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Pilgrims across the Country Throng Maravijaya Buddha Image



As the Maravijaya Buddha Image, the world's highest sitting marble Buddha Image, is open to the public since 8 August, pilgrims including monks and nuns across the country throng the Image daily in addition to public holidays.

- The pilgrims paid homage to the Maravijaya Buddha image, practiced abstract meditation and chanted religious verses together by religious groups.
- They also paid homage to 720 small pagodas on the stone plaque chambers Mucalinda lake and Nagayon pagoda.
- The scenes of taking group photos with

happiness by pilgrims were seen at the water fountain square and small as well as large water fountains systematically built in the Buddha Park and precinct of the Buddha Image.

- Pilgrims peacefully take a rest at the Thudhama rest houses that are constructed with teak logs and decorated ancient Myanmar traditional handcrafts.
- Pilgrims make cash donation with generosity for Maravijaya Buddha Image and other generous donors gave vegetarian fruit Biryani for all comers.
- Concerned authorities made necessary



checks on pilgrims for security purpose to ensure safety. Then, they make the arrangement for transport with small vehicle for monks, persons with disabilities and aged-persons.

The Maravijaya Buddha Image is open to the public free of charge from 8 and 16

August between 6 am and 8 pm, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (14-8-2023)

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Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Delivers a Speech at Meeting with Chief Ministers of Regions and States, and Chairmen of Self-administered Zones and Division



The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivered an address at the meeting with Region and State Chief Ministers, and Chairmen of Self-administered Zones and Division which was held at the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 9 August.

The speeches delivered by the Senior General are as follows:

- The responsibility of a government is to take measures for the development of the country and it is necessary to implement practicable business activities.
- Teachers are required to teach students to have comprehensive knowledge of school education in addition to other necessary correct attitudes.
- As the country mainly carries out agriculture and livestock breeding tasks, it is necessary for regions and states to exert efforts to carry out viable production activities based on agriculture and livestock breeding.
- It is necessary to encourage the production industries for serving the interests of the majority of the people rather than the minority.
- Region and state governments are required to exert efforts for the development of respective agriculture, fish and meat, and manufacturing sectors.
- Development of the MSME businesses will help to ensure growth in domestic commodity production, increase in job opportunities and improvement of regional socioeconomic life.
- The tourism industry, a smokeless industry, must be encouraged for serving the interests of relevant regions through the arrivals of local and foreign travellers.
- The government needs to create a chance for the people to work peacefully at home under the shelter of the country.
- The chief ministers of relevant regions and states are to work together practical-

ly to truly achieve successes and develop interests of the people and the nation.

Afterwards, region and state chief ministers and chairmen of self-administered zones and division reported on the progress of relevant regions in agriculture, livestock and manufacturing sectors with endeavours of development, peace and stability.

Then, Member of the Council Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun reported on import of chemical fertilizer for agricultural enterprises. Next, union ministers reported on measures being taken for promotion of the nation's economy, the assistance on ensuring development of agriculture and livestock businesses and commodity production businesses, imbursement of investment loans, and measures for increase in creating job opportunities.

After hearing the reports, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister delivered his concluding remarks as follows:

- Efforts are to be made in regions and states for the development of agriculture

and livestock, tourism, service and manufacturing industries.

- All the chief ministers of regions and states need to encourage and push measures for promotion of the nation's economy.
- Not only teachers but parents and administrative officials are required to place an emphasis on the nurturing of the physically and mentally developed youths for the future of the nation.

Present at the meeting were SAC Member Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, union ministers, chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw Council, chief ministers of states and regions, chairmen of self-administered zones and division and officials.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (10-8-2023)

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Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Meets with Town Elders in Patheingyi of Ayeyawady Region to Discuss about Regional Development

The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by entourage, and officials, met with the town elders of Patheingyi in Ayeyawady Region at the guest house of the government office in Patheingyi on 11 August to discuss about regional development as follows:

- It can be seen that Ayeyawady Region has high rice sufficiency, and possesses high quality paddy strains.
- In the education sector, the region can take pride in scoring the highest number of students and the highest pass rate.
- The government is encouraging the education sector. Agriculture, livestock and industrial high schools have been opened in 50 districts with more plans to extend similar schools. All attendees are urged to cordially discuss any requirements for development of the region.

Those attendees town elders said that they have never grabbed such opportunities to directly discuss something with the Head of State before. They expressed they took pride in efforts of the Senior General who make trips to the grassroots levels for the sake of the State and the region, and reported on other requirements. The region chief minister gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports and discussions, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister said as follows:

- It is necessary to prevent loss of existing species of plants, declining of quality and conducting research works.
- Ayeyawady Region is a proper area for the fish farming industry, grasping the market share for advanced fish products.
- As the region is in the condition of successfully managing the cattle farming tasks, extended works can be much ben-



eficial for the State and the region.

