



# LINCOLN LEGAL SERVICES (MYANMAR) LIMITED

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**Dear Readers,**

Welcome to a new edition of our newsletter.

## **Update on the establishment of “counter-terrorism units”**

The spokesperson (“information team leader”) of the State Administration Council (“SAC”), Major General Zaw Min Tun, today gave an [interview](#) to the BBC in which he confirmed that the SAC is establishing a centralised paramilitary structure as it was “time for the people to cooperate with the SAC’s security forces” as “the NUG and PDF are marching on Nay Pyi Taw, destroying the country in the process.”

He confirmed that the target group were men aged 35 to 65 years who would be given 1 month of military training and equipped with weapons to defend their ward and village.

Other sources report that at least in some places, ward and village administrators have in the meantime summoned men aged 35 to 65 years and informed them that 10 of them would have to enlist in the respective ward or village public security and counter-terrorism unit, that they would be chosen by lottery if there were no volunteers, and that each would receive MMK 100,000 as salary during 1 month of military training and thereafter MMK 6,800 per day.

Men below the age of 35 are subject to compulsory military service according to the [National Service Law](#) which the SAC activated in February 2024.

On 16 August 2024, the SAC established a Public Security and Counter-Terrorism Central Supervisory Board chaired by the Union Minister of Border Affairs which is to establish and oversee supervisory boards at the Region and State, district and township level and to oversee the establishment and arming of ward and village level public security and counter-terrorism units.

Other duties include arranging for combat training, training in tactics and training in rescue missions to salvage supply and communication lines and evacuate casualties, arranging for sufficient food supply, involving professionals for high-tech weapons, replenishing depleted forces, and assisting wounded and fallen unit members (or their families, we suppose).

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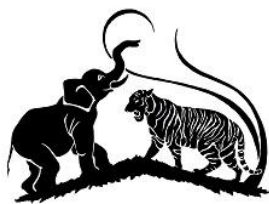
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**Establishment of the Public Security and Counter-Terrorism Central Supervisory Board**

1. The Public Security and Counter-Terrorism Central Supervisory Board has been established with the following persons:
  - (a) Union Minister  
Ministry of Border Affairs Chairman
  - (b) Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Defence Vice Chairman 1
  - (c) Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Home Affairs Vice Chairman 2
  - (d) Joint Chief of Staff  
Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Member
  - (e) Joint Assistant Chief of Staff  
Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Member
  - (f) Deputy Commanders  
All Regional Military Commands Member
  - (g) Ministers of Security and Border Affairs  
All Regions and States Member
  - (h) Chief of Police  
Myanmar Police Force, Ministry of Home Affairs Member
  - (i) Commander  
Myanmar War Veterans Organization Member
  - (j) Commander (Colonel) Member



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| (k) | Deputy Director<br>Directorate of Militia and Border Guard Forces<br>Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) | Member    |
| (l) | Deputy Director General<br>General Administration Department<br>Ministry of Home Affairs                     | Member    |
| (m) | Deputy Director General<br>Fire Department<br>Ministry of Home Affairs                                       | Member    |
| (n) | 1 person assigned by the Chairman  | Secretary |

2. The duties of the Public Security and Counter-Terrorism Central Supervisory Board are as follows:

- (a) Hierarchically establishing and supervising supervisory boards at the Nay Pyi Taw Council, Region and State, district and township level;
- (b) supervising the establishment and arming of ward and village level public security and counter-terrorism units;
- (c) formulating rules of conduct and procedures for the public security and counter-terrorism units;
- (d) providing weapons and military equipment that are suitable for ongoing battles;
- (e) preparation and planning of supply activities to ensure sufficient food supply on time;
- (f) training in tactics that are demanded by the situation to enable effective combat;
- (g) giving training to unit members in the duty of securing and defending territory



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later, in battlefield duty, and to carry out rescue missions for supply, communication and casualty evacuation in frontline operational areas;

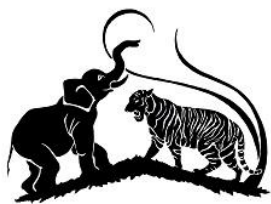
- (h) replenishment and expansion of depleted forces depending on the situation and time;
- (i) providing constant emotional fulfilment by developing and organising capacity building [*programmes*] adapted to the times;
- (j) involving professionals to handle and use military equipment with technology;
- (k) providing unit members with deferments, reductions and exemptions according to the National Service Law depending on the length of their service;
- (l) specifying the area and type of duty in line with the cantonments of the Regional Military Commands where the service is to be performed;
- (m) providing assistance to wounded unit members and those killed in battle.

By order

Aung Lin Dwe  
General  
Secretary

We hope that you have found this information useful.

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