

SUNDAY SPECIAL



Pull-out supplement

NATIONAL

Yangon hospitals ready to admit Covid-19 patients at specific places

PAGE-3

BUSINESS

Thai-Myanmar border trade hits nearly \$1.94 bln

PAGE-5

THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Vol. VI, No. 354, 13th Waxing of Tagu 1381 ME

www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

Sunday, 5 April 2020

This year's Thingyan message from State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to the people

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has posted this message to the people as to how they should pass this year's Thingyan on her Facebook page.

"Today is the 14th day after we found the first Coronavirus infected person in Myanmar.

Within two to three weeks, it will become apparent how fast the spreading rate of this virus is going to be.

At this time, it is very important for all the people to follow the rules and instructions, to deter the spread of this disease.

We'll have to experience a kind of Thingyan that we've never experienced before; a Thingyan where we will have to totally avoid crowds.

Some will imagine how many persons make a "crowd".

The fewer, the better; the farther, the better.

You should remember that one more infected person means one more danger. There is no such thing as being over vigilant and over cautious.

Don't be disheartened because during this Thingyan you cannot go out and throw water; neither will there be loud music and merriment in the wards.

They say that "health is the greatest of blessings" (Arawjan paraman laban).

We can all make this great donation with good will whereby we can all give the greatest of health blessings not only to ourselves but to others as well.

By controlling ourselves we can develop the power of concentration. In this very special Thingyan we can perform very special kusalas (good deeds). We can do this at home without moving and staying still.

May all citizens have tranquility and peace of mind!



Aung San Suu Kyi

State Counsellor

Message

You should remember that one more infected person means one more danger. There is no such thing as being over vigilant and over cautious.

One more confirmed case of COVID-19 on Saturday, total cases reach 21

1. The Ministry of Health and Sports is closely monitoring, conducting surveillance and medical treatments, identifying those who had close contact with the positive patients for quarantines, admit-

ting to the hospitals, getting information about the returnees from foreign countries in coordination with local authorities and state departments, and travel restrictions on them in measures against

the Covid-19.

2. There were 58 new persons under investigation between 6 pm on 3 April and 6 pm on 4 April.

SEE PAGE-3

KAN THAR YAR

INTERNATIONAL SPECIALIST HOSPITAL
CARDIOLOGY, UROLOGY And O.G

**Seeking for health care,
Kan Thar Yar is the best Hospital!**

No. (87), 6½ Mile, Pyay Road, Hlaing Township, Yangon.
Hot Line: 01 505284, 09 30511111, 09 30533333, 09 340125110
Email: info.ktyhospital@gmail.com www.ktyhospital.com

MoSWRR emphasizes on COVID-19 awareness, spiritual uplifting campaigns at quarantine sites



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye holding the Video Conference in connection with the prevention, containment and treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID -19) yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

MINISTRY of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement organized a Video Conference in connection with the prevention, containment and treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID -19) yesterday morning.

The conference focused on awareness and spiritual uplifting campaigns at Community Based Facility Quarantines in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and regions and states, with the public involvement and support.

In his keynote speech at the meeting Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye

said the Covid-19 containment and emergency response is a task that tolerates no delays or postponements. Well-timed operations and virus containment undertakings should be carried most effectively with the least manpower, he noted. The Union Minister said the participants are taking part in the meeting from their homes, thanks to the advancing information technology. As regards the virus prevention and containment, awareness campaigns are essential for the persons under quarantine to understand well why they are being placed in isolation. As one

of the modes of transmission of Covid-19 is through body contacts, quarantine may be the best way for the containment of the virus. The awareness of the modes of transmission should be carried out in a language that is comprehensible.

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye went on to say that as wards, villages and communities should prevent the spread of the virus through quarantine as it will be an honour for them if they can prevent and contain the virus that is a pandemic. He spoke of the need to disseminate correct information about Covid-19 and

to conduct spiritual uplifting undertakings. The Union Minister said people will have to observe the directives issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports and the relevant departments after the completion of their 14-day quarantine. By doing so, they can save themselves and their families and communities.

He said texts for the awareness campaigns must be compiled and presented to the Central Committee to Prevent, Contain and Treat Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for approval and the approved texts should be recorded or stated on the posters to be effected at crowded places. The work needs the involvement of volunteers. These volunteers must be provided with training, and dos and don'ts should be disseminated. The town-wise volunteer list compiled by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement must be rechecked, and coordination should be made with the General Administration Department and the Ministry of Health and Sports to form a systematic joint task force.

Deputy Minister U Soe

Aung discussed the formation of a coordination team that will serve as a bridge between the Covid-19 containment and emergency response subcommittees at region and state and district and township levels and social organizations and volunteers, who will join hands with the subcommittees in Covid-19 prevention, containment and awareness campaigns.

The Union Minister, the Deputy Minister, directors general, deputy directors general, directors and officials discussed the compilation and approval of the texts for the awareness campaigns targeting the persons placed under quarantine, the use of loud speakers in conducting frequent dissemination programs at the places where quarantines take place, posting of awareness posters, conducting online trainings for the effectiveness of spiritual uplifting campaigns against causing terror, fear, sorrow, anxieties and loss of faith among the people placed under quarantine, and announcing of Hot Line numbers for counselling services. MNA

(Translated by TMT)

Newspapers to be published alternately for Myanmar New Year holidays

THE News and Periodicals Enterprise of Ministry of Information announced that daily newspapers will be published in turns during the Myanmar New Year holidays.

While the Myanma Alinn newspapers will be published on 12, 13 and 14 April, and the Mirror and the Global New Light of Myanmar will temporarily cease publishing operations during this period. While the Mirror and the Global New Light of Myanmar newspapers will resume operations on 15, 16 and 17 April, the Myanma Alinn will temporarily cease operations on those days.

Similarly, the extra pages in ethnic languages from the Sub-Printing House (Mawlamyine) will temporarily cease printing opera-

tions on 12 April, the Shwe Pyi Rakhine Ponyeik sector from Sub-Printing House (Sittway) will temporarily cease printing on 15 April, the Rakhine Shwe Myay sector from Sub-Printing House (Sittway) will temporarily cease printing on 16 April and the extra pages in Shan ethnic language from the Sub-Printing House (Taunggyi) will temporarily cease printing operations on 16 April and will resume normal production after Myanmar New Year holidays.

Advertisements will be received at the newspaper offices, which will remain open during these holidays. All newspapers will resume normal production starting 18 April. —News and Periodicals Enterprise

(Translated by TTN)

Meeting in Yangon seeks means to ensure sufficient supply of essential goods



The meeting to ensure sufficient stocks of basic foods, medicines and medical equipment and to contain their prices being held in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

A meeting to ensure sufficient stocks of basic foods, medicines and medical equipment and to contain their prices was held at the head office of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) in Yangon at 9 am yesterday.

At the meeting U Aung Soe, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce, said discussions should be centred on the categorization of essential commodities including rice, cooking oil, kitchen crops, medicine and medical equipment and contain

their retail prices at a reasonable level as a preventive measure against the rise of commodity prices and market manipulation resulting from Covid-19.

The official invited suggestions for the adoption of a collective programme of the organizations concerned to store rice and cooking oil stocks as reserve food of the State, assuring real-time assistance in solving the problems faced in export and import procedures.

The permanent secretary, President of UMFCCI U Zaw Min

Win, the director-general of the Trade Department, the deputy director general of Consumer Affairs Department and chairpersons and executives of the relevant organizations took part in the discussions. They presented the functions and difficulties of the respective organizations, programmes under special supervision and suggestions for the uninterrupted and sufficient flow of essential goods including rice, edible oil and medicines and medical equipment. —MNA (Translated by TMT)

Trade Mark Ads
Call Thin Thin May, 09251022355, 09974424848

“People are the key”

Yangon hospitals ready to admit Covid-19 patients at specific places

UNION Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe visited the places where quarantines are being conducted in Yangon Region yesterday morning.

First, the Union Minister went to Dhammayanthi Monastery in Hlegu Township in the northern edge of Yangon Region where 218 people are placed under quarantine. He paid respects to Sayadaw Maha Kammathanacariya Bhaddanta Sunanda, the Principal Monk of the monastery, and thanked the Buddhist monks for providing a place for monitoring and quarantine, which is of vital importance in preventing and containing Covid-19.

Accompanied by officials, the Union Minister met with volunteers and expressed words of thanks and encouragement.

The Union Minister and party proceeded to Waibargi Specialist Hospital, met with the assigned staff and volunteers and expressed words of thanks and encouragement. They went round the hospital compound and visited the places where CT Scan and Oxygen Plant are under installation. He coordinated further arrangements for accommodating and treating patients.

Next, the Union Minister and party visited the officials of the new four-storey staff quarters in the compound of the University of Medicine where 16 doctors, nurses and other health staff, who had physical contacts with Covid-19 patients of North Okkalapa People’s Hospital, were placed under quarantine. The Union Minister looked into the requirements.

At the new four-storey building of the Women and Children’s Hospital in South Okkalapa, the Union Minister and party heard a report on the installation of health equipment at the intensive care ward and requirements. The Union Minister fulfilled the needs.

During the visit, Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe said the ministry has been upgrading the intensive care units of regions and states and arranging special refresher courses of intensive care for doctors, nurses and health counsellors. The Ministry will further enhance the courses amidst the Covid-19, and the programmes will produce benefits at present and in the long-run and will further improve the healthcare system. As hospitals in Yan-



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe meets with officials and health care providers in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

gon Region are ready to admit Covid-19 patients at isolated places, the 300-bed teaching hospital in Mandalay Region is also preparing to become a designated hospital for the confirmed cases. Clinical Management Teams with the participation of professors of medical universities and specialist physicians have been formed in regions and states for treating Covid-19 cases and provide counselling services, and they are now carrying out their work. The Ministry will provide medicines, medical equipment and laboratory equipment required in treating Covid-19 cases to the most possible degree. The

hospitals should present their requirements as the Ministry will submit the hospital-wise lists to the Central Committee for approval.

The Union Minister then visited Thuwunna Football Academy where 25 persons are under quarantine and Myanmar Football Federation where 145 are under quarantine. He observed the healthcare undertakings at the two places, met with volunteers and spoke words of thanks and encouragement.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister visited Medical Research Department (Yangon) and attended the meeting where

arrangements to set up a Call Centre that will disseminate public information about Covid-19 are explained

Afterwards, the Union Minister and party proceeded to National Health Laboratory (Yangon) and observed the taking out and keeping of lab samples of Covid-19 through the application of RT-Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR), extracting Ribonucleic Acid (RNA) from the lab samples, Mastermix Preparation, checking with PRC, and other steps. The Union Minister made swift arrangements to fulfill the needs of the National Health Laboratory (Yangon). —MNA

One more confirmed case of COVID-19 on Saturday, total cases reach 21

FROM PAGE-1

- Laboratory results of the National Health Laboratory (Yangon) on specimens from a total of 84 persons under investigation and the persons under quarantine at hospitals, homes and hotels on 4 April 2020 has shown ONE positive case of COVID-19 (Table 1), and the remaining 83 persons were tested negative.
- The Case 21 positive patient is the 24-year-old woman living in South Okkalapa township. She left the United States for the South Korea together

with her mother and younger brother on 24 March. They arrived in Thailand on 25 March afternoon. They landed at Yangon International Airport on 26 March. They were sent to a hotel in Botahtaung Township for quarantine on 26 March. The Case 21 patient began suffering fever, cough and fatigue on 2 April. She was admitted to the Yangon East Hospital for investigation and her specimens were tested and she will be sent to the Waibargi Hospital. She is in good health conditions.

- Out of 20 COVID-19 positive cases, 1 is at Tiddim hospital in Chin State, 10 at Waibargi hospital, 1 at

Kandawnadi hospital in Mandalay, 1 at Nay Pyi Taw People’s Hospital, 1 at Lashio People’s Hospital and 4 from Paukkaung Township at the Pyi Township hospital in Bago Region. Health conditions of 18 positive patients are good and two patients at Waibargi hospital is being isolated for intensive care.

- As Myanmar has found a total of 21 COVID-19 positive cases from 23 March to 4 April. People are advised to strictly follow the awareness information of the Ministry of Health and Sports to prevent the viral transmissions to both families and communities.

Laboratory results on Covid-19, 8: 00 pm, 4 April 2020

Sr	Aged	Gender	Travel History in previous 14 days	Place for medical treatment	Quarantine Date	Lab result on Covid-19
21	24 years	Female	The United States, the Republic of Korea, and Thailand	East Yangon General Hospital	26 March 2020	Positive

(Translated by Aung Khin)

THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

ACTING CHIEF EDITORAye Min Soe
dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com**SENIOR EDITORIAL CONSULTANT**

Kyaw Myaing

SENIOR EDITOR

Aungthu Ya

SENIOR TRANSLATORSZaw Htet Oo
Aung Khin**INTERNATIONAL NEWS EDITOR**Ye Htut Tin,
Aung Htein,
editor1@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com**LOCAL NEWS EDITORS**Tun Tun Naing (Editor),
intlnews@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com**TRANSLATORS**Hay Mar Tin Win,
Ei Myat Mon,
Kyaw Zin Lin,
Kyaw Zin Tun**REPORTER**Nyein Nyein Ei,
reporter1@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com**PHOTOGRAPHER**Kyaw Zeya Win @ Phoe Khwar
Kyaw Zeya**COMPUTER TEAM**Thein Ngwe, Zaw Zaw Aung,
Hnin Pwint, Kay Khaing Win,
Sanda Hnin, Thein Htwe,
Nyi Lin Thu**EDITORIAL SECTION**(+95) (01) 8604529,
Fax – (+95) (01) 8604305**CIRCULATION & DISTRIBUTION**San Lwin, (+95) (01) 8604532,
Hotline - 09 974424114**ADVERTISING & MARKETING**(+95) (01) 8604530,
Hotline - 09 974424848
marketing@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
subscription@globalnewlightofmyanmar.comPrinted and published at the **Global New Light of Myanmar Printing Factory** at No.150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, by the **Global New Light of Myanmar Daily** under Printing Permit No. 00510 and Publishing Permit No. 00629.

gnlmdaily@gmail.com

www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
www.facebook.com/TheGNLMTHE GLOBAL
NEW LIGHT OF
MYANMAR

www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

Write for usWe appreciate your feedback and contributions. If you have any comments or would like to submit editorials, analyses or reports please email ce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with your name and title.

