

## The 10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Seaport Interdiction Task Force Meeting (10<sup>th</sup> ASITF)

Myanmar, through the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC), hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Seaport Interdiction Task Force Meeting (10<sup>th</sup> ASITF) videoconference on 20 January 2026. The Meeting was attended by representatives from all ASEAN Member States, the ASEAN Secretariat and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).



The meeting aimed to strengthen cooperation among ASEAN countries through the sharing of information on drug trafficking and substance issues, as well as the sharing of expertise among ASEAN member states.



The 10<sup>th</sup> ASITF Meeting was chaired by Pol. Col. Aung Kyaw Htike, Director of International Relations, the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC), Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The Meeting expressed concern over the increasing availability and diversion of precursor and non-controlled chemicals used in the production of synthetic drugs. The Meeting noted that such chemicals were often imported through legitimate channels and subsequently diverted for illicit manufacturing or smuggled through land and maritime routes. It was further highlighted that strengthening controls over precursor chemicals and addressing the challenges posed by NPS required enhanced regulatory frameworks, improved monitoring of chemical supply chains and closer cooperation among producing, transit and destination countries.

