

Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council

- 1. The Union Election Commission will be reconstituted and its mandated tasks, including the scrutiny of voter lists, shall be implemented in accordance with the law.
- 2. Effective measures will be taken with added momentum to prevent and manage the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3. Actions will be taken to ensure the speedy recovery of businesses from the impact of COVID-19.
- 4. Emphasis will be placed on achieving enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.
- 5. Upon accomplishing the provisions of the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held in line with the 2008 Constitution, and further work will be undertaken to hand over State duties to the winning party in accordance with democratic standards.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
National Defence and Security Council
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1. The meeting 1/2023 of the National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was held at 10 am on 31 January 2023.

During the meeting, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing reported on the situation about the declaration of

the State of Emergency across the nation due to forcibly seizing the State power without solving the voting fraud of the 2020 general elections by officials,
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National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar holds meeting 1/2023



Pro Tem President U Myint Swe presides over the meeting 1/2023 of the National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

THE National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar held its meeting 1/2023 at the meeting hall of the State

Administration Council Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw on the morning of 31 January.

It was attended by Pro Tem President U Myint Swe, Speaker of 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 General Mya Tun Oo, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen

Soe Htut, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung,

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National Objectives for 76th Anniversary of Union Day 2023

1. To strive for the perpetual existence of national solidarity and perpetuity of the Union through the internal strength
2. To make collaborative efforts of all ethnic nationals to restore perpetual and durable peace
3. To join hands in harmony for ensuring the prosperity and food sufficiency of the nation as two national plans through the Union spirit
4. To help develop all regions and states on equal terms and increase employment opportunities with ensuring the health and fitness of the entire National people
5. To practise the genuine, discipline-flourishing multiparty democratic system through fraternity, solidarity and united endeavours of all ethnic national brethren for building the Union based on democratic and federal systems

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the formation of new Union Election Commission to check voter lists and findings related to the implementation of the five-point roadmap of the State Administration Council, taking action against those responsible for the voting fraud, direct and indirect pressure posed by the chair of NLD and the ex-president, issuance of Citizenship Scrutiny Cards to ensure correct voter lists, prevention, treatment and vaccination for the Covid-19 pandemic, endeavours for the development of the State economy, efforts for the restoration of perpetual peace, undertakings for the coming election, amnesty for punishments and relieving the punishment, seizures of narcotic drugs, conferring of honorary titles and medals to those who dedicated themselves to the interests of country, destructive acts launched by CRPH, NUG and their subordinate PDF terrorists, deaths and injuries of innocent people and loss and damage of State-owned and private-owned property in their terror acts, their attempts to seize the State power

by using insurgent, mobbed and terror ways, and security situations of regions and states.

2. The National Defence and Security Council members discussed the presentation of the Senior General. All attendees including the Pro Tem President discussed the situations of killing innocent people, blowing up public places, posing armed intimidation and coercion on the people committed by CRPH, NUG and their subordinate PDF terrorist groups aiming to cause utter devastation to the State although the State Administration Council is striving for ensuring peace and stability of the State and development in all sectors, and the unusual circumstances of the country that they are making attempts to seize the State power in insurgent and terror ways. The Senior General will be able to accomplish the duties only when the State of the Emergency period is extended for the extraordinary situation, and so the period for the State of Emergency across the nation is extended further six months under Section 425 of the Constitution

starting 1 February 2023.

3. It is here announced that the meeting was attended by *Pro Tem* President U Myint Swe, Speaker of 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 General Mya Tun Oo, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Soe Htut, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, special invitees SAC Secretary Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe, Joint-Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, and Union Minister for Legal Affairs and Attorney-General of the Union Dr Thida Oo. Vice-President U Henry Van Thio submitted a leave of absence to the meeting due to a health condition.

Sd/
Myint Swe
Pro Tem President

Extension of State of Emergency conforms with Constitution: CT response

THE *Pro Tem* President sought the attitude of the Constitutional Tribunal on whether the extension of the State of Emergency period to further six months by the National Defence and Security Council starting 1 February 2023 under Section 425 of the Constitution conforms with the Constitution as the current circumstance is not a situation in which the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services has to report on the accomplishment of duties under Section 426 of the Constitution and work will have to be executed in accord with

Section 425 of the Constitution owing to an extraordinary situation.

The current circumstance is an extraordinary situation considering the facts mentioned in the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Constitutional Tribunal made a response to *Pro Tem* President, saying that the six-month extension of the National Defence and Security Council starting 1 February 2023 under Section 425 of the Constitution conforms with the Constitution. — MNA/KTZH

Mottos for 76th Anniversary of Union Day 2023

1. Let's go forward in joining hands among ethnic nationals in unison
2. Let's firmly join hands among national brethren of the Union in unity
3. Energetic harmony and stronger unity represent the souls of the Union

Public Notice for elimination of violence

1. SO called "CRPH", "NUG" and "PDF" terrorist groups are unlawfully committing killings of monks, teachers, civil servants and general people and looting under the pretext of saying "for the people".
2. Not rendering of encouragement, support and assistance to the "CRPH", "NUG" and "PDF" terrorists that are committing intimidations, killings and destructive activities could be construed as protecting lives and property of general public.
3. Giving information secretly relating to bearing of their arms, ammunition and terrorists to authorities could be tantamount to protecting lives and property of innocent people.

Management must be systematically implemented

THE government adopted future tasks, visions, national goals and political goals. The government is mainly responsible for achieving the goals with the participation of political parties and citizens. Such tasks should not burden the nation while management must be systematically implemented. We all are to move forward and all of the officials concerned are to successfully carry out departmental tasks.

(The excerpt from the speech made by Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting 6/2022 of the Union government on 22 August 2022.)

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special invitees SAC Secretary Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe, Joint-Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, and Union Minister for Legal Affairs and Attorney-General of the Union Dr Thida Oo. Vice-President U Henry Van Thio submitted a leave of absence to the meeting due to a health condition.

First, the Senior General clarified the two-year term service of the SAC, saying that the root cause of taking State responsibilities by the State Administration Council was based on vote rigging in the 2020 multiparty democracy general election of the government which took responsibility in the second term. Tatmadaw repeatedly reminded it not to harm the multiparty democratic system. In verifying Tatmadaw over the list of more than 38.27 million eligible voters officially issued by the previous Union Election Commission, firm evidence was unveiled that more than 10.48 million ballots depended on voting fraud. It can be seen that these were not errors but conspiracies without any verification. Any country does not accept voting fraud in elections for relevant Hluttaw. It is necessary to seek a third-party organization to scrutinize the voting fraud. It is the Tatmadaw due to the Constitution of the nation and the political history of the country. In Myanmar, officials including UEC did not solve the voting fraud problems. Tatmadaw is responsible for verifying the case as Section 4 of the 2008 Constitution stipulates “The Sovereign power of the Union is derived from the citizens and is in force in the entire country”, Section 6(d) and Section 7, the Union’s consistent objectives are flourishing of a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system and Section 6 (f), enabling the Defence Services to be able to participate in the

National political leadership role of the State and Section 20 (f), The Defence Services is mainly responsible for safeguarding the Constitution.”

Attempts to convene the Hluttaw committed Section 40 (c) and Section 417 of the Constitution on forcible seizing the State power. According to Sections 62, 63 and 64 of the Constitution, U Win Myint does not have the right to stand as the president because of being Hluttaw representative-elect, serving the party duty and facing a lawsuit of file opened under the law. According to Section 417 of the Constitution (2008), *Pro Tem* President U Myint Swe convened the National Defence and Security Council meeting and declared a state of emergency. And, then, the legislative, executive and judicial powers of the State were handed over to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services under Section 418 (a) of the Constitution.

They should have to prove things whether the evidence of voting fraud shown by Tatmadaw was wrong. But they did not dare to do so. In verifying the voter list, Tatmadaw firmly presented the list of voting frauds. They did not prove whether the list of presented by Tatmadaw was wrong.

Attendees to the National Defence and Security Council meeting approved the terms of State responsibilities for the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

In accord with the fifth point of the roadmap, “the Union Election Commission will be reconstituted and its mandated tasks, including the scrutiny of voter lists, shall be implemented in accordance with the law”, the SAC formed a new UEC and assigned it.

UEC officials inspected the tasks of Sub-commissions of the UEC together with the township

level officials and representatives from relevant political parties in opening the ballot boxes from 17 February to 4 July 2021 and investigated voting fraud and illegal tasks.

