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## Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Meets State, District and Township Level Departmental Officials and Local Elders in Shan State (East) and (South)



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meeting with departmental officials serving in Mongkhat township of Shan State (East) and town elders

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accompanied with senior officials from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and other officials met with state, district and township level departmental officials and local elders in Shan State (East) and (South).

- On 16 February, Senior General met with departmental officials serving in Mongkhat and Mongyaung townships and local elders.
- On 17 February, Senior General met with departmental officials and town elders from Kengtung and Mongpyin townships in Shan state (East), and Namsang and Kholan townships of Loi-lem district in Shan state (South).
- Senior General met with them at the respective town halls and the meeting halls

of the General Administration Department Offices separately.

Regarding the matters relating to the local development, Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing highlighted the following points:

- The departmental personnel, local military units and local people need to join hands in undertaking the socio-economic development of the local people.
- Regarding the electricity, Shan State (East) is full of water sources to generate hydropower. So, the electricity generation projects will be implemented for ensuring the electricity sufficiency of the region.
- Some persons who were not ethnics held citizenship scrutiny cards while the authorities restricted CSCs and household



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registrations. Now, officials need to systematically issue the CSCs to the people under the Pankhinn project.

- The Prime Minister said that he emphasizes two national tasks: prosperity and food sufficiency of the State.
- Two political tasks are to ensure firm multiparty democracy and build the Union based on democracy and federalism.
- To do so, as peace is of importance, the policy was adopted to restore peace and integrate sovereignty.
- In Shan state (East), education was found to be weak due to language barriers and various other factors. We need to encourage education for the development of the region.
- Mongyaung region is the rice bowl of Shan State (East). It can also grow other crops in addition to rice. Thanks to its favourable soil and water resources, it is required to produce quality rice.
- Apart from monsoon crops, irrigated cultivation should be done in the open season to turn the region into an agricultural based industry that will produce rice based goods and other quality goods.
- Systematic cultivation and farming will develop the local economy. As the project calls for intellectuals and technicians, education should be encouraged.
- Education and health staff are the producers of subject-wise intellectuals and technicians. Education and health staffs that joined CDM under a certain political situation are urged to return to work in accord with the rules.
- It is now the time to take certain measures to ensure stability in terms of security and peace in terms of politics as there cannot be any progress in case of political unrests in the country.
- The government never encourages any armed struggles in the name of politics or race. Political dialogue is the only way to find an answer in democracy.



**Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meeting with departmental officials serving in Kengtung township of Shan State (East) and town elders**

- Collective efforts of locals, administrators, departmental personnel are required for regional development.
- townships, local elders and members of Shan, Lahu and Akha cultural troupes.

Present at the meeting were members of the Senior General's entourage, the Chief Minister of Shan State, the Commander of Triangle Region Command and officials, district and township level departmental officials of Kengtung and Mongpyin, Mongkhat, Mongyaung and Mongyaung

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (18-2-2022)

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Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meeting with departmental officials serving in Kholan township of Shan State (South) and town elders

**Photos of Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Presenting Gifts to Departmental Officials Serving in Shan State (East) and (South) and Town Elders**



**Photos of Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Cordially Greeting Departmental Officials Serving in Shan State (East) and (South) and Town Elders**



**Mongkhat township**



**Mongyaung township**



**Kholan township**

## Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Attends Cornerstone Laying Ceremony for Building a Replica of Kengtung Hall



The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended a cornerstone laying ceremony for building a replica of Kengtung Hall on 17 February.

The ceremony was graced by Sayadaws and Sanghas headed by Nayaka Sayadaw of Kengyin Monastery Agga Maha Saddhama Jotikadaja Bhadanta Khemacara, the Chairman of State Administration Council and officials, the chief minister of Shan State Government, relatives of Kengtung Sawbwa Sao Kawng Kiao Intaleng, donors, town elders, departmental officials, Shan, Lahu, Wa, Akha and Lisu ethnic people, and guests.

Then, the Sayadaw of Kengyin Monastery, the Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister and party laid cornerstones and sprinkled scent Paritta water on the cornerstones. Then they left the venue following a view on facts about the Hall.

According to the wish of relatives of the late Kengtung Sawbwa Sao Kawng Kiao Intaleng and locals, plans have been made to build the replica of the Hall as per the guideline of the Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister. Through renovating historical and religious buildings of ethnic people in accordance with its original designs, the great history of the country can be reflected and it will be support to friendship, trust, peace and socio-economic status of the national races living in the Union.

Later, the Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister and party visited Thitabin Taung Resort in Kengtung and viewed the Kanyin Phyu tree (*Dipterocarpus alatus*) planted in the term of King Alaung Phaya in 1753 and other plants. Then he gave instructions to officials on the needs to conserve the historical place for sustainable existence and make arrangements to enjoy the resort for travellers.



**Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing laying cornerstones and sprinkling scented Paritta water on the cornerstones at the place where a replica of Kengtung Hall will be built**

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**Photos of Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Inspecting the Construction Progresses of a Replica of Kengtung Hall**



**New replica of Kengtung Hall which will be constructed**



**Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla asking after health issues of the Sayadaws**



**Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister viewing site plan of a replica of Kengtung Hall**



**Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister welcomed by local ethnic people with traditional dances**

**Photos of Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Wife Viewing around Thittabin Taung Garden in Kengtung Township**



## Chairman of State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Inspects Measures Being Taken on General Staff, Adjutant and Quartermaster of Triangle Region Command



The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspected measures being taken on general staff, adjutant and quartermaster of Triangle Region Command on 16 February. Then, Senior General heard the reports on the matters relating to the security and law enforcement in the Command area, security and stability of border areas, seizures of narcotic drugs, trade measures, COVID-19 preventive measures and reopening of schools which were closed during the outbreak of COVID-19 presented by the Triangle Region Commander Maj-Gen Myo Min Tun.

After hearing the reports, the Chairman of the SAC Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services stressed the following points:

- As the Triangle Region Command has an area having difficulties in transportation sector, it is necessary to carry out tasks to ensure success in military operations, security affairs and law and order of the region.
- In the COVID-19 period, efforts were made to transport medical supplies in

time as the command is in a far-reaching area.

- It is required to protect the matters against national interests of the nation in carrying out tasks on security and defence of the region.
- Tasks being taken for preventing narcotic drugs and reducing cases of cross-border crime are efforts being made to protect national interests of the nation.
- It is required for battalions and troops under the control of Triangle Region Command to possess full combat capabilities and to conduct battalion-wise training. The military training schools need to conduct training measures from time to time.
- Only if the leaders at different levels have proper disciplines, there would be disciplined and skillful military units.
- The commanders need to know the basic concept of individual soldiers so that they can be assigned in the correct sectors and their weaknesses and needs can be also improved.
- Subordinate soldiers are also required to



**Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspecting measures being taken on general staff, adjutant and quartermaster of Triangle Region Command**

follow the 60 military codes of conducts strictly.

- Leaders need to read themselves and to encourage the improvement of the education standard of persons under their command.
- Only if they have literature knowledge, they could see and differentiate between wrong and right things and solve individual problems properly.
- The commanders need to serve in accord with 16 points of leadership feature.
- It is necessary to implement tasks for the interests of local people. As the region has weakness in encouraging education, it is required to conduct for the improvement of educational standard.
- The Senior General pointed out the need

to make efforts to ensure regional development and implement the interests of the residents as much as they can.

The Chairman of the SAC Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, accompanied by Commander-in-Chief (Navy), Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior military officers of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and officers from Triangle Region Command joined the event.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (17-2-2022)

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**Chairman of State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Meets with Officers, other Ranks and their Families from Respective Military Stations of Triangle Region Command and Eastern Central Command**



Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meeting with officers, other ranks and their families from Mongpyin military station

The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met with officers, other ranks and their families from Mongkat and Mongyaung military stations of Triangle Region Command on 16 February and Mongpyin Military Station of Triangle Region Command, and Kholan Military Station of Eastern Central Command separately on 17 February.

Excerpts from the speeches delivered by the Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meetings are as follows:

- Tatmadaw has assumed State responsibilities for over a year.
- The officers, other ranks and wives should know and understand that the Tatmadaw took over the State duties in



**Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meeting with officers, other ranks and their families from Mongyaung military station of Triangle Region Command**

- accord with the constitution (2008) following electoral frauds in the 2020 multiparty democracy election.
- As some persons misunderstood the national political role of the Tatmadaw in successive eras and did not accept the declaration of the State of Emergence in accord with the Constitution (2008) for unavoidable occurrences in the 2020 election, and they are committing instigation between the Tatmadaw and the people.
  - Since its establishment, the Tatmadaw has been protecting the State with prestige and so, the Tatmadaw does not accept these accusations.
  - The Tatmadaw must implement the firm and genuine multiparty democracy. Hence, all are urged to carry out all tasks with their capability holding a concept that Tatmadaw is a guardian for implementing multiparty democracy to be firm and maintaining all situations of the State.
  - The previous Tatmadaw government shaped a path of multi-party democracy desired by the entire people.
  - Therefore, the multiparty general election was held in 2011 and NLD was allowed to take part in the 2015 general election. Then, it organized the government after winning the election.
  - Since its early tenure, the NLD government committed some acts going against the law.
  - Regarding the peace process, some persons from NLD party urged the Ethnic Armed Organizations not to sign the NCA before serving the duties. Hence, it found that the peace process was weak in the tenure of NLD government.
  - Likewise, there were acts harming Myanmar's culture and traditions. These actions are the danger for the nation.
  - Moreover, no encouragement to domestic production and emphasizing the importation caused a large amount of trade deficit.
  - Some projects with foreign loans were halted when they were about to finish. So, it caused great losses to the State.
  - Moreover, a large number of loans were taken from foreign countries, so the country is paying back the loans every



**Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meeting with officers, other ranks and their families from Monghkat military station of Triangle Region Command**

