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## Meditation centre to be used as Covid-19 quarantine site



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe visits the Dhammaduta Jetavana Monastery in Hmawbi Township, Yangon, which has allowed its facilities to be used as a quarantine site. **PHOTO: MNA**

**T**HE Dhammaduta Jetavana Monastery in Hmawbi Township, Yangon, has allowed its facilities to be used as a quarantine site.

Dhammaduta Dr Ashin Cekinda, the presiding monk of the monastery, offered his meditation retreat to accommodate Myanmar citizens

who will return from foreign countries and territories with the outbreak of Covid-19 and those who have no symptoms despite their close contact with the infected patients.

Union Minister for Health and Sports visited the monastery on the outskirts of Yangon to inspect the preparations for

quarantine which will be supervised by an officer and a healthcare team.

The facility could accommodate about 400 quarantined persons, starting yesterday afternoon.

The Union Minister said his office has allocated budget for anti-Covid-19 measures at

the Public Health and Medical Service Department of Yangon Region, the Waibargi Special Hospital and the South Okkalapa Maternal and Child Hospital, while the delegation of authority has been given to local health authorities. — MNA

*(Translated by Aung Khin)*

### MoHS recommends self-quarantine to migrant returnees from Thailand

**U**NION Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe raised his concern about the risk of Covid-19 in the country due to the influx of Myanmar migrant workers from Thailand.

During a coordination meeting 30/2020 of the pandemic prevention central committee in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, the Union Minister suggested those returnees need to put themselves in self-quarantine as it is not possible for facility quarantine to a large number of people at the same time.

He also advised them to stay at their homes for 14 days to prevent spread of the viral disease among their communities and to report respective healthcare centers every day during this period.

The ministry has also discussed with some hoteliers to use their property as quarantine facilities.

Health authorities are now conducting surveillance and control measures led by senior officials of the ministry in Mandalay region and at border gates.

Foreign staff and their families of the UN, its agencies and foreign missions in Myanmar will only be allowed to stay at their residences.

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# Chaungtha to get shelter-cum-school soon



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye provides cash assistance for construction of a shelter-cum-school in Chaungtha yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

A ceremony to provide cash assistance for construction of a shelter-cum-school in Chaungtha was held at the meeting hall of the Ayeyawady Region government in Patheingyi yesterday.

The construction of the shelter-cum-school in Chaungtha was funded by the committee.

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye, in his capacity as the Vice Chairman of the National Natural Disaster Management Committee, has called for stepping up preparedness against natural disasters as the rainy season is approaching.

The COVID-19 is deemed to spread easily during the rainy season. Therefore, individual precautionary measures for preventing the spread of the coro-

navirus should be practiced, said Dr Win Myat Aye.

Natural disasters including strong wind, storm, and flood are occurring across the world due to climate change. If natural disasters occur, safety of the people is of vital importance, the Union Minister added.

The National Natural Disaster Management Committee chose the most needed places across the country for the safety of people, and has built shelters with the use of K 29 billion since 2016. So far a total of 233 buildings had been constructed.

The new building can be used as a school, as a cyclone shelter, or as a venue for community-based activities he added.

He also urged the local peo-

ple to cooperate in using the building effectively and maintaining it for the long-term as the building was constructed with the people's budgets managed by the government.

Locals and officials accepted the K 267.525 million cash provided by the Union Minister and party.

On behalf of the people in Chaungtha, a local resident expressed thanks to the government for cash assistance.

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye, Ayeyawady Region government's social affair minister and officials, and local people attended the event.—MNA

*(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)*

## News release on monitoring of COVID-19 (8 pm, 22-3-2020)

1. The Ministry of Health and Sports has been conducting monitoring activities on the COVID-19 acute respiratory disease, which had spread throughout China and some countries around the world, at international entry-exit checkpoints, hospital-based, community-based and in cooperation with private hospitals.

2. There were five new patients who are being monitored for COVID-19 disease as of 12 pm of 22-3-2020 from 12 pm of 20-3-2020.

3. As of 6 p.m. on 22-3-2020, 16 patients were being monitored for the COVID-19 at hospitals.

4. The report on lab results from the National Health Laboratory (NHL) (Yangon) will be separately released.

5. There are no COVID-19 patients as of 22-3-2020, but monitoring activities are being conducted with full momentum. COVID-19 spread across China and 185 countries across the world including our neighboring countries. The public is urged to adhere to the disease protection health information published by the Ministry of Health and Sports.—MoHS *(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)*

## Anti-Covid-19 measures stepped up in industrial zones

OFFICIALS from the Social Security Board under the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population held a meeting with responsible persons from industrial zones on 21 March to promote awareness measures against Covid-19 at the factories and workshops.

The discussion took place at the meeting hall of Industrial Zone Management Committee in Hlathay Township, Yangon.

Deputy Director-General U Tin Ko Ko from the Social Security Board introduced the

awareness programme for employers and employees of factories and workshops across the country.

He also explained the programme will be first implemented in Hlathay and Shwelinpan industrial zones and training for staff members from township offices of Social Security Board and its medical workers and doctors affiliated with the board.

The management of industrial zones also discussed their plans on implementation of programme.—Min Thit (MNA)

## CMP businesses import raw materials worth \$1 bln as of 13 March

IMPORTS of raw materials by CMP businesses have been valued at US\$1.028 billion between 1 October and 13 March in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, an increase of \$39 million compared with the year-ago period, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The majority of the CMP enterprises import raw materials, mainly from China. These businesses have faced shortages of raw materials starting from February-end, owing to the current negative impact of the corona virus.

At present, some CMP garment factories have shut down on the reason for the lack of raw materials due to the COVID-19 negative impacts, leaving thou-

sands of workers unemployed. Even worse, some foreign entrepreneurs are also running away from their businesses. Those factories without official notification of closure will be inspected by a ground field inspection team. And, the factory operators can face legal actions under the Myanmar Investment Law (MIL) if they fail to comply with notification requirements for the closure of factories, said U Thant Sin Lwin, director-general of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The labour-intensive enterprises are badly battered by the Covid-19, he added.

To deal with the shortage

of raw materials for the CMP garment factories in Myanmar, the Ministry of Commerce, the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association and the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar, the China Enterprise Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar (CECCM) have been jointly importing raw materials through border trade channels and airlines.

About 50 trucks loaded with CMP raw materials are daily entering the country through Muse checkpoint. A cargo plane of raw materials from China's Quanzhou city arrived in Myanmar on 17 March. These are part of the emergency supplies to 11 factories, said U Min Min, director-general of the Trade De-

partment with the Commerce Ministry.

Myanmar's manufacturing sector is largely concentrated in garment and textiles produced on the cutting, making, and packaging (CMP) basis, and it contributes to the country's GDP, to a certain extent.

The CMP industry has emerged as very promising in the export sector. The value of CMP exports was just \$850 million in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, but it tripled within two years to reach \$2.5 billion in the 2017-2018FY. During the last fiscal year, incomes from garment exports were over \$1 billion higher than the previous fiscal year, according to the Ministry's data.

Since an outbreak like Covid-19 might happen in the future it is necessary to prepare for a sufficient supply of raw materials. The public and private sectors will cooperate in setting up the supply chain on our own sources, including weaving, knitting, dyeing, and sewing factories.

Japan is the largest market for Myanmar apparel, followed by the European Union.

The MGMA has more than 500 members, and garment factories in Myanmar, employing more than 500,000 workers. Investors prefer to invest in countries with inexpensive labor, such as Myanmar.—GNLM

*(Translated by EMM)*

# "People are the key"

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The Union Minister pointed out the increase in global death rate of this disease from 2.1 to 4.2 per cent, and Myanmar is preparing for medical treatments and accumulating medicines and medical equipment.

The ministry will also set up commanding centres in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and border gates, commencing 23 March, equipped with modern technologies and devices for the 24-hour services of healthcare teams.

He advised the use of hand speakers by local health workers and authorities in the remote areas with no access to broadcast media and internet.

The ministry is preparing to issue Covid-19 negative cer-

tificates to staff members of embassies and UN agencies. The rates for both infection and death are increasing in the world, from the United States of America and the European countries to the neighbouring countries of Myanmar, causing alarms to promote awareness campaigns and control measures against the disease. The meeting also discussed updates on the disease, imposing bans on arrival of foreign visitors, restrictions on travels, international trial treatments, field inspections at Myawady border town in Kayin State, purchase of personal protection equipment, accumulation of medicines and medical devices, as well as laboratory tests. —MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe addresses the coordination meeting 30/2020 of the pandemic prevention central committee in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

## MoLIP to extend social security scheme for job losers amid Coronavirus threat

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population will extend the social health protection for the labourers who purchased health insurance and lost their jobs amid Covid-19.

The one-year extension plan was announced by the order number 64/2020 on 20 March.

Many businesses, including the cut-make-packing system factories, in the country were forced to close, suspend and lay off their workers amid the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic.

In accordance with the Article 100 of Social Security Law (2012), the lay-off workers could enjoy health care benefits, including the costs for medicines and travel charges, up to one year beginning the day of unemployment, and the order has taken effect on 20 March. — Khin Yadana (Translated by Aung Khin)

## Myanmar-India border reopened with thorough medical tests

A border bridge between Rikhawdar of Chin State and Mizoram state of India was recently reopened after it was closed earlier this month.

