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## Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Notification 199/2020

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### Request to political parties, Hluttaw candidates and eligible voters

1. The Union Election Commission has been working for the successful holding of the 2020 General Election at all the townships announced earlier in a stable and tranquil manner. Therefore, all eligible voters need to collaborate in casting their votes in line with the respective rules and regulations.
2. The Union Election Commission has announced its notification 173/2020 that the 60-day electoral campaign period for the General Elections on 8 November 2020 is from 6:00 am on 8-9-2020 to midnight on 6-11-2020. All political parties and Hluttaw representative candidates, in their electoral campaigns, need to obey the UEC electoral directives, the code of conduct for political parties and candidates, the standard operating procedure - SOP for prevention and control of COVID-19, and the healthcare regulations and guidelines for specific times and locations issued by relevant authorities.
3. The Ministry of Health and Sports has issued the order 101/2020 that in organizing electoral gatherings and campaign activities, it is required to observe the following guidelines — maximum 50 people for one time with a distance of six feet between each person, an area of 36 square feet for each person, and a location of good ventilation.

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## COVID-19 medical supplies imported from China arrive in Yangon, Mandalay



Workers unload the COVID-19 medical supplies imported from China at the Yangon International Airport on 24 October 2020. PHOTO:MNA

MEDICAL equipment for COVID-19 prevention imported from China and to be used in the 2020 General Election arrived at Yangon and Mandalay international airports by special flights on 23 and 24 October.

These devices will be distributed to voters, polling station staff and volunteers during the elections.

Up to 24 October, 9,954,800 KN95 masks, 500,000 protective face masks, 92,000 sets of PPE medical protective clothing, 15,900 boots, 600,000 face shields and 200,000 surgical gloves have been imported.

Special flights for more stocks of COVID-19 medical supplies will land at Yangon and Mandalay international airports from 25 October to 3 November. —MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

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# “People are the key”

## Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko donates rice to monasteries, nunneries in Tatkon

A rice donation to the monasteries and nunneries was held at Mahajanaka Monastery of Mahajanaka Beikman in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Five monks including Ovadacariya of Uppatasanti Pagoda Board of Trustees Venerable Sayadaw Abhidhamaharathaguru Bhaddanta Acinna, patron of Maha Thiha Nada Monastery in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, the Permanent Secretary, the Director-General and officials of Religious Affairs Department attended the ceremony.

Union Minister and department heads took five precepts from Parton Sayadaw Bhaddanta Acinna of Maha Thiha Nada Monastery and donated rice and offertories.

The ceremony came to an end with the sermons of Sayadaw Mahaganthavacakapandita Bhaddanta Pannava, patron of Myo U Pariyatti Monastery.

The Union Minister and party donated a total of 114 rice bags for the monasteries and nunneries in Tatkon Township of Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

*(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)*



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko presents provision to a monk at Mahajanaka Monastery of Mahajanaka Beikman in Tatkon Township on 24 October 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

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# 2020 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION



## Who is eligible to vote?

- irrespective of sex or religion
- those who are 18 years of age on the date of the election
- citizens, associate citizens, and those who have permission to become naturalized citizens, who do not contravene the provisions of the Hluttaw Election Law
- a person whose name has been included in the voting list of the respective constituency

## Who is ineligible to vote?

- a member of a religious order
- person serving a prison sentence
- person adjudged to be of unsound mind as provided for in the relevant law
- person who has not yet been discharged as an insolvent
- person prohibited by the Election Law
- foreigner or person who has assumed foreign citizenship

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4. However, it is found that political parties, Hluttaw representative candidates, their supporters are lacking in the observance of the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports by over limiting 50 people and ignoring the social distancing rule.
5. It has now been 15 days left for the general elections and 13 days left for the electoral campaign period. So, during the remaining election campaign period, the political parties and Hluttaw representative candidates are earnestly requested not only to abide by the healthcare regulations and guidelines for specific times and locations issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports and relevant authorities but also to urge their parties' members and supporters to do so in line with the prescribed guidelines.

