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Coordination Meeting on Undertakings of Union Government Continues for Third Day



The third-day coordination meeting on undertakings of the Union government continued on 10 August at the meeting hall of the State Administration Council Chairman Office, and the Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addressed the meeting.

On the agenda of the meeting, Union ministers and Union level officials reported on missions and visions of relevant ministries, duty and functions, progress and future plans through PowerPoint presentation. In reviewing the reports, the Senior General stressed the following points:

- The information measures must be taken in a correct and prompt manner, with the true information being released to the people on time.
- The requirement for contestants from all regions and states to compete in the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, which aims to preserve Myanmar's traditional music and fine arts.
- It is necessary to encourage people to read literature in order to gain knowledge.
- Officials are required to manage to minimize number of crop species as there are difficulties in sales and management due to the varieties of crop species in the agriculture sector.
- Systematic practices in the agricultural process will aid in increasing per acre yield of crops.
- The implementation of solar-powered river water pumping projects in regions and states will provide enough water for agriculture.
- In the agriculture sector, it is necessary to reclaim cultivable lands using heavy machinery.
- Implementing cage system for animals will be more beneficial in the livestock sector.
- Officials need to oversee preventive measures for fish source depletion.



Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister making discussions in the meeting

- Cooperative measures are being implemented to boost production which is based on agriculture and livestock sectors.
 - Success can be seen in the implementation of the Mya Sein Yaung project. If officials continue the formation of cooperative societies in regions and states by organizing people who are eager to put cooperative plans into actions, the socio-economic status of rural people will improve.
 - Moreover, it is necessary to encourage students to attend technological universities and universities of computer studies for learning higher education.
 - In order to turn out necessary human resources for agriculture, livestock and industrial sectors, plans are underway to establish more and more agriculture, livestock and technical high schools across the country.
 - It is necessary to arrange for housings for service personnel when they retire, as well as housings for the in-service personnel and for affordable public housings for the general public. As a result, long-term housing project implementation must be considered.
 - It is necessary to preserve the languages and cultures of ethnic people as well as Myanmar literature, language and culture.
- Afterwards, the Vice-Chairman of the SAC Deputy Prime Minister discussed the following points:
- Deaths and injuries among security forces, administrative, education and health staff, innocent people, monks and nuns in attacks and murdering of terrorists during the term of the SAC.
 - The need to coordinate tasks of relevant departments for successfully restoring security, stability and the rule of law in respective regions and states.
 - The continuous efforts for COVID-19 prevention, treatment and control activities.
 - The supervision in border areas to prevent illegal trade that negatively affects the interests of the country.
 - The issuance of Citizenship Scrutiny Cards (CSCs) to the eligible citizens so as to successfully hold the general elec-



The members of the State Administration Council and the joint-secretary making discussions in the meeting

tion in line with the five-point roadmap, and the cooperation of relevant authorities in compiling correct data in computerizing form N (4) and form 66/6 by the Ministry of Immigration and Population.

Later, the Prime Minister delivered concluding remarks as follows:

- A government must strive for the economic development of the people and the nation. An emphasis must be placed on strengthening the State economy in shaping the Union based on democracy and federalism.
- The government needs to implement the political landscape into normalcy. It is necessary to achieve progress for the nation within six coming months.
- Regarding the education sector, all students need to be taught to have real education rather than passing grade. The students were poor in their critical thinking as they passed their grades but did not have real education.
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their experiences of social and knowledge from their respective majoring subjects in practical arenas. As a result, individual skills of applying their knowledge will benefit the State.

- Public health is important, so people need to be fully vaccinated against COVID -19.
- Measures must be taken with public strength to ensure proper drainage to prevent flooding.
- Efforts should be exerted for development in the regions and states. If the ministries and regions/states collaborate with each other, greater progress can be achieved.

The meeting was attended by the Vice-Chairman of the SAC Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General SoeWin, council members, the Secretary and the Joint Secretary, Union-level officials, Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, chief ministers of regions and states and chairpersons of self-administered areas.

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Leading donor of the Buddha image Prime Minister feeding humus to No. 1 Barringtonia Acutangula sapling and pouring clean water on it

A gala ceremony of growing Barringtonia acutangula plant at Mucalinda lake and erecting stone inscription plaques for Pitakat treatises in line with Sixth Buddhist Synod took place at the Buddha Park where the Maravijaya Buddha Image would be built in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Territory on 11 August, attended by members of the Sangha led by Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Paukmyaing Monastery in Lewe and Abbot of Maha Thihanada Monastery of Tatkon in Nay Pyi Taw.

