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Chairman of State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Receives the Peace Delegation led by Chair of Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS) General Yawd Serk



The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received the peace delegation led by the Chair of the Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS) General Yawd Serk at the parlour of Bayintnaung Villa in Nay Pyi Taw on 29 August to talk about peace issues.

At the peace talk, the Chairman of the SAC Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services highlighted the following points:

- Efforts being made to exercise the genuine disciplined multiparty democratic system and build the Union based on democracy and federalism as the political vision.
- The future plans that will be continued to restore the peace based on the Constitution (2008) and the Nationwide Cease-fire Agreement (NCA).

The Chair of the RCSS and party dis-

cussed their attitudes on building the Union based on democracy and federalism, peace process and regional development and exercising federalism, solving political problems through political means, promoting social lives of people, eliminating armed conflicts and terrorism and further plans to be carried out. Afterwards, the Chairman of the SAC Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services discussed the following points:

- The importance of geographic conditions of the country and the adoption of foreign policy in conformity with our country.
- The needs to exercise federalism that harmonized with our country's geographic situation, national characteristics and culture while most countries are exercising democracy and federalism.
- The need to have human resources with knowledge and skill in exercising the genuine and disciplined democratic sys-



tem, and the efforts being made to enhance the education sector for gaining educated persons so as to encourage the development of the country in a great momentum.

- Efforts being implemented for the development of ethnic people's areas. Then, The both sides frankly exchanged views on peace and regional development issues.

The peace talk was attended by the Chairman of the SAC Commander-in-Chief

of Defence Services, accompanied by the Vice-Chairman of the SAC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Council members General Mya Tun Oo, Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun and Lt-Gen Yar Pyae. The Chair of the RCSS was accompanied by Secretary (1) Sao Sai Ngin and Central Executive Committee Member Sao Saung Han.

Source: Myawady Television (29-8-2022)

- **The Chairman of the SAC Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services discussed on exercising the genuine multiparty democratic system, and efforts being made to build the Union based on democracy and federalism as the political vision.**
- **He highlighted the needs to implement federalism that harmonized with our country's geographic conditions, national characteristics and culture while most countries are exercising democracy and federalism.**
- **The need to have human resources with knowledge and skill in exercising the genuine and disciplined democratic system, and the efforts being made to enhance the education sector for gaining educated persons so as to encourage the development of the country in a great momentum.**
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Opening Ceremony of Meeting on Enhancement of Agriculture Sector and Socioeconomic Life of Farmers through Inclusive Irrigation System Held



The ceremony to open the meeting on the enhancement of the agriculture sector and socioeconomic life of farmers through Inclusive Irrigation System was held at the Agricultural Education and Rural Development Training School in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 August, with the presence of the Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Also present were SAC members, Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, permanent secretaries, directors-general, rectors, farmers who are leaders of region/state water utilization teams and members and officials.

During the ceremony, the Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered a speech as follows:

- The SAC is developing the agriculture sector that is the core of a developed and prosper country with abundant supply of food through the adoption and implementation of objectives and policies.
- Water supply system is of vital importance in crop and rural development.

Hence the government is prioritizing the irrigation projects.

- Agriculture and water are indivisible. Farmers should develop the farming sector through the effective use of water resources provided by the irrigation projects.
- According to expert calculation, depending on soil condition, average water need for the success of an acre of rice which is main crop is five acre feet or 1.35 million gallons.
- Means should be sought in applying technology-based irrigation system especially in summer or the dry season to prevent water loss.
- Therefore, measures are being taken for the formation of Water User Groups (WUG) for respective irrigation canals and the Water User Association (WUA) to enable the groups to cooperate and to strengthen them extensively for the durability of water supply canals and facilities and the development of water supply systems.
- The system can bring about benefits such as prevention of water disputes as farmers themselves can participate in the



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister watching the documentary video about activities for promotion of the agriculture sector and socio-economic lives of farmers through Inclusive Irrigation System

system and expansion of irrigation areas by minimizing water losses and utilizing irrigation water beneficially.

- Currently, the government has set up the K230 billion fund allotted from the K400 billion State economic promotion fund for successfully growing 850,000 acres of summer paddy and 500,000 acres of green gram through a mutual farming system as of the coming season.
- As the government has been fulfilling the need for agricultural water supply tasks constantly for the development of the agriculture sector, farmers are required to cooperate for promotion of socio-economic lives of farmers and the farming sector in line with the term **“Participatory Irrigation System”**.

Then, the Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister and party viewed round the exhibition booths, water pumps, water spraying equipment, model plantations of crops using farming tools and machines, high and low mobile solar water pumping systems, measurement of Global Water Flow Probe, demonstrations of the placing linings for re-

spective types of canals, supplying water by installing sluice gates and monsoon paddy cultivation by irrigation system. The Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and responsible officials conducted the Senior General. Then, he asked questions on the reports, discussed them and gave necessary instructions.