Due to limitation of space we are only able to publish "Letter to the Editor" that do not exceed 500 words. Should you submit a text longer than 500 words please be aware that your letter will be edited.

Wastes from quarantine centres incinerated daily: YCDC

WASTES from the quarantine centres including hospitals, clinics and quarantine facilities in Yangon were incinerated daily after being disinfected by the Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Department of the Yangon City Development Committee, according to the YCDC.

"Staff are provided with personal protective equipment and they collect the garbage from the quarantine units of hospitals and clinics, and quarantine facilities every morning," said Dr Aung Myint Maw, Deputy Head of the Environmental Conservation and Sanitary Department.

The sanitary teams are newly formed to carry out the special task of collecting and burning the wastes from the quarantine centres, he added.

The daily wastes generated from these centres are transported by 18 garbage trucks to the 20-ton incinerator in Hlinethaya Township.

After the wastes from the quarantine centres were burnt, the trucks and the staff are disinfected again, he added.

Myanmar had 20 positive cases as of 2 April 2020 and one of the patients passed away on 31 March.

More 58 patients with similar symptoms of Coronavirus infection are monitored and given care as the samples from them are sent to the National Laboratory (Yangon).

The authorities has been announced that anyone who returned from overseas will be quarantined for 14 days. — Min Thit (MNA)

Staff operate the incinerator to burn the wastes. **PHOTO: AUNG MYINT MAW**Garbage are disinfected before incinerated. **PHOTO: AUNG MYINT MAW**A worker collects garbage and waste from a quarantine centre in Yangon. **PHOTO: AUNG MYINT MAW**The sanitation team of the YCDC gathers to start a daily-work. **PHOTO: AUNG MYINT MAW**

23 fuel oil stations granted across the country in Jan-Feb 2020

ABOUT 23 more fuel oil stations have been granted in the first two months of 2020 making the number of total stations reach 2,704 across the country, according to the official statistics released by the Ministry of Electricity and Energy.

A total of 2,389 private fuel oil stations have been opened across the country as of 27 December 2018. A total of 292 more stations were issued with the licence within a year, the total number reaching 2681 in Myanmar as of 31 December 2019.

As of 29 February 2020, the ministry has already issued licences for the opening of 2,704 fuel oil stations across the country including 95 fuel oil stations in Union Territory, 188 stations in Yangon, 658 in Mandalay, 213 in Ayeyawady Region, 271 in Bago Region, 196 in Magway Region, 245 in Sagaing Region,

30 in Taninthayi Region, 121 in Kachin State, 18 in Kayah State, 53 in Kayin State, 5 in Chin State, 138 in Mon State, 38 in Rakhine State, 58 in eastern Shan State, 195 in northern Shan State and 182 in southern Shan State.

On 3 April, the price of one litre of fuel oil stood at K530 for diesel, K540 for premium diesel, K400 for Octane 92, and K560 for Octane 95 in some fuel oil stations in Yangon region. The price of one litre of fuel oil has declined by K455 for diesel, K455 for premium diesel, K505 for Octane 92, and K435 for Octane 95 when compared to the prices of fuel oil on 8 January 2020. The Ministry of Electricity and Energy announced on 27 September 2019 that the fines have been raised to K1 million in the event of the quality and quantity not up to the prescribed standards. —Aye Maung
(Translated by Hay Mar)



A man refilling the vehicle with fuel at a filling station in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

Bangladesh-Myanmar bilateral trade up by \$284.9mln in this FY



Workers loading the motor boat with sacks of rice to export to Bangladesh. PHOTO: ZWE

TRADE between Myanmar and Bangladesh from October to as of 20 March this year has exceeded US\$300.04 million, a significant increase of nearly \$284.9 million from the same period last year, according to the monthly data issued by the Ministry of Commerce.

As of 20 March, the country's exports to Bangladesh totalled \$21.327 million, while its imports were \$278.71 million. Compared with the same period last year, the value of exports between the two countries rose by \$11.46 million, while imports increased significantly by \$278.45 million.

For the same period last year, the total trade between the two countries was valued at \$10.12 million, with \$9.86 million in exports and \$0.26 million in imports.

Myanmar exports goods to Bangladesh through both maritime and land routes. Bilateral border trade is conducted mainly through the Sittway and Maungtau points of entry.

The products traded between the two countries include bamboo, ginger, peanuts, salt-water prawns and fish, dried plums, garlic, rice, mung beans, blankets, candy, plum jams, footwear, frozen foods, chemicals,

leather, jute products, tobacco, plastics, wood, knitwear, and beverages.

According to the ministry's annual statistical data, the total border trade with Bangladesh was over \$23.2 million in the 2018-2019FY. The bilateral border trade was \$3.83 million in 2012-2013FY, \$22.8 million in 2013-2014FY, \$14.3 million in 2014-2015FY, \$11.5 million in 2015-2016FY, \$10.6 million in 2016-2017FY, \$29 million in 2017-2018FY and \$263 million in 2018 mini-budget respectively, stated the ministry's annual report. — Zwe

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Thai-Myanmar border trade hits nearly \$1.94 bln

THE value of border trade between Myanmar and Thailand has reached nearly US\$1.94 billion, with the Hteekhee border trade point accounting for the largest volume of trade, stated the weekly data by the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar-Thailand border trade totalled \$1.94 billion between 1 October 2019 and 20 March 2020, which included \$1.37 billion in exports and \$570 million in imports. These figures have increased by over \$50 million,

compared to the same period of last year. During the same period in the previous FY, bilateral border trade was pegged at \$1.89 billion.

Myanmar mainly exercises border trade with neighbouring Thailand through seven land borders -- Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Hteekhee, Mawtaung and Maese checkpoints.

The Hteekhee border has recorded the highest trade value of \$973.3 million, followed by

Myawady (\$589.3 million) and Kawthoung (\$199.3 million) from 1 October to 20 March this FY.

Myanmar exports natural gas, meat, natural resources, aquaculture products, vegetables, timber and other wood products to its neighbour, while it imports edible oil, soft drinks, metals, agricultural wares, carpets, car parts, cosmetics, skin-care products, wheat, instant food and plastic products from Thailand.—Zwe (Translated by Hay Mar)

THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR
www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com

circulation@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
သတင်းစာဖတ်သူတို့အားလုံးအတွက်အဆင်ပြေစေရန်
Circulation order is in easier way. **HOTLINE 09-974424114**

management@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
သတင်းစာ၊ ဂျာနယ်၊ စာစောင်များ အား နိုင်ငံတကာအဆင့်မီ
ပုံနှိပ်စက်ဖြင့် ပုံနှိပ်ပေးပါသည်။
Newspapers & Journal Printing Service. **Contact: 01-8604530**

marketing@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
ကြော်ငြာရောင်းချမှုနှင့် ကြော်ငြာအခွင့်အလမ်းများအဖွဲ့ဖြင့် ကြော်ငြာ
ထည့်သွင်းလိုပါက တိုက်ရိုက်ဆက်သွယ်အေးအေးနိုင်ပါသည်။
Advertise with us. **HOTLINE 09-974424848**

WFP reaches displaced people in Paletwa Township, Chin State

THE United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) has successfully obtained access and delivered food to people affected by ongoing armed conflict in Samee Town of Paletwa Township in Chin State, according to the regional office of the WFP.

“Thanks to the support of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Chin State Government, WFP food has reached communities in Samee,” said Stephen Anderson, WFP’s Country Director in Myanmar in the statement.

“Priority now is to provide lifesaving assistance to people affected by conflict in other parts of southern Chin State, including those in and around Paletwa Town. We continue to appeal to all parties to grant WFP and our partners access so that we can reach those who need our support.” This emergency re-

lief assistance, consisting of rice, pulses, oil, salt along with kitchen utensils, will sustain 2,600 displaced people for two months. WFP also plans to ensure the provision of nutritious blended food to help children and mothers facing malnutrition.

WFP has also been trying to reach communities affected in Paletwa Town and will continue to explore all options so that they can also be reached with lifesaving aid.

For the past few months, many people in Paletwa Township, which is located on the border with Rakhine and Chin states, have been living with food shortages and price hikes. Intensified fighting has resulted in trade and supply routes being cut off and fresh displacement of people as families are forced to flee, leaving their homes, land and livelihood behind.



Displaced people in Paletwa receiving sacks of rice under the United Nations World Food Programme.

PHOTO: SUPPLIED

Funded entirely on voluntary contributions, WFP is currently delivering emergency food aid

to people affected by conflict and facing high food insecurity. This includes 270,000 people

in Rakhine State, 47,000 people in Kachin State and 15,000 in Shan State.—GNLM

KBZ hands over air-flown delivery of medical equipment, supplies to MoHS for fighting COVID-19

WITH handing over of air-flown medical equipment and supplies from China to Ministry of Health and Sports on 3rd April, KBZ Bank has completed the delivery of the aid which were committed

as donations to the ministry to prevent, contain and treat COVID-19 in Myanmar.

Over the past week, KBZ Bank spared no resources to coordinate and ensure the efficient

delivery of the items to the local health authorities for distribution to hospitals and healthcare workers across the country.

Daw Nang Lang Kham, Deputy CEO of KBZ Bank, handed over the donation of hospital equipment and supplies to Dr. Tun Myint, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Health and Sports on 3 April 2020 at Yangon International Airport.

On 3 April 2020, the delivery of 23,000 sets of European CE Standard PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) suits with full sleeves, 17,000 medical protective goggles, 15,000 medical protective shoes, 10,000 surgical gloves, 15,000 short medical gloves, 15,000 long medical gloves, 15,000 sets of headgear, 700,000

surgical face masks, 17,000 N95 respirator masks, 10,000 bottles of 500ml hand sanitizer and 300 thermometers arrived in Yangon, Myanmar. To speed up the delivery of these items, KBZ Bank chartered a Myanmar Airways International (MAI) flight from Guangzhou, China, which landed at 3:50pm today at Yangon International Airport. Daw Nang Lang Kham, Deputy CEO of KBZ Bank, officially handed over the items to Dr. Tun Myint, Deputy Director General, Ministry of Health and Sports.

Between 27 March to 3 April, KBZ Bank handed over 600,000 pieces of surgical masks and 3,000 sets of PPE suits, to MOHS officials in Muse, northern Shan State and in Mandalay.—GNLM



Daw Nang Lang Kham, Deputy CEO of KBZ Bank (right), hands over the donation of hospital equipment and supplies to Dr Tun Myint, at Yangon International Airport on 3 April. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

uab bank raises funds for COVID-19

uab bank announced a strategic partnership with Myanmar’s renowned celebrity Sai Sai Kham Leng to launch the World’s First Celebrity App to create a digital lifestyle ecosystem support the local music and film industry and raise funds for COVID-19.

The celebrity app “Sai Sai Birthday Show” in Bedroom on April 10th will be live streamed on this app and is available free to everyone.

Sai Sai’s fans and all users will be able to donate for COVID-19 and all the funds raised from this birthday show will go to the COVID-19 Relief Fund and other necessary areas.

Commenting on the launch of Sai Sai Pay, Sai Sai Kham Leng said, “I am very excited to partner with UAV bank, the best bank in Myanmar awarded by Euro money to launch this “Sai Sai Pay” and jointly raise funds for COVID-19. I am so glad to be able to celebrate this year birthday with my fans in a more meaningful way.

As part of the strategic partnership, both uab bank and Sai Sai will continue to explore and expand the scope of partnership to bring digital and lifestyle innovation to Sai Sai’s fan and to everyone.—GNLM

Nine killed, 48 injured in Ygn-Mdy highway accidents in March

NINE people were killed with 48 others injured in the road accidents which took place on Yangon-Mandalay highway in March, a little up when compared to the last two months, according to the figures from the Nay Pyi Taw Highway Traffic Police Office.

In March, there were a total of 36 road accident cases reported on Yangon-Mandalay highway.

“Related to the traffic accidents, there were 36 on the highway in March, killing nine – five males and four females, and injuring 48 others – 27 males

and 21 females. Most were happened by brake failure in March,” said an official from the highway traffic police.

Out of 36 cases, five were caused by high-speed driving, two by drowsy driving, one by a reckless pedestrian, six by reckless motorbike drivers, nine by reckless drivers, 12 by brake failure and one by a mechanical fault. The highway accidents were mostly occurred by brake failure.

There were seven deaths and 15 injuries in 15 traffic ac-

cidents in late January and five deaths and 16 injures in 27 road accidents in late February. The number of accidents in these two months has declined by an average of under one time per day. In March, a total of 36 cases were reported and the average number of accidents per day has increased. The death and injury rates have also a bit increased in March, according to the official statistics of the Highway Traffic Police Office.

In 2019, there were 524 road accidents on Yangon-Mandalay

highway, killing 108 and injuring 1,019 others. This is the highest number of traffic accident deaths in three years. In 2019, the average monthly road accidents are 43 times, the average death rate, 12 people and the average injury rate, 84 people, according to the figures from the Nay Pyi Taw Highway Traffic Police Office.

More than two people die every day on average owing to the traffic accidents and more than seven others get injured every day.—Aye Cho

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Coronavirus: latest global developments

Here are the latest developments in the coronavirus crisis until 4 April 2020:

More than one million cases

More than 1,130,204 cases of infection, including 60,457 deaths, have been reported in 190 countries and territories around the world since the virus first emerged in China in December, according to an AFP tally compiled around 1330 GMT Saturday based on official sources.

