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## Union Minister U Kyaw Tin attends conf. on Poverty Eradication and South-South Cooperation



Union Minister U Kyaw Tin participates in the videoconference on Poverty Eradication and South-South Cooperation on 26 September 2020. PHOTO: MNA

UNION Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin participated in the High-level Video Conference on Poverty Eradication and South-South Cooperation at 7:30 pm on 26 September 2020 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

The video conference was

held under the theme of “Towards a Shared Future for Developing Countries: Promoting Poverty Eradication and Sustainable Development through Deepened South-South Cooperation”. It was chaired by Mr Wang Yi, State Councilor and Foreign Minister of the People’s Republic of China and attend-

ed by Deputy Prime Minister, Foreign Ministers and other Ministers concerned from 13 developing countries, and UN Deputy Secretary-General Ms. Amina Mohammed, Under-Secretary-General Mr Liu Zhenmin and UNDP Administrator Mr Achim Steiner from the United Nations.

During the meeting, the Ministers acknowledged the importance of strengthening solidarity and deepening South-South cooperation in the fight against COVID-19 as well as in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the sustainable development goals.

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1. The Ministry of Health and Sports issued Order 110/2020 on 25 September 2020 for state and regional governments to discuss with MoHS and MoLIP on future plans regarding employees of cut-make-pack (CMP) factories and workplaces in 11 townships of Mon State, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady regions.
2. To effectively control the coronavirus infection in the country, stay-at-home measures need to be imposed on the townships of states and regions which are seeing high infection while health guidelines and restrictions must be balanced and adjusted for not affecting the jobs and income of the workers and businesses.
3. MoHS has announced the following guidelines for factories and workplaces to reduce the spread of COVID-19:
  - a. COVID-19 prevention measures for factories and workplaces (19-3-2020)
  - b. COVID-19 prevention measures for factories, workplaces and construction sites (30-3-2020)

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# “People are the key”

## Advice to people in Yangon Region

1. About 6,000 people have been quarantined in Yangon. Within two days, quarantine spaces were arranged for 1,000 people who came back from Rakhine State. Now, the number of people who had contacts with COVID-19 patients has increased, so seven new quarantine centres have been established for 1,000 more people. The civil society organizations and volunteers are invited to help the persons at the quarantine centres.
2. People in Yangon need to send the persons who had contacts with confirmed cases in the contact tracing to the quarantine centres without making them worried.
3. People should adhere to the required rules and regulations in the quarantine centres. When sending food to people in quarantine centres, alcohol and cigarettes should not be included in the delivery.
4. People in Yangon have lots of difficulties, challenges and burdens. Therefore, they need to strictly follow the rules by staying at home in two to three weeks during this period. In going outside for necessary reasons, they must wear masks. As Yangon City has a large number of population, people are also advised to abide by the rules of Ministry of Health and Sports amidst the increasing number of confirmed cases.

## Volunteers join online motivation course on COVID response

Experts have been providing an online motivation training on 27-29 September to volunteers who are working on prevention, control and treatment on COVID-19.

In his opening speech at the virtual training, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye, in his capacity as the Secretary of the National Volunteer Steering Unit, said that health workers, some government departments, volunteers, social organizations and charity organizations are taking important roles in controlling the spread of the disease, stressing the need to be careful to remain safe from the infection and remain vigilant, so as not to become infected by coronavirus or to spread the virus.

He said that his National Volunteer Steering Unit is cooperating with regional Social Affairs Ministers across the country for COVID-19 response efforts.

He pointed out that every-



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye (top right) makes opening remarks at the virtual motivation training on COVID-19 response on 27 September 2020. PHOTO: MNA

body needs to be careful not to be infected with the virus, and consequently the disease can be controlled in the entire country. He said that the health workers, officials, and volunteers will need enough high-quality

protective equipments, so the government is compiling lists in order to fulfil the needs.

The Union Minister also talked about possible mental needs of the volunteers. He said that the training is intended to

motivate the volunteers. He added that volunteers need to have loving kindness, sympathy, tolerance and faith in treating each other and working for COVID-19 response efforts. He said that he hopes the online training will

motivate the trainees to have mental wellbeing.

During the training on 27 September, social psychologist Dr Aye Myat Lwin discussed “Analysis of self-feeling”, Dr Thet Tin Tun discussed “How to relieve stress”, and Dr Myat Thu San discussed “Self-encouragement and group encouragement”. Dr May Pyone Myint also delivered a lecture.

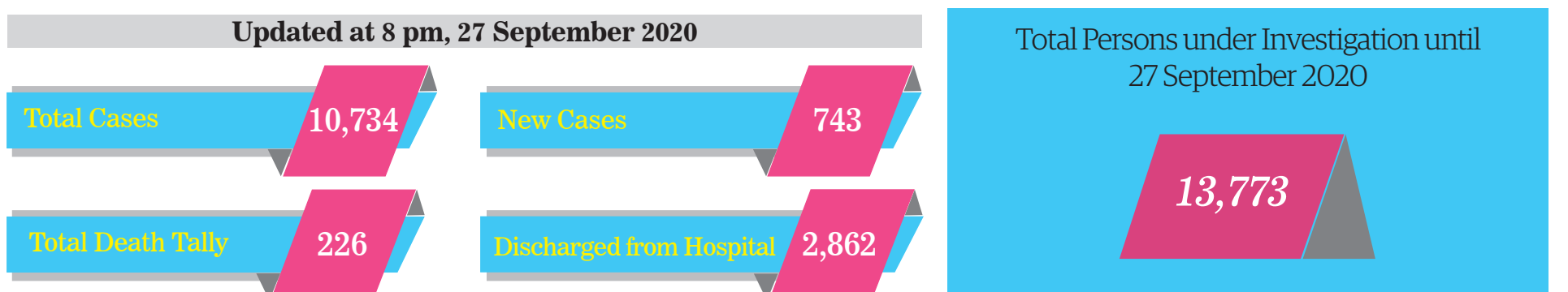
A total of more than 500 volunteers have been participating in the online training on their respective days.

Similarly, the National Volunteer Steering Unit provided an online training to 77 volunteers from Rakhine State, Yangon Region and Ayeyawady Region on 23-26 September. In that training, experts from the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement; the Ministry of Health and Sports; and Myanmar Medical Association delivered lectures. —MNA

(Translated by Maung Maung Swe)

## 743 more new cases of COVID-19 reported on 27 September, total figure rises to 10,734

MYANMAR’S COVID-19 positive cases rise to 10,734 after 743 new cases were reported on 27 September according to Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these 10,734 confirmed cases, 226 died, 2,862 have been discharged from hospitals and 13,773 were held under investigation.—MNA



# 2020 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION



## Advance voting process for local voters outside their constituencies in 2020 General Election

- Heads of trainings, schools, hospitals and jails are to contact the sub-election commissions to get documents of Form 15.
- They must return these documents to sub-commission of respective townships by 26 August 2020 after the documents are filled by the voters.
- Sub-election commission of respective townships must send ballot papers and envelopes for advance voting to the trainings, schools, hospitals and jails by 7 October 2020.
- Advance voting must be organized at trainings, schools, hospitals and jails on their appropriate day from 8 October 2020 to 21 October 2020.
- The envelopes containing ballot papers must be sent back to sub-election commission of respective townships by 4 pm on 8 November 2020.

