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The 6th meeting of the 7th State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee held in Yangon. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee reviews report of last year efforts

THE second day of the 6th meeting of the 7th State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was convened at Maha Pathana Cave in Thiri Mingalar Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon yesterday, discussing affairs with the code of conducts, religious affairs and teaching.

The second-day meeting was attended by State Ovadacariya Sayadaws, State Sang-

ha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaws, State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, Permanent Secretary U Htun Ohn, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department U Myint Oo, pro-rector (Admin) of the International Theravāda Buddhist Missionary University

U Khin Maung Win, states and regions religious affairs heads and officials.

The meeting was presided over by Vice Chairman Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Dr. Bhaddanta Pyinna Nanda. Joint Secretary Sayadaw of the com-

mittee Agga Maha Gantha Vacaka Pannita Bhaddanta Nanda Thara acted as the Master of Ceremonies. Also, Master of Ceremonies Sayadaw reported on the numbers of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee attending the meeting and announced the start of the meeting.

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Three IEDs explode in Sittway

THREE IEDs (improvised explosive devices) exploded in Sittway early yesterday morning, while three more unexploded IEDs were discovered and deactivated.

The first explosion occurred in front of the State Court in Pyitaw Thar Ward around 4:10 a.m., damaging a nearby transformer and resulting in power being cut for more than an hour.

Similarly, a second explosion occurred within a minute of the first, near the rear fence of the Rakhine State government secretary's house in Pyitaw Thar Ward. A policeman on duty suffered a cut on his head from broken glass, while the windshields of two Mark II cars parked in the compound were cracked when the cars were struck by splinters from the IED.

One minute after the second blast, a third explosion occurred near the state land record office, but there were no damage and no one was reported to have been hurt.

Officials and mine clearance personnel investigating the explosion sites discovered three more IEDs, including one about 12 ft. from the rear fence of Rakhine State government secretary house and two more outside the fence of the state land record office.

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Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint attends meeting on publishing 100 Myanmar books

THE sixth coordination meeting for publishing the 100 Myanmar Books Series was held yesterday at the Printing and Publishing Department (PPD) meeting hall in Theinbyu Street in Yangon, where Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint delivered a speech.

Also, the 100 Myanmar Books Series Work Committee Joint Secretary (1) U Than Ohn (Maung Zayar) explained about preparations to publish the first three series in this fiscal year, and discussed those books to be included in the second and third series.

Further, literature personnel and officials from PPD who were in attendance provided discussions and suggestions, in which the Union Minister joined in, and sought to coordinate tasks still to be done.

The 100 Myanmar Books series will include novels, short stories, poems, essays and plays. The first series, which includes novels, is to be published this year.

Afterwards, a meeting to discuss republishing the Myanmar encyclopedia was continued, and Myanmar Encyclopedia Republishing Steering



Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint addresses the meeting for publishing the 100 Myanmar books in Theinbyu street in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

Committee patron U Thein Tun explained about works that the Tun Foundation will conduct. Secretary Dr. San Win reviewed the status of works involved in republishing the Myanmar encyclopedia volume (1), while PPD Deputy Director-General

U Ko Ko Naing explained about the work taken on by Sarpay Beikman editorial members, who are preparing to republish the Myanmar encyclopedia volume (1).

Union Minister for Information and Patron of the

Myanmar Encyclopedia Republishing Steering Committee Dr. Pe Myint commented on collecting and confirming facts about States and Regions, which are to be included in the encyclopedia.— Myanmar News Agency ■

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The bombs were then deactivated. The uncovered IEDs weighed about 36 pounds and were packed with ball bearings and scrap metal. The deactivated

IEDs were found to be remotely controlled.

An investigation had been opened at the Sittway Myoma Police Station and police are conducting further investigations.— Myanmar News Agency ■



The second explosion occurs near the rear fence of the Rakhine State Government Secretary's house in Pyitaw Thar Ward. **PHOTO: MNA**



The uncovered IEDs packed with ball bearings and scrap metal. The IED were deactivated by mine clearance personnel. **PHOTO: MNA**

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The suggestions reported by State Central Working Committee of the Sangha were answered and explained by Joint Secretary Sayadaws of the committee Agga Maha Pandita Dwipitakadhara Bhaddanta Agga Dhamma and Agga Maha

Pandita Bhaddanta Silasara Bhivamsa before the morning session was concluded.

The meeting was resumed at 1:00 p.m., where the respective Sayadaws discussed the annual report, reviewing the work performed by the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Com-

mittee.

Yesterday at the meeting, the Chairman Sayadaw called for establishing monastic education schools and for encouraging the Members of the Sangha who are taking part in the education system.— Myanmar News Agency

Third Myanmar-India Director -General Level talks on Drug Control



Officials pose for the documentary photo at the bilateral meeting between Myanmar and India on Drug Control Cooperation. **PHOTO: POLICE INFORMATION AND PUBLIC RELATION**

THE third Director General Level Bilateral Meeting between Myanmar and India on Drug Control Cooperation, was opened at the Park Royal Hotel in Yangon on 23 February 2018.

The Secretary of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC), Myanmar Police Maj-Gen of Myanmar Police Force Aung Win Oo and

Director-General of Narcotics Control Bureau, India H.E. Mr. Shri Abhay delivered opening speeches at the meeting, where 21 members, including 16 Myanmar delegates headed by Police Maj-Gen Aung Win Oo, and five Indian delegations headed by Director-General H.E. Mr. Shri Abhay, attended the meeting.

The delegates from the

two nations discussed matters relating to reviewing the work to be carried out, as decided at the second Director -General level talks, along with precursor controls, promoting cooperation in border relations, the two nations' drug control activities and exchanging information and experiences related to combating drugs.— Police information and public relation ■