions and Kachin and Chin states along with the seized arms and ammunition were related to KIA and TNLA groups.

In so doing, security forces took action against 3,751 times of terror acts in some major cities from 1 February 2021 to date, arresting 1,492 terrorists and seizing 133 assorted arms, 1,693 rounds of ammunition, 28 grenades, 217 homemade mines and other explosives. Moreover, security forces conducted searching operations not to cause the terror acts. As such, they arrested 9,958 terrorists and seized 3,417 assorted arms, 161,500 rounds of ammunition, 647 grenades, 6,895 homemade mines and other explosives in time.

With regard to arrests of terrorists till today, six suspects were arrested in Mandalay for three times along with 200 Type 81 guns, 20 Type 81 machine guns, four K2-5 guns and one M-79 grenade launcher and eight suspects in Monywa for once with one 779 PADING III-S 40mm grenade launcher. A total of 209 offenders were arrested for 17 times in Mandalay and some major cities of upper Myanmar together with three M-16s, five AK-47s, 40 M -22s, 17 pistols, 61 K-22 guns, four K-12 guns, four KAs, one KO-3 guns, two KA launchers, 79 K2-5 long barrel guns, 36 K2-5 folded butts, 220 Type-81s, 20 Type-81 machine guns, 44 M-79LL 40mm grenade launchers, 12 779 PADNG III-S 40mm grenade launchers and other 549 assorted firearms.

According to the investigation of the terrorists, it was found that the arrestees comprised 43 persons who attended the explosive training course at KIA and 37 at TNLA. In scrutinizing the seized arms and ammunition, 220 Type-81 rifles, 79 K2-5 long barrel guns, 61 K-22 guns, 36 K2-5 folded butts, 20 Type-81 machine guns, four K-12 guns, four KA guns, one KO-3 gun, two KA launchers and 759 grenades were manufactured by KIA group.

The Tatmadaw is precisely and respectfully following the points of Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) signed on 15 October 2015 for restoration of the perpetual peace across the world while making efforts for restoring the peace in the entire nation in accord with the policy of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services that "Tatmadaw will strictly abide by the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in restoring the perpetual peace that is needed for the country and people". Moreover, the State Administration Council prioritizes the peace and implements the five-point roadmap and nine objectives. As such, during the period when the entire ethnic people are suffering the socioeconomic impacts and downheartedness due to the impacts of COVID-19, ethnic armed organizations whether they have signed the NCA or are coordinating to sign the NCA are urged to stop the acts of harming the peace and stability of the State, regional development, and life and property of the ethnic people with intention or without intention. If they further commit any acts undermining the peace and stability and socioeconomic life of the State and the people, the Tatmadaw will perform necessary security measures.

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



Chief Minister of Taninthayi region and officials rewarding cash awards to medical staff participating in COVID-19 vaccination processes in Taninthayi region

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 80,010 people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 as second dose and 41,622 people as first dose on 31 December.
- A total of 2,202 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 3,303 students as first dose on 31 December. A total of 1,495,462 students have been vaccinated against COVID-19 till 31 December.
- Chief Minister of Tanintharyi Region Government and officials awarded cash and certificate of honour to health workers, departmental personnel and social

societies, who have taken part in the COVID-19 vaccination processes in Myeik district of Tanintharyi region on 31 December.

- In controlling the infection of COVID-19 pandemic, the effective period of the Temporary Measures to Prevent Importation of COVID-19 to Myanmar through Air Travel Issue 2, which was released by the former Ministry of Health and Sports, was further extended until 31 January 2022 with the approval of the Central Committee for Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19.
- As it is necessary to continuously control infection of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), public requests, orders, notifications and directives (except for easing the restrictions) released by the Union-level organizations and Union ministries have been further extended until 31 January 2022 for the prevention, control and treatment of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The Ministry of Health is conducting COVID-19 tests regularly, and 198 new cases of COVID-19 were found from testing a total of 10,714 samples and the infected rates are 1.76 percent on 31 December. Until 31 December 2021, a total of 530,834



Vaccinating students against COVID-19 in Hopang township



Vaccinating local people against COVID-19 in Katha township

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Vaccinating local people against COVID-19 in Shan state (north)



Vaccinating local people against COVID-19 in MraukU township

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People Enjoying the New Year Holidays Across the Country



Photos of the visitors across the country to enjoy the sunset view of Bagan-NyaungU cultural zone

On 31 December during the new year holidays, the people across the country are enjoying the holidays by celebrating the new year, going out vocations and pilgrimages.

- In the evening of new year eve, people including elders, youths and families were happily celebrating the new year on bank of Inya lake in Yangon city.
- The flow of visitors to the Chaungtha beach of Ayeyarwady region continues on 31 December.
- The historic pagodas of Swetaw Thonsu pagoda on the side of Bagan-NyaungU, Swaltaw Myat pagoda on Tantkyitaung hill in Pakokku Township, Maha Nghatpyittaung pagoda, Hteelominlo pagoda, Ananda, and Sulamuni pagodas are crowded with pilgrims and visitors.

- On the artificial hills made for people to enjoy the sunsets of Bagan-NyaungU ancient cultural zone were also thronged with local visitors.
- The Pwe Kauk waterfalls (BE falls) in Pyin Oo Lwin was also thronged with local visitors across the country during the new year holidays. Moreover, the families of local visitors thronged on the LED bridge which was upgraded in the waterfalls, and child playgrounds.

