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National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Holds 1/2024 Meeting



The National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar held a meeting 1/2024 at the meeting hall of the State Administration Council (SAC) Chairman's Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 31 January.

It was attended by Pro Tem President U
Myint Swe, Vice-President U Henry Van
Thio, Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw U T
Khun Myat, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung
Hlaing, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of
Defence Services Commander-in-Chief
(Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Union Minister for Defence Admiral Tin Aung
San, Union Minister for Home Affairs LtGen Yar Pyae, Union Minister for Foreign
Affairs U Than Swe, Union Minister for
Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and

those who were invited on the special occasion including SAC Secretary Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dway and Joint-Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo.

During the meeting, the SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services explained in details as follows:

- Matters pertaining to serving of the State defence and security duties during the extended six-month period.
- Acts of terrorism occurred in the areas of some Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs).
- Combatting against opium production, drug trafficking and online gambling in the areas EAOs.
- Endeavours for the development of the

State and promotion of education sector.

- Preparations being made to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election.
- Preparations being made to take nationwide census.
- As the condition is unusual and further works will have to be made for peaceful normality in the country, further sixmonth extension is needed to be granted under the Section 425 of the Constitution so that necessary measures can be taken in momentum.

Members of National Defence and Security Council (NDSC) and special invited persons made discussions over the clarifications of the Senior General and they agreed further six-month extension.

Pro Tem President U Myint Swe declared, "The duration of the state of emergency declared across the country has been extended by six months" to the Na-

tional Defence and Security Council according to the decisions of all members of National Defence and Security Council as counter-terrorism measures are needed to be continued under current unusual condition in the country. Then, the (1/2024) meeting of National Defence and Security Council was ended, it is reported.

The detailed clarifications of the Senior General at the (1/2024) NDSC meeting of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and discussions of the attendees to the meeting will be released as a Special Issue of Information Sheet.

Source: Myawady Television News (31-1-2024)

Myanmar held a meeting 1/2024 at the meeting hall of the SAC Chairman's Office in Nay Pyi Taw, and Pro Tem President declared that the duration of the state of emergency declared across the country has been extended by six months in order to continue counter-terrorism measures under current unusual condition in the country.

Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing Delivers a Speech at Meeting (1/2024) of Union Government



The Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the meeting (1/2024) held by the Union Government at the meeting hall of the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 29 January, and delivered a speech as follows:

- Walking along the path of democracy, it is found that there are requirements because of the differences between one government and another in carrying out the functions. In its tenure, SAC conducted to ensure equal development among regions and states as much as possible.
- It is necessary to upgrade defence capability for improvement of State capability. So, it is required to fulfill equipment and accessories in compatibility with modern era for Tatmadaw and members of the Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- At a time the government took office,

- State economy declined -5.9 percent. Hence, the SAC government emphasized promotion of the State economy.
- So, the State economy attained 2.4 percent amidst the outbreak of COVID- 19 pandemic and political problems in 2021 -2022 Financial Year (FY). Likewise, State economy reached 3.4 percent in 2022-2023 FY amidst political problems and economic sanctions as well as 3.3 percent development till December in 2023-2024 FY.
- If all crops meet target production, the volume of products will increase, and larger incomes as well as demand will be higher.
- From an economic point of view, the demand increases general lead to increased supply, contributing much to the monetary circulation.
- The State government does not encourage extraction of underground and

aboveground natural resources for exportation but allows the items from renewable resources due to needs of the State.

- Measures are being taken to open all basic education schools, universities and colleges across the country, but they are unable to re-open because of those who carry out acts of sabotage. Therefore, students are suffering a lot.
- As there are those who are committing subversive acts without sympathy with intent to harm the country's education sector, concerted efforts must be exerted to improve the education sector.
- The administrative bodies, security organizations, town elders, students, teachers and parents need to make concerted and energetic efforts for the successful completion of all basic school examinations.

Next, Union Ministers at the meeting reported on respective sectors. After hearing the reports, the SAC Chairman Prime Minister gave further suggestions regarding the presentations as follows:

- It is necessary to operate cement plants at full capacity in the country to ensure cement sufficiency at home.
- There are already favourable conditions to produce enough iron and steel domestically. But there is no production capacity yet. Officials are urged to lure businesspersons into investing in the iron and steel industries.

State electricity projects as well as generate small-scale electricity in regions and states. Moreover, respective regions and states need to work to generate electricity through renewable energy sources such as hydropower, wind power, and solar energy.

