

Four pledges of allegiance of the People's Defence Force

- (1) We will bear allegiances to the Federal Union of Myanmar and the people.
- (2) We will bear allegiances to the fallen heroes who sacrificed their lives during the fight for democracy.
- (3) We will protect and defend the lives, properties and livelihoods of the people.
- (4) We solemnly pledge that we will sacrifice our lives in building the Federal Union of Myanmar.



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The National Unity Government Cabinet News

1. NUG Acting President remarks friendships & alliance with neighbor countries should be established 14/2/2023

President Duwa Lashi La is of opinion that realistic and workable diplomatic relation with Myanmar's neighbors should be established even though there may be different views on the spring revolution because, the Acting President remarked, different states build their societies in accordance with their context and existing conditions.

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2. NUG welcomes Singapore's prohibition of arms transfers to Myanmar 16/2/2023

The National Unity Government welcomes Dr Vivian Balakrishnan's pledge to prohibit the transfer of arms and dual use goods from Singapore to Myanmar. Singapore has long been a financial hub for Myanmar military brokers, who use Singapore's banks to facilitate payments and, in some cases, also receive goods in the city state.

According to the Justice for Myanmar, notorious arms brokers with branches in Singapore include Star Sapphire Group, Dynasty International, Htoo Group, and MCM Group, all of which are subject to sanctions by the US, UK, Canada and/or the EU. These companies are owned by cronies who aid and abet the Myanmar military's war

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Statement on Singapore's prohibition of arms and dual-use item transfers to Myanmar

The National Unity Government strongly welcomes Singapore's confirmation that it prohibits arms transfers to the illegal military junta in Myanmar.

H.E. Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs, confirmed the existing ban in a parliamentary statement on 14 February 2023, highlighting that it was consistent with UN General Assembly Resolution 75/287 (2021) on the situation in Myanmar, which Singapore voted for.

Foreign Minister Balakrishnan also confirmed that Singapore would not authorise the transfer of dual-use items "assessed to have potential military application to Myanmar, where there is a serious risk that they may be used to inflict violence against unarmed civilians". Putting corporations on notice, the Foreign Minister added that Singapore would take a "very firm line" against companies who contravened its laws including those on the transfer and brokering of strategic goods and technology.

The National Unity Government extends its sincere gratitude to the Government of Singapore for its principled stance, and to Foreign Minister Balakrishnan for his expressions of solidarity with the Myanmar people.

The National Unity Government remains committed to working in partnership with Myanmar's fellow ASEAN Members to end the illegal junta's atrocities and to advance the peace, security and prosperity of our region.

crimes and crimes against humanity. Htoo Group's Tay Za continues to reside in Singapore, which he uses as a base to provide substantial support to the junta. <https://bit.ly/3KkwLWv>

3. PDF and its alliance strategically attack 19 military targets in Magway Region

15/2/2023

19 military targets were attacked by the PDF and their allies in Magway Region, the Ministry of Defence announced. According to the statement, 31 SAC soldiers were killed in the operation and many more injured, while the PDF sustained some injuries. In addition, primary buildings and storage buildings belonging to the SAC forces were destroyed with vehicles, weapons, bullets, and other materiel confiscated. The ministry will make further announcements on additional operations shortly. <https://bit.ly/3S8xuMI>

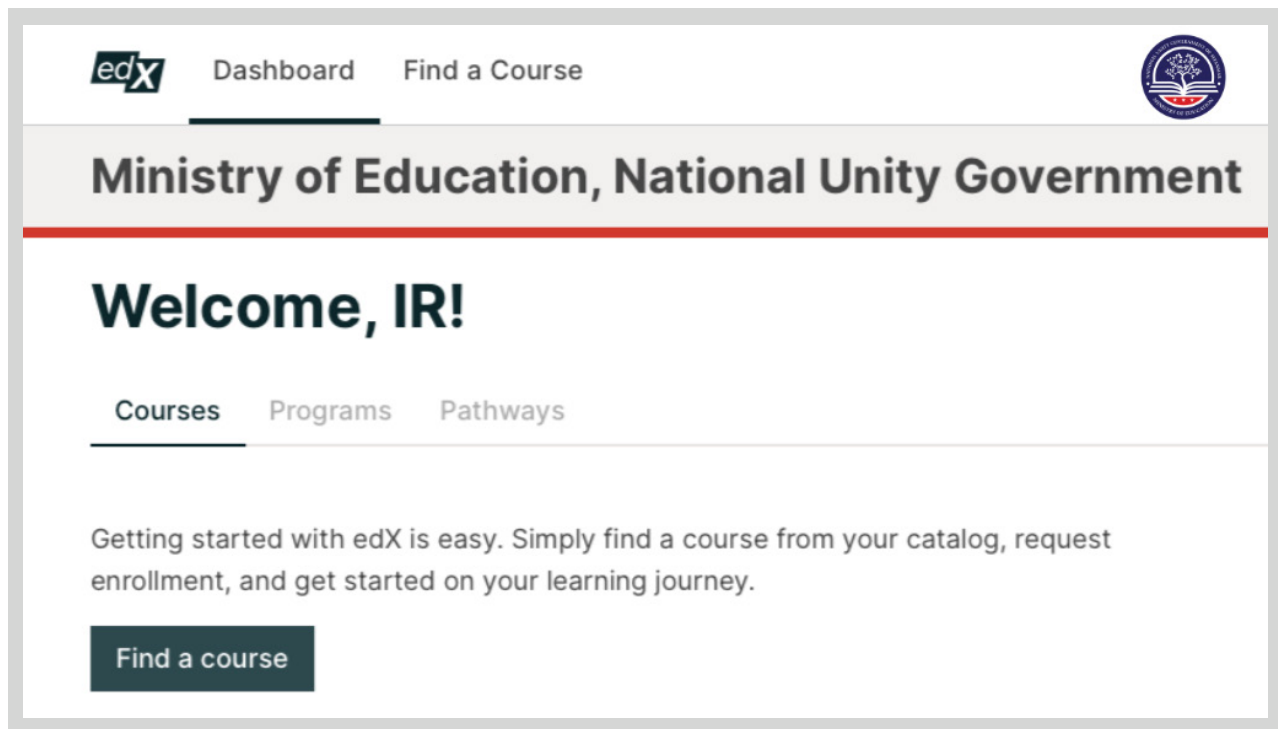
4. Defence Ministry calls for volunteer air scouts