The round-table discussion on the enhancement of the agriculture sector and socioeconomic life of farmers through Inclusive Irrigation System was aimed to assist water supply systems for agriculture through systematic management of water resources in Myanmar and to cooperate for promotion of socio-economic lives of farmers through the participation of farmers by organizing WUG/WUA. The meeting was attended by 200 farmers who are leaders of water user groups from regions and states with an attendance of 250 more farmers through online virtual.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (27-8-2022)

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Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister viewing round the exhibition booths displayed at the opening ceremony of the meeting on the enhancement of the agriculture sector and socioeconomic lives of farmers through Inclusive Irrigation System



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister viewing the demonstrations about activities using water spraying equipment

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Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister inspecting vegetables displayed at the event



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister cordially greeting the farmers who are leaders of water utilization teams



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister taking a commemorative photo together with attendees

**Excerpts from Speech Delivered by Chairman of State Administration Council
Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to 75th Anniversary
(Diamond Jubilee) of Sarpay Beikman**



The excerpts from the speech delivered by the Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to the 75th Anniversary (Diamond Jubilee) of Sarpay Beikman are as follows:

- Today, 26th August of 2022, is the auspicious occasion of the 75th Anniversary (Diamond Jubilee) of Sarpay Beikman, which has a high tradition in the literary world in Myanmar. In those days, there were many things which attributed to the development of a race and a nation. These days, however, “education is the only thing” needed for development is accepted by all nations around the globe.
- In order to enable the learners to constantly read, study and share in successive eras, we, humans started to use books, which are distributed around the globe extensively.
- With the passage of time, the learning materials have changed, commencing from stone inscriptions to palm leaf manuscripts, to books and to electronic books. The changes in technology have created different formats; yet, the very essence is the same.
- Since the pre-independence period, Sarpay Beikman has consistently been performing literary duties to its utmost until today, disseminating knowledge among the people. It is a great institution which we are all very much proud of.
- With the objective of opening the eyes of the public, the Luhtu Ahlin, the Luhtu Eik Hsaung and Luhtu Tekkatho were first published. In 1954, Myanmar Encyclopaedia Volume I (Ka-Kote) was published, and in 1977, Vol 15 was published.
- Sarpay Beikman also published the school textbooks, the Terms Bank, 50-year Sarsin, Sarpay Beikman Magazine, Pyithu Letswe, Thutapadetha and Shwe Thway (children journal).

- Additionally, for the development of Myanmar literature, the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award was created with the publishing tasks. Then, this award was extended to Fine Arts Award, the National Literary Award and the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award. Commencing in 2001, the Lifetime National Literary Award for Literary Achievement, which is the highest national award, has been given. Now, we have already conferred this award on 34 great writers.
 - Most of the national literary award winners were produced by Sarpay Beikman. In cooperation with Tun Foundation, Myanmar Encyclopaedia books are being edited, and now, Volume I (Ka-Kote) has been updated and published again.
 - I myself have read the books published by Sarpay Beikman since my youth. And I have been a member of Sarpay Beikman Library Association. The knowledge I have gained from reading the books, magazines and journals published by Sarpay Beikman in those days is invaluable, and they are still useful these days. And the reading habit has made me learn continuously.
 - Currently, our country has trodden on the path to “genuine, disciplined multi-party democracy”.
 - Additionally, the democratic system must have an education system which will not adversely affect our country’s national characteristics and culture. The education system is aimed at not teaching democratic politics but it should be aimed at developing good democratic practices. The education system should focus on continuous learning.
 - It can be seen that some books published after 2011, especially after 2015 and talks under the literary talks led to a highly divided society against democracy for our country.
 - Due to reading good fiction and non-fiction books published by the Sarpay Beikman, the people will have national characters and a nationalistic spirit endowed with knowledge and skill, and it will increase the number of educated new generations who will adore their own culture, language and customs.
 - In accord with the theme of Sarpay Beikman’s **“Light, where Darkness was”**, the good literary works were published without “dogmatism and literary views” which may harm the national cause but with the aims of turning out good and able citizens equipped with a good attitude, ideas and knowledge in line with the 38 auspicious ways.
 - Only when the number of educated youths increases will a new human society emerge for leading the development of Myanmar’s social economy.
 - As our government is building a better State and socio-economic lives prioritizing the interests of the State and ethnic national people in line with the motto of the government “Keep Moving Forward to Achieve Our Goal”, I believe that the Sarpay Beikman is also participating in the work process with the strength of literature.
- Finally, the Prime Minister wishes the long-term existence of the Sarpay Beikman from the Diamond Jubilee celebration to many future years and the Sarpay Beikman may strive for nation-building endeavours with greater efforts.

