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Buddha Image Conveyed to Mucalinda Nagayon Buddha Image Chamber, Maha Bawdi Banyan tree Planted in Precinct of Maravijaya Buddha Park as Meritorious Deeds on Kason Fullmoon Day



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the ceremonies to convey the Buddha Image to Mucalinda Nagayon Buddha Image chamber and grow a Maha Bawdi banyan tree in the precint of Maravijaya Buddha Park in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory on 3 May as part of doing meritorious deeds on Kason fullmoon day.

At the auspicious time of the ceremony, the Senior General, the leading donor pressed the button to convey the Buddha image to the chamber. Then, the Senior General and party sprinkled scented Paritta water on the Mucalinda Buddha Image. Afterwards, the Senior General and party fed fish in Mucalinda Lake.

Then, the ceremony to grow a Maha

Bawdi banyan tree took place at Maravijaya Buddha Park in commemoration of the Kason fullmoon day of Buddha Day with three recitation of Namo Tassa. The Senior General placed jewelleries in the place where a Maha Bawdi banyan tree will be planted. The Senior General planted a Maha Bawdi banyan tree at the designated place and fed fertilizer to it. And then, the plant was sprinkled with scented water.

Also present at the ceremony were SAC Vice Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Union Ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, officials and religious associations.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (4-5-2023)

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SAC Chairman Prime Minister sprinkling scented Paritta water on the Mucalinda Buddha Image



SAC Chairman Prime Minister placing jewelleries in the place where a Maha Bawdi banyan tree will be planted



SAC Chairman Prime Minister planting a Maha Bawdi banyan tree and sprinkling scented water on it



SAC Chairman Prime Minister feeding fish in Mucalinda Lake



SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister sprinkling scented Paritta water on the Mucalinda Buddha Image



SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister sprinkling water on Maha Bawdi banyan tree

A Ceremony to Donate Offerings and Day Meals to Members of Sangha in commemoration of the Buddha Day on Kason Full Moon Day Held



An auspicious ceremony to donate offerings and day meals to the members of the Sangha in commemoration of the Buddha Day on full moon day of Kason was held at Sasana Maha Beikman in the precinct of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda on 3 May. At the event, the congregation led by the Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister and wife listened to Metta Paritta that was recited by the members of the Sangha. Then, they donated offerings to the Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Thanlyin Minkyaung Sayadaw, and day meals to the members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, the SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife offered alms to the Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Myingyan Thirimala Koehsaung Monastery Sayadaw and the officials donated offerings to the members of the Sangha respectively.

The ceremony was graced by the members of the Sangha led by the the Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Thanlyin Minkyaung Sayadaw. Also present at the ceremony were the SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife, members of the Council and wives, union level dignitaries, union ministers and wives, senior military officers and responsible officials, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (4-5-2023)

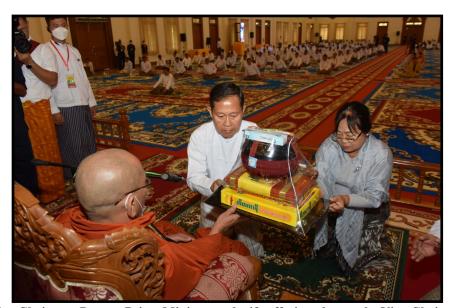
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SAC Chairman Prime Minister and wife donating offerings to the Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Thanlyin Minkyaung Sayadaw



SAC Chairman Prime Minister and wife offering day meals to the members of Sangha



SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister and wife offering alms to the Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Myingyan Thirimala Koehsaung Monastery Sayadaw

Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla Attend Dhamma Preaching Auspicious Ceremony to mark the Buddha Day on Kason Full Moon Day



The Dhamma Preaching Auspicious Ceremony to mark the Buddha Day on the full moon day of Kason 2023 was held at Sasana Maha Beikman in the precinct of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda on 3 May. At the event, the congregation led by the Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister and wife respectfully listened to Dhamma Katha Desana relating to the Buddha day on the full moon day of Kason preached by Sitagu Sayadaw. The Senior General and wife prebillion more than K1.111 sented Dhammapuja cash donation (nine prerequisites) for the Sayadaws, followed by sharing of merits gained.

The event was graced by the members of the Sangha led by the Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and State Ovadacariya Sawlasama Chief of Shwekyin Sasana Chancellor of the Sitagu World Buddhist Universities. Also present at the ceremony were the SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife, members of the Council and wives, union level dignitaries, union ministers and wives, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, senior military officers and officials, and religious associations.

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SAC Chairman Prime Minister presenting more than K1.111 billion as Dhammapuja cash donation (nine prerequisites) for the Sayadaws through Union Minister U Ko Ko

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and Party Pour Water on Maha Bodhi Banyan Trees



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife pouring water on Maha Bodhi trees at the northern corner of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda

On the Buddha Day of Kason full moon day of 1385, ME that falls on 3 May, the 15th Kason water pouring ceremony was held at Maha Bodhi trees at the northern corner of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda. Likewise, Kason Water Pouring Ceremony was also held at Maha Bodhi trees at Lawka Chantha Sutaungpyae Pagoda in Zeyathiri township.

The ceremony was attended by SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, SAC Vice Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General and wife, SAC members and wives, Union Level officials, Union Ministers and wives, Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) and wife, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and wives, officials



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife pouring water on Maha Bodhi trees at Lawka Chantha Sutaungpyae Pagoda

and members of religious associations. They poured water on Maha Bodhi banyan trees at designated places and sprinkled scented water on them.

The special feature of full moon day of Kason is that it is the birthday of not only Lord Gautama Buddha but also the day he attained enlightenment as Lord Buddha and also died attaining parinirvana. Against this backdrop, the full moon day of Kason is designated as "Buddha Day". Kason water pouring ceremony is an enjoyable religious ceremony and a cultural heritage where people perform meritorious deeds. Usually, people sprinkled scented water on Bodhi trees and made their thrones look pleasant a day before the ceremony, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (4-5-2023)

- Kason Water Pouring ceremony in the northern corner of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda and Kason Water Pouring Ceremony at Lawka Chantha Sutaungpyae Pagoda in Zeyathiri Pagoda were held. The State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister, his wife and party poured water on Maha Bodhi banyan trees at designated places and sprinkled scented water on them.
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SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister and wife pouring water on Maha Bodhi trees at Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda

Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Receives a Delegation led by Orthodox Archbishop of Metropolitan of Singapore and South-East Asia

The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by Russian Orthodox Archbishop His Eminence Sergiy of Metropolitan of Singapore and South-East Asia at the parlour of the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 4 May. During the talks, both sides frankly discussed the following points:

- The development of diplomatic relations between the two countries for a long time and situations to undertake further improvement.
- The exchange of culture and religious affairs, further cementing friendly relations between the two governments and people via religious ties.
- The plan underway to build a Russian Orthodox Church in Myanmar and construction of a Buddhist Centre and a

Shwezigon replica temple in Russia.