Authorities from both sides decided closure of the order although there was no confirmed Covid-19 case in Myanmar.

Although the border bridge was reopened, people from both countries are allowed for crossing it with border passes and temporary border passes only they have no symptoms of the viral disease. India is still closing

other cross-border gates with Myanmar, except the route of Rikhawdar bridge. Even the holders of border crossing special permits could not opt for other routes. Officials from Zokhawthar check point are taking records on the visitors with their names, addresses and phone numbers. Health authorities are testing the health conditions of people crossing the border, and a special room has been set up at the Rikhawdar station hospital. —Zo Hay Sar

(Translated by Aung Khin)

## Tatmadaw holds press conference on drug seizures, ceasefire, Covid-19

THE Tatmadaw True News Team held a press conference at the Defence Services Museum in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Chairperson of the team Maj-Gen Soe Naing Oo, Vice Chairperson Maj-Gen Tun Tun Nyi, Secretary Brig-Gen Zaw Min Tun and officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) clarified confiscations of arms and ammunitions from 28 February to 16 March near Lwal Kham

village in Kutkai Township, about K 315 billion worth of narcotic drugs and related items, peace-making efforts in 2020, and thwarting AA groups in their attempts to control a military post in Rakhine over 40 days.

The press releasing team also said the efforts of Tatmadaw in preventing Covid-19 at respective military commands, donation of medical equipment by the Myanmar Tatmadaw to

China, plans for coordination between the Defence Services and the civil health sector, distribution of chloroquine medicines which are supportive to treatment on the Coronavirus disease and sanitation works of Tatmadaw personnel at hospitals and healthcare centres in many areas of the country. — MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Tatmadaw True News Team holds the press conference in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

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## Awareness campaigns for COVID-19 conducted at philanthropic centres in Nay Pyi Taw



Deputy Minister U Soe Aung visits the awareness campaign for COVID-19 at the philanthropic centre in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**

DEPUTY Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung led an

awareness campaign for the COVID-19 at the two philanthropic centres under the

management of a monastery and a nunnery in Pubba Thiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw

yesterday.

The centres were registered at the Department of Social Welfare.

The deputy minister explained the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic in 177 countries and territories, and advised to follow instructions of Ministry of Health and Sports as the centres are accommodating children and exposed to the visiting donors.

He also asked for washing hands or using hand sanitizers with at least 60 per cent alcohol content.

Dr San San Aye, the Director-General of Social Welfare Department, and officials demonstrated washing hands.

The deputy minister and party donated offertories to the monks and nuns, as well as eggs, soybean milks and soaps to the children and nuns.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

## Govt extends social security payments deadline to 3 months

THE Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population issued an order (No. 63/2020) dated 20 March extending the deadline for social security payments from 15 days to three months in accordance with the Article 100 of Social Security Law (2012).

The purpose of the dead-

line extension is to help businesses affected by the COVID-19 outbreak.

Regarding business conditions and changing social needs amid COVID-19 pandemic, the ministry extended the deadline for social security payments from employers and employees to the government

in accordance with the Paragraph No.64 of Law No.18.

According to the ministry's announcement, social security payments, which were previously paid within 15 days of respective month-end, now can be paid within three months of respective month-end. The government

is not only paying loans, and reducing taxes, but also extending the deadlines of social security insurance payments in accordance with related laws to alleviate the difficulties of businesses amid COVID-19 crisis. — KhinYadana

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

## Police seizes illegal drugs in three townships

POLICE confiscated narcotic drugs in Waingmaw, Loilem and Kyaukme townships on 21 March, according to Myanmar Police Force.

Law enforcement officers in Waingmaw searched Ma Nan Lwan (a) Ma Yu (a) Hnin Yu Soe, Ma Mya Nanda Aung and Ma May Zin Tun near the Phayagone of Ma Khaw Yan Village in Maingna Village-tract in Waingmaw Township, and found 0.198 kg of heroin, 1,900 stimulant tablets, and a mobile phone.

They also searched the hut of Ma Nan Lwan (a) Ma Yu (a) Hnin Yu Soe, and Ma May Zin Tun at Ma Khaw Yan Village in

Maingna Village-tract in Waingmaw Township, and seized additional 3,360 stimulant tablets, and 0.0243 kg of heroin.

Police from Loilem intercepted the Royal Salon Crown car driven by Sai Myint Soe (a) Sai Naung on Maingpon-Taunggyi road, and confiscated K 150 million worth of 150,000 stimulant tablets, and two mobile phones.

An anti-narcotic squad from Kyaukme seized 40,000 stimulant tablets, and a mobile phone while they searched the motorcycle driven by Sai Hla Tun on Muse-Mandalay road at Bu Khar Village in Nar Khaw Village-tract, Kyaukme



Ma Nan Lwan (a) Ma Yu (a) Hnin Yu Soe, Ma Mya Nanda Aung and Ma May Zin Tun seen with illegal drugs. **PHOTO: MPF**

Township.

Police filed charges against them under the Anti-narcotic

Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—GNLM (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

## Jaipur Foot Artificial Limb Fitment Camp inaugurated in Myanmar



The Jaipur Foot Artificial Limb Fitment Camp being organized in Yangon. The camp started on 19 March and ends on 10 April. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH**

THE Embassy of India in Yangon in collaboration with Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS), Jaipur, India and U Nu Daw Mya

Yi Foundation is organizing a 23-day 3rd Jaipur Foot Artificial Limb Fitment Camp in Yangon from 19 March to 10 April, 2020.

During the Camp 250 limbs would be fitted. It is worth recalling that the 1st Camp was organized in Yangon in February-March, 2017 with 331 fit-

ments, while the 2nd Camp was held during July-August, 2018 with 546 fitments.

In all the three camps including the present one the fitting of limbs would be over 1100 limbs in Myanmar.

On 21 March, 2020 the inaugural ceremony was held at the Pitakat Thonbon Nikae Monastery, South Dagon.

U Myint Thuang, Minister of Planning and Finance, Government of Yangon Region and Ambassador of India Mr Saurabh Kumar, inaugurated the Jaipur Football Artificial Limb Fitment Camp in Yangon.

A number of dignitaries, including Dr Zaw Than Htun, Director General, Department of Medical Research and Daw Than Than Nu, Chairman of U Nu Daw Mya Yi Foundation, participated at the inaugural ceremony at the Monastery.

During the inaugural ceremony, the dignitaries handed over custom-made Jaipur Foot

to amputees.

They also visited the Jaipur Foot Camp and temporary workshop at the Monastery and met with the BMVSS technical team and persons with disability who had come to get the Jaipur Foot artificial limb.

A number of economic, infrastructure development, cultural, social and humanitarian projects are also being undertaken under the broader Indian development cooperation programme in Myanmar by the Government of India.

BMVSS was established in 1975 as a non-profit organization to serve persons with disability and give them mobility and dignity.

In all, under this humanitarian project of the India-Myanmar Development Cooperation Programme, about 250 persons of Myanmar with disability will be provided with artificial limbs till the last day of Camp completely free of cost.—GNLM

## Kawthoung district intensifies COVID-19 preventive measures as migrant workers return from Thailand

KAWTHOUNG District has intensified preventive measures against COVID-19 after neighboring Thailand, found upward confirmed cases.

There is ongoing screening at the border entry points, including the jetties, highway terminals, fishery check points and Kawthoung airport.

The authorities led by Kawthoung District Administrator U Nay Oo also made tour of inspec-

tion to quarantine facilities to receive any suspected patients.

Local authorities also asked hospitals and resorts to enforce preventive measures, including offering hand sanitizers, avoiding overcrowding and following the instructions advised by the health authorities.—GNLM Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Officials check the body temperature of local people in Kawthoung to prevent from COVID-19 outbreak in Myanmar. **PHOTO: KYAW SOE (KAWTHOUNG)**



Health Team providing health care to people at the Myawady-Thai border gate. **PHOTO: HTEIN LIN AUNG (IRPD)**

## Myawady-Thai border gates closed

THE government of Thailand has closed the Thai-Myanmar friendship bridges No. 1 and No. 2 yesterday and today respectively, Kayin State Hluttaw Representative U Than Zin Aung said.

Myanmar migrant workers were returning crossing the Bridge-2 yesterday one day ahead of the closure. Local authorities and health workers and officials from Nay Pyi Taw, Hpa-an, Kawka-reik and volunteers screened the migrant workers for the COVID-19 infection at the border gates.

“Thai authorities issued the

announcement today. The number of returnees from Thailand is rising. So, we will negotiate Thai authorities to give more time to Myanmar migrant workers to leave Thailand for home,” said U Thant Zin Aung. To control the Coronavirus infection in the country, Thai government decided to close all border routes, except trucks carrying goods. But, the driver and conductor will be allowed only after they received checks for COVID-19 infection, according to Thai authorities.—Htein Lin Aung (IRPD)

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

# First French hospital doctor dies of coronavirus



FILE: Health Minister Olivier Veran said that as far as he knew the man – who died on Saturday – was the “first hospital doctor to be hit”. **PHOTO: AFP**

PARIS — France on Sunday reported its first death of a hospital doctor from coronavirus.

