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- On 8 November 2020, the general election of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was conducted under the authority of the Union Election Commission (hereinafter referred to as "UEC"). The "UEC" had not only failed to properly perform their duties but also neglected to ensure free, fair and transparent election.
- The sovereignty of the power of a nation MUST be derived from the citizens, but the failure of the free and fair electoral process can cause the national sovereignty of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the power of people.
- Refusal to address the caverns raised by several political parties, ethnic groups, and the Tatmadaw, and subsequently calling Pyi Thu Hluttaw (Lower House) and Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House), as well as (Union Hluttaw) are violations of Article 417 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. According to Article 417 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, "the wrongful forcible means" of taking power shall cause of the loss of the sovereignty of Myanmar and the unity of the ethnic nationalities in Myanmar. There are many people, whom dissatisfied with the necessitous performances of the "UEC" have conducted peaceful protestation over the performance of the "UEC".
- As the Government and "UEC" both failed to address the causes, it is the Tatmadaw's undeniable duty to exercise Article 417 of the "Supreme Law of the Myanmar" – the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to declare "State of Emergency" in accordance with the Constitution of the Republic of the Union.
- In order to address the concerned of voters, Government of Myanmar decided to utilize Article 418 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, which mandates the transferring of "Legislative, Judicial and Executive Powers" to the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services.
- In conjunction with the Article 417 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, this emergency declaration shall remain in force for (one year), effective from today February 1, 2021.

Myint Swe
Pro Tem (President)
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

National Defence and Security Council of Republic of the Union of Myanmar holds meeting

THE National Defence and Security Council (NDSC) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar held a meeting at the President House yesterday morning.

Present at the meeting were Acting President U Myint Swe, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and members of the NDSC.

In presenting the national situation, the Senior General said the Tatmadaw always keeps in the fore the motto "People are the Parents" when it comes to the people. People aspire a multiparty democratic system. So, the Tatmadaw adopted the political culture of conducting democracy transition process through negotiations and legal measures and in peace and stability.



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents the national situation at the National Defence and Security Council meeting at the President House in Nay Pyi Taw on 1 February 2021. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
Notification No. 1/2021

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1. The Union Election Commission failed to address a large difference over the voting list used in the multiparty general election held on 8 November 2020. Although the request was made to call for the special session of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, it was failed to do so. The President refused the submission for two times to hold the National Defence and Security Council meeting.
2. The Union Election Commission will be re-constituted to continuously take appropriate measures, including checking the voting lists in accord with the law.
3. Prevention of the current outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic will be effectively carried out with momentum.
4. Efforts will be made to recover the businesses caused by COVID-19 pandemic as quickly as possible.
5. Emphasis will be placed as much as possible on restoring eternal peace all over the country in accord with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).
6. When these tasks have been completed in accord with the provisions of the State of Emergency, a free and fair multiparty general election will be held, and then, the assigned duty of the State will be handed over to the winning party meeting norms and standards of democracy.

Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
Statement on Ceasefire and Eternal Peace

(5th Waning of Pyatho, 1382 ME)
(1 February 2021)

1. The Tatmadaw has already issued a news release on the further suspension of all military operations of the Tatmadaw except State defence and administrative measures from 1 to 28 February 2021 so as to achieve enduring eternal peace after a nationwide ceasefire and continue peace dialogue by making best of use of the extended ceasefire periods.
2. Moreover, the Peace Talks Committee of the Tatmadaw was formed with four persons led by Lt-Gen Yar Pyae as chairman on 9 November 2020 in order to continue peace talks more effectively.
3. As it is the mandatory process to achieve the eternal peace for the State, the Peace Talks Committee of the Tatmadaw has been reconstituted with following persons in order to continue the peace talks as quickly as possible with the armed organizations which have signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement and the ethnic armed organizations that have yet to sign the NCA.

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| (a) Lieutenant-General Yar Pyae | Chairman |
| (b) Lieutenant-General Sein Win | Member |
| (c) Lieutenant-General Ye Aung | Member |
| (d) Lieutenant-General Tin Maung Win | Member |
| (e) Lieutenant-General Min Naung | Member |
| (f) Lieutenant-General Aye Win | Member |
| (g) Lieutenant-General Aung Lin Dway | Secretary |
4. The Peace Talks Committee of the Tatmadaw is hereby tasked with continuing talks with the NCA signatories in accord with the NCA provisions to further the peace process as well as with the NCA non-signatories until they sign the agreement and eternal peace is achieved.

Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

Banks continue providing services for customers

The Tatmadaw True News Information Team has issued an announcement that the banks in the country are still open to provide customer services.

The announcement said that rumours have spread in social networks about the closure of banks and suspension of services; the services were, instead, delayed due to disconnection of internet and phone communications in the morning; at present, internet services have reactivated and banking services are running regularly.—MNA

COVID-19 Call Centre opens daily

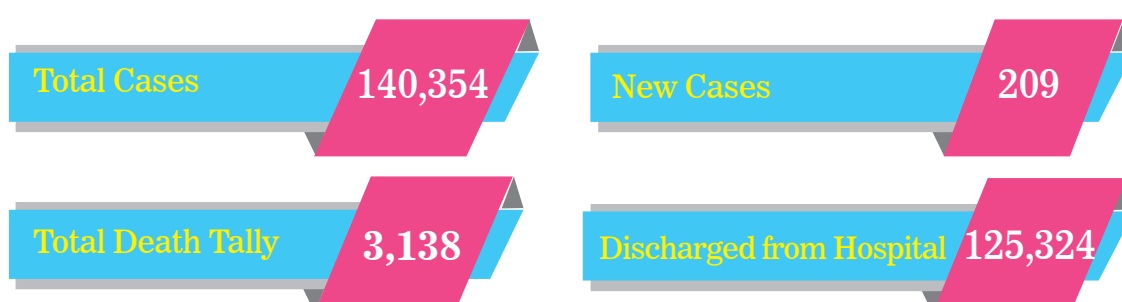
In efforts to speed up the prevention, containment and treatment of the COVID-19 disease, the call centre (**phone number 2019**) is established by four communications operators and the Blue Ocean Company with the coordination of the Medical Research Department of the Health and Sports Ministry and Post and Telecommunications Department from 9 am to 5 pm daily at the Medical Research Department in Yangon.

Over 43 staff from the Medical Research Department and 17 volunteers from the Myanmar Medical Association totally 60 workers have been working at the centre since 8th April.—MNA

209 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 1 February, total figure rises to 140,354

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **140,354** after **209** new cases were reported on 1 February 2021 according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these **140,354** confirmed cases, **3,138** died, **125,324** have been discharged from hospitals.—MNA

Updated at 8 pm, 1 February 2021



Daily death toll until 8 pm 1-2-2021

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Ministry of Health and Sports

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Then, the country successfully held the 2010 multiparty general election, the 2015 multiparty general election and 2012 and 2017 by-elections. There were no major disputes at the elections. Only minor ones occurred, and they were settled by the relevant election commissions and officials in accord with the law. A free and fair election is the life of multiparty democracy, and only a free and fair election will reflect the true public desire. Section 4 of the Constitution (2008) states, "The Sovereign power of the Union is derived from the citizens and is in force in the entire country." The people have to directly or indirectly elect the government, the Hluttaws and the Union and region/state level bodies that will exercise the sovereign power of the State. The true aspiration of the people will be reflected, and the Sovereign power of the Union will be derived from the citizens only through a free, clean and fair election.

In scrutinizing the official voter list issued by the Union Election Commission, the results showed the number of 10,482,116 votes (more than 10.4 million votes) which may cause vote-rigging, in the 2020 multiparty general election. According to the official announcement of the Union Election Commission, the number of eligible voters was 38 million, and it is found that of them over 10 million might cause vote-rigging, and it might be over one-fourth (over 25%) of eligible voters. The entire people can know it is not a minor fault or a minor questionable case. The Tatmadaw has officially issued tables on the findings for 30 times, statements on its stance for two times before the election and four times after the election, totaling six. At the Tatmadaw press conferences, the case was explained in the presence of over 50 local and foreign media outlets with firm evidence through transparent means.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services had repeatedly dealt with the matter of ensuring a free and fair election which is the foundation of multiparty democracy and an open political process before the election. The decision to certify a "free and fair election" cannot be made in a day. It must be rechecked whether there was freeness and fairness and cleanness during the canvassing period, election period and post-election peri-



Acting President U Myint Swe declares the State of Emergency and hands over legislative, executive and judicial powers of the State to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services on 1 February 2021. PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES

od and whether they were free from any kind of suspicion. The recent election was questionable in connection with freeness and fairness and cleanness in all the said three periods. Hence, up to this day, 20 political parties issued 26 statements calling for the postponement of the third Hluttaw sessions until the matter of voter lists that might cause vote-rigging has been settled. As regards the performance of the UEC, the expressions of desire were held for 124 times in 99 townships during the period from 10-11-2020 to 29-1-2021.

