

Tatmadaw releases statement on ICOE's Final Report

THE Tatmadaw released a statement on the final report of the Independent Commission of Enquiry-ICOE on 21 January, according to the Tatmadaw True News Information Team.

The statement stated that the Tatmadaw (Myanmar Defence Services) launched operations to restore regional peace and stability in the aftermath of the ARSA's attacks on police outposts and station, and one military Battalion Headquarters in northern Rakhine State in 2016 and 2017. The Independent Commission of Enquiry (ICOE) was established by the Office of the President to investigate the subsequent of those operations.

The Final Report of the Independent Commission of Enquiry (ICOE) was released on 21 January 2020. A considerable number of Tatmadaw members have given statements in support of the evidence collection work of the ICOE.

Since late November 2019, several weeks prior to the release of the Final Report of the ICOE, the Court-Martial concerning the Gutarpyin incident has been convened at the local Regiment in Buthitdaung Township in Northern Rakhine. This trial has been taken place on the basis of the report of a Court of Inquiry.

The Tatmadaw will not only give full consideration to the recommendations relating to the armed forces in the report of the ICOE but the Office of the Judge Advocate General will study the report in detail as well. The Tatmadaw in carrying out its duty to defend the Sovereignty of the state and protect the life and property of the local people from terrorist attacks launched by ARSA and its collaborators did so spontaneously. The action was not premeditated. The court of inquiry will continue investigations regarding any wrongdoings by those within the chain of command. It is learnt that the Office of the Judge Advocate General will take action in conformity with military justice procedures if there is credible evidence of any commission of offence by members of the Tatmadaw, said the statement.—MNA

Update reports (22 January 2020) on pneumonia caused by 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Wuhan City of People's Republic of China

1. The Ministry of Health and Sports is accelerating its responses to the outbreak of pneumonia caused by 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in Wuhan City of the People's Republic of China, with strictly monitoring the symptoms of fever and flu at the State/Regional Public Health departments, airports, jetties, border crossings, especially at the border gates close to China.
2. According to the report of World Health Organization dated on 21 January 2020, a total of 278 patients were diagnosed with 2019-nCoV: 258 cases in Hubei Province, 14 from Guangdong Province, 5 from Beijing Municipality and 1 from Shanghai Municipality. Of the 278 confirmed cases, 51 cases are severely ill and 12 are in critical condition.
3. The laboratory tests outside China up to 22 January 2020 have found 2 cases in Thailand, 1 in Japan, 1 in South Korea and 1 in the United States.
4. Wuhan City reported 6 deaths up to 22 January 2020, and they were old and fragile persons with other chronic diseases.
5. The WHO is holding a meeting of International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee for Pneumonia due to the Novel Coronavirus 2019-nCoV on 22 January 2020 in accordance with the International Health Regulations (2005), whether to announce the Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) and measures for prevention and control of the disease.
6. The WHO has confirmed the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is the same virus species of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS), and primarily announced it is the outbreak of Limited Human-to-Human Transmission. The 2019-nCoV can be prevented as follows:
 - Stay away from the people with the symptoms of respiratory diseases such as fever, coughing, sneezing
 - Avoid going to crowded areas
 - Using clothes and facemask to cover nose and mouth during sneezing and coughing
 - Avoid touching to animals with bare hands
 - Wash hands after touching materials exposed to patients and direct contacts with the patients
 - Health workers need to follow the Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) for prevention of the disease whenever they contact with the patients
 - Domestic/Foreign travelers at the international airports are to follow travel advice issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports
 - Update reports on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) will be published on the ministry's official website (<https://www.mohs.gov.mm/>) and Myanmar CDC Facebook Page (<https://web.facebook.com/MyanmarCDC/>), and that people are suggested to follow healthcare instructions.

Ministry of Health and Sports

Sports Science and Sports Medicine Conference 2020 held in Yangon

THE Sports Science and Sports Medicine Conference 2020 was held at the Novotel Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

The conference was supervised by the Department of Sports and Physical Education of Ministry of Health and Sports and jointly organized by Myanmar Olympic Committee and Myanmar Women's Sports Federation.

First, the conference was opened by playing the national anthem, followed by playing the video message delivered by Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe.

In his video message, Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe said the purpose of organizing the conference is to improve the sports community through "Exercise is Medicine (EIM)" programme, urging 48 sports federations and Myanmar Olympic Committee in Myanmar to cooperate with the ministry in marching towards to



UPC Chairman Dr Tin Myo Win, Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thien and attendees pose for a photo at the Sports Science and Sports Medicine Conference 2020 in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

the goal. EIM initiative is beneficial to health, and a healthy nation can be built by its people doing physical exercises.

If people are healthy, there will only a few patients in the hospitals and quality health care from the doctors and nurses can also be received as they would

have to take care of a few patients.

The aim of the conference held with the theme "Brighter Future of Myanmar Sports through Sports Sciences and Sports Medicines" is to become Myanmar sports community drug-free and stand with dignity, and conduct

health care activities with Exercise is Medicine (EIM) programme.

Afterwards, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Pyo Min Thein delivered an opening speech, and expressed his hope that Myanmar stands with dignity in the world, developing sports science

and sports medicine after the conference.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Lay Sein detailed the beginning and condition of sports science in Myanmar, and the role of sports medicine.

The conference was then opened by UPC Chairman Dr Tin Myo Win, Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thien, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Lay Sein, Permanent Secretary Dr Thet Khian Win, Director-General U Myo Hlaing, Dr Ye Tint Lwin and international scholars who will deliver addresses the event.

UPC Chairman Dr Tin Myo Win, Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thien and party also observed the sports medicine booths displayed at the conference. In the second session, 14 academics from six countries delivered the speeches on sports science and sports medicines.—MNA (Translated by Kyau Zin Tun)