Health Minister Olivier Veran said that as far as he knew the man – who died on Saturday – was the “first hospital doctor to be hit”.

The accident and emergency practitioner worked at a hospital in Compiègne, north of Paris, AFP was able to confirm.

Veran refused to give any more information about the victim, saying details were being withheld for medical reasons and to respect the wishes of the doctor’s family.

Compiègne is in the Oise department, the first area in France

to be badly hit by the outbreak.

With a controversy raging about the lack of protective masks for medical staff in France, Veran said most of the medical staff who will contract the virus will be infected outside of their work.

The minister said that although protection for frontline staff was “absolutely indispensable”, there had been several cases of doctors and nurses falling ill when they were equipped with masks. The virus has so far killed 562 people in France with a further 6,172 in hospital, of whom a quarter are in a serious condition in intensive care. —AFP

## Will coronavirus slow the world’s conflicts — or intensify them?

NEW YORK — Syria, Libya, Yemen, Afghanistan, the Sahel... with the great powers focused intently on the COVID-19 virus, will armed conflicts across the world decrease in severity or intensify? Experts as well as diplomats at the United Nations say there is a serious risk of the latter.

For guerrilla fighters and extremist groups, “it’s a clear godsend,” said Bertrand Badie, a specialist in international relations at France’s Institute of Political Studies (Sciences Po).

When the “powerful become powerless,” he told AFP, one can see “the revenge of the weak over the strong.”

In recent days, some 30 Malian soldiers were killed in an attack in northern Mali blamed on jihadists, without drawing any

sharp reaction from the Security Council.

In Libya, and Syria’s Idlib region — the object of intense diplomatic attention before the coronavirus stole the spotlight — fighting continues.

Evoking the “potentially devastating impact of #Covid-19 in #Idlib and elsewhere in Syria,” the UN undersecretary-general for political affairs, Rosemary DiCarlo, called on Twitter for all parties to show restraint. “If anyone — incredibly — still needed a reason to stop the fighting there,” she added, “this is it.” Martin Griffiths, the UN special envoy for Yemen, issued a similar plea: “At a time when the world is struggling to fight a pandemic, the focus of the parties must shift away from fighting one another to ensuring

that the population will not face even graver risks.”

Up to now, these countries have not been afflicted by Covid-19 on the scale seen in China, South Korea or Europe. But the virus carries the potential, once it reaches into poor and conflict-ridden countries, of having a devastating impact.

In the absence of concerted assistance from abroad, the UN fears “millions” could die.

The pandemic will not necessarily favor any particular group of belligerents, one diplomat noted, because the ravaging disease has been “uncontrollable.” “The pandemic could lead to a worsening of conflicts, with the risk of exacerbating the humanitarian situation and population movements,” he said. — AFP

## Bars closed? House parties and happy hours move online



A closed restaurant and wine bar is pictured on Piazza Navona in Rome on March 12, 2020, as Italy shut all stores except for pharmacies and food shops in a desperate bid to halt the spread of a coronavirus. **PHOTO: AFP**

LOS ANGELES — Coronavirus lockdown or not, Amaya Howard plans to unwind after a hard day’s work by sharing a few glasses of wine with her friends.

But with bars closing across the United States, they have started meeting online via Houseparty -- one of several group video apps doing a roaring trade during the pandemic.

“The idea came about of doing a happy hour -- we just get on the app and just drink wine and talk,” she said. “Mostly it’s about a lot of randomness, but occasionally someone will say, ‘I just can’t believe how crazy

what’s going on is.”

She is not alone. Downloads of similar apps -- where each person who logs in to a group chat appears in their own “window” on the screen of a phone, tablet or computer -- have gone through the roof.

Just this month downloads of Houseparty, which was highly popular with teens a couple of years ago, have surged tenfold to 210,000 per day, according to Apptopia.

Others such as Zoom, used mainly for remote working, and Google Hangouts, Skype and Rave have also seen upticks. —AFP



Malian fighters patrolling on the border with Mauritania on January 22, 2020. **PHOTO: AFP**

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# Domestic oil prices extending its drop on weak global cues

DOMESTIC oil prices have continued sliding on the back of falling prices in the global markets amid COVID-19 concerns.

“Domestic oil prices have been on the decline since 10 January 2020 owing to a fall in global oil prices. At present, the prices showed a sharp drop” said traders.

On 8 January 2020, oil prices were pegged at around K905 per liter for Octane 92, K995 for Octane 95, and K985 for diesel and premium diesel. On 22 March 2020, the price of Octane 92 drastically fell to K399-470, Octane 95 to K540-600, diesel to K530-570, and premium diesel to K540-580 per liter, according to the domestic oil market.

Meanwhile, in the global markets, oil prices remarkably dipped to US\$29 per barrel for Brent oil and \$22.63 per barrel for WTI crude oil.

On 10 October, 2018, due

to an increase in global crude oil prices and the weakening of the Kyat against the US dollar, oil prices had touched a high of K1,065 per liter for Octane 92, K1,115 for Octane 95, K1,085 for diesel, and K1,105 for premium diesel.

Ninety per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally.

Myanmar has imported about one million tons of diesel and petrol worth nearly \$600 million over the past two months of the current fiscal year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar mostly imports fuel oil from Singapore, with monthly volumes touching 200,000 tons of gasoline and 400,000 tons of diesel. There are 2,000 fuel stations and 50 oil importer companies in Myanmar.—Ko Htet

(Translated by EMM)

# Myanmar’s fishery exports cross \$449 mln in 2019-2020FY

EXPORT earnings from the fisheries sector during the period between 1 October and 13 March in the 2019-2020 financial year reached US\$449.669 million, an increase of \$56 million from the year-ago period, according to statistics released by the Commerce Ministry.

Myanmar exports fisheries products, such as fish, prawns, and crabs, to markets in 40 countries, including China, Saudi Arabia, the US, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, and countries in the European Union. However, Myanmar’s fishery export volume is much lower compared to neighboring countries.

The Myanmar Fisheries Federation (MFF) is making concerted efforts to increase fishery export earnings by developing fish farming lakes that meet international standards

and adopting advanced fishing techniques. The MFF plans to establish fish lakes, aqua feedstuff processing factories, cold storages, and packaging factories, in cooperation with foreign experts.

There are over 247,000 acres of fish farms and 240,000 prawn breeding farms across the country. Myanmar exported 340,000 tons of fishery products worth \$530 million in the 2013-2014FY, 330,000 tons worth \$480 million in the 2014-2015FY, 360,000 tons worth \$500 million in the 2015-2016FY, 430,000 tons worth \$600 million in the 2016-2017FY, 560,000 tons worth \$700 million in the 2017-2018FY, and over 580,000 tons in the 2018-2019FY, according to the Commerce Ministry.

An MFF official said the federation has requested the government to address prob-

lems faced in the export of farm-raised fish and prawns through G2G pacts and ensure smooth freight movement between countries to bolster exports.

Myanmar has been negotiating with China to export more fishery products through G to G pact. More than 110 Myanmar companies have been allowed to export 101 items of fishery products to China.

According to the MFF, integrated poultry and fish farming cannot ensure food safety, which is a prerequisite for export. Therefore, the federation has asked for the formulation of a law to restrict that kind of mixed farming. Fish farming must be conducted as a large-scale project to gain access to Project Bank loans, according to the federation.—GNLM

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## CARRIER OPPORTUNITIES

The Shin Rai International Vocational Institute (SRIVI) is currently looking for candidates who want to be trained in Finland and can work for SRIVI.

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**Potential Syllabus & Subjects:**

1. Agriculture and Livestock.
2. Health Care Support.
3. Industrial Technical Support.
4. Construction.
5. Heavy Machinery Operation.
6. Basic Mining Engineering.
7. Automobile Repairing.
8. Supply Chain and Warehouse Management.
9. Security Management.
10. Basic Lapidary.
11. Basic IT Support.
12. Tourism and Hospitality.
13. English Language Proficiency.

**Qualification & Experience**

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**Applications close** : 10 April 2020 11:55 PM

We regret that only shortlisted candidates will be notified, and no telephone call will be entertained.

# Workers left unemployed by factories entitled to social security benefits by 2012 Social Security Law

THE consequences of the global Coronavirus pandemic have forced some CMP (Cut-Make-Pack) garment factories with large numbers of labourers, as well as hotel and tourism businesses and other SMEs, to lay off employees, reduce working hours or even shut down.

Those workers who continue to be employed by factories, which are registered in accordance with the 2012 Social Security Law, are entitled to enjoy their social security benefits.

The workers in the CMP and SME sectors understand that this is a nationwide concern and global crisis, and we all have to prepare for the worst.

The law guarantees that unemployed workers receive medical care benefits, including costs of medicines and travel allowances, for one year from the day they lost their jobs. The day they can take advantage of the benefits takes effect on 20 March, 2020, according to the announcement of the Labour Department.

Also, in attempts to reduce the negative repercussions from the outbreak, the government has extended the duration for contributing social security fees for employers and employees to three months after the set date, instead of 15 days.

