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Families of Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) Hold Waso Robe Offering Ceremony for 2023



Families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) held the Waso Robe Offering Ceremony 2023 at Anawrahta Hall of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) on 26 July. The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla attended the ceremony, and donated Waso robes, offerings and day meals to the Thanlyin Minkyaung Sayadaw.

Afterward, the SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife donated

Waso robes and offertories to the Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee (SSMNC) Presiding Sayadaw of Thiho Pariyatti Buddhist Learning Centre in Kyaukme of Shan State (North), following the attendees at the ceremony donated Waso robes and offerings to the members of the Sangha.

The ceremony was graced by a total of 27 venerable Sayadaws including Ova-dacariya Sayadaws of Uppatasanti Pagoda Board of Trustees led by the Secretary of the SSMNC Presiding Patron of Thanlyin Minkyaung Pahtamapyan Buddhist Learning Centre in Thanlyin of Yangon Region. It was also attended by the SAC Chairman



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and wife, together with the SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) and wife, union level officials and wives, senior mili-

tary officers of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and wives, and officials.

Source: Myawady Television News (26-7-2023)



- The SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and wife attended the Waso robe offering ceremony 2023 of the families of Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air), and donated Waso robes, offerings and day meals to the members of the Sangha.

Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Receives a Delegation led by Chief Justice H.E. Mr. Vyacheslav Lebedev of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation



The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by Chief Justice H.E. Mr. Vyacheslav Lebedev of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation at the Credentials Hall of the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 25 July. During the meeting, both sides candidly exchanged views on the following matters:

- The enhancement of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and the Russian Federation;
- The plans of promoting cooperation in legal and judicial affairs;
- The legal experts from Myanmar to study legal subjects in the Russian Federation; and

- The progress of cooperation in all sectors between the two countries.

Also present at the meeting together with the Senior General were SAC Joint-Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union Chief Justice U Tun Tun Oo, and Union Minister for Legal Affairs Dr. Daw Thida Oo. The Chief Justice H.E. Mr. Vyacheslav Lebedev of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation was accompanied by members of the delegation, and officials of Embassy of Russian Federation in Myanmar.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (26-7-2023)



SAC Chairman Prime Minister and the Russian Chief Justice exchanging gifts



SAC Chairman Prime Minister and the Russian Chief Justice posing for a commemorative photo

- **During the meeting with the SAC Chairman Prime Minister and the Russian Chief Justice, views were frankly exchanged on the plans of promoting cooperation in legal and judicial affairs and the legal experts from Myanmar to study legal subjects in the Russian Federation.**

Myanmar Investment Commission Approves 10 New Investment Projects



Myanmar Investment Commission held its 2/2023 meeting at the Union Government office in Nay Pyi Taw on 24 July with the attendance of SAC member the Commission Chairman Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun and commission members.

The meeting approved 10 new investment projects in electricity, industry, hotels and tourism and livestock and fishery sectors including enhancing capital investment of (10) projects. The investment volume of said projects is 446.158 million USD and over 254.951 billion kyats, and it will create 7,640 job opportunities. Renewable energy productions were also included in the permitted projects.

Out of 52 countries invested in My-

anmar, Singapore, China and Thailand are largest investors until June 2023. The most investment sector is electric power with 28.25%, followed by oil and natural gas with 24.59% and industry sector with 14.39 %.

Myanmar Investment Commission conducts scrutinizing and permitting the investment proposals submitted by local and foreign investors and investment service for the investors in line with the law, it is reported.

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Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo Receives a Delegation led by Chief Justice of Russian Federation



Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo received a delegation led by H.E. Mr. Vyacheslav Lebedev Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, at the meeting hall of the Union Supreme Court in Nay Pyi Taw on 25 July.

In the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on issues of judicial cooperation between the two countries.