In verifying the voter list in the 2020 multiparty democracy general election, it was found that 295,405 persons were included in the list of voters more than three times and 4,869,423 persons did not have any citizenship IDs. Moreover, 11,305,390 voters were involved in the list of vote-rigging process.

The number of the total population above 18 on 1 October 2020 hit 34,350,155 compared to 38,271,447 voters in the election, exceeding some four million. Errors at the polling stations and inappropriate directives for casting without CSC, use of seals and wrong lists of voters were based on conspiracy. It broke laws, rules and disciplines.

The voting fraud in the 2020 election totally depended on the NLD. Influence of the NLD chair committed inappropriate acts based on her political post. U Win Myint also followed it despite being a president at the time.

In the 2020 election, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and ex-president U Win Myint posed direct and indirect pressures on the UEC. So, the UEC broke the laws and bylaws by abusing its authority. Hence, action was taken against ex-president U Win Myint, Union-level officials, ex-chief ministers and officials of UEC over the 2020 election process. Severe punishments were handed down to them.

The NLD chair made a speech at the canvassing through MRTV on 17 September 2020: “The election was not in conformity with the democratic standard. Just 75 per cent of the people

were allowed to participate in the election. The remaining 25 per cent was for Tatmadaw. So, NLD needs to overcome 25 per cent of hindrances to forming the government. At least 67 per cent needed to win the election as it participated in the election for 75 per cent. So, all are to actively cast vote for the NLD in all constituencies not need to count the percentage.” NLD revoked some constituencies where it may face loss in the election. So, some ethnic nationals and organizations lost the chance to cast votes. Now, the government is striving for all ethnic brethren to cast votes in all areas of the nation without any vacancies.

The general elections must be held in all regions and states at the same time. The election should not cover just urban areas. It needs to cover the rural areas as well. Some 70 per cent of the total population resides in rural areas. Moreover, it is necessary to create chances for relevant parties and candidates to do canvassing in their respective constituencies.

In implementing the Pankhinn project from 3 May 2021 to 3 January 2023, CSCs are issued to eligible citizens. Now, there remains issuance of CSCs to more than 1.13 million out of 3.4 million people in Kayin, Chin and Shan (North) States and Sagaing Region. Only when CSC are issued to the remaining people will they not lose the fundamental rights of citizens. They have a chance to cast votes holding any ID and they must be free from intimidation and coercion in voting.

With regard to the prevention of the Covid-19 pandemic, from 23 March 2020 to 31 January 2023, 633,819 people were approved positive and 19,491 people were dead, accounting for 3.08 per cent.

During the term of the gov-

ernment, the deputy prime minister held meetings three times a week to fulfil the needs for prevention, control and treatment of the pandemic. Moreover, 1,674 hospitals, clinics, and treatment centres were opened to control infection of the disease and the death rate.

The government built 216 oxygen plants whereas the private sector set up 271 plants to provide healthcare services to the people. People also donated preventive equipment, oxygen and foodstuffs and China and Thailand provided oxygen cylinders. So, the disease could be placed under control.

There are 1,077 hospitals and 11,427 dispensaries across the nation. In the high season of infection, 765 hospitals and 7,430 dispensaries were opened. A total of 54,722 of 103,214 health staff of the Ministry of Health served their duties and 47,254 of the remaining 48,492 staff committed to CDM activities.

Military medical doctors were transferred to the Ministry of Health and other relevant ministries to cooperate with dutiful health staff. Dutiful health staff, military medical service personnel and people made concerted efforts for battling Covid-19.

Covid-19 vaccination covered 31,013,972 people above 18 from 27 January 2022 to 22 January 2023 and 6,810,173 persons from 5 to 18 years old.

Myanmar faced a downtrend in the economy in 2018 due to weakness in economic and trade management. Then, Covid-19 hit the country to plunge its economy. So, the country encountered a trade deficit due to importation without earning foreign exchange. Just importation without prioritizing domestic manufacturing at home caused many weak points.

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Myanmar grasped a 7.26 per cent of GDP rate in the first democratic government term with a US\$12.097 billion trade deficit and US\$11.63 billion foreign investment. In the 2016-17 FY of the second term of the government, the GDP rate reached 5.8 per cent, 2017-18 FY 6.4 per cent, six-month mini-budget for 2018, 6.5 per cent, 2018-19 FY 6.8 per cent, 2019-20 FY 3.2 per cent, 2020-21 (six months) -8.4 per cent. Its trade deficit hit US\$12.61 billion.

During the period, ex-state counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi committed nine cases of bribes including bribes from the ex-Yangon Region Chief Minister, causing more than US\$4 million loss and more than K49,206 million, ex-president U Win Myint five cases, to lose US\$4,088,090 and more than K23,048 million, eight NLD CEC members, 20 regional and state chief ministers and former ministers, causing loss of more than US\$13 million and more than K361 billion. These were based on abusing authority and bribery cases.

During the period of our government, the national economy has not developed as much as it should have done so partly because of the sanction being imposed by the international community and partly because of the incitements and instigations by the external elements. No loan or aid has been received because of the political situation. Additionally, the loans and assistance which have already been received during the period of the previous government are all stopped. Even the assistance provided by the United Nations and other Intergovernmental Organizations is all stopped. During the 2020-2021 financial year from 1 October to 30 September, the GDP growth rate was minus 5.9 per cent whereas that of the first half of the financial year 2021-2022 is 2.4 per cent. Nonetheless, the expected GDP growth rate in the 2022-2023 FY is 3.2 per cent. In the promotion of the national economy, emphasis is not laid on imports. Instead, priority is given to promoting manufacturing domestically. At this juncture, MSMEs are major driving forces in the effectuation of national economic development. In such doing, there are three industries—manufacturing, trading and service industries. The agriculture and livestock breeding

sector is the key to the manufacturing industry. Import substitution industrialization and export promotion are the two strategies to earn foreign income.

Concerning the fourth point of the five-point roadmap—i.e., emphasis will be laid on the implementation of the points agreed in the Nation-Wide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), the successive governments have been exerting utmost efforts to attain peace through the employment of various means. Like our predecessors, our government has invariably been implementing the peace process with the emphasis being laid on the points agreed upon in NCA. Our government and Tatmadaw are strongly confident that peace and prosperity are important to bring about national development. This is the reason why Tatmadaw announced a ceasefire to ensure long-lasting peace on 21 December 2018. Not only in 2022 but also for the whole year of 2023 ceasefire has been extended with issuing of 22 announcements. On 22 April 2022, the leaders of the ethnic armed organizations were invited to meet with the Head of State in person for negotiations. Out of the invitees, seven groups have already signed the NCA and three groups which have not yet signed it, totalling 10 groups have given their affirmative reply. Discussions with these groups have already been made three times. During the discussions, matters relating to the pursuit of a genuine multiparty democracy system as well as the building up of the union based on democracy and federalism dominate the meetings. The demands made by the ethnic armed organizations were discussed frankly in light of what is essential to their regions and the nation as a whole. In other words, the discussants were broad-minded with their minds mainly bent on the interests of the union. Particularly speaking, Parts 1, 2 and 3 of the Union Agreement and Schedule 2 were agreed upon. And the agreement was signed.

Regarding the indigenous races, it is believed that national solidarity is vital to the nation, and so, efforts are being exerted to remove all the doubts and distrust to ensure the attainment of enduring peace. In such doing, discussions and negotiations are to be made in conformity with democratic practices. Concerning the fifth point of the five-point

Roadmap, efforts have constantly been directed towards holding the multiparty democracy election, which plays a paramount part in making the multiparty democracy system flourish in a rules-based manner. At this juncture, the government has made the respective departments prepare for ensuring the accuracy of the basic data and information required for the election. The pilot stage of data collection started in August of 2022 to ensure the accuracy of voters' lists. The Union Election Commission and the Ministry of Immigration and Population, in cooperation with the General Administration Department, are checking Form 66/6 against the lists on the ground with the use of Form (Htway-1 Kagyi).

As the very essence of democracy is the representation of the people, the election system should reflect the ability to represent the voters. As known to you all, the current election system of First Past the Post (FPTP) lacks the ability to represent the voters. This is the reason why a new election system is being formulated to be representative of the indigenous races, the region inhabited by the ethnic people and various mass and class strata. Only with the introduction of a new election system, will these people be able to become members of Hluttaw.