Italy has the highest official death toll with 14,681 fatalities. Spain follows with 11,744, the United States with 7,159, France with 6,507 and Britain with 4,313.

Maldives reports first cases

Two hotel employees test positive for the virus at a luxury resort in the Maldives, marking the first cases reported in the upmarket holiday destination.

China pauses in memory of victims

China comes to a standstill on Saturday to mourn the more than 3,000 lives claimed by the virus on the mainland.

Nationwide at 10 am (0200 GMT) the country observes a three-minute silence. Cars, trains and ships sound their horns, air-raid sirens ring out



China came to a standstill to mourn the victims of the coronavirus. PHOTO: AFP

and flags fly at half-staff.

Economic cost

The pandemic could cost the global economy \$4.1 trillion, equivalent to 4.8 per cent of worldwide output, as it ravages major economies, the Asian Development Bank warns.

In the US, employment plunged by 701,000 in March and the jobless rate surged to 4.4 per cent, the Labor Department reports.

Latin America is heading into "a deep recession" in 2020,

the UN says.

Food shortages

The pandemic threatens to cause food shortages for hundreds of millions of people, especially in Africa, who depend on imports of foodstuffs paid for by exports, the World Food Programme says.

Half of humanity confined

More than 3.9 billion people — half of the world's population — have been called on or obliged by their authorities to stay at

home in more than 90 countries or territories, according to an AFP database.

Airborne transmission?

Anthony Fauci, head of infectious diseases at the National Institutes of Health and aide to US President Donald Trump, says the virus might spread through the air via normal breathing and speaking, "as opposed to coughing and sneezing."

Trump's administration suggests widespread use of simple

masks or scarves to help deter the spread of the virus, though the US leader says he will not be following this advice himself.

Masks 'confiscated'

A top Berlin official accuses the US of having "confiscated" a delivery of 200,000 Chinese-made FFP2 masks, bound for Germany at a Bangkok airport, as competition for protective gear against the coronavirus heats up.

'Hope' or 'worst yet to come'

German Chancellor Angela Merkel says the latest figures which show the spread of the coronavirus is slowing in Germany are a cause for "hope", but that it is too early to relax restrictions on public life.

However UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres says "the worst is yet to come," and COVID-19 is just arriving in theatres of conflict like Syria, Libya and Yemen, repeating his call for a global ceasefire.

Queen Elizabeth to speak

Queen Elizabeth II will make a rare special broadcast on Sunday to Britain and the Commonwealth on the coronavirus pandemic.

It will be her fourth such broadcast in her 68-year reign.— AFP ■

Death toll from COVID-19 passes 60,000 worldwide

BEIJING — The world is now in a battle against COVID-19, a disease caused by a previously unknown coronavirus that has spread to over 200 countries and regions.

The following are the updates on the contagious disease.

NEW YORK

The worldwide death toll from COVID-19 exceeded 60,000 by 9 am local time on Saturday (1300 GMT), according to the Center for Systems Science and Engineering (CSSE) at Johns Hopkins University.

The fatalities reached 60,115 as a total of 1,134,418 cases were reported worldwide, an interactive map maintained by the CSSE showed.

MADRID

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez confirmed on Saturday that he would ask for the State of Alarm to be extended until "24 hours on April 25."

Sanchez explained the de-

cision, which he admitted "was hard" for everyone, in a televised press conference from his official residence at the Palacio de la Moncloa.

The State of Alarm was originally imposed in Spain on March 14. This is the second time Sanchez has extended it and the corresponding virtual lockdown of the Spanish population, with the previous extension due to expire on April 12.

LONDON

The number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Britain reached 41,903 as of Saturday morning, an increase of 3,735 in the past 24 hours, according to the latest figure from the Department of Health and Social Care.

As of Friday afternoon, of those hospitalized in Britain who tested positive for coronavirus, 4,313 have died, marking a record daily rise of 708, the figure from the department showed.

LISBON

The total confirmed COVID-19 cases in Portugal passed the 10,000 mark on Saturday, reaching 10,524, according to the Portuguese health authorities.

Portugal reported 638 new cases of infection and 20 deaths associated with the COVID-19 on Saturday. Now total death toll stands at 266, the Directorate-General for Health (DGS) said in its daily bulletin.

MOSCOW

Russia has confirmed 582 new COVID-19 cases in the last 24 hours, bringing the tally to 4,731 as of Saturday, official data showed.

The death toll rose to 43 after nine more patients died of the disease, Russia's coronavirus response centre said in a statement, adding that 333 people have recovered, including 52 in the last 24 hours. — Xinhua ■

COVID-19 could reshape global political, economic order: Egyptian expert

CAIRO — The novel coronavirus pandemic has become a global event that could reshape the world order, said Heba Gamal, deputy chairman of the future studies department at the Cairo-based Institute of National Planning.

"The pandemic may change the United States' and the European Union countries' global position in the long run," Gamal, also professor of political science at the institute, told Xinhua in a recent interview.

Missteps and unreadiness to tackle the pandemic have undermined confidence in the capacity and competence of U.S. and EU governance, Gamal explained.

"Human rights are more about the right to live than the rights of individual expressions," Gamal said, add-

ing that the United States has even failed to coordinate with its old European allies.

She highlighted that some countries' national institutions have been proved more effective in tackling the virus crisis when compared with the U.S.' most advocated private sector model that was ill-prepared in responding to COVID-19.

"Some national institutions that provided medical services in China have proved successful, while we saw the U.S. has started, not like before, to speak about the intervention of the army in making masks, gloves and sterilizers," Gamal said.

Beijing moved quickly and professionally to cope with the pandemic and provide medical assistance and aid to more the 100 countries, Gamal noted.— Xinhua ■

14-day quarantine, stay home in April called key to defeat COVID-19 in Myanmar

APRIL might be considered the month which will decide the fate of the Coronavirus in Myanmar. According to experiences in other countries, which are witnessing the global pandemic with high numbers of patients, it has been found that one month after the first case of confirmed patients with Coronavirus, the number of patients rises dramatically higher.

In Myanmar, with over 1100 patients, 21 patients have been confirmed to have contracted the disease, and many have been placed under the 14-day quarantine at hospitals and facilities.

We should be aware that we can control the situation in

... those who returned from foreign countries and had close contacts with infected people should take pride in protecting their families and the country's people by following the 14-day facility quarantine.

anticipation of more patients.

But, without the participation of the people, the preparations would not be as effective as they might be.

Hence, those who returned from foreign countries and had close contacts with infected people should take pride in protecting their families and the country's people by following the 14-day facility quarantine.

Even after they have finished the 14-day quarantine, they are obliged to follow the guidelines and directives issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports. Health authorities must ensure that the public understands that they are being quarantined at facilities for 14 days to prevent the disease from harming their lives, as well as their families.

Following the 14-day quarantine, and staying home as much as possible in April, is the only and best option to control and prevent the spread of the disease.

April, and Myanmar will be successful in fighting the Coronavirus.

Although the proportion of Covid-19 patients who die has averaged between 2 and 3 percent globally, they were located in countries where the health system is better equipped.

The more you have travelled, the greater risk you have to be infected with the disease. Hence, authorities are taking steps to carry out effective ways to prevent the spread of the virus through travel restrictions.

The control and emergency response to Covid-19 is not the kind of task that can be postponed. It is important to effectively operate the emergency response machinery in real time.

At present, hospitals across the country have been prepared to provide treatment to patients infected with the disease, and some hospitals are expanding their wards in

4th year performance of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture

In order to prevent from occurring religious-based conflicts, bring national reconciliations, and emerge peace, interfaith dialogues were held.



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko.

By Naing Lin Kyi, PHOTO: HEIN SITHU

THE Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture is not only implementing propagation of Sasana and conservation works but also preserving the national characteristics.

Moreover, the ministry is conserving Myanmar heritages and characteristics of culture, presenting traditional music and other art forms in order to bring them to international communities.

The majority of Myanmar's population — more than 87 per cent — practices Theravada Buddhism with 72,000 monasteries and nunneries. Christians make up 6.2 per cent of the population with 7,600 churches, 4.3 per cent of the population is Muslim with 1,100 mosques, 0.05 per cent practice Hinduism with over 1,000 temples, 0.8 percent is animist, and 0.2 is other faiths.

Theravada Buddhism, a ma-

ajor religion of the country, which arrived in Myanmar more than 1,600 years ago, has over 500,000 monks and novices. Auspicious religious ceremonies including Waso Robe Offering Ceremony and Kathina Robe Offering Ceremony are held annually.

Pariyatti, the learning of the theory of Dhamma, is the root of the propagation of Sasana, and the religious examinations — Abdhimma/Visuddhimagga Exams, Tipitaka Exams, and Pali Pahtamapyam Exams are held annually.

The monks who can recite the entire Pali Canon with correct pronunciation and smooth flow were bestowed with Tipitakadhara title and the monks who can transcribe the entire Pali Canon were bestowed with Tipitakakovida title. During more than 70 years, a total of 15 monks have passed the Tipitaka examinations.

In 2017, only a monk passed the two Tipitaka examinations, and another monk passed in 2020.

Out of the five countries in the world with Theravada Buddhism, only Myanmar has the monks who are bestowed Tipitakadhara, Tipitakakovida, and Tipitaka Dhammabhandagarika titles.

The very First Congregation of the Sangha of All Orders was successfully held in 1980, and 300 Members of Sangha were selected by voting for the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha of All Orders. 101 State Ovadasariya Sayadaws who are aged 80s and 90s are currently leading the



President U Win Myint and First Lady Daw Cho Cho donate offertories to the Sayadaw.

committee.

Propagating the Teachings of the Buddha in the world

In the religious affairs, Department of Religious Affairs and Department of Promotion and Propagation of Sasana is taking the duties of not only maintenance of disciplines, and Vinaya Dharmak matters but also organizing parayatti examinations.

Department for Promotion and Propagation of Sasana has the State Pariyatti Sasana University, Yangon, and the State Pariyatti Sasana University, Mandalay. For foreign monks, nuns, and lay per-

sons, the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University (ITBMU) was established with the aim of propagating the Teachings of the Buddha around the world.

In the culture affairs, Fine Arts Department has opened the State School of Fine Arts (Mandalay), the National University of Arts and Culture (Mandalay), the State School of Fine Arts (Yangon), and the National University of Arts and Culture (Mandalay).

Department of Historical Research and National Library has opened National Libraries in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay, and Centres for Archaeological Studies and Training.

With the guidelines from State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee's Nayaka Sayadaws, and State Ovadacariya Sayadaws, and the Shwedagon Pagoda, and Kyaiktiyo Pagoda underwent major renovations. Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko said, "Major renovations to the Shwedagon Pagoda were made. Each time of renewing gold leaves of the pagoda endures five years. Gold gilding to the pagoda has to be made every five years due to the weather. Only 30 per cent of the pagoda's gilded gold was restored back, and 70 per cent of the pagoda's gold was lost when the pagoda's old gold plates were removed to replace them with new gold plates. The major renovation costs hundreds of billion kyats."

"In search of effective techniques for enduring gilded gold and saving the losses, a one-square-foot gold leaf weighing six kyatthas (one kyattha= 0.576 oz) donated by the daughter of Mindon Min more than 120 years ago was found. When the gold leaf was cleaned, it is still glittering. Following the example, a gold plating plant that can produce one-square-foot gold leaves, each weighing six kyatthas, was ordered from Japan, and gold leaves was being made in the compound of the Shwedagon Pagoda. From the pagoda's banana bud to lotus petals, from the lotus petals to turban band, from the turban band to the bottom will be gilded. This time gold gilding will endure hundreds of years," said the Union Minister.

He also added, "The tiles covered on the pagoda's platform are various in colours as they were donated by donors throughout the history. Additionally, they are very hot to walk on during the summer. They were also replaced with heat resistant tiles."

According to the pagoda's financial statistics in 2019, there are some K 90 billion, and over US\$ 16 million as well as Japan Yen and Thai Baht in the pagoda's fund. The funds were saved in the Myanma Economic Bank. The cash donation that is received daily and monthly by the pagodas meets and is over the pagoda's requirements. The pagoda festival of Kyaiktiyo Pagoda lasts seven months, and

it is the longest pagoda festival in Myanmar. The pagoda's crowded period is cool season when several hundred thousand of local and foreign travellers visited.

After major renovations were made with the guidelines from the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, free accommodations and heating system for cool season, and cooling system for summer could be provided.

"Buddhism is a distinctive religion for the country. Ceremonies offering uncooked rice were grandly held to fulfill the four requisites of more than 500,000 Members of Sangha," the Union Minister said.

In January 2018, a mass alms-giving attended by 18,000 monks was held at the Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw, and another ceremony attended by 20,000 monks was held at the Chanmyathazi Airport in Mandalay.

In November 2019, 5,000 monks attended the mass alms-giving ceremony at the Hpa-An Airport in Kayin State.

Eternal Peace Pagoda

Dedicating to eternal peace in Myanmar, the Eternal Peace Pagoda was built in Nay Pyi Taw. All-round development of the pagoda is underway.

Support of religions in the country

The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture is supporting all the religions in the country including Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Animism. The Union Minister and officials from the ministry attended the religious occasions of thereligions.

Interfaith Friendship

Myanmar is a multi-ethnic and multi-religious country. Therefore, Myanmar Interfaith Group that includes central, region/state, district, and township level sub-groups was formed. There are a total of 173 groups including 121 township level groups, 40 district level groups, 11 region/state groups, and one central level group. During their four-year period, the group could hold more than 250 meetings.

SEE PAGE-10



The front view of the National Library (Yangon) in Pabedan Township, Yangon.



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 4th April, 2020)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 5th April, 2020: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Chin State, isolated in Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Northern Shan and Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in Bago Region and Southern Shan State and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (3-6) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin State.

FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5th April, 2020: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5th April, 2020: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5th April, 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. Interested candidates can send their work to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, in person, or by email to ce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Own name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.). — Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar

circulation@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
 သတင်းစာများအတွက်ဝယ်ယူမှုအခွင့်အလမ်းရှိပါသည်။
Circulation order is in easier way. HOTLINE 09-974424114

management@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
 သတင်းစာ၊ ဂျာနယ်စာတိုက်များ အား နိုင်ငံတော်အဆင့်ပို့
 ပုံနှိပ်စက်ဖြင့် ပုံနှိပ်ပေးပါသည်။
Newsprinters & Journal Printing Service. Contact: 01-8604530

marketing@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com
 ဖြေကြားခြင်းများနှင့် ဖြေကြားရေးအဖွဲ့အစည်းဖြင့် ဖြေကြား
 ထည့်သွင်းလိုပါက တိုက်ရိုက်သတင်းအချက်အလက်ပေးပါသည်။
Advertise with us. HOTLINE 09-974424848

4th year performance of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and guests attend the ceremony of 25th Convocation of Buddhist Monks and Vipassana Monastery opening.

FROM PAGE-9 Interfaith Dialogue

In order to prevent from occurring religious-based conflicts, bring national reconciliations, and emerge peace, inter-faith dialogues were held. With the cooperation from Religions for Peace (RfP), three Religion for Peace Forums were already held in Myanmar.

Since 2015 and 2016, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture has faced many challenges, taking its pivotal duty to officially inscribe Bagan region as World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Thousands of year's old cultural heritages in the region need to be conserved.

Bagan, UNESCO World Heritage Site

Throughout the history, towns and villages were located at the World Cultural Heritage Site. Therefore, it is said that a cultural heritage place mixed with urban villages.

After the multiple coordinating with international organizations, Bagan was officially listed as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO at the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee in Baku, Republic of Azerbaijan from 30 June to 10 July 2019. That is a victory for Myanmar people. Since Bagan becoming a World Heritage Site, thousands of pilgrims daily visited the site, creating job opportunities for local people.

MraukU region to be proposed for World Heritage Site List

After Bagan region had been listed

as a World Heritage Site, the ministry has been trying to propose MraukU region in Rakhine State for UNESCO World Heritage listing, with the directives from the leaders of the State.

A proposal to be submitted to UNESCO

In September 2019, a draft proposal was submitted to the UNESCO to add MraukU region in the World Heritage Site list. The headquarters of the UNESCO agreed and asked to submit a detailed proposal for the region in January 2021.

"The Ananda Sandra stone inscription in Shitthaung pagoda, MraukU was enlisted as one of the Asia-Pacific cultural heritages in June 2018. It is a pride for Rakhine people and entire Union. A proposal to add the Shwedagon Pagoda in the World Heritage List was also submitted." said the Union Minister.

Preservation of antique objects

During the fourth years of the incumbent government, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture awarded K246.8 million for over 9,600 antiques, and could preserve 50 antiques handed over and donated by the public. If the cultural antiques are handed over to the Archaeological Research and National Museum and if it is gold, the current price of the objects will be given. In addition, artistic values of the objects depending on the objects' era will be provided. In doing so, the number of antiques going out abroad can be reduced.

"The Protection and Preservation of Antique Objects Law that includes private ownership and the Protection and Preservation of Ancient Buildings Law were approved by the Hluttaw in 2015. To implement them, rules were enacted in 2016. With the law, not only the culture department but also Myanmar citizens can officially preserve the antique objects. Private museum can be established to preserve the objects. The ministry is helping the registration of the museum" said the Union Minister.

Renovation works

An earthquake in August 2016 destroyed a total of 389 pagodas in Bagan. Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, in cooperation with Ministry of Construction, Ministry of Transport and Communications, and Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Ministry of Border Affairs, is implementing renovation works.

E-Library to be established

Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture is relocating the National Library (Yangon). An e-Library linking the National Library (Yangon) with the National Library (Nay Pyi Taw) will be created.

At present, the librarians who had served as deputy chief librarians at the UN headquarters are helping the library's displays to be a world standard one.

An e-library is to be established linking the libraries in Yangon including Universities' Central Library with the library in Nay Pyi Taw.

Efforts to become correct history

The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture reformed the Myanmar Historical Group. The things being happened today will be the next generations' history; therefore, the correctness of the historical facts is very important in order that the next generations can make the country more prosperous and developed.

Human Resource Development

During of the goodwill visits of the leaders of the State, Fine Arts Department entertained with traditional dances. The leader guests were fond of Myanmar tra-

ditional performances and welcomed to sign MoUs for cooperation in traditional arts. Moreover, the ministry is fulfilling the needs of the students of the State School of Fine Arts (Mandalay), the State School of Fine Arts (Yangon), the National University of Arts and Culture (Mandalay), and the National University of Arts and Culture (Mandalay).

Freedom of religion

The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture is helping individual citizens to support freedom of religion. Meanwhile, the ministry is implementing perpetuation and propagation of Buddha's Sasana, which is a majority religion of the country, in coordinating with Sangha Committees.

Myanmar traditional dances and Buddha's Great Birth Stories are being performed across Myanmar in order to bring them among the public.

Conservation of puppetry

"Paper reading sessions on Myanmar Anu Thukhuma are regularly organized. The endangered Myanmar traditional puppetry is being conserved." said Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko.

Proposing Myanmar Thanakha for UN Cultural Heritage List

Myanmar Thanakha will be proposed for UNESCO Cultural Heritage listing.

U Than Zaw Oo, Director of World Cultural Heritage Division under the Department of Archaeological Research and National Museum, said "In 2018-2019, the global norms and the matters related to the UNESCO on the Thanakha were prepared. Two months ago, Myanmar Thanakha Conference was held in Monywa, and registrations of Thanakha were made. The works on Myanmar Thanakha to be listed as UNESCO intangible cultural heritages are underway." As part of preparation for making the Thanakha to be Myanmar's first UNESCO intangible cultural heritage, community involvements on the analysis of Thanakha were being sought with the installation of Quick Response (QR) Codes at the cultural museums, national museums and archaeological museums in the country.

(Translated by Khin Wai Lwin)



People learning at the E-Library room of the National Library (Yangon).

Coronavirus toll at 1100 GMT Saturday

THE worldwide number of officially confirmed fatalities from the novel coronavirus rose to 59,456 on Saturday, according to a tally compiled by AFP at 1100 GMT from official sources.

More than 1,122,320 declared cases have been registered in 190 countries and territories since the epidemic first emerged in China in December. Of these cases, at least 211,600 are now considered recovered.

The tallies, using data collected by AFP offices from national authorities and information from the World Health Organization (WHO), probably reflect only a fraction of the actual number of infections.

Many countries are only testing cases that require hospitalisation.

Japan eyes tripling Avigan drug stockpile to fight coronavirus

Japan is considering boosting the stockpile of the antiviral drug Avigan to three times the current amount for use in treating 2 million people infected with the new coronavirus, sources with knowledge of the matter said Saturday.

The drug, developed by a group firm of Fujifilm Holdings Corp., has been stored in Japan as a treatment for influenza. But it is seen as also effective in treating the COVID-19 pneumonia caused by the virus.

Virus patients in Spain get five-star hotel quarantine

An ambulance driver wearing a white protective gown enters a Barcelona hotel and announces the arrival of three new “customers” — a trio of coronavirus patients discharged from hospital into luxury quarantine.

“Good morning! How are you? My name is Enrique Aranda and I am probably the first non health care worker you see in several days,” says the director of the five-star Melia Sarria hotel, peering into the ambulance.

It took just three days to convert the hotel, which features contemporary decor and bathrooms with marble finishing, into a clinic.

South Africa rolls out mobile testing in virus lockdown

South African public health-care workers dispersed into the buzzing streets of Johannesburg’s Yeoville neighbourhood on Friday as Africa’s worst virus-hit country rolled out mass door-to-door test-



Supplied file photo shows Avigan anti-influenza drug. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

ing for COVID-19.

Armed with screening questionnaires and testing kits, medics and volunteers set up their testing station on the front porch of a block of flats in the gritty business neighbourhood.

Nurse Xola Dlomo told AFP they were asking one resident to mobilise fellow flat dwellers to come for screening and tests.

Oil price barrels ahead as OPEC flags meeting

The price of crude oil surged again Friday after OPEC said it would talk to non-members, notably Russia, giving investors hope for an end to a price war which has created market chaos along with crushed demand because of the coronavirus.

OPEC oil producers and their allies will meet Monday via video conference, a source close to the cartel said. And Russian President Vladimir Putin said his country was ready to cooperate with Saudi Arabia and the United States on a production cut.

Americans told to wear masks as Spain sees signs of hope

Americans on Saturday came to grips with recommendations to wear masks against the coronavirus, while Spain added to hopes that Europe could be turning a corner in the pandemic with a second daily drop in deaths.

China meanwhile came to a standstill as the nation where the virus first appeared held three minutes of silence to mourn the patients and medical staff killed by the outbreak.

Since COVID-19 emerged late last year, more than 1.1 million people have fallen ill. Nearly 60,000 people have died.

Bolsonaro's disapproval rating rises amid virus havoc

Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro’s disapproval rating has surged as the far-right leader has taken a vocal stance against coronavirus containment measures, two polls out Friday found.

Bolsonaro, who has compared COVID-19 to a “bit of sniffles” and criticized the “hysteria” around it, has found himself increasingly isolated on the issue as the pandemic advances.

Thirty-nine percent of Brazilians disapprove of his handling of the crisis, up six points from two weeks ago, polling firm Datafolha found.

US employment plunges in March amid worsening coronavirus damage

As the US economy craters, crippled by coronavirus shutdowns, businesses jettisoned jobs



Zimbabwe Republic Police (ZRP) anti-riot water cannons being filled with disinfectant liquid as they prepare to spray bus ranks and market places throughout Harare, April 4 2020 to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus which has infected nine people including one death. So far Zimbabwe has confirmed eight COVID-19 cases including one death. PHOTO: AFP

at an alarming rate last month, government data showed Friday, and the situation will get dramatically worse.

US employment plunged by 701,000 in March and the jobless rate surged to 4.4 percent, the Labor Department reported.

Yet the department acknowledged its statistics could not yet capture the full extent of the damage, and its own weekly data on first-time claims for jobless benefits showed 10 million people lost their jobs in the last two weeks of the month.

Wearing masks prevalent in Western world after learning from Asia

Wearing face masks to fight the coronavirus outbreak has become increasingly prevalent in the United States and Europe after they saw relatively slow ris-

es in infection numbers in Japan and South Korea, where people routinely put on masks in winter to prevent diseases, health experts say.

US President Donald Trump said Friday that Americans are advised to wear cloth masks or face coverings in public as a voluntary measure to help blunt the spread of the virus, although he said he will not do so himself.

Spain to extend lockdown until April 25

Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez announced Saturday the extension of the country’s lockdown until April 25 in order to curb the spread of the novel coronavirus.

“The cabinet on Tuesday will again ask for authorisation from parliament to extend for a second time the state of alert until Saturday April 25 at midnight,” Sanchez



said in a televised speech.

Bulgarian PM says against seasonal workers travels amid virus spread

Bulgarian Prime Minister Boyko Borisov said Saturday that EU borders might remain open for seasonal workers but he was against labour transfers that pose a risk for spreading the novel coronavirus. “As to free movement, I have one official stance and it is that freedom of movement is included in the EU charter (of fundamental rights),” Borisov told journalists Saturday.

UAE officially asks to postpone Expo 2020 Dubai

The United Arab Emirates has officially requested to postpone the start of the Expo 2020 Dubai until October next year due to the coronavirus pandemic, the

body that oversees the world fair said Saturday. Dubai, the glitzy city-state which is part of the UAE, had hoped to attract some 25 million visits to the multi-billion-dollar, six-month event, which was scheduled to launch October 20 this year.

DR Congo 'prepared' to take part in vaccine testing: official

The Democratic Republic of Congo is prepared to take part in testing of any future vaccine against the coronavirus, the head of the country’s taskforce against the pandemic said on Friday.

“We’ve been chosen to conduct these tests,” said the head of the national biological institute, Jean-Jacques Muyembe.

G77, China demand end to sanctions in pandemic

The Group of 77 and China called Friday for an end to unilateral sanctions against developing countries during the coronavirus crisis, warning they could hinder efforts to tackle the pandemic.

In a statement implicitly aimed at the United States, which has tough sanctions against Iran and Venezuela, the coalition of developing nations said the application of “unilateral coercive economic measures will have a negative impact on the capacity of states to respond efficiently.”

New 4,000-bed coronavirus field hospital opens in London

Britain on Friday opened a new 4,000-bed temporary hospital to treat the most seriously ill coronavirus patients, as day-on-day deaths surged to a new record and royal officials said Queen Elizabeth II would make a rare crisis address to the nation.

Heir to the throne Prince Charles opened the state-run National Health Service (NHS) Nightingale Hospital, which has been built at London’s ExCeL conference venue in just nine days.

Daily rise in Tokyo coronavirus cases tops 100 for 1st time

At least 118 new coronavirus cases were confirmed in Tokyo on Saturday, the first time the daily increase has topped 100, the metropolitan government said, in a development that could raise pressure on Japan to declare a state of emergency.

Trump fires intelligence official who played key role in Ukraine complaint

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump told Congress on Friday that he has fired Michael Atkinson, the intelligence community inspector general (ICIG) who first notified lawmakers of a Ukraine complaint that ultimately led to the president's impeachment.

In a letter made public late Friday by U.S. media, Trump informed the Senate and House intelligence committees that he is removing Atkinson from his duties.

"This is to advise that I am exercising my power as President to remove from office the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, effective 30 days from today," Trump wrote.

Trump said "it is vital" that he as the president has "the fullest confidence in the appointees serving as Inspector General.

