

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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U Yee Mon, Union Minister for Defence, visited and offered words of motivation to injured comrades from the People's Defence Forces on the frontline.

NUCC and NUG Issue Joint New Year Statement for 2024

The National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC) and the National Unity Government (NUG) have jointly issued a New Year statement for 2024, expressing appreciation for the collaborative efforts of revolutionary forces. These forces aim to eliminate not only the military dictatorship but all forms of dictatorship, working towards the establishment of a Federal Democratic Union.

The joint statement comprises nine paragraphs. In the first paragraph, the NUCC and NUG express gratitude for the unwavering support of the public, the coordinated efforts of ethnic revolutionary organizations (ERO), People Defence Forces (PDF), and local PDFs, as well as the assistance received from individuals both inside and outside the country.

The subsequent paragraphs highlight the diminishing control of military-held areas and the expanding territories under the control of revolutionary forces. Simultaneously, the statement emphasizes the growing need for humani-



tarian assistance due to the military's targeting of civilians. The NUCC and NUG call on both regional and international governments to establish direct contact with them.

Furthermore, the statement underscores the perceived threat posed by the military terrorist situation to the region. It stresses the necessity for cooperation between revolutionary forces, including the NUCC, NUG, and ethnic resistance organizations, and regional and international governments. This cooperation is seen as vital for ensuring the country's stability, regional peace, and development.

The NUCC and NUG state that they are accelerating efforts to reach a political pact among revolutionary forces. These efforts include collaborative work on transitional justice, politics, the economy, social services, and rehabilitation for the post-revolutionary period. The statement concludes with a firm pledge that 2024 will be the year to secure the victory of the people. <https://bit.ly/3SIlpJn>



Ministry of Commerce

Spring Development Bank to Open First Branch in Kawlin Township.

The Spring Development Bank announced its plans to open the first branch in Kawlin Township. Myanmar's first neo-bank made the announcement on December 26, stating that it will soon start banking services to supporters of the Spring Revolution. The People's Defence Force (PDF) raised their flag in Kawlin Township, Sagaing Region, on November 6 after taking control of the town.

Original announcement in Burmese available on Facebook:

<https://bit.ly/3vfYcLE>



Ministry of Defence

Resistance Forces Take Over the Military Base in Thabeikkyin Township.



A PDF joint force successfully took control of a military outpost near Nga Tant Ain Village in Thabeikkyin Township, Mandalay, according to an announcement by the National Unity Government's (NUG) Ministry of Defence on December 26. The joint force seized firearms, ammunition, and twenty-seven other types of military equipment during the successful operation on December 25.

Original announcement in Burmese available on Facebook:

<https://bit.ly/47hgjy7>



Ministry of Home Affairs and Immigration

Peaceful protests advocating for the permanent end of the military dictatorship and the establishment of federal democracy are taking place in various regions.

Original announcement in Burmese available on Facebook:

<https://bit.ly/48A2nQH>



Cabinet

Acting President Urges People to Escalate Perseverance for the Success in 2024.

