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Information Sheet

Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Inspects Upgrading Works of Kandaw Mingala Shankan Lake in Pyinmana



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspected the upgrading works of Kandaw Mingala Shankan Lake in Pyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area in the evening on 8 May.

Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council U Tin Oo Lwin reported to the Senior General and party about the dredging of silt and sand from the eastern part of the lake because of the need to upgrade the lake and a plan to upgrade the mid-streamed Buddha image and chamber of Mingala Shankan Lake.

After hearing the reports, the Senior General stressed the following points;

- Kandaw Mingala Shankan Lake is the pride of Pyinmana and it should match with its name.
- Works for beautifying and improving social status in Nay Pyi Taw is in progress. Also, efforts must be made to beautify and modernize Pyinmana than before.

- If the work of dredging lake is completed, it is necessary to make preparations to fill water into the lake.
- Arrangement must be made to utilize rainwater in monsoons efficiently without any waste.
- It is necessary to consider the supply of water to the full brim of lakes as well as feeding agricultural water to farmlands.
- Everybody must keep their environment, area and town clean and tidy to have development so that their efforts can affect the beauty of the whole country.

The Senior General and party inspected the upgrading work of Kandaw Mingala Shankan Lake and gave guidance on the coordinated efforts after hearing the reports of the officials, it is reported.

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Inspecting Upgrade Tasks of Kandaw Mingala Shankan Lake in Pyinmana



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National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Issues Statement

Regarding the Statement issued by the 17th KNU-Karen National Union Congress on 5 May 2023, the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee issued a statement.

Statement

9 May 2023

1. With regard to the Statement issued by the 17th KNU-Karen National Union Congress on 5 May 2023, Paragraph (2) stated “coup d’état of the military together with the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent challenges”; Paragraph (5) stipulated fighting against the chauvinism and military dictatorship, establishment of a federal democratic system, ensuring national equality Karen nationals deserve, and enjoying the rights of self-administration; and Paragraph (6) described “emergence of a federal democratic Union after fighting against chauvinism and military dictatorship, national equality and self-administration”.
2. As the government signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA together with eight Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs) on 15 October 2015 with the witnesses of the United Nations, the European Union, the People’s Republic of China, the Republic of India, Japan and the Kingdom of Thailand in order to restore the durable and perpetual peace, KNU also signed the NCA.
3. The State Administration Council declared the State of Emergency in accord with the Constitution (2008) and unavoidably and temporarily controlled the State as voting frauds in the 2020 election were not solved and attempts were made to grab the State power. The Five-Point Roadmap of the State Administration Council clearly mentions “Priority will be accorded to work aligned with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA in order to achieve enduring peace for the entire nation” and “Upon accomplishing the provisions of the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held in line with the 2008 Constitution, and further work will be undertaken to hand over State duties to the winning party in accordance with the democratic standards”. Moreover, it repeatedly mentioned that if the country is stable, the election will be held, and State power will be handed over to the winning civilian government.
4. The statement of KNU on the coup d’état of the military, the emergence of a federal democratic Union by fighting against chauvinism and military dictatorship, and its plan to cooperate with ethnic revolution forces, democratic forces and all strata of the people who

pledged to enjoy democracy, national equality and self-administration does not show the constructive attitude, is against the provisions of the NCA and leads to the confrontation.

5. Current instabilities are conflicts triggered by instigation and external interference based on party attachment and personal cult. As Paragraph (1) (a) of the NCA shows agreements to build the Union based on democracy and federalism in accord with the results of political dialogues with full guarantees of democracy, national equality and rights of self-administration based on liberty, equality and justice, the armed struggle line based on the confrontation derails from the democratic system but leads to the terrorism. So, it causes hindrances to building the Union based on multiparty democratic and federal systems the entire ethnic national people aspire to as well as tremendous difficulties for the ethnics and the entire people who wish to enjoy internal peace, stability and development.

6. Currently, the government has talked about the peace process together with 10 Ethnic Armed Organizations by inviting all EAOs to seek solutions through dialogue. Good results and common agreements on peace and development have come out, and peace talks is open to all EAOs up to now.

7. As such, the statement is hereby issued that the way of talks in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) only can help restore durable and perpetual peace, and it will be the correct way for the stability of the State, development, ethnic unity and national solidarity.

National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (10-5-2023)

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Notice on Licence Applications for illegally Owned Arms and Munitions

Notice

9 May 2023

1. It is learnt that people illegally carry arms and ammunition using various ways for their concerns about personal security due to the lethal attacks of terrorists on innocent people today. Although the original intention is for personal security, one's mind can change at any time when in possession of arms and munitions. Moreover, it can cause firearm misuse for possessing illegally and it is not in conformity with the law. In order to terminate the holding of arms and munitions illegally and prevent the firearm misuse, the State Administration Council will manage to grant licences systematically as per the policy of carrying arms and munitions.

