

Union Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe meets new officers of Anti-Narcotics Task Force



Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe meets with Anti-Narcotics Task Force officers yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe met senior officers and 44 officers transferred to the Anti-Narcotics Task Force at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Home Affairs yesterday afternoon. The union minister said that the new officers were specifi-

cally recruited from other police force branches in order to reorganise the Anti-Narcotics Task Force so that the task force can conduct its work and take action against those involved in drug-related cases, regardless of their status and stature.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aung Thu, Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Lt-Gen Aung Win Oo, senior police officers, transferred senior officers and officers, it is learnt.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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At the same time, Hluttaw representatives are to follow the laws and rules enacted by the Hluttaw and follow the ethics and regulations of the Hluttaw representatives. Only when the capability of the people's representatives is high can they serve for the benefit of the people, and Hluttaw representatives are urged to work towards increasing their capabilities, said the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker in his greeting speech.

Informing the Hluttaw about trips and registration

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker then informed the Hluttaw and put on record the 13th Study Tour of the Legal Project in Japan conducted by Dr. U Aye Kyu of Labutta constituency from 1 to 14 July, study tour to the Legislative Council of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region by a Myanmar delegation led by U Phyo Zeya Thaw @ U Zeya Thaw of Zabuthiri constituency from 9 to 13 July 2018, study tour of the policy and work of the Netherlands on HIV prevention and reduction of risks for needle users by a Myanmar delegation led by Dr. Daw Khin Soe Kyi of Pyay constituency from 20 to 27 July 2018 and a trip to attend the 22nd International AIDS conference.

Question and answer session

In the question and answer session, first, U Khin Cho of Hlaingbwe constituency raised a question on the management, account and record system of licenced sellers of stamps and action taken against them for failure to follow set procedures, which was answered by Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win.

Next, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw responded to a question raised by Daw Nan Htwe Thu of Pasawng constituency about a plan on deploying tractors, powered tillers and combined harvesters in Pasawng Township.

Later, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw replied to a question regarding taxation on registration of deeds, paying registration fees and valuation of stamp fees posed by U Saw Thalay Saw of Shwegyin constituency.

Similarly, questions raised by Daw Aye Mya Mya Myo of Kyauktan constituency, U Sai Tun Sein of Mongpyin constituency and Dr. U Lin Lin Kyaw of Myittha constituency were answered by Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw.

Motion tabled

Following the question and answer session, U Sein Win of Maubin constituency tabled a motion urging the government to prevent the export of draught cattle and buffaloes before agricultural machineries can be fully utilised and to correctly support and resolve the matter. The motion was supported by a Hluttaw representative.

The Pyithu Hluttaw speaker announced the agreement of the Hluttaw to discuss the motion after the Hluttaw voted 231 for, 104 against and four abstained from voting on the motion.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat then announced that Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the motion should enroll their names.

Receipt of rule and bill

This was then followed by the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker announcing the receipt of the condominium rules, returned with amendments by the Amyotha Hluttaw, and Myanmar dental, oral medical council bill, and a further announcement was made for Hluttaw representatives who wanted to submit an amendment motion to enroll their names.

The second-day meeting of the second Pyithu Hluttaw's ninth regular session will be held on 24 July, it is learnt.—Aye Aye Thant (MNA) ■

President's Office announces a series of arrests, seizures acting on tip-offs given by the people

THE Office of the President issued Press Release No.6/2018 yesterday, making public the Home Affairs Ministry's arrests and seizures in fight against illicit drug trafficking between 27 June and 21 July.

The ministry made the arrests, acting on information sent to the Drug Abuse Reporting Department of the Office of the President from 27 June to 21 July.

The full text of the press release will be covered in the 25 July issue of the *Global New Light of Myanmar*. — GNLM

LPDR Minister of Foreign Affairs and party arrive in Nay Pyi Taw



LPDR Foreign Minister Mr. Saleumxay Kommasith arrives at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

A DELEGATION led by Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR) Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Saleumxay Kommasith arrived by air in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

The delegation led by the LPDR Minister of Foreign

Affairs was welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Ministry of Foreign Affairs Protocol Department Director General U Thant Sin, Deputy Director General U Aung Kyaw Oo, Laos Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Lying Sayaxang and officials. —MNA ■

First field visit to Buthidaung, Maungtaung townships in Rakhine State, by Technical Working Group

TECHNICAL Working Group (TWG) visited some potential projects sites in Buthidaung and Maungtaung townships from 21 to 23 July 2018. It was the first field visit by TWG conducted before effective implementation of the MoU signed between Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population (MLIP), UNDP and UNHCR on 6 June 2018. The field visit was led by TWG, consisting of representatives from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, Ministry of the Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Rakhine State Government, UNDP and UNHCR.

During the field visit, TWG team went on site visits to the villages of Buthidaung and Maungtaung townships, namely Ka Kyet Kan Pyin, Tatyar, Zayditaung, Da Pyu Chaung, Inn Gyn Myaing, Nga Khu Ya, Naung Chaung, Shwe Yin Aye and met the local people.

The purpose of the mission is for the TWG to familiarise with the situation on the ground, including visiting some of the potential project sites of the region. The visit of the TWG team will be immediately followed by assessment teams from the Government of Myanmar, UNDP and UNHCR to the Village Tracts being considered.—MNA ■