- year. From 2011 to 2021, the trade deficit reached some US\$25 billion, and the trade deficit started regaining as of 2021.
- Some Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs) carried out some actions by taking advantage of the political issues emerging from the electoral frauds in 2020 general election.
  - The Tatmadaw announced voter list inaccuracies in December 2020 and requested to solve the problem repeatedly. But there were no actions to solve the problem.
  - As the representatives winning with the electoral frauds attempted to even call a Hluttaw, State of Emergency was declared inevitably due to the political situations and State duties taken over.
  - Due to the concerted efforts, the COVID-impacted economy has improved again to a certain degree.
  - The ceasefire has been announced for restoring peace. And, an invitation has been put forward to the peace talks. Emphasis is being placed on restoring the internal peace so as to build the Union based on democracy and federalism.
  - As it is necessary to cease the armed conflicts to be free and fair election and not to pose threat to anyone, efforts are being made for carrying out the peace process.
  - As the upcoming election is the general election, it must be held in all parts of the country. It is also necessary to hold the free and fair election in all townships.
  - The people will support those who serve their interests. There are two types of organizing strategies such as pragmatic one and un-pragmatic one. At present, the Tatmadaw has been carrying out pragmatic development tasks of the people.
  - The Tatmadaw has been carrying out the national politics in line with the national history since the time of regaining the Independence of the nation. So, it is necessary to avoid the satiation to politically utilize the Tatmadaw.
  - As all members of the Tatmadaw joined it based on the love for the country and patriotism, it is necessary for them to perform duties based on such spirits.



Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meeting with officers, other ranks and their families from Kholan Military Station of Eastern Central Command

- As fine traditions of the Tatmadaw of the past have been strengthened, it is necessary for personnel to pass the fine traditions and spirits to the future personnel.

vices, the wife and party presented foodstuff to attendees and cordially greeted to them.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (18-2-2022)

After the meeting, the Chairman of the SAC Commander-in-Chief of Defence Ser-

- **The officers, other ranks and wives should know and understand that the Tatmadaw took over the State duties in accord with the constitution (2008) following electoral frauds in the 2020 multiparty democracy election.**
- **The Tatmadaw must implement the firm and genuine multiparty democracy. Hence, all are urged to carry out all tasks with their capability holding a concept that Tatmadaw is a guardian for implementing multiparty democracy to be firm and maintaining all situations of the State.**
- **Since its early tenure, the NLD government committed some acts going against the law.**
- **Regarding the peace process, some persons from NLD party urged the Ethnic Armed Organizations not to sign the NCA before serving the duties. Hence, it found that the peace process was weak in the tenure of NLD government.**



**Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife presenting foodstuff and cash assistance to officers, other ranks and their families, and Maternal and Child Welfare Associations respectively from Mongpyin military station**

- **Likewise, there were acts harming Myanmar's culture and traditions. These actions are the danger for the nation.**
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**Photos of Chairman of State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Cordially Greeting Officers, other Ranks and their Families from Triangle Region Command and Eastern Central Command**



**Mongpyin military station**



**Mongkhat military station**



**Kholan military station**

## Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Addresses at Opening Ceremony of Seed Fair 2022



The opening ceremony of Seed Fair 2022 sponsored by Department of Agriculture of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MOALI) was held at the Institute of Agriculture in Pinyinmana township, Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory on 18 February. The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing cut the ribbon to open the ceremony.

During the ceremony, the Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister stressed the following points:

- The SAC has prioritized to ensure national prosperity and nutritious food sufficiency for all citizens.
- Some 38 million citizens are residing in rural areas earning their life through agriculture and livestock firms. They are the main income source of the country.
- The Prime Minister always urged to prioritize strain, soil, water and technology in the implementation of agriculture tasks.
- Using quality seeds of crops will have advantages for resilience to pest, water shortage, swamps and extreme temperatures, and apart from better yield. If so, farmers will have a high per acre yield of quality crops and food sufficiency. As such, this year's seed fair is held with the theme **“Let's use quality strains for socio-economic development”**.
- The crops value chain from the production of seeds, distribution, storage, production of value-added products and systematic packaging for exportation is being implemented for the production of agricultural products meeting the international standards.
- To do so, production of standard seeds suitable to the relevant areas of Myanmar which has a diversity of climate and soil and water conditions is the most important sector.
- Seed production is a lucrative business as it can produce surplus for export in addition to fulfilling local demand.
- Therefore, it is necessary to exert effort to boost the momentum of domestic seed production and exporting seeds instead of importing them from other countries.
- Organizations and private companies that carry out seed production are also



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing viewing the booths at the fair

required to exert efforts to produce and distribute quality seeds that can be grown in respective regions, to contribute to sustainable development of seed production industries that meet standards in accordance with relevant laws and regulations.

- The seed fairs have been organized annually since 2018 in accordance with the principle stated **“to manage for reaching input (seeds) to farmers smoothly”** and the Seed Fair 2022 is the fourth fair. Then the Prime Minister urged participants to harmoniously participate in the development of the seed sector by cooperating between the relevant officials in the Union Territory, states, regions and districts-level. The Prime Minister then viewed the booths at the fair and the plantation in the compound of the Agricultural Institute (Pyinmana).

