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## **Information Sheet**

SAC Information Team Holds 16<sup>th</sup> Press Conference



The 16<sup>th</sup> press conference of the State Administration Council's Information Team was held at the Ministry of Information on 16 June in Nay Pyi Taw. At the press conference, Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun, the SAC Information Team Leader explained as follows:

- The situation of accepting the people from various armed groups, including the so-called PDF group, who want to enter the legal framework as per rules and regulations.
- The State Administration Council Government is emphasizing the current peace process by setting procedural steps.
- Upon the proposal of the SAC Chairman Prime Minister for the peace talks, discussions with each ethnic armed organization-EAO, plans for further talks and the EAOs that have not yet reached the peace talks were again invited as the previous invitations.

sent to education personnel, who have been involved in the CDM movement due to the incitements of politicians, to resume their teaching duties after submitting an appeal at their own will to the school where they were assigned and the township education office.

• He also presented the terrorists' acts of terrorism and attacks against teachers and education staff as well as school buildings in 2022-2023 academic year using video clips and PowerPoint presentation.

Those present at the press conference included members of the SAC Information Team, representatives from various ministries, officials from the Tatmadaw True News Information Team, invited persons, local media, reporters from daily newspapers, local television stations, and foreign media based in the country.

• He also clarified that the notice has been

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- People from various armed groups, including the so-called PDF group, who want to enter the legal framework are being accepted as per rules and regulations.
- Notice has been sent to education personnel, who have been involved in the CDM movement due to the incitements of politicians, to resume their teaching duties after submitting an appeal at their own will to the school where they were assigned and the township education office.

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Excerpts from Clarifications of Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun at 16<sup>th</sup> Press Conference held by State Administration Council Information Team



The 16<sup>th</sup> press conference of the Information Team of the State Administration Council was held on 16 June at the Ministry of Information. The Team Leader of the State Administration Council Information Team Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun, the member of Union Election Commission U Khin Maung Oo, departmental spokesmen and representatives of departmental information teams answered the questions raised by the media.

At the press conference, Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun clarified the following points:

- On the course of the utter devastation of the State, the CRPH and the NUG, declared by the State as terrorist groups, indoctrinated young people to commit acts of terrorism and revolt against the government. Therefore, those persuaded young people get involved in terror acts by forming groups using various names including PDF.
- With the intention for all national people to take part in the activities of the State development in unity, the Government has welcomed those young people to return to the legal fold for the normal civil-

ian lives under the rules and regulations by surrendering their weapons. In this regard, a total of 38 persons: nine persons in Ngape township of Magway region; five persons in Kale town of Sagaing region; one person in Pathein city and eight persons in Kyonpyaw town of Ayeyawady region and 15 persons in Mandalay city of Mandalay region had been welcomed.

- Due to requests of parents and utterance of some members of some EAOs saying that PDFs are becoming the burden for EAOs in their areas, the government has to arrange for welcoming those who joined PDF groups under various reasons.
- Recently, PDFs and some members of EAOs themselves posted live status on the social media about the death of a PDF member Sin Ma Gyi who was killed in a location of the EAO area. Since the government is making invitation to the young people who are on the wrong path by putting in the shoes of parents and citizens, it is a good time for the youths to return to the legal fold.

- It can be seen that the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services is taking a lead for a certain peace level that the entire nation expects and aspires to as he set 2022 as the year of peace.
- A total of 10 EAOs; seven NCAsignatories and three non-NCA signatories replied that they would attend the peace talks invited by the government, and the first peace talks was held on 20 May 2022 with the delegation led by the Chairman of RCSS (SSA) Sao Yawd Serk.
- In holding peace talks, both sides discussed the genuine disciplined multiparty democracy to be firm and the way and methods to build the Union based on democracy and federalism in accordance with the Constitution. Again, the matters to fulfill the needs for the socio-economic development of locals were also discussed. In holding talks with the New Mon State Party (NMSP), federal-ism-related principles, the matter on structure of the state, the security issue in the area, the education system in ethnic area and the supporting measures for the stability of the State were discussed.
- In holding talks with the KNU/KNLA (PC), the matters to focus on the development of their ethnic people, their state and the country were discussed. In holding talks with the UWSP, the need of the country, the need of the local ethnic people and the matters related to the practice of multiparty democratic system that corresponds with the desire of the entire people were discussed.
- In holding talks with the NDAA (Mongla), the efforts to restore peace that is necessary to hand over the peace-ful, stable and developed Union to the future new generation of the country were discussed. The NDAA (Mongla)

also discussed the condition of upholding our three main national causes firmly without secession from the Union.