2. In applying for the licence to carry arms and munition, applicants will not be asked how they get the gun, but they must apply for it together with the arms that they want to carry. Upon the applications, it will review as per the policy of carrying arms and munitions and licences will be granted to those who meet the specific requirements. Action will be taken against those who do not apply for licences together with arms and munitions during the fixed period.

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Those from Organizations with Various Titles including PDFs in Armed Struggle Line invited to Return to Legal Fold

The acts of terrorism committed by those involved in terrorist groups including PDF for various reasons and illegal organizations hindered the development of the na-

tion. Therefore, the Information Team of the State Administration Council issued hereby that those involved in terrorist groups are invited to return to the legal fold.

Statement

1. The State Administration Council is discharging the State responsibilities under the Constitution (2008) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar while implementing the Five-Point Roadmap and 12 Objectives to build a Union based on genuine, disciplined democracy and federalism. Meanwhile, as those wishing to politically indoctrinate the people and make attempts to cause the utter devastation of the State unlawfully formed the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH), the National Unity Government (NUG) and their subordinate People's Defence Forces (PDFs) and committed armed terror acts, the government declared them as the terrorist groups under the Counter-Terrorism Law.

2. These terrorist groups persuaded innocent people to join the terror organizations with indoctrination based on frightening, sending them to the areas of Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs) for attending the explosives courses and participate in the EAOs to commit murders in terrorist acts and attacks. A large number of Buddhist monks, State service personnel and innocent people lost their lives in the terror attacks. These terror acts hindered the development of the nation.

3. As the strength of the nation lies within, the nation will reach its goal in a short time only when the development of the nation and construction of the Union based on genuine, disciplined democracy and federalism can be carried out with concerted efforts of the people through might and main. Hence, now is the time to make cooperative efforts to build the State by struggling free from the indoctrination of those who attempt to cause utter devastation to the country, and those involved in terrorist groups including PDF for various reasons and illegal organizations are invited to return to the legal fold for participation in the nation-building tasks. If those who returned to the legal fold committed crimes such as murder, rape and harming others, they would face trials at the court under the law and the government would ease any restrictions over them depending on their crimes under the law.

4. If they return to the legal fold, necessary assistance will go to them, and cash awards will be given to those who bring arms and ammunition as follows:

- (a) K5 million per gun from the rifle types
- (b) K2 million per gun from pistol types
- (c) K3 million per shotgun
- (d) K7.5 million per mortar, launcher, RPG
- (e) K500,000 per homemade shotgun, homemade mortar, homemade gun
- (f) K300,000 per homemade mine and grenades
- (g) K200,000 per other equipment except for arms and munitions, (e.g., walkie-talkie)
- (h) K5 million per drone which can be used in bombing

5. As such, those wishing to return to the legal fold are invited and urged to contact district and township administration bodies, military camps and police stations.

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Meeting on Clarification of Work Operation by Disaster Management Centre Held



The meeting on the clarification of the work operation by the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) was held at the center on 9 May, which was attended by National Disaster Management Committee (NDMC) Vice-Chair 1 Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Soe Htut, NDMC Vice-Chair 2 Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Thet Thet Khine, NDMC Secretary Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, secretaries from work committees and officials.

During the meeting, NDMC Vice-Chair 1 Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister Lt-Gen Soe Htut discussed as follows:

- The DMC was opened as per the guidance of NDMC Chairman made at the emergency meeting on 6 May.
- Depending on the situation of the cyclone, there will be four phases: normal, emergency and critical and rehabilita-

tion. Currently, the measures for normal and emergency period are being conducted.

- The systematically collected data should be reported to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council.
- The DMC should run for 24 hours. It should make preparations not to occur communication failures.
- Depending on the situation and changing path of the storm, it can carry out measures for the period of emergency and critical at the same time.
- The DMC should share the information to make decisions.
- The officials from DMC need to coordinate with each other not to occur damages much in the storm and to effectively conduct the rehabilitation processes.

Then, the officials from working com-

mittees also discussed the structure of DMC and operations, the current weather condition, the weather forecast and reviews on the website of the international weather station and Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, and stand-by rescues teams in

regions/states. Later, the Vice Chair (1) and (2) of National Disaster Management Committee coordinated requirements in responding to the clarifications.

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Opening Ceremony of Sittway-Kaladan International Jetty Held

The opening ceremony of the Sittway-Kaladan international jetty under the India-funded Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project was held in Sittway Township of Rakhine state on 9 May. First, State Administration Council member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San, the Indian delegation led by Minister H.E. Mr. Shri Sarbananda Sonowal of Ports, Shipping and Waterways at the Sittway-Kaladan international jetty, officials and invitees attended the ceremony.

At the ceremony, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Vinay Kumar, Rakhine

State Chief Minister and Indian Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways made speeches respectively.

The opening of the Sittway-Kaladan international port, part of the India-funded Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project, is an achievement that brings benefits not only to India but also to Rakhine and Chin states. As it is a multimodal transport system by linking the sea route, inland waterways and roads, the flow of transport and goods between Rakhine and Chin states will be better and it can develop the socioeconomic status of residents.