- Using fertilizers for increasing per-acre yield of crops can harm the quality of original quality of crops. Using natural fertilizers as much as possible can control soil quality and crops quality.
- The agricultural tasks must have quality strains of crops, fertile soil, sufficiency of agricultural water and correctly agricultural techniques. If so, the agricultural tasks will achieve success.
- Pathein Airport will be upgraded to admit international aeroplane to land and take off.
- Ayeyawady Region is a reliable region of the State, and it needs to shape itself as a symbol in the agriculture sector. The government will also fulfill the needs.

Afterward, the SAC Chairman Prime

Minister cordially greeted the town elders, and viewed round the Pathein City. After that, the Senior General and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla paid homage to Shwemuhtaw Pagoda in Pathein, and made cash donations for all-round renovation of the pagoda and offering gold foils at the pagoda structure.

Later, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister and party gave instructions on maintenance of the pagoda for long term existence and magnificence and other necessary measures. Later, they viewed round religious object shops and traditional handicraft shops at the stairway of the pagoda.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (12-8-2023)



SAC Chairman Prime Minister and wife paying homage to Shwemuhtaw Pagoda in Pathein City

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Chairman of State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by senior military officers, de-

livered a speech to officers, other ranks and families of Pathein Station in South-West Command at the Ayeyawady Hall of the command on 11 August as follows;



- Preparations for holding a multiparty general election, measures taken with the objective of handing over power to the government emerged after holding a free and fair multi-party general election which will be held after implementing provisions of the state of emergency.
 - Changes in the constitutional system in successive eras and the leadership role the Tatmadaw has to play in national politics.
 - Youths play an important role in the future development of the country and measures must be taken to nurture national leaders who can steer the future of the country.
 - As high standards of education contribute a lot to development of the country, the government has been encouraging and implementing measures related to high standards of education since its assumption of state duties.
 - Officers, other ranks and families are urged to try to understand the essence and expectations of the roadmap and objectives and to implement them as much as one can.
 - Although every armed forces in the international community is to defend the country from foreign threats and the police force is to tackle internal armed violence and conflicts, the Tatmadaw has to address internal armed conflicts and security of lives and property of the people together with the police force under historical conditions of the country.
 - In performing respective duties, officers and other ranks are required to carry out their duties successfully and concerted efforts must be made to build the capable and powerful Tatmadaw with the performance and efforts of individual personnel.
- Then, the Senior General presented foodstuffs for officers, other ranks and families to the officials while the wife of the Senior General presented cash rewards for the station maternal and child welfare association to the officials as well.
- After the meeting, the Senior General



SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and wife providing foodstuffs and cash rewards for the military personnel and their families through officials

and party cordially greeted officers, other ranks and families who attended the meet-

ing, and they inspected battalions and units in Patheingyi Station by car, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (12-8-2023)

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SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and wife cordially greeting the officers, other ranks and their families

Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Inspects Measures for Raising Sports Standard in Ayeyawady Region and Water Supply Tasks in Pathein

The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by officials, inspected measures for raising the sports standard in Ayeyawady Region and water supply tasks in Pathein on 11 August.

First, the Senior General and party arrived at Kothein Stadium in Pathein. At the briefing hall, the Senior General heard a report the director general of the Sports and Physical Education Department, on ongoing measures for the sports sector development.

In his guidance, the Senior General stressed the following points;

- Raising the sports standard means bringing dignity and honour to the State. And it will arouse the patriotic and nationalistic spirits.
- Sports facilities should meet the set

standards so that the sport standard can improve.

Next, the Senior General and party inspected construction works of Kothein Stadium, Kyauk Taing sports field as well as a high standard swimming pool in Pathein and he left necessary instructions to officials.

Afterwards, the Senior General and party proceeded to the site where water supply tasks are being carried out for the town of Pathein. He said the need to educate the people about using water efficiently. He added that rainwater can be stored and used as the town has a large rainfall and plants need to be grown and maintained as many as possible along the river banks to reduce silt in the river where the water purifier is closely located.



SAC Chairman Prime Minister inspecting Kothein Stadium in Patheingyi



SAC Chairman Prime Minister inspecting round the construction of high-standard swimming pool in Patheingyi

The water supply project in the city can purify 4.5 million gallons of water from the Ngawun River a day. Water is now distrib-

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SAC Chairman Prime Minister inspecting water purification process at the plant

Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Attends Opening Ceremony of Newsprint Factory (Thaboung) of Myanmar Economic Corporation

The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party arrived at Newsprint Factory (Thaboung) of Myanmar Economic Corporation in Ayeyawady Region on 12 August, and formally opened the factory.