- In holding talks with the ALP, the demands of successive EAOs in Myanmar and the actual possibility were discussed. The talks with the PNLO were also held on 16 June.
- Further, the member of State Administration Council, the Chairman of National Solidarity and Peace-making Coordination Committee, the leader of peace talks team Lt.Gen Yar Pyae-led members held talks with the representatives of organizations who attended the talks and the agreements were signed. I would like to say that peace talks would continue to hold with the remaining three EAOs.
- The State Administration Council government further made an invitation to EAOs on 14 June 2022 as per the previous one to hold talks on peace issue with the NCA-signatories that have not attended peace talks yet and the EAOs that have not yet signed NCA for the interests of the region and country.
- The government released a statement that EAOs that will attend the peace dialogues are requested to send the names of the chairman or a leader who can make decisions on behalf of the chairperson and two members not later than 30 June 2022. Currently, we are holding peace talks with EAOs as the Tatmadaw and the Government as well. Both sides discussed matters what we want and negotiated matters that ought to.
- We must build the unity of entire national people first if we want to restore peace. "The strength of all national people plays the major role for the development of the State and, the strength of the

nation lies within," the Head of State said.

- In carrying out the measures to uplift the education quality of new generation youths who will become future leaders of the State, the role of experienced teacher in teaching is important. The State Administration Council made the invitation to teachers and education staff who have concerns and have been absent due to joining CDM campaign, having intimidated and coerced, participating in protests that was caused by the instigations of politicians.
- In such invitation, although the basic ed-• ucation staff who are absent from duties were informed to report to the relevant authorities by 31 May, it was found that they are unable to report within the deadline due to transport and other difficulties. Therefore, the reporting deadline has been extended to 14-6-2022. Up to 14 June, 2,156 education staff including 379 high school teachers, 1,005 middle school teachers and 772 primary school teachers have already registered at relevant authorities. Hence, the officials accept those teachers to serve their duties following the procedures to be accepted.
- During the term of taking the State responsibilities by the SAC, the terrorist groups carried out the disturbance acts to stop the administrative mechanisms of the government using various means such as making abduction, killing and assassination on families who are related to government and persons supporting politically and economically the government, and bombing and arson attacks on buildings.
- The attacks of terrorists against teachers in 2022-2023 academic year are as follows:a headmistress of Basic Education Sub-middle School (Sitha) was shot to

death by the armed terrorists near Ywarton Village in Monywa Township of Sagaing Region on 5 June, a headmistress of Basic Education Post-primary School of Mintharkan Village in Wetlak Township of Sagaing Region was shot to death on 6 June and a lecturer from the Department of Myanmar of Dawei University and a woman in Taninthayi Region were also shot to death by the armed terrorists on 12 June.

- Moreover, 15 PDF terrorists abducted five teachers in Kyuntaw Village of Shwegu Township on 13 June. The terrorists committed abduction and assassination of education staff for 21 times from 1 April 2021 to 13 June 2022 leaving 44 dead. Furthermore, the terrorists dropped homemade bombs on the Basic Education Post-primary School (Taltheetaw) in Shwebo Township of Sagaing Region around 12 pm of 9 June while teachers were teaching 110 school children there leaving the school buildings damaged.
- The bombing attacks on schools are unacceptable acts of war crimes in the world. So, the Maj-Gen would like to say that the Embassies in Myanmar should not turn a blind eye to these attacks.
- On 21 April 2022, while three young novices living in Myinn Kywa Ward of Sar TaungTown were going back to monastery after finishing alms round, an IED explosion occurred near milepost no. 41 on the Sagaing – Shwebo Road in Sagaing of Sagaing Region. The explosion caused two young novicespassed away while another young novice got mine-shrapnel wounds.But,such attacks are being obscured without describing by media outlets of any countries. Finally, the attacks of the NUG and CRPH

groups and its affiliates so-called PDF terrorists are affecting the innocent civilians.

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ests of Myanmar are instigating such acts of terrorism and supporting them. As long as they do so, the lives of innocent civilians may be claimed.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (17-6-2022)

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- The bombing attacks on schools are unacceptable acts of war crimes in the world. So, the Maj-Gen would like to say that the Embassies in Myanmar should not turn a blind eye to these attacks.
- The international organizations and foreign countries that do not want the interests of Myanmar are encouraging such acts of terrorism and supporting them. As long as they do so, the lives of innocent civilians in danger.