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The participants also agreed that the United Nations plays an important role in assisting developing countries with resources and technical support. At the same time, they called upon international community to continue support to developing countries through assistance and cooperation to reduce poverty which is exacerbated due to COVID-19, and promote economic growth.

In his statement, Union Minister U Kyaw Tin highlighted the need to reinforce cooperation

among the Southern countries in combating the challenges of current health crisis and poverty in all its manifestations. The Union Minister also shared Myanmar's efforts in fighting COVID-19 under the constraint of limited resources. He welcomed China's decision to distribute vaccine as the global public goods when available and sought China's support to facilitate Myanmar's request for getting earlier and affordable access to COVID-19 vaccine.

The Union Minister apprised the meeting of Myan-

mar's endeavours in alleviating poverty by implementing comprehensive development strategies, including the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) to accelerate economic growth and rural development, and underscored the need for enhanced global partnership to counter severe impacts of COVID-19 and to successfully implement the SDGs.

He also suggested exchanging information, strengthening capacity of health-related professionals, and developing joint health research and enhancing

coordination to strengthen intra-regional trade and regional value chains in times of pandemic outbreak, among the countries of the South, and stressed the importance of BRI in creating job opportunities, reducing poverty and meeting social and environmental needs of participating countries for the full recovery from global economic downturn in the post COVID-19 era.

The Union Minister also urged continued cooperation between Myanmar and China in both border and normal trade in order to ensure smooth transac-

tion of supply chain, not affected by COVID-19 control measures.

The High-Level Video Conference on Poverty Eradication and South-South Cooperation was held to promote the important role of South-South cooperation in commemoration of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the establishment of the United Nations.

At the conclusion of the Conference, a Chair's Press Release was issued. Also present at the Conference were the Permanent Secretary and senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA

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- COVID-19 prevention guidelines for factories and workplaces (19-4-2020)
  - COVID-19 prevention guidelines for factories, workplaces and construction sites (19-4-2020)
  - COVID-19 prevention guidelines for factories, workplaces and construction sites (26-6-2020)
  - COVID-19 special guidelines for factories, workplaces and departments (26-8-2020)
4. MoLIP, MoHS, state and regional governments have formed joint task forces to inspect whether factories and workplaces are complying with the announcements mentioned in paragraph 3 and issuing certificates acknowledging compliance with permission to re-open. An additional administrative programme was announced for COVID-19 prevention measures in factories and workplaces on 13-6-2020.
5. The spread of COVID-19 can be effectively contained if factories and workplaces closely follow the announcements mentioned in paragraph 3 and if state and regional governments follow the administrative guidelines issued by MoHS mentioned in paragraph 4. In addition, factories and workplaces will be allowed to remain open.
6. The state and regional governments are instructed to inspect compliance with MoHS Order 110/2020 issued on 25-9-2020 and with the announcements mentioned in paragraph 3 to determine whether factories and workplaces should be allowed to remain open.

Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population

## Section 58 (d) in Hluttaw Election Law

IN accordance with section 58 (d) of the Hluttaw Election Law, no one is allowed to give speeches at meetings, instigation, writing, distribution of using posters or attempting by other means to disturb the voting or election. Anyone who is found guilty of or abet this act shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or with fine not exceeding K100,000 (one hundred thousand Kyats), or with both.







## That is why what is important is to receive treatment at an early stage

What I wish to say is that we need to detect the virus early if we are to provide effective treatment. What we have seen is that some people try to use household remedies when they think that they have been infected and treat themselves in their own homes. They go to the hospital only when their home remedies fail. Then it is too late. It is too late to give effective treatment. That is why what is important is to receive treatment at an early stage.

*(Excerpt from State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's reports to people about latest COVID-19 situation, on 26 September 2020)*

## 150 nationals stranded abroad return home

A total of 21 Myanmar nationals stranded in Bangladesh due to the suspension of international flights returned by a relief flight arranged by Myanmar Embassy in Dhaka yesterday.

The relief flight from the Myanmar Airways International (MAI) carrying the Myanmar nationals landed at the Yangon International Airport yesterday.

Similarly, 108 stranded Myanmar nationals in the US and 21 in the Republic of Korea were also repatriated by a relief flight arranged by Myanmar embassies in Washington and Seoul. The relief flight from the Myanmar Airways International carrying 129 Myanmar nationals landed at the Yangon International Airport yesterday.

At the Yangon International Airport, officials of Ministry of

Labour, Immigration and Population, Ministry of Health and Sports and Yangon Region Government have provided them with arrangements for 14-day quarantine at designated centres, seven-day home quarantine and medical check-ups in efforts to prevent the coronavirus infection.

For the repatriation of Myanmar citizens who were stranded in foreign countries by relief flights and chartered flights in accordance with the instructions from National-Level Central Committee on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs cooperated with the relevant ministries and Myanmar embassies from respective countries. —MNA

*(Translated by TTN)*



Myanmar returnees from South Korea line up for immigration service at the Yangon International Airport on 27 September 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**



An official provides assistance to a flood victim. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Officials provide assistance to flood victims in Myitkyina, Phakant

HEAVY rains in Myitkyina and Phakant townships of Kachin State this week inundated roads and forced some families to leave their homes, according to the local authorities.

On 27 September, the heavy rains swamped flat land areas in Myitkyina including Lekone Quarter, Kyat Paung Chan Quarter, Rampu Quarter and Myothit Gyi Quarter and a total of 424 people from 97 households were relocated to temporary rescue camps, local authorities said.

Kachin State Government's Social Welfare Minister together with departmental officials from Kachin State Department of Disaster Management visited the site and contributed essential food stuffs, soaps and face masks worth K1,021,080 for the 424 flood victims.

Similarly, heavy rains in Phakant Township, Kachin State flooded Moe Kaung Creek on 24 and 25 September and the flood destroyed 23 houses.

Thus, a total of 2,875 people from 410 households were temporarily relocated to four

rescue camps and their relatives' houses.

Departmental officials from Mohnyin District handed over essential food stuffs, face masks and domestic products worth K 9,983,744 for the flood victims yesterday.

Officials from Department of Disaster Management also educated the flood victims about COVID-19 prevention guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports, according to the local authorities.—MNA *(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)*

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# CMP garment exports worth \$3.74 bln in Oct-July

EXPORTS of garments manufactured under the cut-make-pack (CMP) system were valued US\$3.74 billion in the period between 1 October and July-end in the current financial year 2019-2020, according to data from the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar's manufacturing sector is primarily concentrated in CMP garments and textiles, which contribute to the country's GDP to some extent. The garment sector is among the prioritized sectors driving up exports. The CMP garment industry has emerged as a promising one, with preferential trade from Western countries. The majority of Myanmar's garment factories operate under the CMP system, and those engaged in this industry are striving to transform CMP into the free-on-board (FoB) system, according to the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association.

Following the negative impacts caused by the COVID-19 on the garment industry, some CMP garment factories have shut down on the reason for the lack of raw materials, leaving thousands of workers unemployed.

The COVID outbreak and spread hit the labour-intensive businesses so severely, the Directorate of Investment and Compa-



A garment worker sews clothes at a workplace in Yangon on 11 July 2020. PHOTO: PHOEH KHWAR

ny Administration (DICA) stated.

However, foreign direct investments flow into many types of businesses, including garment enterprises. The foreign investors are not bothered by the disputes between employers and employees and the closure of some CMP businesses during the meantime. Of the investment proposals, the manufacturing and labour-intensive industries are prioritized by the commission.