• The building of Maravijaya Buddha Image made of marble which would be the largest in the world and then, the Archbishop blessed Myanmar for development, peace and stability.

Also present at the talks along with the SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing were SAC Joint-Secretary, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture and officials. His Eminence Sergiy was accompanied by Orthodox priests and Russian Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Mr. Dr.Nikolay Listopadov, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (5-5-2023)

Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Holding Talks with a Delegation led by Orthodox Archbishop of Metropolitan of Singapore and South-East Asia







• During the talks between the SAC Chairman Prime Minister and Russian Orthodox Archbishop of Metropolitan of Singapore and South-East Asia, views were exchanged on situations to undertake further improvement of diplomatic relations between the two countries, a plan underway to build a Russian Orthodox Church in Myanmar and construction of a Buddhist Centre and a Shwezigon replica temple in Russia.



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing taking a documentary photo together with a delegation led by Russian Orthodox Archbishop of Metropolitan of Singapore and South-East Asia

Work Coordination Meeting 1/2023 of Central Committee on Implementing Development of Border Areas and National Races Held

The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is serving as the Chairman of the Central Committee on Implementing Development of Border Areas and National Races, attended the work coordination meeting 1/2023 of the central committee which was held on 5 May. During the meeting, the Prime Minister delivered remarks as follows:

• The State Law and Order Restoration Council first established the central committee with five members on 25 May 1989. During the tenur of the SAC government, it reformed the central committee with 22 members, and work committee with 37 members to develop the border areas with added momentum.

- Peace and stability are crucial in striving for the development of border regions.
 Peace and stability are based on national unity.
- Since its establishment, the State Administration Council has been emphasizing the prosperity of the State and food security, the socioeconomic development of the entire people, restoration of perpetual peace, and secure and smooth transport of the entire Union.
- Moreover, the SAC has been giving priority to the socio-economic infrastructures and human resources development programs for progress of education, health, transport and communication, agriculture and livestock, and economic sectors which are included in the border



area development task, and also the counternarcotic programs.

- The development of the nation depends on the enhancement of education qualifications. The government should pay attention to the education promotion of all national races to reach the minimum KG+9 target for all school age children.
- Efforts should be made to ensure sufficiency of basic food items and to produce farming-based value-added goods to support regional progress. All should strive to improve quality and increase quantity of goods.
- Further efforts must be made to implement micro, small and medium-size hydropower generation projects rather than now in respective regions that will contribute to socio-economic development.
- It can be learnt that there are still many sectors in which several further tasks must be carried out for socio-economic development of border areas where our national brethren and the people reside.
- An emphasis is being placed on the development of human resources for youths from border regions. In this re-

gard, 47 border youth development training schools are training 33,007 students and arrange them to continue learning in higher education and vocational schools. The University for Development of the National Races of the Union produces 14,058 students at different levels of degrees as well as teachership diplomas up to the 2022-23 fiscal year. Nationalities Youth Resources Development Degree Colleges in Yangon and Sagaing turned out 4,701 students.

- In the vocational education sector, nine technical training schools have nurtured 6,077 trainees up to 2022-2023 fiscal year, and jobs have been created for them. Moreover, 47 vocational training centres for women have trained 95,022 trainees, who have joined the workplace respectively.
- Everybody needs to specially take care
 of restoring peace and stability and national unity in the entire nation through
 undertakings of border region development which is essential for building the
 Union based on democracy and federalism that the entire people inspire.
- The door of peace is always open to eth-



nic organizations which have not reached the peace talks yet without any pre-restrictions.

Afterwards, Central Committee Secretary Union Minister for Border Affairs and central committee members reported on the implementation of development tasks of border regions and national races, and future tasks for respective sectors.

Later, the Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee the SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister exhorted the responsible officials to effectively take action, act to ensure development among the ethnic peoples without gap, and carry out regional development tasks through ensuring development of MSMEs.

After hearing the reports, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister stressed the following points:

• It is necessary to give priority to make education infrastructure better in border areas and to cooperate with the relevant ministry to fulfill the need of teaching aids and staff.

- As communications is important for border areas, it is compulsory to ensure that
 the areas will have access to communications.
- It is also necessary to successfully operate MSMEs and agriculture and livestock businesses as well as to ensure growth in manufacturing products.
- Development of border areas and peace and stability are interrelated. Development cannot be achieved in the regions having no peace and rule of law, and it is to be aware that there will be no peace for long term without any development.
- Border areas are wide but their population density is low. Roads and communications were expanded much in those areas as they have difficulties in communicating with others residing in mainland.
- It is learnt that in cooperating with international organizations and countries for development of border areas, tasks for building infrastructure and ensuring human resources development in border