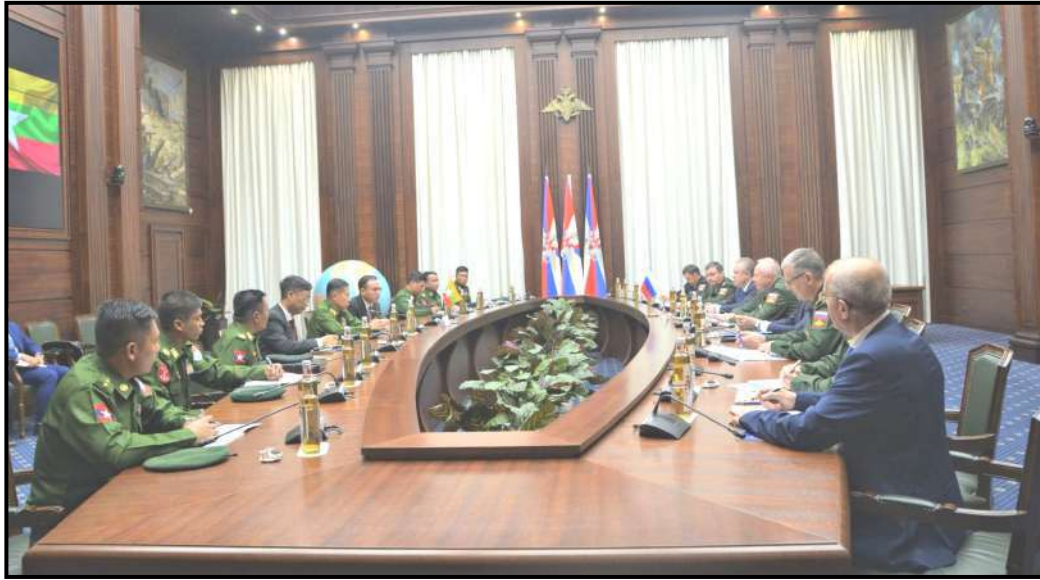
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SAC Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Soe Win Meets Russia’s Deputy Defence Minister

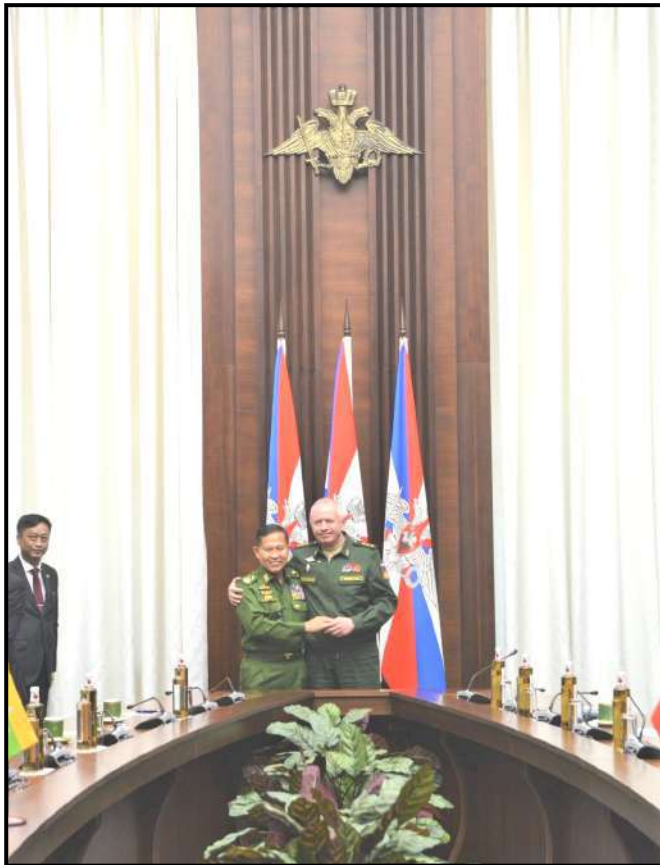
To attend the closing ceremony of the International Army Games 2022 held in the Russian Federation, a Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win left Nay Pyi Taw on the morn-

ing of 25 August and arrived in Moscow, the Russian Federation in the evening of Local Standard Time.

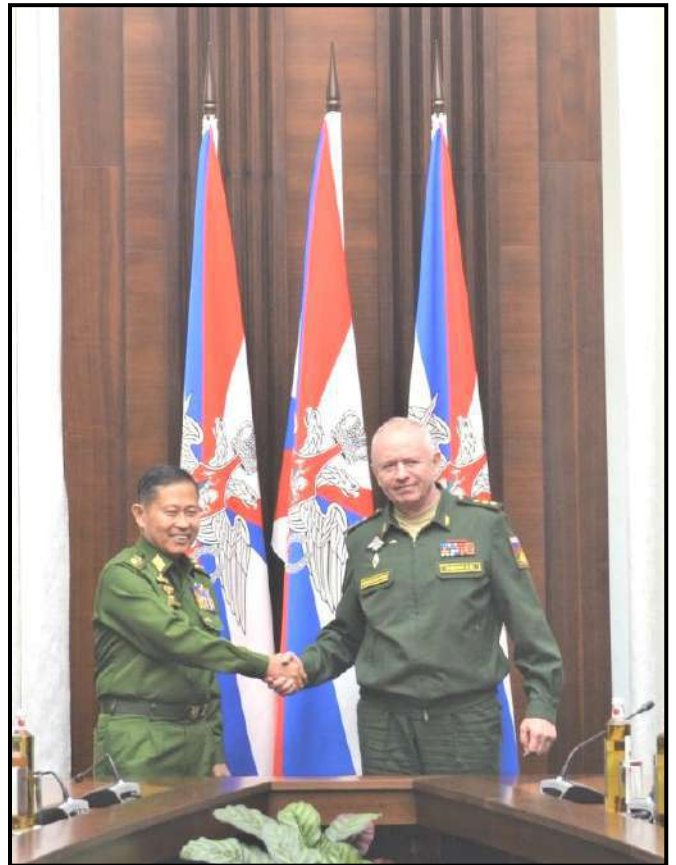
On 26 August, the Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior Gen-



Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services holding a meeting with Deputy Defence Minister of Russian Federation



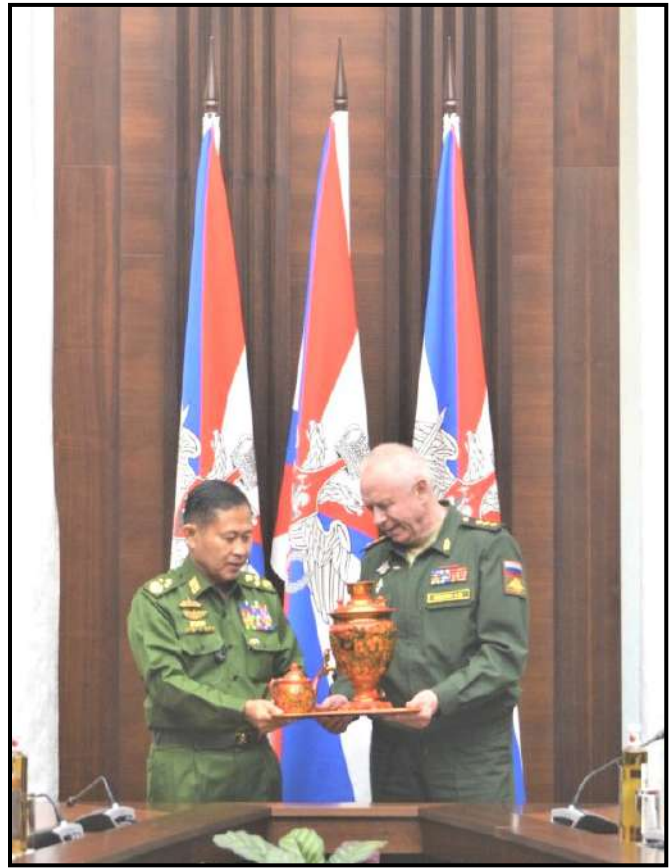
Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services cordially greeting the Deputy Defence Minister of Russian Federation



eral Soe Win went to Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation and met Russian Deputy Defence Minister Colonel General Alexander Vasilyevich Fomin. They, then, frankly discussed the plans to be carried out with mutual respect, trust and support between the two armed forces. After the meet-

ing, the two leaders exchanged gifts, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (28-8-2022)



Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and Deputy Defence Minister of Russian Federation exchanging commemorative gifts

- The Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win arriving in the Russian Federation, met Russian Deputy Defence Minister Colonel General Alexander Vasilyevich Fomin. They, then, frankly discussed the plans to be carried out with mutual respect, trust and support between the two armed forces.

SAC Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Soe Win Visits Myanmar Theravada Buddha Vihara (Moscow), Ethnomir World Culture City and Meets Families of Myanmar Embassy, Military Attaché Office, Trainees in Russian Federation

The Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win arriving in Russian Federation went to the Myanmar Theravada Buddha Vihara (Moscow) in Moscow where they paid homage to Residing Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta-Issariyain the morning (local time) of 26 August. The Vice-Senior General and party took Five Precepts and donated offertories

to Sayadaws.

In the afternoon, Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council and party visited the Myanmar Embassy in Moscow of the Russian Federation and met families of the embassy and military attaché office and trainees. Then, the Vice-Senior General paid homage to the Shwezigon Pagoda (replica) in Ethnomir world culture city and went sightseeing in the city.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (28-8-2022)



Shwezigon Pagoda (replica) in Ethnomir world culture city seen



Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and party donating offertories to Sayadaws of Myanmar Theravada Buddha Vihara (Moscow)



Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services delivering a speech at the meeting with families of the Myanmar Embassy in Moscow and military attaché office and trainees

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Vice-Chairman of State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win Attends Closing Ceremony of International Army Games-2022



The Myanmar Tatmadaw Delegation led by the Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win attended the closing ceremony of the International Army Games-2022 at the Convention Center of Moscow in Russian Federation on 27 August.

