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Central Command hold championship in Commander-in-Chief’s Cup

THE Central Command’s football team held the championship after beating the East Command’s team 5-1 in the 54th Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Cup in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The final attracted Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice Senior General Soe Win and high-ranking officers.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presented the Cup and cash awards to the champions.

—Myawady

Mandalay artists show their works to Yangon audience

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The tourists included 15,168 Thais, 5,254 Koreans, 3,953 Japanese, 3,792 Germans and 3,753 Chinese. Their visits earned the pagoda over K500 million and US$416. —Ko Chit

Trouble on New Year’s Eve

NEW Year’s Eve saw two instances of fire, eight traffic accidents and one fight in Yangon Region, according to Yangon Region Police Force.

Eight traffic accidents that night killed three and injured eight.

“We were on full alert, intensifying security at crowded places. We saw no high profile criminal case on the eve of the new year and we thank the people for their cooperation,” said Police Col Pyai Sone. A fire broke out at a restaurant in West Shwegondine due to an overheating fan. Yangon Region Police were on full alert, patrolling the region with 45 traffic police cars. —Zaw Gyi

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw being convened in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing awards the Central Command’s football team with a championship trophy. PHOTO: MYAWADY

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