At the meeting hall of the factory, the Adviser to the SAC Chairman MEC Chairman Lt-Gen Nyo Saw, Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Union Minister for Energy, and Union Minister for Industry presented on the handover of the two factories Advanced Paper Mill (Thaboung) and Newsprint Factory (Thaboung) from Ministry of Industry to MEC, and preparations to resume operations of the newsprint factory respectively.

After hearing the reports, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister instructed the of-

ficials as follows:

- The Advanced Paper Mill (Thaboung) and Newsprint Factory (Thaboung) had to stop operations due to various reasons.
- The current group of factories will be able to produce newsprint and other types of paper if they can run at full capacity.
- Increase in the use of online media has weakened the print media.
- It can be seen that there is a drop in the use of newsprint. As daily newspapers reflect the history of the country, every country still publishes newspapers, demanding newsprint day after day.
- During the inspection of the halted factory, the quality of the newsprint that had been produced was rather high. The fac-



tory will also be able to produce exercise books and text books.

- If the country can fulfill its paper demand it can reduce a lot of foreign exchange.
- Therefore, the government is striving for re-operating factories halted for various reasons with the purpose of promoting domestic manufacturing. Efforts are to be made to continue to boost production of this paper mill.

Next, the Union Minister for Industry and the Adviser to the SAC Chairman MEC Chairman cut the ribbon to resume the Newsprint Factory (Thaboung).

Then, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister:

- Launched the gas station at the Thaboung Natural Gas Distribution Camp by switching on the gas pipeline bar at its opening ceremony and inspected the supply of natural gas through a filtration system, pressure regulation system and metering system at the camp;
- Formally unveiled the signboard for the

Newsprint Factory (Thaboung) and presented cash assistance to the personnel who made efforts to resume operation of the factory;

- Launched the chip preparation plant for operating the Newsprint Factory (Thaboung). He inspected the functioning of the Chip Preparation Plant, Paper Making Plant and Finishing Section;
- Put his signature on the first-ever produced newsprint as records. The Senior General presented a gift of fruit basket to foreign experts who got involved in the project to resume operation of the plant; and
- Took a tour round the factory, and had lunch together with the personnel of the Advanced Paper Mill (Thaboung) and the Newsprint Factory (Thaboung).

Before the lunch, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister said as follows:

- As the saying goes “Books are Our Best Friends”, literature plays a key role in the improvement of life. To study literature, paper is essential to print and publish texts.



SAC Chairman Prime Minister hearing reports on the functions of the factory presented by an official

- As our country is rich in raw materials to produce paper, efforts were made to resume operation of the plant for newsprint production.
- Resuming operation of the Newsprint Factory (Thaboung) has opened a new chapter to the nation's industry sector.

newsprint will meet the paper demand of the country, reducing spending on foreign exchange and creating job opportunities.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (13-8-2023)

The resumption of the factory to produce

- **The SAC Chairman Prime Minister formally unveiled the signboard for the Newsprint Factory (Thaboung) and presented cash assistance to the personnel who made efforts to resume operation of the factory.**
- **He then launched the chip preparation plant for operating the Newsprint Factory (Thaboung). He inspected the functioning of the Chip Preparation Plant, Paper Making Plant and Finishing Section.**
- **The current group of factories will be able to produce newsprint and other types of paper if they can run at full capacity.**
- **It can be seen that there is a drop in the use of newsprint. As daily newspapers reflect the history of the country, every country still publishes newspapers, demanding newsprint day after day.**



SAC Chairman Prime Minister launching the chip preparation plant for operating the Newsprint Factory (Thaboung)



SAC Chairman Prime Minister launching the gas station at the Thaboung Natural Gas Distribution Camp by switching on the gas pipeline bar

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SAC Chairman Prime Minister inspecting round the Advanced Paper Mill (Thaboung)



SAC Chairman Prime Minister giving instruction to the staff of the factory before the lunch

Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla Enjoys Entertainments of the State Orchestra

The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing enjoyed excellent entertainments of the State Orchestra of the MRTV under the Ministry of Information which was performed at the theatre of the Myawady Media Centre in Yankin Township on 13 August.

When the State Orchestra played the

national anthem, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister and wife, and attendees saluted it. The State Orchestra played the ASEAN Anthem and MNSO overture of the orchestra and other musical entertainments of respective instruments of Orchestra. The Senior General, wife and dignitaries watched song and musical entertainments of vocalists from MRTV, film and musical arenas, to-



gether with the State Orchestra.

After that, the Senior General and wife presented bouquets and cash awards to the State Orchestra and vocalists who performed entertainments. The Senior General and wife joined a tea party together with State dignitaries and artistes.