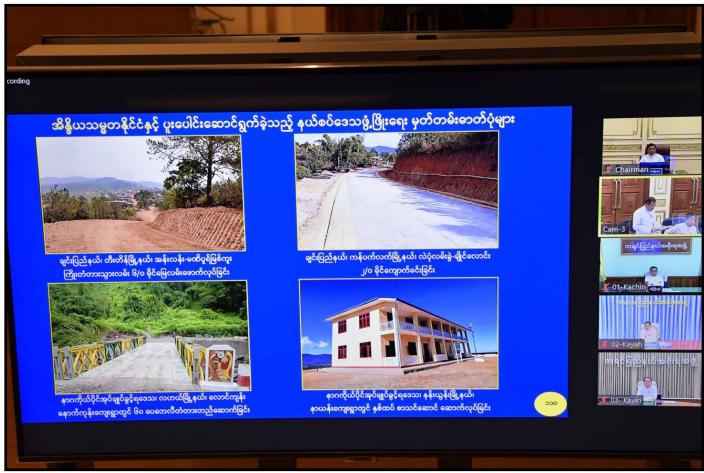
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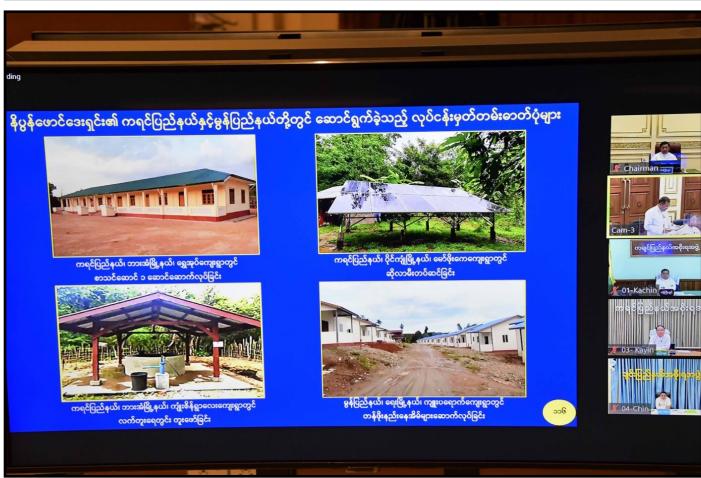
Also present were SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, SAC members and deputy prime ministers, deputy prime minister and union minister, SAC members, Chief of General Staff (Army,Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers and officials. Region/state chief ministers attended the meeting through videoconferencing.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (6-5-2023)

- Peace and stability are crucial in striving for the development of border regions. Peace and stability are based on national unity.
- Everybody needs to specially take care of restoring peace and stability and national unity in the entire nation through undertakings of border region development which is essential for building the Union based on democracy and federalism that the entire people inspire.
- The door of peace is always open to ethnic organizations which have not reached the peace talks yet without any pre-restrictions.
- Development cannot be achieved in the regions having no peace and rule of law, and it is to be aware that there will be no peace for long term without any development.
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PowerPoint Slides Presented by Secretary of Central Committee on Implementing Development of Border Areas and National Races Union Minister for Border Affairs





SAC Vice Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win Delivers Addresses at Ceremony to Mark 77th Anniversary of Myanmar Fire Brigade Day



The ceremony to mark the 77th Anniversary of Myanmar Fire Brigade Day was held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw on 5 May with an address by Vice Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win. In the address, Vice-Senior Genral stressed the following points –

- First, the Vice-Senior General said he honoured all fire fighters steadfastly serving their duties on fire security of the people, prevention of natural disasters, search and rescue as well as public welfare tasks as public service at full capacity during the 77 years period.
- The First Volunteer Fire Brigade Conference was held with participation of 197 representatives from 19 districts at the Zeenat Islamic school for the girls in Kandawgale of Yangon on 5 May, Sunday, 1946.
- In his address at the conference, General Aung San said that 'duty of firefighters is very noble in important disciplines.

Heroes emerged in armies and so do heroes emerge in firefighting measures. Those hero firefighters are very noble as they make sacrifices without fighting others'.

- During the 10-year-period from 2013 to 2022, a total of 18,336 times of fire broke out in the country, losing more than Ks-155 billion worth of property, according to the records of the Department of Fire Services.
- More than 1,800 times of fire broke out in the entire nation on an average yearly and it lost some Ks-15 billion per year.
- It is necessary to raise public awareness for taking care of danger of fire and making fire preventive measures in order to reduce the frequency of and loss and damage in the fire outbreaks.
- Firefighting measures need to make sacrifice of life and limbs. Those firefighters need to take repeated trainings for having sufficient skills in order to minimize sacrifice in their duties.
- The fire brigade is a colourless organiza-

tion when it comes to politics because they have been serving the best interests of the State and the people at risk of their lives since its inception.

- The State is also presenting them with titles and medals for their gallantry and achievements in the tasks of extinguishing fire as well as search and rescue missions for the interests of th State and the people in successive eras.
- From 1952 to date, 356 firefighters have been awarded medals—one Union silver medalist, three Independence Mawgun members, 10 honorary certificate holders, one Thray Sithu title recipient, five Wunna Kyaw Htin title recipients, 10 industrial economic outstanding award winners, 23 management outstanding award winners, 36 social outstanding award winners, three Thiha Bala medalists, one Ye Thiha medalist, 16 Ye Thura medalists, 55 Ye Bala medalists, 72 Ye Thurein medalists, 75 Ye Kyaw Swa medalists and 45 Ye Kyaw Thu medalists.
- It is necessary for them to constantly study and learn about the international firefighting measures which are always changing and then make an effort to be able to use them again for our own citizens.
- It is necessary to realize that striving for high performance of individual is promoting the honor of the entire force.
- They need to be complacent and not needy to serve in fire safety work and search and rescue activities for their citizens.

Firefighters, Next, the Vice- Senior Gen-

eral presented honors and awards to U Tun Shwe (aged 90), a famous singer who sang the song "Beware of Fire", Auxiliary fire brigade company commander U Wan Thaung (aged 94) and retired solider and firefighter Sergeant U Tun Kyi (aged 92) from Paungde Township auxiliary fire brigade who are volunteering firefighting activities in Bago Region. After that, the Union Minister for Home Affairs presented awards and honorariums to the retired fire brigade officers and their family members who were awarded honorary titles by the SAC.

After that, the Vice-Senior General along with the participants of the ceremony toured the display of the antique fire vehicles and modern fire vehicles/equipment, Myanmar Entrepreneurship and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) that manufacture fire safety equipment locally and fire equipment from import and distribution companies displayed in the Fire Services Department's gallery. Afterwards, the Vice-Senior General and members inspected the fire trucks of all ages displayed in front of the hall. In the evening, the 77th Myanmar Fire Brigade Day honor dinner was held at the Myanmar International Convention Center (MICC-II).

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (6-5-2023)



SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister presenting cash awards to famous singer U Tun Shwe



SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister presenting cash awards to retired solider and firefighter Sergeant U Tun Kyi

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SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister and party viewing round the display of the antique fire vehicles and modern fire vehicles/equipment



SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister enjoying the performance of fire brigade dance group

Vice-Chairman of State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win addresses National Disaster Management Committee Emergency Meeting



The National Disaster Management Committee held an emergency work coordination meeting at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement on 6 May addressed by Committee Chairman Vice Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win.