That is no longer the case

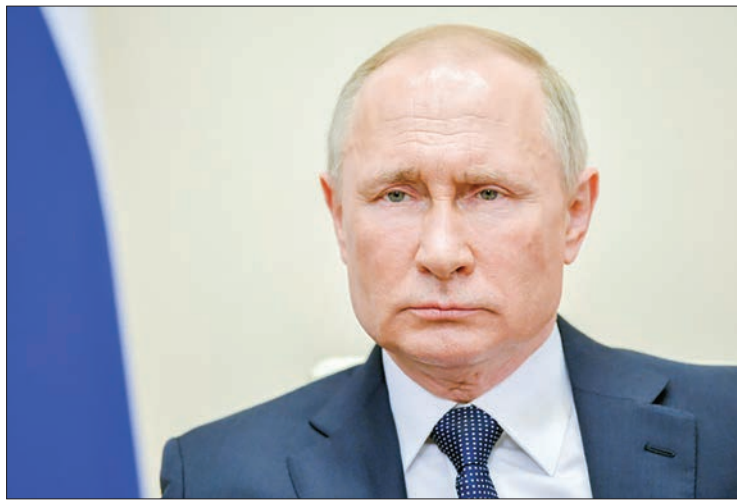
with regard to this Inspector General."

Atkinson reported to Congress in September about a Ukraine complaint he had received from an anonymous intelligence official, who expressed concerns that Trump's dealings with Ukraine amounted to soliciting foreign interference in the 2020 U.S. election and undermined U.S. national security.

The complaint triggered the impeachment investigation into Trump led by House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff.

The president was impeached by the Democratic-controlled House on Dec. 19 by two articles of impeachment accusing him of "abuse of power" and "obstruction of Congress," respectively. He was acquitted on Feb. 5 as the Senate, where the Republicans hold the majority, concluded its impeachment trial. — Xinhua ■

Putin says Russia ready to cooperate on cutting oil production



Russian President Vladimir Putin (pictured April 2, 2020) said the country was willing to make agreements within the framework of the OPEC+ group. PHOTO: AFP

MOSCOW (Russia) — Russia is ready to cooperate with Saudi Arabia and the United States to cut oil production, President Vladimir Putin said Friday.

Putin said Russia was willing to make agreements within the framework of the OPEC+ group and that "we are ready for cooperation with the United States of America on this issue,"

according to a statement published by the Kremlin.

"I believe that it is necessary to combine efforts in order to balance the market and reduce production."

Oil prices have tumbled in recent weeks in the face of a drop in demand and global economic uncertainty over the new coronavirus pandemic.

Last month, OPEC and its allies failed to reach a deal on oil production cuts after OPEC+ leader Moscow refused to tighten supply to counter the effects of the coronavirus outbreak.

Speaking with Energy Minister Alexander Novak via conference call, Putin said Russia was prepared to discuss "a reduction in the volume of about 10 million barrels a day, a little less, maybe a little more."

He said Russia was in close contact with partners Saudi Arabia and that he recently spoke to US President Donald Trump. The Kremlin on Thursday denied Putin spoke to Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman after Trump made the claim on Twitter, and oil prices rocketed.

Putin's comments come as the OPEC group of oil producers led by Saudi Arabia plan to meet Monday via videoconference, according to a source close to the organisation. — AFP ■

Two members of Kennedy family missing

WASHINGTON (United States) — Two members of the Kennedy US political dynasty, including a grand-niece of assassinated president John F Kennedy, were missing Friday after they went canoeing.

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend's daughter and eight-year-old grandson disappeared Thursday after boating on the

South River in Maryland, Governor Larry Hogan told reporters. An intensive search has been underway since Thursday.

"On behalf of the people of Maryland, I expressed our most heartfelt sympathies and prayers to her and to her entire family during this difficult time," Hogan said.

Kennedy Townsend, 68, is

a former Maryland lieutenant governor, and the daughter of Robert F Kennedy, the onetime US attorney general in his brother's administration.

The iconic American clan has had more than its share of tragedy. RFK was himself slain in 1968 as he campaigned for president five years after his brother's death. — AFP ■

Welsh-born author, environmentalist C.W. Nicol dies

TOKYO — Welsh-born author and environmentalist C.W. Nicol, a well-known figure in Japan where he was naturalized, died Friday at a hospital in Nagano after a long battle with rectal cancer. He was 79.

Due to the wishes of his family, a funeral was held privately Saturday, according to a

foundation he headed. Nicol was known for a range of activities to revive neglected forests and restore their original ecosystem across the nation. He set up the foundation for such activities, The C.W. Nicol Afan Woodland Trust, in 2002 in central Japan's Nagano Prefecture where he lived since 1980. — Kyodo News ■

Egypt, Sudan joint electricity grid starts operation: Egypt's cabinet

CAIRO — The Egyptian cabinet said in a statement on Saturday that the actual operation of the joint 220-kv electricity grid between Egypt and Sudan has started.

The grid is part of Egypt's plan to turn into a regional center for energy exchange, according to the statement.

"The construction of the grid was completed in April 2019 and its length is about 100 km in the Egyptian side and 70 km in the Sudanese side," said the Egyptian cabinet.

It noted that the grid operation is the first stage of electric interconnection with Sudan

through which Egypt seeks to provide the neighboring state with electric capacities up to 70 megawatts around the clock.

Ayman Hamza, spokesman of the Egyptian Ministry of Electricity and Renewable Energy, told Xinhua on Saturday that the second stage of electricity linkage between Egypt and Sudan will target supplying Sudan with up to 300 megawatts of electric capacity.

He added that the joint grid between Egypt and Sudan goes in line with the vision of the Egyptian political leadership to turn the country into a regional axis for energy exchange.

"There are other projects being implemented within the framework of this vision, such as joint grids with Jordan and Libya and similar other projects with Saudi Arabia, Cyprus and Greece," Hamza explained.

He noted that Egypt signed last year a memorandum of understanding with the Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization to make use of Egypt's strategic location in energy interconnection between African states and between Africa and other continents. — Xinhua ■

Man kills two, wounds seven in France stabbings

PARIS (France) — A man in south-east France attacked several people with a knife on Saturday, killing two and wounding seven, before being arrested, sources told AFP. One of the wounded is in critical condition in hospital. The

attack took place at a shopping centre and on a road in Romans-sur-Isere before police apprehended the man at 11:00 am local time. In full lockdown because of COVID-19, France is currently in its third week of self-isolation. — AFP ■

THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR



Call
Thin Thin May,

■ 09251022355

■ 09974424848

EU backs US plan for Venezuela transitional government

BRUSSELS (Belgium) — The European Union on Friday welcomed a US plan for a transitional government in Venezuela and subsequent lifting of economic sanctions.

Washington last month suggested that both hard left President Nicolas Maduro and his rival Juan Guaidó — previously backed by the US — step aside in favour of a transitional administration made up of members of both their parties.

The shift in US tactics came as fears grow that the coronavirus pandemic will spread rapidly both inside and from Venezuela, an oil-wealthy nation now crumbling in an economic crisis.

“The European Union takes positive note of the Democratic Transition Framework on Venezuela proposed by the United States,” the EU’s diplomatic chief



Washington suggested that both leftist Venezuelan president Nicolas Maduro (L) and his rival Juan Guaidó — previously backed by the US — step aside in favour of a transitional administration made up of members of both their parties. PHOTO: AFP

Josep Borrell said in a statement on behalf of all 27 members of the bloc.

“The US proposal goes in the EU line of proposing a peaceful way out of the crisis through a negotiated path to a democratic government, which is now more needed than ever.”

If Washington’s plan is fully implemented, the United States and EU would lift sanctions, including sweeping US restrictions on Venezuela’s key export of oil.

The IMF and other international lenders would be invited to plan economic relief for Venezuela, from which millions have fled as they face dire shortages of food and other necessities.

But Maduro has repeatedly ruled out ceding power and his government quickly rejected the framework, which is similar to a proposal put forward last year by Guaidó in failed Norwegian-brokered talks.

In a statement, Maduro’s government rejected the EU’s position, saying it was merely a tactic to bring the “old coup plan to fruition”.

Venezuela “calls upon the EU member states to respect the sovereignty of the Venezuelan people and reminds them that, since they are signatories to the Charter of the United Nations, the least they can do is to respect its goals and its principles”, the statement said. — AFP ■

Video app Zoom rockets to fame, with some hiccups, amid pandemic

SAN FRANCISCO (United States) — What does British Prime Minister Boris Johnson have in common with virtual happy hour celebrants and thousands of students around the world?

All use the Zoom videoconferencing application to get together while staying apart during the deadly coronavirus pandemic.

But amid its newfound fame, the Silicon Valley-based company has come under stepped-up scrutiny over how it handles privacy and security — including allowing uninvited guests to barge in on sessions.

Created by engineer Eric Yuan in 2011 and listed on the Nasdaq a year ago, Zoom has seen its market value skyrocket

to some \$35 billion.

Yuan has spoken of a passion for communication technologies that dates back to the 1990s when, as a university student in mainland China, he longed for a way to see his girlfriend without needing to travel hours by train.

Zoom hit the market as a tool for people working apart to collaborate on business, competing with offerings from the likes of Microsoft, Facebook, Google and others.

Poker and funerals

As people around the world stay home due to coronavirus risk, Zoom has become a go-to service for remote education, exercise classes, poker games, church services and happy hour celebrations. —AFP ■

Keir Starmer elected new UK Labour leader: party



The three Labour leadership candidates (L-R) Lisa Nandy, Keir Starmer and Rebecca Long-Bailey. PHOTO: AFP

LONDON (United Kingdom) — Britain’s main opposition Labour party on Saturday announced that Keir Starmer had been elected as its new leader, replacing Jeremy Corbyn who resigned after its crushing December election defeat.

The 57-year-old former chief state prosecutor defeated Corbyn loyalist Rebecca Long-Bailey and backbencher Lisa Nandy for the top job.

Angela Rayner becomes the new deputy leader, Labour announced on Twitter, after it was forced to cancel a special

conference because of the coronavirus outbreak.

Starmer, who was Labour’s Brexit spokesman, thanked supporters and his opponents in the three-month campaign that followed Corbyn’s election defeat to Boris Johnson’s Conservatives.

He called it “the honour and privilege” of his life and vowed to “engage constructively” with Johnson’s government, particularly in the fight-back against COVID-19.

But he also vowed to reunite the party, after deep divisions caused by veteran socialist Cor-

byn’s hard-left ideals that clashed with advocates of a more centrist approach, and Brexit.

And he immediately addressed the issue of anti-Semitism that Corbyn was accused of failing to tackle, which tarnished the party’s reputation and caused Jewish members to leave in droves.

“Anti-Semitism has been a stain on our party. I have seen the grief that it’s brought to so many Jewish communities,” Starmer said. “On behalf of the Labour Party, I am sorry.”

“And I will tear out this poison by its roots and judge success by the return of Jewish members and those who felt that they could no longer support us.”

Starmer, who won 56.2 percent of the vote of more than 500,000 Labour members, acknowledged the party had “a mountain to climb”, after four straight general election defeats.

But he vowed: “We will climb it.”

‘Bad blood and mistrust’

Labour grew out of the trade union movement but moved to the political centre under former prime minister Tony Blair, who was in office between 1997 and 2007. Corbyn spent a lifetime on the sidelines because of his left-wing views, and his election as leader in 2015, on the back of a huge surge in party membership, was a shock.

MPs and party members have been locked in an ideological battle ever since. “There’s really a lot of bad blood and mistrust,” said Steven Fielding, a political expert at the University of Nottingham. “The first challenge (of the new leader) will be to put a team together that at least looks like it has the ability to unify the party.” Winning back voters who defected to the Conservatives is also top of Starmer’s “to do” list if Labour has any hope of victory at the next election, currently scheduled for 2024. — AFP ■

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY. NO. (050N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY. NO. (050N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5-4-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of HPT 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V PACITA VOY. NO. (067 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V PACITA VOY. NO. (067 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5-4-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of AWPT 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

Phone No: 2301185

Yangon elevated expressway project to come into view soon

By Swe Oo Wai

IT is not a new story that the Yangonites always face traffic congestion in Yangon with the hustle and bustle of city life. In a bid to reduce the passage of time spent taking vehicles such as cars and trains, measures are being taken to implement Yangon Elevated Expressway project. The preparatory work for the project will begin at the end of July in 2020.

The winning bidder for Yangon elevated expressway project would be announced in April, said Deputy Director-General

U Kyi Zaw Myint of Bridge Department under the Ministry of Construction. Yangon Elevated Expressway project which has drawn a great interest from the public since some time will begin construction tasks in the near future.

Proposals to be submitted

Ten prequalified bidders will have to submit an investment proposal for the project in late March. The winning bidder will be chosen among ten prequalified bidders. The tender winner will be selected in accord

with rules and regulations. It is required to pick a qualified bidder meeting criteria.

Now the responsible persons are meeting the parliamentarians and local people from the relevant townships the elevated expressway project will pass through and briefing them about the project. The responsible persons explained implementation processes and facts about the project to the parliamentarians and the officials from the Ministry of Construction who discussed with local people from the townships through which the



The photo shows Bayintnaung overpass at the junction of Bayintnaung. **PHOTO: SHWE OO WAI**

project will pass.

While the responsible persons were explaining the facts about the project to the locals who are residing along the route

of the project, they dealt with what the latter demanded and lost as much as they could. The responsible persons are negotiating with the victims for some



Traffic is seen at Kokkine overpass. **PHOTO: KHIN MAUNG WIN**



buildings existing in the project area. Yangon elevated expressway project will be implemented on a basis of public-private partnership through collaborative efforts by the Ministry of Construction and Yangon Region Government.

Two phases in Yangon elevated expressway project

Yangon elevated expressway project has been divided into two phases. The project will consist of a four-lane elevated road of 47.5 kilometres that will link the south of Yangon, which includes Yangon Port and Thilawa Special Economic Zone, to the north side of the city, where the Yangon International Airport, Mingaladon Industrial Park and the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway are located.