Also present were SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, union ministers and officials. Region and state chief ministers took part in the meeting through videoconferencing.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (30-1-2024)



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- It is necessary to upgrade defence capability for improvement of State capability. So, it is required to fulfill equipment and accessories in compatibility with modern era for Tatmadaw and members of the Myanmar Police Force under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
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Law Amending Political Parties Registration Law Enacted

The State Administration Council (SAC) has enacted Political Parties Registration Law under Section 419 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 30 January 2024 as follows:

- The wording "A total of 90 days" mentioned in the Sub-Section (f) of Section 5 shall be substituted with the wording "the day when the Commission issues a notification at least 90 days ahead of the election day", and the wording "at least 100,000 party members" with the wording "at least 50,000 party members".
- The wording "A total of 180 days" mentioned in the Sub-Section (h) of Section 5 shall be substituted with the wording "the day when the Commission issues a notification at least 90 days ahead of the election day" and the wording "at least half of all townships" with the wording "at least one-third of all townships".
- Section 17 of the Political Parties Registration Law stated that "The party's

- fund, which has been opened as an account under Sub-Section (g) of Section 5, shall be spent under the order or directive issued by the commission".
- Section 19 of the Political Parties Registration Law shall be substituted that "if registration of a party is annulled due to infringing upon clauses 4, 5, 6 or 7 of Sub-Section (a) of Section 12, assets and property of the party shall be handed over to the department or organization designated by the government in the prescribed ways".

Those who want to establish a political party are applying to the UEC and a total of 15 political parties submitted the application for the establishment up to 30 January. The UEC allowed **Mon Development Party** to establish as a political party and 11 political parties for the establishment up to 24 January. Out of 11 political parties, nine have been approved for registration, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (31-1-2024)

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UEC Conducts Demonstration of Trial Voting with MEVM for Multiparty Democratic General Election in Mandalay Region



Kyaukse Township of Mandalay Region

For holding multiparty democratic general election, the Union Election Commission (UEC) had been conducting the demonstration of trial voting using Myanmar Electronic Voting Machine (MEVM). In this regard, such works have been being conducted in townships of Mandalay Region since 15 January 2024. The news about the demonstration of trial voting from 15 to 23 January 2024 had been reported in the Information Sheet dated 24 January 2024.

 From 24 to 30 January, a total of 2,839 voters had casted the trial voting in Sintgaing, Kyaukse, Meiktila, Nyaung-

- U, Kyaukpadaung, Yamethin and Pyawbwe Townships of Mandalay Region.
- From 15 to 30 January, a total of 10,577 voters had casted the trial voting at the Mandalay City Development Committee and 14 townships of Mandalay Region.

The officials of UEC inspected the trial voting processes and left necessary instructions, explaining about the steps for voting with MEVM, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (31-1-2024)

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Demonstration of Trial Voting with MEVM for Multiparty Democratic General Election in Mandalay Region



Meikhtila Township of Mandalay Region



Nyaung-U and Kyaukpadaung Townships of Mandalay Region



Yamethin Township of Mandalay Region

Expo 2023 Doha Held in Qatar



The Myanmar pavilion of Treasure Cap Company is currently on display under the management of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization at the Expo 2023 Doha held at Expo house in Doha, Qatar on 27 January.

March 2024. During the expo, the Myanmar gallery showcases a variety of agricultural produce, jewelry, natural orchids, and aquatic items from Myanmar, it is reported.

Expo 2023 Doha is scheduled for six months, from 1st of October 2023 to 31st of

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (28-1-2024)

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Welcoming Ceremony of Cargo Aircraft of Myanmar National Airlines Held

The ceremony to welcome the Boeing 737-800 Freighter of Myanmar National Airlines was held at Yangon International Airport on 24 January. The cargo plane (9M -WCA), departed for Yangon International

Airport from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

The cargo plane (9M-WCA) will be used for cargo transport flights of Myanmar National Airlines and will be able to carry about 22 tonnes of cargo, as well as danger-



ous goods that cannot be transported on regular flights. The aircraft is planned to expand cargo transport flights to Southeast Asian countries from Yangon, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (25-1-2024)

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Unofficial and Subversive Media Outlets Spread Rumours and Fabrication on Social Media Platforms

Unofficial and subversive media outlets have been creating and spreading rumours and fabricated news all round to create instability and unrest across the country; sowing discord between the Tatmadaw and the people, and using various ways to create a misleading impression of the Tatmadaw in the international arena. Under this context;

 "Western News", an unofficial media outlet, spread false information on social media platforms that the Tatmadaw personnel shelled Paletaung Village in Buthidaung Township of Rakhine State, killing three civilians and injuring eight others. It is just false news. In reality, local people were injured as AA insurgents shelled the village.

• "Khit thit", an unofficial media outlet, spread rumours on social media platforms that the Tatmadaw personnel shelled the villages in Kyaukgyi Township of Bago Region, injuring three civilians and wrecking four houses. It is just an allegation. In fact, terrorists and



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insurgents shelled the village and launched a drone attack, leaving local people injured.