Also present at the entertainment together with the SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General were Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General, Council Joint-Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo and wife, Union ministers and wives, Yangon Region Chief Minister, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) and wife, high-

ranking senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and wives, Commander of Yangon Command and officials, and renowned artistes from film, theatrical, music and fine arts arenas.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (14-8-2023)

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SAC Chairman Prime Minister and wife together with dignitaries enjoying excellent entertainments of the State Orchestra



SAC Chairman Prime Minister and wife presenting bouquets and cash awards to the State Orchestra and vocalists who performed entertainments



SAC Chairman Prime Minister and wife having tea party together with State dignitaries and artists

SAC Vice Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win Delivers Addresses at Work Coordination Meeting of Steering Committee to Organize 24th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition



The Steering Committee to Organize the 24th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition held its work coordination meeting at the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture on 11 August and the Patron of the Steering Committee Vice Chairman of State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win delivered an address at the event.

The excerpts from the address delivered by the Vice-Senior General are as follows –

- The Competition was held on grand scale for 22 times at all levels ranging from township level, district level, state/region to national level from 1993 to 2016 with noble aims.
- The former union government could not hold the Competition for five years from 2017 to 2021 for various reasons.
- Some contests started to lose touch with Myanmar performing arts and some ex-

perienced persons passed away during the period.

- At the meeting 3/2022 of Union government held on 5 May 2022, Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing gave guidance to hold the 23rd Competition on a grand scale.
- The Steering Committee together with work committees and subcommittees, the 23rd Competition was successfully organized and it could bring about a lot of new artists.
- A country with high level of civilization has the significant intangible evidences of a long cultural history and the evolution of its performing arts and cultural values.
- The Vice-Senior General urged officials of the Steering Committee, subcommittees and relevant ministries and

representatives of regions and states to discuss sector-wise matters in order that the 24th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competition developed seriously by the State with the objectives will take place.

- All are to work together to successfully hold the competition turning the weak points experienced in the 23rd Competition into the advantages.

Afterwards, relevant officials at the meeting made discussions on the matters pertaining to previous competition, the awarding programmes and the successful completion of the 24th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition.

The meeting was reportedly attended by Union Ministers, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council, Deputy Ministers, members of

Steering Committee and Work Committee, ministers of union/state governments, permanent secretaries, director generals, judges and relevant officials.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (12-8-2023)

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8th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters Held



The 8th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Drug Matters (AMMD) was held in Vientiane, Laos, on 10 and 11 August, and six members of the delegation led by State Administration Council Member Union Minister for Home Affairs, in his capacity as the Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Lt-Gen Yar Pyae participated in the meeting.

During the meeting, the Myanmar delegation leader Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae discussed as follows:

- Myanmar defies drug eradication combat activities as a national duty and has been performing special anti-narcotics operations in cooperation with the Myanmar Armed Forces, Myanmar Police Force and the Department of Customs, arresting and taking action on drug transactions, and confiscating loads of chemicals used in making drugs.
- Myanmar has been making sustainability implementation plan on substitution development programmes for narcotic drugs

in poppy cultivation areas. In addition, Myanmar is also working closely with international organizations, regional countries, and neighbouring countries, including the United Nations, to carry out anti-narcotics activities. In solving the drug problems, the cooperation of all countries is very important but not one country. It is necessary to exchange information and increase cooperation without political entanglements between ASEAN member countries.

- The great experiences and plans for future cooperation among ASEAN member countries would be able to be discussed in a friendly manner. All are required to ensure the communities against illicit drugs in a collaborative manner.

The meeting discussed the ASEAN Joint Declaration to be announced at the 67th United Nations Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND) meeting, ASEAN's recent drug situation, the 44th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Drugs and Related Meetings' report and follow-up matters, and is-

sues related to the review of the ASEAN Work Plan on Securing Communities against Illicit Drugs 2016–2025 and future cooperation in drug control activities.

After the meeting, the Myanmar delegation leader Lt-Gen Yar Pyae met a delegation led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Security of Lao PDR H.E. Pol. Gen. Vilay Lakhamfong, and openly exchanged their views on promotion of cooperation and holding meetings between the

two countries and the ministries of Home Affairs, border region control of the two countries, enhancing cooperation in eradicating illicit drugs, human trafficking, arms smuggling, and online fraud crime, re-opening the Myanmar-Laos border liaison offices and friendship bridges as soon as possible, and carrying out matters that will benefit both countries.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (14-8-2023)

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- **During the meeting, the representatives from ASEAN member states discussed the issues related to the review of the ASEAN Work Plan on Securing Communities against Illicit Drugs 2016–2025 and future cooperation in drug control activities.**
- **During the meeting between the representatives of Myanmar and Laos, they openly exchanged their views on promotion of cooperation between the two countries and the ministries of Home Affairs, border region control of the two countries, enhancing cooperation in eradicating illicit drugs, human trafficking, arms smuggling, and online fraud crime, re-opening the Myanmar-Laos border liaison offices and friendship bridges as soon as possible, and carrying out matters that will benefit both countries.**

Myanmar Prepares for Businessmen to Participate in International Trade Fairs

Apart from sending economic attaches to foreign countries, relevant ministries from Myanmar are making coordination the efforts for Myanmar businessmen to participate in local/international trade fairs to ex-

port Myanmar products in foreign markets through economic cooperation with foreign countries.