They then conducted the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Sittway-Kaladan international jetty at Sittway-Kaladan International Port where the international cargo vessel ITT Lion docked at.

At noon, the Union Minister and the Indian delegation met with the members of the Rakhine State Chambers of Commerce at the Royal Sittwe Resort Hotel. During the meeting, they discussed the potential of bilateral trade, trade volume to regional coun-

tries through Sittway Port, economic and job opportunities for Rakhine State residents, transport system between Rakhine State and Chin State.

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Coordination Meeting (1/2023) of Work Committees on Implementation of ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025 Held



The coordination meeting (1/2023) of the Work Committees on Implementation of ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025 was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations in Nay Pyi Taw on 8 May, which was attended by Union Minister Dr. Kan Zaw and Deputy Ministers from 22 Working Committees, permanent secretaries, directors-general and officials.

During the meeting, Union Minister discussed as follows:

- The meeting is held to connect with the global and local economy for the betterment of Myanmar's economy and to implement effectively implementation of AEC activities that were carried out in 2022 and the activities to be implemented in 2023.
- Regarding the 16 economic work programs to be prioritized by ASEAN in 2023, these tasks are important for all ASEAN member states to reconnect the market in post COVID-19. It also in-

cludes the work programs to be carried out for the sustainable development in the region. All needs to participate as some tasks will have to be cooperated by respective sectors. The AEC has adopted 118 tasks to be implemented year by year.

- It needs to practically implement the tasks and the remaining tasks to be implemented. Through regional cooperation, the country's development will be accelerated.

Afterwards, the Work Committees reported on the undertaking of tasks in cooperation with ASEAN member states. The Union Minister then coordinated essentials and urged to cooperate for the national interests of the State.

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World Red Cross Day Commemoration Ceremony Held



The 2023 World Red Cross Day Commemoration Ceremony took place at Wunna Theiddhi Stadium Building (B), Nay Pyi Taw, on 8 May. The event was attended by Union Minister for Health Dr. Thet Khaing Win, Chairman of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Lt. Gen. Sein Win (retired) and departmental officials.

In the ceremony, the officials presented awards and certificates of honors to the winners of essay contest and poem contest marking the 2023 World Red Cross Day, and those who served for Myanmar Red

Cross Society (MRCS) till the 65 years of age from respective regions and states.

The MRCS opened 17 model red cross camps with 3,379 members between 1971 and 1988, and 21 camps with 3,237 outstanding members of MRCS between 1993 and 2019.

The government has been presenting certificates of honors to the MRCS's outstanding members and Wunna Kyaw Htin title was conferred on Sergeant Sai Aung Hlaing Myint (a Henry Dunant prize winner) from Myitkyina Red Cross on 4 January 2023.

Likewise, the government has been conferring social outstanding awards on the members of MRCS who are the blood donors on the basis of their blood donation frequency and the social outstanding awards (first grade) were conferred on two MRCS members from Kachin State and another one

from Yangon Region. The World Red Cross Day is celebrated annually from 8 May 1948 and now it reaches 75 years (Diamond Jubilee), it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (9-5-2023)

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Coordinating Meeting on Possible Cyclone Threat in Bay of Bengal Held with Department Heads of Public Health and Medical Services in Regions and States and Medical Superintendents



A coordination meeting on possibility of the cyclonic storm in the Bay of Bengal was held with Department Heads of Public Health and Medical Services in regions and states and medical superintendents of hospi-

tals on 7 May. At the meeting, Union Minister Dr. Thet Khaing Win said that the State Administration Council is putting an emphasis to reduce loss of the people during disasters. He talked the following points in

the meetings held on 27 April and 5 May;

- As per the procedures of the work committee, preparedness, emergency response, and rehabilitation must be implemented step by step at the region/state level, district level, township level and village level. Region and State Public Health and Medical Services Departments must carry out close field supervision.
- People need to collect required purified drinking water in advance in order to prevent the occurrence of water-borne diseases, including diarrheal disease in the aftermath of natural disaster. Concerned departments must distribute water purifier packets and tablets in advance to disaster-prone areas and carry out health education activities.
- Necessary medicines and equipment, Disaster Medical Kits, Family Kits, Clean Delivery Kits and Dignity Kits, that might be required at the possible disaster-affected areas, must be distributed to rural health branches in advance.
- In hospitals, plans must be implemented to ensure that treatment operations, including emergency surgery and child-birth, should not be delayed or failed,

and the necessary emergency medical teams must be formed and prepared in advance.

- Region/State public health and treatment centers must also cooperate with Tatmadaw medical units. Public Health Emergency Operations Centres have been activated at the Ministry as well as in the regions, so they have to communicate with each other in a timely manner.

