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We will abolish the red tape that burdens the people and eradicate corruption and bribery that plagues all levels of society as we work to strengthen the moral fiber of our people. We will draw out from our past experiences as a civilian government overcoming various obstacles and hardships, as we work to the best of our ability for the immediate present and head towards the future of a democratic nation that respects human rights and is free from all stains of corruption.

(Excerpt from the speech by President U Win Myint at the ceremony to take oath of office at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30th March 2018)

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Collective strength is vital to build peace and stability which we need. We need to have mutual understanding and mutual respect as the basic foundation to bring to an end the armed conflicts which have existed for many years among the ethnic nationalities. We can make this foundation strong with our collective strength.

(Excerpt from the speech by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 2nd Anniversary of NLD Government on 1st April 2018)

Tatmadaw columns capture AA training grounds, camps; seize munitions in Lakkhar Village



The photo shows the munitions belonging to AA group seized by Tatmadaw columns. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE C-IN-C OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

TATMADAW columns captured training grounds and camps of the AA group and also seized munitions belonging to the group last week, according to a statement from the military.

Local residents of Panmyaung Village and other villages in MraukU Township, Rakhine State, reported the locations of AA training grounds and camps in nearby ridges to Tatmadaw columns. Local residents reportedly said they were constantly subjected to threats and assaults by the AA, and sought assistance from the Tatmadaw as they wished to live in peace.

Tatmadaw columns searched the ridges near Pan-

myaung village and launched armed operations against the AA on 19 March. There were reportedly 20 battles between the two sides, which ended with the Tatmadaw capturing a temporary training ground of the AA at 2.35 p.m. on 13 April. AA troops stationed there were forced to flee in the southwest and northwest direction.

In another case, security forces cooperated according to standard procedures with village administration officials to conduct a search at Lakkhar village, MraukU Township, last week.

At 3 p.m. on 12 April, they discovered 3 cartridges, 203 bullets, and other related items in

the compound of a house belonging to a man identified as Ko La Pyae. The security forces also found 10 grenades in the house of Ko La Pyae's older brother, U Maung Oo, yesterday noon, according to the military release.

AA members who were reportedly threatening residents in different parts of MraukU Township were driven out, and their training grounds and camps were captured. Tatmadaw columns are continuing with security operations in the surrounding areas, according to news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. —MNA (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



The munitions including IEDs and the temporary training camps of AA group in MraukU Township, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE C-IN-C OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

Guidelines for the public to reduce accidents during Thingyan

1. Be responsible and don't consume alcohol heavily.
2. Avoid using psychotropic drugs.
3. Avoid the use of water balls, fire hose, and acid or similar corrosive liquid.
4. Do not carry nor conceal pointed objects, knives or other melee weapons.
5. Avoid buying and selling of sexual stimulant drugs.
6. Avoid wearing clothing inappropriate to the local culture.
7. Females should avoid travelling around with non-family members and refrain from accepting food from strangers.
8. Avoid staying out late into the night.
9. Avoid taking a rest in secluded areas throughout the day.
10. Avoid consuming alcohol and driving cars over the weight limit.
11. Avoid excessively teasing other people.
12. Avoid swimming or showering in lakes or creeks.
13. Avoid using or decorating items that are unsuitable for display to the general public.

— Myanmar Police Force