Present at the meeting were Union Ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air), Commander-in-Chief (Navy), Commander-in-Chief (Air), senior officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, deputy ministers and officials, while region and state chief ministers attended it through video conferencing.

In his speech, the Vice-Senior General stressed the following points –

According to European Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF), Global Forecast System (GFS) Model and Myanmar's Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, a low pressure area will intensify into a storm and a very powerful cyclone around May 8 in the Bay of Bengal, and

it is likely to enter the buffer zone of Yangon and Ayeyawady regions or the coastal area.

- Preparedness measures need to start now if the cyclone enters Myanmar.
- The information and data relating to the emergency management has already compiled and collected.
- Preparatory measure must be taken in advance to ensure required materials are sufficient and ready for emergency use.
- In this regard, not only National Disaster Management Committee Likewise, but also require cooperation of respective regions and states disaster management committees.
- Moreover, it is necessary to coordinate with volunteers, Tatmadaw members, security forces, departmental staff and the people for all preparations.
- Similarly, township and village wise preparedness measures are required for the people living along the coastal area.
- According to the standing order, the national committee and region/state com-



mittees need to coordinate and share those tasks including preparations before the storms come, procuring materials required for relocation and rehabilitation, communication equipment, foods, health -related matters.

 The Vice-Senior General then invited suggestions from the meeting participants as per the functions of their relevant departments.

Next, Committee Vice Chairs Union

Ministers Lt-Gen Soe Htut and Dr Thet Thet Khaing reported on preparations for response, rescue and cooperation if a national disaster befalls. Afterwards, the Vice-Senior General attended to the needs, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (7-5-2023)

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- It is necessary to coordinate with volunteers, Tatmadaw members, security forces, departmental staff and the people for all preparations.
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Vice-Chairman of State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win Attends Ceremony to Present Myanmar Motion Picture Academy Awards for 2019, 2020 and 2022



The Ceremony to present Myanmar Motion Picture Academy Awards for 2019, 2020 and 2022 took place at the open air theatre near the city hall in Nay Pyi Taw on 6 May. The Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win attended and delivered remarks at the ceremony.

Present at the event were the wife of the SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minnister Daw Than Than Nwe, SAC members and wives, union level officials and wives, union ministers and wives, Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman and wife, Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye and wife, senior military officers from the Office of the Commanderin-Chief and wives, patrons, chairman and members of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization, Myanmar Press Council chair, chairs and members of Myanmar Theatrical and Music Associations, Myanmar Motion Picture Academy Awards Selection Committee members, intellectuals, intelligentsia and artists of motion picture, literature, thabin and music fields, officials and distinguished guests.

First, Union Minister for Information and Myanmar Motion Picture Organization Chairman formally opened the ceremony by erecting and formatting an academy award statue through digital mapping. Then, a video clip "from centenary onward" was presented by the Myanmar Radio and Television MRTV and the Information and Public Relations Department in honour of the ceremony.

During the ceremony, the SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister delivered remarks as follows:

- The very first film was made during the period of the independence struggle. So, the age of Myanmar motion picture reached 100 years in 2020, and now it is 103 years.
- It can be seen by all that the government has emphasized the preservation of the national culture and characters. You are all important to achieving this objective.
- Movies are also a part of culture of a



country. If a developing film industry is the national strength, we can imagine the important role of the people of the movie world.

- The movies are made chiefly for entertainment purposes, but they can be used as a soft power to influence the audience with the imposition of opinion, thoughts and ideas particularly in such matters as peace, unity and development. So people of the profession should play their role in collectively striving for development of the race and flourishing of patriotism.
- The government is implementing the two
 national visions and two nation's objectives and that are the most suitable goals.
 They are practical and the most important needs for daily lives of the people. Hence, movie artists should lend a
 helping hand with correct vision and
 thought and goodwill in the interest of
 the nation and people.
- Among 97 movies were released in 2019, 21 in 2020 and 20 in 2022, and awards will be presented to the persons who deserve.
- This academy award presentation ceremony marks the revival not only of the film industry but also of the theatre, music and performing arts industries.
- It is not wrong to say that the ceremony

is a one that is concerned with all members in the film industry. It is believed that all organizations from film, music, theatre and literature industries will continue to happily and concertedly work energetically in their respective fields as usual after the ceremony.

- All cinema halls in the country were shut down in 2020 due to COVID-19 outbreak across the world.
- Cinema halls have been reopened in accordance with COVID-19 restriction since Myanmar New Year on 17 April, 2022 thanks to efforts of the Ministry of Information, the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization and film producers.
- As one of the distinctive features of this year's ceremony, not only academy awards but also the best costume award, which is presented in the international film industry, will be conferred on the winners.
- All are urged to continue to serve the interests of the people in accordance with the objective of "creating films for the people" out of goodwill for development of the country, the spirit of good citizens who respect the law and the patriotism for the people and the country.
- Similarly, I hope artistes who have not won academy awards will win ones in

- the future by enhancing their artistic performance.
- It is known to all that the needs of artistes and media persons have been fulfilled as much as possible during the assumption of duties by the SAC. Plans are also underway to continue to support them.

Afterwards, the winners of the Myanmar Motion Picture Academy Awards for 2019, 2020 and 2022 were announced for individual winners by the famous artists individually. Two Best Cinematography Awards, two Best Film Music Awards, one Best Film Sound Award, two Best Film Editing Awards, one Best Screenplay Award, four Best Myanmar Academy Fashion Awards as a special program, two Best Film Awards, one Best Dress Award, one Best Film Director Award, two Best Supporting Actress

Awards, two Best Supporting Actor Awards, three Best Actress Awards and three Best Actor Awards were presented to respective winners.

The SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister presented best actor awards to the respective winners while the famous academy winners the artists presented the academy award statues to the respective winners who expressed their gratitude.