After evaluating the impact of the pandemic on the country's businesses, the

government has also reduced tax and interest rates so that people will not suffer, and to help in preventing unemployment, to continue operating factories and to have the smallest impact on the nation's economy.

Loans with minimum interest rates and tax exemption plans will be arranged for the most vulnerable businesses in the CMP sector, along with hotels, tourism and SMEs who have been harmed by the COVID-19 outbreak. Additionally, the two per cent advance tax on export items will be exempted until the end of this financial year.

The workers in the CMP and SME sectors understand that this is a nationwide concern and global crisis, and we all have to prepare for the worst.

Still, there is no confirmed case in our country, and if the COVID 19 situation, impacting the nation's health, economic and social conditions, is handled well, our country can overcome the crisis.

Myanmar survived many hardships through collaborative efforts between the government and the people.

Again, we are confident that the people are the key to preventing and controlling the disease, and all are urged to strictly follow instructions issued by the health authorities.

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THE date of the establishment of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) on 23 March 1950 has been named World Meteorological Day. This organization announces a slogan for World Meteorological Day every year, and this day is celebrated in all member countries.

World Water Day which falls on 22 March 2020 and World Meteorological Day would be commemorated at the World Meteorological Organization headquartered at Geneva.

The WMO is a specialized agency of the United Nations whose mandate covers weather, climate and water resources. The UN's scientific voice on the state and behavior each year, and celebrated the event.

The theme of the WMD for 2020 is "Climate and Water", which will align with the topic of World Water Day 2020, focusing on climate change and water. The theme which is chosen for World Meteorological Day reflects the issue of tropical weather, climate, and water.

### Weather Condition

Today's world is experiencing challenges such as the need for clean drinking water, threat of flooding and menace of droughts. The month of February in 2020 was recorded with global warming of 0 point 08 degree centigrade higher than the February average for 1981-2010, according to the statement issued on 5 March 2020.

February 2020 was more than 3 point 9 degree centigrade warmer than the February average for 1981-2010 in Europe. It was recorded as the second warmest February.

In Southeast Asian countries, the month February 2020 was recorded as warmer than the average. All the records were found to be warmer than the previous average of warming.

Warming of the earth is compounded with the hazards of lesser rains resulting with the extreme droughts, making prolonged period of abnormally low rainfall, leading to a shortage of water on the planet.

Along with the droughts, the conditions bring in lack of foods and poor health status leaving the people into poverty with the mismanagement of land use bracing

the brunt of famine.

Droughts bring in the catastrophes totaling US\$ six to eight billions each year, in addition of loss of lives. The worst conditions were the natural disasters.

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and Global Water Partnership (GWP) are increasing their long-standing cooperation to strengthen water resource management at a time when climate change, population shifts and environmental degradation are leading to more stress

Tayawaddy, Hmawbi, Maubin, Bassein, Myaungmya, Tanbyu-zayat, Dawei, Myeik, and Kawthaung. These areas suffered severe droughts hitting hard in Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions.

With the backdrops of world catastrophes, Myanmar is needed to cope with the changing weather patterns, in the areas of climate endurance, strategies, and main program for 2018-2030.

### Water Resources

In 2050, the world population

## Myanmar has made progress on disaster risk management (DRM) and has established institutions and programmes to strengthen disaster resilience.

on water supplies and more water-related hazards.

The two organizations signed a Framework Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on strategic collaboration to achieve the objectives of Integrated Water Resources Management. It was signed on 6 June 2019 during a special Hydrological Assembly during the World Meteorological Congress.

In partnership, the two organizations are implementing such as that of regional droughts managements, that of early warning system, that of evaluation of social and environmental impacts, that of providing training courses, that of imparting training to be alert to face droughts, that of advance preparation to be ready to cooperate.

In citing some references, the theme on the meteorological drought has been carried out during rainy season of May to September in 2019. The campaign covered Myitkyina, Bamo, Putao, Mindut, Haka, Hpalam, Khamti, Hommalin, Katha, Mawleik, Kalayya, Kalay, Tamu, Minkin, Shwebo, Monywa, Sagaing, Kyaemon, Mandalay, Meiktila, Nyaung Oo, Myingyan, Mogok, Lun Kyaw, Hlaing Tet, Pyinmana, Lashio, Hsi-baw, Kyaukmai, Kengtung, Mai Suk, Pakokku, Chauk, Minbu, Magway, Sittwe, Kyaukphyu, Sandoway, Gwa, Toungoo, Bago,

is expected to hit 9 point 7 billion. With the rising population, it is vital to consider food security and clean water sufficiency, which is the main target for mankind. Water usage would be higher for 20 to 30 per cent for compared to current use, and that two billion people would face water crisis.

### Leaving no one behind

Water use has been increasing worldwide by about 1% per year since the 1980s, driven by a combination of population growth, socio-economic development and changing consumption patterns.

Global water demand is expected to continue increasing at a similar rate until 2050, accounting for an increase of 20 % to 30% above the current level of water use, mainly due to rising demand in the industrial and domestic sectors. Over 2 billion people live in countries experiencing high water stress, and about 4 billion people experience severe water scarcity during at least one month of the year.

Stress levels will continue to increase as demand for water grows and the effects of climate change intensify.

The United Nations World Water Development Report mentioned that it would "Leaving no one behind", being launched on 19 March 2019 during the 40th

session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC).

The event took place in conjunction with the World Water Day, which demonstrates how improvements in water resources management and access to water supply and sanitation services. They are essential to addressing various social and economic inequities, such that "no one is left behind" when it comes to enjoying the multiple benefits and opportunities that water provides.

Safe drinking water and sanitation are recognized as basic human rights, as they are indispensable to sustaining healthy livelihoods and fundamental in maintaining the dignity of all human beings.

The impacts of climate change on human health on this planet are predicted to be unfavorable, varied, and disproportionately affect the most vulnerable population groups who are most exposed and least able to adapt. Likely impacts in many countries include those associated with extreme weather events and natural disasters, lack of sufficient quantities and quality of freshwater, impacts of compromised food security, and increased incidence of communicable diseases.

Thanks to South West Monsoon, Myanmar enjoys abundant rain falls from 70 percent to 90 percent, fulfilling water resources in the country.

### Government Priorities

Myanmar has made progress on disaster risk management (DRM) and has established institutions and programmes to strengthen disaster resilience. In 2013, the government enacted the Natural Disaster Management Law, with supporting disaster management rules issued in 2015.

In 2016, the National Natural Disaster Management Committee was formed by the Government. Its main functions include formulating policy and guidelines for mobilizing internal resources during disasters; outlining policy for coordination when international assistance is needed; assisting in managing state budget and state-owned resources to places in need; and issuing orders and notification to ensure effective management during and after disasters.

The Myanmar Action Plan on

Disaster Risk Reduction 2009-15 had successfully provided an institutional framework for DRM in the country. On the policy side, in 2012, the government released a National Adaptation Program for Action, with an aim to analyze past and expected impacts of climate change in Myanmar and to identify priority actions for adaptation. Additionally, earthquake resilience is an integral part of a new Myanmar National Building Code.

Never the less, Myanmar is exposed to a range of natural hazards, including cyclones, earthquakes, floods, landslides, tsunamis, and volcanoes. These hazards are accompanied by high economic and social costs, with a significant impact on the poor and most vulnerable.

Relevant Ministries, Departments, and organizations across the country, including states and regions, are working hands in hands in facing and redressing natural disasters.

Department of Meteorology

### Natural Disasters

Manmade climate change has an effect on weather conditions. El Nino and El Nina have an extreme negative effect on water resources. When the heat rises on this planet, then extreme weather patterns prevails, resulting in natural disasters.

Through the identification of bad weather conditions, and by advanced preparation, loss of lives and properties could be avoided.

A disaster can be defined as an event that occurs in most cases suddenly and unexpectedly, causing severe disturbances to people or objects affected by it, and resulting in loss of life and harm to the health of the population, the destruction or loss of community property, and/or severe damage to the environment.

Disasters may be explosions, earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, tornados, or fires. In a disaster, one faces the danger of death or physical injury. One may also lose home, possessions, and com-

## Climate change and water resources management through short term and long term cooperation, the DMH is stepping ahead in full gear.

and Hydrology (DMH) is under the administrative control of the Ministry of Transport. The main works performed by DMH are routine observation and analysis of meteorological phenomena, and providing weather and climate information for the general public. These are the most important works for mitigation and prevention of natural disasters.

### Brief History

DMH transferred to Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs from the Ministry of Transport and Communication on 3 February 1992. On 20 August 1999, DMH transferred to the Ministry of Transport.

International Cooperation DMH is being accomplished his works in cooperation with many International Organizations.

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Sunday 22nd March, 2020)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy over the North Bay and a few cloud over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 23rd March, 2020: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, (Northern and Eastern)Shan, Chin and Northern Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4-7) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of rain or thundershowers in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin, Shan and Chin States.

FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 23rd March, 2020: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 23rd March, 2020: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 23rd March, 2020: Partly cloudy.

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special. The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform.



# Asia steps up virus efforts as second wave of infections strikes

HONG KONG — From Australia's Bondi Beach to the streets of New Delhi, authorities across Asia ramped up efforts this weekend to stem the coronavirus amid fears of a second wave of infections in places where outbreaks had appeared under control.