The Vice-Chairman of the SAC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and party visited the booths of House of Friendship at Alabino training ground together with other attendees. Then, they watched the final match of the Tank Biathlon (Division-1) event.

The International Army Game-2022 was joined by 37 countries and events were hosted by 12 countries including Russia. The Myanmar Tatmadaw participated in the tank biathlon, sniper frontiers, military medical relay race and army of culture events as

follows:

- The Myanmar tank troop set 1 hr 36 min 25 sec record, hitting 14 of 15 targets in total in the tank biathlon (tank crew competition) Division-2. Therefore, Myanmar tank troop deservedly won the first prize among 11 contending troops.
- Myanmar team stood the fourth position among seven contending teams in sniper frontiers.
- In the military medical relay race, Myanmar team won diligent award and was fourth among 16 teams.
- Likewise, Myanmar Tatmadaw cultural troupe secured the first prize in the music playing, the first in the dual singing (Russian song), the third in dancing, the second in female solo singing, the third in traditional culture performance, the third in the folk national instrument and the third in the traditional cultural booth.



Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services watching the final match of the Tank Biathlon (Division-1) event



Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services welcomed by the officials at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport

Significantly, the Myanmar team won the first prize in the people's choice award by public voting.

The Myanmar Tatmadaw teams performed enhancement of competitive experiences, technical experience and friendly relations in the games of international military

troops and decided to continuously participate in the games in coming years. The Vice-Chairman of the SAC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and party left Russian Federation for Myanmar on 29 August.

Source: Myawady Television (29-8-2022)

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Myanmar Strongly Condemns and Rejects Statements Related to Incidents Took Place in Rakhine State in August 2017

The issuance of statements by certain countries and organizations including the spokesperson of the United Nations Secretary-General were found to be not only concealing the ARSA's terrorist acts with regard to the incident of 25 August 2017 and ignoring to objectively observe the situation of ethnic people in Rakhine State but also

disregarding constructive measures taken by the Myanmar Government. The contents contained in the statements are of unverifiable sources and tantamount to the interference in the internal affairs of Myanmar. As such, Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement that Myanmar strongly condemns and rejects those statements.

Press Statement

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has learnt the issuance of statements by certain countries and organizations including the spokesperson of the United Nations Secretary-General on the anniversary of the incident that took place in Rakhine State on 25 August 2017. The contents and facts contained in their statements not only lack authenticity and are of unverifiable sources but are also found to be one-sided and interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar.

The incidents that started on 25 August 2017 in Rakhine State were triggered by the coordinated and simultaneous attacks of the ARSA (Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army) terrorist group on 30 police outposts and a Regiment Headquarters. Those terrorist attacks resulted in casualties of both security personnel and innocent civilians. In this regard, with a view to ensuring prevalence of security, peace and stability of the locality and the people, the security personnel had to take necessary measures in accordance with the existing rules and regulations.

The ARSA terrorist group had deliberately orchestrated such incidents to make the people in Rakhine State flee to the other side of the border. They also inflated the numbers of the people who fled due to the terror-threat of ARSA. The Myanmar Government is systematically carrying out verification process to repatriate those who fled the country, in accord with the bilateral agreements.

The Government and people of Myanmar do not recognize and accept the use of the term "Rohingya". Such term is not included in the historical evidence and lacks legal basis. Those using the term are found to be doing so for political purposes. The Myanmar

Government is granting appropriate status of citizenship to those eligible after systematic verification in accordance with the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law, irrespective of race or religion.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Nay Pyi Taw

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Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (26-8-2022)

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State Peace Talks Team Continues its Meeting with the Peace Delegations led by Chair of PNLO, Chair of LDU and Vice-Chair of ALP



The State Peace Talks Team continued its meetings with the peace delegation led

by the Chair of the Pa-O National Liberation Organization (PNLO), Chair of the La-



The Chair of the PNLO signing the agreements



The Leader of the NSPNC signing the agreements



The Chair of the LDU signing the agreements



The Vice-Chair of the ALP signing the agreements

hu Democratic Union (LDU) and Vice-Chair of the Arakan Liberation Party (ALP) on 25 and 26 August. At the meetings, the participants clarified the following matters:

- The studies on the agreements of Part III of the Union Accord to check whether they comply with the existing laws and the 2008 Constitution and the list of Union legislation – Table 1 and the list of regional or state legislation – Table 2 in the Constitution in respective sectors.
- The post-2020 procedures and phased implementations – Table 2 to be discussed according to the ninth JICM resolution.

- According to the negotiations resulting from four-day-long meetings, opinions of both sides were discussed again and the final agreement was reached. The agreements were approved and signed by both parties.

The State Peace Talks Team met each peace delegation separately on 26 August morning, and the participants had an open discussion regarding the implementation of agreements from the first round of the peace talks, additional requirements to be fulfilled and regional development activities. Then, the three peace delegations left Nay Pyi Taw on 27 August.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (27-8-2022)

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NSPNC Meets Working Group of Political Parties



The meeting between the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee-NSPNC and the working group of political parties was held at the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Centre's meeting hall on 27 August.

