



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy Admiral Naris Phatoomsuwan in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Chief of Defence Force of Singapore Armed Forces, Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Navy

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing, Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief, received Lt-Gen Perry Lim, Chief of the Defence Force of the Singapore Armed Forces with a Guard of Honour, in front of Zeyar Thiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief and Chief of Defence Force of the Singapore Armed Forces received the salute from the Guard of Honour and then inspected the Guard of Honour.

Next, Lt-Gen Perry Lim signed the visitors' book and met with the Tatmadaw commander-in-chief in the meeting hall.

During the meeting, the Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief said the country was working with other member countries in the ASEAN. After 2011, the

hijacking of ships and other terrorist acts in the Strait of Malacca had significantly reduced with the cooperation of ASEAN countries, including Myanmar, and this will be maintained, claimed the Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief.

The chief of the Defence Force of the Singapore Armed Forces spoke about his understanding of the Tatmadaw's role in protecting the nation in the Rakhine State affairs, the need for a timely response to terrorist attacks and his wish for peace in Myanmar and the region.

Next, they discussed and exchanged views on increasing friendly visits between officials of the two armed forces, such as sending the Myanmar Tatmadaw officers for training sessions in Singapore and increasing

cooperation between the two armed forces.

Later in the afternoon, the Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief received Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Navy Admiral Naris Phatoomsuwan, who is visiting Myanmar under the invitation of Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Tin Aung San in Zeyar Thiri Beikman, Nay Pyi Taw.

The two sides discussed matters related to increasing cooperation between their navies through friendly visits by naval vessels, working together to safeguard the territorial waters of both countries, exchanging sports and cultural troupes to enhance friendly relations between the two armed forces, and exchanging trainees. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw joint bill committee meeting held

A PYIDAUNGsu Hluttaw draft law joint committee met yesterday morning to discuss a 2017 bill, amending the Auditor General of the Union Law, which was sent by the President with a note.

The meeting, held in the second-floor meeting room, D Block, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, was attended by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw deputy speaker; Draft Law Joint Committee and Public Accounts

Aye Tha Aung; deputy chairmen, secretaries and members of the draft law joint committee and public accounts joint committee; legal affairs and special cases assessment commission members; and officials from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Ministry of Planning and Finance, the Union Attorney General office, the union auditor general office and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw office. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Union Supreme Court sits to pass judgment, hear cases

CHIEF Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo, along with Supreme Court judges U Tha Htay and U Myo Tint of the Special Appellate Bench, sat at Union Supreme Court, room number 1, yesterday

morning and passed judgment on two (Certiorari) criminal cases and three (Certiorari) civil cases, as well as heard five other (Certiorari) civil cases. — Myanmar News Agency ■

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Appointment as Permanent Secretary

The Union Government has appointed Director-General U Tin Win Aung from the Office of Pyithu Hluttaw, to assume the duties of Permanent Secretary.—Myanmar News Agency



Rehabilitation program for drug addicts opened by Department of Social Welfare in Mandalay. **PHOTO: MYANMAR DIGITAL NEWS**

Rehabilitation course for drug addicts opened in Mandalay

A rehabilitation course for drug addicts was opened at a social rehabilitation center under the Department of Social Welfare in Mandalay yesterday.

The course will provide rehabilitation-focused medical treatment and counseling services for drug addicts. "We will offer physical and mental rehabilitation programs for drug users," said U Zaw Htike Lin, manager for the center. Accommodation and Ks. 1000 daily allowance will be given to the trainees. Around 20 train-

ees will be allowed to attend 35 day course. About ten trainees from Mandalay, Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and Kengtung have already arrived at the center. "I hope the course gives me a rest and clears my mind," one of the trainees said. Nine drug rehab centers have been opened in Yangon, Mandalay, Myitkyina, Kawthoung, Tachilek, Kengtung and Lashio. Mandalay drug rehab center was repaired in December 2017 at a cost of more than Ks. 60 million by Daw Khin Kyi Foundation.—MDN ■

Hand-over ceremony of Assembled Board Houses (100) units held in Nay Pyi Taw

THE hand-over ceremony of the Assembled Board Houses (100) units was held at the Myanmar Industrial Port (MIP), Yangon, on Saturday morning.

Union Minister for Construction U Win Khaing; Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye; Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin; Yangon Region Electricity, Industry and Transport Minister Daw Nilar Kyaw; departmental heads; and the Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar, Mr. Hong Liang, along with embassy staff, invited guests and the media, attended the ceremony.

During the ceremony, the

Chinese Ambassador handed over the Assembled Board Houses (100) units to Union Minister for Construction and Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing, and they inspected the units together. Later, the Chinese Ambassador clarified the purpose of the handover and the process of humanitarian aid, on behalf of the People's Republic of China, to the Rakhine State. Union Minister U Win Khaing said China had donated 232 Assembled Board Houses to Myanmar in 2016, and all these units will contribute to the development of a medical care system in the region. He acknowledged and expressed

appreciation for the assistance of the Chinese government, as China has continually supported multiple sectors in Myanmar, including healthcare, to raise the standard of living in the region. Next, they signed the handover agreements for the Assembled Board Houses (100) units and took group photographs. To cope with poverty-related problems, many projects such as Assistant Board Houses and medical units are being undertaken in Taung Pyo Letwe Village, Maungtaw region. Some 17 Assembled Board Houses, together with five rooms, are being constructed.—Myanmar News Agency ■