#### Excerpts from the Clarifications of the UEC Member U Khin Maung Oo

The excerpts from the clarifications of UEC member U Khin Maung Oo at the press conference are as follows:

- The Union Election Commission (UEC) scrutinized the voter lists used in 2020 General Election and found over 11.3 million voter lists causing voting fraud. That voter lists causing voting frauds accounted for 29.54 percent of the entire voters. Therefore, necessary arrangements are being focused to ensure the correct voter lists and prevent the voter lists from bloating in the upcoming election.
- The relevant township level election subcommission members are conducting the verifications of ground population census for accurate voter lists for the first step such as verifications of the ground population data in respective ward/ village-tracts compiled by relevant Township General Administration Departments, and population data compiled as per housing and population census Form (66/6) of the Department of Immigration and Population.

- In doing so, a total of 200 out of 325 townships have been accomplished so far, other 104 townships are in progress and other 21 townships are remaining to verify. The remaining townships are two townships in Kayah State, seven townships in Chin State, eight townships in Sagaing Region, and four townships in Magway Region.
- Regarding the procedures including the inspections of political parties conducted by the UEC, there are 92 political parties registered at the UEC including 74 parties that will hold election campaign across the country and 18 parties, only in regions and states. Among them, there are 48 ethnic national parties and they have to abide by existing laws including Political Parties Registration Law and Political Parties Registration By-Laws.
- The Political Parties Registration Law section 18 and Political Parties Registration By-Laws section 23 stated that "If the accounts of a party are required to be audited, the Commission may do so. The Sub-commission at different levels may

also be caused to audit. In so auditing, the Commission or its Sub-commission may obtain assistance from the governmental departments and organizations". The UEC did not scrutinize the accounts of political parties in past but the UEC carried out the scrutinization of the accounts of all political parties as per requirements.

- In so auditing, the combined teams comprising representatives from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Planning and Finance, and Office of the Union Auditor General led by members of the UEC carried out the scrutinization processes.
- The UEC carried out the scrutinization of the accounts of political parties starting from the last week of August in 2021 and it has been almost one year. The 51

political parties had been audited in 2021 and other 34 political parties including the Zomi Congress for Democracy party in second week of June 2022 so that a total of 85 political parties had been audited up to date. Among them, there are just only eight political parties to be audited because the National Development and Peace Party was already liquidated.

The UEC is implementing the matters to do mentioned in the first point of Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council under the law, and cooperating with the relevant governmental departments and organizations to hold free and fair multiparty democratic general election in line with fifth point of Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council, the UEC member U Khin Maung Oo added.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (18-6-2022)

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#### PowerPoint Slides Containing Electoral Facts Explained to Media Outlets at the 16<sup>th</sup> Press Conference of Information Team of State Administration Council

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Excerpts from the Questions and Answers Session of 16<sup>th</sup> Press Conference of State Administration Council Information Team



Naung Taw Lay, chief editor of the Myanmar National Post asked the number of political parties which have contacted the Union Election Commission-UEC for taking inspections and whether the political parties which denied the inspections will be allowed to participate in the coming election or not. Regarding the question –



Naung Taw Lay, chief editor of the Myanmar National Post asking questions in progress

• UEC member U Khin Maung Oo answered that 8 out of 92 political parties remained to be inspected. Some parties are not ready to take inspections and some are for the security reason. Some party members are on the run. For the reasons mentioned above, the inspecting the political parties remains to be done and measures have been taken to inspect the remaining political parties.

The conditions whether the political parties which have not been inspected are to participate the coming general elections is not directly concerned with the election. The matter of inspecting the political parties is not directly related to their rights to compete in the elections. However, it depends on certain conditions of the political parties during the election time. During the election, if a political party was dissolved or temporarily suspended, they are not entitled to compete in the election. If they do not manage to compete in the designated constituencies, they will also lose their right to compete in the election.

U Kyaw Soe Oo, chief reporter from People Media asked the number of Unionlevel Hluttaw representatives from respective regions and states who have signed the document confessing that they have no relations with the NUG, CRPH and PDF. Regarding the question –



U Kyaw Soe Oo, chief reporter from People Media asking questions in progress

• UEC member U Khin Maung Oo said the matter of signing by the Hluttaw representatives is not concerned with the UEC. It is the matter taken action by relevant government of regions and states. Therefore, there is no data related to the matter in UEC.