During the meeting, each point of NSPNC's findings on proposals of the working group of political parties concerning the amendments of the 2008 Constitu-

tion was discussed and participants exchanged their views.

Then, the NSPNC clarified the findings on the practice of federalism in Germany and presented the lists of pending legislation from Table 1 and Table 2 provided in the 2008 Constitution.

SAC Member Union Minister at the Union Government Office National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Commit-

tee Chairman Lt. Gen. Yar Pyae and committee members, leader of the working group of political parties Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP) Chairman U Sai

Aik Pao and representatives of the working group attended the meeting, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (28-8-2022)

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Event of Public Awareness Speeches on National Unity, Development and Peace Held for Second Time



The socio-economic development of national races and ethnicities are interdependent with national unity and peace. With an intent to ensure the civil servants and staff from the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs as well as the members of Ethnic Literature and Culture emphasize the interests of ethnic people by applying their accumulated knowledges and wisdoms in doing the ethnic affairs, the event of awareness speeches was held for second time on 24 August.

During the event, State Administration Council member Daw Aye Nu Sein explained that literature will help understand the cultural customs and traditions of respective ethnic groups and accordingly, friendly relations among ethnic people de-

velop. Moreover, reading will also enable people to acquire knowledges and perform the interests of people, community, the world and the Nation by using the knowledges. Member of Advisory Team of the State Administration Council Chairman Dr. Yin Yin Nwe made a speech under the topic of 'Differential Treatment of Different Countries'.

It is reported that the event was attended by State Administration Council member Daw Aye Nu Sein, Member of Advisory Team of the State Administration Council Chairman Dr. Yin Yin New, Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs U Saw Tun Aung Myint.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (25-8-2022)

- Literature will help understand the cultural customs and traditions of respective ethnic groups and accordingly, friendly relations among ethnic people develop. Moreover, reading will also enable people to acquire knowledges and perform the interests of people, community, the world and the Nation by using the knowledges.

Union Election Commission Conducts On-Job Training for Capacity Building of Deputy Staff Officers



The opening ceremony of the on-job training (5/2022) for capacity building of the deputy staff officers to be assigned at the Union Election Commission Office and Sub-commission offices was held at the Sinphyushin hall of the Interrogation and Accommodation Centre (Ywa Taw) in Nay Pyi Taw on 25 August. During the ceremony, the Chairman of the Union Election Commission (UEC) U Thein Soe stressed the following points:

- The trainees need to know the detailed functions of the UEC and elections. The UEC is an organization that has to supervise to hold the elections.
- The functions and mandates of the UEC have already been described in the UEC law. Mainly, there are three duties of the UEC that are to convene free and fair elections, to supervise the political parties to ensure that they conduct in accordance with the law, and to scrutinize

electoral objections by organizing election tribunals.

- In holding the election, there are three periods, such as pre-election, election and post-election periods.
- There are a lot of tasks within each period and these procedures are to be carried out continuously as a circle until the next election.
- As deputy staff officers are main assistants for staff officers, they themselves must be known well their duties in their fields so as to provide full support.
- Since the UEC is the major organization that has to take responsibility for the elections, if there were mistakes in the action and undertakings of the commission, it will have impact on the dignity of the commission and the nation as well. He urged all to have skills in their assigned duties to avoid any mistakes.

- Trainees are urged to make known and preparations on the tasks that will have to be carried out during elections.

UEC members, officials of the election office and trainees. The training will be conducted from 25 August to 5 September.

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Diamond Jubilee Event of Sarpay Beikman Held



The video message sent by the Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister played at the 75th (Diamond Jubilee) anniversary of Sarpay Beikman

The Diamond Jubilee ceremony of Sarpay Beikman of Printing and Publishing Department under Ministry of Information was held at the Sarpay Beikman Hall of Kyauktada township in Yangon. The Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, ministers of regional government, departmental heads, the Myanmar Press Council chairman, literary scholars and guests.

First, the video message sent by the Chairman of State Administration Council

Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was played. Then, the documentary video of the history of Sarpay Beikman was shown.

Then, the Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn said the following points:

- The SAC government presented Lifetime National Literary Award, National Literary Award, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award to ensure the social status



of literary scholars.

- Moreover, it awarded honorary titles and medals. It also arranges to provide healthcare services to the lifetime national literary award winners.
- Arrangements are being made to construct an Art Centre to carry out artworks of literary, film, theatrical performances and music industries keeping abreast of international countries.
- Similarly, it is nearly to build the Sarso Beikman to support creations of great writers and literary scholars, ensure the collective work of people of the literary world, lifelong existence of Myanmar literature development activities and chances for book lovers to be able to study.
- All literary scholars are exhorted to participate in building a Union based on democracy and federalism.

- He also urged literary scholars to keep supporting the processes as they supported the country's development with the power of the pen.