- Myanmar will showcase the exhibition booths at the Horticultural Expo 2023



which will be held in Dohar, Qatar, during six-month period from 2 October 2023 to 28 March 2024.

- Similarly, Myanmar is preparing for businessmen to participate in 2nd Khilona-India Toys & Games Fair – 2023, which will be held in India Expo Center & Mart, Greater Noida, Delhi NCR, India, from 18 to 20 August.

The Union Minister for Commerce U Aung Naing Oo coordinated the efforts, such as making design for exhibition booth, schemes during the period of fair and coop-

eration matters for successful participation in the trade fairs ,it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (11-8-2023)

- **Myanmar is preparing for businessmen to participate in the Horticultural Expo 2023 which will be held in Dohar, Qatar, during six-month period from 2 October 2023 to 28 March 2024 as well as in 2nd Khilona-India Toys & Games Fair – 2023, which will be held in India, from 18 to 20 August.**

Relief Supplies Provided to Flood Victims in Kayin State and Bago Region



The Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Soe Win, accompanied by concerned officials, arrived at the rescue camps in Hpa-An, Kyonedoe and Hlaingbwe towns in Kayin State on 9 and 10 August. Then, he said words of comfort to flood victims and provided food stuffs to them.

He presented cash assistance of 31,230,000 kyats to purchase food ration (rice) and MMK 2,262,140 worth food stuffs for 3,470 victims of 704 households from nine rescue camps in Hpa-An town. He also provided cash assistance of 6,768,000 kyats to purchase food ration (rice) and MMK 842,240 worth food stuffs for 752 victims of 172 households from three rescue camps in Kyonedoe town. Moreover, he provided cash assistance of 39,673,200 kyats to purchase food ration (rice) and MMK food

stuffs for 4,723 victims of 990 households from three rescue camps in Hlaingbwe town.

Similarly, as heavy rainfall occurred in Bago on 8 and 9 August, local military personnel, police force members, fire fighters and social organizations helped evacuate flood victims to temporary rescue camps and conducted necessary rescue and healthcare operations. Officials from Bago military station said words of comfort to victims of flood, and provided rice boxes as well as cash assistance to them, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (11-8-2023)

Conducting Relief Measures in Flood Areas and Officials Providing Relief Supplies to Flood Victims in Kayin State and Bago Region



Officials Providing Relief Supplies to Flood Victims in Kayin State and Bago Region



- The Union Minister Dr. Soe Win and concerned officials arrived at the rescue camps in Hpa-An, Kyonedoe and Hlaingbwe towns in Kayin State, said words of comfort to flood victims and provided food stuffs to them.
- As heavy rainfall occurred in Bago on 8 and 9 August, local military personnel, police force members, fire fighters and social organizations helped evacuate flood victims to temporary rescue camps and conducted necessary rescue and healthcare operations.

Temporary Bailey Bridge to be Constructed for a Damaged Road Segment that Collapsed in Landslide on Myawady-Kawkareik Asia Highway



Due to the continuous heavy rainfall, floods and landslides occurred in Kayin state. On 7 August, a tarred road segment (150 ft in length and 33 ft in width) near Tawnaw waterfall (between the mileposts of 149 and 150) on Myawady-Kawkareik Asian Highway collapsed and the road section was being blocked.