Phase one of the project will involve a 27.5 km four-lane ring road connecting east and west of Yangon, as well as the Yangon International Airport.

The phase one of the project will start from upper Pazundaung, then passing through Waizayanda, Thudama, Khayaypin and finally lower Mingaladon roundabout. The tender developer for the implementation of the phase one of the project will be announced in April. It is expected that the implementation of the phase one of the project will cost an estimated US\$620million and it will take for five years. The companies that proposed

implementing the phase one of the project are the consortiums from the international community.

These consortiums are from Republic of Korea, China, Japan, Thailand and the Philippines and they include local business organizations and foreign groups of companies. A total of 12 prequalification applications were received in September in 2018.

Selection of 10 prequalified bidders for Yangon elevated expressway project

Out of 12 local and international companies that had submitted prequalification applications, 10 were named prequalified bidders for Yangon elevated expressway project. The shortlisted companies include a Chinese-Myanmar consortium, a Thai-Japanese-Myanmar consortium, a Thai-Chinese consortium, four companies from China and one each from France, Korea, and Japan.

The Ministry of Construction during 2018 announced a shortlist of pre-qualified companies as contenders for the contract to build an elevated expressway in Yangon. The winning developer will be opted by passing judgment on criteria of finance, quality, work experience and work performance.

Construction on key places Yangon elevated express-

way project will connect key places such as downtown Yangon as, Yangon port, Yangon international airport, Mindaladon industrial zone, and Yangon-Mandalay expressway. In addition to Yangon, the project will help raise socio-economic life of Myanmar as well.

Moreover, various types of businesses, industrial zones, special economic zones and local and foreign companies concentrate in Yangon. Therefore, travel, commodity flow and transport must happen at exactly the right time. The plan to speedily implement Yangon elevated expressway seems to be a dream for the commuters in Yangon.

Emergence of an economic corridor

With Yangon seeing the development of urbanization, Yangon elevated expressway capable of fulfilling the needs for modern equitable development in transport sector is going to come onto the horizon. What is more it will appear as an economic corridor that can connect downtown Yangon with seaports, inland jetties existing on the outskirts where new satellite towns are situated. If the project is finished as scheduled, Yangon will emerge into a world-class city with all-round development.

Translated by Htut Htut (Twantay)



Asia World Foundation donates 100 million Kyats to National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control, and Treatment of COVID-19



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe receiving the cash donation from AWF. PHOTO: ASIA WORLD

ASIA WORLD Foundation (“AWF” or the “Foundation”), the non-profit arm of Asia World Company Ltd (“AWC”), donated 100 million Kyats to National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) at Myanmar’s Ministry of Health and Sports (“MoHS”) office, Nay Pyi Taw in the help of prevention, control, and treatment of the COVID-19 health pandemic.

AWF presented the cash donation to Dr Myint Htwe, Union Minister of MoHS at the Ministry’s headquarters in Myanmar’s capital, Nay Pyi Taw.

The Foundation is committed to developing the well-being of the people of Myanmar and supporting projects that cover a broad range of areas

including education, disaster relief, healthcare and community development.

Mr Htun Myint Naing, Chairman of AWC, said: “Myanmar is undergoing great challenges with the COVID-19 situation. This donation will assist in every health aspect for the people in the prevention, containment and treatment of COVID-19. The Foundation together with AWC’s group of companies will continue their respective effort to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19 in Myanmar.”

“We encourage everyone to minimize the spread of this disease by following health guidelines imposed by the government. We will emerge stronger through these challenging times,” he added.— Asia World

THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Trade Mark
Ads

Call
Thin Thin May,

09251022355

09974424848

MFF cares over 200 people in quarantined centres



Officials from MFF arranging accommodation for the healthcare providers and for the quarantined persons. **PHOTO: MFF**

THE Myanmar Football Federation is currently caregiving for over 200 people under quarantine at their facilities with healthcare assistance given by up to 80 staff and volunteers.

All the quarantined persons at the MFF sites have recently come back home from foreign countries by airlines and they will have to stay facility quarantine for 14 days there.

The MFF led by its president U Zaw Zaw is volunteering the use of five of their facilities – the AYA Bank Training Centre, three camps of the Myanmar National Football Teams and National Football Academy in Yangon which can accommodate about 350 people.

Myanmar Football Federation has prepared to help supply the accommodations and daily meals for the quarantined persons at MFF's National Football Academy and Myanmar National Teams' Apartments since 22 March, with the efforts from MFF's officials, doctors, staff and other volunteers, in line with the Ministry of Health and Sports, according to the MFF.

The MFF has also prepared the use of the Myanmar National team camps to provide accommodation for up to 80 healthcare providers, doctors and nurses from different regions and states, who are assisting to combat COVID-19 pandemic. —Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Cheltenham defends decision to race despite virus fears

LONDON (United Kingdom)—Cheltenham Festival organisers have defended their decision to go ahead with the event after fears were raised that the mass gathering helped spread coronavirus around Britain.

More than 250,000 racegoers attended the four-day National Hunt event last month even though other large sporting events were cancelled shortly afterwards. A number of people reported on social media that they attended the festival, only to go on and develop symptoms of COVID-19.

However, organisers said they had complied with the government guidance at the time. A spokesman for Cheltenham Racecourse said: "The festival concluded three weeks ago and went ahead under the government's ongoing guidance throughout, like other popular sports events at Twickenham, Murrayfield, 10 Premier League matches and the UEFA Champions League

at Anfield that same week.

"We promoted the latest public health advice and introduced a range of additional hygiene measures at the event, including hundreds of hand sanitiser dispensers and extra washbasins."

A government spokesman said on Friday that "Cheltenham Festival was operating within clear Public Health England guidance at the time". At the time of Cheltenham, which ran from March 10-13, the government had not put any social distancing measures in place.

The day before it started, the government said there was "no rationale" to postponing events. Figures on the opening day of the festival showed that six people had died in Britain from the virus, with more than 370 confirmed cases. The Premier League and other leagues suspended fixtures on March 13 as part of a rapid shutdown of sport across the world.—AFP ■



UEFA has lifted a ban on showing football matches starting at 3:00 pm on Saturdays live on TV in England and Scotland. **PHOTO: AFP**

UEFA lifts Saturday afternoon TV blackout for England, Scotland

LONDON (United Kingdom)—UEFA has lifted a ban on the live screening of Premier League games kicking off at 3:00 pm in England and Scotland for the rest of the season.

The blackout has long been in place to protect attendances at matches.

The move by European football's governing body is seen a step towards restarting some domestic competitions in Britain behind closed doors in order to complete the season, interrupted by the coronavirus crisis.

A UEFA statement read: "UEFA has lifted the 'blocked hours' protection granted to the UEFA member associations for England and Scotland for the remainder of the 2019/20 football season, following requests from the relevant national associations as a result of measures taken in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic."

The virus has caused mass postpone-

ments across league and cup competitions.

Football chiefs said on Friday that the game in Britain was on hold "until it is safe to resume".

UEFA has warned that clubs in competitions that it deems have been cancelled prematurely may not be eligible to play in next season's Champions League or Europa League. It followed a move from the Belgian football league to recommend that the current season be declared finished early due to the coronavirus pandemic, with the present table accepted as final.

The Premier League and English Football League remain committed to completing the 2019/20 season. It was reported earlier this week that a World Cup-style camp is one solution being considered by Premier League clubs as a way of completing the campaign.—AFP ■



Jockey Paul Townend celebrates his victory in the 2020 Cheltenham Gold Cup on Al Boum Photo. **PHOTO: AFP**

SUNDAY SPECIAL

The Global New Light of Myanmar

NEXT GENERATION PLATFORM

5 APRIL 2020
THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

DO IT WHEN THE TIME IS UNOCCUPIED

By Ma Su (Anthro)
BA (Eng), MA (TEFL),
Diploma in Anthropology

On processing is only the time in the world. With the time along we must do the do's we have to. We can excuse the study hour. We can reason for the assignment to do next time. We might have many reasons to postpone the things we have to do pardoning that there are many things more important than those to get done. This is only when we are occupied with daily chores with housework, office works, school works, lessons and other must-to-do tasks. OK, What if the time without those, except home alone and without out-going? Like this moment of COVID-19 outbreak! The time we are free of duty! The time we are out of in-touch communications. The time we have no rush hours! No need to get up early to dash to the bus-stop! The time we need not daily commuting! The time we cannot hug someone to pat his or her sadness or success! What should we do? What have we to do? People are those who can mislead if their routine is disordered. At first, they might enjoy the free or extra-time with no duty at will for 4 or 5 days, utmost a week. Then they become boring the time to spend feeling nothing to do except cooking, eating, using online and sleeping or groaning what to do and nothing else to do. Panicking and counting the days is useless. People are not used to how to spend the time practically if their routine is out of order. They feel alone or lonely when they are not ready being isolated or out of communication with their friends or colleagues.

This time, according to the Buddha's Teaching, we bear in mind that the world resembles a theatrical stage. We are sent to play our respective parts as the characters do on the stage. There we find powerful king reduced to the hell-rank or an ordinary man rose to the apex of brilliance. The steady phase of a nation like our Myanmar is at the danger of lethal disease. On earth, life is not a consistent round of happiness or distress. However, there is glimpse of rays after dark-cloud. So when clear is our country with that virus, we are in ready for the work restarts. Taking advantage of this bitter-opportunity, we must make hay when the sun shines. As all of us already understand and realize that this is a well-known and down to earth astute saying. That is to say, do a thing when it ought to be finished. In summer farmers have to make hay while the sun shines. So also they need to plough the land when the rain favors. Else they will get no opportunity to do as such because of the heavy rain in monsoon. There are similar saying in Myanmar custom. They are "Spin the yarn when the moon shines" and "Store up water when it is raining."

SEE PAGE-8

The collage includes various digital content such as:

- News articles from VOA and other sources.
- Educational platforms like Coursera, Duolingo, and Udacity.
- Social media posts and community pages.
- Images of people and various digital interfaces.

Why we should learn a foreign language



By Phyu Min

BA (English); Dip in ELTM;
Dip in English.

Today the world has become a village because of the modern inventions and technology, especially the Internet. Knowing one language is not enough for a person who wants to keep abreast with the times. So, learning foreign languages plays an important role in this modern world. In fact, learning foreign languages is useful in today's society because of the diversity that we have in our world. The study of foreign languages teaches and encourages respect for other peoples and it fosters the understanding of the interrelation of language and human nature. Thus, we should learn a foreign language.

There are several reasons why we should learn a foreign language. One reason to learn foreign languages is that if we travel and work in another country, we will be able to speak

with other people and get help around. Most people all over the world learn foreign languages like English, German and Spanish with the objective of living or working in countries where these languages are spoken. This, however, does not mean that someone who has no intention to visit or work in a foreign country does not have to learn a foreign language. Actually, learning a second or third language benefits everyone.

Another reason is that learning language improves our cognitive skills. Studies have shown that bilingual people are smarter than people who speak only one language. Multilingual people are even smarter. Learning a foreign language helps our brain in many ways. It allows us to make connections faster and remember things better. It is not surprising that bilingual people earn higher salaries

and make better relationships.

Besides, thanks to the advent of the internet, the world has become a village. We can now meet people from all parts of the world online. If we speak a foreign language, we will also be able to talk to them, share ideas and get answers to our questions. This clearly explains why an inability to speak a foreign language is a disability in this modern world. When we learn a foreign language, we also develop respect for the culture of the people who speak that language. This understanding and admiration for other cultures forge better relationships between people and nations.

The next reason that we should study a foreign language is that if we plan on furthering our education in college, it is a requirement for at least two foreign language credits to get ac-

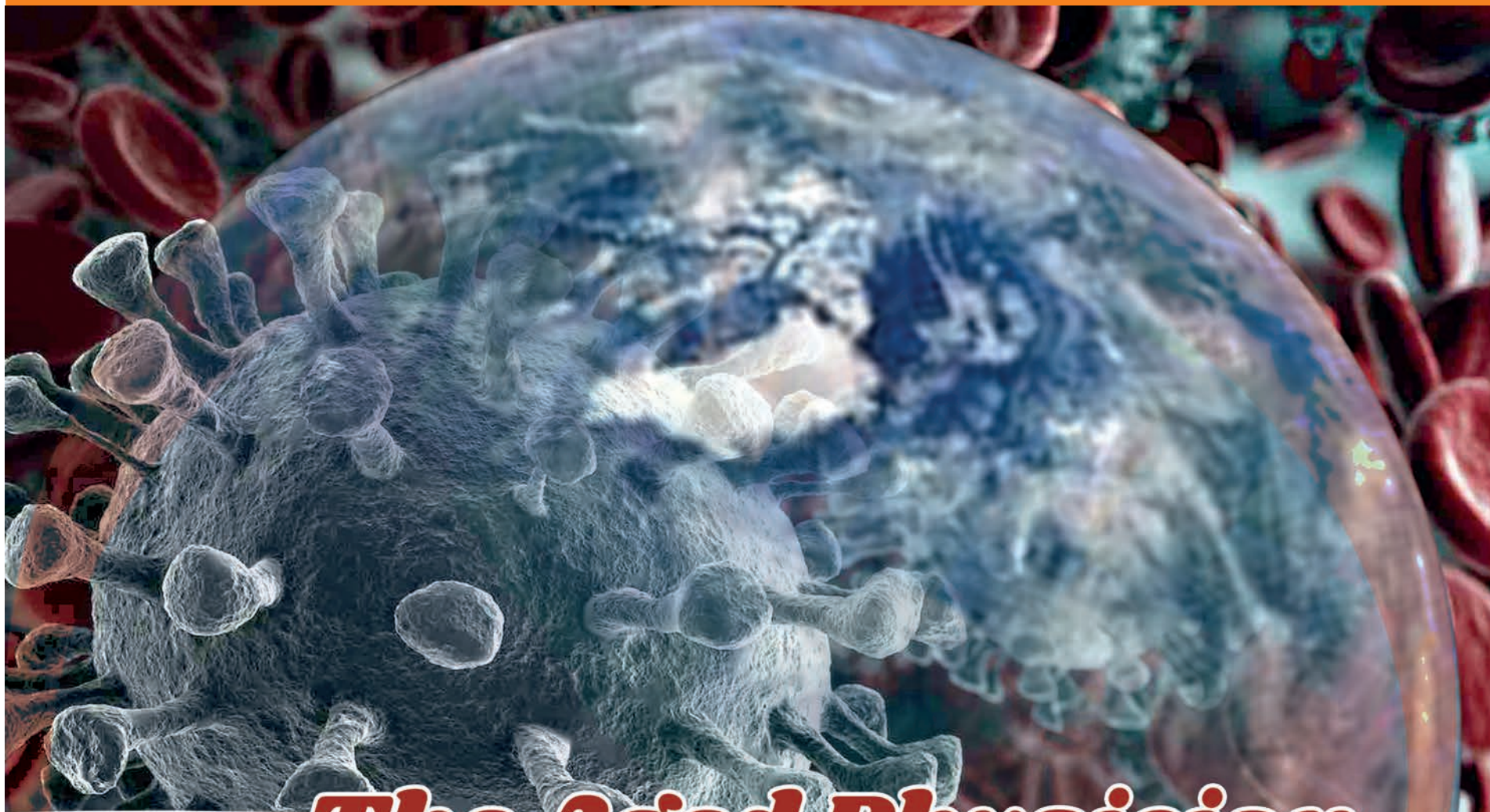
cepted. So if our dreams are to go to college and make something of our life, we're not going to make it very far without two credits in a foreign language. If we have to be in the class then we might as well learn the language and make ourselves diverse.