U Min Maung, chief editor of Nay Pyi Taw online said it is reported that Duwa Lashi La from so-call National Unity Government- NUG claimed that the NUG has pursued two approaches to ensure the failure of the upcoming election and also people cannot cast their votes. For the matter, he would like to know what the State will response. Regarding the question – the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held' as stated in the five-point roadmap of the government. Measures have been taken to ensure the successful holding of the elections.

• In order to assure the free and fair election, it is required to ensure that the national people are entitled to cast their votes without pressure, coercion, and threats. Only the community peace and stability will ensure such condition. Therefore, the State government is endeavouring with the combined efforts of the relevant ministry departments, organizations and societies. People's active participation is also required. UEC will join hands with all relevant parties to ensure the successful holding of the free and fair elections.

U Ye Lin Tun, reporter from Cohesion News Agency asked he would like to know whether the candidates require certain qualifications of education and the property background. Regarding the question –



U Min Maung, chief editor of Nay Pyi Taw online asking questions in progress

• UEC member U Khin Maung Oo said 'upon accomplishing the provisions of



U Ye Lin Tun, reporter from Cohesion News Agency asking questions in progress

• UEC member U Khin Maung Oo said the Hluttaw Representatives are the key players in the legislation which is one of three major powers of the State. Since they are the significant ones in the Government, their capacity and education are necessarily to be high. The UEC is taking necessary measures to set the education requirements in the law after reviewing the previous tenure of the Hluttaw and the inspection results of the political parties. When the law comes into force, we can explain more about the matter.

• Similarly, properties and income status of the Hluttaw candidates will not be limited. However, according to the findings of the inspections over the political parties, the parties are required to have a reasonable fund and therefore, that matter will be accordingly undertaken.

U Kyaw Soe Oo, chief reporter from People Media said regarding the death penalties sentenced to Phyo Zeyar Thaw and Jimmy, the international communities reportedly sent appeals to the State Government. Therefore, we'd like to know the attitude of the government towards such matter. Moreover, we'd also like to know how the State Administration Council government continues the New Yangon City project which was implemented by the previous government. Regarding the question -



U Kyaw Soe Oo, chief reporter from People Media asking questions in progress

• Major General Zaw Min Tun said in some cases, the State has emphasized on the law enforcement measures, every

country has to do so. Regarding the death penalty, there are around 70 and 80 countries that have practiced such penalty. Some countries have suspended such type of penalty although they have it. As far as we can think of, there are hundreds of countries that can sentence such type of penalty.

- Some actions have to be taken as necessary for the rule of laws. Particularly, some actions are to be taken to ensure such incidents do not occur in the future. As the result of their incitements, at least over 50 innocent civilians were killed.
- Regarding the case, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has also released a statement. Myanmar is a sovereign State. Therefore, Myanmar is fully entitled to exercise the three major powers of Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary. The State Government has to exercise the powers as it is necessary when it is required to do so. Regarding the New City project, the Yangon region government is now reviewing it.

Daw Thazin Oo, reporter from The Sun Rays said some Ethnic Armed Organizations-EAOs who have not attended the peace talks are enjoying the benefits from armed conflicts. Far from returning to legal fold, they cannot even participate in the peace talks although they've known they can get the rights of self-administration and determination in their respective area. Moreover, the PDF groups are also enjoying the benefits from committing armed terrorist attacks, collecting extortion money, and conducting robberies. PDF members sooner or later are likely to become bandits and gangs. Therefore, we'd like to know whether the SAC government set timeframes for PDF as well as other groups to return to the legal fold and after the timeframe, how the



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- Major General Zaw Min Tun said there are EAOs which emerged long before and also EAOs formed recently in 2017. Most of the EAOs come into existence after following their rights of ethnic people and other certain reasons. Why EAOs are holding their arms bases on the above-mentioned reasons.
- The reasons of holding arms by the PDFs are quite different from which of the EAOs. We had repeatedly requested to solve the problem of the electoral frauds. The holding arms of PDFs are conducted by the ones who refused to solve the problems of electoral frauds. The EAOs have been fighting against the government. They fight against the government because they did not get what they want for the interests of their area and region.
- The activities of the PDF are different from which of the EAOs. Rather fighting against the government, they are killing ordinary people after accusing them of dalan/informants. They killed a people just for an anger not for knowing he is dalan or not. PDFs even killed NLD party members as well as their supporters. Moreover, they also killed Buddhist

monks, and attacked schools. When the COVID-19 infection rate was at its peak, they even attacked hospitals.