After that, concerned relevant departmental officials discussed in detail on specific works, preparedness status of the hospitals in regions and states, situations in which emergency plans have been schemed, conditions under which public health emergency control centers are open, requirement and storage of emergency drugs and medical supplies. Then the Union Minister made a closing remark, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (8-5-2023)

- **At the coordination meeting on possibility of the cyclonic storm in the Bay of Bengal was held with Department Heads of Public Health and Medical Services in regions and states and medical superintendents of hospitals, Union Minister Dr. Thet Khaing Win said that preparedness, emergency response, and rehabilitation must be implemented step by step as per the procedures of the work committee.**

Myanmar Citizens Residing in Thailand Donate Instant Noodles, Disaster Management Centre Established



The low-pressure area over the Southeast Bay of Bengal and the adjoining South Andaman Sea persists. It is likely to intensify into a Cyclonic Storm and is likely to move towards Myanmar. Therefore, the disaster response mechanisms have been activated under the lead of the National Disaster Management Committee-NDMC.

In doing so, Myanmar citizens in Thailand donated 1,077,263 baht worth of 158,640 packs of instant noodles for those who are likely to face the storm in Myanmar with the participation of the Myanmar Embassy in Thailand. The donation ceremony was held at the Disaster Management Centre (DMC), Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw on 8 May. Officials will allocate 30,000 packs of noodles each to Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Region in advance and the remaining will be kept at the central warehouse of the Yangon Region Disaster

Management Department and delivered to other places.

The Disaster Management Centre-DMC has been opened under the leadership of National Disaster Management Committee-NDMC Secretary Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement since 8 May. He will also lead the DMC and secretaries of 12 working committees under NDMC, military personnel of the Ministry of Defence and offices of the Commanders-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) and relevant officials will work together by cooperating with regional and state disaster management teams under the guidance of the NDMC Chairman.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (9-5-2023)

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Precautionary Measures taken for Possible Cyclonic Storm in Bay of Bengal



The Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command inspecting natural disasters prevention rehearsal by the military personnel

The low-pressure area over the Southeast Bay of Bengal and the adjoining South Andaman Sea persists. It is likely to intensify into a Cyclonic Storm and is likely to move towards Myanmar. Therefore, precautionary measures are being taken in momentum in regions and states for disaster relief and emergency care.

- Under the instruction of the Prime Minister, the Chairman of National Disaster

Management Committee-NDMC Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win held an emergency meeting of the Committee on 6 May and gave instructions on processes to be made for the possible storm.

- Working Committee on International Relations under the National Disaster Management Committee held the meeting to discuss matters related to smooth facili-



Yangon Region Chief Minister and Yangon Command Commander inspecting the preparation for natural disasters at the Myanmar Fire Service Department Headquarters

tation of flight clearance and landing permits of the flights, tariff exemptions, entry visas, and loading and unloading matters among others.

- Ministry of Transport and Communications held a coordination meeting and discussed the matters related to preparatory works for a pool of vehicles and machineries, and the management to find the route for the transport those vehicles by road and by sea. Again, the meeting discussed for the readiness of vehicle mounted mobile satellite systems in order to avoid the loss of communications.
- Ministry of Electrical Power held a meeting and discussed matters related to placement of generators in advance at the command offices, hospitals and rescue camps to avoid the power outage. The meeting then discussed the measures to control the power on/off system to avoid the electric shock risk and to pre-

pare for the prevention of project buildings and dams that are completed and under construction during the disaster.

- Efforts were also made for the rehearsals at the fire brigade stations in 14 townships of Rakhine State, two townships of Yangon Region and nine townships of Ayeyawady Region and public announcements.
- The Tatmadaw members of local units under Western Command, Coastal Region Command, Southeast Command, Southwest Command, Yangon Command, Nay Pyi Taw Command, Central Command, Northwest Command, Northeast Command and Eastern Command participated in the rehearsals, together with local militiamen, Myanmar Police Force members, Red Cross Society members and philanthropic groups.
- Commanders of the afore-said regional military commands inspected prepared-



Mandalay Region Chief Minister and Central Command Commander inspecting the store of medicine and medical supplies

ness and rehearsals of the disaster rescue teams and the store of medicine and medical supplies as well as food and drinking water.

Rescue equipment, medicine and medical equipment, cyclone shelters and rescue teams are in readiness in Mayangon Township of Yangon Region, nine Townships in Ayeyawady Region, Mandalay City Development Committee, warehouses for relief

items, central warehouses for medicine and Pyin Oo Lwin Township for the possible cyclonic storm. Concerned Region/State Chief Ministers and officials inspected the preparedness and coordinated necessary measures, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (10-5-2023)

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Precautionary Measures taken for Possible Cyclonic Storm in Bay of Bengal



Eastern Command Commander inspecting the rehabilitation activities



South-West Command Commander inspecting the rescue tasks and preparations for natural disasters



The rescue tasks and preparations for natural disasters ongoing in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area