Tatmadaw, in accordance with Constitution (2008) and existing laws and without overstepping the legal provisions designed to ensure a "free and fair election", issued statements on 2-11-2020 to the government and the UEC, about the situation in the run-up to multiparty democracy elections, various UEC's instructions that violated existing laws, and irregularities in early voting. The Tatmadaw issued another statement on 2-11-2020, urging ethnic armed organizations not to threaten local ethnic people and allow campaigning of political parties in their territories, in order to ensure a free and fair election. On 30-11-2020, the Tatmadaw issued a statement requesting the UEC to provide copies of election documents under Sections 74 and 76 of the Evidence Act, so as to resolve electoral disputes and recognize free and fair voting without suspicion. As the UEC rejected the Tatmadaw's request, the Tatmadaw issued a statement

on 10-12-2020, urging the UEC again to provide the documents as its request was made in line with the legal rights of a citizen to cast ballots and raise an objection. After the proposal of 203 Hluttaw representatives from the Tatmadaw and political parties to convene a special session at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in line with the Constitution was rejected on 11-1-2021, the Tatmadaw released a statement on 14-1-2021, calling for a review of if the rejection was in compliance with the Constitution. In its statement on 20-1-2021, the Tatmadaw asked the UEC to consider the issue, saying it had released its findings on the voting and voter list errors that could have led to fraud because it wanted to recognize without suspicion the results of the free, fair and transparent general election. It also asked either the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw or the government or the UEC to address the issue, in the interests of the State and its citizens, because the Tatmadaw and other political parties would accept the election results in accordance with the wishes of the people if the election results could be proved credible. Besides releasing those statements, the Tatmadaw also requested the government to convene the National Defence and Security Council meeting in order to resolve those issues.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services continued to say that the Tatmadaw issued statements, urging the Union Election Commission which is directly concerned with the elec-

tion in accord with law and procedures to solve the problem on the first step. When the Union Election Commission refused to solve the problem, efforts were made to solve the problem through the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. When the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw refused to call the special session of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw demanded in accordance with the law, the Tatmadaw requested one of the government, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Union Election Commission to seek the way for current situations. When they all refused it, the Tatmadaw urged them to call a meeting of "the National Defence and Security Council" representing the civilian and military sides led by the President who is mainly responsible for the National Defence and Security Council. The Tatmadaw performed its tasks on steps in accord with procedures and laws.

The Tatmadaw is abiding by Section 4 of the Constitution which states that "The Sovereign power of the Union is derived from the citizens and is in force in the entire country", Section 6 (d) and Section 7 which stipulate "flourishing of a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system" and Section 6 (f) mentioning "enabling the Defence Services to be able to participate in the National political leadership role of the State". The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services said that officials at different levels did not solve the problems for 10,482,116 (more than 10.4 million) numbers of voters which might cause vote-rigging in the 2020 general

election, but respective Hluttaws were summoned with attempts to form the government. It would be acts or attempts to take over the sovereignty of the Union by insurgency, violence and wrongful forcible means mentioned in Section 40 (c) and Section 417 of the Constitution (2008).

After reviewing the report of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the Acting President of the State declared the State of Emergency in accord with Section 417 of the Constitution (2008) and handed over legislative, executive and judicial powers of the State to the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services in accordance with Section 418 (a).

Afterwards, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services continued his report, saying that the Tatmadaw will carry out all duties of the State handed over by the Acting President as of today by abiding by provisions of the Constitution (2008). In discharging the State duties, the Tatmadaw will follow the provisions of the Constitution (2008) and existing laws which are not beyond the Constitution. The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services pledged to practise the genuine and discipline-flourishing multiparty democratic system in a fair manner. Upon completion of the tasks in accord with the provisions of the State of Emergency, the free and fair general election will be held, and assigned duty of the State will be handed over to the political party which won in the election.—MNA

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Appointment and Duty Assignment of Union
Chief Justice and Supreme Court Justices

The incumbent Union Chief Justice and Supreme Court Justices are assigned, in accordance with the right to exercise the powers under Article 419 of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, to continue their existing duties.

Sd/
Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Office of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

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Appointment and Duty Assignment of Chief
Justices and Judges of Region/State High Court

The incumbent Chief Justices and Judges of Region/State High Court are assigned, in accordance with the right to exercise the powers under Article 419 of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, to continue their existing duties.