- None of EAOs have committed such crimes. PDFs are attacking against people and their properties. They attacked and killed teachers. I just want the people who are in the PDF groups to consider what they are doing is right or wrong. We just invite the people who accidently committed the crimes and on the wrong path.
- So far, 38 PDF members have returned to the legal fold and there are contacts of remaining people in the PDF groups to return into legal fold. Some EAOs are reportedly encouraging the PDF groups and some EAOs have different attitudes towards the PDFs.
- We will accept the PDF members as long as they return into legal fold for there are certain requests. Although some PDFs want to return into legal fold, they are facing threats and coercion. I'd like to say that the State Government and security organizations will make utmost efforts to ensure the highest level of security and secret and safety of those returning to legal fold.

Dr. Min Lwin, chief editor from Weekly Eleven Media said regarding the corruption cases related to ex-Yangon Chief Minister U Phyoe Min Thein, his region ministers were taken actions in the YBS case. He, the most responsible person was not found being taken action in the case. According to the estimated calculation on the loss of the State fund, the losing amount due to his activities reached nearly Kyats thousands of billions. In the corruption cases filed against Daw Aung San Su Kyi and U Win Myint, the loss of State fund was merely over four billions of Kyats. Although U Phyo Min Thein was responsible for the maximum amount of State fund loss, he was ignored while others were taken actions. Therefore, I like to ask whether such situation is politically motivated. U Phyo Min Thein before becoming a chief-minster used to live in the apartment on Maung Htaw Lay road. His wife owned a small goldware shop. After being the Yangon Chief-Minster, he suddenly became rich and even managed to give 7 visses of gold and \$600,000 to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. Therefore, we are curious whether there are investigations over the properties of U Phyo Min Thein; there are any plan to conduct investigations over all possibilities of the corruption committed by the him and also they are plans to carry out prosecution in transparent means. Regarding the question –



Dr. Min Lwin, chief editor from Weekly Eleven Media asking questions in progress

- Major General Zaw Min Tun said that there are certain investigations carried out by Anti-Corruption Commission in some cases. In this regard, the investigations are for the primary case and also for other related matters. The Commission has nothing to hide regarding its findings.
- The State Government will fairly and justly decide depending on the reports and findings of the Anti-Corruption Commission. He requested an official

from the commission to answer the question.

- An official from Anti-Corruption Commission said, the intention of forming the Anti-Corruption Commission is to conduct as per the provisions of United Nations Convention against Corruption. The Commission has carried out their duties since 2014 to ensure the clean government and good governance system throughout successive administrations.
- There is no action with grudge against somebody by the Commission. The Commission conducted their duties depending on the complaint after forming an investigation team. According to the findings of the investigation team, Commission continue the legal proceedings. The Commission has conducted as per the rules and will also continue the actions as per the laws and prescribed rules and regulations.

U Thein Win Oo (Penname Ayear U Thar), a senior reporter from Top Phoenix Agency said he firstly like to remark that the entire population is proud and delighted as the State provided school text books and other related assistance to school children. However, the school text books supported by the State have not sufficiently reached to some schools in townships in regions and states. For that matter, he would like to know how the Government will solve the problem of insufficiency of school text books in some townships. Regarding the question –

• Major General Zaw Min Tun said that the Government has distributed the school text books for free. The text books are arranged based on the number of students attending school in previous year. We had printed more text books than the number of school children who attended in the last year.



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- The number of the textbooks that were reported to the government will be differences rather than the number of the actual printing time. The government encounters difficulties in distribution of textbooks and some arson attacks on the books. Some school textbooks were robbed and destroyed. The textbooks have not been distributed to schools in some districts yet and are being kept at the safe places near districts. Moreover, the textbooks could not be distributed to some districts of Sagaing Region. Although the government tried to distribute them, the terrorists set fire to those books for three times whenever it sent them three times. The textbooks were sent through ships but they were destroyed. As the textbooks were robbed, the owners of ship and textbooks paid K1 million to PDF terrorists in order to get back.
- That matters are the real difficulties on ground. The government, we continue to deliver the textbooks as they had been already printed out. Maj-Gen would like to inform to public through media agencies that you all need to report in time if there will be difficulties in distribution of textbooks. The government has ready

to solve it. Regarding the matters, the Ministry of Education will continue to answer in details.