Retrospecting the past election, we have seen that although 88 political parties have contested the election, only 19 of them could have won the Hluttaw seats. And there are only two individuals who have won the Parliament seats. This election result has shown that the ability to represent the people is quite weak despite the existence of a great number of political parties. We want the political parties to be consolidated so that they can be engaged in the political field more effectively and efficiently. Such being the case, we have amended the Political Parties Registration Law and the UEC is taking necessary measures to reform the districts/townships within the regions/states so that proportional representation (PR) can be practised for the sake of the smaller ethnic political parties. Then only, there will be better justice.

We have already held three general elections since the introduction of the multiparty democracy system, and out of 330 town-

ships across the nation, elections were held in 325 townships in the 2010 election while the same was held in 323 and 315 townships in the 2015 and 2020 elections respectively. These figures are demonstrating that it has been weak in the representation of the voter people. Additionally, elections must be held without threatening, coercing or mob rule.

In our period, we would hold the elections in all townships, and in so doing, we would do our utmost to ensure safe voting. To ensure holding of the free and fair elections, necessary measures are being taken to ensure secure and smooth transportation across the nation as well as to ensure the rule of law and stability and peace. In this regard, the political parties need to make reforms to suit the changes and also need the government to educate the voter people about the new election system.

Next, the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief went on to talk about security, stability and peace for the election to be held. Afterwards, he justified the taking over the responsibilities of the state. He said that he has done so in accordance with the provisions of the 2008 Constitution. Although the representative elects were told to settle this political issue according to the law, many of them on 5 February 2021 formed CRPH. On 16 April 2021, NUG was formed and PDF was formed on 5 May 2021. They have formed terrorist groups, which later joined KIA, KNU and KNPP to attend the military training courses.

U Win Htein from NLD issued a statement to instigate the people into going against Tatmadaw. Thus, those who harboured misunderstanding of the Tatmadaw were made to set their foot on the wrong path. Though they have the right to settle the problem according to the law, they have chosen the confrontation line, spoiling democracy. This has adversely affected the image of the country. The demonstrations and disturbances abated starting in 2022. Still, with the direct and indirect support from certain EAOs, the PDFs are setting fires, laying mines and killing people. Between 1 February 2021 and 25 January 2023, there have been 4,917 cases of losses and damages of the state-owned and privately owned property, 8,527

cases of bomb explosions, 9,686 cases of assaults, 1,231 cases of arsons, totalling 19,444 cases of terrorism. A total of 5,443 people were killed while 4,577 others were injured. Moreover, 1,021 cases of bomb explosions on motor roads, 66 cases, on railroads, 137 cases, on bridges, 23 cases, on electric towers and 365 cases, on the telecommunications towers. Additionally, there are also those who are killed in the cases of arson committed on the motor roads, the bridges, the electric towers and the telecommunication towers during which a total of 152 people lost their lives. Later, they also launched terrorist attacks on election activities. As stated by the state and regional governments, only 198 townships are 100 per cent peaceful while 65 townships need effective providing of security. Certain EAOs are found to be behind terrorist activities. In truth, the PDFs are different from the EAOs.

The list of voters is of primary importance in elections and the exact population is required to be correct and accurate. It was ten years ago, that is, in 2014, that the last census was taken in our country. Therefore, it is necessary to take a new census.

In the current situation, the number of citizens who left the country is not known yet and, due to the terrorist attacks, it is still difficult to calculate the exact population. The census is to be taken every ten years and so it is the process to go through without fail.

Only when peace and stability prevail all over the country and there is a situation where everything is normal, will it be possible for general elections to be held in all parts of the country. Therefore, the government is working towards smooth and secure transport, the rule of law, peace and stability which are the sine qua non for general elections. Casting the vote or not in the election is the wish of each and every citizen but the government will have to take every possible measure for them to cast votes and make sure that they do not lose their democratic right by trying to be able to hold elections in all parts of the country.

In any age and under any government, Tatmadaw has always regarded the people as their parents and itself as the guardian and protector of the interests of the people.

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More work and time are required for the prevalence of peace and stability and the holding of the elections and therefore we would like to request the entire mass of people and respective organizations to cooperate with the government.

Then, U T Khun Myat, the Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, thanked the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services for his explanation about future work programmes to be carried out by the State Administration Council and suggested seeking the advice of the Constitutional Tribunal.

After that, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Soe Win said that he would like to discuss the holding of free and fair elections. He said that it was because of vote fraud that the SAC had to take the responsibilities of the State, that measures have to be taken to prevent such mistakes and malpractices from happening again, that the Prime Minister has assigned him duties for this, that terrorists are trying to disturb and hamper the process of taking the correct census and correct list of voters by shooting and killing the public employees and volunteers, that it is necessary to terminate the terrorist acts that started in regions and states in 2021, that the government has signed peace agreements with ten ethnic armed organizations and that some more time is needed to create a situation for people to be able to vote freely.

The Union Minister for Defence said that the government has been trying to solve the problems of terrorists and Covid-19 and has been able to enhance the economic growth

of the country during the last two years, but that there are still destructive elements trying to bring ruin to the country and upset the government’s attempt to hold a free and fair election. Therefore, he said he was for the fact that some more time is still needed to carry out the things to be done.

The Union Minister for Home Affairs said that Tatmadaw has had to take the responsibilities of the State because of the problems resulting from the vote fraud, that terrorists are doing repeated acts of destruction and killing to prevent the elections from taking place although there are no longer demonstrations. He added that some more time is needed for the prevalence of peace and stability, rule of law and the gradual elimination of terrorist groups.

The Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, in his turn, said that holding a free and fair election is a very important requirement for the country, that it was found that there were malpractices in the last elections and that he was in favour of the fact that the State Administration Council has to take some time to work for peace and stability.

The Union Minister for Border Affairs, on his part, said that such terrorist groups as CRPH and NUG and their subordinate PDFs are committing various kinds of destructive acts with the intention of derailing the elections, that more time is required for the prevalence of peace and stability and the successful holding of the elections and that the length of time required should be determined in accordance with the Constitution.

Regarding the presentations by responsible personnel, the Commander-in-Chief

of Defence Services said that he knew that the multiparty democracy is the only path the country has to walk and so he was determined to hold the elections without fail. He continued to say that the 2008 Constitution was approved by 92.48 per cent of the people and Tatmadaw has the duty to safeguard the Constitution, implement the multiparty democracy and hold the elections in every part of the country although EAOs and PDFs are trying to abort the elections. He went on to say that all EAOs that have had peace talks with SAC accept the Union system based on democracy and federalism, and that democracy will prevail all over the country only when indigenous nationals have discussed the points included in the NCA. And political parties have to register in accordance with the political parties registration law and have enough time to wage election campaigns. For all this, he said, enough time should be given. Finally, he emphasized that measures would have to be taken for rural people, who are 70 per cent of the entire population, to be able to cast the vote and so it is found that national peace and stability are essential. Therefore, he said he supposed that the extension of six months was required and he would report the general situation of the country after six months.

Then, the special invitee Union Minister for Legal Affairs and Attorney-General of the Union Dr Thida Oo discussed that Sections 410 to 432 of the 2008 Constitution are the provisions for the State of Emergency. Section 425 states the permit for two extensions of the prescribed duration for a term of six months for each

extension normally. The word “normally” mentioned in the Constitution highlights that it should consider the unusual or exceptional situation. One should look at the Letter of Law and Spirit of Law when studying a certain law and it needs to look at the Spirit of Law.

Then, the *Pro Tem* President U Myint Swe said the Senior General widely explained the implementations as per the five-point roadmap, nine objectives, two national tasks and two political tasks. He also appreciated the efforts of the government and Tatmadaw upholding the “Three Main National Causes” despite the internal and external destructive elements and challenges.

He added that Tatmadaw is a systematic Institution for the country and the SAC took the State’s responsibilities due to the voting fraud of the 2020 election of the former government. Tatmadaw urged the election-related organizations and persons to resolve and negotiate many times not to contrary to the democratic pathway of the country.

Today, the State Administration Council Government organized by Tatmadaw after the declaration of the State of Emergency across the nation carried out the duties in the term set by the Constitution. During that period, it should carry out the measures to achieve the exact population as the correct basic voter lists play a key role in the coming election and the Senior General invited the leaders of ethnic armed groups to hold talks in person. It can be also seen that the government and Tatmadaw always follow the facts stated in NCA. But it is still far from the stability of the state as some EAOs launched

terrorist attacks in the country by cooperating with the insurgents. Therefore, Tatmadaw focuses on the stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and the country’s return to a better situation than before. But the internal and external opposition organizations accelerate their attempts to disrupt the State stability and election processes.