There are other reasons why we should study a foreign language. If we plan to go into a career in business, learning foreign languages will help when we are asked to fly across seas for international trades or company partners. If we understand the language and culture then we will be prepared for the job and not have to take additional training courses. In fact, learning a foreign language also makes us smarter and better. Therefore, it draws the conclusion that we should study a foreign language for our studies and future careers.



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. Interested candidates can send their work to the **Global New Light of Myanmar** at No. 150, Nga Htat Kye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Own name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar



The Aged Physician and the Pandemic

By Jonathan Tun

He was a physician who practiced medicines alone at his private clinic in River City, Ayeyawady Region and had worked nearly 50 years now without getting any success.

In his university days, he earned several successes being an outstanding student, and he even got married to a beautiful woman. After graduated, because of his strange behaviors in practicing medicine, only a few patients came; all of the patients saw him for the first time, and then left him. Like his patients, his wife also left him alone.

He was thin and tall with gray hair. Now, he is in his 70s. He was alone for a long time, and grew older days by days. Though he is a physician, the income he earned from his career couldn't feed him, but the inheritances from his parents fed him. But he insisted practicing medicines, what he said is he does it with huge love.

In one morning of cold December, he read a piece of news. The news said people in Wuhan in China died of a new coronavirus. He didn't read a newspaper for about two months. Now when he read again, the virus is spreading around the world. No vaccine was invented yet.

The physician had an idea to test a vaccine for the virus to help the world. Therefore, he wanted to see the virus to know well the behaviors

of the virus.

After the virus became pandemic, one of his friends contacted him to help test a vaccine for the COVID-19 in a laboratory in Yangon. He happily accepted and went to Yangon where the laboratory testing for the COVID-19 vaccine is located.

He worked hard at the laboratory, taking a little sleep. He observed the behaviors of the virus daily to know its weakness and invest vaccine. He said the virus even became his friend as he has been observing more than three months. His eyes became painful as he looked at the microscope all the time.

"Be patient, my eyes," he said. "I do this to save the world." I wish I could live before the vaccine is invented, he thought. The virus is my brother now. But I must kill him after formulating a vaccine. Slowly and conscientiously he examined all manners of the virus daily in the laboratory.

While he was testing vaccines, he met with a boy in a PPE suit who always provides him with foods and drinks. The boy seems interesting in laboratory works. Therefore, the old physician allowed the boys to stay with him during the COVID-19 vaccine test.

Today is Sunday, and till midnight they have worked hard and both of them were very tired. When the clock struck twelve, the old man said to the boy, "Good night, boy.

Sleep well. I will wake you in the morning."

The boy said, "I do not like you waken me. It is as though I were inferior." The old physician smiled and said, "Sleep well good boy." The boy went out.

The next morning, they woke up early and had eaten breakfast separately under a dim light.

A few weeks later, the old physician was infected COVID-19. He was separated from the boy, and put in an isolation room, but kept formulating vaccine.

One evening, a small bird came toward his quarantine ward. The small bird entered through an opened window, and rested on the left shoulder of the old physician, and flew around the room.

"How old are you?" the old physician asked the bird. "Is this your first trip?" "Do you know that we human beings are now facing a big problem." "Can you give me a vaccine formula for the disease?"

The bird looked at him when he spoke. "Be safe from COVID-19, small bird," he said. The bird had flown up away when the doorbell rang.

Though his hair and clothes are messy, the aged physician's head was clear and good now. He was full of resolution to successfully invent a vaccine for the global enemy. He took a look at laboratory equipment.

Watching the virus under a mi-

croscope, the old man said, "COVID-19, you are going to have to die anyway. Do you kill me too?"

I don't want to die before killing you, COVID-19, he said. His mouth was too dry to speak. I must get a right formula for the vaccine this time, he thought.

Due to several successive working weeks, COVID-19 infection, and his weak body, the physician was unconscious after getting a very new formula for the COVID-19 vaccine.

It was 17th April 2020, the New Year of Myanmar, and it was a dream for him when he became conscious after he was unconscious for a week. When he opened his eyes, he saw people around him looking at him with shining eyes. When he moved his hands, their smiles became bigger. He also saw the boy who stayed together with him several days in the laboratory.

One of the people around him said, "Great physician, you did a great job for the planet and Myanmar." "With the vaccine you formulated, we are now driving away the COVID-19. We can kill them now."

"Sooner, the COVID-19 is going to disappear from our planet" another one around him said.

We won the battle against the COVID-19, the aged physician thought and smiled.





A health care workers disinfect the facility for 14-day quarantine in Yangon. PHOTO: YE MIN TUN



Migrant workers receive the 14-day facility quarantine in Meikhtila after returning from Thailand. PHOTO: CHAN THAR (MEIKHTILA)



Myanmar migrant workers receive screening after entering into Myanmar by crossing border gate in Myawady.



A public building is being disinfected. PHOTO: AUNG WIN NYEIN (KANBALU)



A team of health workers spray disinfectant in a library in Sagaing. PHOTO: AUNG WIN NYEIN (KANBALU)

Salute our frontline heroes

Thousands of Myanmar migrant workers returned home crossing the border gates especially from Thailand amidst the Coronavirus outbreak.

Local authorities in their respective regions are on alert to provide them with 14-day facility quarantine in efforts to fight the infectious disease spread.

In this time of crisis, local health authorities including physicians and all medical professionals are taking an enormous personal risk under pressure, for themselves and their families, in caring for the sick and enforcing the 14-day quarantine among those who returned from foreign countries.

At the same time, those who finish the 14-day quarantine are considered free from the virus, and people should avoid discriminating against them.

We should not forget to express our thanks to those following the rules by quarantining themselves, and to encourage them to keep up their good work in this difficult situation, instead of being subjected to more aggravations.

Because they are also frontline prevention warriors helping the nation fight the disease. They are isolating themselves for the safety of the public and should not be subject to discrimination.

The upcoming four weeks are to be very important for our country in fighting the COVID-19 infection.—GNLM

Translated by Nat Ye Hla



A health care worker disinfects a library in Sagaing. PHOTO: AUNG WIN NYEIN (KANBALU)

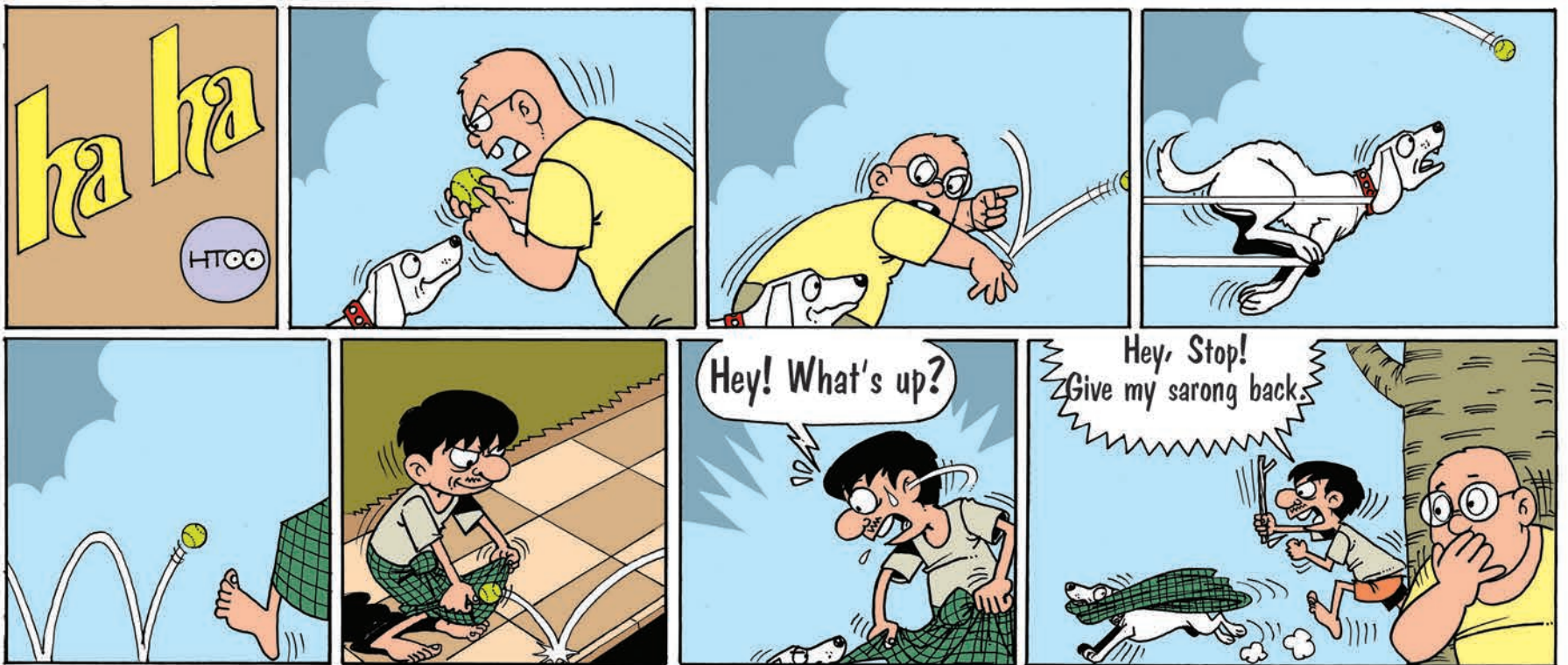


Migrant workers follow the 14-day facility quarantine outside their village in Meikhtila Township. PHOTO: CHAN THAR (MEIKHTILA)



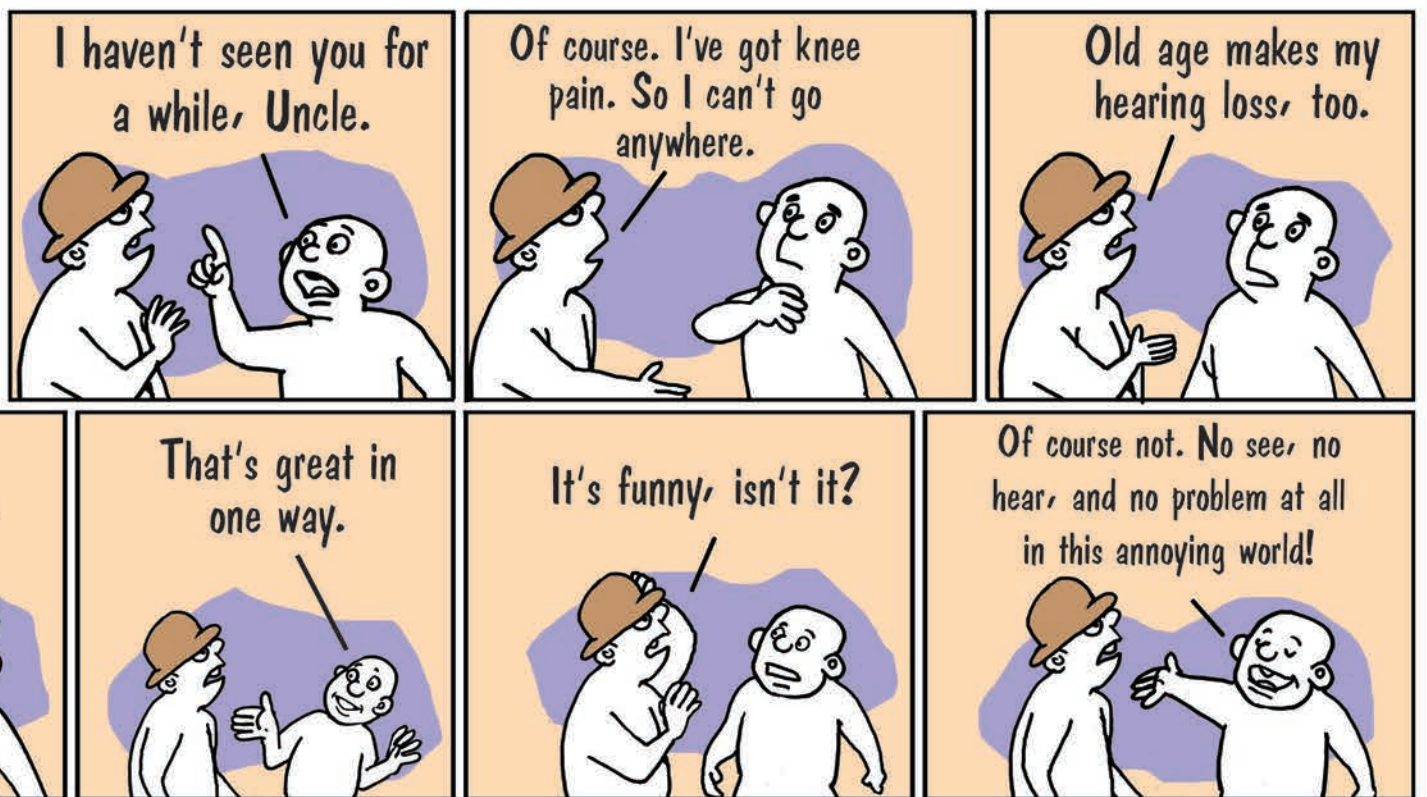
Migrant workers follow the 14-day facility quarantine outside their village in Meikhtila Township. PHOTO: CHAN THAR (MEIKHTILA)