Myanmar Investment Com-

mission is endeavouring to accept investment projects in manufacturing masks, pharmaceuticals and others which can contribute to the fight against the coronavirus in the country at the soonest.

Supply chain disruptions and cancelling customer orders following the coronavirus outbreak hurt the global textile industry. Similarly, the CMP garment sector which contributes to 30 per cent of Myanmar's export sector is bracing for downward

trend because of the cancellation of order from the European countries and suspension of the trade by western countries amid the pandemic.

At present, all the garment factories have been temporarily closed due to the coronavirus resurgence, in line with the government's Stay-at-Home order 107/2020 issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports.

The export value of CMP garments was only \$850 million

in the 2015-2016 financial year, but it has tripled over the last two FYs. In the 2016-2017FY, about \$2 billion was earned from exports of CMP garments. The figure increased to an estimated \$2.5 billion in the 2017-2018FY and \$2.2 billion in the 2018 mini-budget period (from April to September). It tremendously grew to \$4.6 billion in the 2018-2019FY, according to the Commerce Ministry.

Myanmar mainly exports CMP garments to markets in Japan and Europe, along with the Republic of Korea, China, and the US. With demand from foreign trade partners growing, imports of CMP raw materials are rising year by year.

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

The MGMA has more than 700 members, and garment factories in Myanmar, employing more than 500,000 workers. Investors prefer to invest in countries with inexpensive labour, such as Myanmar.—Ko Htet

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

## External trade exceeds \$35 bln as of 18 September

MYANMAR external trade between 1 October and 18 September in the 2019-2020 financial year touched a high of US\$35.6 billion, an increase of \$1.96 billion compared with the corresponding period of the 2018-2019FY, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

During the same period in the previous FY, trade stood at \$33.7 billion, according to the data released by the ministry.

Myanmar's foreign trade has shown a 10-per cent increase, year over year, under the incumbent government. Myanmar has already reached total trade value target of \$34 billion for the current FY, said an official from the ministry.

The Ministry of Commerce is endeavouring to boost export, enhance value-added production, reduce export barriers and provide trade financing

services.

In the current budget year, both maritime and border trade recorded an increase compared with the year-ago period, with exports estimated at over \$17.08 billion and imports valued at \$18.5 billion.

Myanmar's top export countries are China, Thailand, Japan, Singapore, the US, India, Germany, the Republic of Korea, Spain and the UK. In contrast, it primarily imports from China, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Viet Nam, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the US, as per data of the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar exports agricultural products, animal products, minerals, forest products, and finished industrial goods, while it imports capital goods, raw industrial materials, and consumer goods.

The country's export sector relies more on the agricultural and manufacturing sectors. Export earnings from CMP (cutting, making, and packaging) garment businesses are increasing, while reliance on natural resources is decreasing.

The government is trying to reduce the trade deficit by screening luxury import items and boosting exports.

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Under the National Planning Law for 2020-2021 financial year, Myanmar intends to reach the export target at US\$16 billion and import at \$18 billion.—Ko Htet (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

## Myanmar imports over \$1 bln worth iron/steel materials in Oct-July

THE value of Myanmar's iron and steel imports for the construction sector is valued over US\$1.047 billion in ten months of the current financial year 2019-2020, according to the statistics of the Ministry of Commerce.

Additionally, \$495.29 million worth iron and steel products are also imported during October-July period. At present, Myanmar's steel demand is estimated about 2.5 million tonnes per year, and 92 per cent of which are imported. The demand is likely to grow up to 5.4 million tonnes per year in 2030, according to the Myanmar Steel Association (MSA). "If Myanmar can fulfil the requirements of local steel consumption and focus on import substitution, the steel industry will strategically contribute to the national interest. Steel

consumption includes in calculating economy growth index, MSA Chairman U Sit Taing Aung said. Eleven executive members of MSA established MSA Public Company Limited, and they are making efforts to set up iron and steel industrial zone, to reduce the outflow of US dollar, effectuating the development of steel industry and assisting in the country's infrastructure building.

Studies for implementation of iron and steel industrial zone project are underway in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions, and Rakhine and Mon states. The project is slated to commence within three to five year after completing studies, he continued. The government needs to support the steel sector by granting tax relief and land rights,

controlling illegal import, making anti-dumping law come into effect and formulating steel policy, according to the MSA.

"Steel industry is pivotal in industrial infrastructure building. This project needs to be implemented for prospects of the country's economy," the MSA chair said.

The MSA will move forward to the development of industry standards which are compatible with the country and the emergence of steel library and steel laboratory. The association will cooperate with the international organizations to grow the steel sector, he added. China is the leading supplier for Myanmar's steel market. Iron and steel are also imported from India and the Republic of Korea.—Ko Htet (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)



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## UMFCCI discusses payment for social security contributions to stay-home employees in Yangon

Officials from UMFCCI and departments concerned discuss payment for social security board contribution to stay-at-home employees in Yangon on 26 September 2020. **PHOTO: MNA****OFFICIALS** from Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UM-

FCCI) discussed with Yangon Region Immigration and Human Resources Minister Daw Moe

Moe Suu Kyi on 26 September payment for social security contributions to the stay-home employees in Yangon following the government imposed Stay-at-Home order for the people in townships of Yangon Region not to go to their workplaces, except for the essential businesses.

They discussed provision of 40 per cent of the salaries to the employees who included in Stay-at-Home order, worked at private industries, factories and departments which paid SSB fees for June 2020 including cash assistance of K30,000 for each employees who does not pay SSB fees by

the government, online payment programmes, compiling of labour lists, database establishment, systematic labour registration, correct or accurate documents and timely information.

The meeting was attended by UMFCCI President U Zaw Min Win, Vice-Presidents U Wai Phyo and U Thaug Tin, Secretary General U Aye Win, Joint Secretaries General Daw Khaing Khaing Nwe, U Aung Soe Thar and U Aye Tun, officials of Yangon Region government and Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection. —GNLM

## YBS running at loss to facilitate daily commuters

YBS is providing transport service at a loss for residents in Yangon Region during the coronavirus crisis.

"During the early outbreak of COVID-19, the business has not made any profit. If the YBS bus lines stopped running, the drivers would lose jobs, and it would undoubtedly incur the transport difficulties to the commuters. The YBS has run despite its losses. It covered only the cost of CNG then. However, the public transport is a must for residents in the difficult time of the COVID-19," said Managing Director Ko Tayokelay of Power Eleven Company.

Before the coronavirus outbreak in Myanmar, the average number of passengers is at 550 on the daily run of a bus in February 2020. The number of commuters has started to drop since late March. The bus lines

witnessed a slight increase in passengers in June and July. The number drastically fell in August-end. In early September, a bus daily runs with about 150 passengers.

As per the order 107/2020 issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports on 20 September, all the residents in the whole Yangon Region, excluding Cocogyun Township, are instructed to stay at home starting from 21 September, except those employees of financial, fuel, pharmaceuticals, food and drinking water businesses, meat and fish cold storage plants and personal goods factories.

The public transport sector is hit hard by the coronavirus impacts. The bus lines cannot cover the salaries of staff, vehicle maintenance cost, and daily labour wages of the drivers. Usually, a bus consumes about

K30,000 worth CNG every day.

During the Stay-at-Home period, YBS are operating at 40 per cent of standard capacities. The bus lines also slashed its service to a large extent in the meantime.