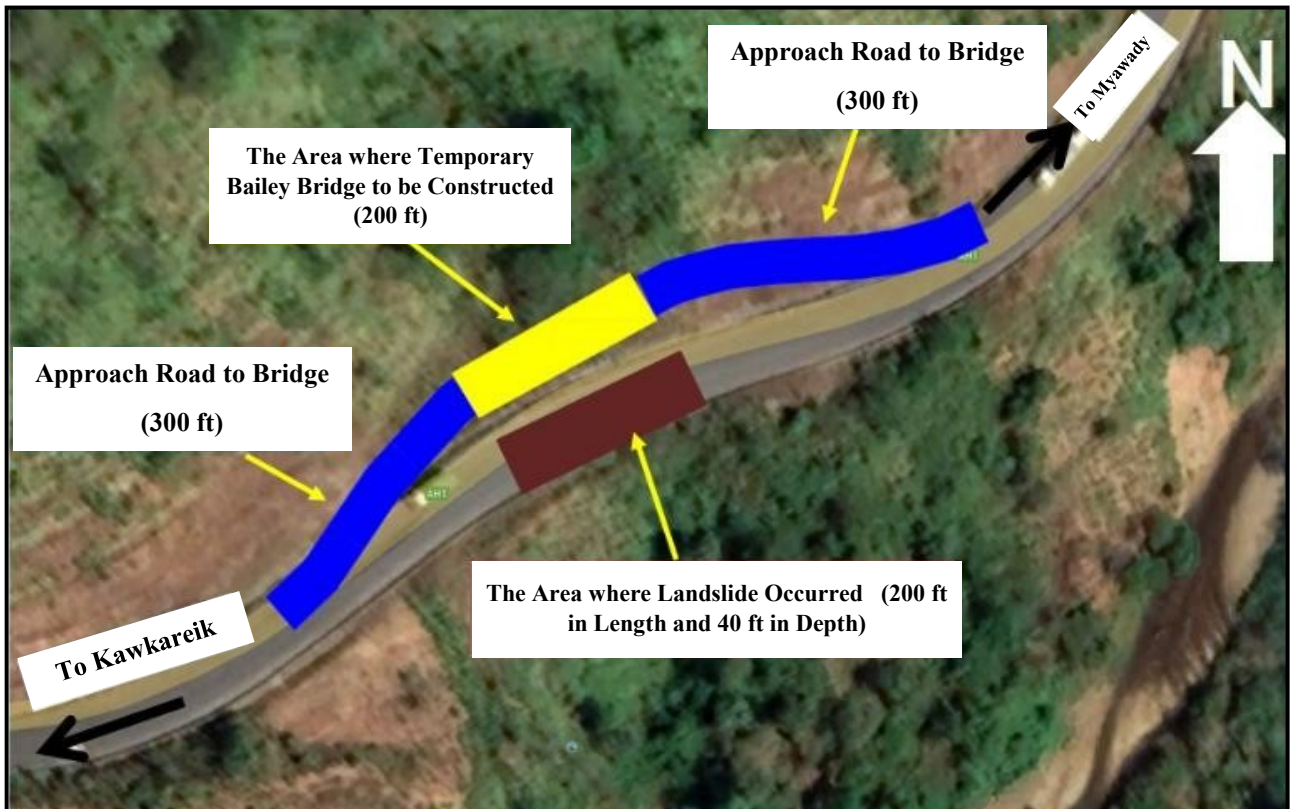
On 9 August, Security and Border Affairs Minister of Kayin State, the Director-general of Road Transport Administration Department and other officials are making arrangement to construct a temporary bailey bridge on the destroyed road section within a month and, 300 ft-long new approaches will be built on each side of the said-section in order to prevent blocking of the road. The

Bridge Administration Department will construct a culvert or a bridge for the destroyed road segment in the coming dry season after the officials have estimated the potential volume of water.

The Myawady-Kawkareik Asian Highway is one of the main land route for the flow of goods of Myanmar and Thailand. Freight trucks, passenger buses and privately-owned cars also run on the road daily. Myanmar imports commodities, construction materials, medicine and medical equipment, fruits and other goods via that route, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (10-8-2023)

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Satellite map showing the plan for constructing temporary bypass road and temporary bailey bridge at the area where the landslide occurred

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 at Anawyathar Hall of Central Command as follows:

- On 11 August, ten male PDF members from Maha Aungmye, Chanmyatharzi, Aungmyaythazan, Chanayetharzan and Amarapura townships of Mandalay region and Myitkyina township of Kachin state gave one homemade pistol, one magazine and five 9 mm bullet rounds to the officials.
- They 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 assis-

tances to the returnees for giving arms and ammunition.

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 11 August 2023, a total of 620 persons including 481 males and 139 females have already entered the legal fold.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (12-8-2023)



Officials entrusting PDF members with no crime records returning legal fold in Mandalay Region and Kachin State to their parents

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Security Personnel Safely Rescue Hostages Forcibly Taken by PDF Terrorists

It is reported that security force members managed to evacuate 30 villagers from towns and villages of Sagaing region who were forcibly taken hostage by PDF terrorists, affiliates of NUG/CRPH on 9 August 2023. The hostages were safely evacuated from two houses in Ywarthan village of Khin-U township.

On 5 August, PDF terrorists forcibly abducted 21 local farmers working at paddy fields two miles west of Bonekone village

of Shwe Bo township of Sagaing and also took their property of carts and animals of cows, sheep and goats. As the terrorists demanded ransoms for the hostages, the local villagers contacted local military unit and asked for help to evacuate the victims.