It can be also seen that all the national brethren across the nation participate in the measures for holding the free and fair multi-party democratic election not to miss the democratic rights and the emergence of the PR system. It should make efforts not to be lower than the constituencies of the 2010 general election. The government should create a certain situation to ensure transport, the rule of law and stability.

He continued that the duration of the State of Emergency is extended to further six months starting 1 February 2023 based on the decisions made by the members of the National Defence and Security Council and under Section 425 of the Constitution and the State responsibilities are also assigned to the SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services again under Section 419 of the Constitution. The National Defence and Security Council will also release the statement.

He then called on the participants to participate in the holding of elections across the nation to ensure the free expression of individual voters urging Tatmadaw to protect the 2008 Constitution for the country and ethnic people and concluded the meeting 1/2023. — MNA

Application for registering as political party announced

TO establish political parties in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the State Administration Council published the Political Parties Registration Law on 26 January 2023 under the State Administration Council Law No 15/2023. The Union Election Commission (UEC) released

“Political Parties Registrations Rules” under Announcemend No 10/2023, “Establishment of political parties and registration” and “Continuity of political parties and registration” under Announcement No 2/2023 and No 3/2023 on 31 January 2023.

In keeping with the legal

provisions governing the registration of political parties, UEC is scrutinizing the registration applications. Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) came to UEC for registering as a political party on 1 February 2023, it is learnt. — MNA/KZW

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Reorganization of State Administration Council

THE State Administration Council is reorganized as follows under Section 419 of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar: —

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| (1) Senior General Min Aung Hlaing | Chairman |
| (2) Vice-Senior General Soe Win | Vice-Chairman |
| (3) Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe | Secretary |
| (4) Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo | Joint-Secretary |
| (5) General Mya Tun Oo | Member |
| (6) Admiral Tin Aung San | Member |
| (7) Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun | Member |
| (8) Lt-Gen Soe Htut | Member |
| (9) Lt-Gen Yar Pyae | Member |
| (10) U Wunna Maung Lwin | Member |
| (11) Daw Dwe Bu | Member |
| (12) Porel Aung Thein | Member |
| (13) Mahn Nyein Maung | Member |
| (14) Pugin Kanglian | Member |
| (15) U Maung Ko | Member |
| (16) Dr Aung Kyaw Min | Member |
| (17) Dr Kyaw Tun | Member |
| (18) Khun San Lwin | Member |
| (19) U Shwe Kyein | Member |
| (20) U Yan Kyaw | Member |

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Chairman
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Reorganization of Union Government

THE State Administration Council has reorganized the Union Government as follows for the emergence of a modern, developed, genuine and disciplined democratic nation and for the benefit of the nation and the entire ethnic people.

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| (1) Prime Minister | Senior General Min Aung Hlaing |
| (2) Deputy Prime Minister | Vice-Senior General Soe Win |
| (3) Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Defence | General Mya Tun Oo |
| (4) Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Home Affairs | Lt-Gen Soe Htut |
| (5) Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications | Admiral Tin Aung San |
| (6) Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Planning and Finance | U Win Shein |
| (7) Union Minister for Foreign Affairs | U Than Swe |
| (8) Union Minister for Union Government Office | Lt-Gen Yar Pyae |
| (9) Union Minister for Border Affairs | Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung |
| (10) Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations | Dr Kan Zaw |
| (11) Union Minister for International Cooperation | U Ko Ko Hlaing |
| (12) Union Minister for Legal Affairs | Dr Thida Oo |
| (13) Union Minister for Information | U Maung Maung Ohn |
| (14) Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture | U Ko Ko |
| (15) Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation | U Min Naung |
| (16) Union Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development | U Hla Moe |
| (17) Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation | U Khin Maung Yi |
| (18) Union Minister for Electric Power | U Thaung Han |
| (19) Union Minister for Energy | U Myo Myint Oo |
| (20) Union Minister for Industry | Dr Charlie Than |
| (21) Union Minister for Immigration and Population | U Myint Kyaing |
| (22) Union Minister for Labour | Dr Pwint San |
| (23) Union Minister for Commerce | U Aung Naing Oo |
| (24) Union Minister for Education | Dr Nyunt Pe |
| (25) Union Minister for Science and Technology | Dr Myo Thein Kyaw |
| (26) Union Minister for Health | Dr Thet Khaing Win |
| (27) Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs | U Min Thein Zan |
| (28) Union Minister for Construction | U Myo Thant |
| (29) Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement | Dr Thet Thet Khine |
| (30) Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism | U Aung Thaw |
| (31) Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs | Jeng Phang Naw Taung |
| (32) Permanent Secretary of Union Government Office | U Zaw Than Thinn |

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Senior General
Chairman
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Formation of State Administration Council's Central Advisory Body

UNDER Section 419 of the Constitution, the State Administration Council's Central Advisory Body has been formed with the following persons.

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| (1) U Saw Tun Aung Myint | Team Leader |
| (2) U Thein Nyunt | Member |
| (3) U Khin Maung Swe | Member |
| (4) Daw Aye Nu Sein | Member |
| (5) U MOUNG Har | Member |
| (6) U Sai Lone Seng | Member |
| (7) Saw Daniel | Member |
| (8) Dr Banyar Aung Moe | Member |
| (9) Dr Maung Maung Naing | Member |

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Chairman
State Administration Council

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Appointment and Duty Assignment of
Chairman of Union Civil Service Board

THE State Administration Council has appointed U Sit Aye as Chairman of the Union Civil Service Board under Section 419 of the Constitution.

By order,
Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

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Appointment and Duty Assignment of
Chairman of Anti-Corruption Commission

THE State Administration Council has appointed Dr Htay Aung as Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission under Section 419 of the Constitution.

By order,
Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

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Appointment and Duty Assignment of Region
and State Chief Ministers

THE State Administration Council has appointed and assigned the following persons as Chief Ministers shown against each Region and State under Section 419 of the Constitution.

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| (1) U Myo Aung | Mandalay Region |
| (2) U Aung Kyi Thein | Mon State |
| (3) U Htein Lin | Rakhine State |
| (4) U Aung Zaw Aye | Shan State |

By order,
Aung Lin Dwe
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Secretary
State Administration Council

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Transfer and Assignment

THE State Administration Council has transferred and assigned the following persons shown against each organization under Section 419 of the Constitution.

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|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| (1) Dr Aung Zeya | Deputy Minister |
| Deputy Minister | Ministry of Science and Technology |
| Ministry of Electric Power | |
| (2) U Than Win | Member |
| Member | Union Civil Service Board |
| Union Election Commission | |

By order,
Aung Lin Dwe
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Secretary
State Administration Council

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Retirement from Duty Assignment

THE State Administration Council has allowed the following persons to retire from the duty assignment under Section 419 of the Constitution.

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| (1) U Saw Ba Hlaing | Member, Union Election Commission |
| (2) Dr Ba Maung | Member, Union Election Commission |
| (3) U Min Min Oo | Member, Union Election Commission |
| (4) U Zaw Win | Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education |
| (5) Daw Khin Cho Ohn | Member, Anti-Corruption Commission |

By order,
Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

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1 February 2023

Retirement from duty assignment

THE State Administration Council has allowed U Zaw Lin Tun, Chief Minister of Mon State, to retire from the duty assignment under Section 419 of the Constitution.

By order,
Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Educate new generations to conserve wetlands for the existence

WETLANDS are habitats for varieties of wildlife, especially for migratory birds for hibernation. A wide range of definitions on the wetlands includes both freshwater and seawater sources such as all lakes and rivers, underground aquifers, swamps and marshes, wet grasslands, tidal flats, mangroves and other coastal areas, coral reefs, and all human-made sites such as fish farms, reservoirs and dams.

These wetlands contribute to lessening the climate change and impacts of global warming in all parts of the relevant countries including Myanmar. Thanks wetlands, most of which are located in widened areas affect the natural environment, climatic conditions, ecology, social, economic, scientific, educational, cultural, recreational and aesthetic contributions to sustainable development and human well-being.

Though the total area of wetlands across the world covers only around 6 per cent of the Earth's land surface, 40 per cent of all plant and animal species live or breed in wetlands. Wetlands are vital for humans. More than a billion people across the world rely on wetlands for their livelihoods.

Hence, the authorities as well as parents of families in society need to educate their offspring as well as posterity to conserve wetlands as an act of protecting themselves and their society. In a bid to fight against climate change, Myanmar people need to cooperate with global people in developing and expanding wetlands as home to living beings.

This vicious cycle of wetland loss threatened livelihoods, and deepening poverty is the result of mistakenly seeing wetlands as wastelands rather than life-giving sources of jobs, incomes, and essential ecosystem services. A key challenge is to change mindsets to encourage governments and communities to value and prioritize wetlands.