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Photos of Crowded People and Visitors across the Country to Celebrate New Year



Pilgrims thronging on Great Shwedagon pagoda



Installation of decorative lights and people welcoming international new year at the Bank of Inya Lake on Pyay road in Yangon



Ngwe Saung beach thronging with visitors who are celebrating new year



Chaung Tha beach thronging with visitors who are celebrating new year



Pwe Kauk waterfalls thronging with visitor across the country during the new year holidays

CBM Sold US\$118 Million in Total of Eight Times in December

On 30 December, the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$ 15 million for fourth time at its FX auction rate. The CBM reportedly sold US\$118 million in total of eight time in December alone.

- A total of 118US was sold in eight times from 3 to 30 December 2021.
- The sales of US\$ by CBM in 2021: the CBM sold US\$6.8 million in February; US\$12 million in April; US\$24 million

in May; US\$12 million in June; US\$39 million in July; US\$28 million in August; US\$63 million in September; US\$110 million in October; US\$31 million in November totaling US\$325.8 million.

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Over K11 Million Earned from Stock Share Trading During a Week

According to the report of the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX), the traded stock shares of five out of seven listed companies reached over K11 million during the last week of December.

From 27 to 30 December, over K11,237,600 worth of 3,041 shares were traded by five YSX listed companies, which are First Myanmar Investment Public Co.,

Ltd. (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings Public Co., Ltd. (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank Co., Ltd. (MCB), First Private Bank Co., Ltd. (FPB), and TMH Telecom Public Co., Ltd.

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Other Suspects of Robbery Case on Insein Overpass Arrested



Confiscated cash and goldwares along with offender Tin Tin Moe at Aung Pin Lal ward in Motetama town on 30 December 2021

Rgarding the robbery case that occurred on 19 December 2021 in which two handbags containing four visses and 50 ticals of gold worth of (K720 million) belonged to the U Hnin Ngwe, owner of Kyon Sin Jewellery shop opened in the Insein market of Zaygon Ward in Insein Township, a total of 10 suspects including seven males and three females were arrested along with their robbed goldwares as well as 5,450 WY tablets and two taxi cars. This news report was already described in the Information Sheet released on 25 December.

During the attempts to arrest other related suspects, another suspect called Kalar (aka) Win Naing Oo, 40 was arrested according to the information tips provided by a conscientious civilian at the checkpoint located at the entry of Thaton township on 30 December. According to the confession of the arrested suspect, his wife, Thin Thin Wah, 36 living in Sitetankhin village, Phyu township and his younger sister Tin Tin Moe, 33 living in Aungpinle ward of Mottama township were arrested with 41 gold rings, 11 gold bracelets, eight gold hand-chains, one gold pearl-lot, one gold jade-lot, 76 gold lockets, 19 gold chains, a pair of earrings, K17 million in cash in the evening of the same day.

According to the confession of Kalar (aka) Win Naing Oo:

- It was observed that he robbed the goldwares on the vehicle driving from Insein township to Hlaingthaya township together with other offenders, Nay Zaw, Zaw Lin, Hmatgyi, and Cho Oo on 19 December and Nay Zaw then shared the robbed goldwares to them.
- He along with his wife Thin Thin Wah evaded the police capture by hiding at 'the place of his sister Tin Tin Moe liv-

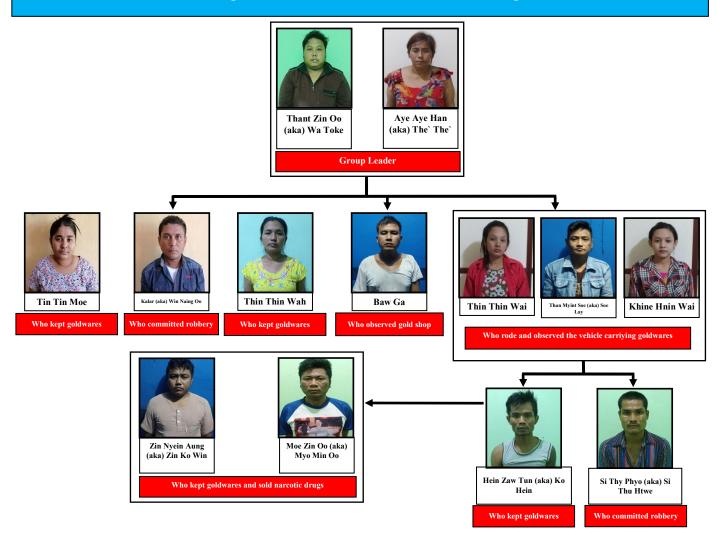
ing in Mottama township. He sold some of his share of goldwares to the jewellery shop at the fourth floor of Myaing Yadana market in Mawlamyine township and earned around K17.5 million.

- He then evaded again in Kanyutkwin Town where his wife's friend is living after entrusting the rest of robbed goldwares to his sister..
- He was arrested when he returned to fetch the goldwares entrusted to his sister Tin Tin Moe on 30 December.

Relevant officials will reportedly continue the measures to take punitive legal actions against the arrested suspects. In order to arrest other accomplices at earliest, the entire people are also urged to covertly report the information on their hideouts and movements to the relevant authorities. Moreover, the authorities also called for the entire public participation in the measures to restore community peace and stability as early as possible.

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

The Diagram Showing the Relation of Arrests of Offenders Participated in the Robbery Case on Insein Overpass in Hline River Road of Insein Township



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