16/2/2023

The Ministry of Defence is calling for civilians scouts who can monitor and report on the status of and activity in and around the SAC's airforce bases and airports as well as track the movemenetns of military aircraft in a timely manner. Civilians who wish to serve as the air route scouts are encouraged to contact the Ministry through their telegram account. <https://t.me/MASurveillance24>.

5. Education Ministry partners with EdX to deliver tertiary education programs for up to 5000 students

16/2/2023

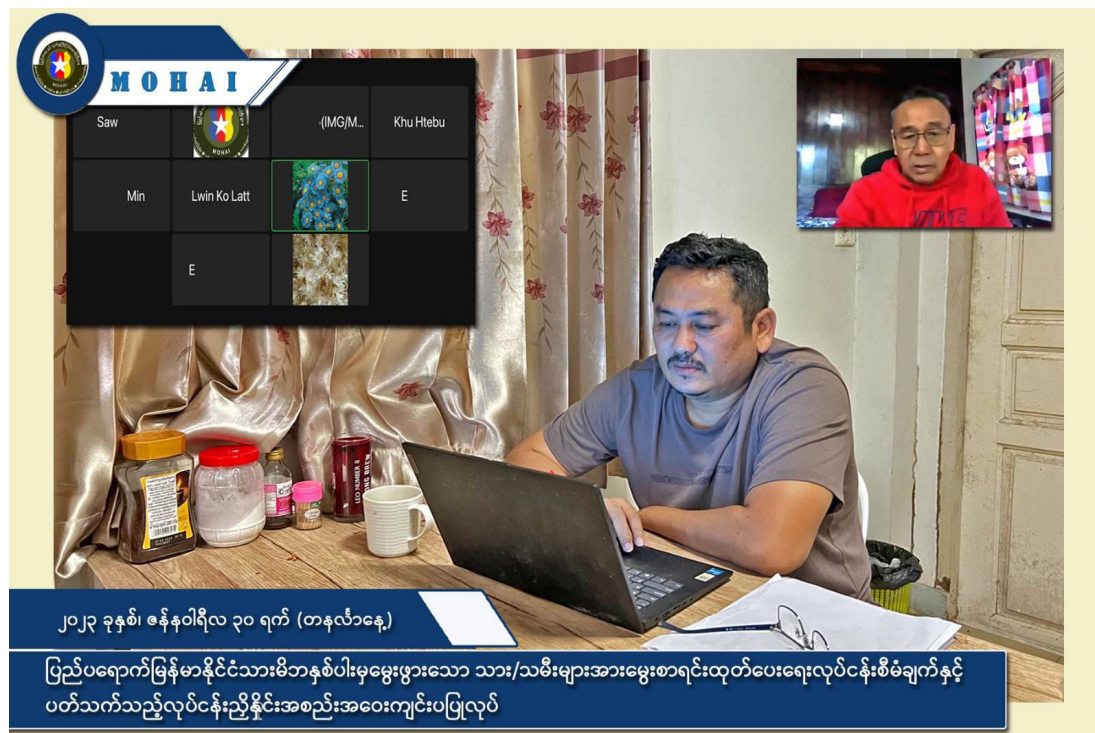


The Ministry of Education in conjunction with the EdX online education platform will deliver 88 types of training courses conducted in English by international universities for about 5000 higher education students. Applicants chosen will be able to attend the normally fee-based courses free of charge and will earn internationally recognised certificates of completion. Students will be able to choose the program or course that suits their personal and professional interests.

The Ministry also announced on Feb 13th that the Ministry recognizes 14 additional online education schools that pledge to follow the people's education policy (11 principles) and information and technology security guidelines as "interim basic education schools." <https://bit.ly/3Z598Wb>

6. Home Affairs Minister says systematic efforts being made to install administrative mechanisms in the ever growing democratic areas

12/2/2023



The Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration has been making efforts to establish and implement administrative mechanisms in the growing NUG-controlled areas across the country while taxes are being collected successfully in Sagaing and Magway Regions. The minister said that such efforts are to be in line with the policy and principles adopted by the National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC) and there are currently township level administration bodies in 158 townships across the country.

The Minister also added that in Sagaing, Magway and Bago Regions, there are a total of 73 townships where the PDF controls at least 70 percent of the area and are expanding their control through the country.

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