Rescue task force at Zalun Fire Service Department in stand-by



Preparedness for natural disasters in Nyaungdon Township

Precautionary Measures taken for Possible Cyclonic Storm in Bay of Bengal



Preparedness and rehearsals of the disaster rescue teams in Thayawady Town



Natural disasters prevention rehearsal in Pyinmana Town



Preparedness for natural disasters in Dawei Township



Preparedness and rehearsals of the disaster rescue teams in Oakpho Township



Preparedness for natural disasters in Launglon Township

Precautionary Measures taken for Possible Cyclonic Storm in Bay of Bengal



Possible cyclonic storm awareness campaign in Palauk Township



Possible cyclonic storm awareness campaign in Gwa Township



Possible cyclonic storm awareness campaign in Thayetchaung Township

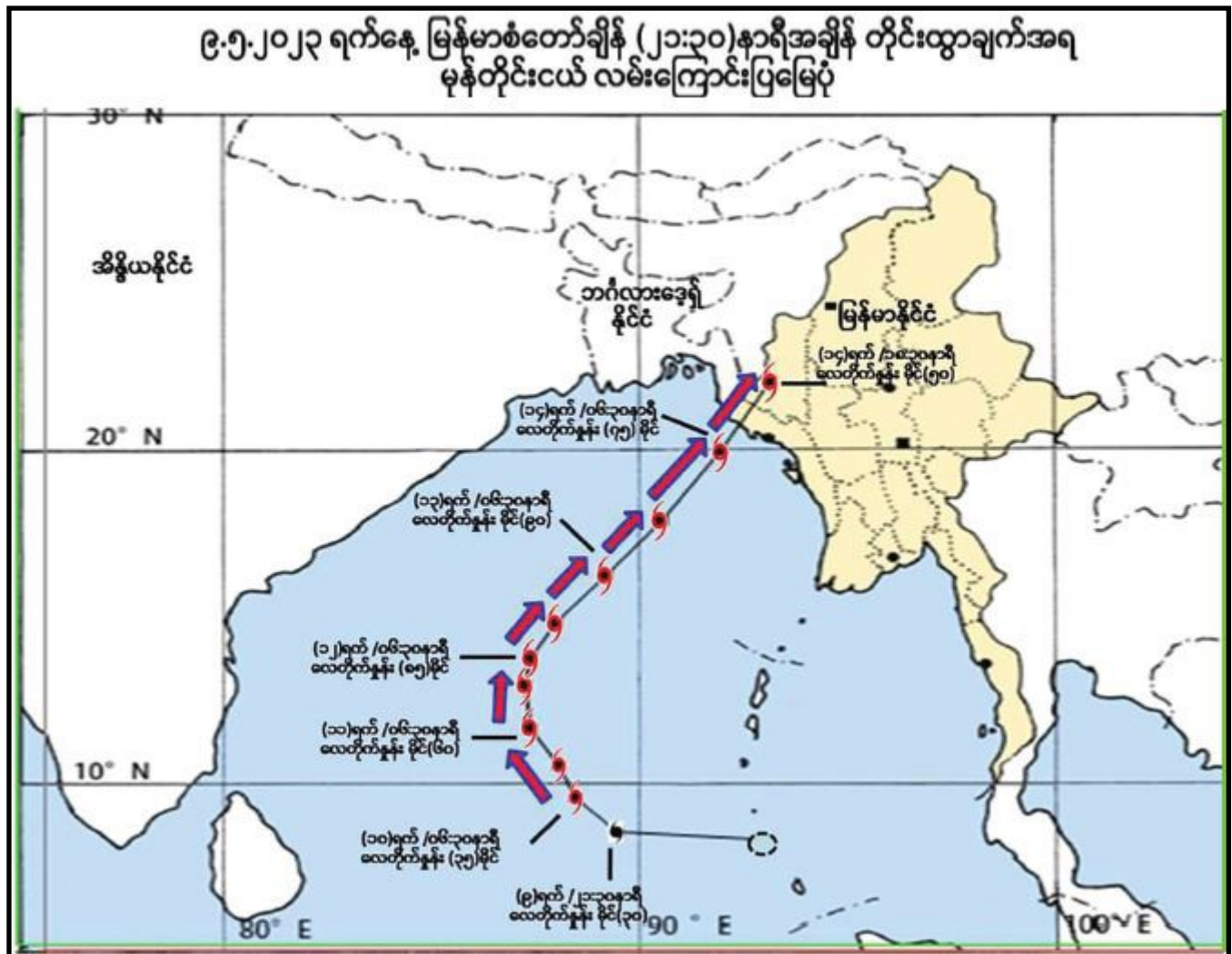


Possible cyclonic storm awareness campaign in Natmauk Township



Possible cyclonic storm awareness campaign in Kengtung Township

The Depression has been Set as Orange-Colour Emergency Stage as It is Likely to Head towards Bangladesh-Myanmar Coasts



According to the observations recorded at 05:30 hrs Myanmar Standard Time of 10 May, the depression in Bay of Bengal has been regarded as orange-colour emergency state as it is likely to move towards Bangladesh-Myanmar Coasts.

- The highest surface-wind speed of the depression is 30 mph and it is likely to move North-Northeastwards intensifying into a deep depression in the morning and again into a Cyclonic Storm over the Southeast Bay of Bengal in the evening of 10 May.
- Since the morning, the Cyclonic Storm is likely to continue intensifying into a

deep Cyclonic Storm in the evening of 11 May over the Southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining East Central Bay of Bengal.