The Seed Fair 2022 aims to improve quality seed production and use and contrib-

ute to the socio-economic life of the State with high production using quality seeds in the agricultural sector. The fair was organized under the theme **“Let's use quality strains for socio-economic development”**. The fair will last for five days and will include discussions, forums and educational agricultural techniques based on technologies.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (19-2-2022)

**Photos of Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Viewing around the Display at the Seed Fair**





**Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing paying an observation tour around the farms of the Institute of Agriculture in Pyinmana**



**Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing cordially greeting faculty members and students of the Institute of Agriculture in Pyinmana**

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## **The Message Sent by Chairman of State Administration Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to the Ceremony to Mark the 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chin National Day**

The excerpts from the message sent by the Chairman of State Administration Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to the ceremony to mark the 74<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chin National Day are:

- The day 20 February, when the public conference that was held in Falam Township, was set as the “Chin National Day”, seeking the wishes of all attendee Chin representatives over the motions to designate Chin National Day at the seventh Chin Affairs Council conference held in Yangon on 9 October 1950.
- It is necessary to understand current riots, the violation of the law and sabotages breaking up the State in various parts of the nation, including Chin State, are very dangerous for the nation. All need to know the real root causes of instability and the acts of saboteurs to disintegrate the State and acts of internal and external destructionists and prevent these destructive acts.
- It is the time now to ensure peace and development of the Union through the genuine patriotic spirit and harmoniously cooperate with each other in building the Union based on democracy and federalism in accord with the aspiration of the people.
- The State government is emphasizing the restoration of internal peace and cease-fire across the nation. All the ethnic national people are urged to join hands with the government in ending armed conflicts for the development of the nation.
- The State government in its part is carrying out the management for opening and upgrading of more basic education schools, repairing educational buildings, constructing new buildings and appointing more teachers to develop human resources in Chin State while establishing more hospitals and clinics and deploying assignment of medical doctors for providing healthcare services to the local people.
- Moreover, the government is making the arrangements of the supply of electricity from the national grid aspired by people from Chin State to various parts of the state. In order to improve the transport facilities, the highways with easy access to the mainland and local roads of the state are being extended. In addition, the development of the Kaladan River Basin which can connect foreign countries from Chin State through the waterway and the construction of the Paletwa Port are being undertaken.
- Although transport difficulties based on natural geographical conditions as well as high hilly areas in Chin State cause hindrances to development tasks, the government is trying hard to fulfill the needs for the development of the state as much as possible. Hence, the ethnic national people residing in Chin State need to cooperate with the Union government and the Chin State government in development tasks.

The message urged all ethnic national

people residing in Chin state to participate in unity in nation-building tasks as the participation of all ethnic nationals in equal terms of rights is of great importance in shaping the Republic of the Union of Myan-

mar to be a peaceful, prosperous, modern and developed Union based on democracy and federalism.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (20-2-2022)

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### **Vice-Chairman of State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win Delivers Speech at Second Meeting of State-Level Central Committee on the Administration and Management of Natural Resources in Coastal Areas**

The meeting of the State-Level Central Committee on the Administration and Management of Natural Resources in Coastal Areas was held at the Ingyin Hall of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation in Nay Pyi Taw on 16 February. At the meeting, the Chairman of State-level Central Committee on Administration and Management of Natural Resources in Coastal Areas Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council stressed the following points:

- As the government views the natural resources in coastal areas as a great potential for the country, it aims to conserve and manage the resources for long term utilization for future generations.
- Under the Myanmar ICM Program, it is stated that Myanmar coastal areas and marine resources must be valued as the country's natural resources. The ultimate goal is set up to utilize effectively based on the principles: to balance the conservation and development focuses; to enhance the response to human and environmental impacts and to gain the long-term sustainable development for current and future generations with the participation of all stakeholders.
- The aim is that the projects to be implemented by various departments and sec-



**Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win delivering an address at the second meeting of State-Level Central Committee on the Administration and Management of Natural Resources in Coastal Areas**

tors for integrated coastal management are to link the ICM program and a joint venture is to be used with the fund from Myanmar and development funds raised from international partners.

- The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS Myanmar) reviewed four potential opportunities for Blue Economy development in Myanmar in 2015 and the potentials are: strong management plans and policies for coastal and maritime industries; effective investment in offshore and marine resources extraction; good conditions for effective conservation work due to rich coastal and marine biodiversity; and the establishment and maintenance of mangrove forests for natural disaster prevention that need to be carried out as part of a program to enhance environmental security and protection.
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It is reported that members of the Central Committee: Union Ministers, Region and State Chief Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Permanent Secretaries and the Director-Generals briefed on the relevant sectors, and the Vice-Chairman of State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister supplemented the briefings.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (17-2-2022)

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**Vice-Chairman of State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win Addresses at Coordination Meeting on COVID-19 Control and Emergency Response Committee**



The COVID-19 Control and Emergency Response Committee held a coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the Office of the SAC Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw on 17 February. The Chairman of the Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win stressed the following points:

- It is found that the infection of COVID-19 has been on the gradual rise since the late January 2022.
- Myanmar citizens stranded in global countries were brought back and some foreigners arrived to work in Myanmar. More COVID-19 positive cases have been found among them.
- Despite the restrict measures, the Omicron infection rate has been steadily es-

calating. Yangon Region is the top on the chart of infection rate with 20.99 per cent.

- In accord with the guidance of the Prime Minister, the quarantine centres, positive centres and treatment centres have been prepared at military hospitals and public hospitals. Moreover, arrangements are being made to prevent the shortage of oxygen supplies.
- The infection rate of Omicron virus is higher than Delta variant for fourfold. So, the people are urged to strictly follow the COVID-19 rules and regulations during the fourth wave.
- It is necessary to disseminate the knowledge about infection of Omicron around the environment to the people in various ways and means. People in indi-

viduals need to follow the health guidelines for COVID-19 pandemic.