Tighter travel restrictions were imposed in several countries while Malaysia deployed its army to enforce a lockdown as the number of cases in the region soared past 95,000 — a third of the world's infections, an AFP tally shows.

Outside China — where the virus was first detected in December and infected more than 80,000 people — South Korea is the hardest-hit country in Asia

with over 8,500 cases.

While the number of infections in China has been falling for weeks, other countries are seeing the toll gather pace as the highly contagious virus takes hold.

Cases rose by roughly a third in Thailand overnight to nearly 600, fueling scepticism about claims in neighbouring Myanmar and Laos of zero infections.

Three doctors treating virus patients in Indonesia died, taking the country's death toll to 48 with 514 confirmed infections.

Most cases are in the capital of Jakarta where businesses have been ordered to close for two weeks.

After shutting its borders



South Korea has been hard hit by the virus. PHOTO: AFP

to foreigners and non-residents, Australia has told citizens to cancel their domestic travel plans too as the number of cases topped 1,300.

Bondi Beach and several other popular swimming spots were shut to the public after crowds of sunbathers defied a ban on large outdoor gather-

ings. Pubs, casinos, cinemas and places of worship will be shuttered for up to six months from Monday.—AFP

## China embarks on clinical trial for virus vaccine

BEIJING — China has started the first phase of a clinical trial for a novel coronavirus vaccine, records show, as the world's scientists race to find a way to combat the deadly pathogen.

It comes after US health officials said last week they had started a trial to evaluate a possible vaccine in Seattle.

The Chinese effort began on March 16 — the same day as the US announcement — and is expected to continue until the end of the year, according to a filing in the country's Clinical Trial Registry, dated March 17.

"Volunteers of the COVID-19 phase one trial have already started receiving the vaccine," a staff member involved in the government-funded project told AFP on Sunday.

The 108 participants, aged between 18 and 60, will be tested in three groups and given different dosages. They are all residents of the central city of Wuhan — where the new coronavirus first emerged late last year.

As the COVID-19 pandemic rages and governments step up protection measures, pharmaceutical companies and re-



The study in China -- its first clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine -- involves a sample of 108 people. PHOTO: AFP

search labs around the world are working at full tilt.

There are currently no approved vaccines or medication for the new disease, which has killed more than 13,000 people worldwide so far.

The vaccine trial announcements come amid an escalating feud between the US and China over the pandemic, with President Donald Trump enraging Beijing by speaking of the "Chinese virus".

China's nationalistic Global Times published an opinion piece last week noting "the development of a vaccine is a battle that China cannot afford

to lose".

But the quest is expected to take time — the US candidate vaccine may take another year to 18 months before becoming available.

An antiviral treatment called remdesivir, made by US-based Gilead Sciences, is already in the final stages of clinical trials in Asia and doctors in China have reported it has proven effective in fighting the disease.

But only randomised trials will allow scientists to know for sure if it really helps or whether patients would have recovered without it.—AFP

## Maoist rebels gun down 17 Indian police

RAIPUR—Hundreds of Maoist rebels gunned down 17 Indian security forces in one of the deadliest ambushes in recent years by the militants, a police spokesman said. More than 300 armed rebels took part in the attack on a police commando patrol in the jungles of Sukma district of Chhattisgarh state in central India, police superintendent Shalab Sinha told AFP.

Large numbers of reinforcements were sent to the district on Sunday.

"We have recovered 17 bodies and another 15 police are being treated for injuries," he said.

"We believe the ambush was carried out by between 300 and 350 attackers."

Other officials said four Maoists were killed in the battle

on Saturday.

The toll was the worst for Indian security forces battling the extreme left-wing guerillas since April, 2017 when 25 police commandos were killed in an attack in the same district.

Sixteen commandos were also killed in a bomb attack in the western state of Maharashtra before India's election last year that was blamed on the Maoists.

The militants, who say they are fighting for rural people and the poor, have been fighting government forces across Jharkhand, West Bengal, Orissa, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and other states since the 1960s.

Thousands have been killed in the fighting. — AFP



There are large numbers of Indian troops fighting Maoist rebels in central India. PHOTO: AFP

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## Powerful quake damages buildings in Croatia capital

ZAGREB — A 5.3-magnitude earthquake tore down chunks of buildings in Zagreb and left a teenager in critical condition on Sunday, state media reported, as authorities warned residents not



'The last thing we need with the coronavirus'. PHOTO: AFP

to gather together and further spread the coronavirus.

The quake, the most powerful to strike the Croatia capital in nearly 140 years according to Prime Minister Andrej Plenkovic, jolted the city at around 6:00 am local time (0500 GMT), sending panicked residents running out onto streets, according to an AFP journalist.

The tremors snapped the spire of an iconic cathedral in Zagreb's old centre and knocked down slabs of buildings that crushed parked cars under piles of bricks.

Amid the confusion, a 15-year-old boy was initially reported dead but Zagreb's hospital director later said the victim

was a girl who remained in critical condition, state-run HINA agency reported.

Meanwhile, authorities urged citizens not to gather in groups outside to avoid further spreading of the new coronavirus.

Croatia has detected more than 200 infections.

"Keep your distance. Don't gather together. We are facing two serious crises, the earthquake and the epidemic," said Interior Minister Davor Bozovic.

Standing in a park in front of his Zagreb apartment building, 50-year-old resident Neven Horvat said he was jolted awake by the powerful tremors.—AFP

## NEWS In BRIEF

### Russia Registers 61 New COVID-19 Cases in 6 Regions, Total Toll Reaches 367

MOSCOW — Russia registered 61 new cases of the coronavirus in six regions over the past 24 hours, which brings the total toll of those infected to 367, the country's coronavirus response center said on Sunday.

"Over the past 24 hours, Russia has recorded 61 cases of the coronavirus infection in six regions," the center said, adding that Moscow registered 54 cases of the disease over the given period. Other areas that also fixed an increase in cases include the Udmurt Republic (2), the Kirov region (2), the Novgorod region (1), the Arkhangelsk region (1) and the Bryansk region (1). The center added that the spread of the coronavirus in Russia was linked with cases imported from European countries.—ANI

## Crisis-hit Venezuelans turn to homemade remedies to fight virus

CARACAS — Faced with the coronavirus pandemic on top of an economic crisis that has left shortages of medicines and medical supplies, Venezuelans are turning to homemade remedies to protect themselves.

Whether it's hot drinks infused with lemon, salt, garlic or onions, cash-strapped Venezuelans are cooking up concoctions handed down from one generation to another.

No sooner had Venezuela announced its first coronavirus cases than Dilia Zorrilla ran to the shops to buy face masks, anti-bacterial gel, alcohol and chlorine, but also onions for the hostel she runs in Guiria, a remote village in the northwest,

600 kilometers (370 miles) east of the capital Caracas.

She asked her employees to place the onions in a glass bowl at the feet of a statue of the Virgin Mary, who is particularly venerated on the Caribbean coast.

"And that is not too many," she said. Local legend has it that onions can ward off illnesses.

When new guests arrive at the hostel, which smells of onions, Zorrilla puts a drop of antiseptic gel in their hands and advises them to go out and buy gloves and face masks.

She also serves them a citric herbal tea. "You must drink it," she orders. In this remote



Before the coronavirus outbreak Venezuelans were already suffering from a lack of necessary medical supplies due to a severe economic crisis. PHOTO: AFP

area, Zorrilla feels cut off from information. Television and telephone signals are unreliable.

"Here, everything we know has come from social media," the 42-year-old told AFP.—AFP

### Sewing face masks goes viral in Europe

PRAGUE — What do prisoners, a former first lady and textile makers have in common? All have threaded their needles to combat a dire global shortage of face masks that risks the health of millions amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Just a week ago, the small Czech company Nanospace was producing bed linen using nanomembrane — a textile with a very fine web of nanofibres -- to protect allergic sleepers from mites.

But as the deadly novel coronavirus started reaping its grim toll in Europe, Nanospace workshops began churning out 10,000 nanomembrane face masks per day for two hospitals in the southern Czech Republic. The company produced the first masks within two days of a desperate call from the local city hall on March 14.

"We charge them (the hospitals) at cost price. If the hospitals collapse due to a shortage of masks, our region will be in big trouble," Nanospace sales director Jiri Kus told AFP.

The World Health Organisation recommends wearing protective masks in public, despite some experts saying masks and gloves are ineffective in preventing coronavirus infections.—AFP

## Rwanda imposes shutdown as infections jump across Africa

KIGALI — Rwanda imposed a nationwide shutdown and border controls to combat the coronavirus at the weekend in some of the strictest measures taken in

Africa, as infections spread across the continent and authorities warn healthcare systems are ill-equipped to cope.

Governments from the In-

dian Ocean nation of Mauritius to Burkina Faso on the fringes of the Sahara have banned public gatherings, shuttered schools, churches, mosques and bars and closed their airports.

Africa has lagged behind the global curve for coronavirus infections and deaths, but in the past few days has seen a significant rise in cases.

The continent has now reported more than 1,100 infections — more than 1,000 of them in sub-Saharan Africa — as the World Health Organization expresses concern that poor sanitation, urban crowding and the lack of intensive-care units, equipment and trained staff could hamper any response.

