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Dear Readers,

Welcome to a new edition of our newsletter.

1. Primer on criminal procedure in Myanmar

We uploaded a <u>primer on criminal procedure in Myanmar</u> and the <u>deck of slides</u> from our seminar on this topic that we held on 22 August 2024.

2. Reports about the establishment of "counter-terrorism units"

Reports (not officially confirmed) have emerged about the establishment of a centralised, hierarchical structure with armed and combat-trained "ward and village level public security and counter-terrorism units" at the bottom in which, again according to reports that have not been officially confirmed, all men from 35-65 years of age must participate. Please contact us directly for details and updates.

3. PV passport issues (update)

As an update to a recent <u>announcement</u> by the Ministry of Labour under the State Administration Council ("**SAC**") implying that PV passport holders will be prevented from leaving Myanmar if they have an employment visa from the country of destination in their passport, pro-SAC One News reports that PV passport holders may travel abroad on the following conditions:

CONVENIENCE TRANSLATION - ACCURACY NOT GUARANTEED

Some PV passport holders are said to be turned back for lack of complete information

Sales offices for domestic/foreign flight tickets report that some PV passport holders travelling abroad were prevented from leaving the country for lack of complete information. They said that there was no ban on travelling abroad but that some young people holding PV passports were turned back when trying to leave due to information being incomplete.

An official from a sales office for domestic/foreign flight tickets said that those wishing to go abroad with a PV passport need a return flight ticket to the country of destination,



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show about USD 700 and have a booking for the hotel where they will stay. In addition, he said that reports according to which those who want to leave with a PV passport are only allowed to go abroad if they have a sponsor are not true.

The Ministry of Labour also announced on 14 August that, to avoid unwanted losses if PV passport holders are checked and prevented from leaving at international airports or border gates when travelling with an employment visa, those wishing to go abroad for work should apply for a PJ passport right from the beginning, register as an overseas worker with the Ministry of Labour, obtain an OWIC and go and work abroad legally.

One News Myanmar 23 August 2024

4. New Mpox health declaration cards

<u>Popular News Journal</u> on 23 August 2024 reported that travellers from abroad must fill in <u>health</u> <u>declaration cards</u> when entering Myanmar by air, sea or through border gates before going through immigration. So far, no Mpox case has been reported in Myanmar, but cases seem to have been found in Thailand and the Philippines.

We hope that you have found this information useful.

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