Then, it is reported that the union ministers, the chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council, region and state chief ministers, deputy ministers and officials discussed prevention, control and treatment activities for Omicron variant of COVID-19 pandemic in respective sectors. Later, the Chairman of the COVID-19 control and emergency response committee reviewed the discussions, coordinated the processes to be implemented and gave a concluding remark.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (18-2-2022)

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**Vice-Chairman of State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister  
Vice-Senior General Soe Win Addresses at Meeting of Illegal Trade Eradication  
Steering Committee (1/2022)**



The meeting of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee (1/2022) was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Commerce in Nay Pyi Taw on 18 February. During the meeting, the Chairman of the committee Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win highlighted the following points:

- The steering committee needs to effectively implement the effective anti-illegal trade eradication measures so as not to lose deserved taxes for the country, to enhance the competitiveness of local ethnic businesses and ensure the safety of consumers, as well as for national security and health.
- In taking action against the illegal trade under the law, it is necessary to inspect and take action against the illegal storage at and near border checkpoints, transports along the trade route, storage of products near international airports and ports, and main storage and distribution of illegal products from the markets from major cities.
- Hence, the standard operating procedures (SOPs) were approved and distributed to Special Task Forces and OSS departmental combined teams in order to carry out anti-illegal trade eradication measures under the law.
- Region and State Special Task Forces and OSS departmental combined teams need to effectively implement the work plans.
- During the 11-month period from February to December 2021, the illegal trade eradication Special Task Forces seized illegal goods worth K7,412.370 million in 1,929 cases. Likewise, action was taken against 298 cases worth K6,323.503 million in January 2022.
- The seized illegal products are imported personal goods and foodstuffs, and exported a single kind of valuable natural resources of the State. So, all need to prevent the illegal trade through nation-

alistic knowledge.

- Availability of information and information security is important in eradicating the illegal trade. As telephone numbers, fax numbers and email addresses were announced on MRTV and State-owned newspapers to be used in sending the complaints, the complaint information was received 16 times.
- The Ministry of Commerce started taking measures for import restrictions in November 2021 to reduce foreign exchange spending, prioritize and produce domestic production, improve the domestic production and create more job opportunities.
- National strategies and tactics and ground work plans are being implemented to fight illicit trade. The ministries and region and state Special Task Forces for combating illicit trade must be effec-

tively fight illegal trade activities with those strategies and tactics.

The meeting was attended by Union ministers U Win Shein and Dr Pwint Hsan, deputy ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, permanent secretaries, directors general, managing director and officials. The chairmen of Special Task Forces of the illegal trade eradication in Nay Pyi Taw Council, regions and states, and ministers of regions and state and officials joined the event through videoconferencing.

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### **Press Statement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting Retreat**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a press statement regarding the Chairman of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting Retreat (AMM Retreat) that was held on 17 February 2022.

#### **Press Statement**

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar takes note of the Press Statement of the Chairman of the ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting Retreat (AMM Retreat) that was held on 17 February 2022.

The Ministry welcomes the priorities and deliverables presented by Cambodia in advancing ASEAN Community building. The Ministry also welcomes the initiatives taken to accelerate regional integration through the implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC) 2025 and the IAI Work Plan IV (2021-2025); for reaffirming that Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) is the key code of conduct governing interstate relations in the region and as the foundation for maintaining regional peace and stability; for the commitment to preserve Southeast Asia region as a nuclear-weapon-free zone and free of all other weapons of mass destruction; for stressing the importance of strengthening ASEAN centrality and unity; for working towards the ASEAN Community's Post-2025 Vision; and for the full and effective implementation of ASEAN COVID-19 initiatives, including the ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework (ACRF) among others.

On Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), while taking note of the entry into force of the RCEP Agreement on 1 January 2022, the Ministry would like to recall that Myanmar is one of the signatory states to early deposit its instrument of ratification of the RCEP in accordance with the provision of the RCEP Agreement. However, the Ministry regrets that Myanmar's ratification of RCEP has been politicized by some members and therefore the depositary was not able to comply with the provisions of the RCEP Agreement ultimately causing delays for the Agreement to enter into force for Myanmar. Such a course of action will not only damage ASEAN's credibility but also the credibility of the ASEAN Secretariat. Myanmar hopes that such a course of action will never take place again in ASEAN which is supposed to be a rule-based inter-governmental organization.

The Ministry welcomes the ASEAN Chair's emphasis on strengthening ASEAN centrality and unity in ASEAN's external relations through promoting ASEAN norms and principles, including those enshrined in the ASEAN Charter and the Treaty of Amity and Coop-

eration in Southeast Asia (TAC). Myanmar is encouraged by the increasing request by countries to accede to the TAC and looks forward to their accession at an early date. Myanmar encourages ASEAN to uphold the past practices which have existed in ASEAN for over the past 50 years when signing TAC documents.

The Ministry notes ASEAN's continued support for Myanmar's repatriation efforts, especially on the follow-up to the recommendations of the Preliminary Need Assessment (PNA) in facilitating the voluntary return of the displaced persons from Rakhine State in a safe, secure and dignified manner. While ASEAN looks forward to the conduct of the Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) when conditions allow, Myanmar again encourages the Secretary-General of ASEAN to revitalize the High-Level Coordination Meeting with a view to finalizing the remaining project proposals as well as to identify possible areas for ASEAN to effectively facilitate the repatriation process.

