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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council: Five-Point Road Map

1. Priority will be given to fully realizing peace, stability and rule of law throughout the Union to safeguard the socioeconomic life of the people.
2. People-centred development work that enhances socioeconomic well-being will be undertaken to ensure the country's prosperity and food security.
3. Processes will further continue to consolidate a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system and build a Union based on democracy and federalism.
4. Priority will be accorded to work aligned with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, in order to achieve enduring peace for the entire nation.
5. Upon accomplishing the provisions of the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held in line with the 2008 Constitution, and further work will be undertaken to hand over State duties to the winning party in accordance with democratic standards.

Maravijaya Buddha Image to be world's highest sitting marble Buddha image upon its completion



Pro Tem President U Myint Swe, Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and President (Retired) U Thein Sein visit Maravijaya Buddha image in Nay Pyi Taw on 16 July 2023.

THOSE from Myanmar Engineering Council and the Military Engineering Corps joined hands in lifting up the parts 1, 2 and 3 of the Maravijaya Buddha image with the use of modern machinery, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at his clarification on progress of the Buddha image yesterday morning, with attendance of Pro Tem President U Myint

Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, the Senior General's wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, President (Retired) U Thein Sein, retired senior military officers and their wives, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye and wife and officials.

In his clarification, the Senior General who is a leading donor for building the Buddha image as well as the Buddha park said that building of Maravi-

jaya sitting Buddha image aims to show flourishing of Theravada Buddhism in Myanmar, to be Myanmar as a focal point of Theravada Buddhism, ensure prosperity of the State and contribute to peace and stability of the world.

With regard to stone-carving process, the Senior General explained that in line with the advice of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee member Sayadaws and Ovadacariya Sayadaws,

treatises of Tri Pitakat in accord with the copies approved by the sixth Buddhist Synod are being impressed on marble plaques in Pali and Romanized languages. Additionally, Tri Patakat treatises are being printed in Pali and Romanized languages to donate them to Buddhist monasteries across the nation and to insert them into the tablets.

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Orthopedic speciality hospitals successfully perform spinal surgery on patients with congenital scoliosis

THE medic team consisting of spine surgery specialists Dr Thein Aung Kyaw and Dr Shein Myint Han, specialists Dr Naing Lin Oo and Dr Kyaw Lin Lin and Professor Dr Kan Min from the Swiss Spine Foundation in Switzerland performed the operation on pedicle screws and sods posterior fixation

(PSRF) on 12 patients with scoliosis at the Orthopedic Speciality Hospital in Yangon from 12 to 16 June.

Since 2005, about 12 scoliosis patients a year on average have undergone surgery. To date, more than 200 scoliosis patients have successfully been operated at the hospital.

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Cooperation between Myanmar spine surgeons and the Swiss Spine Foundation, and the exchange of technology will pave the way for international-level treatment for complex spine diseases, continuous development of spine surgery techniques and advancement of knowledge.

Spinal surgery treatments are also performed by professors and specialists at Mandalay General Hospital and Orthopedic Speciality Hospital-Mandalay.—MNA/KZW



The photos show that before and after surgery of the number 5 patient.

Flood Warning

(Issued at 15:00 hrs M.S.T on 16-7-2023)

ACCORDING to the (14:30) hrs M.S.T observation today, the water level of Hkamti at Chindwin River is observed as about two feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next two days.

According to the (14:30) hrs M.S.T observation today, the water level of Homalin at Chindwin River is observed as about three inches below its danger level. It may continue to rise from the present water level by about ½ foot during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low lying areas at Hkamti and Homalin townships, to take precaution measure. — DMH

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Illegal teaks, foodstuffs, consumer goods, industrial raw materials, vehicles seized

AN inspection team from Magway Police station, under the management of Magway Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force, made inspections at the corner of Mehtee street and circular street in Magway on 12 and 13 July. They found a Toyota Mark II worth K3 million without licence and the action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

A combined team led by Sedoktara Township Forest Department made inspection near Kyaukmwe village and found 2,011 tonnes of illegal sawn teak and sal (estimated at K1,005,700) and a FAW truck worth K3 million which carried these timbers and the action was taken under the Forest Law.

Similarly, an inspection team led by Customs Department under the management of Kayin State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force made inspection on 13 July. They found nine kinds of goods (estimated value of K3.481 million), including 200 children's clothes for which legal import documents could not be presented, were taken from a vehicle driving from Thamanya to Yangon.

According to reports that illegal goods are being transported by Hpa-an detour, a casual inspection was conducted on Kyagale-Zathapyin-Mawlamyine road. They inspected two vehicles

driving from Myawady to Mawlamyine and a vehicle driving from Kyondoe to Mawlamyine were unable to show valid import permit documents and they found 700 cartons of Sponsor energy drink, 200 cartons of Lipovitan-D energy drink, 1,600 litres of cooking oil, 50 cartons of Yum Yum instant noodle, 50 cartons of various biscuits, 8,750 kilogrammes of Flying Horse fertilizer estimated at K40.482 million and a Nissan Condor Truck, a Mitsubishi Fuso Truck, a Mitsubishi Canter Truck worth K57 million. Actions were taken in accordance with Customs procedures.

Furthermore, a combined team made inspection at the Kawkareik (Tadakyoe) checkpoint and found 1,350 child wear cotton worth K2.025 million which were not declared in Import Declaration and a total of 5,000 kilogrammes of GS Caltex high density polyethylene, with an estimated value of K9 million imported under different import declarations and brands. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

Moreover, an on-duty team under the management of Mandalay Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force made inspection at Mandalay 16th-mile Kyaukchaw checkpoint and found 0.329 tonne of teak parquet esti-



Cartons of Sponsor energy drink seized in Hpa-an on 13 July.



Pieces of teak parquet seized at Kyaukchaw checkpoint in Mandalay on 13 July.

mated at K361,680 and a Nissan Condor Truck worth K3 million which carried the goods. A total estimated value of K30,361,680 was seized and, in accordance with customs procedures, has

been transferred to the Forest Department in Patheingyi Township. Action was taken according to Customs procedures.

Additionally, a combined team led by Forest Department

of Bago Region made inspection on 14 July. They seized 122.8420 tonnes of illegal teak estimated at K48,415,888 from DaikU Township and the action was taken under the Forest Law.

Moreover, an inspection team led by No 2 Traffic Police Force Branch, under the supervision of Yangon Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force, inspected and seized a Honda Airwave worth K3.5 million without licence at the Aungmyay Thazi street in Kamayut Township.

Therefore, a total of 18 cases of arrests were made from 12 to 14 July, with an estimated value of K201,271,268, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/KZW