"I waited for about 45 minutes to 1 hour at a bus-stop to go to the city downtown area during that period. However, it takes only about 30 minutes to go there from the suburban area as there is no traffic in the empty roads. Thanks to public transport, I could get to a place," said a commuter who went to buy cancer drugs at the new Bogyoke market on 26 September.

To prevent the infection of the virus, the passengers must wear the mask, and hand sanitizer is placed in the bus, and hand washbasins are installed at bus-stops and train stations.

The YBS was launched on

16 January 2017 during the incumbent government's term. Typically, over 100 bus lines are operating 4,500 buses on about 124 routes, along with the Airport Shuttle. The number of daily commuters has been estimated at 1.8 million.

The YRTA was formed to improve the transport facilities in Yangon for the convenience of the public. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein was appointed as the chairman of the transport authority.

In April 2019, the number of members was increased to 22 from 16, with the YRTA appointing the Security and Border Affairs Minister as Vice Chairman 1 and Yangon Mayor as Vice Chairman 2, besides officials from related departments and organizations.—Htin Paw Win/Htet Myat

*(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*

## Korean temple food cooking online class attracts 190,000 viewers

Online Korean Temple Food Cooking Class was held on 26 September, and about 190,000 people watched how to cook three Korean temple food.

During the first-ever online event which was co-hosted by Embassy of the Republic of Korea and Cultural Corps of Korean Buddhism, participants learned how to cook Fried Stuffed Tofu, Noodle in cold bean soup and Coriander salad of which its ingredients could easily be bought in Myanmar.

Due to COVID-19, the event was held under the special format to connect Korea and three participants including

two Award winners of Korean Food Cooking Contest in August and Chef of Korean Embassy staying at their own place respectively.

This event was held for the first time, as to connect two countries by Korean Temple Food.

For the event, from Myanmar side, Venerable Sitagu Sayadawgyi and Thura U Aung Ko, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture, delivered video congratulatory message.

From Korean side, Mr Lee Sang-hwa, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea and VEN.

A young chef prepares foods at the online Korean Temple Food Cooking Class on 26 September 2020. **PHOTO: EMBASSY OF ROK**

Wonkyung, Chair of Cultural Corps of Korean Buddhism delivered video congratulatory speech, both wishing this event

help Myanmar and Korean people getting closer connected by its similarity, love for Buddhist culture by its people.—GNLM



DEMANDING RESIGNATION

### Israelis protest against Netanyahu despite virus lockdown

THOUSANDS of Israelis gathered in Jerusalem late Saturday demanding the resignation of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a day after the country tightened its lockdown aimed at stemming surging coronavirus cases.

Long processions of cars carrying people from throughout the country caused traffic jams in the city, with hundreds of small protests held at bridges and junctions nationwide.

Israel began a second nationwide lockdown on September 18 in a bid to bring down the world's highest coronavirus infection rate per capita.

On Friday, restrictions were

tightened further, including limiting international travel and attending indoor prayers.

But lawmakers blocked a government proposal that would have limited protest gatherings by ruling people could only demonstrate in groups of 20 and within a kilometre of their residence. "They shut everything down but with no economic aid," said Shoshanna, a 34-year-old woman from Jerusalem. "So the least I can do is to come to the protest." Israel has recorded over 225,000 infections and 1,417 deaths out of a population of nine million, with more than 8,200 new cases on Friday alone.

SOURCE: AFP



Israeli demonstrators marched on the streets of Jerusalem in front of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's residence on Saturday despite a nationwide virus lockdown. PHOTO: AFP

SECOND WAVE

### Coronavirus could overwhelm France, top doctor warns



The latest daily figures released by France's health service recorded 14,412 new cases over the previous 24 hours. PHOTO: AFP

FRANCE will face a months-long coronavirus epidemic that will overwhelm its health system if something does not change, one of the country's top medical figures warned Sunday.

"The second wave is arriving faster than we thought," Patrick Bouet, head of the National Council of the Order of Doctors, told the weekly Journal du Dimanche.

Fresh restrictions to slow the spread of the disease in the country's worst-hit areas, including the Mediterranean city of Marseille and the Paris region, have run into local resistance.

Bouet told the paper that warnings delivered this week by Health Minister Olivier Veran had not gone far enough.

"He didn't say that in three to four weeks, if nothing changes, France will face a widespread outbreak across its whole territory, for several long autumn and winter months," Bouet said.

There would be no medical staff available to provide reinforcements, and France's health system would be unable to meet all the demands placed on it, he warned.

The health workers responsible for the spring "miracle" would not be able to plug those gaps, he added.

"Many of them are exhausted, traumatised."

France's health service on Saturday recorded 14,412 new cases over the previous 24 hours -- slightly lower than the record 16,000 registered on both Thursday and Friday.

But over the last seven days, 4,102 people have been hospitalised, 763 of whom are being treated in intensive care.

On Saturday, Marseille bar and restaurant owners demonstrated outside the city's commercial courthouse against forced closures due to start this evening.

SOURCE: AFP

INCREASING CASELOAD

### Some 1,000 daily virus cases in NY state, a first since June

NEW York state, the onetime epicenter of the US novel coronavirus epidemic, has seen case numbers rise to more than 1,000 a day, local officials said Saturday.

These high figures have not been seen since June 5, according to statistics released by the office of Governor Andrew Cuomo.

"Of the 99,953 tests reported yesterday (Friday), 1,005 were positive," Cuomo tweeted.

"It's vital that New Yorkers continue to practice the basic behaviors that drive our ability to fight Covid-19 as we move into the fall and flu season," he added in a statement.

"We'll continue to closely monitor the data and keep New Yorkers updated so they can make educated decisions for themselves and their families."

Overall the health situation in New York state has nevertheless improved since the height of the virus crisis in the spring.

SOURCE: AFP

GLOBAL PICTURE



People exercise at a park along the Yarra River in Melbourne a day before lockdown restrictions were to be eased. PHOTO: AFP

### Virus curfew to be lifted in Australia as global deaths near a million

AN overnight curfew in Australia's second-largest city will be lifted this week, officials said Sunday, even as the global coronavirus toll inched towards one million dead.

Despite the number of infections worldwide passing 32 million -- with the US state of New York reporting a fresh spike -- more than 10,000 anti-lockdown protesters demonstrated in central London ahead of the re-imposition of restrictions there.

In more positive news, res-

idents of the Chinese city of Wuhan -- where the virus emerged last year -- reported a hesitant return to normalcy, while the French Open got underway at Roland Garros in Paris. In Australia, Victoria Premier Daniel Andrews said Melbourne residents would be free from Monday to leave their homes for work, exercise, shop for essentials, or provide care after active cases in the state fell below 400 for the first time since June 30.

SOURCE: AFP



# Let's fight COVID-19 by displaying compassion and loving kindness between each other

As our country continue to suffer from the COVID-19 pandemic on various fronts, many health care workers, volunteers and the people are dealing with unprecedented stress and anxiety.

It is clear that our people are facing inevitable adverse effects to their mental health due to loss of employment, economic hardships, children's homeschooling, isolation of the elderly, losing loved ones, worrying about the future. Especially, those on the front line are experiencing stress and trauma.

While playing a critical role in containing the spread of the coronavirus, frontline health care workers and volunteers need to be careful to remain safe from the infection and remain vigilant, so as not to become infected by COVID-19 or to spread the virus.

It is important to note that the battle to contain and even prevent the second wave must continue by acknowledging the work performed by frontline volunteers and health workers, and cooperating in a timely manner to fulfill their needs, as they carry out the current strategy to combat the disease.