On the implementation of the five-point consensus, significant progress and challenges have been briefed to the diplomats in Yangon on 8 February 2022 by the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs. The Ministry welcomes Mr Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation as the special envoy of the ASEAN Chair. Myanmar will continue to promote constructive cooperation with ASEAN, including with the special envoy, with the understanding that it is a Myanmar-owned, Myanmar-led process as stated in the press statement by the Chairman of the AMM Retreat.

The Ministry notes that while some deliberations were constructive on the implementation of the five-point consensus, two members have suggested the special envoy engage with unlawful associations and terrorist groups which Myanmar Government has declared as terrorist groups. The Ministry would like to recall that the Anti-Terrorism Central Committee of Myanmar has declared CRPH, NUG and all their subordinates as terrorist groups on 8 May 2021. Suggesting the special envoy engage with such groups are not only contrary to the principles of the ASEAN Charter but also undermine ASEAN's counter-terrorism efforts. In this regard, the Ministry again urges the two members not to use ASEAN platforms to make such comments and encourages them to condemn the terrorist acts.

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### **Union Election Commission Inspects Political Parties in Accordance with Union Election Commission Law**

As the Union Election Commission (UEC) is committed to the development of a genuine and disciplined multiparty democracy, UEC looked into the political parties whether they conducted systematically for the memberships of the parties, party funds and property, savings, maintenance, usage, audition and liquidation and parties' members/procedures according to the Union Election Law Section 10 (1).

In doing so, the inspection team led by UEC members including representatives

of the Union Auditor-General Office, Internal Revenue Department and Bureau of Special Investigation inspected the Yangon-based political parties: the Kayin Peoples Party; the National Democratic Force Party; the New National Democracy Party and the People's Party from 7 to 11 February 2022.

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### **Union Minister U Aung Naing Oo Meets South Asia Future Investment Group Pte.Ltd Delegation**

The Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Aung Naing Oo and officials received a delegation led by Chair Mr Zhang Jun of China-based South Asia Future Investment Group Pte. Ltd in Nay Pyi Taw on 16 February.

They discussed the investment matters in exportation on fishery products, investment in real estate, urban estate development, tourism development, international trade, digital trade platform for Myanmar's products and gems and jewellery sectors. Moreover, they conferred on implementa-



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## Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn Gave an Online Interview to the Reporter Ms. Kana Takagi from Mainichi Newspaper from Japan



Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn gave an online interview to the reporter Ms. Kana Takagi from Mainichi Newspaper from Japan on 17 February.

The Union Minister responded the queries on the requirements and time to receive international flights as follows:

- Allowing international flights is now temporarily suspended for the rising infection rate of COVID-19 Omicron and the suspending period has been extended to the end of February. Only the travel is temporarily suspended and plans are under way to allow international flights depending on the control measures of COVID-19 disease.

Regarding the queries whether the Government encounters difficulties to curb the spread of social media; the reviews on the media freedom; possibilities to return licenses to local media outlets that have been banned; and the Ministry of Information (MOI) expects what kind of news descriptions in international media, the Union Minister answered as follows:

- Concerning the social media, there was no control over the use of social media, and the public need to use it efficiently in a correct way. In this regard, the ministry is also planning to conduct awareness program for the public. The MOI fully granted the press freedom to the media outlets and press personnel in line with the rules and regulations. The media sector has been regarded as the fourth pillar and emphasized by the Prime Minister of the State. There is no reason to ban or disallow the local media outlets as long as they respect and follow their media ethics and laws. Regarding the news descriptions in international media, we just do not want to see the news reports that provoke negative impacts on the sovereignty of the State and unity of all nationalities as well as hate speeches. We will return licenses to local media outlets which has been banned if they stress on the interests of the State and the people.

Regarding the queries on overview of the national economic situation during a year since the State Administration Council as-

sumed the State's responsibilities; and the progress of measures to invite foreign investments, the Union Minister responded as follows:

- The national economy had already been in decline due to the COVID-19 global pandemic when the State Administration Council assumed the State's responsibilities. At present, many of the factories have been back in operation. Some foreign investments left the country only due to their political perspective. From 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2022, a total of 12 foreign investments and 44 projects worth \$3,823 million had been approved.
- Regarding the foreign investment volume in the previous year, it increased \$558.339 million creating 35,692 job opportunities.
- Measures are being taken to stabilize the border trades with major trading partner of China and the Payment System based on the Kyats and Yuan has been successfully implemented. At present, the violent cases have dramatically decreased and schools are now reopening. The State Administration Council has successfully controlled the economic businesses and there will be more progress of economy during 2022.
- Leaving of foreign companies are the results of pressures made by their countries and the activities of NUG and PDF doing sabotages in the country. There are also new foreign investments. The foreign investors are being protected with full guarantees and their economic profits are also protected as per international norms and values.
- Myanmar Economic Recovery Plan-

MERP has described (1) the guarantee for foreign investors; (2) the international economic norms; (3) security; and (4) ease of restrictions if necessary. Therefore, I'd like to invite foreign business persons to come and invest confidently in Myanmar without believing the exaggerated news from outside world.