Present at the meeting together with the Union Chief Justice were judges of the Supreme Court of the Union, and Charge d' Affaires a.i./ Counselor Mr. Pavel Klabukov, the Chairman of the Fourth Court of Cassation of General Jurisdiction Mr. Aleksei Shishkin, the Chairman of the Fourth

Court of Appeal of General Jurisdiction Mr. Magsomed Magomedov and members together with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (26-7-2023)

- **Union Chief Justice received a delegation led by Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation and the two sides exchanged views on issues of judicial cooperation between the two countries.**

A delegation led by Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation Visits Maravijaya Buddha Image and Uppatasanti Pagoda



The Russian delegation led by H.E. Mr. Vyacheslav Lebedev, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Russian Federation, arrived at Nay Pyi Taw on 23 July to pay a goodwill visit. Russian chief justice-led delegation visited the Maravijaya Buddha image that is being built at the Buddha Park in Dekkhinathiri township of Nay Pyi Taw and also observed religious buildings and stone plaque chambers on which circular stupas were built.

On 24 July, the Russian goodwill delegation paid homage to Jade Buddha Image in the cave of Uppathasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw and offered flowers and water. Moreover, the Chief Justice signed the visitors' book of the pagoda and made cash do-

nations.

Moreover, the delegation paid a visit to Myanmar Gems Museum (Nay Pyi Taw) on 25 July and observed the displayed jade and pearl pieces of jewellery and natural resources.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (26-7-2023)

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Delegation led by UEC Chair U Thein Soe Attends 7th National Assembly Elections of Cambodia



At the invitation of the Chairman of the Cambodian Election Commission, the delegation led by Union Election Commission (UEC) Chair U Thein Soe, who attended the 7th National Assembly Elections of Cambodia from 21 to 25 July, arrived at Yangon on 25 July.

During their tour, the UEC Chair and delegates:

- Attended a meeting to brief international election observers on the process on 22 July, and observed polling station preparations and voting processes at schools in Kandal Province of Phnom Penh; and
- Observed the manners of Cambodia's elections and the conditions for the

opening of polling stations and voting and vote counting; and visited the landmarks and cultural sites of Cambodia.

The UEC chairs, deputy chairs and other representatives of the relevant election commissions from Thailand, India, The Philippines, Russia and Timor-Leste, it is reported.

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Union Minister U Than Swe Receives Ambassador of the People's Republic of China



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe received Mr. Chen Hai, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw on 25 July.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed the matters pertaining to further consolidation of the existing Pauk-Phaw relations and cooperation, the continued implementation of Myanmar-China bilateral projects, the maintenance of peace and stability along the border area between Myan-

mar and China, China's continuous constructive support towards Myanmar development endeavour as well as further enhancement of mutually beneficial cooperation both at regional and international arenas particularly ASEAN and United Nations, it is reported.

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Myanmar Delegation led by Union Minister U Thaung Han Attends 5th Ministerial Meeting of ISA Regional Committee for Asia & Pacific Region



The Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Electric Power U Thaung Han attended the 5th Ministerial Meeting of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) Regional Committee for Asia and Pacific Region at the Sheraton Abu Dhabi Hotel and Resort in Abu Dhabi of UAE on 25 July.

The meeting focused on ISA's aims for solar energy and the progress in ISA Flagship Initiatives: Solar Facility, SolarX Grand Challenge, Solar Technology and Applications Research Centre (STAR-C). Then, the Union Minister from Myanmar discussed current activities to develop solar energy, and challenges in executing Nation-

ally Determined Contribution's (NDC) renewable energy development programmes of Myanmar. Moreover, officials from other member countries discussed the related sectors.

The meeting was attended by ISA member countries, the countries from Asia and Pacific Region that signed ISA Framework Agreement, the countries to be the member countries, ISA's partner organizations and distinguished guests.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (26-7-2023)

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MoH Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win Receives UNFPA Resident Representative



Union Health Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win received a delegation led by Mr. Ramanathan Balakrishnan, Resident Representative of the United Nations Fund for Population Activities-UNFPA in Myanmar, at the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw on 25 July.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to cooperation in the health sector to be embodied in the letter of agreement to be signed between Myanmar's Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and the UNFPA, the provision of drugs and medical supplies for reproductive healthcare activities, arrangements

for conducting training courses on healthcare development and measures to be taken for maternal and reproductive health services in areas affected by Cyclone Mocha.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister, Director Generals and officials from the Ministry of Health, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (26-7-2023)

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Myanmar's Response to Report of United Nations Secretary-General on Conflict-related Sexual Violence and its Open Debate

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Response

The annual report of the United Nations Secretary-General on Conflict-related Sexual Violence for the year 2022, which includes country-specific descriptions of 17 countries including Myanmar, was released and the Security Council held the annual open debate on conflict-related sexual violence on 14 July 2023.