The Democratic Republic of Congo reported its first death on

Saturday, taking the sub-saharan African toll to six after Burkina Faso, Gabon and Mauritius previously reported fatalities.

But World Health Organization chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus warned that official figures being given likely did not reflect the full picture.

The figures for Africa are just a fraction of the more than 300,000 confirmed infections worldwide and the more than 13,000 dead.

Rwanda is closing its borders completely, except for goods and cargo and returning citizens, authorities said, after reporting 17 confirmed cases, the highest number in the East Africa region.

Anyone arriving in Rwanda will be subject to a 14-day quarantine at designated locations.—AFP



Secondary school students in Rwanda wash their hands at temporary hand washing point before they return home after authorities closed all boarding schools. PHOTO: AFP

# South Korea drive-in cinemas enjoy sales boom over virus fears



People can park their cars in front of a large outdoor screen. PHOTO: AFP

SEOUL — A long queue of cars forms in front of a drive-in cinema in Seoul, as South Koreans look for safer spaces to enjoy a movie without the risk of contracting the coronavirus raging across the world.

Box office numbers in South Korea -- which has 8,897 confirmed virus cases -- have plummeted in recent weeks due to the epidemic, with authorities urging the public to avoid large crowds.

But at Park Dong-ju's drive-in cinema, moviegoers can enjoy a film from the comfort of their cars, parked in front of a large outdoor screen.

"We've had a 10-20 percent increase in sales for weekdays, and sell out on weekends," Park said, adding: "We're definitely getting many more calls and internet inquiries after the coronavirus outbreak."

A website for his drive-in cinema shows a large banner that reads, "Open throughout the year", a stark contrast to some theatres worldwide forced to suspend business over virus fears.

Choi Jin-young, a 22-year-old hospital worker, said she had to wait two hours for tickets and was worried that it might sell out for the weekend.

"I wanted to enjoy culture life with my boyfriend but since cinemas are dangerous and worrying to go, I looked for a special date and that's how we came here," she said.

Park Ji-seung, 24, said he refrained from going outside due to the coronavirus outbreak, but added he felt "safe" at the drive-in cinema.

South Korean Prime Minister Chung Sye-kyun urged religious, indoor sports and entertainment facilities to suspend operations for 15 days, asking the public to work from home and refrain from going outside.—AFP

# US airlines warn of 'draconian' steps if Congress fails to help

WASHINGTON — The chief executives of the largest US airline companies asked Congress Saturday for urgent help avoiding widespread layoffs among the industry's 750,000 employees.

"Unless worker payroll protection grants are passed immediately, many of us will be forced to take draconian measures such as furloughs," the CEOs said in a letter to leaders of both houses of Congress distributed by the Airlines for America trade group.

"The breadth and immediacy of the need to act cannot be overstated," it said. "It is urgent and unprecedented."

Airlines for America represents American Airlines, United Airlines, Delta Air Lines and Southwest Airlines as

well as shippers FedEx and UPS.

"On behalf of 750,000 airline professionals and our nation's airlines, we respectfully request Congress to continue to move expeditiously to pass a bipartisan proposal that includes a combination of worker payroll protection grants, loans and loan guarantees and tax measures. Time is run-

ning out."

The signatories appeared to be trying, in part, to counter recent negative publicity over reports that in recent years the airlines, while taking in billions in profits, used stock buybacks and other measures to reward shareholders rather than putting money into workers' salaries or a rainy-day fund.—AFP ■



The pandemic has had a devastating effect on air transport in the United States and elsewhere, as several countries have imposed far-reaching travel bans. PHOTO: AFP

# MG Motor India introduces 'Disinfect and Deliver' program

NEW DELHI — In the wake of COVID-19 pandemic, MG Motor India today announced its "Disinfect and Deliver" initiative which ensures car deliveries and test drive at home to customers under a complete sanitised process.

"The staff at our dealerships is taking all necessary steps to ensure that the service workshops and showrooms are completely

sanitised. All delivery and test drive vehicles are being swabbed with disinfectant before delivery at customers' homes. The company is also taking necessary preventive measures to make a safe environment for dealership employees in order to ensure their health and well-being," the company said in a release. Speaking on the announcement, Gaurav Gupta, Chief Com-

mercial Officer, MG Motor India said, "At MG Motor India, it's a human thing to look out for each other. As a responsible organisation, we are committed to the safety and health of our customers, dealer partners, dealer staff and employees. In times like these, ensuring the well-being of people that we care about becomes paramount.".—Xinhua ■

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SINAR BINTAN VOY. NO. (668 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V SINAR BINTAN VOY. NO. (668 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23-3-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MITT/MIP where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Call for Request for Proposal (RFP) for Institutional Consultancy to provide development and operationalisation of an Integrated Social Management Information System (SMIS) for the Department of Social Welfare, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Myanmar

Reference: LRPS-2020-9156577

UNICEF invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for Institutional Consultancy to provide development and operationalisation of an Integrated Social Management Information System (SMIS) for the Department of Social Welfare/ MSWRR of Myanmar. Interested consultancy firms are invited to submit the RFP through email at the following address: [procurementyangon@unicef.org](mailto:procurementyangon@unicef.org) with the reference mentioned in subject. For more detail information and download the templates, please visit UNGM website at <https://www.ungm.org/Public/Notice/105802>

The duly filled in proposal as outlined in the RFP along with the required templates should be submitted before 3:00 pm (local time Yangon/ Myanmar) 24th April 2020. Late receipts of the proposal shall be rejected.

# Australia announces nearly \$40 billion in virus relief

CANBERRA — Australia on Sunday announced a \$38 billion spending plan to limit the economic damage from the coronavirus pandemic, as citizens were told to cancel domestic travel plans to slow the virus spread.

Treasurer Josh Frydenberg said the latest Aus\$66 billion announced Sunday brought government and central bank measures to support the economy to Aus\$189 billion — or nearly 10 percent of gross domestic product (GDP).

“These extraordinary times require extraordinary measures and we face a global challenge like we have never faced before,” he told reporters in Canberra.

“Today’s announcement will provide hope and support for millions of Australians at a time when they need it most.”

Small businesses and non-profits will receive cash subsidies of up to Aus\$100,000, unemployment payments will be temporarily doubled and

pensioners will receive Aus\$750 cash.

Workers whose income has fallen by at least 20 percent due to the coronavirus outbreak will be able to access their retirement funds early, with those facing hardship allowed to withdraw up to Aus\$20,000 over two years.

Frydenberg said the economic shock was now expected to be “deeper, wider and longer” than was believed just 10 days ago and additional measures would be required.

The country appears poised to slip into recession as a result of the coronavirus outbreak after a record 29-year run of economic growth. Australia has recorded more than 1,300 cases and seven deaths from COVID-19.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the government was also “moving immediately” to recommend against non-essential travel, warning further measures were imminent to deal with localised outbreaks.—AFP ■



Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the government was also ‘moving immediately’ to recommend against non-essential travel. PHOTO: AFP

## US coronavirus relief plan calls for \$4 trillion

WASHINGTON — An emergency coronavirus relief package that the US government is preparing for businesses devastated by the pandemic calls for \$4 trillion in aid, Treasury Secretary

Steven Mnuchin said Sunday. Under one component of the plan a “significant package working with the Federal Reserve will have up to \$4 trillion of liquidity that we can use to support the

economy,” Mnuchin told “Fox News Sunday.”

America is enduring its own big slice of the world upheaval that has seen businesses shut down en masse, workers laid off overnight, schools close and millions of people adjusting to life confined to their homes.

Under special circumstances the US central bank can go beyond its normal role of only lending to banks and provide funding for other companies, under so-called Article 13.3.

The secretary said that under “broad-based lending programs under Section 13.3, we can leverage our equity working with the Federal Reserve.”

Four trillion dollars is an extraordinary amount of money — about a quarter of US yearly GDP.

Entire sectors of the US economy have been stung by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, such as airlines and the cruise ship industry.

But so have others like hotels and much of the entertainment sector, paralyzed as millions of Americans simply stay home out of fear — or under orders — over infection with coronavirus.—AFP



Few people are seen at Times Square in Manhattan on March 16, 2020 in New York City.

PHOTO: AFP / JOHANNES EISELE

## Japan economy in crisis as virus risks growth, Olympics

TOKYO — Hit hard by the coronavirus outbreak, Japan’s economy faces its biggest challenge in more than a decade, with analysts warning of a technical recession and even the worse if this summer’s

Tokyo Olympics is cancelled.

The epidemic has also hurt the credibility of Abenomics, a policy mix adopted by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe after he took office in 2012, which the government

says has helped, together with a robust stock market, expand the economy.

But as the Bank of Japan is widely seen as running short of policy tools to further boost the economy after years of massive monetary eas-

ing, Abe is now forced to turn to state coffers for budgetary stimulus as large as the one offered in the 2008-2009 global financial crisis, even though it could deteriorate the country’s fiscal health.—Kyodo News ■

## China top economic planner approves 19 FAI projects in first 2 months

BEIJING — The National Development and Reform Commission, China’s top economic planner, approved 19 fixed-asset investment (FAI) projects with combined investment totaling 185.3 billion yuan (about 26.4 billion U.S. dollars) in the first two months of the year.