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The Burma Circle of the Geological Survey of India and their Contributions to the Geology of Myanmar

By THAN HTUN (GEOSCIENCE MYANMAR)

Episode:5

Carl Ludolf Griesbach assumed charge of the Department on 20 July 1894. He was then 47 years old and had very valuable work in Afghanistan, Persia, and Turkestan with the Boundary Commission and in the Central Himalayas to his credit. In 1902, when he attained the age of 55, the Government granted him an extension for one year, at the end of which he retired, having served for 25 years in all.

Carl Ludolf Griesbach

Carl Ludolf Griesbach (11 December 1847 – 13 April 1907) was born in Vienna on 11 December 1847, and was the eldest son of Mr George L. Griesbach, of Zobelsberg, a British subject. Carl was educated at the University of Vienna and was for some time engaged in the Geological Survey of Vienna, where he acquired his experience as a field geologist and palaeontologist. He commanded a German scientific expedition to East Africa from 1869-70, and on his return resided in London from 1871 to 1878, where he was engaged in scientific work; he was also a most accomplished artist. When resident in London he served as an officer in the Royal London Militia, and has since retired with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel. He was decorated for the Boundary Commission; received the Afghan medal and clasp, and the Burma medal and clasp; H.I.M. the Emperor of Austria-Hungary presented him with the Austrian gold medal in connection with the scientific expedition to the central regions of the Himalayas in 1892.

In 1878 he was appointed Assistant Superintendent to the Geological Survey of India and joined in Calcutta the same year. He passed through various grades of promotion from 1880 to 1884. From 1884 to 1886 Mr Griesbach was employed on the African Boundary Commission, with the grade of Deputy Superintendent, and was raised first-grade Superintendent in

November 1886. From January 1888 to July 1889, his services were placed at the disposal of H.H. the Amir of Kabul, and he was made a Superintendent in 1889, and on the retirement of Dr William King- Director of the Geological Survey in 1894. Mr Griesbach served for twenty-five years on the Geological Survey of India. He was elected a Fellow of the Geological Society of London in 1874. He died on 13 April 1907.

During the period of his Directorship, an important addition to the cadre of the Department was made in the appointment of several mining officers, the want of which had been keenly felt by his predecessor King in explorations for coal and oil, etc. The posts of Specialist in Mining and Metallurgy and the Inspector of Mines were created to which, in 1894, William Anderson and James Grundy were appointed respectively. The posts of a specialist in coal mining and of another in gold mining were also introduced. George Frederick Reader joined the first post in November 1899, and Frederick Henry Hatch the second in March 1900.

Early in 1902, the mining side was separated from the Geological Survey of India, the mining specialists being transferred to the newly created Department of 'The Bureau of Mines Inspection under the Specialist in Mining and Metallurgy, henceforward called 'Chief Inspector of Mines.' In 1904 the name of this new department was changed to the 'Department of Mines', and its office was shifted to No9, Pretoria Street, Calcutta, and subsequently to Dhanbad.

The relevant short notes of the General Report on the work carried on by the GSI for the period from 1 April 1899 to 31 March 1900 under the direction of C. L. Griesbach, C.I.E., F.G.S. can be described as follows: -

Palaeontological work

During the progress of surveys carried on in the Shan hills, Messrs. La Touche, Middlemiss, and Dutta acquired a most inter-



C. L. Griesbach (1894-1903 in GSI): Source: GSI

esting series of Paleozoic fossils. Most of them are either of Silurian or Devonian age. Mr Middlemiss discovered Permian fossils in the southern Shan States, but his efforts to trace the locality into the Karenni country, where Triassic fossils were supposed to have been found, failed entirely.

Dr Fritz Noetling, a palaeontologist, continued the description of the large collections from the Miocene beds of Burma. He has taken much trouble in dealing with this subject which, owing to the almost total absence of any literature of reference, was particularly intricate, and in order to arrive at a correct idea as to the true relationship of this fauna, he was obliged to compare the fossil specimens with their living relatives inhabiting the Indian Ocean. The results are very satisfactory and Dr Noetling's memoir will remain a standard work for the study of the Tertiary fauna of India, particularly as he indicated a new direction in which

research of this kind should take in the future. According to Dr Noetling, the fauna of the Miocene of Burma would therefore be composed of Paleogene species and Neogene species. This fauna lived in a very shallow sea not exceeding 25 meters in depth, and as there are several fossiliferous horizons succeeding each other in the vertical direction in a series measuring not less than 2,450 feet in thickness, the deposit of the Miocene beds must have accumulated during a time of rapid subsidence.

Messrs. La Touche and Dutta worked along the section between Mandalay and the Kunlong Ferry of the Salween, whilst Mr Middlemiss conducted a rapid traverse through the southern Shan States and the Karenni hills. The results obtained are exceedingly interesting; in the northern Shan States, some additions were made to the geological notes on the country given by Dr F. Noetling and some fossils were

collected. Mr La Touche comes to the conclusion that "The formations met with along the route traversed by me, that is, the railway line under construction between Mandalay and the Kunlong Ferry, are more than eight formations from Lower Silurian to recent such as Sedaw limestone, Red Crinoid beds, Nyaungbaw beds, Naung Kangyi beds, Zeepingyi beds, Maymyo limestone, Kyinsi beds, and Namyao beds.

The most interesting of the new formations discovered are the black graptolite shales with the underlying trilobite beds of the Zeepingyi beds. The graptolite and trilobite beds are well seen in the railway cuttings on either side of Zeepingyi Railway Station. (The author's third-year geology field area with Demonstrator Jimmy Than Tun in 1970). The shales and limestones of the Nyaungkangyi beds contain large numbers of casts of Orthids and Strophomena. These beds are well exposed in the Goktei gorge between the 84th and 86th miles on the cart-road. They also occur in the low hills about two miles north of Maymyo.

A further and most interesting fact is the proof that the Miocene of Burma does not share a single species in common with the Miocene fauna of Europe, but exhibits a great similarity with the Miocene of Java and Sumatra on one side and the fauna of the Gaj beds of western India on the other side.

Mineral Exploration

The most important areas in this respect are Burma and southern India; the work in Burma has been put in charge of Mr G. S. Stonier, whilst Mr H. H. Hayden has begun the inquiry in the Wynaad. Both have given preliminary accounts of their surveys, which will be continued during the greater part of next year (1900-1901). The well-known expert in gold mining, Dr F. H. Hatch, joined the staff of the Department on 31 March of this year and will conjointly with the officers named above, continue the study of gold in India.

Regarding the work of the mining specialists' regions in Burma and South India were put in the charge of Stonier and Hatch respectively. The former confined his attention to the Wuntho district in Burma and the latter, along with Hayden, examined the important reefs of Kolar and Wynaad. Investigations were practically confined to the Wuntho district only, and a preliminary report on the results of this season's work is given in Part III. The district is evidently fairly well provided with auriferous reefs, though up to date all the leaders and reefs which have been examined were very limited in dimensions. There is no doubt of the presence of gold in paying quantities, whilst in some cases, the reefs may even be called rich, but there remains doubt whether there is sufficient ore to repay working it on a large scale, which alone would ensure commercial success. Towards the end of March, Mr Stonier came across what appears to be a promising quartz-reef near Banmauk, which runs to nine DWTs, over a width of nine inches. He is now engaged in testing the extent of the reef.

During his tour, Mr Middlemiss visited and examined some lead, silver, and copper mines near Bawzaing and Myinkyardo; some coal near Inwun, and lignite at several points in the Thamakan plateau. He also visited the "green-stone" tract on the Salween River near Namon and found the stone (which is being collected as gems) to be green tourmaline with crystalline marble as a matrix.

Dr Noetling's memoir is not only very important from a purely scientific point of view, but it permits definite conclusions to be drawn with regard to the occurrence of petroleum and coal in Burma, which we now know to occur in the lower Miocene only. Nothing's inquiry into the occurrence of oil in the neighbourhood of Yenangyaung in Burma was brought to a successful close to-

wards the end of the field season 1894-95. In his report, which was comprehensive and published in the form of a Memoir, he arrived at the conclusion that the field would not last for long.

