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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives Seychelles Vice President



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Seychelles Vice President Mr. Vincent Meriton at the President Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

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DAW Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar received

Mr. Vincent Meriton, Vice President of the Republic of Seychelles at the President Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 19 April 2019 at 10:20 am dur-

ing his private visit to Myanmar.

Present at the meeting were U Min Thu, Union Minister for the Office of the Un-

ion Government, U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation and Senior Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA

Legal Advisory Team formed to give advices to Court of Inquiry

The Tatmadaw True News Team issued a press release on 18 April.

The press release stated that as it needs to conduct further scrutiny over incidents related to terror attacks committed in Buthidaung-Maungtaw region of Rakhine State on 25 August 2017 due to the advice of the Office of the Judge Advocate General, the Court of Inquiry was set up in conformity with Defence Services Rules to start the inquiries on 18 March 2019. On 2 April 2019, the Court of Inquiry invited that evidences and facts related to the incidents can be sent to the Court of Inquiry in person or through email and post in accordance with the prescribed ways, said the team in the press release.

In order to effectively carry out inquiries by the Court of Inquiry for collecting necessary evidential facts, legal matters and procedures, the Legal Advisory Team, in accordance with the directive of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), was formed with Maj-Gen Thaung Naing, Deputy Judge Advocate General, chairman of the team, and four members: Lt-Col Myint Thein, Assistant Judge Advocate General, Major Myint San, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General, Captain Kyaw Kyaw Lin, Deputy Assistant Judge Advocate General (Captain) and Captain Daw Thazin Swe, Judge Advocate.

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“ Today at this time, we are witnessing the transformation of an era and a system in accordance with democratic principles. This is just the beginning of the democratic transition. To make this transition process smooth and successful, it is very important for our peoples, government employees and civil servants to change their dogmatic mindset and habits. Those government institutions which are lagging behind in the transformation process will need to be put under tight management controls. The country's weak judiciary system would need to be strengthened. More efforts need to be exerted to stamp out corruption. More efforts need to be exerted to prevent human rights violations. More efforts need to be exerted to crack down illegal drug trade. We need to manage public funds properly so that there is no wastage. Measures need to be taken to return confiscated farmland to farmers and to give compensation to farmers for losses they have suffered in accordance with the law. We also need to improve the socio-economic life of farmers, improve the lives of workers and ensure that students gain access to higher education.

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

“ Let me solemnly thank all our friends at home and abroad, who have helped us and are still helping us; organizations, business entrepreneurs, people from academia and professionals, and especially our people who have supported and assisted us with understanding and empathy. Those who have helped us once, we should never forget. Those who have helped us again and again are our real friends; they bring fulfillment to our lives.

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

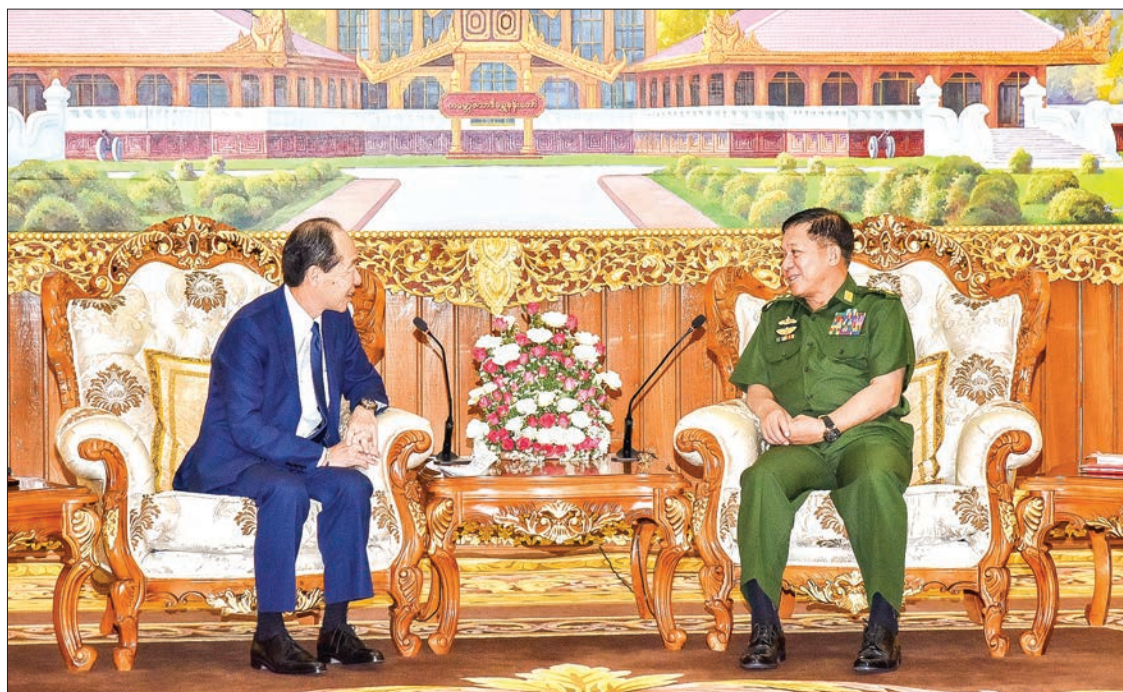
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services receives Japanese Ambassador