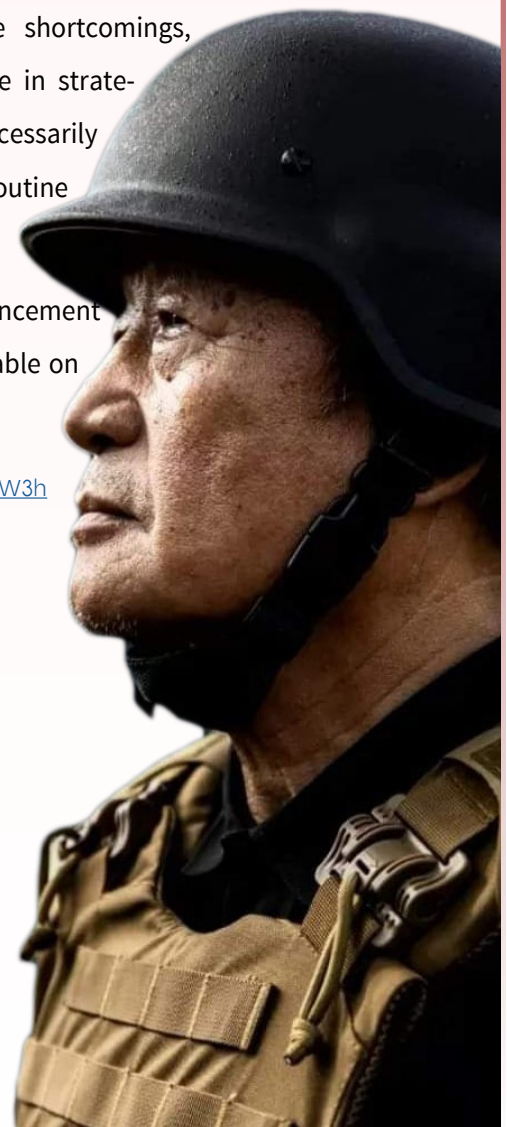
At the NUG's 40th Cabinet meeting on December 25, Acting President Duwa Lashi La urged all government members to enhance their perseverance and diligence for greater success in 2024.

“Every government member must raise their perseverance and diligence to achieve new successful milestones in 2024,” said the Acting President. He continued and said, **“In the coming New Year, I urge that we take the essence of Christmas and work diligently to bring further peace and joy to the people”.**

He emphasized the need to carefully review all activities in 2023, analyze shortcomings, and be adaptable in strategizing without necessarily immersed in routine ways.

Original announcement in Burmese available on Facebook:

<https://bit.ly/3H08W3h>



Acting President States to Respect for Justice and Human Dignity in His Christmas Greeting Message.

In his Christmas greeting message on December 25, Acting President Duwa Lashi La emphasized that true freedom can only be achieved by respecting and protecting justice and human dignity.

The Acting President said that true liberation can only exist when there is justice and respect for the value and dignity of the individual and that true justice and equality cannot be achieved in any form of governance that suppresses the free will and right of choice of individuals.

The Acting President continued that everyone must be treated fairly and with human dignity, and only by respecting and protecting justice and dignity, we will be able to build genuine freedom for everyone.

Original announcement in Burmese available on Facebook:

<https://bit.ly/47hgwBp>



Ministry of Defence

Officers of Myanmar Military Council Desert Naung Gyi Ine Police Station in Ayadaw Township.

Officers of Military Council stationed at the Naung Gyi Ine Police Station in Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Region, have deserted the station, according to an announcement by the Ministry of Defence on December 25.

They reportedly fled from the station on December 24 after considerable military pressure from the PDFs. Eighteen Military Council soldiers were killed in the encounter.

Original announcement in Burmese available on Facebook:

<https://bit.ly/47iExbg>



Central Committee for Implementation of Interim Local Administration

Prime Minister Highlights Strategies to Prevent Issues Delaying the Revolution While Increasing the Military Pressure.

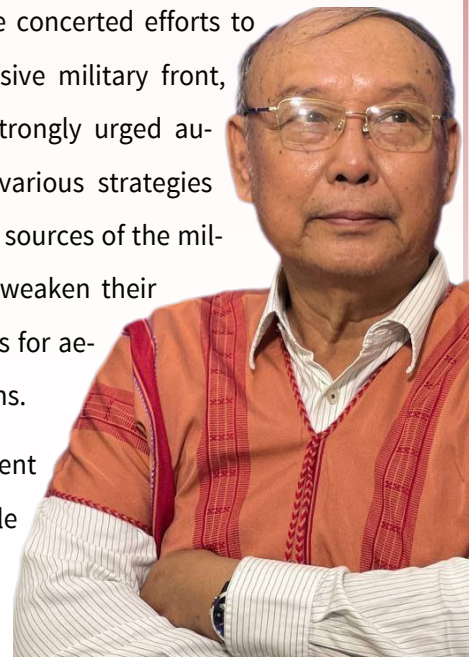
In preparation for escalating military pressure, Prime Minister Mann Win Khaing Thann of the National Unity Government urged the authorities to step back and proactively address issues that could potentially impede the progress of the revolution. This call was made during a meeting of the Central Committee for the Implementation of Interim Public Administration on December 29.