(Hla Thein)  
Chairman  
Union Election Commission

## Announcement for observation of advance voting process

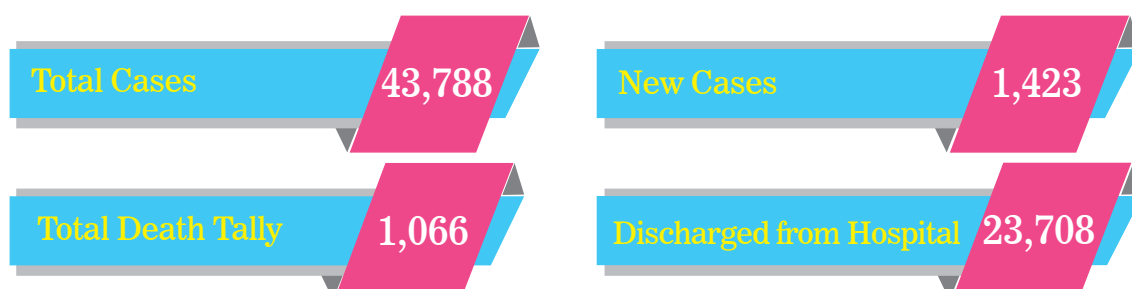
1. The voters who are unable to come to the polling booths to vote in the 8 November Election Day for various reasons despite being in constituencies will have to cast advance votes on 6-11-2020 and 7-11-2020 at their respective ward/village tract election sub-commissions.
2. Moreover, the following eligible voters who are admitted to hospitals or detained or have to travel with State's duties outside their constituencies will have to cast advance votes at ward/village tract election sub-commissions from 29-10-2020 to 7-11-2020.
  - (a) Union Government and Union-Level Organizations members
  - (b) Regions/States government members and regions/states level organizations members
  - (c) region/state and district election sub-commissions members
  - (d) those really need to cast votes in advance to serve election duties
3. The Union Election Commission, due to the current outbreak of COVID-19, has released the statements and so the following eligible voters will have to cast advance votes at their respective ward/village tract election sub-commissions during the fixed date, time and places from 25-10-2020 to 7-11-2020.
  - (a) Voters away from their original constituencies and unable to return to the respective constituencies
  - (b) the ward/village tract election sub-commissions concerned shall arrange for the advance voting of persons aged 60 years and above and residing in the townships under the Stay-at-Home order and in the townships with dense population (over 5,000 persons in one square kilometre) to be able to cast votes at their homes.
  - (c) the eligible voters aged 60 years and above in other townships (they can cast their advance votes at ward/village tract election sub-commissions).
  - (d) the eligible voters under quarantine (Facility Quarantine, Hotel Quarantine, Community-Based Facility Quarantine, Home Quarantine of secondary contact, locked down,...).
4. Therefore, it is here by announced that the Hluttaw candidates, the representatives of elections, heads of polling stations, assistant representatives, members of local or foreign election monitoring groups and the media can observe the voting processes by communicating with the respective township/ward/village tract election sub-commissions in accordance with the COVID-19 health guidelines without any offences to the eligible voters.

Union Election Commission

## 1,423 more new cases of COVID-19 reported on 24 October, total figure rises to 43,788

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rise to 43,788 after 1,423 new cases were reported on 24 October according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these 43,788 confirmed cases, 1,066 died, 23,708 have been discharged from hospitals.—MNA

Updated at 8 pm, 24 October 2020



Daily Death toll until 8 pm 24-10-2020

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Ministry of Health and Sports



# Development of digital platforms doesn't affect print literature: Union Information Minister



Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint (L) participates in the Digital Platforms and Future Direction of Book Industry Webinar on 24 October 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint said he didn't think that digital platforms brought about distinctive effects on print literature during the Digital Platforms and Future Direction of Book Industry Webinar yesterday.

In his opening speech, the Union Minister said that it is expected to gain much knowledge from the present online seminar and to get assistance from next seminars for the development of digital media and digital literature in Myanmar.

Electronic media development has created many reading opportunities and print literature books will continue existing with various forms, he added.

He suggested the crea-

tors of literature to study how to write attractively when they write for online magazines and journals and web contents.

By conducting knowledge-exchanging and knowledge-sharing programmes for those coming into the book industry, Myanmar book industry will be developed in line with changing technology trends.