- On 14 May, the Cyclonic Storm is likely to move into Myanmar passing through southeast of Bangladesh and northern part of Rakhine Coast between Cox's Bazar town of Bangladesh and Kyaukphyu town of Myanmar.

Under the influence of the Cyclonic Storm, people should be aware of strong wind, heavy rain and high waves, it is reported.

- The depression in Bay of Bengal has been regarded as orange-colour emergency state as it is likely to move towards Bangladesh-Myanmar Coasts.
- Since the morning, the Cyclonic Storm is likely to continue intensifying into a deep Cyclonic Storm in the evening of 11 May over the Southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining East Central Bay of Bengal.
- On 14 May, the Cyclonic Storm is likely to move into Myanmar passing through southeast of Bangladesh and northern part of Rakhine Coast between Cox's Bazar town of Bangladesh and Kyaukphyu town of Myanmar.

Union Election Commission Approved Application for Establishment of Political Parties

Those who want to establish a political party are applying to the Union Election Commission-UEC by stating the name of the party they want to establish. As of 28 March 2023, 13 groups have applied for the right to establish parties, 50 political parties applied to remain as the political parties, totaling 63 political parties. In this regard, the UEC has already allowed nine political parties with registration numbers from (1) to (9) to register under Rule 9 of the Registration of Political Parties and additionally allowed the following political parties as registration number from (10) to (14) –

- As of 4 May, Pa-O National Organisation – PNO has been allowed to register as political party with registration no.

(10) and Mro National Party with registration no. (11).

- As of 5 May, Lisu National Development Party (LNDP) has been allowed to register as political party with registration no. (12) and Khami National Development Party with registration no. (13) respectively.
- As of 8 May, Akha National Development Party has been allowed to register as political party with registration no. (14).

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



The ceremony of entrusting PDF members, who completed trainings in the areas of some EAOs and returned to legal fold without committing any crime, to their respective parents was held as follows:

- On 9 May, 14 male and one female PDF members from respective townships of Kachin state were entrusted to the care of their parents and guardians after they had signed the document of pledge. Moreover, the officials of the relevant regional government also provided cash assistances to the returnees.

At present, the State's government has released an announcement stating that organizations or groups including PDFs are welcomed if they want to enter the legal fold for their normal civilian lives by surrendering their weapons following rules and regulations to participate in future work plans of the country. Up to 9 May 2023, a total of 516 persons including 383 males and 134 females have already entered the legal fold.

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Supplies Delivered to Families of Temporarily Displaced Persons in Regions and States



Supplies provided to the displaced persons in Pakhokku District

The state/region governments are holding the events of providing foodstuffs, cash assistance and school supplies for students to temporarily displaced persons in their respective regions and states as follows –

- A total of 540 family members of temporarily displaced persons in Pakkoku district of Magway region were provided in Pakkoku township 540 bags of rice (each contains 6 Pyis of rice), 162 visses (272.16 kg) of cooking oil, 162 visses (272.16 kg) of salt, 135 visses (226.8 kg) of onion, 135 visses (226.8 kg) of garlic, 243 visses (408.24 kg) of potato, 135 pyis of dried chickpea, 1,080 eggs, 120 pairs of school uniform, 540 longyis for men and women, and clothes, soups, tooth paste and tooth brushes.
- Family members of temporarily displaced persons in Sagaing region were provided 112,4 bags of rice, 4,570 eggs, 4,570 packs of instant noodle, 457 visses (767.76 kg) of onion, 457 visses (767.76 kg) of potato, 150 pairs of school uniform, 150 dozens of blank book, 914 boxes that contain 17 types of relief materials in Monywa and Chaung- U townships of Sagaing region.
- Family members of temporarily displaced persons in Kayin state were provided K535,515,753 worth of rice, cooking oil, pulses, potato, onions, garlicks, instant noodles and school uniforms for students in Hlaingbwe and Kamamaung townships of Kayin state.
- Family members of temporarily displaced persons in Kayah state were provided rice, cooking oil, salt and dried chickpeas as well as cash assistance of K111.9 million in Loikaw township of Kayah state.
- A total of 491 family members of temporarily displaced persons in Rakhine state were provided 154 bags of rice, 100

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Sagaing Region



Kachin State



Kayin State



Kayah State



Rakhine State

pairs of school uniform, 100 blank books, and family kits that contain 17 types of relief items in Sittwe township.

The government of Kachin state is re-

portedly making efforts for the resettlement and closures of temporary camps and also coordinating with relevant sectors to fulfil the needs.