“At a time when there are preparations to intensify military pressure, it is crucial to have the ability to step back and proactively address issues that could impede the revolution,” emphasized the Prime Minister.

While maximising the concerted efforts to strengthen the offensive military front, the Prime Minister strongly urged authorities to employ various strategies to curtail the funding sources of the military council and to weaken their use of heavy weapons for aerial attacks on civilians.

Original announcement in Burmese available on Facebook:

<https://bit.ly/3SI9RG3>



Interim Board for Heritage Administration

Legal action to be taken at international and domestic courts against military council's attack on Mrauk-U Museum.

On December 25th, the Interim Board for Heritage Administration of the National Unity Government (NUG) announced that decisive actions will be taken against the military council's assault on the Mrauk-U Archaeological Museum. The NUG pledges collaboration with revolutionary organizations to prevent future acts of vandalism and to pursue legal actions against the terrorist military, both on the international and domestic fronts.

The devastating incident occurred on December 25 when large weapons, fired by the 540-troop and 377-troop under the terrorist Military Council, caused irreparable damage to a significant collection of Rakhine cultural heritage housed in the Mrauk-U Archaeological Museum. Situated in the Mrauk-U Heritage Zone of Rakhine State, the museum held invaluable artifacts, including ancient stone pillars and historical objects, tracing back thousands of years, all considered national cultural heritage since the times of the ancient Rakhine kings.

This egregious act is not only a violation of Section 19(a) of Myanmar's Protection and Preservation of Ancient Monuments Law but also an aggressive invasion that disrupts peace by targeting the cultural identity of ethnic groups, according to the official announcement. The Interim Board for Heritage Administration stated it strongly condemns this violence and affirms its commitment to pursuing legal recourse through various international and domestic courts.

Original announcement in Burmese available on Facebook:

<https://bit.ly/4aAovMF>



National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC)

NUCC Issues Transitional Justice Policy

On December 4, 2023, the National Unity Consultative Council (NUCC) released its Transitional Justice Policy.

In the pursuit of a future federal democratic union, it becomes imperative not only to mete out appropriate punishments to those who have grossly violated human rights but also to ensure the rehabilitation of victims in their mental and social lives—both politically and personally. To achieve this, the NUCC advocates for the implementation of transitional justice processes, aiming for socially appropriate procedures.

The transitional justice process comprises three phases:

- (1) **Interim** (preparatory activities during conflict and war),
- (2) **Transition Period** (activities immediately following the end of the conflict), and
- (3) **Federal Democratic Period** (work to be conducted during the period of stability governed by the federal democratic constitution).

In stage (3), the policy underscores that governments bear the responsibility for the full implementation of transitional justice processes in accordance with the relevant constitution.

Original announcement and policy in Burmese available on Facebook: <https://bit.ly/48TRych>

PDF of policy: [TJ Policy Approved by NUCC 04122023 Clean Version 07122023 -tbl-up-date.pdf](https://bit.ly/48TRych) <https://bit.ly/3S3SGo8>



December 2023 Military Affairs Brief Review

The concluding month of 2023 witnessed two noteworthy military developments: (1) the PDFs and allied ethnic resistance organizations (EROs) successfully extended military operations along the old segment of the Yangon-Mandalay Highway, and (2) allied forces progressively assumed control over additional towns in Northern Shan State.

Photographs have emerged U Lwin Ko Lat, the Minister of Home Affairs and Immigration, and a member of the Public Security and Defense Council, along with Nai Kao Rot, Deputy Minister of Defense, National Unity Government visiting crucial battlefronts in the Sittaung River Basin and Mon State.

The PDFs expanded operations in the Sagaing and Magway regions, taking over enemy camps and towns strategically located at communication points. Nationwide military activity analysis indicates that the terrorist Military Council is now in a defensive position, while various revolutionary forces are launching simultaneous attacks.