Then, respective officials received cash donation of Ks221.5 million and presents donated by donors of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, Air) families, and the Yangon Region chief minister U Soe Thein and gave gifts to the service personnel who served at the Sarpay Beikman.

It is reported that Sarpay Beikman published periodicals and treatises, such as Luhtu Ahlin, Luhtu Eik Hsaung , Luhtu Tekkatho, translations of school textbooks, Myanma Encyclopedia year books, 50-year Sarsin, Sarpay Beikman magazine, Pyithu Letswe, nine treatises of Luhtu Thaikpan, Myanma Encyclopaedia synopsis, Shwe Thway (Children Journal) and Thuta Padetha and so on at a cheap price, and those

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Union Minister for Information presenting honorary gift to U Nyunt Tin (Maung Nyein Thu-Gyo Bin Kauk), on behalf of Myanmar Writers Association



Yangon Region Chief Minister presenting literary fund to Author Daw Cho Cho Tin (Ma Sandar)



Lt-Gen Thet Pon presenting gifts to the authors through Dr. Maung Thin



Adjutant General Lt-Gen Myo Zaw Thein presenting cash donation for the literary fund to Author U Maung Maung Lat (Naung)

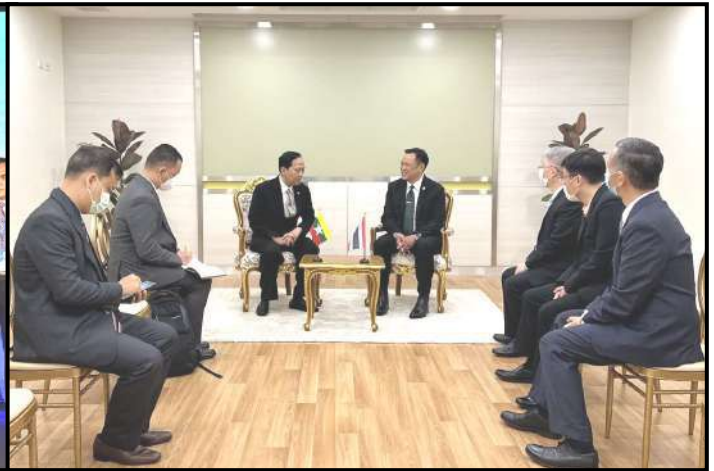
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Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win Attends Opening Ceremony of Secretariat of ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies in Bangkok

At the invitation of the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand and Minister for Public Health, ASEAN Secretary-General H.E. Mr. Lim Jock Hoi, Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win and officials attended the opening ceremony of the Secretariat of the ASEAN Centre for Public Health Emergencies held at the Bangrak Medical Centre Building in Bangkok, Thailand on 27 August.

At the ceremony, Thailand Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Public Health H.E. Mr. Anutin Charnvirakul made opening remarks. Along with the Deputy Prime Minister, the representatives of the ASEAN countries pressed the button to open the centre. Afterwards, the Union Minister and the attendees looked around the exhibition hall of the centre.

Secretariat of the ASEAN Centre for



Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases (ACPHEED) were opened with the support of Japan and it can respond to public health emergencies in ASEAN member States, exchange public health information within member countries, and open training courses.

After the ceremony, Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win met Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Public Health H.E. Mr. Anutin Charnvirakul. During the meeting, they frankly discussed more cooperation in Myanmar-Thailand healthcare activities, it is reported.

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Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win Meets the Delegation led by Managing Director of the GAVI-The Vaccine Alliance Office, Based in Geneva, Switzerland

Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win of the Ministry of Health received the delegation led by Mr. Thabani Maphosa, Managing Director of the GAVI-The Vaccine Alliance Office, based in Geneva, Switzerland, at the ministry's reception hall in Nay Pyi Taw on 24 August.

During the meeting, the Union Minister pointed out the following facts:

- The GAVI-The Vaccine Alliance, United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organi-

zation (WHO) need to cooperate closely with the Ministry of Health in Myanmar's routine vaccination activities.

- The ministry will accept and welcome any kind of assistance without any strings attached, and the assistance will also be used effectively under the management of the Ministry of Health.

Managing Director Mr Thabani Maphosa of the GAVI-The Vaccine Alliance discussed the following points:

- They will continue to provide the neces-



sary vaccines for Myanmar's routine vaccination activities and support regular vaccination activities for children in remote areas.

- Besides GAVI-The Vaccine Alliance, UNICEF and WHO will also cooperate closely with the Ministry of Health to support vaccination activities.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister, Director-General and officials of the Ministry of Health, the UN Resident

Coordinator for Myanmar Mr. Ramathan Blakrishnan, the representative of the United Nations International Children's Fund (UNICEF) Myanmar Mr. Marcoluigi Corsi, the Deputy Head of the World Health Organization (WHO) office in Myanmar, Dr. Fabio Caldas de Mesquita and Mr. Dirk Gehl from the GAVI-The Vaccine Alliance team.