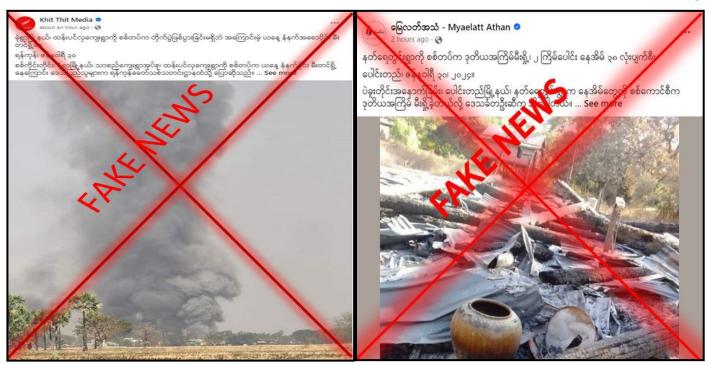
- with thit", an unofficial media outlet, spread rumours on social media platforms that security personnel launched arson attacks on Natyaytwin Village of Paungde Township, Yayle Hmaw Village of Watlet Township and Ywama Village of Sagaing Township. It is just fake news. In reality, PDF terrorists committed acts of violence including snipping under cover of houses at security personnel and torching in order to hamper socio-economic status of the locals.
- "Khit thit", an unofficial media outlet, alleged that 10 per cent of residential houses in Loikaw were destroyed by fire due to airstrikes and mortar attacks of

- the Tatmadaw. It is just allegations. In reality, PDF terrorists, under cover of residential houses, snipe at and launch improvised mortar attacks on security personnel, burning residential houses and Loikaw Myoma Market.
- "Myay Latt A Than", an unofficial media outlet, spread false information on social media platforms that security personnel detained over 80 local residents in Waw Township and also burnt down a bridge. It is just disinformation. In reality, security personnel conducted security operation there as terrorists recruit new members and collect money by extortion from locals in the villages of Waw. Thus, terrorists burnt down a bridge connecting to other village and fled the scene.



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- "Than Lwin Times", an unofficial media outlet, post fake news on social media platforms that the Tatmadaw personnel torch houses near Chaung Hna Khwa police station in Mon State. It is just an allegation. In reality, PDF terrorists and KNLA armed insurgents, under the cover of houses near the police station, sniped at security personnel; forcibly took belongings in the houses and torched the houses. As a consequence, the houses were gutted by the fire.
- "Than Lwin Times", an unofficial media outlet, post fake news on social media platforms that General Administration Department (GAD) gave an instruction to departmental offices to dig bomb shelters at the offices in Bilin Township. It is just false information. In reality, the GAD did not give such instruction to departmental offices and the rumour is intended to cause public panic.
- "Khit Thit" and "Narinjara", two unofficial media outlets, post fake news on social media platforms that the Tatmadaw, using chemical warfare agent, attacked neighbourhoods in Yanbye Town. Again, they alleged that the Tatmadaw shelled Mrauk-U Town, injuring some civilians and wrecking some houses by fire. Those are just rumours. In reality, the Tatmadaw never use chemical warfare agent and AA insurgents launched a drone attack on Mrauk-U that resulted in injuries of people and wreckage of houses.
- "Khit thit", an unofficial media outlet, created fake news that the Tatmadaw personnel torched two villages in Madaya Township and Kyu Village in Yesagyo Town. It is just misinformation. In reality, there was an exchange of fire between terrorists and security personnel doing security duty. Then the terrorists



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burned down Kyu Village and fled the scene.

- "Khit thit", an unofficial media outlet, spread false information on social media platforms that Tatmadaw personnel torched Htanpinhla village in Monywa Township and Natyaytwin Village in Paungde Township. It is just rumours. In reality, PDF terrorists looted the property from the villagers' houses and burnt down the residential houses.
- "Ayeyarwaddy Time", an unofficial media outlet, alleged that security personnel checked the trucks carrying medicine and related goods and asking for money in Kangyidaunt Township of Ayeyawady Region. It is just an allegation. In reality,

the Tatmadaw personnel did not act like that.

PDF terrorists taking position in houses snipe at security personnel; launch bomb attacks on the latter; use locals as human shield; and make arson attacks on residential houses on their way of retreat. Unofficial and subversive media outlets are wilfully spreading such disinformation and fake news on social media platforms in order to cover up terrorists' acts and create a misleading impression among local people and security personnel, it is reported.

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (31-1-2024)

• The news stating that the Tatmadaw personnel shelled Paletaung Village in Buthidaung Township of Rakhine State, killing three civilians and injuring eight others is just false news. In reality, AA insurgents shelled the village.