Later, the SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister and party took a documentary photo together with Academy awardees, and cordially greeted the intellectuals, intelligentsia and artists of motion picture, literature, theatre and music fields, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (7-5-2023)

- Movies are also a part of culture of a country. If a developing film industry is the national strength, we can imagine the important role of the people of the movie world.
- The movies are made chiefly for entertainment purposes, but they can be used as a soft power to influence the audience with the imposition of opinion, thoughts and ideas particularly in such matters as peace, unity and development. So people of the profession should play their role in collectively striving for development of the race and flourishing of patriotism.
- The government is implementing the two national visions and two nation's objectives and that are the most suitable goals. They are practical and the most important needs for daily lives of the people. Hence, movie artists should lend a helping hand with correct vision and thought and goodwill in the interest of the nation and people.
- This academy award presentation ceremony marks the revival not only of the film industry but also of the theatre, music and performing arts industries.
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Ceremony to Present Myanmar Motion Picture Academy







Holding of Ceremony to Present Myanmar Motion Picture Academy







Member of State Councilor of the People's Republic of China and Minister of Foreign Affairs H. E. Mr. Qin Gang Visits Thatbinnyu Temple



On 4 May, a delegation led by the member of State Councilor of the People's Republic of China and Minister for Foreign Affairs H. E. Mr. Qin Gang met the youths from the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar in Yangon at the Zhou Enlai Tan-saung of Shwesegon pagoda in Pagan acient city and then visited the Thatbinnyu temple which has been restored with the help of Chinese government.

He then made a excursion tour around the acient Bagan pagodas. The dele-

gation left Nyaung-U township in the evening and seen off by the Deputy Foreign Minister U Kyaw Myo Htut, Mangalay region government social minister U Aung Min and officials at Nyaung-U Airport.

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Venerable Sayadaws of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and Union Ministers receiving a delegation led by Russian Orthodox Archbishop

A delegation led by His Eminence Sergiy, Russian Orthodox Archbishop for Metropolitan of Singapore and South-East Asia, met Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko at the meeting hall of the ministry, on 4 May; Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism at the meeting hall of the ministry on 5 May; and six venrable Sayadaws led by State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Thanlyin Minkyaung Presiding Sayadaw at the Buddha Hall of Maha Nayaka Building in Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon on 6 May respectively.

- At the meeting with the Union Minister for Religious Affairs, they frankly and cordially discussed matters related to the construction of a Russian Orthodox Church in Yangon and further strengthening of friendly relations between the two countries through religious and cultural cooperation.
- At the meeting with the Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism, they frank-

ly and cordially discussed matter of construction of a Russian Orthodox Church for Russian people and tourists in Myanmar.

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The delegation led by His Eminence Sergiy, Russian Orthodox Archbishop for Metropolitan of Singapore and South-East Asia made a study tour around the progress of carving of Maravijaya Buddha Image and construction of religious buildings in the Buddha Park in the afternoon of 5 May.

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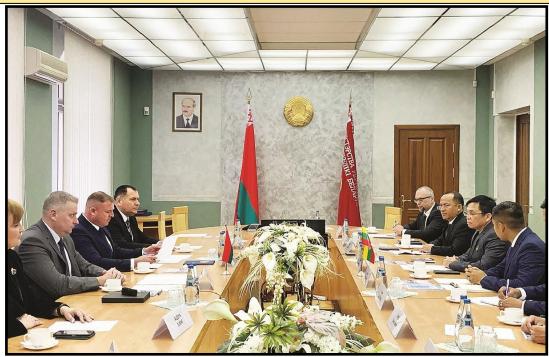
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Union Minister U Myint Kyaing Observes Department of Citizenship and Immigration under the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and International Training Centre of Academy in Minsk, Belarus



Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing and party visited the Department of Citizenship and Immigration under the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and the International Training Centre of the Academy in Minsk of Belarus, from 4 to 6 May, respectively. During the tour, they visited as follows:

- At the cryptotech personal data protection and registration centre under the Ministry of Internal Affairs in Minsk, they observed the filling form for ID cards with Biometric system and step by step making process of e-ID cards and passports by using modern technologies and equipment.
- At the Department of Citizenship and Immigration, Department Head Colonel Starikovich Mikhail Vladimirovich explained that the National Database had been collated and the Central Control and Command System of Belarus has been established, incorporating the necessary management processes required

for the system. The registration operation had been completed as per the specifications of national verification registration documents with a biometric system. Practical demonstrations were provided to explain the procedural steps involved in creating a passport using an e-ID card and biometric information.

• At the International Training Centre of the Academy in Minsk, they observed the structure and operation of the training centre, and teaching aids.

On arrival at the X-Infotech Company that jointly operated in technology with the Belarusian Ministry of Internal Affairs, the officials from the company explained through PowerPoint about the technical cooperation in the implementation of the e-ID system in connection with the e-Government system of the Republic of Belarus and the international activities related to the e-ID system.

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Statement by Major General Zaw Min Tun on Weather Predictions of Possible Cyclonic Storm



The leader of SAC Information Team Maj-Gen. Zaw Min Tun explained current status of possible cyclone and storms, and the preparedness of the Government through the telecommunication as the predictions and reports of possible cyclone in Bay of Bengal causing panic among the public.

The excerpts from the explanation of the SAC Information Team leader Maj-Gen. Zaw Min Tun are as follows –

- According to the weather forecast and reports of Meteorology and Hydrology Department of Myanmar, a low-pressure area may form over the Bay of Bengal and it is likely to intensify into a storm, and it may enter Myanmar on 13 and 14 May.
- All of the weather predictions might alter depending on the time of forecast, forecasting models and data applied.
 Therefore, Meteorology and Hydrology Department of Myanmar will issue weather reports in timely manner.