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Delegation led by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Attends 16th ASEAN Navy Chiefs' Meeting and Discusses



A delegation led by the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Moe Aung attended the 16th ASEAN Navy Chiefs' Meeting-16th ANCM which was held in Indonesia.

At the meeting, Admiral Yudo Margono, Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Navy delivered an opening speech. The chiefs of ASEAN navies exchanged country-wise views on "The Roles of ASEAN Navies in Addressing Maritime Challenges". Invitations were made regarding joint naval exercises, the International Maritime Defence Equipment Exhibition and meeting programmes among navies to be held in 2023.

At the meeting, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Moe Aung exchanged views on the following points:

- The construction of a safe and stable maritime arena by collectively solving regional maritime challenges.

- Capacity enhancement of the Myanmar (Navy) through training.
- The importance of teamwork to be exercised by ASEAN navies.
- Further promotion of cooperation among navies and harmonious cooperation in maritime security measures.

The Commander-in-Chief (Navy) held talks with the Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Navy, the Chief of Staff of the Vietnamese People's Navy, the Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy, the Commander of the Royal Cambodian Navy, and the Deputy Chief of General Staff (Army) of Laos separately. The delegation arrived back in Yangon by air on 25 August, it is reported.

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Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Moe Aung taking a commemorative photo with the attendees of the 16th ASEAN Navy Chiefs' Meeting



Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Moe Aung meeting with Chief of Staff of the Indonesian Navy Admiral Yudo Margono



Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Moe Aung and party welcomed by the Yangon Command Commander and officials at the Yangon International Airport

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Myanmar Armed Forces Cultural Troupe Wins Prizes in Army of Culture Competition



The Myanmar Armed Forces participates in Tank Biathlon (Tank Crews Competition), Sniper Frontier, Military Medical Relay Race (Medical Staff Competition), and Army of Culture Competition in the International Army Games-2022 organized in the Russian Federation since 15 August, together with neighbouring countries, ASEAN countries and other countries.

The members of the Myanmar Armed Forces Cultural Troupe competed in various competitions, together with traditional cultural teams from 12 countries, and won the first prize in playing Myanmar Traditional Orchestra competition, the first prize in dual singing competition (Russian song), third prize in dancing competition (four eras), se-

cond prize in the female single singing competition, the third prize in a performance highlighting the country's culture, the third prize in Folk National Instrument playing competition, the third prize in traditional culture gallery and the first People's Choice Award in online fan voting.

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Photos of Myanmar Armed Forces Cultural Troupe Participated in Army of Culture Competition



Deputy Minister for Commerce Answers Question on the Rumours about the Sufficiency of Local Rice

The local prices of rice become volatile due to the fake and fabricated news released by some media agencies via online social media networks. Therefore, with an intent to clarify about the actual situation, Deputy Minister for Commerce U Nyunt Aung responded as follows to the questions raised by media outlets –

- Myanmar had cultivated 15 million acres of monsoon rice accounting for 1,088 million Tinns of rice production and 2 million acres of pre-monsoon rice with 213 million Tinns of rice production in 2021 alone. Therefore, Myanmar accounted for 1,301 million Tinns of rice (13.01 million tonnes) production in total.
- After extracting seeds and wastes, the net remaining rice is 12.282 million tonnes. The estimated requirement to consume for the 55 million people in the country is only 9.88 million tonnes of rice. Therefore, the amount of foreign export is around 2.88 million tonnes of rice.
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August was only 1.338 million tonnes of rice and 0.808 tonnes of broken rice. Therefore, the local remaining rice will be 3.635 million tonnes of rice.

- There will require 3.134 million tonnes of rice from the remaining rice for local consuming for four months from September to December. In the end of September, rice will acquire from the monsoon rice cultivated in this monsoon season of this year. Therefore, people need not worry for the local sufficiency of rice and foreign export of rice will continue as usual, explained the Deputy Minister.

The Ministry of Commerce usually permit the foreign export of agricultural products and basic food items providing that the local sufficiency is secure. Likewise, the export of rice is also systematically permitted after the considering the local sufficiency. The current situation of remaining local rice is fairly sufficient prior to the new production of monsoon rice. Moreover, people need not to worry about the rumours and fake news because the remaining rice is sufficient for local consuming.

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Action to be Taken to Foreign Currency Dealers Online: CBM

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Central Bank of Myanmar

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Local garment factories had stopped due to low availability of raw materials and orders from the garment industry since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. At present, more than 90 percent of the garment industry from the remaining factories, except for the factories that were closed by fire, is back in business.

There are more than 100 garment factories in Hlaing Thar Yar industrial zone,

having over 500 to 1,000 workers in each factory. Due to the decrease of the number of COVID-19 cases in various countries of the world this year, orders have increased more than last year. There are 29 industrial zones, including Hlaing Thar Yar industrial zone and some 800,000 workers are working in garment factories and garment-related industries, it is reported.

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