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Terrorists Attack Convoy Carrying Representatives of AHA Centre, Indonesia, Singapore Embassies



The vehicle carrying representatives of AHA Centre, Indonesia, Singapore Embassies in the attacks of terrorists

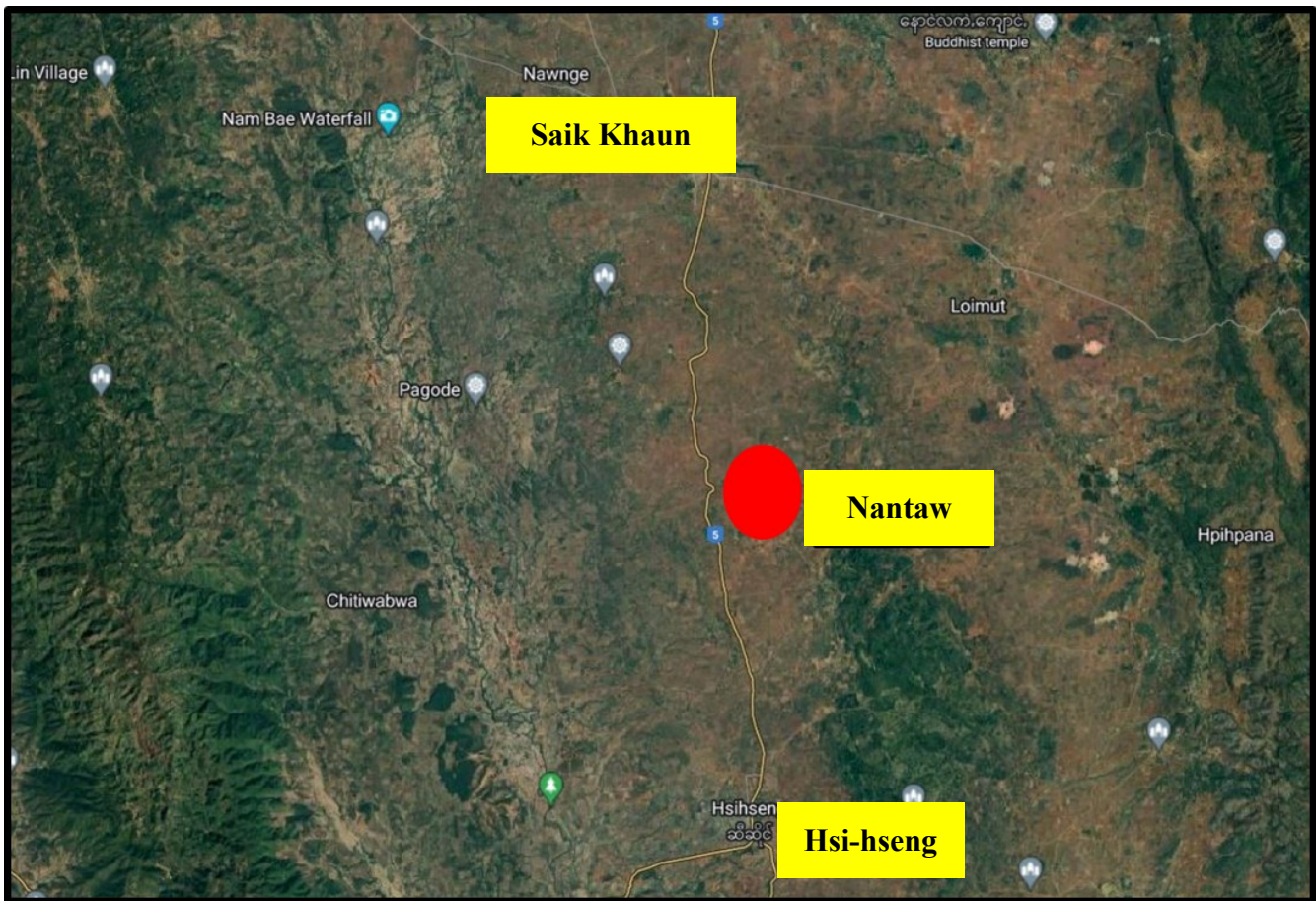
On 7 May, the representatives of the AHA Centre, Indonesia and Singapore Embassies to Myanmar, to provide humanitarian assistance went to Hsihseng by cars to deliver supplies to temporarily displaced persons in Yayphyu Village of Hsihseng Township in Shan State (South). When the convoy arrived about 200 metres north of Nanaw village of Hsihseng, the terrorists opened fire to them. As the security forces shot back at the terrorists, they fled in disorder. During the incidents, no casualties were reported but some bullets hit the car carrying security personnel.

The government has been participating in providing humanitarian assistance which is mentioned in the fourth out of the five-point ASEAN consensus and making efforts to assist aid to the people in need by holding the principle 'Leave no one behind'. Moreover, it also cooperates with conscientious people to ensure security and transport in addition to sending relief items

to the residents who face hardships because of the terrorists.

Such despicable actions of terrorists greatly harm stability and development of the State, and create difficulties for the temporarily displaced persons. Under the circumstances, local residents also concern about their safety. Security personnel are conducting Counter Terrorism Operations under the law to ensure the rule of law and peace and tranquillity, it is reported.

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So-called PDF Terrorists Launch Homemade Mine Attack on Passenger Bus Leaving Myeik for Mawtaung

PDF terrorists under NUG and CRPH, launched a home-made mine attack on a passenger bus leaving Myeik township for Mawtaung township on 7 May. The bus was attacked at the mileposts No 33/3 of Taninthayi township. Due to the mine blast, one innocent passenger (male) was killed

and six others got injured, it is reported.