- In case the storm land falls, the department will release to public in timely manner the statement of the intensifying levels of storm such as its color-coding scheme of yellow, orange, brown and green.
- The State-run media outlets of Myanmar Radio and Television, Myawady Television, Radio-FMs are broadcasting the timely weather reports and storm warnings released by the Meteorology and Hydrology Department.
- Under the directive of the Prime Minister of the State, Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win led the National Disaster Management Committee Emergency Meeting.
- At the meeting, the attendees discussed the four major tasks of natural disaster preparedness: to make necessary preparations and processes before the storms come; to distribute the emergency materials of communication equipment and relief items; if the storm moves to another location, the preparations will benefit

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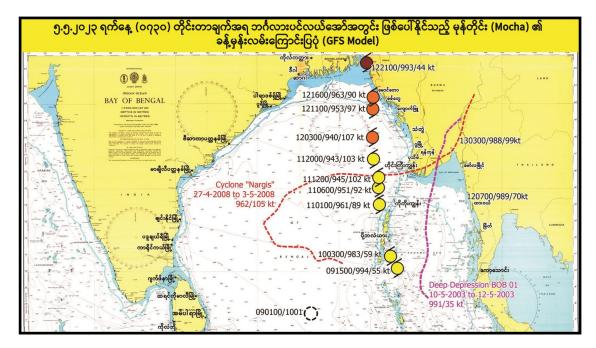
- As the measures of preparedness, 47 cyclone-shelters and 118 disaster-resistant buildings have already been built while 17 others are under construction in the most-likely affected area of Ayeyarwady region.
- As the emergency materials for Search and Rescue-SAR, 59 fibre boats, 2,500 life-jackets, and other necessary items such as life-buoys, water-pumps, and pipes have already been distributed.
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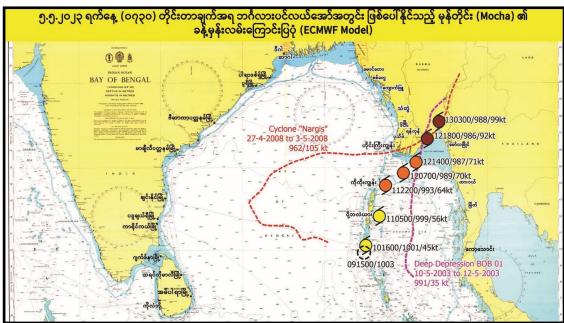
- the status of the storm so as to respond promptly by opening the Disaster Management Centre.
- The Meteorology and Hydrology Department of Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is releasing timely statements and minute warnings regarding the status of the storm, the people are urged to solely rely on the news reports of official media outlets and not to believe the rumours and other misinformation.

The Major General also added that he suggested the people to seriously listen to the timely reports and warnings of the Meteorology and Hydrology Department and the Government is making all-out efforts to ensure the people overcome the natural disaster with least damages and losses.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (8-5-2023)

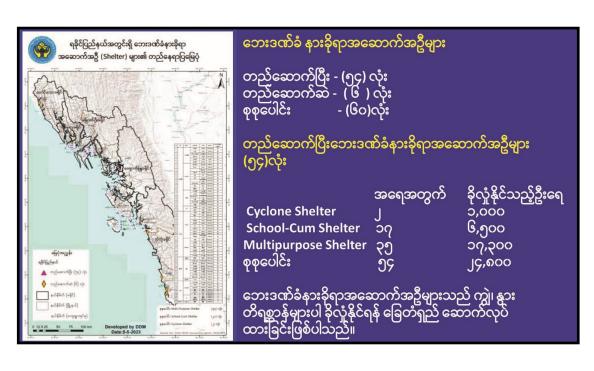
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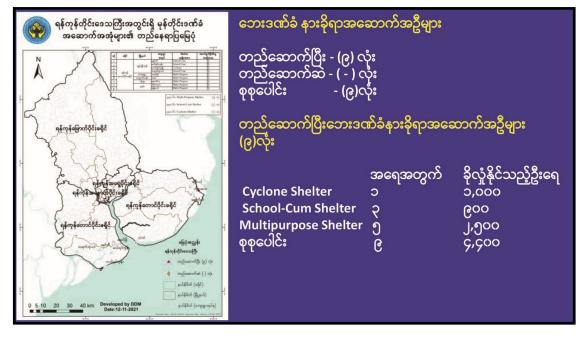


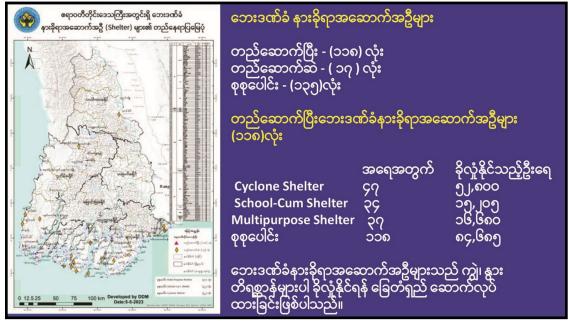


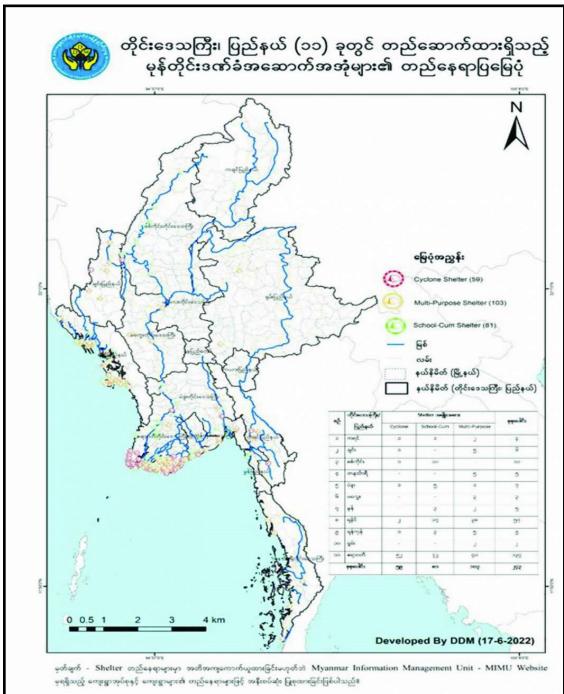
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Myanmar Memorandum on Granting the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Status of Dialogue Partner of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Signed



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Myanmar Government Contributes Donation Cash as Part of Humanitarian Assistance to Syrian Arab Republic



The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar donated Indian Rupees 8,127,204/- equivalent to USD100,000/- to the Syrian Arab Republic as a part of humanitarian assistance for the victims of the earthquake that struck Syria on 6 February 2023. The donation was handed over by U Moe Kyaw Aung, Am-

bassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of India, to Dr Bassam Seifeddin Alkhatib, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Syrian Arab Republic to the Republic of India on 28 April 2023.

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The team comprising the Minister for Security and Border Affairs of concerned towns where the prisons are located, Chief of Police Force in Region and State, concerned District/Township Administrators, Chiefs of Police Force in Districts/

Townships, and officials of Special Branch as well as Bureau of Special Investigation admonished the prisoners and gave certificates of release to them.