It was attended by Leading donor of the Buddha image Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Vice-Chairman of the SAC Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Council members, the secretary, the joint-secretary, Union level officials, Union ministers, the chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council, chief ministers of regions and states, chairmen of

Self-Administered Zones and religious association members

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Senior military officers reported on the excavation of marble rocks to be carved as Maravijaya Buddha Image, conveyance of the marble rocks, carving of the image with the use of modern machinery, future work plans, construction of religious buildings in the park, and plan to carve Pali and Romanized languages on the stone plaques in line with Sixth Buddhist Synod under the guidance of venerable sayadaws.

In his speech related to building the



Leading donor of the Buddha image the Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister erecting Pitaka stone inscription plaques of the 6th Buddhist Synod

Buddha image, the Senior General said that:

- He led well-wishers in the arrangements to carve the Buddha image on the marble rocks in modern techniques in accord with the guidance of the Sitagu Sayadaw, the Shwethuwun Sayadaw and the Rector Sayadaw on the request of Shwe Foundation.
- For the conveyance of marble rocks, a channel was dug from the marble mountain in Madaya Township by barge. Next, these were conveyed along the Ayeyawady River to Hsimeegon Port in Myingyan Township in the first phase. Weight cutting tasks were carried out at the port and those parts were carried in modular trailers to Nay Pyi Taw along Mandalay-Yangon Expressway despite difficulties.
- It was a world record long-distant conveyance in terms of both water and land transport modes. When the construction works of Buddha image were completed, this Buddha image will be the largest and highest of all the ones made of marble in Myanmar as well as in the world.
- For religious ceremonies, a Sasana Beikman hall is also under construction like the Maha Pasana Cave on Thiri Mingalar Kabaraye hillock in Yangon Region where the Sixth Buddhist Council meeting took place. It can house 1,200 members of the Sangha and congregation.
- Mucalinda Lake is being built under the guidance of venerable sayadaws, and all construction works of Buddha image have been intended to finish during the term of the State Administration Council.
- Engineers are working day and night with the help of modern machinery to complete the works. The rough work is expected to finish by the end of this year.
- When the Buddha Park project completes, monastery buildings will be constructed for pagoda board of trustee Sayadaws to reside in. Preparations are under management to publish and distrib-



Abbot of Pali Tekkatho Mingala Zeyon Monastery of Pyinmana sprinkling scented water on the Pitaka stone inscription plaques

ute the Tri Pitakat treatises like international ones in accord with the set standards.

- The Pitakat treatises will be inserted into mobile tablets for the study of visitors to the stone inscriptions. Those tablets will also be sold to interested persons.

It is reported that the Senior General and party viewed round completion of the rough

form of the throne for Maravijaya Buddha Image, construction of the retaining walls along the creek, completion of Thudhamma Public Rest-houses, progress of Mucalinda Lake and stone inscription plaque chambers.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (12-8-2022)

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Scale model of Maravijaya Buddha Image at the scene with the donation of leading donor the Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister sprinkling scented water on the Pitaka stone inscription plaques



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister explaining the excavation of marble rocks to be carved as Maravijaya Buddha Image

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Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Receives a Delegation led by Member of House of Representatives Mr. Hiromichi Watanabe of Liberal Democratic Party of Japan



The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by member of the House of Representatives Mr. Hiromichi Watanabe of the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan at the parlour of the Office of the SAC in Nay Pyi Taw on 11 August.

During the meeting, the both sides cordially exchanged views on plans of Japan to grow cherry plants in the Maravijaya Buddha Park where the Maravijaya Buddha Image which would be the largest in the world will be located for enhancing the Japan-Myanmar friendly relations, political progress of Myanmar, promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation, further coop-

eration in economic and investment sectors, spreading of false information regarding Myanmar's political situation among foreign countries, and need for people in Japan to know the true situations.