Chairman of the Establishment Committee on Myanmar Digital Media Association U Thaug Su Nyein said it is planned to organize the webinars like this every two or three weeks, and the matters relating to filming will be discussed in the third seminar.

Formation of Myanmar Digital Media Association is under-

way so that those who are working for the development of the digital media sector in Myanmar can work together.

Sayamagi Thayarwady Daw San San Nwet urged the people to join reading the books of non-fiction, fiction or both, saying that all books, including fiction or non-fiction are rooted in the brain.

She also recommended the book titled "Nway Oo Hmat Tan 2020" or "Spring Diary 2020" written by Hnin Maya to the readers.

It is important to read both fiction and non-fiction to train the brain and to develop the habits of reasonable thinking, she added.

A panel discussion was

also held during the seminar and participated by the committee's deputy chairman U Ko Ko (Ko Ko-RIT) as moderator and Chief Executive Officer of Myanmar Book Centre Dr Thant Thaw Kaung, U Aung Si Tha from Seikku Cho Cho Publishing House and Daw Phyo Phyo Aung from Chance Myanmar Online Education as panellists.

During the panel discussion, Dr Thant Thaw Kaung discussed matters relating to imports of international books, its strengths and challenges, market potentials, the connection between education and international books and copyrights.

U Aung Si Tha detailed about the use of digital platforms

for bringing international books to Myanmar readers, future direction to digital platforms, and the things should be prepared by publishers and sellers.

Daw Phyo Phyo Aung discussed the matters relating to the purchase of international books as a reader, differences, strengths and weaknesses between print and electronic books, benefits of reading international books, and the visions desired to be seen in the future direction of Myanmar book industry to digital platform.

The seminar was concluded after Acting Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Aye Kywe, Daw Swe Zin Htike, Dr Thant Thaw Kaung and U Aung Si Tha answered the questions raised by online attendees.

The purpose of the seminar is to raise the understanding of Myanmar book lovers about the ways of ordering international books, the facts that should be known while ordering the books, benefits of digital literature and other opportunities.

The webinar was participated by Union Minister Dr Pe Myint, Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun, Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung, departmental officials, members of Establishment Committee on Myanmar Digital Media Association, CEO of Myanmar Book Centre Dr Thant Thaw Kaung and participants in the panel discussion, media and interested persons. — MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

## 143 Myanmar seamen abroad return home by relief flight on 24 October

A TOTAL OF 143 Myanmar seamen who were stranded in foreign countries because of suspension of commercial flights came back home by relief flight yesterday.

They are 79 from the Republic of Korea, 29 from the United Kingdom, 8 from Indonesia, 5 from Belgium, 3 from Canada, 2 from Australia, 1 from Singapore, 1 from Brazil, 1 from Trinidad and Tobago, 10 from Italy, 2 from Egypt, 1 from Panama, and 1 from the United

States.

Myanmar Embassy in the Republic of Korea and Myanmar Seamen's Federation jointly organized the relief flight of Myanmar National Airlines that landed at the Yangon International Airport yesterday.

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Yangon Region government provided them with proper medical tests and arranged 7-day quarantine, followed by

7-day home quarantine.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been working with Myanmar embassies in foreign countries and local ministries concerned to bring back citizens stranded abroad due to the suspension of international commercial flights, in accordance with the guidance of the National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19. — MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Myanmar returnees line up for immigration service at the Yangon International Airport on 24 October 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**



## We will prescribe effective and reliable protocols

After examination, we will issue the rules and regulations for the elections. This will be done by the Union Election Commission in consultation with the Ministry of Health and Sports. When we do this, we are not going to do in the same manner for all places. We will carry out special programmes for stay-at-home townships and townships which have high infection rates of COVID. At townships, where the COVID infection rate is negligible, the normal procedure will be followed. However, we will make arrangements for masks to be worn and for cleansing of hands. We will carry out these operations in such a way so that in stay-at-home townships and townships which high infection rates of COVID, we will prescribe effective and reliable protocols such as wearing of face shields over the masks. That is why I want our citizens to participate with enthusiasm in the general elections and cast their votes. I want to request all of you to also participate enthusiastically in the COVID prevention efforts.