These developments are the result of over two years of strategic efforts by the PDFs and various revolutionary forces in the field. They strategically targeted the Military Council's rear headquarters and communication channels, ambushed convoys, and forced the Military Council to overextend and exhaust its forces.

In the southern military region, a joint operation involving the Frog Chorus and Salmon groups is underway, engaging targets in Kyauktaga and Kyaukkyi townships. The town of Natthankwin has been occupied. Simultaneously, military activities have been carried out in Yedashe and Nyaun-

glebin townships along the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, while the People's Defense Forces have mobilized at the No. 6 Sugar Factory under the Military Council, located 50 miles away from Nay Pyi Taw.

As a result, the Military Council's control over the expressway area, a crucial communication hub, has diminished. There is a possibility that the communication route between Bago Yoma, strategically located in the middle of the country, and the southern military region will soon be significantly opened. If such a situation occurs, the military dynamics in southern Myanmar will change dramatically, potentially leading to the blockage of the Nay Pyi Taw region, the military headquarters, from all sides.

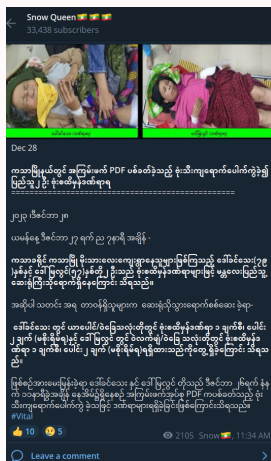
In Northern Shan State, the Ta'ang National Liberation Army, considered a revolutionary ally, swiftly took control of Namhkam, Namhsan, Mantong, and Namtu. Additionally, Muse, Kutkai, and Nam Hpat Kar are currently surrounded and under attack. Simultaneously, allied forces have blockaded and are attacking Laukkai, the capital of the Kokang Self-Administered Zone.

The Military Council is still unable to reopen its communication channels in Northern Shan State, as it seems the majority of control over the area is now under the administration of allied forces and the PDFs. Resistance forces were able to take over successive towns after cutting off the junta's communication channels, making it unable to mount a retaliation. It is possible that resistance forces will soon be able to tighten their blockade around the Military Council's North Eastern Command in Lashio.

Fake news



It has been discovered that the lobby media channels of the Military Council, including Mhaing Wai, are spreading false information, claiming that the homes of local people in Shwebo Township, Sagaing Division, are being burned down by the revolutionary forces.



A lobbyist for the Military Council on Telegram, known as Snow Queen, has been spreading fake news that the PDFs were attacking the homes of the public. It has been found that other lobbyists have copied this false information.

Authentic news



According to independent and reliable news outlets, four allied battalions from the Shwebo District attacked and successfully took over Myinchin Village in Shwebo District. The village was occupied by the military council's militia called the Pyu Saw Htee. Following the attack, Military Council's troops arrived with a large force, burning down homes and seizing people's belongings.



Independent and reliable news outlets have reported that these and other instances of the destruction of civilian homes are caused by the Military Council's air bombings, which have also resulted in civilian deaths.

Fake news



The same Military Council lobbyist, Snow Queen, also spread fake news that PDFs were burning down residential areas in Kawkaareik Township, Kayin State.

Authentic news



Independent and reliable news outlets, including locally-based KIC News, have reported that around 30 homes of internally displaced persons in the militarily tense Kawkaareik Town have been burned down due to impacts from large artillery fire.

New Year Greetings

“ I promise to diligently work towards establishing a new federal democracy at the earliest. Wishing all fellow citizens a peaceful and joyous New Year. ”

**Duwa Lashi La
Acting President
National Unity Government**



“ In 2023, our unwavering determination and spirit played a decisive role in determining the outcomes of the Spring Revolution. As we enter 2024, let's collaborate to fortify our collective strength for success in the impending final battle. ”

**Mahn Winn Khaing Thann
Prime Minister
National Unity Government**