Also present at the meeting along with the Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister were joint-secretary of the Council Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin, U Aung Naing Oo and U Ko Ko Hlaing, and officials. The member of the House of Representatives of the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan was accompanied by Japan-Myanmar Cultural Enhancement Association Chairman Mr. Fumio Usui and officials.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (12-8-2022)

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Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Attends Monsoon Tree-Planting Ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory for 2022 and Plants a Gangaw (*Mesua ferrea*) Sapling



The monsoon tree-planting ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory for 2022 was held on both sides of Sabei Road, a road to Maravijaya pagoda, in Dekkinathiri township of Dekkina district in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory. The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the ceremony and planted a Gangaw (*Mesua ferrea*) sapling. During the ceremony, the Prime Minister highlighted the following points:

- Holding the tree-planting ceremonies in the rainy season in 2022 by the government is intended for preserving forest resources and biodiversity and greening the natural environment with the promotion of public participation.
- This year's goal is to grow 30.57 million trees in the entire country in this monsoon season. The relevant ministry has met the target, so it must concentrate on the flourishing of the planted trees.
- According to research, Myanmar is included in the list of countries vulnerable to the consequences of global climate change.
- High temperatures and rainfall changes may cause more cyclones, followed by increasing heavy rains, floods, and droughts. The duration of the monsoon has become shorter and it can affect the agricultural work of the country.
- Myanmar possesses the seventh largest area of mangroves in the world and most of them are found in Rakhine state, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions.
- If we review the natural disasters caused by climate changes, many lives and a great deal of property were lost when Nargis cyclonic storm hit Ayeyawady and Yangon regions in May 2008. Everybody has already known that the government had to spare a lot of energy for rehabilitation programs.
- Mangroves protected lives and property from strong winds and high tides. Therefore, the tasks of mangrove conservation and regeneration must be focused.
- Mangrove forests provide basic needs of the coastal people. Their role is of vital importance in ecosystem that helps to increase the country's marine products (fish, prawn and crab), develop tourism



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister planting a Gangaw (*Mesua ferrea*) sapling

and mitigate climate change and prevent natural disasters. Hence, directives were given to prioritize the task of conserving and reestablishing the mangrove forests.

- A network of natural watercourses including four major rivers of the country is providing over 800 million cubic feet of fresh water annually. The whole country is using only over 45 million cubic feet of fresh water annually which is just around 5 percent of the total volume flowing in the watercourses.
- Myanmar has potential for businesses based on marine resources and so it is important to conserve forests in the watershed areas in order to protect the networks of creeks and rivers for long term use.
- Myanmar's geographical position has a variety of ecosystems and natural resources. Special focus should be given to the conservation of tropical forests in the arid zone.
- The government is carrying out greening tasks in dry zones such as conservation of tropical forest, reforestation, the digging and maintenance of wells and lake

for rural water supply and substitution of firewood with energy efficient stoves.

- The government is promoting public participation in tree-planting ceremonies along the entrance path of Maravijaya Buddha Park, where the world largest marble Buddha Image is being built, to make pilgrimage in peace of mind.
- Later, the Prime Minister urged all participants to carry out activities for conservation of abundant forest resources, biodiversity and environment as a national duty to systematically utilize them for national development by placing emphasis on negative impacts of deforestation.

The Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Vice-Chairman of the SAC Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win planted Gangaw (*Mesua ferrea*) saplings at designated places.

Afterwards, the SAC members, the secretary and the joint-secretary of the SAC, union-level officials, dignitaries, officials and staff of ministries, and students from the University of Forest and Environmental



Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister planting a Gangaw (Mesua ferrea) sapling

Science and Basic Education Schools and responsible officials planted saplings on both sides of Sabei road. A total of 776 saplings of Gangaw (*Mesua ferrea*), star flower and gold mohur were planted as a public

campaign at the today's monsoon tree-planting ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory for 2022.

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Photos of Monsoon Tree-Planting Ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory for 2022



SAC member General Mya Tun Oo



SAC member Admiral Tin Aung San



SAC member Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun



SAC member Mahn Nyein Maung



SAC member U Khin Maung Swe



SAC member Jeng Phang Naw Taung

Photos of Monsoon Tree-Planting Ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory for 2022**SAC member U MOUNG HAR****SAC member SAW DANIEL****Prime Minister and dignitaries encouraging the tree planting activities of the students in the monsoon tree-planting ceremony****SAC member U SHWE KYEIN****SAC member U SAI LONE HSAI**

Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Delivers a Speech at the Ceremony to Hand over Fund from State Economic Promotion Fund



The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech at the ceremony to hand over the fund from the State Economic Promotion Fund which was held at Bayintnaung Villa in Nay Pyi Taw on 12 August.