To answer the call of the local people, security personnel acting on the strong information raided Ywarthan village where PDF terrorists were temporarily hiding around 1:00 am on 9 August. During the op-



A person who were evacuated from PDF terrorists saying his experiences in the incident

eration, security personnel managed to evacuate 29 local people and a firefighter totaling 30 at 5:10 am morning. Moreover, security personnel seized three improvised mortars, 42 home-made grenades, 12 improvised rockets, four homemade guns, 16 assorted explosive mines and other related items.

The accounts of villagers who were taken hostage by PDF terrorists are as follows

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- On 5 August, PDF terrorists tied and blindfolded the local farmers and took them somewhere they did not know. They also took cattle, herds of sheep and goats over 300 together with their boys caring the animals. The victims were threatened that they would be shot dead if they tried to escape.
- After that, PDF terrorists asked them to try to escape. But they were afraid to do so and therefore, decided to stay together no matter of live of death.
- The PDF terrorists then asked them for

ransom if they wanted to go home. They do not have saving money. Although they could sell their animals for ransom, they were in great trouble as the PDF terrorists took all of their cattle and herds of animals.

- They also witnessed that the terrorists asked for ransom from the hostages abducted from some villages, and those who failed to pay ransom were beheaded, and the dead bodies were thrown into Hmu stream.
- They expressed heart-felt thanks to the people's soldiers who managed to evacuate them safely alive on 9 August.
- Although some media outlets create fake news as if PDF terrorists are providing protect to the people, in reality, the PDFs are committing all kinds of crimes including tortures, bullies, murders, and robberies. The villagers were suffering from such crimes.

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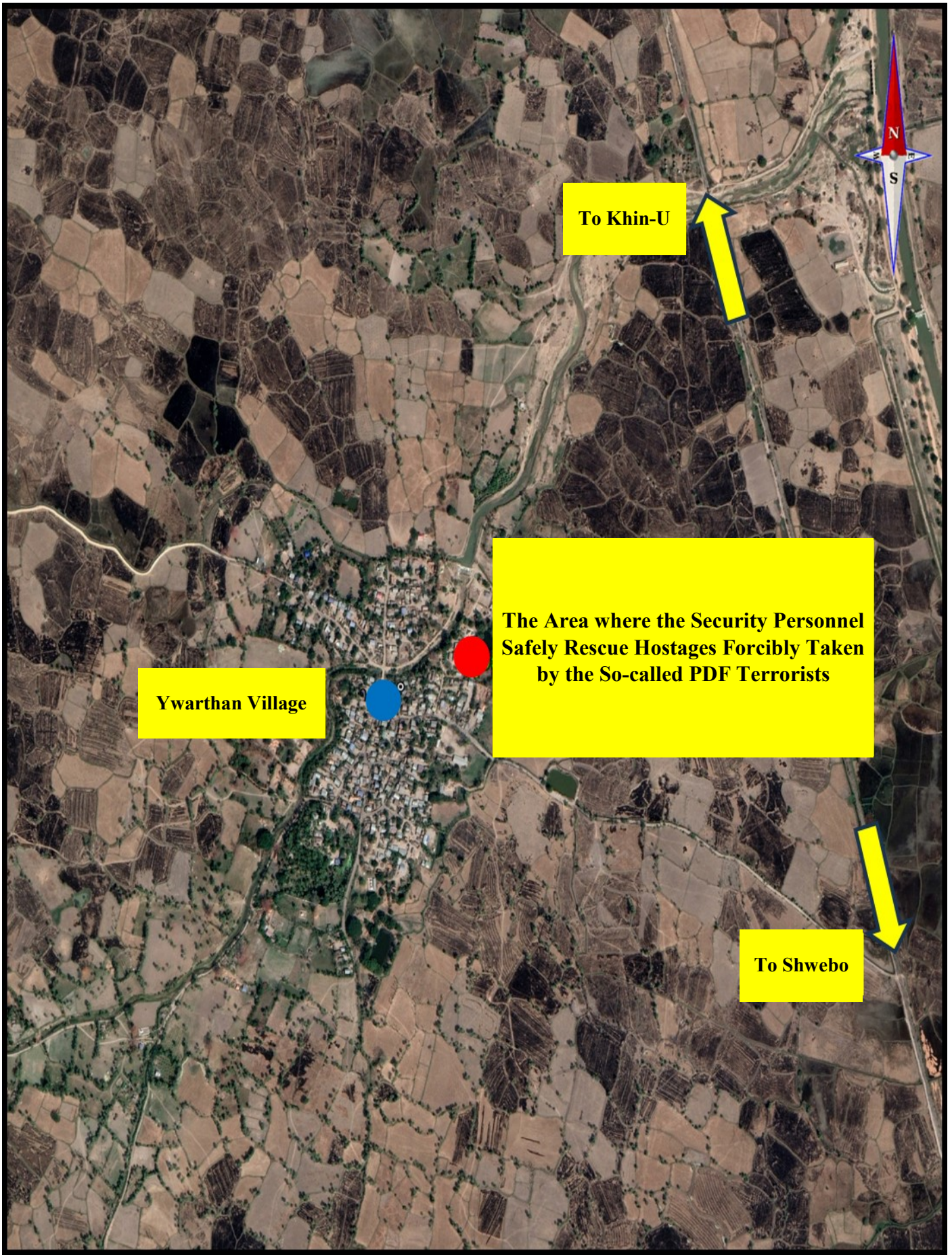
war crimes according to Geneva conventions and International Law. In this regard, it is reported that security force members will take the action of counter-terrorism to ensure the perpetrators are taken legal actions for the war crimes they committed as per provisions of Counter-Terrorism Law and existing laws, and people are also requested to secretly report information about