As they are witnessing increased numbers of hospitalizations and infections, the frontline workers and volunteers will suffer from stress and anxiety for their safety. Hence, physical support and psychological help for them are sine qua non today.

The regional governments are obliged to provide them with right equipment at the right time.

For their mental health, we need to motivate and help them as they are suffering stress and anxiety while on the frontlines fighting the pandemic. Mental health cannot be an afterthought in coping with a pandemic.

It is worth noting that a three-day online course on motivation of volunteers is being held for volunteers across the country. We welcome the measure taken by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Ministry of Health and Sports, and the National-level Volunteers Corps to ensure the psychological well-being of our heroes on the frontlines of the pandemic.

At the same time, we would like to call on mental-health professionals to volunteer their time and provide telephone and/or telehealth counseling for the individuals sheltering at home who may be experiencing stress and anxiety as a result of COVID-19.

We are confident that our country can overcome this crisis together, with our compassion and loving-kindness for each other despite the challenges of containing COVID-19.



## International Day for Universal Access to Information 28 September

MESSAGE FROM AUDREY AZOULAY, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UNESCO

*As we rebuild and readapt our societies to the "new normal", the right to information must be at the centre of efforts to ensure a more informed and resilient tomorrow.*

IN a world where COVID-19 has caused chaos and complexity, access to reliable and verified information is more important than ever. Information is essential for encouraging healthy behaviours and saving lives – rumours and inaccurate information can be as lethal as viruses. In the words of António Guterres, the UN Secretary-General, "In the face of this lethal disease, we must do our utmost to halt deadly misinformation."

We know what we need to do to bring this about. As these last few months have shown, public health requires transparency – whether this means statistics on the scale of the pandemic, or data on public spending. Access to accurate and trustworthy information ensures accountability for actions undertaken in response to the challenges caused by the virus, as the global community

works to "build back better".

In this context, 28 September, which marks the first celebration of the International Day for Universal Access to Information since its proclamation by the 74th session of the United Nations General Assembly, is of crucial importance. On this occasion, UNESCO is partnering with the rest of the UN family to acknowledge the right to information as key to enabling broader access to data, information and knowledge – and empowering citizens in their efforts to build brighter futures. The online events planned for the International Day will highlight how the right to information can help rise to these challenges. The events will also underline the DG/ME/ID/2020/40 – page 2 importance of statutory guarantees for public access to information to save lives, build trust and develop inclusive policies.



Information is essential for encouraging healthy behaviours and saving lives – rumours and inaccurate information can be as lethal as viruses.

This commitment will only be effective if it is truly universal. In other words, in line with the goal set by States in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable

Development, it must leave no one behind. This is why we urge governments to adopt access to information legislation, and to strengthen the implementation

of such guarantees where these already exist.

As we know, this will take determination and drive. Governments must commit to the

common good – by developing the innovative use of digital technologies for building resilient information infrastructures, and by creating favourable environments for safe and transparent data collection mechanisms that strengthen record keeping and enable accurate analysis of issues in the public interest. Moreover, these tools will only be effective if they are freely accessible and align with international privacy standards.

At UNESCO, we firmly believe that access to information must be recognized as a norm in sustainable development, and as a prerequisite for countries to respect, promote and protect human rights for all. As we rebuild and readapt our societies to the "new normal", the right to information must be at the centre of efforts to ensure a more informed and resilient tomorrow.

SOURCE: UNESCO

### MAKING ONLINE SCREENINGS AVAILABLE SINCE 1999

## Asia short film festival with online screening wraps up amid virus

*The festival itself showcased around 200 short films from 112 countries and regions in Tokyo venues, with most of the works shown via online.*



Photo taken Sept. 16, 2020 shows the opening ceremony of the Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia 2020. (PHOTO COURTESY OF SHORT SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL & ASIA 2020) PHOTO: KYODO

UNDETERRED by the coronavirus pandemic, one of Asia's largest short film festivals on Sunday wrapped up its nearly two-week run in Tokyo with online screening, with the top prize

awarded to a story of a woman traveling to witness the execution of her son's murderer.

"November 1st" "November 1st" directed by Britain-based Charlie Manton won

the George Lucas Award, or the Grand Prix award, for the Short Shorts Film Festival & Asia this year. The event itself, which began on Sept. 16, is certified by the Academy Awards.

The 24-minute winning piece

tells the story of a mother feeling torn between retaliation and reconnecting with her daughter. The mother and daughter are played respectively by British actresses Lindsay Duncan and Sophia Myles.

Manton's piece is among the works in the festival that are now eligible for nomination at next year's Academy Awards.

#### "After Class"

The others include the 15-minute film "After Class" of New York-based director Charles Xiuzhi Dong, which won the Asia International program. The film follows the story of a girl who lives in the slums in China and badly wants to go to school and a mother who takes the risk to fulfill her daughter's wish.

Winner of the Japan program, also eligible for the Academy Awards nomination, is the 20-minute work "Birdland" directed by Japanese filmmaker Takeshi Kogahara that follows the story

of a bedridden old man and his memories of his late wife.

The film festival's closing ceremony was attended by Japanese celebrities including festival founder and actor Tetsuya Bessho, Kyogen actor Izumi Motoya and pop group Generations from Exile Tribe.

#### shown via online

The festival itself show-

cased around 200 short films from 112 countries and regions in Tokyo venues, with most of the works shown via online. It is the first time for the film festival to make online screenings available since the event was first held in 1999.

The event was postponed from its initial dates in June due to the coronavirus outbreak.


SOURCE: KYODO




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**Myanmar Daily Weather Report**  
(Issued at 7:00 pm Sunday 27 September 2020)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Monsoon is moderate over the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and weak elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 28 September 2020:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions, scattered in Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions, Northern Shan and Kayah states, fairly widespread in Bago Region, Shan (South & East), Chin, Kayin and Mon states and widespread in Taninthayri Region, Kachin and Rakhine states. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (5-8) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of withdrawal of southwest monsoon from the Central Myanmar areas.

**FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28September 2020:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28September 2020:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28September 2020:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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## New Society Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

New Society Party Chairman U Zay Ya presented party's policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV on 26 September.



### Esteemed voters and people

May you all be blessed with good health and peace of mind. I am Chairman U Zay Ya of the New Society Party.

Allow me to offer a brief history of our party. The leaders of the All Burma Federation of Student Unions set three paths to continue the unfinished struggle for democracy after the 8888 Uprising.

According to the three paths, the New Society Party was formed on 14 October 1988 with central executive committee members from ABFSU, student union leaders and other student leaders of the 8888 Uprising from different regions to participate in national politics widely.

We represented the student demographic of the 8888 movement and stood as the second biggest political party due to various political factors from 1988-1990.

In 1991, some of our party members fled to the Thai-Myanmar border as military intelligence began arresting and torturing them.

On 6 December of the same year, the Multiparty Democracy General Election Commission disbanded the New Society Party.

Our party leaders gathered the rest of the party members and their supporters to continue party matters and pursue democracy and human rights affairs.

We had to officially stand as the New Society Party, NSP in short, as a political party due to current political requirements. After much tribulation, we succeeded in securing our original flag from 1988 for our party on 3 June 2015.

### Esteemed voters and people

Objectives of the NSP are as follows:

1. Democratization for the benefit of the people
2. Emerging of a broader democracy alliance representing all strata of the people
3. For emergence of a strong constitution based on a democratic system
4. Internal peace and
5. Striving to achieve national reconciliation which is closely linked to amendment of constitution.