The meeting was attended by the Vice-Chairman of the SAC Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, council members, the Secretary and the Joint-Secretary, Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, chief ministers of regions and states, chairmen of self-administered zones and regions, and officials.

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

- K400 billion from the National Disaster Management Fund of the Ministry of Planning and Finance were set up as a separate fund for national economic development.
- In doing so, the task is divided into two channels such as agro-business promotion and economic development of regions, states and self-administered areas.
- The SAC in its early assumption period was attacked politically and economically. Hence, banking services and their circulation collapsed. Internal and external disturbances intended to collapse of State economy. On one hand, the outbreak of COVID-19 was also one of the hindrances to the government in its work. Hence, the government faced the delivery of capital for businesses.
- Efforts should be made to promote the economy for national development. Economy and politics has interrelated, and only the good economy can ensure political stability.
- It is necessary to balance the supply and demand of production. If not, people will face high prices of commodities.
- Production is the core of the economy. As the country must promote farming-based production, the national economic development fund is set up.



Prime Minister providing fund from the National Economic Development Fund through the Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and the Union Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development respectively

- The fund can ensure a quick win and the support for summer paddy and cold season crops. Hence, the fund was set up for the cultivation of summer rice and green gram which are the main export items of the nation.
- The presently disbursed funds are the capital given by the State, and those funds to be retaken will be disbursed again in the next season to be able to make investments. Therefore, it is necessary to consider that the investments are for manufacturing goods.
- The tourism industry is a smokeless business which is beneficial to the nation. Therefore, it is necessary to ensure smooth roads and communications and security, which is linked to the tourism industry in the regions. As there are many businesses to be run with the help of the State Economic Promotion Fund, these funds are to be spent profitably.
- Efforts must be made for upgrading ma-

chinery and raw materials for the improvement of textile industries and weaving industries to produce import-substitute products.

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The Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister presented cash assistance from the fund to the Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Tin Htut Oo, Union Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Hla Moe, chief ministers of Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Chin states, chief minister of Taninthayi region, chief ministers of Mon, Rakhine and Shan states, and chairmen of Naga, Danu, Pa-O, Palaung and Kokang self-administered zones and Wa self-administered division respectively.

The K400 billion State Economic Pro-

motion Fund in which K170 billion was provided to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, K60 billion to the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, K10 billion each to Kayah, Chin and Rakhine states for the implementation of the Emerald Green Project, K8 billion each to Kachin, Kayin, Mon and Shan states and Taninthayi Region, and K5 billion each

to Naga, Danu, Pa-O, Palaung and Kokang self-administered zones and Wa self-administered division respectively, totalling K330 billion, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (13-8-2022)

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Coordination Meeting of Leading Committee for Organizing the 23rd Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions



The Leading Organizing Committee on the 23rd Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held its coordination meeting at the Yinkyayhmu Yadana Hall of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture in Nay Pyi Taw on 12 August. During the meeting, Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, in his capacity as patron of the leading organizing committee on the 23rd Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions addressed the following points:

- The existence and long-lasting history of a country is linked with the unity in addition to its security, economy, education and culture.
- It can be seen that the cultural sector can be analyzed as physical and mental culture.
- Basic musical instruments of all national races in Myanmar are the same in original musical instruments “Kyey (Metal Instruments), Kyo (String Instruments), Thaye (Instruments Made of Leather), Lei (Wind Instruments), and Let Khoke (Percussion Instruments Used for Timing)” of Myanmar. Likewise, all ethnic people use the dancing system based on “postures of head, waist, leg and hand” which are the same in original dancing system of Myanmar.
- The performing arts competitions started in 1993 and suspended in 2016. Consequently, Myanmar’s cultural heritages are gradually disappearing among the new generation youths as well as number of performing arts experts is declining. So, experts are disappointed that the acts against the traditional can be seen here and there, and the encroachment of some traditional cultural heritages.
- Fine arts culture and traditional customs are interrelated through mutual respect. At a time when traditional cultural performing arts fades out, traditional culture such as paying respects to elders and dispersing compassion to others and giving mercy to youngers will face disappearance.
- The social objectives in nine objectives adopted by the SAC saying that “To respect and promote the customs and traditions of all National peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics,” in its



Maestros reporting on the conditions to successfully hold the 23rd Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

office term” are being emphasized in its office term.

