

# Information Sheet

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## Paying Homage to Venerable Sayadaws from Abroad who came to Attend Gala Ceremonies to Consecrate Maravijaya Buddha Image



The leading donor Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party paid homage to the Venerable Monks from foreign countries on 31 July, who are temporarily residing at Jasmine Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw, and who came to attend the ceremonies to consecrate the Maravijaya Buddha Image which will be the world's tallest sitting marble Buddha image, hoist umbrellas atop small pagodas on stone plaque chambers and share merits gained will be held on a grand scale in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

First, the leading donor Prime Minister, SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister, and party are introduced by the

Chancellor of Sitagu Buddhist Universities State Ovadacariya Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddanta Nyanissara and Rector of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University Bhaddanta Chekinda to the foreign monks separately as per the country.

In so doing, the leading donor Prime Minister supplicated that the citizens of the countries of the foreign monks are also invited to pay homage to the Maravijaya Buddha Image. Then, the Senior General said the attendance of the Venerable monks to the ceremonies will strengthen the cooperation in religious affairs and support the propagation of the Buddhism.

Regarding the supplication by the Senior General, the foreign monks made certain words of advice describing closer



SAC Chairman Prime Minister and party paying homage to the Venerable Sayadaws from Laos

cooperation in religious affairs between countries due to the attendance of them, proud of themselves for paying homage to the Maravijaya Buddha Image which will be the world's tallest sitting marble Buddha image, and Myanmar as the focal point of the Theravada Buddhism.

Next, the leading donor SAC Chairman Prime Minister presented the replicas of Maravijaya marble Buddha Images to the foreign monks, and accepted Dhamma gifts and cash donations to the fund for building the Maravijaya Buddha Image and the Park presented by the foreign venerable monks. Also the laypersons of the foreign monks presented cash donations, robes and gifts of Dhamma and the Senior General accepted

them.

The venerable monks visited the Maravijaya Buddha Image, religious buildings, Mucalinda Nagayon Pagoda and small pagodas on stone plaque chambers in the precinct of the Maravijaya Buddha Park, and the officials conducted round them.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (1-8-2023)

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**SAC Chairman Prime Minister Presenting the Replicas of Maravijaya Marble Buddha Images to the Foreign Monks**



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SAC Chairman Prime Minister Accepting Dhamma Gifts presented by the Foreign Monks



## Ceremony to Launch Upgraded MRTV Farmers' Channel and MRTV Sports Channel Held



In commemoration of two years and six months of State service of the State Administration Council on 1 August 2023, and for the dedication ceremony of the Maravijaya Buddha Image in Nay Pyi Taw, which will be the highest among the seated Buddha statues in the world, a ceremony to launch MRTV Farmers' Channel and MRTV Sports Channel jointly upgraded by the Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) under Ministry of Information, and Hey Play Co., Ltd was held at the MRTV Auditorium in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkone Township on 31 July.

During the ceremony, MRTV staff and famous vocalists entertained with songs and then a video clip on **“Keep Moving Forward to Achieve Our Goal”** was shown. After that, Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn reported on Channel Rebranding of MRTV Farmers' Channel and MRTV Sports Channel and measures to launch on

1<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

After showing the promo video clip on implementations for MRTV Farmers' Channel Rebranding and MRTV Sports Channel Rebranding, Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister Admiral Tin Aung San and Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn formally opened to rebrand MRTV Farmers' Channel and MRTV Sports Channel starting 1<sup>st</sup> August according to the channels.

Then, representatives of the Ministries presented flowers baskets to Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn for the channel rebranding. Afterward, Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn and Deputy Minister U Ye Tint presented gifts to the guests.

Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister Admiral Tin Aung San, Union Ministers and party viewed around news broadcasting room of MRTV, Convergence News Room, MRTV HD, MRTV News Channel rooms,



Farmers' channel and sports channel on-air rooms, MRTV News Channel News Studio and Farmers' News Studio.

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2018. Now, in cooperation with Hey Play Co., Ltd, the programs will be upgraded and rebranded starting from 1<sup>st</sup> August and a total of 18 hours will be broadcast from 6:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

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### **Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Chief of Myanmar Police Force Attends Closing Ceremony of the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Task Force Eagle 19 Training jointly conducted by Anti-narcotics Police Force and Royal Thai Police**

At the invitation of Secretary-General Mr. Wichai Chaimongkhon of the Office of the Narcotics Control Board (ONCB) of Thailand, a Myanmar delegation

led by Secretary of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Chief of Myanmar Police Force Lt-Gen Ni Lin Aung at-





tended the closing ceremony of the 5<sup>th</sup> special task force Eagle 19 training organized by the ONCB, and jointly conducted by the Special Task Force of Royal Thai Police and the Anti-narcotics Police Force of Myanmar Police Force on 30 July.