PDF terrorists in Tanintharyi region tend to extort money from passenger buses and open fire at them. In case of civilian casualties in their attacks, they tend to release misinformation describing that they



The vehicle damaged in the IED attacks of the so-called PDFs

mistakenly shoot civilians. Local civilians clearly know that such activities are carried out by NUG/PDF terrorists, and therefore, they are disgusted by their acts of terrorism.

Major General Saw Than Hlaing, commander of Coastal Region Command, and officials encouraged the injured patients

receiving medical treatments in hospital and provided foodstuffs and cash assistance to them, it is reported.

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KIA Members and PDF Terrorists Fired Heavy Weapons at Tharyarkone Village of Shwe Ku Township, Causing Houses Destroyed in Fire Outbreak

On 7 May, KIA members who support terrorism and PDF terrorists fired heavy weapons at security forces who were taking security measures near Tharyarkone village of Shwe Ku township of Kachin state. The terrorists attacked the security force members from 700 meters to the north of the village. KIA members and PDF terrorists ran away to the north of the village when the security forces retaliated their attacks. A total of 15 houses were destroyed in fire outbreak caused by the explosion of

the motor shells, it is reported.

KIA members and PDF terrorists often fire small/heavy weapons at the villages that do not support them and do not give extortion to them. Therefore, the public are disgusted by their heinous acts.

The security forces are reportedly taking necessary measures to identify and arrest the terrorists who fired at the village where innocent people live, and also to keep the area peaceful.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (9-5-2023)



The residential houses in Tharyarkone Village on fire in the heavy weapons attacks of the KIA members who support terrorism and so-called PDFs

- KIA members and PDF terrorists fired heavy weapons at Tharyarkone village of Shwe-Ku township, causing a total of 15 public houses destroyed in fire.

Seizures of Narcotic Drugs in April 2023



Seizures of over K10 billion worth narcotic and psychotropic drugs along with offenders

Members of anti-narcotic task force from Ministry of Home Affairs joining hands together with security personnel are putting stress on anti-narcotic measures, and the seizures of narcotic drugs in April 2023 were as follows:

- From 1 to 30 April, a total of 679 drug-related offenders including 579 males and 100 females were arrested across the country. Along with them, a total of K55,363.261million (over US\$ 26.363 million) worth narcotic drugs: 61.731 kilos of opium; 552.138 kilos of heroin; 12,654,764 stimulant tablets; 0.538 kilos of stimulant pieces; 475.16 kilos of Ice (crystal meth); 41.123 kilos of marijuana; 0.039 kilos of low opium; 0.4 kilos of opium leaves; 0.844 kilos of opium oil; 21.54 kilos of poppy powder; 60 liters of liquid opium; 6,851 Ecstasy tablets; 0.004 kilos of Ecstasy pieces; 16.337 kilos of Ketamine; 3,040 Erimin 5 capsules; 29.874 kilos of Happy Water; 2,057 kilos of caffeine; 80 liters of Ethyl Ether; 4,800 liters of Methylamine; 330 liters of Sulphuric Acid; 1,920 kilos of Ammonium Nitrate; 1.8 kilos of vanillin

powder; 3 kilos of Sodium Carbonate; 0.4 kilos of Sodium Sulfate Anhydrous; 4 kilos of Sodium Nitrate; 15 kilos of potassium; 60 liters of Benzene; 78,050 kilos of Caustic Soda; 24.9 kilos of cellulose powder; 10,000 liters of acid (under investigation) and 0.77 kilos of food colour powder were seized.

A total of 751 drug-related offenders were arrested across the country in March 2023. Along with them, a total of K81,037.776 million (over US\$ 38 million) worth narcotic drugs were seized. Comparing to the amount of seizures in April, more than K25,674.515 million (over US\$11.63 million) worth of drugs were seized in March.

The arrested drug-related offenders were handed over to the relevant police stations and punitive actions are being taken against them in accordance with the law. Members of anti-narcotic drugs task force, joining hands with security force members, are making further efforts to identify and arrest drug-related offenders for the eradication of narcotic drugs.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (10-5-2023)

Seizures of Narcotic Drugs in April 2023



Seizures of K1.1 billion worth heroine drugs along with offenders in Kale Township



Seizures of K1.1 billion worth psychotropic drugs along with offenders in Tachileik Township



Seizures of K3.2 billion worth stimulant tablets along with offenders in Hline and Mayangone Townships



Seizures of K900 million worth psychotropic drugs along with offender in Tachileik Township



Seizures of over K690 million worth heroine along with offender in Mohnyin Township

- As members of anti-narcotic task force, joining hands together with security personnel, are making efforts to seize narcotic drugs in April, a total of 679 drug-related offenders were arrested and a total of K55,363.261million (over US\$ 26.363 million) worth narcotic drugs along with them were seized.