Regarding the queries on the possibilities of handing over the economic managements to the new administration which will emerge from the coming election, the Union Minister responded as follows:

- After completing the tasks as per the provisions of the state of emergency, the free and fair multi-party democracy election will be held in accordance with the 2008 State Constitution. Afterwards, measures will be taken to hand over the State's responsibilities to the winning party of the election as per the democracy norms and values.
- Regardless of any government's rule, Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) Law will remain unchanged. Every foreign investment permitted by the MIC Law will have to be approved by the coming new government. As plans are underway to create job opportunities for locals and to develop the national economy with technology of transfer, we again invite the foreign countries to confidently come and invest in Myanmar.

Regarding queries on the altitudes of Rakhine political parties on the PR system prepared to be practiced in coming election, the Union Minister responded as follows:

- I assumed that Rakhine political parties are considering the PR system. The PR system has been agreed by 62 political parties according to the meeting results.

As we are on the path of democracy and federal system, the PR system is found to be very beneficial to national races. Taking steps on the path of democracy and federal system, when the Rakhine people can enjoy their rights and manage their state, I believe they will accept the PR system. Their acceptance of PR system is related to the progress in dialogue

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## ASEAN Forum for Promotion of Women Participation in Sports Held



The 'ASEAN Forum for Promotion of Women Participation in Sports' was held virtually on 18 February in Wunna Theikdi Football Stadium at Nay Pyi Taw. The forum was attended by Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, Deputy Minister, departmental officials, representatives from ASEAN nations and regions/states, officials from the Myanmar Olympic Committee and staffs from SOMS office, and invitees.

Following the opening remarks of video clips by Deputy Secretary General H.E Ekkaphab Phnthavong from ASEAN Secretariat office and Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan, Vice-President of the Myanmar Women Sports Federation Daw Yi Yi Win, Lecturer

at the Thailand National Sports University (Chiang Mai Campus) Ms Pacharakamon Arkornsakul and officials made discussions on relevant respective topics and the attendees at the forum raised questions on the discussions.

It is reported that the forum was hosted by Myanmar as part of a series of events to promote the participation of women and girls in the ASEAN regional sports sector, one of the five activities that Myanmar has included as a leading country in the ASEAN Work Plan and Sports 2021-2022.

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



Arrival of 100,000 doses of COVISHIELD COVID-19 vaccines donated from the Indian Armed Forces to the Myanmar Tatmadaw

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

- Up to 20 February, 23.32 million people in total have been vaccinated against COVID-19. About 20.61 million people have received two-time full doses of the vaccine and 2.71 million people have received the first doses. 44.59 million people in total have been inoculated against COVID-19 in Myanmar.
- A total of 641,911 people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 as booster doses in respective regions and states from 1 January to 20 February 2022.
- The coordination meetings on COVID-19 prevention, control, treatment and emergency response committees were held in Shan state (north), Yangon region, Ayeyarwady region, Bago region, Rakhine state, Mon state, Chin state and Kayin state from 14 to 19 February. Preparations of quarantine centers and

treatment centers in respective townships are being accelerated in order to control the infection rate of Omicron Variant.

- 100,000 doses of Covishield COVID-19 vaccines donated by Indian Armed Forces arrived at Yangon International Airport on 20 February. The Ministry of Health has already received a total of 45.7 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, 0.6 million doses of Sputnik-V) and a total of 16.2 million doses as donations (2.6 million doses of Covishield, 3.6 million doses of Sinopharm, 6.4 million doses of Sinovac, 3.2 million doses of Covaxin and 0.4 million doses of Sputnik-V), totaling 61.9 million doses.

The Ministry of Health is conducting COVID-19 tests regularly, 3,303 new cases of COVID-19 were found from testing a total of 37,436 samples and the infection rate was 8.82 percent on 20 February. Up to 20



Vaccinating local people against COVID-19 in Kyunhla township



Vaccinating local people against COVID-19 as booster doses in Salin township



Holding the coordination meeting on COVID-19 prevention, control, treatment in Rakhine state



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## Officials Encourage Residents in Villages Burnt down and Destroyed by PDF Terrorists on their Way of Retreat



Sagaing region Chief Minister U Myat Kyaw providing cash assistance and commodities to residents from Zee Phyu Kone village in Palae township

On 14 February, PDF terrorist groups, NLD party supporter extremist groups, set fire to the houses of innocent local people from Zee Phyu Kone village in Palae township of Sagaing region. Due to their arson attacks, a total of 31 houses were destroyed in fire and moreover, U Phoe Nyo of 41, U Hla Shwe of 65, U Than Swe of 66 and Daw Tin Su of 55 were trapped in their burning houses and died in the fire outbreak.