- Hence, arrangements are being made to hold the 23rd Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions in line with the objective adopted by the SAC.
- Like the previous years, it arranges to add three categories in the singing competition, eight categories in the dancing competition, one category in song composing competition and 13 categories in the music competition in this 23rd Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition.
- “Kwet Seik”, a verbal skill of Myanmar’s performing arts, has almost faded out. So, it will also be included as traditional customs.
- Myanmar’s a traditional puppet competition is an art that can penetrate not only the region but also the international community. In the performing arts completions, the puppeteers can be turned generation after generation. It has caught international attention and earned foreign

income to a certain extent.

- The Vice-Senior General also stressed the need to hold the 23rd competition meeting the dignity of the country including the opening ceremony and closing ceremony, and award-giving ceremony and called on relevant officials and organizations to participate in their respective sectors such as matters relating to other administrative sectors in the ceremony.

Also present at the meeting were Union ministers, the chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council, deputy ministers, members of the leading committee and work committee, region and state ministers, permanent-secretaries, directors-general, maestros and officials.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (13-8-2022)



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Myanmar Made Strong Objections to the Remarks by Malaysian Foreign Minister

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a press release stated that it made strong objections to the remarks made by Malaysian Foreign Minister Mr. Saifuddin Abdullah at the press conference in Bangkok, Thailand on 10 August 2022 and at the

ASEAN Day event held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 8 August 2022.

Press Release

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs made strong objections to the remarks made by Malaysian Foreign Minister Mr. Saifuddin Abdullah at the press conference in Bangkok, Thailand on 10 August 2022 and at the ASEAN Day event held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 8 August 2022.

The Ministry strongly objects to irresponsible remarks by the Malaysian Foreign Minister encouraging the ASEAN Member States to engage with unlawful entities that are committing terrorist activities in Myanmar. Such reckless comments are a blatant attempt to interfere in the internal affairs of an ASEAN Member State by encouraging instability and acts of terrorism in the country, and those remarks are also in violation of the provisions of Article 2, paragraph 2(e) and (f) of the ASEAN Charter and Article 2, paragraph 7 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Malaysian Foreign Minister's remark on bringing in non-ASEAN countries to the process of the implementation of the ASEAN five-point consensus is also inappropriate as it could undermine ASEAN centrality and can derail the works of the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair.

The Ministry strongly protests the remarks by the Malaysian Foreign Minister on the alleged lack of cooperation by Myanmar in the provision of humanitarian assistance by ASEAN which is in total ignorance of noticeable progress made by the ASEAN Coordinating Centre on Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA centre) in Myanmar and which also fail to recognize sincere efforts of the Myanmar government in facilitating the works of AHA Centre.

Any ASEAN Member State with a genuine intention to see the prevalence of peace and stability in Myanmar should avoid these kinds of remarks adversely affecting the national reconciliation in the country. In this regard, the Ministry strongly protests and objects to the irresponsible and repeated remarks of interference in the internal affairs of an ASEAN Member State by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has sent a strong protest note to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia on this matter.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Nay Pyi Taw

Date, 12 August 2022

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (13-8-2022)

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- Malaysian Foreign Minister's remark on bringing in non-ASEAN countries to the process of the implementation of the ASEAN five-point consensus is also inappropriate as it could undermine ASEAN centrality and can derail the works of the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair.
- The Ministry strongly protests the remarks by the Malaysian Foreign Minister on the alleged lack of cooperation by Myanmar in the provision of humanitarian assistance through AHA centre in Myanmar.
- Any ASEAN Member State with a genuine intention to see the prevalence of peace and stability in Myanmar should avoid these kinds of remarks adversely affecting the national reconciliation in the country.

Union Minister U Khin Yi Receives UNHCR Delegation led by Resident Representative Ms. Hai Kyung Jun



The Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi received UNHCR delegation led by the resident representative Ms. Hai Kyung Jun at the meeting hall of the ministry in Nay Pyi Tawon on 12 August. During the meeting, both sides exchanged views as follows:

- Implementation of MoU between the Ministry and UNDP-UNHCR, status of allowing travel and work undertakings regarding with the humanitarian assistance in Buthidaung and Maung-taw region under the Mou.
- Myanmar's coordination with Bangladesh for the return of displaced persons, according to the process, the findings from the scrutinizing of the ministry on the sending data of displaced persons by the Bangladesh and completion of replying.
- Opening of reception centers and arrangements for the resettlement to accept the displaced persons.

