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Tatmadaw releases statement on ceasefire and eternal peace

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Statement on Ceasefire and Eternal Peace (3rd Waning of Kasone, 1382 ME) (9 May 2020)

- 1. As global countries are encountering world pandemic COVID-19, General Secretary Antonio Guterres of the United Nations on 23 March 2020 urged all to stop armed conflicts happening throughout the world.
- 2. In Myanmar, the government established the National-Level Central Committee on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Prevention, Containment and Treatment and committees at different levels in order to contain, prevent and treat the world pandemic COVID-19, and the Tatmadaw is participating in it with might and main.
- . The Tatmadaw issued a statement meeting the international standards to enforce a ceasefire in the areas from 10 May to 31 August 2020 except the areas where terrorist groups declared by the government take positions, with the aim of effectively and rapidly carrying out containment, prevention and treatment of COVID-19 in Myanmar and restoring eternal peace.
- 4. During the ceasefire period, all ethnic armed organizations need to deeply observe the following four principles of the six peace principles of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.
- (a) Commitment to peace agreements
- (b) Abstaining from taking unfair advantages from the peace agreement
- (c) Not to put burdens on local people
- (d) Strict adherence to existing laws.
- 5. Moreover, ethnic armed organizations need to control themselves and take responsibilities for

avoiding attacks to each other with powerful strengths and bullying local ethnic people.

- 6. Similarly, they all must take responsibilities for avoiding the acts harmful to different levels of administrative machinery of the State, secure and smooth transportation and lives, property and interest of the people.
- If the events related to aforesaid paragraphs
 (4), (5) and (6) happen, the Tatmadaw will take necessary action against them.
- . The Tatmadaw will continuously strive for realizing its pledge to entrust eternal peace that the ethnic people long for into the hand of the people and will effectively participate in the world pandemic COVID-19 containment, prevention and treatment processes in the country as State cause and national cause.

Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

Second group of Myanmar citizens arrives back home from Singapore

A total of 144 Myanmar citizens were brought back from Singapore by the Myanmar National Airlines-MNA yesterday afternoon.

When the second relief flight for returnees arrived at the Yangon International Airport, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Yangon Region government helped for their 21-day quarantine period at the designated places and the respective hotels in line with the guidelines of immigration and healthcare processes.

In coordination with the Myanmar embassy in the city-state and relevant ministries in Myanmar, the relief flights were arranged by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the directive of National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The first relief flight has already brought back the same number of returnees from Singapore on 7 May, and a total of 288 persons have arrived back home until now.

The third relief flight will be sent to Singapore on 13



May to carry 146 Myanmar citizens.-MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin) Myanmar citizens queuing up for immigration process as they arrive at Yangon International Airport.. **PHOTO: MNA**