The prisoners granted pardons joyfully reunited with their families who were waiting to welcome the prisoners at the respective prisons. The concerned authorities of Region/State governments arranged vehicles to railway stations, harbors and bus terminals for the prisoners who are going on long journey, it is reported.

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Kason water pouring ceremony in Kengtung Township

Bodhi Tree watering festivals of Kason were held in regions and states including on square of Shwedagon Pagoda on 3 May. Region and State Chief Ministers, commanders from respective commands, officials, members of religious associations and devotees poured water on Maha Bodhi banyan trees at designated places and sprinkled scented water on them.

On the occasion of Kason Buddha Day, many devotees of Buddhism dedicating to the Lord Buddha: are keeping the Sabbath; reciting Patthāna and paritta; donating rice alms to members of Sanga; doing meritorious deeds at pagodas, stupas and monasteries. Moreover, pagodas and stupas in regions and states were crowded with devotees of peaceful worshipers, it is reported.

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Phaungpyin Town

Monywa City



Mogaung Town



Ngapali Waw Town

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Myawady Town

Hopin Town



Yangon



Tachileik Town

Dagon Myothit (South)

Mandalay Region Government and Donors Organize Ceremony of Donating Rice Alms, Offerings and Cash to 10,268 members of Sanga from Four Areas (Pyins) of Mandalay City



As part of doing meritorious deeds on Kason fullmoon day of ME 1385, Buddha Sasana year 2,567, the Mandalay Region government and generous donors organized the ceremony of donating rice alms, offerings and cash for 10,268 members of the Sangha from four areas (Pyins) of Mandalay city on 3 May. The events were held at the designated pavilions at the four fronts of Mandalay palace (east, west, south and north of moat). The events were held with members of Sanga, venerable Sayardaws, Mandalay Region Chief Minister, Commander of Central Command, regional government officials and donors.

Likewise, similar events were held by generous locals across the country: with a total of 315 Buddhist monks and nuns in the area of Maha Muni Buddha Image in Mawlamyine township; a total of 2,311 Buddhist monks and nuns on the square of Shawmudaw Pagoda in Pathein township; a total of 1,174 Buddhist monks and nuns in Magway township; and a total of 1,100 Buddhist monks and nuns on the square of San Daw Shin Shwemudaw Pagoda in Bago township.

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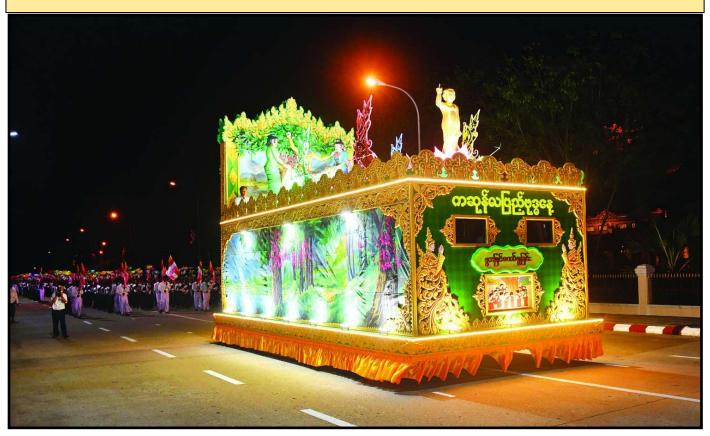


Kyaukse



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In Marking the Full Moon Day of Kason, Festival to Perform Circumambulatory Walking Holding Lit Candles Held



The festival to perform the circumambulatory walking round the Uppatasanti Pagoda while holding lit candles in hand to pay obeisance to the full moon day of Kason (Buddha Day) was organized on 3 May.

First, they gathered at the Tabaung compound and the students in the Byadate vehicle that depicts (seeking to prophesy of Buddha) holding Sasana flags and lit candles took positions in front of the eastern archway of the pagoda while the ministries' staff in the Phwa vehicle (birth of Buddha) at the northern archway of the pagoda, the

students in the Pwint vehicle (attained Enlightenment) at the western archway of the pagoda and the ministries' staff in San vehicle (Parinirvana of Buddha) at the southern archway of the pagoda holding flags and lit candles in their hands.

The students and staff holding Sasana flags and lit candles went to the pagoda platform through respective archways at the same time and erected the flags and candles at the designated locations, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (4-5-2023)

• During the festival to perform the circumambulatory walking, in marking the full moon day of Kason, the students and staff holding Sasana flags and lit candles from respective ministries started gathering at the Tabaung compound and went to the pagoda platform through respective archways at the same time and erected the flags and candles at the designated locations.

Festival to Perform Circumambulatory Walking Holding Lit Candles Held Marking the Full Moon Day of Kason









Security Force Arrests Perpetrators who Robbed "Aung Thabye" in Patheingyi Township and "Htaik Tan" Jewellery Shops in Pyigyitagon Township



Weapons/ammunition, cash and goldwares seized along with perpetrators

On 22 December 2022, four males (under investigation) robbed "Aung Thabye" jewellery shop at gunpoint in Pathein Gyi Township, Mandalay Region and they forcibly took 10 gold bracelets, 80 gold necklaces, 200 gold rings and 60 gold hand chains, worth of domestic price 150 million kyats.

Similarly, on 19 April 2023, four males (under investigation) robbed "Htaik Tan" jewellery shop at gunpoint near Sekhmu market in ward (h) in Pyigyitagon Township, Mandalay Region and they also forcibly took gold bracelets that weigh 30 ticals in total, gold necklaces that weigh 70 ticals in total, 50 gold earrings and 10 gold clips, worth of domestic price around 270 million kyats.

As local residents who are against robbery, a crime of violence, secretly provided tip-off to security personnel about the robbers, security force arrested perpetrator Myo Naing Win (aka) Naing Win living near Yadanabon shipyard in Strand street, Maha Aungmye Township on 2 May 2023.

Along with him, security personnel seized one gold necklace, one gold earring and one gold ring, worth of domestic price around 1.8 million kyats, that were robbed from "Aung Thabye" jewellery shop.