SUNDAY COMICS



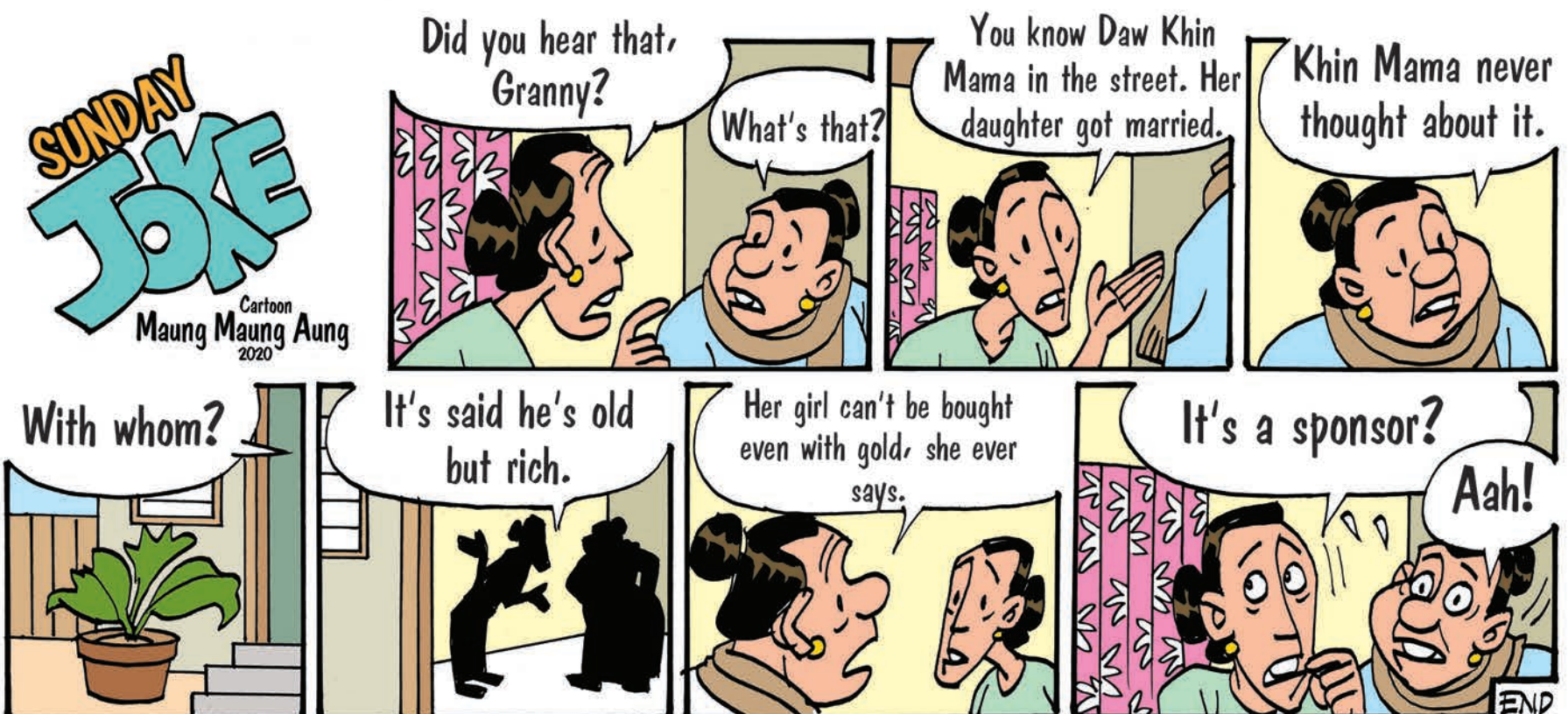
PEOPLE WILL BE PEOPLE

Cartoon
Maung Shwe Win



SUNDAY JOKE

Cartoon
Maung Maung Aung
2020



FAR AWAY FROM HOME



By Mae Nu
(Monywa)

It has been about fourteen years since I have been living away from my home. I came and lived in the present residing place to pursue further studies after I had finished my high school in my birth-place. Living away from home has given me lots of experiences: it has changed me to be a person of self-reliance no matter what comes my way. As a postgraduate student, I had only the duties of a student. I just needed to focus on my studies while managing my catering services myself. Those years had been a tough time. I missed my home when I felt like there was nobody to take care of me when I was not feeling well despite my very helpful hostel mates being with me. I missed my



home when I lost my appetite after an illness. I missed my home when the weather was not fine. I missed my home when the rations sent from home had run out and when I had a limited budget to spend. And I missed my home for many other countless reasons.

Days went on and on. Months passed by. And years are still to be counted. I am still away from home. Now I have been almost overloaded. I have to shift the duties of my elder brother who has taken care of his younger brothers' and sisters' education and his family's economic and social welfares for so long that he almost forgets to be away from home on vacation. For me, as I am almost always away from home, some might say that I almost forget to go back home on vacation. Some might think I am the one who doesn't want to step back on my paternal residence as I am chasing after my very demanding career. Above all, some might think I am a person of success and high caliber leading a balanced lifestyle at work and outside. Whatever opinion people have about my existence, like all and sundry who are living away from home, I used to miss my home, I miss my home, and I am going to miss my home, my sweet home, a place I almost forget to retrace my steps.



And this is how to soothe our souls whenever we are longing for going back home.

Read something you enjoy. It doesn't need to be about something grand. It can be as simple as a weekly cartoon publication for children like *Shwe-thway*. The Father of English Essay - Francis Bacon - gave his ideas about why people read in his essay 'Of Studies'. We read for pleasure, we read to contribute more when we have conversation with others and we read to become more critical when living our lives meaningfully. When choosing something to read, he suggested people be wise as some books are meant just to be tasted, some are to be swallowed, and some are to be chewed and digested. Personally, I think we can start reading something simple. Sometimes even the books in the Number 1# bestseller list won't suit your book if it doesn't meet your taste. When we become well-read enough, in the next stage we can move forward to the goals of reading for what Bacon says "ornamentation and abilities".

Clean up your surroundings. If your bedroom is already tidy, you can start cleaning other common rooms in where you live. For me, I live on the top floor of a four-story flat, so sweeping the staircase is a big job I enjoy doing. While I am doing that, I see the smiles of other flat mates in my mind's eye when they notice the clean steps and webs-free ceilings. I also feel pleased as I feel that I can contribute a bit to my society with my physical work.

Treat yourself with self-made meals. You may not be a professional chef. But I haven't met a person who can't taste his or her own cooking. So just cook something at your place, and enjoy your meals. Share your dishes with your friends. (But get ready to receive their comments if you can't cook well.) It will definitely bring a change to your days away from home.

Listen to sermons. Whatever religion you believe in, we all have resources that can guide us to lead a happy, prosperous life practically. What we all know for sure is we all human beings are mortal. What we all don't know is when the numbered day will come. Then what we all can do is to live the present life in worthwhile moments. Try to follow

SEE PAGE- S-8



FROM PAGE-S-1

Otherwise we will be late for it and get no chance to do it. But we fail to follow and ignore the flying-time. But if we only appeal the aid of God and sit idle, nothing is in fruition. The right way is exploit this damn-time to be ready for near future. So sure is the success to crown our efforts if we make the best use of the powers of free-time that God has given us.

Using online by surfing only Facebook, Instagram and line all the time which make the time naïvely flies seriously make us unhealthy like gain weight, headache and other unexpected diseases but not COVID. Devote a portion of our leisure time to an intelligent activity and do it every day like studying ahead for next semester, reading the rest-forever books on your bookshelf, starting gardening, doing something new that you can never succeed, tidying up the untidy ones by scheduling the time part by part, when to do list and what to do list. With practice we will find that our mind appreciates the incitement. There are still many Apps, good website and links to surf if you are addicted to online. Here, I have to admit that this following are given by the Sayamagyi Alexandra Wilson who is one of our guest anthropologist professors of Anthropology Department, Yangon University who was once amazed and said that "you Myanmar students I saw all the time using Facebook. Instead, here are the useful lists of websites to educate you and coach knowledge you forever in you study." Here are the lists she suggested us and all of them are really awesome and you can search them both from You Tube and through Google and get App from Play Store.

TED/TED-Ed— spreading ideas, usually in the form of short, powerful talks which is my most watch site to enhance my mind.

Curiosity—hundreds of thousands of quality videos for your

interests mostly about the space.

Open Culture—compendium of free learning resources, really useful for those who have multi-interest.

Popular Science—magazine on current science and technology

The Atlantic—it covers news, politics, culture, technology, health, and more, through its articles, podcasts,and so on.

Hello Internet—Brady Haran and CGP Grey discuss about You Tube, life, work and whatever. It's worth listening.

Whizzpast—a very impressive history blog read.

Duolingo—the world's best way to learn a language and get your language education for free.

Degreed—the lifelong learning platform that individuals and organizations use to discover learning content, build skills, and certify their expertise.

Yangon Filmschool —aim to create a diverse media culture in Myanmar.

Quora—connecting people who have knowledge to the people who need it

Academia—Share and discover academic papers on all topics

Coursera—getting you access to the world's greatest education

FutureLearn—go through courses from universities and cultural institutions

edX—access 2500+ Online Courses from 140 Top Institutions, high quality education, including from MIT & Harvard.

If you are not interest in those above, at least install the App of VOA Burmese, GNLM, World News, Wun Zin and many educational Apps. Let's not waste the time itself and Happy Surfing when time is available to us.

FROM PAGE-S-7

good ways of life according to our respective religion. Do good deeds.

The easiest and the quickest thing you can do to relieve yourself from homesickness is just give your family away a call. These days technology helps us a lot not to be homesick. If you happen to be abroad, video calls over the internet network could make you feel like home again with your family and dear friends. What you have to do is not to feel embarrassed or reluctant to initiate the action. Being independent is good, but not all the time.

I have just shared some tricks I do to relive myself from my swaying mood. In fact, we have such miserable feelings only when we have free time to daydream, or when we are in a fight with something at work or with our studies (of course, that is why we have to be away from home). At that time, stress overloads, and we feel like the world is falling down. But thanks goodness, those moments won't take forever. After the fights, we have to rise up and move on. This is how we can manage our homesickness.

ADVERTISE IN NEW SUPPLEMENT

The Global New Light of Myanmar is issuing a 24-page Special Supplement every Sunday

Publish your Display Ad, Notice Ad, Trademark Ad, Obituary Ad, Property Ad, classified Ad, and Tender in the Global New Light of Myanmar, the highest circulation English newspaper in Myanmar.

Hotline 09974424848

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include PG706, 8M335, UB019, TG2304, PG702, TG2302, PG708, 8M331, UB017, PG704, TG306.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include TG2303, PG701, TG2301, 8M336, UB020, PG707, PG703, TG305, 8M332, PG705, UB018.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include AK505, MH741, OD551, MH743, AK503, OD553.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include AK504, MH740, OD550, MH742, AK502, OD552.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: MU9750.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: MU9749.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: PG724.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: PG723.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include KE472, 8M801.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include KE471, 8M802.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include PG710, PG714.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include PG709, PG713.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include DD4231, FD252, SL201, FD254, FD258, SL207, DD4239.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include DD4230, FD251, SL200, FD253, FD257, SL206, DD4238.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: BG061.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: BG060.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: FD245.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: FD244.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include 8M711, CZ3056.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include CZ3055, 8M712.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: CA906.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: CA905.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: PG722.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: PG721.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include UB001, 8M231, SQ997, 3K582, UB003, MI519, MI521, 3K584.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include SQ998, 3K581, UB002, 8M232, MI518, MI520, 3K583, UB004.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include VN956, VJ918.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include VN957, VJ917.

Table with 2 columns: AIR LINES CODES, Description. Includes Jet Star, Myanmar Airways International, Air India, Air Asia, Biman Bangladesh Airlines, Air China, China Airlines, China Southern, Nok Airline, Air Asia, Dragonair, Korea Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, Silk Air, China Eastern Airlines, All Nippon Airways, Bangkok Airways, Qatar Airways, Thai Lion Air, Singapore Airways, Thai Airways, Tiger Airlines, Myanmar National Airlines, Vietnam Airlines.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: VN942.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: VN943.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: NH814.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: NH813.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: KA251.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Row: KA250.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include QR919, QR916.

Table with 4 columns: FLIGHT, DEP, ARV, DATE. Rows include QR918, QR917.

Table with 2 columns: DATE, Day. Rows include 1 = Monday, 2 = Tuesday, 3 = Wednesday, 4 = Thursday, 5 = Friday, 6 = Saturday, 7 = Sunday.

Subjected to change by respective airlines. Hotline - (951) 229245