Geological Sketch of the Country north of Bhamo

C. L. Griesbach (1892) reported the Geological Sketch of the country north of Bhamo and can be extracted some significant points as follows: -

East and north-east of Bhamo a series of hill ranges, all more or less parallel to each other, forms a compact mountain system, which has been traced to the far north of the Maikha branch of the Irrawaddy by Major Hobday and others, and which in some way, not known to us exactly, is most probably linked to the north-eastern extension of the Himalayan system. It forms a natural frontier between Burma and China, but not the watershed between the former country and Yunnan, which has not been explored yet. This system of ranges rises to considerable heights (8,000 to 9,000 feet) and possesses an average direction of a strike from south to north and northeast, a direction which coincides as I have ascertained with the general direction of the strike of the strata forming these ranges.

The principal formations found in the Northern Bhamo district are Metamorphic, including, probably the Palaeozoic group, Mesozoic strata, Tertiary beds, and Igneous rocks.

Parallel with the general strike of the lines of disturbance of the older rocks appears long strips of igneous rocks, which I believe have been intruded in fissures of dislocation. They are accompanied by numerous dykes and intrusions in the neighbouring rock formations, and there is some economic interest attached to them, in as much as the mineral known in Burma as jade occurs in veins within these igneous intrusions, which, as far

as I know, are all of the basic rocks. There are three principal lines of intrusion: one, running almost due north and south along the 97° 30' longitude to near the confluence: another forming the valley of the Irrawaddy, in the defile between Bhamo and Sinbo, and continuing northwards along its right banks; the third belongs to the Jade Mines district.

Economic Aspect

Having briefly sketched the geological features of the hill ranges which bound the Irrawaddy river valley northeast of Bhamo and form our frontier with China, I may at once state that they are practically barren of all useful minerals.

The only minerals remaining to be noticed are the following: -

Coal: The only traces of coal which occur within the area described here are found some 10 miles west of Mogaung, noticed by Dr Noetling; but they appear to be of little if any, value.

Gold: Gold is found in the form of fine grains and leaflets in the recent deposits of Irrawaddy valley and all its tributaries. Its presence is known to the natives, who wash these deposits after a fashion and make thereby from about 4 to 12 annas (1 anna = 116 rupees) per day a man. It seems highly probable that within the thickness of the sub-recent gravels and clays of the Upper Irrawaddy, a horizon may be found in which gold is more plentiful and which might pay if regularly mined for on a large scale. Even as it is, the surface sands along the banks contain probably not less than 30 grains per ton of dirt, which would be good enough to pay for working on a large scale. The only place where I saw natives digging deeper into the auriferous deposits was about 2 miles north of Myothit, north-east of Bhamo, where they have dug a trench several feet deep and some 40 to 50 feet long into much decomposed gneissic strata, which they wash for gold. The presence of gold in this rock must be in very finely disseminated form, and I have satisfied myself that in the last-mentioned locality there is no auriferous load or reef, but that the gold occurs in the gneiss itself in very minute quantities. I have not seen nor even heard of any locality where gold occurred in reefs.

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Spinal; rubies: Major Hobday of the Survey of India reported his discovery by him of numerous crystals of spinel in the recent deposits near the junction of the Pungin Kha and Mali Kha, north of the confluence. I myself have met with very minute fragments of such crystals in the sands and recent alluvium of the Irrawaddi below Myitkyina, where the heavy iron sand which is left in the cradles along with gold flakes when washing the sands for the latter, is often largely mixed with the fine splinters of spinal crystals. The deposits near the Pungin Kha contain these crystals in the same manner as the alluvial gravels near Watu, and I have no doubt that they are derived from some metamorphic rock (perhaps crystalline limestone) still further north.

From the foregoing, it appears, therefore, that there are widely extended alluvial deposits in the Upper Irrawaddi valley, which are already known to contain gold, spinal, and possibly also rubies. By far the greater part of the area which is formed by these alluvial deposits is practically a desert, as very few, if any, settlements exist there, and thus the country may be looked upon as a particularly favourable field of enterprise for mining purposes if the labour difficulties could be overcome.

Reference: Record of Geological Survey of India. 1892: Vol. XXV.

13 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 1 February, total figure rises to 633,833

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **633,833** after **13** new cases were reported on 1 February 2023 according to the Ministry of Health. The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **614,302**, including **three** new recoveries.

The death toll from COVID-19 in the country reached **19,490** on 1-2-2023 with no new death reported from the pandemic. The country has vaccinated **30,911,217** people aged 18 and above for COVID-19 vaccines and **6,810,943** people aged under 18 till 31 January 2023.

Status of COVID-19 vaccination (as of 31 January 2023)

People aged 18 and above who received vaccines	30,911,217
People under 18 years old who received vaccines	6,810,943

According to the research, it is found that people who have been vaccinated do not suffer severely from the disease, need not to be hospitalized and unlikely to die. If they have received booster shot, the death rates can be reduced more. COVID-19 information can be browsed on the internet page moh.gov.mm of the Ministry of Health.—MNA

Special ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Energy, ACE Governing Council Meeting conducted



The SOME meeting and the ACE Governing Council meeting are in progress online on 31 January and 1 February.

THE Special ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Energy-Special SOME and the ASEAN Centre for Energy-ACE Governing Council Meeting were carried out by Cambodia as an alternate chairman through a video-conferencing system on 31 January and 1 February.

The meeting was attended by U Than Zaw, Myanmar Senior Official on Energy-SOE Leader and permanent secretary of the Ministry of Energy, and officials from related departments.

At the Special SOME, the cooperation matters on the energy between ASEAN countries, the second stage of the 2016-2025 ASEAN Energy Sector Cooperation Programme and the cooperation measures performed by Cambodia which served as alternate chairman in 2022 were reviewed and approved.

Next, officials continued on ASEAN energy cooperation sub-sectors: the ASEAN Petroleum Council, Coal and Refinery Technology Division, ASEAN Electric Power Sector, Energy efficiency and energy saving sub-sector, renewable energy sub-sector, regional energy policy and management sub-sector, and urban nuclear power sub-sector plans to continue related to the policy-making body network in the energy sector and promotion sectors of ACE which will be taken responsibilities by Indonesia in 2023 and priority procedures on the energy sector which ran under the ASEAN Economic Community.

In addition, the ACE Governing Council Meeting followed, and ASEAN senior officials on energy confirmed connected activities with partner countries and international partnerships in the Energy Sector for the implementation of ACE's APAEC 2016-2025. Likewise, financial matters, personnel matters, administrative matters, and procedures for organizing the associated meetings which were to be held jointly with the 41st Ministers' Meeting on Energy were examined and approved by officials. — MNA/CT

13 children with congenital heart disease successfully treated at 550-bed Children's Hospital (Yangon)



PAEDIATRIC Cardiologist Dr Do Nguyen Tin from Children's Hospital 1 Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam, together with paediatric cardiologists led by Professor Dr Khin Maung Oo treated children with congenital heart disease using the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory without the need for surgery.

A total of 13 children with congenital heart disease were successfully treated from 15 to 16 December 2022 at the Heart Treatment Centre of 550-bed Children's Hospital, Yangon under the Ministry of Health.

The condition of the six children is good and the rest seven children will be re-examined in March 2023.

Children's heart disease treatments are performed by paediatric cardiologists at the 550-bed Children's Hospital, Yangon. By inviting expert paediatric cardiologists from abroad, a total of 1,403 children with heart disease have been successfully treated from August 2015 to date.

Paediatric Cardiologist Dr Do Nguyen Tin from Viet Nam, Ho Chi Minh City, Children's Hospital frequently collaborates with paediatric cardiologists at the 550-bed Children's Hospital, Yangon to successfully treat children with heart disease.

At the 550-bed Children's Hospital, Yangon, 33,624 children were treated as outpatients, and treatments were given to 1,934 child patients with echocardiogram treatment and 88 paediatric patients who underwent Cardiac Catheterization Procedures from January 2022 to December 2022. — MNA/MKKS

Japanese companies to recruit over 1,000 Myanmar workers

THE Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo announced on 31 January that 312 Japanese companies will recruit more than 1,000 Myanmar workers.

The statement said Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo is screening demand letters sent by the Ministry of Labour through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in a timely manner.

The Myanmar Embassy is verifying, with a labour inspection company, whether the companies and factories recruiting

Myanmar workers are legally established or not. The remarks and findings on those verifications will be returned to the Ministry of Labour.

The Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo verified demand letters from 17 to 31 January 2023 and the notification for 312 job offer letters was released. A total of 312 Japanese companies have planned to recruit over 1,043 Myanmar workers, according to the notification.—TWA/MKKS



Some Myanmar workers are pictured working in Japan.



The 43rd Aung Bar Lay Lottery.