It is disappointing to observe that Myanmar Armed Forces (Tatmadaw) is listed yet again in the annexe of the report. Myanmar views it as an act of sheer politicization. The United Nations independent experts need to take into account the information provided by the State concerned and all information needs to be cross-checked to the best extent possible. However, the report not only deliberately excluded the information provided by the Government but also failed to verify the accuracy of the alleged cases with the concerned country.

Myanmar has been listed in the annexe of the annual report of the United Nations Secretary-General on Conflict-related Sexual Violence since 2018, based on the allegations of sexual violence that reportedly occurred in the Northern Rakhine State in 2017. Nonetheless, there is no concrete evidence to prove the perpetrators of such crimes. Yet the annual report contains unfounded allegations from anti-government sources without meaningful facts such as venue, date and time or any other relevant information to verify the alleged incidents. On the other hand, this year's report informs about cases of sexual violence in the camps in Cox's Bazar and how these cases are referred to male camp leaders who favour harmful dispute-resolution approaches. In fact, such cases have been prevalent unfortunately as rape cases against a total of over forty women by a camp leader were filed by six complainants from an IDP camp in Sittway earlier this year. The cases which were reportedly taken place between 2012 and 2022.

The report itself admits that no complaint was received but made its own conclusion as "underreported" based on speculations. Even though sexual violence cases committed by the terrorist group PDF went viral, failure to include such information makes the report further unbalanced. It is reported that four members of the so-called PDF raped and murdered a total of seven persons including four girls in August 2022 in Pekatoe Village of

Chaung Oo Township in Sagaing Region.

The report further misleads the international community by excluding a long list of measures taken by the Government to prevent conflict-related sexual violence. With the aim of delisting Myanmar from the annexe of the said report, the Joint Communiqué on Prevention and Response to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence was signed between Myanmar and the United Nations on 7 December 2018. The National Committee on Prevention and Response to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence was also established on 26 March 2019. The State Administration Council reconstituted the National Committee on 31 March 2021. The National Action Plan on Prevention and Response to Conflict-related Sexual Violence was adopted in June 2021 and the inputs provided by the Special Representative were appropriately incorporated in it. Myanmar also shared its National Action Plan with the Special Representative and progress in its implementation was also updated to her properly. The Action Plan has been extended to another year till 10 November 2023.

Myanmar is a society which traditionally and culturally opposes sexual violence in any form. It is well recognized that military personnel are strictly required to abide by the code of conduct as the offenders were punished to maximum sentences in accordance with a zero-tolerance policy. The Office of the Adjutant General issued a directive with letter No 1/85/727/Yay 3 (ga nge) dated 24 November 2021 to prevent conflict-related sexual violence. The instructions have been made known to all levels of the Tatmadaw which has been strictly monitoring the compliance of the instructions. The Office of the Judge Advocate-General and military academies have conducted a series of education trainings which includes inter alia, awareness raising for prevention of sexual violence. The trainings were participated by a total of over 43,000 military personnel in 2022.

In connection with the allegations against the detention centres, complaints can be filed with the respective Departments or the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission. The Commission has made a total of 41 prison visits from 2021 to May 2023 to inspect whether treatments are in line with the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners.

In addition to the helpline phone established in 2016, Viber messages and Facebook channels were extended to file complaints on different forms of violence against women in January 2022. Moreover, five One Stop Women Support Centres (OSWSCs) have been established since 2017 and expanded to two States and Regions in 2021 and 2022. The OSWSCs provide necessary support including temporary shelter, legal aid and psychosocial support to survivors from gender-based violence. In the same vein, seven One Stop Crisis Centres (OSCCs) have been established by the Ministry of Health since March 2022 in seven general hospitals in four States and Regions to provide healthcare services.

It is also found out that Kyaw Moe Tun, a dismissed civil servant who has been facing a charge of high treason, participated in the said open debate and made a misleading statement. Myanmar registered its strong objection with relevant UN Offices against his participation and statement which does not represent the country. Myanmar also objects to some irresponsible and one-sided remarks by certain countries at the event.