Both sides cordially exchanged views on providing assistance in constructive

way by UNHCR and to put efforts for the implementation of Myanmar to be under-

stood by the international organizations, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (13-8-2022)

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Ceremony to Mark the Central Level of School Healthcare Week Activities in 2022-2023 Academic Year Held



The ceremony jointly organized by the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health to mark the central level of school healthcare week activities in 2022-2023 Academic Year was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw on 11 August. The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Education and Union Minister for Health.

The Ministry of Education collaborating with the Ministry of Health are carrying out activities such as: promoting school-

based health awareness; keeping school environment clean; measures of nutrition development; food safety; prevention of diseases; and providing the first school-based deworming medicines to a total of 6.6 million students in the 2022-2023 Academic Year.

After that, the Union Ministers and officials inspected the activities such as providing deworming medicines to students, iron supplements to teenaged students, asking students puzzle questions concerning

Photos of Ceremony to Mark the Central Level of School Healthcare Week Activities in 2022-2023 Academic Year



good health practices in the school library and giving awards, painting pictures, writing cartoons, exhibiting posters and composing essays by the students in the class-

rooms in front of the school's hall and encouraged the students, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (12-8-2022)

- **The Ministry of Education collaborating with the Ministry of Health are carrying out activities such as: promoting school-based health awareness; keeping school environment clean; measures of nutrition development; food safety and prevention of diseases. The first school-based deworming medicines are being provided to a total of 6.6 million students in the 2022-2023 Academic Year.**

Information Released on Detection of SARS-CoV-2 Omicron Variant

The Ministry of Health is continuously conducting “COVID-19 Molecular Disease Surveillance” and COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities, and also taking laboratory samples from those who have entered Myanmar from foreign countries through various routes and the confirmed patients who have been infected locally. Moreover, information on the detection of COVID-19 cases and SARS CoV-2 Omicron Variant is being released in a timely manner.

The laboratory samples of COVID-19 virus of positive cases have been sent to the

Department of Medical Research since 1-8-2022, and a total of 25 patients: two BA.2.75 cases; one BA.4 case; and 22 BA.5 cases are those who return from foreign countries and another seven patients: one BA.2.76 case and six BA.5 cases are locally transmitted. They all are in completed isolation since they had tested positive for COVID-19, and are in good condition at present, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (14-8-2022)

- **The 32 laboratory samples of COVID-19 virus of positive cases have been sent to the Department of Medical Research since 1-8-2022 and the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron Variant BA.2.75 was found in two laboratory samples, BA.2.76 in one laboratory sample, BA.4 in one laboratory sample and BA.5 in 28 laboratory samples. Among them, 25 cases are those who return from foreign countries and another seven patients are locally transmitted.**

Coordination Meeting on COVID-19 Prevention and Control Activities Held

A coordination meeting on accelerating the momentum in COVID-19 prevention and control activities was held on 13 August at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw with a hybrid system.

During the meeting, the Union Minister Dr. Thet Khaing Win highlighted the following points:

- The rising cases of Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 sub-variants of the COVID-19 pandemic were detected across the world including Myanmar.
- Returnees are required to follow health rules to prevent the COVID-19 pandemic,

especially at the border crossings,

- The Ministry of Health is systematically accelerating the COVID-19 prevention, control activities, including the vaccination programmes: inoculating booster doses to those who have completed for six months after receiving the full dose of the COVID-19 vaccine; inoculating additional booster doses to those who have completed for six months after receiving the (booster dose).

It is reported that relevant officials briefed the Union Minister on relevant measures by sectors to accelerate the health care activities regarding the COVID-19 pre-



vention, control and treatment activities as well as natural disasters, as the figure of confirmed cases in the country has risen slightly.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (14-8-2022)

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- Currently, there is an increase of Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 sub-variants of the COVID-19 pandemic across the world including Myanmar.

PDF Members with no Crime Records Returning Legal Fold Entrusted to their Parents

The ceremony of entrusting PDF members, who completed trainings in the areas of some EAOs and returned to legal fold without committing any crime, to their respective parents was held at the office of township administration council in Sinbaungwe township of Magway region on 12 August. The officials from the regional governments provided cash assistance to three PDF members (two males and one female) from Sinbaungwe township. They were entrusted to the care of their parents and guardians after they had signed the document of pledge and handed over their weapons to authorities.