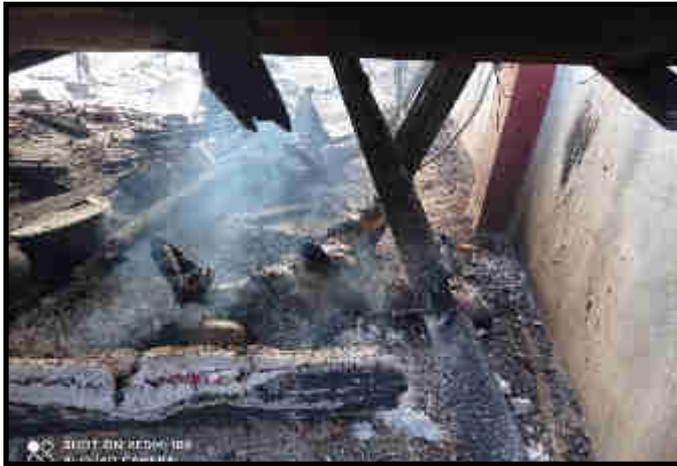
Due to such terror acts, innocent residents from Zee Phyu Kone and Inma Htee villages burnt down and destroyed by PDF terrorists could no longer stay in their villages and have temporarily taken shelter at other secure places. On 17 February, officials brought them back and gathered at a designated place. Then, Sagaing region Chief Minister U Myat Kyaw, the Commander of Northwest Command Brigadier General Than Htike and officials made necessary arrangements of security and shelter,

and also provided basic food items and commodities to them.

PDF terrorists are committing the inhumane crimes such as attacks against the security forces who are taking security measures to ensure the innocent people live peacefully and arson attacks on the public houses for no reasons. The nefarious acts of PDF terrorists cause the deaths and casualties of innocent civilians. Moreover, it is found out that some destructive media outlets are spreading fake news and fabrications to portray as if the security forces burnt down the houses of innocent civilians.

It is reported that security forces continue taking effective legal actions to identify and arrest the terrorists who committed the above-mentioned crimes as early as possible.

**Photos of Damages of Houses Owned by Residents at Zee Phyu Kone Village in Palae Township in the aftermath of Arson Attacks by PDF Terrorists on their Way of Retreat**



- PDF terrorists committed arson attacks on the houses of innocent local people in the villages.
- Due to their arson attacks, a total of 31 houses were destroyed in fire and moreover, four innocent civilians were trapped in their burning houses and died in the fire outbreak.
- The Sagaing region Chief Minister and the Commander of Northwest Command provided basic food items and commodities to residents from Palae township, who have temporarily taken shelter at other secure places, due to the terror acts of PDF terrorists.

### Relevant Officials Providing Food and Commodities to Local People Displaced due to Violence Acts of PDF Terrorist Groups in Palae Township



## PDF Terrorists Abducted and Brutally Killed a Buddhist Monk in Yay Oo Township

Terrorists of political extremists are committing violent bomb attacks and assassinations of civilians to disrupt the stability of the State and cause the public panic. In addition, they are also launching terrorist attacks against the sacred Sasana buildings devoted by Myanmar Buddhist people as well as abducting and brutally killing Buddhist monks and nuns without any grounds.

On 14 February in Yay-U township of Sagaing region, about 50 PDF terrorists tied up and abducted Sayadaw U Sandaw (aka) U Sein Maung of 58 (8 years of monastic life) from Min Ywar Myauk Monastery from Intaw village after forcing him to leave the monastic life.

After combined team comprising security forces promptly made necessary searches in the area to save the monk's life, the monk was found tied on his neck and dead with cut wounds by the brutal tortures

of PDF terrorists in the drain near Nawgone village on 18 February.

Due to the brutal attacks of terrorists against Buddhist monks and nuns who are sacred to Myanmar Buddhist people, 23 monks and one nun have been reportedly killed and nine monks were severely injured.

It is reported that security force members joining hands together with local military columns continue necessary actions to identify and arrest the terrorists who committed such inhumane crime of abducting and killing a Buddhist monk.

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## Explosion of IED with Timer Planted by PDF Terrorists Left Innocent Civilians Injured and Some Stalls from Myoma Market of Thaton Township Destroyed



On 18 February, PDF terrorists exploded an IED with timer made of TNT in the Myoma market of Thaton township of Mon state. Due to the explosion, a total of nine innocent civilians including four males and five females who were in the Myoma market got splinter wounds and several stalls were destroyed.

Under the instruction of NUG as per their aim of utter devastation, the PDF terrorists are committing the sabotages such as murdering the people peacefully residing in some areas after accusing them for various reasons, setting fire to and blowing up State

-owned buildings, public hospitals, schools, housings and markets. Therefore, people are disgusted by the cruel acts of the terrorists and willing the soonest captures of the terrorist groups and punitive legal actions against them.

Security forces and officials concerned sent the people injured in the mine blast to the public hospital of Thaton district to provide necessary treatments and also intensified security measures in the area.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (19-2-2022)

- **A total of nine innocent civilians got injured and some stalls from Myoma market in Thaton township destroyed due to the mine blast of PDF terrorists.**

## **Actions against Unscrupulous Persons who Follow and Make Incitements and Propaganda of CRPH and NUG Terrorist Groups, their Subordinates and Colluded Groups Continue**

The entire population has already been informed not to follow the incitements and propaganda made by CRPH and NUG, which were declared terrorist groups, their subordinates and colluded groups. In spite of that, some unscrupulous persons made incitements and propaganda to disrupt the State peace and stability via social media. Therefore, necessary actions have been taken against them in line with law. In this regard:

- Two from Yangon region on 16 February, one from Yangon region on 17 February, three from Kachin state, one from Sagaing region on 18 February and one from Kachin state, four from Mandalay

region on 19 February, totaling 12 were arrested.

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It is reported that necessary actions will be continued against such instigators and unscrupulous persons making propaganda and incitements.

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