The ceremony was attended by Secretary-General of the ONCB of Thailand Mr. Wichai Chaimongkhon, Deputy National Police Chief Mr. Chinaphat Sarasin, and senior police officials from anti-narcotics task force and Royal Thai Police Force.

During the closing ceremony, Secretary-General of the ONCB of Thailand, Chief of Myanmar Police Force, and Deputy National Police Chief of Thailand conferred certificates of completion of the 5th special task force Eagle 19 training on the trainees.

The training was conducted at the Counter-Terrorism Operations Centre of the Royal Thai Police in Bangkok of Thailand from 2 to 31 July. A total of 49 trainees — 22 from Myanmar and 27 from Thailand — joined the training course. The training is

aimed at boosting physical and mental resistance and skills for special tasks.

Moreover, Chief of Myanmar Police Force Lt-Gen Ni Lin Aung met the ONCB secretary-general and discussed matters related to regional drug cases, cooperation in combatting illegal precursor chemicals in the Golden Triangle, systematic destruction of seized drugs and chemicals, capacity-building training courses and enhancement of cooperation between the two countries.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (1-8-2023)

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### Representative from Myanmar Participates in 44<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the High-level Task Force on ASEAN Economic Integration



The 44<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the High-level Task Force on ASEAN Economic Integration (HLTF-EI) was held in Lombok, Indonesia, from 29 to 31 July 2023. Dr. Wah Wah Maung, Deputy Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations who is also the Lead of Myanmar HLTF-EI attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the HLTF-EI leads discussed matters pertaining to the development of the ASEAN Community's Post-2025 Vision particularly from the perspective of the AEC pillar, the status implementation of Priority Economic Deliverables under Indonesia's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2023, the implementation of the

Comprehensive Compliance Monitoring (CM) assessment of the AEC Blueprint 2025, the implementation of ASEAN's sustainability agenda including the development of ASEAN Strategy on Carbon Neutrality, the use of Electric Vehicles and its enabling ecosystem, developing ASEAN Blue Economy Framework for sustainable development of the ASEAN region, and also promoting utilization of the signed ASEAN Free Trade Areas (FTAs).

The meeting was chaired by H.E. Mr. Edi Prio Pambudi, Deputy Minister for International Economic Cooperation Coordinating, the Ministry of Economic Affairs of Indonesia, and attended by the leads and representatives of the High-level Task Force on ASEAN Economic Integration from the ASEAN Member States, the deputy secre-

tary-general and officials from the ASEAN Secretariat.

The HLTF-EI is a think-tank group of the ASEAN Economic Community and the group meeting is held twice a year to discuss the future work of the ASEAN Economic Community.

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## Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Issues Statement No 9/ 2023

The Chairman of the State Administration Council has pardoned the male and female prisoners in various prisons/jails/camps across the country by the pardon orders on 1 August 2023, in commemoration of the full moon of Second Waso

(Dhammacakka Day). In this regards, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission is greatly heartened for those family members who have been relieved and remitted from punishment.

### Statement

1. The Chairman of the State Administration Council issued Order No 48/2023, 49/2023, 50/2023, 51/2023, 52/2023, 53/2023, and 54/2023 on 1 August 2023, in commemoration of the full moon of Second Waso (Dhammacakka Day), 1385 ME, in the interest of public peace of mind and on compassionate grounds, national solidarity, internal peace and in consideration of the friendly relations between countries.
2. According to these orders, the remaining sentences imposed on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi under Criminal Case No. 35/2021, 37/2021, 71/2021, 38/2021, and 45/2021 were remitted under Section 401 (1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure; the remaining sentences imposed on U Win Myint under Criminal Case No. 35/2021 and 36/2021 were remitted under Section 401 (1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure; the death sentences of eligible persons in prisons and jails were commuted to life imprisonment by Section 204 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; a total of 7,749 male and female prisoners serving sentences in respective prisons, jails and camps, were pardoned under Section 401 (1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure; 22 members of Ethnic Armed Organizations in respective prisons were pardoned under Section 401 (1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure; the sentences of 125 foreign prisoners from respective prisons and jails were remitted and shall be deported under Section 401 (1) of the Code of Criminal Procedure; and criminal cases of 72 persons under trial for connection to members of Ethnic Armed Organizations were closed and they were released under Section 419 of the Constitution.
3. It is noteworthy that the sentences of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and U Win Myint were remitted in accordance with Order No 48/2023 and 49/2023.
4. The release of 125 foreign prisoners is considered a step in promoting friendly relations between countries.
5. This action is a positive step from a human rights perspective, demonstrating the State Administration Council's respect for humanitarian issues and encouraging national solidarity and internal peace. Those whose death sentences have been commuted may have

the opportunity to enjoy their lives. The Commission is convinced that not only the pardoned individuals will have the opportunity to be reunited with their families, but they will also be able to lawfully contribute towards the establishment of the Union, based on democracy and a federal system, in appreciation of the goodwill of the State.

6. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission is greatly heartened for those family members who have been relieved and remitted from punishment.

**Myanmar National Human Rights Commission**

**Date: 1 August 2023**

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (2-8-2023)

- **In commemoration of the full moon of Second Waso (Dhammacakka Day) which falls on 1 August 2023, the Chairman of the State Administration Council has remitted the remaining sentences that were imposed on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and U Win Myint, and has pardoned a total of 7,749 male and female prisoners, 22 members of Ethnic Armed Organizations, and 125 foreign prisoners serving sentences in respective prisons, jails and camps.**
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### **Prisoners in various Prisons/Jails/Camps across the Country Granted Pardons**

The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) has pardoned the male and female prisoners in various prisons/jails/camps across the country on 1<sup>st</sup> August, in commemoration of the Dhammacakka Day, in the interest of public

peace of mind and on compassionate grounds, national solidarity, internal peace and in consideration of the friendly relations between countries.

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**Kawthoung Prison**

and 125 foreign prisoners serving their sentences in various prisons/jails/camps across the country have been pardoned under the Code of Criminal Procedure Article 401 (1) on condition that **“they will have to serve the new punishment together with the remaining punishment to which they were sentenced this time if more offence is committed”**. Moreover, the SAC Chairman has permitted to withdrawal of the cases opened against 72 affiliated with Ethnic Armed Organizations and commuted the death sentences of certain prisoners to life imprisonment and the foreign prisoners

were deported from Myanmar.

Although the State imposed sentences to the prisoners in prisons and jails according to their criminal cases, it is undertaking for their social and health matters as well as the human rights that they should enjoy in line with set standards. Therefore, the prisoners are in good health and happy when they are released and their relatives were warmly welcomed them.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (2-8-2023)

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**Prisoners in various Prisons/Jails/Camps across the Country Granted Pardons**



**Nay Pyi Taw Jail**



**Insein Prison**



**Bago Jail**



**Loikaw Prison**



**Katha Prison**

**Prisoners in various Prisons/Jails/Camps across the Country Granted Pardons**



**Mawlamyine Jail**



**Pyay Prison**



**Mandalay Central Prison**



**Kengtung Jail**



**Pyapon Prison**



**Prisoners in various Prisons/Jails/Camps across the Country Granted Pardons**



**Sittwe Prison**



**Myingyan Prison**



**Kale Prison**



**Thaton Prison**



**Myeik Prison**

**Famous Pagodas, Temples and Stupas across the Country Thronged with Pilgrims on the Occasion of Full Moon Day of Second Waso (Dhammacakka Day)**



On the occasion of the full moon day of Second Waso, also known as Dhammacakka Day, the famous pagodas, temples and stupas across the country were crowded with pilgrims who keep Sabbath, recite Pathan and Paritta Sutta, offer Waso robes to the monks at the monasteries, and make good deeds, dedicating to Lord Buddha. In this regards,

- Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon, Mahamyatmuni Temple in Mandalay and Up-patasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory including the famous pagodas, temples and stupas in respective regions and states were crowded with the members of the Sangha, nuns, and pilgrims

who made good deeds peacefully.

- Taungthaman Lake and U Bein Bridge in Amarapura Township of Mandalay Region including public resorts in respective regions and states were also crowded with the visitors who took relax.

The township police force members, reserve fire brigade members and traffic police took necessary measures for security and vehicle safety at the crowded places of respective townships aiming to enable the pilgrims to peacefully pay homage to the pagodas.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (2-8-2023)

- **On the occasion of the full moon day of Second Waso, also known as Dhammacakka Day, the famous pagodas, temples and stupas across the country were crowded with pilgrims.**
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**Famous Pagodas, Temples and Stupas across the Country Thronged with Pilgrims on the Occasion of Full Moon Day of Second Waso (Dhammacakka Day)**



**Kyaik Day Yone Pagoda in Dedaye Township**



**Kyaikthalan Pagoda in Mawlamyine**



**Swam Oo Pone Nya Shin in Sagaing**



**Lwal Tein Khan Hill Pagoda in Muse**



**Kaunghmudaw Pagoda in Sagaing**

**Famous Pagodas, Temples and Stupas across the Country Thronged with Pilgrims on the Occasion of Full Moon Day of Second Waso (Dhammacakka Day)**



**Famous pagoda in Lashio**



**Sandarmuni Pagoda in Mandalay**



**Peik Chin Myaung Cave in Pyin Oo Lwin**



**U Bein Bridge in Mandalay**



**Zin Kyaik Waterfall in Paung Township**

## **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 27 July to 2 August 2023, two persons from Yangon Region, three from

Mandalay Region and two from Mon State, totaling seven were arrested.

- From 27 January 2022 to 2 August 2023, legal actions were taken against a total of 1,637 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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