Continued putting Myanmar on the list of the annexe of the report without any significant cases is a clear act of politicization and selectively targeting Myanmar. The unsoundness and unevenness of elements in the report are literal proof that the report is a mere attempt to discredit Myanmar on political grounds. Myanmar firmly believes that it should be delisted from the annexe of the report since the allegations cannot substantiate, perpetrators were given maximum penalties and domestic mechanisms are put in place to prevent conflict-related sexual violence.

**National Committee on Prevention and Response
to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence**

25 July 2023

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (26-7-2023)

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- **Yet the annual report contains unfounded allegations from anti-government sources without meaningful facts such as venue, date and time or any other relevant information to verify the alleged incidents.**
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Answers of SAC Information Team Leader Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun on Printing and Distribution of “twenty-thousand-kyat” New Myanmar Currency



Regarding the question raised by a reporter on the printing and distribution of “twenty-thousand-kyat” new Myanmar currency, the Leader of the Information Team

of the State Administration Council (SAC) Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun replied to a question that the people can operate for their socio-economic development without any concerns.

Q: I would like to raise a question related to the printing and distribution of Myanmar currency notes of “twenty-thousand-kyat” on 23 July 2023. People are worried about hiking prices of foreign exchange rates and gold prices because of the printing and distribution of twenty thousand currency notes. So, how do you clarify current situations to the government and the people?

A: We enquired about the root causes of such an event. First, we found it as rumours. I would like to firstly explain the spreading of rumours. The Central Bank of Myanmar announced 8 am yesterday concerning the circulation of a new currency twenty-thousand note. In mid-day, two rumours came out. The first rumour was the circulation of twenty-thousand-kyat notes; more currency notes may come out; higher valued currency notes may emerge; Myanmar currency value will decline; and it may cause a high inflation rate. One more item of rumour came out a few hours later. Such a rumour was intentionally spread that existing currency notes may be revoked. As that day was Sunday, the forex rate of the US dollar gradually increased and the gold price rose as well. As it was an office holiday, the US dollar exchange rate was slightly high due to the lack of exchanging currencies practically. The gold price was also sharply high. This morning, the Central Bank of Myanmar issued a press release on the Q&A session for public observation. Such a Q&A session showed comprehensive facts and data. After the CBM issued it at about 9 am, one more rumour came out between 10:30 am and 11 am. Such a rumour was based on some parts of the Q&A session of the CBM. It showed that everybody can take three twenty thousand currency notes each. Moreover, it mentioned that a large number of such currency notes based on the Myanmar population have been printed and published. At the same time, some exile media mentioned the fabricated stories presented by a Myanmar economic observer. The rumour carried that it was not good in the economic situation as the government published new currency notes. Consequently, the US dollar exchange rate and prices of gold were high. Later, prices of other commodities were also raised. As a main reason to cause such an event, the CBM issued an announcement on 23 July 2023, regarding the export and import measures. Once, an announcement was mentioned that 65 per cent of earnings from export must be exchanged with Myanmar currency. The Chairman of the State Administration Council always talked about 65 per cent of exchanging the currency whenever he met with MSME businesspersons or other businesspersons. He told businesspersons or industrial entrepreneurs that the exchange rate with Myanmar currency must be amended and reduced at an appropriate time. On 13 July, the CBM issued a press release that 50 per cent of earnings from export must be exchanged with Myanmar currency instead of 65 per cent. After that, everybody may notice that the trade process of the nation speeded up. Moreover, incomes from foreign exchange were higher in the market. The US dollar forex rate was more stable. At present, as twenty

thousand currency notes were published, we accept that rumours were spread to cause instability in situations. Importantly, I would like to inform such an issue and guarantee them the stability of the situation. The Q&A session of the CBM issued at about 9 am today was comprehensive.