The projects are mostly related to transportation and the new

and high-tech industries, according to Meng Wei, a spokeswoman with the commission.

A new railway will be built to better link Xining, capital of the plateau province of Qinghai, with Chengdu, capital of adjacent Sichuan Province, to boost connectivity between the two regional city clusters and poverty relief efforts along the line.—Xinhua ■

## China's inflation to ease in rest of year: central bank official

BEIJING — With the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak being kept under control and market supplies improving, consumer inflation in China is likely to ease in the following quarters, a vice governor of the central bank said Sunday.

Chen Yulu, vice governor of the People’s Bank of China, told a press conference that

although the COVID-19 outbreak’s impact on consumer prices will still continue for a while, he expects the overall inflation to decline quarter by quarter as production resumes. China’s consumer price index (CPI), the main gauge of inflation, grew 5.2 percent year on year in February, slightly down from the 5.4-percent gain in January.—Xinhua ■

# Private, online and hi-tech: the coronavirus economy

HONG KONG — The coronavirus pandemic has sent stock markets into freefall and industries to the wall, however many firms enabling more private, online and tech-based living are emerging as potential winners.

As hundreds of millions of people worldwide are forced to stay in their homes and not travel abroad, the businesses that are helping them to adapt could lead to long-term changes in the economy.

“I think certain aspects

of work and organising will change for good through the current situation,” said Sally Maitlis, a professor of organisational behaviour at Oxford University’s Said Business School.

“People will discover that they can work and

communicate in ways they previously didn’t think possible, and will be forced to become more nimble with tech through having no choice to do otherwise.”

Here are comparisons of several sectors that are thriving and failing in the

pandemic:

E-commerce giants vs independent stores

Large online retailers have seen a surge in orders as self-isolating or home-working consum-

ers turn to their massive distribution and delivery networks to provide daily essentials.

Shares in US retail giants Walmart and Amazon both tumbled as markets crashed around the world on March 16.—AFP ■

Some dub this as Tawkyettaung Pagoda and Shwekyettaung Pagoda. Silver pagodas on the hill can be seen in far distance.



# Enjoy the nature in **Demawhso, Kayah Land**

By Thiha, the Traveller @ Thiha Lulin

**D**EMAWHISO is a few minutes' drive from Loikaw in Kayah State. It is abundant of natural beauty scenes and legendary interesting religious buildings. Hence, I would like to urge travellers to tour Demawhso and its environs whenever they arrive in Kayah State.

## Demoso or Demawhso

The town named Demawhso in 1962 was known as the street to Nawngpale before 1952. Local people in the town have been living in unison with faith in various religions. Not only Roman Catholic churches but also Buddhist stupas and temples mushroom in the town in addition to beautiful scenes of mountain ranges, waterfalls, springs and caves.

## Climate

Cold and wet weather helps create a good lifestyle for the people. Among many towns having hotness in climatic conditions, Demawhso always enjoys chilling in Kayah State.

## How to pay visit to Demawhso

Travellers can go to Demawhso from Loikaw by car or motorcycle. It is a 40 minutes drive to Demawhso from Loikaw. However, many travelling sites scatter around the town and nearby villages. They have to take an adequate time for the visits. I made my trips under the arrangements of Treasure Host Loikaw. For more travelling site around Loikaw and other areas in the state, travellers may dial

09-970478282 for detailed information.

## Destinations around Demawhso

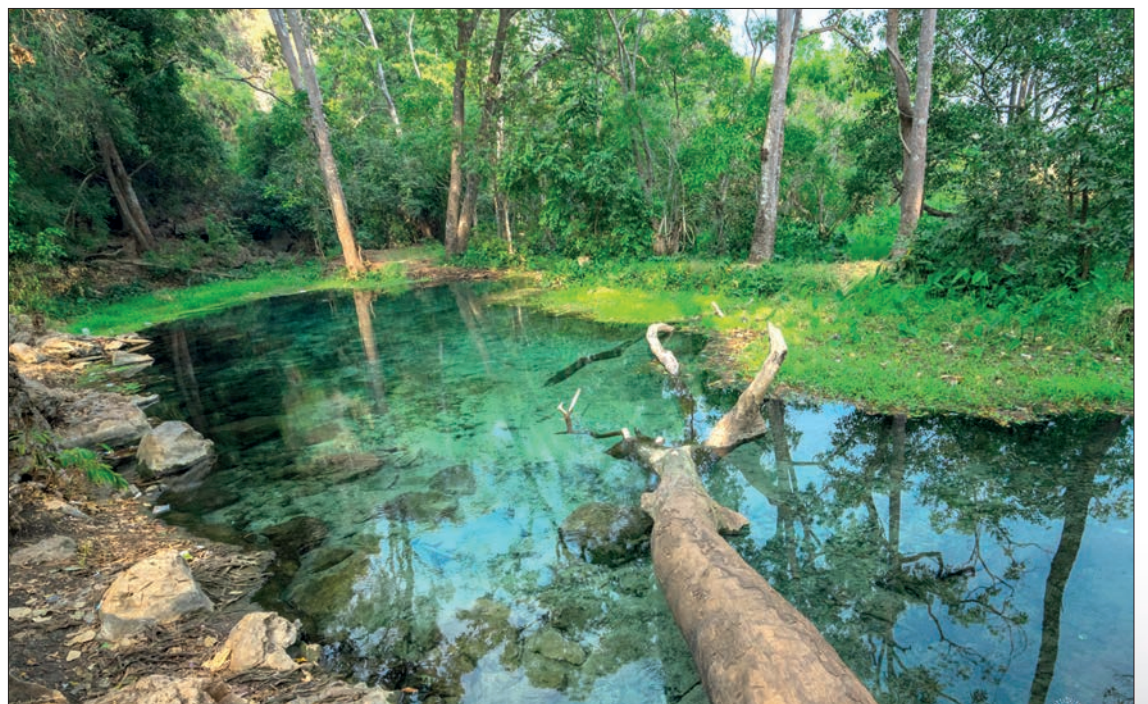
I seem Demawhso possesses the largest number of travelling sites in Kayah State. These attractive moves such as natural beauties, lifestyle of locals, foodstuffs and religious edifices are interesting ones. I would like to mention what sites should be visited.

### Ngwetaung Dam

Ngwetaung Dam is one of significant sites which should be visited in Demawhso. Embankment of the dam catches attention of visitors. View desks on embankment have been arranged for travellers to enjoy natural beauties. A car park and toilets are under construction to give services to the visitors. A vast green grass lawn is a good scene for taking photos. Travellers can view traditional costumes such as bronze rings at necks of female Padaung vendors. In fact, a feeder creek of Ngwetaung Creek was blocked as earthen Ngwetaung Dam on which local people and farmers rely for the purpose of agriculture and drinking.

### Htipwint Lake, Thitsa Lake

The water surface of the lake seemed as a mouth of old volcano spews out sand in shape of umbrellas. So, local people name such a move as opening the umbrellas. I have experiences of visiting the Htipwint Lake two times. During the first trip, I saw opening sandy umbrellas in the lake. But, I missed chance to



Hsintaung spring in Nanmeikhon of Demawhso is attractive, shaping a natural blue lake with too much clean water.



Travellers often pay visit to Panpet Village where Kayan (Padaung) ethnic people reside. Currently, the entrance to the village is crowded with hustle and bustle of shoppers and sellers.

enjoy the similar scenes on the second trip. The lake is 227 feet long and 115 feet wide. In the legendary stories, sisters of Dwe Mei Naw played in the lake. Another lake close to the umbrella lake is named Thitsa Lake. The well of god is located there. In fact, Thitsa Lake is famous as a spring which never dries up. I saw spirit chambers are displayed around the area.

### Seven series lakes

I noticed the lake has been fenced, with facilities of placing roads, construction of recreation centres and traditional houses as temporary accommodation. A legendary story mentioned Prince Thudanu was in love with Dwe Mei Naw who took a bath in the lake at the foot of Ngwetaung Hill daily together with her six

sisters. These lakes are located naturally at different levels in series starting from the foot of hill.

### Demawhso Market

On my first trip, I saw hustle and bustle of Demawhso market on the market day held once three days. On the second trip, the market was also crowded with visitors even in the afternoon although it was not a market day. It was because local people and travellers tasted delicious barbeque and fried meats. Roasted beef or pork, fried meals and Kayah sausages are good cuisines with Kayah traditional brews. On the market day, local female Padaung vendors arrived at the market to sell goods and some persons traded small and large containers of traditional brews.

### Hsintaung spring

The spring at Nanmeikhon in Demawhso is attractive to travellers. Water at the spring is very clean and blue. Water is not too much deep. Some locals take a bath at the spring whereas picnickers take a rest at the spring on Saturdays and Sundays when some local students sell traditional brews and foodstuffs for earning incomes. Up to now, the spring is naturally beautifying because it is a specific recreation area without maintainers. However, the road to the spring is just a lane for one vehicle. So, it is difficult to dodge two cars on opposite ways.