*(Excerpt from State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's reports on containment measures against COVID-19, on 17 October 2020)*



## Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye attends coordination meeting for legal drafting on Child Rights Rules and Child Protection Policies

MINISTRY of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement held a coordination meeting with members of the Committee for the Legal Drafting on Child Rights Rules and members of the Committee for the Legal Drafting on Child Protection Policies through videoconferencing yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye with the Deputy Minister, the Permanent Secretary, Directors-General, Deputy Directors-General, members of the working committee for the Legal Drafting on Child Rights Rule and the Committee for the Legal Drafting on Child Protection Policies, national consultants and officials from the Ministry.

The Union Minister said that Myanmar became a member of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child-UNCRC in 1991 and signed the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography in 2019 and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the In-



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye holds meeting with Committee for the Legal Drafting on Child Rights Rules and Committee for the Legal Drafting on Child Protection Policies via videoconference on 24 October 2020. PHOTO: MNA

volvement of Children in Armed Conflicts (CRC-OPAC). He added that the new Child Rights Law was enacted on 23 July 2019 in order to adapt the current situation and more in line with the

provisions of the CRC.

He continued that the Committee for Legal Drafting on Child Protection Policies is also cooperating with UNICEF Myanmar and Child Frontier to

draft a systematic policy in accordance with the Child Rights; the policy aims to develop a national-level child protection policy that is relevant to the current situation and also in line with

international standards.

He called for the cooperation with civil society organizations and the need to protect children from violence, exploitation, indifference and misrepresentation and the need to systematic implementation of the Child Rights Rule and Child Protection Policies in order to effectively implement the Child Rights Law and the equal access of every child to other rights including the right to protection.

The Union Minister also urged to take the initiative and participate in the discussion for strong and weak points of the Child Right Rules and Child Protection Policies.

Afterwards, the Director-General of Social Welfare Department, Chairman of the Committee for Legal Drafting on Child Rights Rule and Child Rights Policies explained the process of the legal drafting on rules and polices and the formation of the committee and attendees gave suggestions in their respective sectors.—MNA

*(Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)*

## MoFA transfers ballot papers of advance voters abroad to UEC

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs handed over the sealed ballot papers of advance voters sent by two Myanmar embassies abroad to the Union Election Commission yesterday.

The Myanmar embassies, missions and consulate-general offices abroad that opened polling stations for Myanmar citizens sent back the ballot papers of advance voters to the

ministry.

The ministry already handed over the ballot papers from a total of 44 embassies, missions and consulate-general offices – 4 on 14 October, 2 on 15 October, 28 on 19 October, 8 on 22 October and 2 on 24 October – to UEC to date. The ballot papers of advance voters of Myanmar Embassy in Havana, Cuba, will soon arrive in Myanmar. The

ministry will also transfer them to the commission.— MNA *(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)*

Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents ballot papers of advance voters abroad to Union Election Commission on 24 October 2020. PHOTO: MNA





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## Domestic handicraft businesses earn extra income in Pwintbyu Township

DOMESTIC handicraft businesses are earning extra income for their family in Pwintbyu Township in Magway region, said a local domestic handicraft maker in the middle ward, Pwintbyu Township.

Those manufacturing the domestic handicrafts on a manageable scale are weaving baskets, handbags, shopping baskets and lunch box baskets to earn extra income.

"During the pandemic period, this domestic handicraft making business is a lucrative business that can generate extra income for the family. This domestic handicraft business is highly interesting and being learned by the women who are seeking extra income for their



Women are weaving baskets at a house in Pwintbyu Township in Magway Region. **PHOTO: YE WIN NAING (IPRD)**

households by doing a manageable scale business. We create different designs of handicrafts such as baskets, handbags and

shopping bags on a manageable scale," said Ma Saw Aye Mon Latt, a handicraft maker from Pwintbyu Township.

"This domestic handicraft business is convenient for finding an extra income for my family in this coronavirus period. We are weaving the different designs of the baskets on a manageable scale by ordering raw materials from Thailand. We are sharing these techniques for people who wish to learn to make these handicrafts. Weaving a basket costs K3,000-K4,000.