At present, the State's government has released an announcement stating that organizations or groups including PDFs are welcomed if they want to enter the legal fold for their normal civilian lives by surrendering their weapons following rules and regulations to participate in future work plans of the country. From 6 June to 12 August 2022, a total of 250 persons including 197 males and 53 females have already entered the legal fold.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (13-8-2022)



- **Three PDF members (two males and one female) from Sinbaungwe township who attended trainings in the areas of some EAOs, committed no crimes and returned to legal fold, were entrusted to their respective parents. Moreover, the officials of the relevant regional government also provided cash assistances to the returnees.**
- **From 6 June to 12 August 2022, a total of 250 persons including 197 males and 53 females have already entered the legal fold.**

Relief Activities Carried out for the Households of Natural Disaster Victims

Military personnel from respective Military Regional Commands, departmental staff and local people carried out relief and rescue activities in the disaster-affected areas where floods and landslides occurred due to the heavy rain in Myanmar as follows -

- On 10 August, responsible persons from Myeik district department of Taninthayi region, provided cash assistance of K100,000 and 16 kinds of relief items for a family to repair their house which was damaged in landslide due to heavy rain in Myeiktaung ward of Myeik township and K10,500 to each of family members to buy rice for seven days.
- On 11 August, responsible persons from Myaungmya district department of Ayeyarwady region provided cash assistance of K2,001,600 in total including K1,800,000 for constructing houses and K201,600 for buying rice to 96 people who left their 18 houses in the villages of Warkhema township damaged in landslide due to floods.
- Flow of mountain water due to heavy rain starting from the evening of 11 August in Tachileik and Mongtong towns of Shan state made the houses in the towns submerged and also damaged the roads and bridges in the areas by landslides on 12 August. Therefore, local military personnel, departmental officials, and local people in the area of the Triangle Region Command carried out necessary relief and help activities such as relocating the



Military personnel conducting relief tasks for the flood victims in Shan state (East)

flood victims to the safe areas, doing traffic control activities, repairing roads and other relief and rescue activities.

- Hangan village of Ye township of Mon state was submerged due to the heavy rain starting from the morning of 12 August. Therefore, officials from Southeast Command provided food items to the flood victims.
- Wards in Keng Tung township and roads and villages of Tachileik township of Shan state (east) were submerged due to the heavy rain starting from the evening of 12 August. Therefore, local military personnel, member of Myanmar police force, firefighters, local civil relief groups and local ethnic people in the area of Triangle Region Command carried out necessary relief and help activities such as relocating the flood victims to the safe areas, and doing other relief and rescue activities.
- Monasteries, religious schools and schools in Keng Tung township and

Tachileik township of Shan state (east) were submerged on 14 August due to the heavy rain on 12 and 13 August. Therefore, local military personnel from Triangle Region Command, together with departmental service personnel, carried out necessary relief and rescue activities, including cleaning rubbish as well as silt, and provision of drinking water as well as food items to the flood victims.

It is reported that officials from Triangle Region Command and Southeast Command arrived at the disaster affected areas, encouraged the flood victims and provided medicines and food items to them.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (15-8-2022)



Military personnel and departmental staff distributing foodstuffs to the flood victims in Mon state



Military personnel conducting relief tasks for flood victims facing the flood in urban wards and roads in Kengtung township due to flow of mountain water

- **Officials from the Natural Disaster Management Department provided Cash assistance and relief items to a family that lost their house in landslide due to heavy rain in Myeiktaung ward of Myeik township as well as 18 families who left their houses in the villages of Warkhema township damaged in landslide due to floods.**
- **Officials from Triangle Region Command and Southeast Command arrived at the disaster affected areas, encouraged the flood victims and provided medicines and food items to them.**

Photos of Relief Activities Carried out for the Households of Natural Disaster Victims



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Foodstuffs Provided to Members of Security Force, Myanmar Police Force, Local Militia and their Family Members Doing Local Security Duties in Respective Areas



Commander of North-East Command providing foodstuffs to the military personnel, members of the Myanmar Police Force and People's Militia Force (Local) serving security duties in Lashio township of Shan state (North)

Commanders and officials from respective Military Regional Commands met with the members of security force, Myanmar Police Force, local militia groups and their family members, and provided them necessary foodstuffs.