We will work for the emergence of the opposition via the democratic system within and outside the Hluttaw and establishing democracy, human rights and democratic federal union.

### Legislative, executive, judicial

The Hluttaw is formed in line with existing laws and the will of the people. Thus, we shall implement sovereignty in line with the following policies in the Hluttaw.

1. The legislative, executive and judicial branches must not interfere in each other's work but keep check and balance on one another.
2. Enacting, amending or repealing laws will be conducted with freedom, fairness and equality.
3. The national administrative mechanism will not oppress the people but safeguard and fulfil their interests while implementing good governance.
4. There will be equality before the law with no religion, gender or racial discrimination.
5. The judicial branch will be in line with democracy and human rights and stand freely on the same level as the legislative and executive branches. The Supreme Court will be allowed to manage the courts under its supervision freely. Court trials will be conducted transparently before the public.
6. We will support independent institutions that will keep the government administrative mechanism in check — for example, the Constitutional Tribunal, an independent election commission, human rights commission and anti-corruption commission.
7. Civil society organizations will be allowed to express themselves and gather support freely.

### Esteemed voters and people

1. We will implement free and active foreign policies for international relations.
2. We are currently facing the spread of COVID-19, trade wars between superpowers, and the worsening relations of the South China Sea in this geopolitical new normal. This calls for an active and unbiased foreign policy. We will employ innovative thoughts, a comprehensive strategy, and methods to collect the necessary resources to face the new normal in geopolitics.

### National defence

1. The defence services, which are born from the people of the nation and serve to protect them, needs to be reliable, free of politics, and respected and loved by the people.
2. We must build military and civilian relations to work on peace, challenges, democratic development, the epidemic, climate change and natural disasters together.
3. The national defence force must be prepared to deal with abnormal threats which involve terrorism, climate and natural disasters, illegal drugs, transnational crime and spread of diseases.

### Economic objectives

1. The main objective of the Union Government is to create better lives for the people. This will require economic and physical development in addition to

mental and ethical development, no discrimination between wealth and gender, equal development between rural and urban regions, and social security.

2. We will implement a free market-based economy. Myanmar was under a military regime in the not so distant past that gave rise to conflict-based cronyism. The market was monopolized by a few and was left in disarray without free competition. There are still no laws to strengthen the market correctly. We must reinvigorate this market.
3. We will persuade cronies to become entrepreneurs and establish a united force that drives domestic product manufacturing. We will also promote industrial zones and ensure labour disputes are handled in line with the law.
4. We will provide the best support and assistance to farmers for the agricultural systems.

### Peace

1. We will continue the unfinished establishment of the nation and its integrity. We will use political methods to end the civil war that has gone on for over 70 years. We will swiftly implement internal peace, amending the 2008 Constitution and national reconciliation.
2. We believe we must build daily peace in the everyday lives of all citizens.
3. Uncontrolled exploitation of natural resources has contributed to pollution, destruction of ecosystems and climate change. We will implement action plans to remedy this and establish funding for natural disasters and calamities.

In conclusion, peace, amending the 2008 Constitution and national reconciliation are linked and must be carried out. The current political situation has made politics, economy, society, education, healthcare, and other sectors deteriorate.

We pledge to work closely with our ethnic brothers and sisters, democratic forces and the entire population to implement democracy, peace, amending the 2008 Constitution, organizing free and fair elections, national reconciliation, equality and self-determination, and emergence of a Democratic Federal union so that the people can be quickly freed from the hardships plaguing them for so long.

We respectfully request voters to cast their ballots for the New Society Party so that we can endeavour for the benefit of the public in the Hluttaw.

Democracy must prevail.

Human rights must prevail.

A Democratic Federal Union must be established. Vote for the New Society Party to improve society! Thank you.



## Campaign speech of political party for 2020 General Election on 28-29 September

CAMPAIGN speech of New Era United Party for 2020 General Election will be broadcast on MRTV, Hluttaw Channel, Myanma Radio and MRTV Facebook page at 7 pm on 28 September, and will be published in the state-owned newspapers— the Myanma Alinn, the Mirror and the Global New Light of Myanmar —on 29 September.—MNA



## European airlines cutting fares to woo back passengers

BRUSSELS — With the coronavirus crisis putting a chill on travel, European airlines are reducing fares to attract passengers and fill the planes that are still flying.

Travel restrictions adopted by many countries to stem the spread of the disease have clobbered airlines, bringing air traffic to a near halt in the spring. And while traffic picked up during the summer, it is now falling off again.

According to Eurocontrol, which coordinates air traffic in Europe, traffic has been slowing over the past couple of weeks, and is now 54 percent below its comparable level last year.

A European airline trade association has put August traffic even lower, at just 30 percent of 2019 levels.

Eurocontrol is now more pessimistic about a recovery for the sector.

In the spring it had expected traffic to be 30 percent below 2019 levels in October, but it now sees a 57-percent drop.

While the pandemic has left airlines starved for cash, they have begun to cut fare prices.—AFP ■

## OPEC turns 60 at ‘critical moment’ for virus-hit oil

VIENNA — OPEC faces a critical moment in its 60-year history with the coronavirus crushing crude demand and prices, discord among its members, and threats from a world seeking cleaner fuels.

Founded on September 14, 1960, by Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela who sought to control crude oil output, OPEC currently comprises 13 members including nations from Africa and Latin America.

The 60th anniversary “comes at a critical moment in its history”, UniCredit analyst Edoardo Campanella said in reference to the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries.

“Its ability to steer the oil market in its favour has never been put in question to the extent it is now,” he noted.—AFP ■



OPEC's ability to steer oil prices has been put in question to an extent never seen before. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

## Lithuanian port caught in Belarus crossfire



Port director Algis Latakas thinks Belarus would do damage to itself if goods were shipped through Russian ports. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

VILNIUS — A vital maritime trade hub for landlocked Belarus, the Lithuanian port of Klaipeda now faces economic fallout

from the Baltic state's hard line against President Alexander Lukashenko.

The embattled Belarusian leader has threatened to re-route import and export cargo through Russian ports after Lithuania and its neighbours Estonia and Latvia last month imposed sanctions against him.

Their move came as the strongman staged brutal crackdowns against protesters who demanded that he step down following a disputed August 9 presidential election.

Klaipeda is the largest port in the Baltic states and handles more than 45 million tonnes of goods a year -- more than quar-

ter of it from and to Belarus via Lithuanian rail.

“Belarusian cargo is very important for the port of Klaipeda,” Algis Latakas, director general of the port, told AFP, standing near carriages and a ship loaded with Belarusian fertilizer.

Andrius Romanovskis, president of Lithuania's business confederation, said companies operating in Klaipeda were “very sensitive and are closely following” the latest news from Belarus.

“For some companies, it would mean quite a strong negative economic effect,” he said.—AFP ■

## News IN BRIEF

### Judge set to rule on Trump TikTok download ban

WASHINGTON — A judge was set to rule Sunday on whether to allow a Trump administration ban on downloads of popular video-sharing app TikTok, which is seeking an injunction to prevent what it said could be a devastating blow.

US District Judge Carl Nichols has promised to consider on an expedited basis the TikTok request to block the president's order before it takes effect at 11:59 pm Sunday (0359 GMT Monday).