- The news stating that the Tatmadaw personnel shelled the villages in Kyaukgyi Township of Bago Region, injuring three civilians and destroying four houses is just an allegation.
- The news stating that security personnel launched arson attacks on Natyaytwin Village of Paungde Township, Yayle Hmaw Village of Watlet Township and Ywama Village of Sagaing Township is just fake news.
- The news stating that 10 per cent of residential houses in Loikaw were destroyed by fire due to airstrikes and mortar attacks of the Tatmadaw is just allegations.
- The news stating that security personnel detained over 80 local residents in Waw Township and also burnt down a bridge is just disinformation.
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- The news stating that the Tatmadaw personnel torched Htanpinhla and Natyaytwin Villages is just misinformation. In reality, PDF terrorists looted the property from the villagers' houses and burnt down the residential houses.
- The news stating that security personnel checked the trucks carrying medicine and related goods and asking for money in Kangyidaunt Township is just an allegation. In reality, the Tatmadaw personnel did not act like that.

Dignitaries Meet Local Militiamen in Mon State, Present Honorary Medals to Police Force Members and Grant One-step Promotion



Relevant officials presenting cash assistance, rice, cooking oil, foodstuffs and personal goods to the local militiamen in Mon State and granting honorary medals and one-step promotion to Myanmar Police Force members

Mon State Chief Minister U Aung Kyi Thein, Lt-Gen Nyunt Win Swe of Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), Brig-Gen Soe Min of Commander of Southeastern Command and other officials met local militiamen in Mon State on 23 January. They then provided cash assistance, rice, cooking oil, foodstuffs and other commodities to them. Next, they granted onestep promotion to Myanmar Police Force members, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (30-1-2024)

• Mon State Chief, the commander of military command and other officials met local militiamen and provided supplies to them. Next, they granted one-step promotion to Myanmar Police Force members.

Two Thai Nationals and Five Myanmar Nationals Arrested together with Arms and Ammunition in Tachileik Township, Shan State (East)

Responding to the tip-off about the arrival of a group of armed men at a mobile shop, the combined team comprising members of Tachileik District Police Force searched the shop in Samsang (A) ward, Tachilaik Town, Shan State (East) on 26 January. Thus, they arrested Pi Khai (aka) Pannawit Pattong (aka) Koekel (aka) Sai Aung Mai and Nai Arnu Chay Bargam of

Thai nationals, Kyaw Aye Tun (aka) Kyaw Tun Aye, San Mein, Sai Kham Lao, Sai Sei Kham and Nyi Nat of Myanmar nationals, alongside with four pistols, seven magazines and 62 rounds of bullets.

Pi Khai, a Thai national, is a wanted fugitive for drug-related crime and Thai Criminal Court released a warrant of arrest to him in 2021 and moreover, Tachileik Dis-



trict Court also released a warrant of arrest to him. Likewise, Kyaw Aye Tun (aka) Kyaw Tun Aye is a member of PNLO.

With regard to the incident, legal action is taken against the arrested perpetra-

tors and further identification and interrogation are underway, it is reported.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (30-1-2024)

• Two Thai nationals and five Myanmar nationals were arrested together four pistols, seven magazines and 62 rounds of bullets in Tachileik Township, Shan State (East).

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 17 to 30 January 2024, one person from Nay Pyi Taw, three people from Yangon region, three people from Man-

dalay region, three people from Bago region, one person from Magway region and one person from Rakhine state, totaling 12 were arrested.

• From 27 January 2022 to 30 January 2024, legal actions were taken against a total of 1,928 people under the law.

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

Source: Myawady Daily Newspaper (31-1-2024)

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K2.925 Billion Worth of 1.95 Million Stimulant Tablets Seized in Thazi Township, Mandalay Region



The combined team comprising Anti-Narcotics Task Force is putting an emphasis on seizure of illicit drugs. In this context,

- On 18 January, the combined team checked the vehicle driven by Ye Zaw Oo (aka) Kalar at the scene near Phaya Ngarsu Village, Thazi Township and seized 0.39 million stimulant tablets.
- According to the offender under interrogation, the combined team seized 0.585 million stimulant tablets in the corn field near Sue Boke Kan Village in Kywe Tat-

sone Village Tract; 0.975 stimulant tablets at the old site where wood charcoal is made in the forest to the north-west of Yinmarbin Village. Again, they arrested Soe Naing who was involved in delivering stimulant tablets on 23 January.

Authorities have seized a total of K2.925 billion worth of 1.95 million stimulant tablets; are interrogating the arrested drugrelated offender; and identifying other offenders involved in drug-related crimes.

Source: The Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper (26-1-2024)

• Authorities have seized a total of K2.925 billion worth of 1.95 million stimulant tablets in Thazi Township, along with two drug-related offenders.