However, it includes the technical terms and the public may understand it. What I want to say regarding this case is that... No 1, the K20,000-note is not issued in a large sum but it is just a commemorative note. Other countries had issued currency notes as a gesture of commemorative events. But, we have never made that before. We minted gold coins marking the 75th Diamond Jubilee Independence Day. At that time, although people can buy at fixed prices, they cannot purchase a lot. The current case is like that. Another fact is that it includes in the statement of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM). The new K-20,000 note is just a commemorative note and it will be granted if the people pay the equal value of note at the bank. There is also a limitation. If the people exchange their damaged notes with new K 20,000 notes worth K10 million at the bank, they will not be granted K10 million. One person can get only three K20,000 notes. These three notes will not be issued for free. As the saying goes, if one gives rice, he can get oil. The banknotes are aimed at exchanging damaged banknotes. The CBM will destroy all the damaged notes. Therefore, I am sure that it is completely impossible for new K20,000 notes to enter the financial market massively. I also guarantee that it will not happen. So, there will be no inflation. It spreads rumours to occur instability. The next fact is that the government also guarantees businesses in Section 36 of the Constitution. The government abides by the 2008 Constitution. It also assures with Section 36 (d) shall not nationalize economic enterprises and Section 36(f) shall not demonetize the currency legally in circulation. Therefore, we will not illegalize the officially issued currency as an illegal denomination. I also reaffirm that. The last one is that some are preparing to spread rumours in time regarding the current situation. The government can control these circumstances in business sectors. Therefore, what I want to inform the people is that they can operate for their socioeconomic development, and I guarantee it. Thank you.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (25-7-2023)

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A Press Conference Held to Public on Distribution of Twenty-Thousand-Kyat New Myanmar Currency Note



A press conference was held at the Central Bank of Myanmar-CBM in Nay Pyi Taw on 25 July 2023 regarding the “twenty-thousand-kyat” banknote featuring the picture of white elephant to be issued on the 31st of July 2023.

In the press conference, the queries raised by the media outlets, on the distribution of the new “twenty-thousand-kyat” banknote, were responded as follows:

- The new banknote will be issued in a limited number in commemoration of significant events and will be distributed

only by exchange of the same value with various types of old banknotes that should not be appropriate for circulation. there will be no inflation.

- Old banknotes will be exchanged for “equal value” at the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw, the Yangon branch, and the Mandalay branch starting from 31 July on office days. One person can get only three K20,000 notes as a remembrance.

Moreover, the director general of the CBM U Win Myint explained in detail the

queries on the issuance of new banknotes in commemoration of significant events, further actions against speculation and manipulation on the distribution of the new twenty-thousand-kyat” banknote, and the required documents and provisions of the people when they exchange the new banknote at the banks.

The press conference was attended by the Director General of Financial Manage-

ment Department of CBM, reporters from media agencies. The full script of the press conference will be described in daily newspapers, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (26-7-2023)

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Myanmar-China Bilateral Economic Cooperation Meeting Held



A meeting on Myanmar-China bilateral economic cooperation took place at the conference hall of the China-Myanmar Eco-

nomic Cooperation and Development Promotion Association in Yankin township, Yangon, on 24 July. A delegation of China’s

Jilin City People's Government, Myanmar entrepreneurs and officials from Myanmar-China Friendship Association attended the meeting.

During the meeting, U Nyein Chan Maung, Chairman of the National Development Association of Kyaukpyu, Myanmar and Mr. Lyu Ji Quan, Head of the Department of Foreign Relations of Jilin City had a prior discussion to establish Jilin City and Kyaukpyu as sister cities. The attendees had

friendly discussions on various topics, including bilateral economic cooperation, tourism, investments, and fostering friendship and development between the two nations, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (25-7-2023)

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Efforts made to Increase Export Volume in the Fiscal Year of 2023-2024



During the tenure of the State Administration Council Government, efforts are being made to increase export volume via border trade posts and regular trade routes. As a result:

- Over a three-month period, from 1 April to 7 July in the fiscal year of 2023-2024, Myanmar earned a total of USD 1,835.624 million in foreign income in trade value: USD 1,276.532 million

from exports and USD 559.092 million from imports through Myanmar-Thai border trade.

- During the same period in the previous FY, Myanmar generated a total of USD 1,415.364 million. Therefore, in comparison to the current FY, Myanmar had earned USD 420.26 million in surplus.
- During a period over three months from 1 April to 14 July, Myanmar exported 420,122.141 tonnes of varieties of pulses to foreign markets via sea route and 71,937.479 tonnes of pulses via border trade posts, earning a total of USD 389.82 million.
- During a six-month period from January to June, Myanmar had exported 275,584 fine rattan products and over 141,000 raw rattans.

- Moreover, Myanmar also exported 1.995 million bamboo sides, 4,000 bamboo sticks, and 18,000 bamboo mats during a six-month period from January to June.