Aung Bar Lay lottery tickets worth over K4,700 mln sold in Jan

AUNG Bar Lay lottery tickets worth more than K4,700 million were sold out in January 2023 and sales increased over the previous month, according to a statement from the Aung Bar Lay Branch of the Internal Revenue Department on 31 January.

More than 4.7 million tickets were sold in January

earning over K4,700 million. It is announced that more than K3,300 million, 70 per cent of the sales, will be awarded as lottery prizes.

The sale of above 4.3 million lottery tickets in December brought proceeds of over K4,300 million. Compared to January's sales of over K4,700 million, lottery sales in January

increased by about K400 million.

The opening of the Aung Bar Lay lottery was held on 1 February and there was only a special prize of K500 million, and the number of K50 million, K20 million, K10 million, K5 million, K2 million and K1 million prizes was increased.—TWA/CT

Green gram price climbs in late Jan 2023, yet not reaching last year's record price

ON 30 January 2023, the price of green gram rose in Yangon markets. However, the price has not surpassed the record price in the second week of August 2022, said a trader.

In mid-August 2022, the green gram prices peaked at K2,665-2,920 per viss from upper Myanmar regions and K3,165-3,500 from Kayan area, Yangon market's daily price release indicated.

Green gram fetched K2,500-2,635 per viss from Pakokku area, K2,800-2,920 from Kayan area, K2,500-2,950 from Bago and K2,080-2,420 from Wakema area respectively.

In August 2022, the price of pulses hit a record high of K2.1 million per tonne of black gram and K2,175,000 per tonne of pigeon pea (red gram).

The market observer pointed out that the prevailing market prices of pulses have not exceeded the record price last year.

On 17 October 2015, the prices of black gram hit an all-time record high of K2,456,000 per tonne (Fair average quality/RC) and K2,656,000 (special quality/RC) when the Kyat-US dollar exchange rate was around K1,280.

Kyat depreciated at K2,400 against the US dollar in 2022 and the highest price of black gram was only K2.1 million per tonne.

In 2015, green gram prices stood at K2,665-2,670 per viss from Kayan area, K2,565-2,570 from Pakokku, K2,580-2,585 from Wakema area respectively.

The green gram is primarily cultivated in Kayan-Thongwa areas, Yangon Region where high-grade green gram is produced. They fetch the highest price as well. This year, about 200,000 tonnes of green gram is planned to be grown in Yangon Region.

The yield rate is 10 baskets per acre and the gross profit is

around K400,000 per acre when it is calculated on prevailing price after deducting cultivation cost.

Mandalay market has a roaring trade of green gram when border posts resumed.

Quality of pulses depends on climate conditions, post-harvest handling methods and seed quality, Ko Win Shwe, a grower, told the Global New Light of Myanmar.

When supply outstrips demand, the price usually increases at the end of the month.

The bulk supply of green gram is likely to happen in mid-February. When supply exceeds demand, there is less chance to raise the price. The growers are expected to sell their stocks out with the current market price.

The growers receive a handsome profit regardless of high cultivation input costs in late 2022 and Q1 2023.—TWA/EM

Myanmar-China trade volume exceeds US\$2 bln from April 2022 to half of Jan 2023

THE trade volume between Myanmar and China reached up to US\$2159.412 million between April 2022 and half of January 2023 in the financial year 2022-2023, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The export value was \$1801.501 million and the import value was \$357.911 million.

Myanmar conducts cross-border trade with China through such border posts as Muse, Lweje, Chinshwehaw, Kampaiti, and Kengtung and

the trade volume through the Muse border alone amounted to 90 per cent of the total.

Between April 2022 and half of January 2023, Myanmar's trade through Muse was valued at \$1762.051 million. The trade values were registered at \$105.735 million on the Lweje border and \$215.603 million in Chinshwehaw. The Kampaiti border earned worth \$66.416 million and the Kengtung border witnessed trade worth \$9.607 million.—TWA/MKKS

The Mang Wein checkpoint in Muse on the Sino-Myanmar border.



ECONOMY
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Pope Francis denounces ‘economic colonialism’ in Africa

POPE Francis on Tuesday condemned what he termed “economic colonialism” in Africa, on the first day of a trip to the mineral-rich Democratic Republic of Congo.

In a speech at the presidential palace in the capital Kinshasa, Francis suggested the DRC’s history had been braked by conflict and a history of foreign domination.

“Political exploitation gave way to an economic colonialism that was equally enslaving,” the 86-year-old declared, referring to Congo’s history.

“As a result, this country, massively plundered, has not benefited adequately from its immense resources,” he told an audience of Congolese politicians and other dignitaries, speaking in Italian.

“Stop choking Africa: It is not a mine to be stripped or a terrain to be plundered,” the Argentinian pontiff added, to applause. —AFP

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Hotel-shopping complex opens at Tokyo's Haneda airport



Visitors shop at the Haneda Airport Garden on its opening day in Tokyo on 31 January 2023. **PHOTO: KYODO**

A hospitality complex featuring Japan's largest airport hotel, an open-air bath and a range of shops and restaurants opened next to Tokyo's Haneda airport Tuesday after a nearly three-year delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The full opening of Haneda Airport Garden, a 12-story compound connected to the airport's Terminal 3, which primarily serves international flights, comes as Japan aims to welcome back inbound travelers after easing its border controls last year.

The large-scale mixed-use development complex, which was initially slated to begin operations in April 2020, is mainly comprised of a Villa Fontaine-brand hotel that, with a total of 1,717 rooms, makes it the country's largest hotel directly connected to an airport, according to the developer, Sumitomo Realty and Development Co.—Kyodo

Higher costs drag Caterpillar profits lower

CATERPILLAR reported a drop in profits Tuesday as higher costs and the drag from the strong dollar offset the lift from buoyant demand in industrial markets.

But executives cited increased materials costs amid lingering supply chain problems as a drag, while also pointing to a hit from higher freight costs.

This manufacturer of machine equipment for the construction, resource and energy sectors saw continued healthy demand across its businesses.

Net profits for the fourth quarter came in at \$1.5 billion, down 31.4 per cent from the year-ago period, while revenues rose 20.3 per cent to \$16.6 billion.—AFP



Caterpillar reported strong demand from industrial customers, but earnings fell due to cost pressures. **PHOTO: JEWEL SAMAD / AFP/FILE**

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LIN HTET LIN COMPANY LIMITED
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Company Registration Number – 109112755
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Notice of Final General Meeting

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 357 of Myanmar Companies Law 2017 and Section 211 of Insolvency Law 2020 that the Final General Meeting of members of Lint Htet Lin Company Limited will be convened and all members are cordially invited to attend the Final General Meeting.

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Beijing releases plan for Central Axis protection ahead of world heritage list application

A protection plan for Beijing's Central Axis was released last weekend ahead of its application to become a UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) World Heritage Site. The plan, from 2022 to 2035, for the first time specified the heritage zone and buffer zone of the conservation area.

According to the plan, the heritage zone covers an area of about 5.9 square kilometres, including 15 heritage sites such as the

Forbidden City and the Temple of Heaven. The buffer zone covers 45.4 square kilometres.

A local official with the office for cultural heritage application and protection said that the plan is necessary for Beijing's application for its Central Axis to be included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. The official also remarked that the plan marks a new step in the conservation work. First created in the Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368), the Beijing Central Axis, or



People visit the Yongdingmen Gate in Beijing, capital of China, 16 August 2022. PHOTO: XINHUA/JU HUANZONG

Zhongzhouxian, stretches 7.8 kilometres between the Yongdingmen Gate in the south of the city and the Drum Tower and Bell Tower in the north. Most of the major old-city buildings of Beijing sit along this axis.

The Beijing municipal government started preparation work for the world cultural heritage application of the Central Axis project in 2011. It was included in the preliminary list of China's world cultural heritage in 2012.—Xinhua

Jewish heirs sue Guggenheim over Picasso sold to flee Nazis

WHEN Karl and Rosi Adler fled the Nazis in 1938 they sold a Pablo Picasso painting to fund their escape. Now, their descendants are suing to get it back. Heirs of the Adlers, who were German

Jews, have filed a lawsuit against New York's Guggenheim Museum, where the artwork has hung since 1978.

The plaintiffs say they are the rightful owners of Picasso's 1904 oil

on canvas "Woman Ironing," and estimate it to be worth between \$100 million and \$200 million. The Guggenheim is fighting the claim, describing it as "without merit," with the case appearing to be heading for a civil trial.