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Ambassador of Japan to Myanmar Mr. Ichiro Maruyama at the Bayintnaung guest house in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting matters relating to Japan's stance in the international arena on the government and the Tatmadaw resolving events in Rakhine State Buth-

idaung and Maungtau region, status of forming and works conducted by Court of Inquiry on incidents related to events in Rakhine State and the Tatmadaw's work on achieving internal peace were discussed and views exchanged according to news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Japanese Ambassador Mr. Ichiro Maruyama at Bayintnaung guest house, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

MSWRR to implement suggestions of natural disaster management advisory group



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye attends the coordination meeting on suggestions of disaster management advisory group yesterday.

PHOTO: MNA

A coordination meeting on follow up works for suggestions made by disaster management advisory group about natural disasters caused by climate change was held at Ministry

of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement meeting hall yesterday morning.

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye led the discussion in the coordination meeting

with Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, directors general from departments and officials.

According to the discussion, of the suggestions made by the advisory group, the ministry will distribute water in water scarce areas, identify areas where water requirements need to be fulfilled and distribute information.

The discussion also identified works to be coordinated between other relevant ministries and state/region governments; submitting matters to National Disaster Management Committee for the committee to work on; state/region offices of Disaster Management Department to conduct field visit on works to be conducted by the ministry, draw up and implement work programs. — MNA ■

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Duties of the Legal Advisory Team are to give advice for witnesses who should be enquired, to give advice for evidential facts and documents which should be taken, to give advice for Scene of Incident where should be inspected, to

give necessary advice for examination of witnesses in order not to lose sequence of evidence and to give necessary advice for other legal matters.

The press release also stated that the Judge Advocate General formed and assigned the Legal Advisory Team on 18 April 2019. — MNA ■

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In the incident, Tatmadaw security columns conducting security operations around Angumaw Village found the four remote controlled mines at about 3:40 p.m. on the Maungtaw-Angumaw Road about 500 meters northwest of the village. As it was difficult and dangerous to defuse the mines, it was destroyed

systematically in a controlled explosion.

AA group had been planting mines on public roads to scare and harm the people as well as to attack security forces. As of January 2019 to date, mines were planted on Yangon-Sittway Union Road as well as on other roads in Rakhine State for 12 times and Tatmadaw security columns had defused or destroyed 39 mines. Security personnel will continue to do the necessary for regional security and for removal/destruction of mines according to news released by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Office. —MNA

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Seychelles Vice President, wife, party leave Nay Pyi Taw



Seychelles Vice President Mr. Vincent Meriton and wife are seen off by Union Minister U Kyaw Tin and officials at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

A Seychelles delegation led by Seychelles Vice President Mr. Vincent Meriton and wife Mrs. Daniella Hoareau who were on a private visit to Myanmar left Nay Pyi Taw by Bangkok

Airways yesterday evening. The Seychelles delegation led by the Vice President and wife were seen off at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Union Minister for Interna-

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Union Minister for SWRR receives UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement (SWRR) Dr. Win Myat Aye received United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator Mr. Knut Ostby at Maykhalar Hall in minister's office yesterday morning.

At the meeting, status of soon to be approved national level strategy on closing IDP

camps in Kachin, Kayin, Shan and Rakhine states; status of drawing up and implementing region wise work programs once the strategy was approved; coordination between Union level and state government to provide effective humanitarian assistance in Rakhine State; status to date of ASEAN countries' participation in the

process of receiving returnees; humanitarian and development assistants and rehabilitation works for conflict displaced persons in Kachin State and Shan State north and status of cooperation between relevant civil society organizations and non-government organizations were discussed. — MNA

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