The judge in the US capital was reviewing Trump administration claims that Chinese-owned TikTok posed a national security threat, along with the company's denials and its claims that even a temporary ban could do irreparable harm. US Justice Department and TikTok lawyers agreed to file briefs “under seal,” unavailable for public viewing, to avoid disclosing national security and confidential business information. TikTok, which is owned by China's ByteDance, said in its initial petition that even a temporary ban would “inflict devastating and irreparable harm” on the service.—AFP ■

### Momentum drains from West African common currency plans

LAGOS — Hopes raised by West African leaders of finally launching this year their “Eco” common currency, in the pipeline for three decades, have faded as the coronavirus crisis and squabbling over severing the remaining monetary ties to former colonial ruler France snarl progress.

Chiefs of the 15-nation Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) regional bloc said last year the Eco would be set up in 2020 but the short time frame was not enough for the sheer logistics involved.

Ahead of the euro's launch, its founding nations took 15 years to grind through preliminaries like setting up a central bank, deciding on an exchange rate regime, minting coins and printing banknotes and updating IT systems and bureaucracy.

The impact of the coronavirus pandemic has now definitively skewed the African bloc's ambitious timetable.

This was exacerbated by an imminent reform supposed to switch eight ECOWAS members who use the CFA Franc, which ties their economies to former colonial ruler France, to the Eco.

The push by CFA franc countries to move ahead alone has riled English-speaking neighbours like regional powerhouse Nigeria, even as the reform doing away with the franc has blown through a July deadline.

Niger's President Mahamadou Issoufou, whose country also uses the CFA franc, urged fellow leaders at a September summit to “come up with a new roadmap, sticking to a gradual approach for launching the common currency”. —AFP ■



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## In first Trump-Biden debate, US will finally see its choice

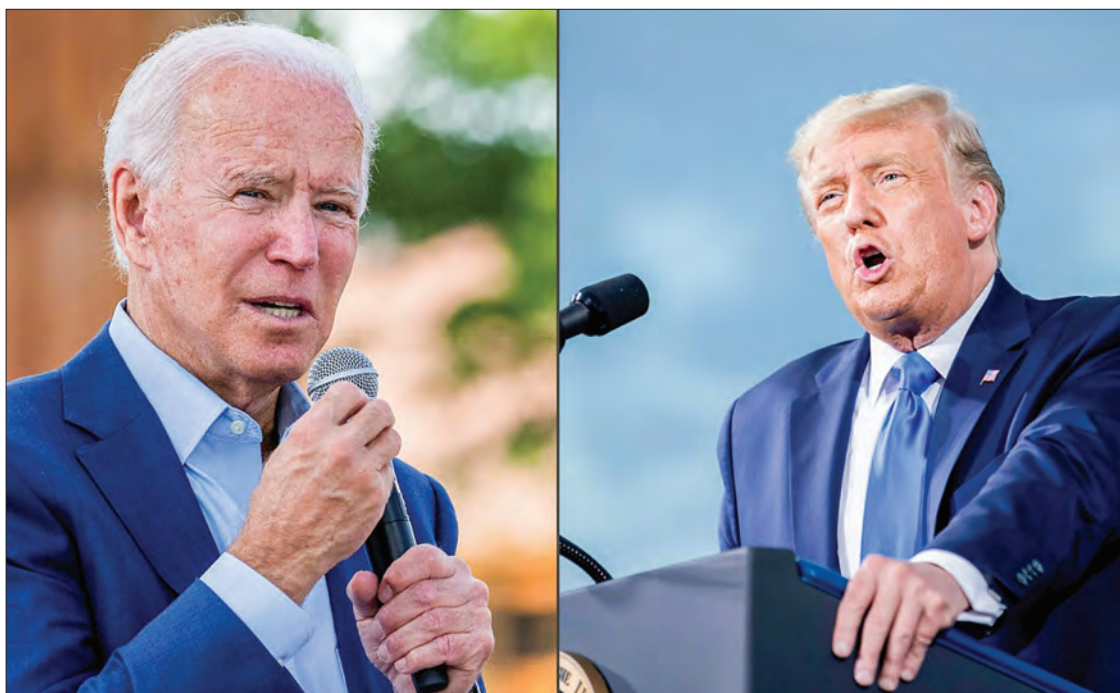
WASHINGTON — The volatile US presidential election enters a fierce new stage this week when Donald Trump and Joe Biden hold their first debate — a television spectacle finally allowing Americans to witness the two antagonists head to head.

Tuesday's clash, coming right after Trump defied Democrats and nominated a conservative to replace the late Supreme Court liberal icon Ruth Bader Ginsburg, could again upend an already nail-biting contest.

Biden, 77, leads in polls against the Republican incumbent, both nationwide and in most of the crucial swing states set to provide the decisive electoral college count on November 3.

But Trump, 74, is campaigning hard, criss-crossing those battlegrounds on Air Force One while Biden runs a far lower profile strategy. And with his history of skillful showmanship and brutal debate tactics, Trump is hoping the meeting in Cleveland will put him back on top.

Because of Covid-19 restrictions this has been a mostly long-distance election season. That puts even more weight



This combination of pictures created on September 25, 2020 shows a photo taken on September 23, 2020 of Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden speaks at the Black Economic Summit at Camp North End in Charlotte, North Carolina; and a file photo taken on September 24, 2020 of US President Donald Trump speaks during a campaign rally at Cecil Airport in Jacksonville, Florida **PHOTO: AFP/JIM WATSON/BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI**

on the first of three 90-minute debates, where tens of millions of Americans will weigh up two men who each accuses the other of posing an existential threat to the United States.

### High stakes

Trump sees his nomination of Amy Coney Barrett to the Supreme Court — potentially tilting

the court to the right for years — as a fundamental boost to his troubled reelection campaign.

But the live TV debate will be a wild card.

Trump needs to break through the bad news of 200,000 coronavirus deaths, the long-lasting economic fallout, and fatigue among swaths of the country at the constant scandal

and upheaval roiling his administration.

And Trump has huge confidence in his prowess on stage.

Yet unlike the fawning treatment he enjoys during his weekly call-ins to Fox News or the adoring atmosphere at rallies, he'll find himself facing a man painting him as "toxic" in front of the entire country.—AFP ■

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Azerbaijan, Armenia on war footing after casualties in heavy fighting

YEREVAN — An Armenian woman and child were killed Sunday when heavy fighting erupted between Azerbaijan and Armenian separatists, with the two foes accusing each other of starting fighting that led to casualties on both sides.

Baku and Yerevan put themselves on a war footing after heavy fighting erupted Sunday between Azerbaijan and Armenian separatists, claiming military and civilian casualties on both sides, including at least one child.

The worst clashes since 2016 have raised the spectre of a fresh war between arch enemies Azerbaijan and Armenia which have been locked for decades in a territorial dispute over the Armenia-backed breakaway region of Nagorno Karabakh.

A major confrontation between the ex-Soviet Caucasus neighbours would draw in big regional players Moscow and Ankara. Russia, France, Germany and the EU swiftly urged an "immediate ceasefire," while Pope Francis prayed for peace. — AFP

## Free motion in danger in coronary heart of Europe as Swiss vote



The right-wing Swiss People's Party (SVP) rolled out a campaign poster showing a jeans-clad behind with an EU-starred belt sitting heavily on a map of Switzerland, under the words: "Enough is enough!" **PHOTO: AFP**

GENEVA — Switzerland's largest social gathering — has

misplaced public assist in current polls.