### Koingan spring

The spring is flanked by a Roman Catholic Church and a swimming pool. The spring origi-

Travellers strolling along the street to Koingan spring will first see the Cave for Our Lady of Lourdes. It is a holy site for Roman Catholic Christians, whose church is located at the foot of the hill. Religious ceremonies take place on the hill.

### Panpet

Travellers pay visit to Panpet Village where Kayan (Padaung) ethnic people reside. Entrance to the village is crowded with shops for selling various items of domestic products, souvenirs and traditional ornaments. Visitors will have chances to observe weaving works of Kayan ethnic people (especially women) and placing of bronze rings at necks. Travellers can take photos wearing Kayan costumes. They can pose for documentary photos together with Kayan belles. I noticed number of caravans' increases in Panpet Village this year more than that of previous year. The village of Kayan ethnics should show interesting activities so as to catch attention of local and foreign travellers with just a move of weaving works.

### Tawkyettaung Pagoda

The pagoda is dubbed as Shwekyettaung Pagoda by some people. Silver pagodas on the hill can be seen from a far distance. Ladders are arranged for pilgrims to the pagodas on the hill. It is an area of sanctuary for jungle fowls. It is significant that the pagoda and encircled pagodas were decorated with silver

the hill. In fact, travellers should take a time to climb Loinanpha Hill which is one of attractive sites in Demawhso.

### Hsinbyu Hill

I think Hsinbyu Hill is involved in the area of Pruhsa Township but some say it is in Demawhso Township. Entrance fee for car is collected at some areas. Travellers spent night in tents on the hill but such a move was not allowed later due to requests of village authorities. Now, accommodation is arranged for travellers in the valley. Travellers can enjoy the best views of sunset and sunrise, taking position on the hill. In fact, travellers must take a long time to the hill but the most beautifully panoramic view may be a compensation for their precious time.

### Lodging

On my trip, I stayed at Royal Naung Yah Hotel to spent night in Loikaw. I viewed lovely aerial scene of Loikaw from the top floor of the hotel while having breakfast. The hotel takes position near Nawngyah Lake, not far from downtown and market.

In my view, Kayah State will have larger number of travellers as of 2020. It is because local travellers are willing to make trips to new areas while globetrotters wish to wonder around many new sites in addition to Bagan, Inlay and Ngapali of Myanmar. That is why Kayah State becomes a favorite one of all travellers. Hence, now is an opportune time



Photo shows Cave for Our Lady of Lourdes on the road to Koingan spring.



Traditional costumes, souvenirs and ornaments are available at the village where travellers can observe weaving and keeping bronze rings at necks of female Kayan ethnics. Travellers can take photos in Kayan costumes. They can also pose for documentary photos together with Kayan belles.



In the legendary story, Dwe Mei Naw and her six sisters played water at the lake at the foot of the hill daily. Prince Thudanu arrested Dwe Mei Naw by rope and then both married. Seven series lakes might be the ones involved in the story.

nates from the underground river of Htiparunu Tunnel. The statues of Roman Catholic Christians are kept in a cave. Travellers can pay visit to the spring in Koingan Village of Saungsula Village-tract, along the road from the junction of Nawngpale Village.

### Cave for Our Lady of Lourdes

paint. From the terrace of the highest pagoda, travellers can enjoy beautiful scenes.

### Loinanpha Hill

It is the highest hill not only in Demawhso but also in Kayah State, at an altitude of 5,010 feet. Despite difficulties to climb up, nature lovers and explorers scale

of Kayah State to make preparations for providing accommodation to the guests. I firmly believe travelling sites in Kayah State can give satisfaction to both local and foreign travellers.

Have a safe, secure, healthy and happy trip.

Translated by Than Tun Aung





Players from Shan United (red) vie for the ball with a player from Yangon United (green) during their yesterday's MNL U-21 match at the Yangon United Sports Complex. **PHOTO: MNL**

## MNL U-21: Shan United beat Yangon United 2-0

SHAN United U-21 FC beat Yangon United U-21 FC by 2-0 in a Week-11 match of U-21 Myanmar National League 2020, played at the Yangon United Sports Complex yesterday.

Both teams played with energy from the start. Shan United had prepared well for yesterday's match, exhibiting flawless attack and good tackling.

The winning goals for Shan United were scored by Shan United youth players Nyi Nyi

and Thurein Tun.

Shan United dominated the first half with stable and accurate passes.

Shan United got the first goal even at three minute and the goal was scored by youth player Nyi Nyi.

After 1-0, Yangon United tried for their equalizer but Yangon United attacker could not pass the massive Shan United defence line.

The first half was ended with

a goal led by Shan United.

The second half saw better play of Yangon United but they could not convert scoring opportunities to goals.

Shan United got second goal by a penalty shoot at 79 minute and the penalty was successful kicked by Threin Tun.

After the second goal, Shan United took care of their middle and defence line till the final whistle to celebrate their solid win.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

## French officials join calls for Olympic postponement

PARIS (France) — The president of the French Athletics Federation (FFA) on Sunday said he did not understand why the International Olympic Committee (IOC) was refusing to postpone the Tokyo Olympics in the face of the coronavirus pandemic.

"It cannot be accepted that the IOC is not listening to the number one Olympic sport," Andre Giraud said. "Everyone agrees that the Games cannot be held on the dates planned."

The US and Spanish athletics federations have also asked for a postponement. Sebastian Coe, the head of World Athletics, has also hinted that such a step may be inevitable.

The French Health Minister Olivier Veran also said Sunday he was reluctant to send athletes to Japan for the Games.

"Do I have the right to ask for the suspension of the Olympic Games as Minister of Health? No," he said.

"Do I see myself sending athletes to Japan today or asking them to prepare themselves in good conditions? The answer is no."

Giraud told AFP that the IOC should already be thinking of what he called "Plan C", a

postponement to 2021, joining a swelling chorus of objections to holding the Games this summer.

"If the crisis is contained by the end of May, we can envisage a postponement of the Games to the autumn. But Plan C would be a six-month or one-year postponement," he said.

"How can we bring together 11,000 athletes in less than four months in the Olympic village? The athletes are in a stressful situation and we need to reassure them. We can't wait any longer.

Giraud also urged the French National Olympic Committee (CNOSF) to "take a stand".

"I appeal to the CNOSF to take action with the IOC. We need a national position of solidarity," he said. "At the Games, the French team is under the CNOSF banner. The responsibility at national level therefore lies with the CNOSF President to listen to his federations and take a stand." IOC president Thomas Bach has signalled his determination to press ahead with the Games in Tokyo from July 29 to August 9, telling the New York Times that postponement "would not be responsible now" as "we are four-and-a-half months away from the Games".—AFP ■

## Dybala, Maldini test positive for coronavirus

ROME (Italy) — Argentina striker Paulo Dybala said Saturday that he has become the third Juventus player to test positive for coronavirus while former AC Milan defender Paolo Maldini revealed that he and his son have also been infected.

"Hi everyone. I just wanted to let you know that we have received the Covid-19 test results and that Oriana (Sabatini, his girlfriend) and I are positive," the 26-year-old Dybala tweeted.

"Fortunately, we are perfectly fine. Thank you for your messages."

Italian champions Juventus said that Dybala had been self-isolating since Wednesday.

"He will continue to be monitored. He is well and is asymptomatic," said the club in a statement.

Later Saturday, the club said

Maldini, now the technical director at Milan, and his 18-year-old son Daniel, a youth team player, were also battling the disease.

"Paolo and Daniel are both well and have already completed two weeks at home without contact with others," said a statement from AC Milan.

"They will now remain in quarantine until clinically recovered, as per the medical protocols outlined by the health authorities." Maldini, 51, is considered one of the greatest defenders of all time.

He won five Champions Leagues with Milan and appeared in 647 matches.

Juventus teammates Daniele Rugani and Blaise Matuidi have also tested positive for the disease which claimed almost 800 more lives on Saturday, bringing the total in Italy to 4,825.—AFP ■

## MNL Week-10 matches to be broadcast live on free-to-air channels



Yangon United's Nyein Chan Aung prepares for a kick during an earlier Myanmar National League match against Hantharwady United. **PHOTO: MNL**

THE Week-10 matches of the Myanmar National League 2020 will be broadcast live on free-to-air channels, according to a statement issued by the Myanmar National League.

Hantharwady United will take on Zwegapin United at 4 pm on 23 March at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon. The match

will be broadcast live on Channel K and streamed live on MySports' Facebook page.

Sagaing United will play against Chin United at 4:00 pm on 23 March at the Yangon United Sports Complex. The match will be streamed live on MySports' Facebook page. Next, Magwe FC will face Yangon United at 4:00 pm

on 24 March at the Yangon United Sports Complex. The match will be shown live on Channel K and streamed live on MySports' Facebook page.

The defending champions of the Myanmar National League, Shan United vs Southern Myanmar FC match at the Thuwunna Stadium is also scheduled to take place at the same time, and it will be streamed live on MySports' Facebook page.

Next, Yadanarbon FC will play against ISPE FC at 4:00 pm on 25 March at the Thuwunna Stadium. The match will be streamed live on MySports' Facebook page. The same day at 4 pm, Ayeyawady United will meet Rakhine United at the Yangon United Sports Complex. The match will be broadcast live on Fortune TV and streamed live on MySports' Facebook page.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)