- On 10 August, commanders of officials of North Eastern Command provided foodstuffs to military personnel, Myanmar Police Force members and members of local militia who are doing security duties in Lashio township of Shan state (north).
- On the same day, the Commander of Central Command and officials met military personnel, Myanmar Police Force members, and their family members who are doing security duties in the areas of Meiktila township and Taungdwingyi township of Mandalay region presented cash award and foodstuffs to them, it is reported.
- On 11 August, Commander of Eastern Central Command and party provided

food items to Myanmar Police Force members and their families in Loilen township, Shan state (south).

- On 11 August, the Commander of Central Command and officials met military personnel, Myanmar Police Force members in Magway township of Magway region and provided them food items and cash awards.
- On 12 and 13 August, Commander of Southern Command and party provided food stuff and cash awards to military personnel, Myanmar Police Force members, and their family members who are dutifully serving their duties in Taungoo township of Bago region.

It is reported that respective Regional Military Commanders coordinated with relevant officials to fulfil the requirements reported by the military personnel and police force members doing their local security duties.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (14-8-2022)



Commander of Central Command providing honorary cash awards and foodstuffs to the military personnel, members of the Myanmar Police Force and People's Militia Force (Local) serving security duties and their families in Taungdwingyi township of Magway region



Commander of Eastern Central Command providing foodstuffs to the Myanmar Police Force members and their families in Loilem township of Shan state (East)

- Commanders of respective Regional Military Commands and officials met with and provided cash awards and food items to members of security force, Myanmar Police Force, local militia groups and their family members who are doing security duties in Shan state (north) and (south), Mandalay region, Magway region and Bago region.



Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko Oo providing honorary cash awards and foodstuffs to the Myanmar Police Force members and their families in Magway township of Magway region



Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Htein Win providing foodstuffs to the members of the security force and Myanmar Police Force and their families in Taungoo township of Bago region

Exports to Foreign Countries Generate nearly USD 6,000 Million in Four Months of 2022-2023 FY

The exports to foreign countries generated a total of USD 5,851.881 million in four months of 2022-2023 FY, from 1 April to 5 August. Among them, USD 3,905.87 million was generated through sea routes and USD 1,946.001 million was generated through border trade posts.

As exports to foreign countries generated a total of USD 4,784.344 million within the same period of 2021-2022 FY, more exports could be made this year than last year. Among them, USD 2,864.783 million was generated through sea routes and USD 1,919.561 million was generated through

border trade posts.

The export of agriculture products to foreign markets generated USD 1,314.018 million, the export of animal products generated USD 15.592 million, the export of fishery products generated USD 212.906 million, the export of mineral products generated USD 134.04 million, the export of forestry products generated USD 58.912 million, the export of CMP products generated USD 3,957.942 million and the export of other products generated USD 158.471 million.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (14-8-2022)



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CDF Terrorists wantonly Fired Small Arms at Local Travellers in Chin State

On 12 August, U Kaw Hlyan, who lives in Zaythit ward of Hakha town in Chin state, together with his wife Daw Shan Nam Kyae and his younger brother U Kat Htan Haye went to Yangon city to Hakha town by road. On the arrival to a location 4 miles far away from the town, CDF terrorists wantonly fired small arms at their vehicle, killing Daw Shan Nam Kyae with a gunshot wound to the head. U Kaw Hlyan and U Kat Htan Haye got injured with gunshot wounds in the terrorist attack, and they were transported to the Hakha public hospital for medical treatment.

Terrorists who uphold extreme political dogma are striking terror into the public. Furthermore, they fire small/heavy arms at non-military targets of towns and villages where non-combatant of innocent civilians live. Again, they wantonly make bomb attacks on vehicles running on roads as well as bridges and roads. As terrorist acts kill and injure innocent civilians, the entire na-

tional population despises terrorist attacks.

Throughout the scene, security personnel are performing security tasks. Furthermore, security personnel, joining hands with the locals, are taking necessary measures to find and apprehend the CDF terrorists involved in the afore-mentioned terrorist attack, as well as take punitive legal action against them.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (13-8-2022)



U Kat Htan Haye (injured)



U Kaw Hlyan (injured)



Daw Shan Nam Kyae (dead)

- **As CDF terrorists wantonly fired small arms at innocent travelers near Hakha town, one innocent female was killed and two other innocent males were injured.**