Myanmar, Thai armed forces partake in second cultural exchange in Nay Pyi Taw

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives a flower bouquet from Major General Pairoj Wilailuk, head of Royal Thai Armed Force Cultural Group, in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE C-IN-C OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

With the aims of strengthening the friendship between the two militaries and exchanging cultural activities, the second cultural exchange program between the armed forces of Myanmar and Thailand was held at Zeyathiri Beikman Thabin Hall, Nay Pyi Taw where Royal Thai Armed Force Cultural Group gave a performance that was attended by the Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

At the event, Major General Pairoj Wilailuk, head of Royal Thai Armed Force Cultural Group delivered a message of greeting and Myanmar Tatmadaw marching song Our Tatmadaw was played by Royal Thai Armed Force music troupe and "Royal Thai Army March" a marching song of Royal Thai Armed Force was played by Myanmar Tatmadaw traditional band. Cultural troupes from the two militaries then performed with modern and traditional musical instruments followed by traditional dances and songs.

After the performance Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief Senior General and wife presented a flower bouquet and cash awards to Royal Thai Armed Force Cultural Group and took commemorative group photo, according to news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Mro man in Buthidaung Tsp abducted by AA insurgent group

A Mro ethnic man identified as U Thar Tun, 54, was taken away from his home in Pyaing Chaung Village, Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State, by four men from the AA insurgent group on the night of 12 February. U Thar Tun's wife reported the case to Nyaung Chuang police station on 13 February after her husband failed to return, according to the Myanmar Police Force. —MNA

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RCSS/SSA returns seized items from two Tatmadaw officers

ON 12 February, about 50 members of the Restoration Council of Shan State – RCSS/Shan State Army – SSA armed groups stopped a vehicle carrying two commanding officers between Mongpyin and Kengtung in Shan State (East) and took away equipment onboard their vehicle. The Tatmadaw promptly sent a message to return the seized things as soon as possible, according to the news released by the Tatmadaw True News Team.

Responding to the message, the head of the RCSS/SSA communications office in Tachilek and other members returned the seized objects the other day to the Tatmadaw cantonment in Mongpyin at 7:45 pm on 13 February, according to the Tatmadaw True News Team. —MNA

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Security forces clash with AA/ARSA in Maungtaw Tsp

SECURITY forces conducting appropriate security operations in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State clashed with AA/ARSA insurgents yesterday morning. A police officer was killed in the ensuing skirmish and security forces seized ammunition and a book printed in Arabic from the insurgent's side.

A section of Border Security Force 5 was on security duty at a bridge over Yebaukcha creek near Kalar Dayvad Village close to Bandoola-Kamaung Seik-Kyein Chaung highway in Maungtaw Township when they spotted a group of 30 AA/ARSA insurgents approaching from the west of the highway at around 2:30 am. Fighting lasted between the two sides until Tatmadaw reinforcements arrived around 4 am, pushing back the insurgent group to the west.

The Myanmar Police Force announced that an officer was killed in the skirmish and they have confiscated several items left behind by the insurgents, including a blood-stained camouflage vest, 3 M-22 cartridges, 29 varying types of ammunition, 2 improvised explosive devices-IEDs, a walkie-talkie, a remote controller, a wire bundle, and a book printed in Arabic language. They also announced that the Tatmadaw reinforcement column is continuing to pursue the retreating insurgents. —MNA

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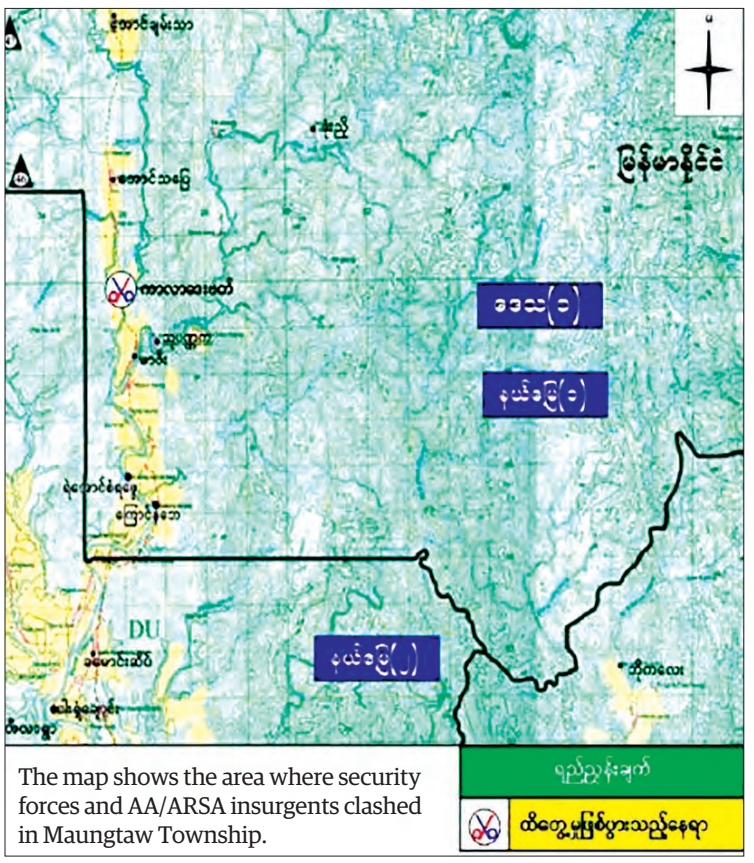

The map shows the area where security forces and AA/ARSA insurgents clashed in Maungtaw Township.

Book printed in Arabic language and walkie-talkie.

A blood-stained camouflage vest, 3 M-22 cartridges, 29 varying types of ammunition, a remote controller, a bundle of wire.

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