- An official of the Ministry of Education explained that the Department of Basic Education has already printed school textbooks for all students who are attending at Basic Education Schools and also keeps as reserves of textbooks. The textbooks are being distributed to schools in townships based on the number of students in last years. Therefore, we distributed the textbooks amount to 10 percent in this year.
- But, the rates of school enrolment have increased in some areas because of enrolling the children who did not attend the school in last year, the new students and the children who moved from other areas. So, there were insufficient amounts of textbooks with school children so that the government fulfilled the requirements.
- The government, we fulfilled the needs of textbooks at soonest because more than 580,000 students attended in last year and 930,000 in this year at Yangon Region. Hence, all school children will receive textbooks.

U Hla Swe, Publisher of Golden Hand News Agency said that U Hsan Sint Minister of Religious Affairs during the term of President U Thein Sein, build the pagoda at Yet Kann Sin Taung with his own decision without receiving the approvals of relevant authorities, but State-owned vehicles and fuel oil were used in the construction of pagoda, therefore, he was imprisoned as his guilty was found that K7.3 million lost to the State budget. Likewise, during the term of NLD government, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi made a round trip to Thailand by chartering a plane because the wife of her associate was receiving medical treatments at the hospital in Thailand. Now my question is that whether the State budget cost for chartering expenses; whether the novel prizes money cost for chartering expenses; whether the chartering expenses used from State budget causing the corruption; whether the government takes necessary action only after complaining against corruption; whether her case was corruption because he heard U Aung Kyi in last government period saying that the corruption was opened file in just only the reputation of the matter. In reply to the questions:



U Hla Swe, Publisher of Golden Hand News Agency asking questions in progress

- Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun explained that it was right that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi made a round trip to the women receiving medical treatments at the hospital in Bangkok by chartering a plane, and we let the public to know the corruption or not after detail investigations of her entire case. In this regard, we noted and will carry out as per the procedures.
- An official of Anti-Corruption Commission clarified that there are definitions regarding the anti-corruption stated in Section 3 (a) of the Anti-Corruption Law. Finally, we should let you know the case is corruption or not after the further investigation on the facts raised by the reporter will be carried out and investigated in line with the definitions of the Anti-Corruption Law.

U Zaw Min Oo, editor in chief of Tae` Pyaw News Agency said that France ambassador to Myanmar recently condemned the verdict of Zeyar Thaw and Jimmy, some ambassadors also referred to the State Administration Council as an "illegitimate military regime", they have no right to interfere in our country's internal affairs, it was an insult to entire Myanmar citizens who want to live in peace like me, it will cost a lot of money to transport them via airlines and to hire an interpreter if ambassadors/diplomats in the country will be invited to the press conference hereby, and therefore, he would like to suggest that we should do the same like Venezuela so that they can also see the events as well as it will prevent the expenses. If I had to tell you in detail, in Venezuela, the daily events in the country were broadcast as a channel by setting up LED Boards in front of the Embassy of US and Embassy of France to Venezuela and Office of the Representative of the United Nations, likewise, if the daily devastations of PDF terrorists in our country will be broadcast as well, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of their respective countries can see those daily devastations through CCTV records even if their ambassadors/diplomats do not watch such activities. So, now my question is that whether the government has a plan to set the LED Boards to show the daily events in the country; whether the government has a plan to issue fuel oil for staff at BOC fuel stations as recent years; and whether the government has a plan to provide sufficient cash for staff to purchase at current prices. In reply to above questions:

• Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun answered that the diplomats know all information they want to know, they even know the news of fire outbreak that occurred in a village from a remote area, and publicize the news report if they want to. In some cases, they knew all news but pretended not to know. At least, they are watching press conference hereby and just only reported to each other.



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- As regards the fuel oil, providing cash instead of giving fuel oil to staff are that there are no special imports of fuel oil for them. Therefore, we also hear they

are saying that load and strength are not equal in the workplaces. Concerning that factor, the government will resolve step by step.

- Continuously, an official of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs explained that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had already delivered objection letter to the Embassy of France to Myanmar about the reckless statements of France Ambassador to Myanmar on 6 June, and the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs met the France Ambassador to Myanmar at the Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw to talk about the objection on his statement on 9 June. Such doing is the strongest warning in diplomatic affairs.
- Not only embassies but also their relevant countries knew the events happening in our country. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is also constantly clarifying the situations and real events and pointing out the false allegations and exaggerated figures for the events.

The details of the press conference can be accessed at Myawady Webportal (<u>http://</u><u>www.myawady.net.mmm</u>) and (<u>http://</u><u>myanmar.gov.mm</u>).

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