activities of terrorists to concerned authorities.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (10-8-2023)

- **Security personnel managed to evacuate 29 innocent local civilians and one firefighter who were taken hostage by PDF terrorists in two houses in Ywarthan village of Khin-U township and also seize weapons/ammunitions and related items.**
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Map Showing the Area where Security Personnel Safely Rescue Hostages Forcibly Taken by PDF Terrorists



CNF and So-called PDF Terrorists Launch a Surprise Attack on a Local Military Battalion, but Retreat in Disarray with Heavy Casualties Following Systematic Retaliation of Officers and Soldiers



Weapons/ammunition and related items seized from CNF and so-called PDF terrorists

CNF members and terrorists of the so-called PDF launched a surprise attack on a local military battalion located in Falam township of Chin state on 12 August. They attacked the battalion at four locations using heavy weapons and small arms. However, the prompt retaliation attack of officers, soldiers and family members of the battalion well-organized and prepared for the battalion's security at high alert managed to repel the enemy's attacks. As a result, the enemy failed to capture the battalion and retreated in disarray with heavy casualties to the

northwest of the battalion.

Military columns of reinforcements arrived at the battalion in time and followed the enemy on the run. After the incident, the enemy's dead bodies, arms, ammunition and other items were seized while some military officials and ranks were injured.

It is reported that the Tatmadaw will continue taking necessary security measures to ensure security, rule of law, and community peace and stability in the country.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (13-8-2023)

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Dead Bodies of CNF and So-called PDF Terrorists who Launched a Surprise Attack on a Local Military Battalion HQs after Systematic Retaliation of Officers and Soldiers



PDF Terrorists Launch Mortar Attacks and Drone Attacks on Yamanay Village, Kanbalu Township

On 12 August, PDF terrorists, from the northeast of the village, mounted attacks with improvised mortars, small arms and drones on security personnel who were doing security tasks near Yamanay village, Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Region. As the security personnel returned terrorists' fire, the latter fled in disorder to the northeast of the village, and the security personnel captured dead bodies of the terrorists and related items of ammunition.

Since the mortar shells fired by the terrorists exploded in the village, six innocent people including a five-year-old child and a ten-year-old child were killed while three others got injured. Moreover, two school buildings in the campus of the Basic Education Post-Primary School were hit and damaged by the heavy weapons.

The terrorists fired heavy weapons at the village without any reason, claiming the lives of the people, including children. Such

attacks constitute inhumane acts and people are disgusted by their acts of terrorism.

Security personnel provided necessary medical treatment to the injured victims and transported them to the public hospital in Kanbalu township for further medical treatment.

Security personnel are doing necessary security tasks to take harsh legal actions under the law against the terrorists involved in the above-mentioned incident and to ensure the community peace and stability, it is reported.

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Map Showing the Area where PDF Terrorists Launch Mortar Attacks and Drone Attacks on Yamanay Village, Kantbalu Township



PDF Terrorists Fire Small Arms at Innocent Civilians and Set Fire to a School in Minywar Village of Natogyi Township

At around 3 AM of 11 August, PDF terrorists came to Minywar village of Natogyi township in Mandalay region and they fired small weapons at two men and two women including U Ohn Phay, the village administrator and his wife (Daw Moe) for no reason, and the victims were killed on the spot. The terrorists, then, set fire to Basic Education Sub-High School in the village and ran away.

Security forces transported the dead bodies of innocent civilians to the public hospital of Natogyi township using 'Alphard' car owned by Myittarmon Social Assistance Organization. When they were

near Moekan village on Natogyi-Myin Chan road, PDF terrorists from about 10 feet away on the right side of the Highway launched remote mine attacks again. In the attack, some of the security force members got injured.

Killing innocent civilians and setting fire to education schools amount to war crimes. Therefore, local residents are disgusted by the terrorists' violent acts. Security forces are taking necessary measures to arrest and take action against the terrorists in the above-mentioned incident in accordance with the law, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (14-8-2023)



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