Sd/
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Senior General
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

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Appointment and Duty Assignment of
Members of Anti-Corruption Commission

The incumbent members of Anti-Corruption Commission are assigned, in accordance with the right to exercise the powers under Article 419 of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, to continue their existing duties.

Sd/
Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

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Appointment and Duty Assignment of
Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of
Myanmar National Human Rights Commission

The incumbent Chairman, Vice-Chairman and members of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission are assigned, in accordance with the right to exercise the powers under Article 419 of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, to continue their existing duties.

Sd/
Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

Property sales booming in suburbs of Yangon, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw

DESPITE the COVID-19 crisis, real estate sales are booming in the suburbs of Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw in 2021, with the apartmental rental market declining slightly, according to senior real estate agents.

Land sales in Shwepyitha, Dala, Hlegu townships and four Dagon townships, which are outside the downtown area of Yangon, are booming. Similarly, land sales in newer suburbs of Mandalay are booming too, according to Myanmar Real Property Development Association Chairperson U Tin Maung.

“Earlier in the COVID-19 crisis period, the real estate market was a bit dull. Over the past two months, the numbers of sellers and buyers of real estate have increased,” said U Tin

Maung. “This is especially true in newer suburbs.”

“The rental market falls a bit. Businesses are not very good these days. The businesses are dull, so the rental market is down,” said U Tin Maung. “During the COVID-19 crisis, many business rooms have been closed for a long time, and some people could not afford to pay the rent, so they returned the rooms to their landlords.”

Speaking about proper licence in the real estate sector, the Myanmar Real Property Development Association said that if real estate businesses are controlled by licences, various issues such as tax evasions and fraudulent sales can be eliminated.—Pwint Thitsa (*Translated by Maung Maung Swe*)



Picture shows the condominia in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region . **PHOTO: SOE MYINT AUNG**

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Office of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

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1 February 2021

Duty Termination from Deputy Ministers

The Deputy Ministers with their names shown against each of their respective Union Ministries are terminated from their duties.

- (1) U Khin Maung Tin Ministry of Office of State Counsellor
- (2) U Min Lwin Ministry of Office of State Counsellor
- (3) U Tin Myint Ministry of Office of Union Government
- (4) U Maung Maung Win Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry
- (5) U Set Aung Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry
- (6) Dr Min Ye Paing Hein Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry
- (7) U Bharat Singh Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations
- (8) U Hau Do Suan Ministry of International Cooperation
- (9) U Aung Hla Tun Ministry of Information
- (10) U Kyi Min Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture
- (11) U Hla Kyaw Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
- (12) U Kyaw Myo Ministry of Transport and Communications
- (13) U Thar Oo Ministry of Transport and Communications
- (14) Dr Ye Myint Swe Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
- (15) Dr Tun Naing Ministry of Electricity and Energy
- (16) U Khin Maung Win Ministry of Electricity and Energy
- (17) U Aung Htoo Ministry of Commerce
- (18) U Myint Kyaing Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population
- (19) U Win Maw Tun Ministry of Education
- (20) Dr Mya Lay Sein Ministry of Health and Sports
- (21) U Kyaw Lin Ministry of Construction
- (22) U Soe Aung Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
- (23) U Tin Latt Ministry of Hotels and Tourism
- (24) U Hla Maw Oo Ministry of Ethnic Affairs

Sd/
Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

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Office of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

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Appointment and Duty Assignment
of Union Ministers

The following persons are assigned to the duties of Union Minister shown against each of their respective ministries in accordance with the right to exercise the powers under Article 419 of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

- (1) U Wunna Maung Lwin Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- (2) Lt-Gen Soe Htut Ministry of Home Affairs and Office of Union Government
- (3) General Mya Tun Oo Ministry of Defence
- (4) Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung Ministry of Border Affairs
- (5) U Win Shein Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry
- (6) U Aung Naing Oo Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations
- (7) U Ko Ko Hlaing Ministry of International Cooperation
- (8) U Chit Naing Ministry of Information
- (9) U Ko Ko Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture
- (10) U Myint Kyaing Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population
- (11) Dr Thet Khaing Win Ministry of Health and Sports

Sd/
Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

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Office of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

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Appointment and Duty Assignment of
Chairman of Union Civil Services Board

U Than Swe is appointed as the Chairman of Union Civil Service Board in accordance with the right to exercise the powers under Article 419 of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Sd/
Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

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Office of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

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The following persons are terminated from their duties

- (1) Chairman and members of Nay Pyi Taw Council
- (2) Chairman and members of Union Civil Service Board

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