The suit, filed in a Manhattan court on 20 January, says Karl Adler bought the painting in 1916 from Heinrich Thannhauser, a Jewish gallery owner in Munich. At the time, Karl, who ran a leading leather manufacturing company, and Rosi were living "a prosperous life" in Baden-Baden, in south-west Germany.—AFP



The Guggenheim Museum in New York is fighting a lawsuit that alleges it is not the rightful owner of a valued Picasso. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Philippine President Marcos to visit Japan next week: govt

PHILIPPINE President Ferdinand Marcos Jr will visit Japan next week for talks with Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, the government said Wednesday.

The visit was announced at a time when Tokyo and Manila are arranging the deportation of four Japanese suspects believed to be behind a string of robberies across

Japan.

During his five-day trip starting next Wednesday, Marcos and his wife are also expected to meet with Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako, Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno said told a press conference.

Japan hopes the official visit by the Philippine president will help deep-

en bilateral relations, the top government spokesman said. In early January, Marcos expressed a wish to visit Tokyo, saying the Philippines is "seen as an important part of maintaining" regional security "in partnership with friends" such as Japan and other nations in the Indo-Pacific region.—Kyodo

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Peru’s Congress again delays decision on early elections, as protesters stand firm



Police strike forces gather at the Tupac Amaru square, where protesters against Peruvian President Dina Boluarte meet to rally in the southeastern city of Cusco, Peru on 31 January 2023. PHOTO: AFP

PERUVIAN lawmakers on Tuesday once again failed to agree on a plan to bring forward elections in a bid to end weeks of deadly protests that have brought parts of the South American country to a standstill.

Peru has been embroiled in a political crisis with near-daily demonstrations since December 7, when then-president Pedro Castillo was arrested after attempting to dissolve Congress and rule by decree.

In seven weeks of demonstrations, 48 people — including one police officer — have been killed in clashes between security forces and protesters, according to the human rights

ombudsman’s office.

Protesters are demanding immediate elections, the dissolution of Congress, a new constitution, and the resignation of President Dina Boluarte, who as his vice president took over with Castillo gone. Last month, lawmakers moved elections, originally due in 2026, up to April 2024, but as protesters dug in their heels, Boluarte called for holding a vote this year instead.

On Tuesday, lawmakers again failed to reach an agreement on a potential 2023 vote, and adjourned until Wednesday, after first rejecting Boluarte’s proposal on Friday and then on Monday.—AFP

UK police unveil reforms decades after Hillsborough disaster

UK police chiefs on Tuesday apologized to the victims of the 1989 Hillsborough football disaster as they unveiled plans for essential reforms, including measures to prevent evidence being lost or destroyed.

Ninety-seven Liverpool fans lost their lives in a crush at the stadium in Sheffield, northern England, with police chiefs admitting on Tuesday that policing got it badly wrong.

Policing has profoundly failed those bereaved by the Hillsborough disaster over many years and we are sorry that the service got it so wrong, said Andy Marsh, CEO of the College of Policing.

Police failures were the

main cause of the tragedy and have continued to blight the lives of family members ever since.

Marsh accepted that the bereaved were often treated insensitively. The comments came as the National Police Chiefs Council and the College of Policing published a joint response to a 2017 government-commissioned report published by former Liverpool Bishop James Jones.

Reforms following the report include all police forces in England and Wales signing up to a charter that states they must acknowledge when mistakes have been made and must not seek to defend the indefensible. —AFP



A file picture taken at Anfield stadium on 11 April 2009, shows Liverpool football fans holding a banner during a minute’s silence in memory of the victims of the Hillsborough disaster. PHOTO: AFP

EU lawmakers back lifting MEPs’ immunity in graft probe



Belgian MEP Marc Tarabella’s home was among those searched in Belgian police raids in December. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

A key European Parliament committee on Tuesday unanimously backed lifting the immunity of two lawmakers implicated in a corruption scandal that has rocked the EU.

Prosecutors in Belgium have urged legislators to strip Belgian MEP Marc Tarabella and Italian lawmaker Andrea Cazzoli of their immunity as part of a probe into alleged bribery by

Qatar and Morocco.

The parliament’s Committee on Legal Affairs voted 23 to zero to take the move — paving the way for the entire plenary to decide the issue in a vote on Thursday.

Belgium authorities already have four other suspects in custody after launching raids on several addresses in December — including those of lawmakers, ex-lawmakers and parliamentary aides — that turned up 1.5 million euros (\$1.6 million in cash).

Those detained, and charged with corruption, money-laundering and criminal organization, include a Greek MEP Eva Kaili, who was one of the parliament’s 14 vice-presidents but who has since been stripped of that position.—AFP

US charges four more in assassination of Haitian president

FOUR men were transferred from Haiti to the United States Tuesday to face criminal charges in the 7 July 2021 assassination of Haitian President Jovenel Moise, the US Justice Department announced.

The department said Haitian-American dual citizens James Solages, 37 and Joseph

Vincent, 57, and Colombian citizen German Alejandro Rivera Garcia, 44, are charged with conspiring to commit murder or kidnapping outside the United States.

A fourth man, Haitian-American Christian Sanon, 54, is charged with smuggling ballistic vests from the United States to

Haiti for use in the assassination plot. The four will appear in federal court in Miami on Wednesday. The US Justice department has already charged three others in the assassination, with Sanon, who the department called an “aspiring political candidate”, a key leader of the operation.—AFP



Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine Objectives

1. Political affairs

- (a) To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, through a disciplined and genuine multiparty democratic system that is fair and just.
- (b) To emphasize the achievement of enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).
- (c) To continue implementing the principle of peaceful co-existence among countries through an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy.

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.

- (b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.
- (c) To promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.

3. Social affairs

- (a) To ensure a strong and dynamic Union spirit, the genuine spirit of patriotism.
- (b) To respect and promote the customs and traditions of all National peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics.
- (c) To enhance the health, fitness and education quality of the entire nation.

MFF mutually part company with head coach Antione Hey

THE Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) has mutually terminated the contract with German coach Antoine Hey, who served as the head coach of the Myanmar national football team, on the morning of 30 January.

Hey was appointed as the head coach of the Myanmar national team in October 2019 and has a contract with MFF until October 2023.

Along with Hey, assistant coach Herlad's contract has also been cancelled and a suitable head coach and coaching staff will be appointed for the upcoming international tournaments.

Antoine Hey also acted as head coach of the



Former Myanmar National Team head coach
Antione Hey. PHOTO: MFF

Myanmar national team from May to December 2018, and after the 2018 Suzuki Cup, the team company eliminated from the group stage, and they parted company by mutual decision.

In October 2019, he took charge of the Myanmar national team for the second time.
— KZL

Playing regrets the spur for new England coach Borthwick

STEVE Borthwick heads into his first match as England head coach, a Calcutta Cup clash against Scotland at Twickenham on Saturday, determined to ensure the team avoid making the same mistakes that marred his international career.

The 43-year-old former lock won 57 caps from 2001-10 and was England's captain in 21 of those Tests.

Yet the sense of what might have been still lingers for Borthwick, left out by then coach Clive Woodward from

the 2003 England squad that went on to win the World Cup.

Things changed when Martin Johnson, himself an outstanding second row, took charge after a 2007 World Cup where Borthwick was a bit-part player as England made it to the final only to lose to South Africa.

Johnson, a World Cup-winning skipper, appointed Borthwick, renowned for his care in planning line-out strategy, captain. It was a tough time, however, with England losing 11 matches in 20.—AFP

EDDIE Howe hailed Newcastle as "a club on the up" after they reached the League Cup final for the first time in 47 years with a 2-1 win against Southampton in Tuesday's semi-final second leg at jubilant St James' Park.

Sean Longstaff's first-half double ensured Howe's side finished the job after winning 1-0 in the first leg last week.

Che Adams reduced the deficit before the interval and Magpies midfielder Bruno Guimaraes was sent off in the closing stages.

But Newcastle held on to clinch a 3-1 aggregate victory that booked a final date with Manchester United or Nottingham Forest at Wembley on 26 February.

United hold a 3-0 lead against Forest heading into Wednesday's second leg at Old Trafford.

The Magpies' most recent domestic final ended in defeat against United in the 1999 FA Cup.

"You want to be in finals of competitions to increase your status and make yourself more desirable for people to join. This is a club on the up," Howe said. "It was an intense game. At 2-0, we were playing really well. We are going for everything. As much as we can achieve, we will go for." —AFP

Newcastle sink Saints to end 47-year wait to reach League Cup final



Newcastle's Sean Longstaff (R) celebrates scoring against Southampton. PHOTO: AFP