The raw and fine products of rattan and bamboo were exported to foreign countries through border trade posts and maritime routes, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (26-7-2023)

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Relief Materials Transported and Cash Donations Provided to Cyclone Mocha Victims in Rakhine State



Military aircraft/helicopters and naval vessels are being used to deliver necessary relief materials and supplies daily to the locals in Sittwe Township of Rakhine State, affected by the Cyclone Mocha. In this regards, 1.3 tonnes of medicines and medical aids, and construction materials were delivered by military aircraft on 19 July.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Thet Thet Khine accepted K100 million donated by Mone-woun-Burma Ethnic Cultural Association to the fund for rehabilitation measures in cyclone Mocha victims of Rakhine State at the cash donation ceremony which was held at Disaster Management Centre on 24 July. After accepting the cash donation, the Union Minister spoke words of thanks.

The senior military officials, who have been assigned special duties in the cyclone Mocha-hit areas, inspected the collective

clean-up activities of local Tatmadaw personnel, measures to distribute electricity, and selling of meats, fishes and vegetable to people at fair price in Sittwe, Thandwe, Kyaukpyu, Mahnaung, Buthidaung, Mrauk-U, Minbya, Maungdaw, Ramree and Kyauktaw Townships from 19 to 24 July. Then, they donated foodstuffs, cash donations, medicines and relief supplies for the monasteries and local people affected by the cyclone Mocha.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (26-7-2023)



Senior military officers inspecting the rehabilitation measures in cyclone Mocha-hit areas



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Recreational Travel Arranged for Military Personnel injured in Serving State Defence Duties to Visit Chaungtha and Ngapali Beaches



For the military personnel who are now recovered from their wounds after receiving necessary medical treatments at the military hospitals, the recreational travels have been arranged for those Tatmadaw members to visit Chaungtha Beach in Ayeyawady Region and Ngapali Beach in Rakhine State on 24 July. In this regards:

- The South-West Command Commander and officials warmly welcomed the military personnel who visited Chaungtha Beach in Ayeyawady Region, hosted local traditional foods, and presented souvenirs to them.
- The Commander of Western Command and officials warmly welcomed the military personnel who visited Ngapali Beach in Rakhine State, hosted local foods and, presented souvenirs to them.

Those who arrived at Ngapali Beach of Thandwe Township as their recreational vis-

its, will pay homage to Shwe Nan Daw Pagoda, Shwe An Daw Pagoda, Shwe San Daw Pagoda and Madae Hill Pagoda, and they will visit Pearl Island, Ngapali Market and Emerald Ruby Garden for five-day recreational visits.

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Myitnge-Ywarthagyi Freight Train Derails on Mandalay-Yangon Railroad due to the Acts of Unscrupulous People



No. (925) down-train of Myitnge-Ywarthagyi trip derailed at mile-post No. (372/3-371/24) between Palate station and Singaing station on 23 July, detaching five fully-loaded coaches from 18th to 22nd. The derailment occurred for the segments of railway tracks were disconnected.

The root-cause of the derailment was found out to be the act of unscrupulous people who removed 32 bolts/nuts and eight railroad clamps of the railway track on its both sides. The damaged segment of railway track was repaired promptly and the railway became functional in the morning of 24 July.

Such dangerous acts might inflict heavy civilian casualties as well as damages to the goods-transport. Therefore, the people are urged to inform authorities concerned if they find similar acts of unscrupulous persons.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (25-7-2023)

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Actions Continue against Unscrupulous Persons who Follow and Make Incitements and Propaganda of CRPH and NUG Terrorist Groups, their Subordinates and Colluded Groups

The entire population has already been informed not to follow the incitements and propaganda made by CRPH and NUG declared as terrorist groups, their subordinates and colluded groups. In spite of that, some unscrupulous persons are making incitements and propaganda to disrupt the State peace and stability via social media. Therefore, necessary actions have been taken against them in line with law. In this regard:

- From 20 to 25 July 2023, one person from Yangon region and two people from Bago region, totaling three people

were arrested.

- From 27 January 2022 to 25 July 2023, legal actions were taken against a total of 1,630 people under the law.

It is reported that necessary actions will be continued against such instigators and unscrupulous persons making propaganda and instigations.

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