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Announcement regarding attacks in Laukkai, Shan State

1. At this time, it is important for the people of Myanmar to contribute their utmost effort with strong determination and unified spirit for the success of the peace process.
2. As the Union Government has given top priority to the task of National Reconciliation and Peace, the Union Government held a coordination meeting with the Delegation for Political Negotiation of the United Nationalities Federal Council. The discussions were held in a frank and cordial manner. We obtained good results that strengthened our hopes that we would have agreement on the Nine Point proposal presented by the UNFC.
3. Furthermore, agreement was reached between the Peace Commission – PC and the Delegation for Political Negotiation – DPN, for the two sides to work hard for the inclusion of organizations which should be included in the peace process, and to

work in coordination for these organizations to be permitted to attend the Union Peace Conference - 21st Century Panglong. The ethnic nationalities and Union citizens have welcomed with joy the progress achieved at the meeting as they perceive the red rays of hope for peace.

4. At a time when we have achieved progress in the national reconciliation and peace process which has made us happy and while we are working for broader participation and for the consolidation and vibrancy of the process, the MNDAA armed groups conducted offensive attacks starting from about 2am today in Laukkai area, north-east Shan State. According to the preliminary reports, the armed MNDAA attacked the town proper and it was reported that some security forces and innocent local residents were killed. The fighting is still continuing till the time of this announcement. Such armed conflicts cannot bring any good benefits and are devoid of any meaning for all the ethnic nationalities and Union citizens residing in the Union. Furthermore, they bring about nothing but direct bad results and make the ethnic tribes and local ethnic nationalities and Union citizens living in the area drown in a sea of sorrow.
5. Therefore, I would like to strongly urge all the armed groups to abandon the armed attacks that can bring about nothing but sorrows and sufferings on the innocent local tribes and races, and to join the dialogue table for national peace and march together with the people on the path of peace with unified strong spirit on the basis of equality.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi
Chairperson
N R P C

(Unofficial Translation)



Corpses of the victims of indiscriminate attacks yesterday are lined up on the ground in Laukkai, Shan State.

One man found dead with cut injuries in Buthidaung Township

ON receipt of the news that a man was found dead with cut injuries near the creek of Ward 1 of Buthidaung township, Rakhine State on March 5, responsible officials went there to inspect the event.

The victim was said to be Zarmartusein, 32, of Hsinohpyin village in Buthidaung township. He was found dead

with a stab injury to his chest, and cuts on the back of the skull, his back, left ear, thigh and right ring finger. The body was sent to the Buthidaung township hospital. A case was opened over the death at the Taung Bazar regional police station. The investigation is still ongoing, it was learnt.—*Myanmar News Agency*

Negligence fire destroys two houses in An, Rakhine State

A fire broke out in a village in An Township, in Rakhine State yesterday, destroying two houses.

The fire started at the kitchen of the home of Daw Mae Yin in Kazu Village at 1:45 am and

spread to a neighbouring home, causing losses in total of K6.5 million.

Daw Mae Yin has been charged for the negligence fire.—*Myanmar News Agency*



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75 police receives training

YANGON Region Police Force conducted multiple community policing trainings on Monday.

75 trainees from the Yangon Region Police Force and 4 districts joined the training.

26 Community policing trainings were conducted last year and 282 police officers were trained by the EU to be trainers.

Speaking on the occasion, Police Major Hla Wai of the Yangon Region Police Force said community policing helps the police build good relations

with the public and we get more of their participation.

During the multiple training, service, partnership with the public, problem solving, dividing duties for the public and duties and responsibilities of the police will be included.

Then multiple community policing trainings are being conducted in 44 townships of Yangon Region. Likewise they were also done in Mandalay and Ayeyawaddy Regions.—*GNLM*

Civilians, police killed in Laukkai attack by MNDAA

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The MNDAA troops earlier raided the cash counter at the Fulllight Hotel around 2:30 am and retreated to the BP-127 border checkpoint by 5:10 am. Tatmadaw forces followed in pursuit.

Simultaneously, MNDAA forces attacked Tatmadaw bases and the city of Laukkai between the BP-125 and BP-127 border checkpoints, resulting in several skirmishes.

The fatalities included five civilians and five Kokang traffic policemen. Among the victims was B.E.P.S (LaungAeKy) primary assistant teacher Daw Pyar Mhi. It could not be determined whether Daw Pyar Hmi was injured or killed. It was also reported that four Kokang traffic police officers were taken hostage.

Other armed groups were also involved with the MNDAA in the attack, according

to reports. Security troops discovered 20 charred corpses and 10 pieces of weaponry after the attacks. The Tatmadaw, in its effort to enforce peace and stability, is continuing clearance operations in the area.

The attacks occurred hours before State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi urged female business leaders at the Women's Week event in Nay Pyi Taw to take part in the peace process.—*Myanmar News Agency*



Left, an injured police officer; and right, an injured civilian.
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