- According to confession of perpetrator Myo Naing Win (aka) Naing Win, security personnel further arrested Paing Lin Khant (aka) Ko Paing who led the robbery, Zaw Min Htet (aka) Apu and Khant Nyi Nyi (aka) Khantnyar Lwin. Along with them, one gold necklace, four gold earrings and two gold rings and cash of six million kyats were also seized.
- Paing Lin Khant (aka) Ko Paing, security personnel searched the house of the perpetrator's mother Tint Tint Htwe, who kept the robbed gold-wares and cash, and arrested Tint Tint Htwe and Mary who is cohabiting with the perpetrator. Along with them, two pistols, two magazines, two rounds of .380 gun, cash of 20 million kyats and 16 gold-wares worth of domestic price 6.19 million ky-

ats were also seized.

- According to perpetrator Tint Tint Htwe, security force arrested Chit Oo, owner of "Sein Myintmo" jewellery shop and Tun Win, owner of "Mandalar Shwesin" gold refinery shop, who sold the robbed goldwares. Along with them, 18 ticals of heated gold-wares (worth of domestic price 53.2 million kyats) were seized.
- According to perpetrator Khant Nyi Nyi
 (aka) Khantnyar Lwin, security force arrested three perpetrators who sold the
 robbed gold-wares: Aung Ye Naing Win,
 owner of "Wint Htaewah" gold buying
 business, Mya Thinzar, owner of "Sein
 Shwe Mya" gold buying business, and
 Win Naing (aka) Rakhine Gyi, owner of
 "Aung Puae Phyo" gold buying business. Along with them, Kyats 5 million
 in cash were seized.

According to arrested perpetrators;

- They bought one pistol for kyats 5 million from a male member of KIA (under investigation) at Myitkyina city in November 2022 to commit robberies in Mandalay city.
- They bought one pistol and some ammo for kyats 10 million from Sai Kwun Khae (still at large) at Muse Town in on 9 April 2023.
- On 22 December, the perpetrator Paing Lin Khant (aka) Ko Paing carried a pistol and led the robbery of "Aung Thabye" jewellery shop and shared the robbed goldwares among five of them.
- Similiarly, on 19 April 2023, Paing Lin Khant (aka) Ko Paing, Myo Naing Win,

- Zaw Min Htet and Myo Zin Hein (still at large) carrying two pistol and knives robbed "Htaik Tan" jewellery shop and forcibly took goldwares (worth of domestic price 270 million kyats.
- Tint Tint Htwe, mother of Paing Lin Khant, sold the robbed gold-wares to Chit Oo, owner of "Sein Myintmo" jewellery shop and Tun Win, owner of "Mandalar Shwesin" gold refinery shop for 51.2 million kyats. Then she gave a share in 10 million kyats each to the rest perpetrators.

In the incidents, security force arrested 11 perpetrators: eight males and three female perpetrators, who committed the robbery cases. Along with them, security personnel seized two pistols, two magazines, two rounds of .380 gun, and robbed goldwares (worth of domestic price 64,590,900 kyats) and kyats 26 million in cash, totaling 90,590,900 kyats.

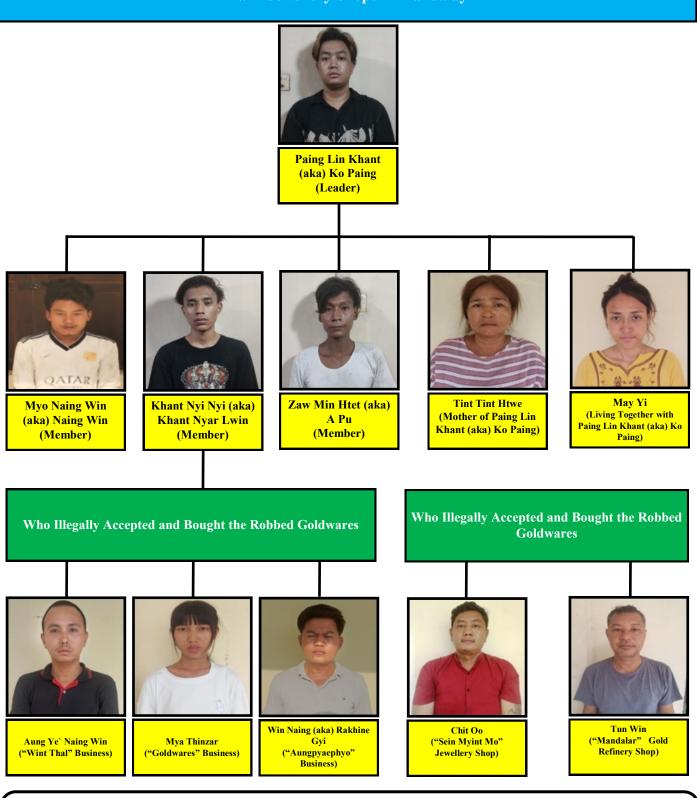
Measures will be continued to take harsh legal action against the arrested perpetrators. Again, the gold buying businesses which unlawfully bought the robbed goldwares will face harsh punishment under the law. Moreover, security force will identify and arrest two fugitives involved in the crimes of robbery. The perpetrators of robbery cases were identified because of the utmost effort of the security personnel and the participation of some conscientious civilians in timely manner, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (6-5-2023)

• Security force arrested 11 perpetrators: eight males and three female perpetrators, who robbed "Aung Thabye" jewellery shop in Pahtein Gyi Township and "Htaik Tan" jewellery shop in Pyigyitagon Township. Along with

Security Force Arrests Perpetrators who Robbed "Aung Thabye" in Patheingyi Township and "Htaik Tan" Jewellery Shops in Pyigyitagon Township

Diagram Showing the Relation of Arrested Perpetrators who Robbed "Aung Thabye" and "Htaik Tan" Jewellery Shops in Mandalay



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Photos of Robbery of "Aung Thabye" " Jewellery Shop in Patheingyi Township



"Aung Thabye" " Jewellery Shop which was robbed



Weapons/ammunition used in robbery



CCTV footage showing the robbery case on "Aung Thabye" " Jewellery Shop

Photos of Robbery of "Htaik Tan" Jewellery Shop in Pyigyitagon Township



"Htaik Tan" Jewellery Shop which was robbed



The seized cash and goldwares



CCTV footage showing the robbery case on "Htaik Tan" Jewellery Shop