The most recent survey confirmed 65 % of these questioned opposed the decision to tear up an settlement allowing the free motion of individuals between Switzerland and the encircling European Union.

It appears unlikely the initiative will garner the double majority wanted to go, successful each the favored vote and a lot of the 26 cantons.

However the SVP has eked out shock victories previously in its battle towards tightening relations with the EU, fuelling concern that Switzerland's relationship with its largest buying and selling associate may very well be in jeopardy.

Most people vote in advance in the popular polls and referenda held in the country every few months as part of the direct democratic system, and ballot boxes open for just a few hours.

Polls open at different times in different cantons, but will all close by midday (1000 GMT), with initial results expected by early afternoon.

### High voter participation?

Voter participation is generally low in Switzerland's popular polls, and rarely inches above 50 percent, but a far higher voter participation than usual is expected this time, with some cantons anticipating as high as 60 percent.—AFP ■

### India, Japan Naval Exercise JIMEX-2020 Begins In Arabian Sea

NEW DELHI — Indian Navy and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) ships performed operations in shut formation at JIMEX-2020, the 4th version of India-Japan Maritime bilateral train.

It is being held within the North Arabian Sea from September 26 to 28.

The 4th version of India-Japan maritime bilateral train JIMEX, which is performed biennially between the Indian Navy and Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF) shall be held within the North Arabian Sea from 26 to 28 September 2020.

JIMEX sequence of work-outs commenced in January 2012 with a particular give attention to maritime safety cooperation. The final version of JIMEX was performed in October 2018 off Visakhapatnam, India.— ANI

## Skirmishes as thousands attend London anti-lockdown rally

LONDON — Anti-lockdown protesters and police clashed in central London on Saturday as officers moved in to disperse the thousands who had gathered for a demonstration.

More than 10,000 took part

in the "we do not consent" rally in Trafalgar Square against the government's measures to combat coronavirus, waving signs and placards.

Footage posted on Twitter showed minor skirmishes

as police moved in, with some protesters struck with batons.

"We want to be clear, this protest is no longer exempt from the regulations. We are asking those attending to disperse.

Sadly, some officers have been injured while engaging with people," Metropolitan Police in a tweet.

A dozen officers were injured in a similar protest last week.—AFP ■



## Ayeyawady suffers 2-4 loss to Yangon in MNL Week-19

AYEYAWADY United, a championship dreamer of Myanmar National League, fell to the second place of the league's standing table after they faced a 2-4 loss to Yangon United in the MNL Week-19 match played yesterday at Padonmar Stadium in Yangon.

Head coach U Min Tun Lin's Yangon United lined up with team's crucial players' keeper and captain Kyaw Zin Htet, Yan Naing Oo, Ernest Barfo, Thurein Soe, Aye Soe, Yan Paing Soe and Kyi Lin.

In the meantime, head coach U Myo Hlaing Win's Ayeyawady United used key players Lwin Moe Aung, Victor, Than Htet Aung, captain Thiha Zaw, keeper Kyaw Zin Phyo, Success and Kyaw Zin Lwin.

Yangon United played better yesterday with full of concentration, and the team found their first goal even at ten minute-mark.

By taking an opportunity over freezing defence line of Ayeyawady, the very first goal for



Yangon's right-winger Maung Maung Lwin (green) waiting for the ball to launch a kick over Ayeyawady's keeper Kyaw Zin Phyo during their MNL Week-19 match played at Padonmar Stadium in Yangon on 27 September 2020. **PHOTO: MNL**

Yangon was scored by Ernest Barfo.

But Ayeyawady United garnered their equalizer via penalty kick at 36 minutes, and the goal

was scored by expatriate player Success at 36 minutes.

The first half was ended by 1-1 tie.

Yangon United still domi-

nated the second half with their smart dribbling skill.

Kyi Lin scored the second goal for Yangon at 50 minute and his teammate Ernest Barfo

made the third goal at 53 minutes to reach 3-1 result in favour of Yangon.

At 76 minute Yangon's head coach changed their team's tactic as Emmanuel and Nyein Chan Aung came in the match in the places of previous goals scores Kyi Lin and Barfo.

The substituted player Emmanuel scored fourth and winning goal for Yangon at 78 minutes. Ayeyawady found their consolation goal at 80 minutes after captain Thiha Zaw passed through four defenders of Yangon to launch a straight kick.

At the final whistle, Ayeyawady United felt unhappy for their 2-4 loss, and the team's chance to become MNL champion became lesser.

In other matches, Shan United beat Southern Myanmar 2-1 and ISPE won Rakhine United 3-1. The win for Shan United pushes the team's position atop after the Week-19 matches. —Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

## Charlo twins both make world title wins in Connecticut



Jermell Charlo made a third defence of his WBC middleweight crown with victory over Ukraine's Sergey Derevyanchenko. **PHOTO: AFP**

UNCASVILLE — Charlo twins Jermell and Jermall put on a show Saturday with impressive world title wins in the boxing ring at the Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Connecticut.

Jermell Charlo knocked out Jeison Rosario with a brutal blow to the body in the eighth round of their super welterweight unification bout.

In his first fight since he won the WBC belt with a knockout

of Tony Harrison in December, Charlo added Rosario's WBA and IBF belts to his collection.

Charlo stopped Rosario 21 seconds into the eighth round with a left jab that sent the Dominican sprawling onto his back.

Rosario lay shuddering on the canvas, finally trying to rise but unable to beat the count from referee Harvey Dock.

Charlo, who improved to 34-1 with 18 knockouts, had

knocked Rosario down twice — in the first and sixth rounds — on the way to victory.

Charlo was credited with a knockdown in round one, when in a wild push forward he backed Rosario up, the Dominican's foot appearing to slip as Charlo landed a hook to his head.

Rosario, who fell to 20-2 with one drawn and 14 wins inside the distance, got Charlo's attention with his punching power.

He backed Charlo into the ropes with a left hook early in the fifth and Dock warned Charlo in the middle of the round for pushing Rosario down by his head.

The fifth ended with a tough exchange, Rosario landing a hard jab before Charlo backed him up with a right.

Rosario came out on the attack in the sixth, but was warned by Dock in the middle of the round for low blows.

Charlo tagged him with a hard left hook that dropped him to one knee shortly before the round ended. He answered the count moments before the bell rang and he still looked wobbly on the way to his corner. —AFP ■

## Schalke sack Wagner after worst start in the Bundesliga

BERLIN — Schalke 04 announced on Sunday they have sacked head coach David Wagner after going 18 league games without a win, which includes the worst to a start to a season in Bundesliga history.

After 15 months in charge, time finally ran out for the 48-year-old former Huddersfield manager following Saturday's 3-1 defeat at home to Werder Bremen which left Schalke without a league victory since January.

Having kicked off 2020/21 with a humiliating 8-0 loss at Bayern Munich last weekend, Schalke's record of 11 goals conceded with one scored in two defeats is

the worst start to a season in the league's history.

"We hoped that we could turn things around. Unfortunately, the first two matches did not produce the necessary performances and results," said Schalke's sports director Jochen Schneider.

"We have therefore decided to take the path of a new start in terms of personnel," he added.

"Despite the disappointing results, this decision was anything but easy for us." Wagner seemed resigned to his fate after Saturday's defeat, saying: "I am the main person responsible, as a coach you need results and we aren't getting them." —AFP ■



Schalke have fired David Wagner as head coach after 18 matches without a win. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**