Then, we sell it back at K5,000 or K6,000 depending upon the size and design. People can order the basket and handbag with their designs and colours," she added. —Ye Win Naing (IPRD)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

## 2,251 firms benefit from 2<sup>nd</sup> COVID loans of over K41 bln

THE 2<sup>nd</sup> COVID loans amounting to K41.899 billion will be provided for 2,251 enterprises, according to the working committee to address the impact of COVID-19 on the country's economy.

For the first time, authorities targeted to distribute a total of K101.128 billion loans for 3,393 enterprises whose businesses have been badly affected by COVID-19. Among them, the authorities allocated K97.050 billion for 3,239 enterprises. Then, Myanma Economic Bank is arranging to provide the remaining

K4.078 billion for 154 enterprises.

The government targeted to distribute K100 billion to provide as COVID loans for the second time. More than 10,000 enterprises have applied for the COVID loan. About K20.777 billion loans will be granted to provide for 1,041 enterprises for the first batch. A few days ago, about K21.122 billion were also approved to provide for 1,200 enterprises. Therefore, a total of K41.4889 billion will be distributed for 2,241 enterprises for the second COVID loans.

From the second COVID loans, authorities targeted to provide K1,010 million for 41 enterprises from agriculture sector, K2,957 million for 182 enterprises from livestock sector, K2,218 million for 93 enterprises from fisheries sector, K1,770 million for 42 enterprises from export sector, K3,432 million for 153 enterprises from import substitution sector, K1,257 million for 49 enterprises from supply chain sector, K27,560 million for 1,570 enterprises from foodstuffs sector, K870 million for 70

enterprises from international recruitment sector and K825 million for 41 enterprises from livelihood sector, according to the working committee to address the impact of COVID-19 on the country's economy.

Furthermore, the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations will reportedly provide K15 billion loans to the people engaged in the film, music, theatre, periodicals and media field under separate programmes. —Aye Maung (Translated by Hay Mar)

## Sagaing Region to grow 375,000 acres of summer paddy

SAGAING region is planning to cultivate 375,000 acres of summer paddy in the financial year 2020-2021, said Dr Tin Mar Mar Oo, the head of the Sagaing Region Agriculture Department.

This FY, summer paddy will be grown on 10,127 acres of land in three townships of Sagaing district, 5,000 acres in four townships in Monywa district, 3,360 acres in four townships in Yinmabin district, 269,329 acres in six townships and one town in Shwebo district, 33,000 acres in two townships in Kanbalu district, 30,000 acres in seven townships in Katha district, 3,700 acres in three townships in Ka-



Picture shows a plantation of summer paddy in Sagaing Region. **PHOTO: WIN OO (ZAYYARDINE)**

lay district, 9,275 acres in two townships in Mawlaik district, 50 acres in one township and

two branch townships in Tamu district and 11,159 acres in two townships in Kani district.

"Last year, only over 60,000 acres of summer paddy was grown because of the shortage of irrigated water from Thaphan-seik Dam supplied for summer farmland. In this summer paddy farming season, the Department of Irrigation and Agriculture will coordinate to be able to use the irrigation water efficiently," she confirmed.

Sagaing Region cultivated 369,490 acres of summer paddy in 2018-2019FY and 62,918 acres in 2019-2020FY, according to the official statistics of the Sagaing Region Agriculture Department. — Win Oo (Zayyardine)

(Translated by Hay Mar)



# Director-General U Zaw Htay of Ministry of Office of State Counsellor meets media-persons at the Press Briefing

Director-General U Zaw Htay of the Ministry of Office of State Counsellor met media-persons at the Press Briefing Room of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw at 2 pm on 23 October in accord with the social distancing arrangement, and explained the election and the peace process.

At the press meet, Director-General U Zaw Htay said public opinion on the degree of the possibility of election-related violence collected between July and September was eight per cent in Chin State, 14 per cent in Kachin State, eight per cent in Kayah State, 14 per cent in Kayin State, zero per cent in Mon State, 13 per cent in Rakhine State, 20 per cent in Shan State (North), 24 per cent in Shan State (East), 26 per cent in Shan State (South), 13 per cent in Bago Region (Eastern Sector), and zero per cent in Taninthayi Region.

It is a public opinion on the degree of election-related violence in connection with the armed organizations. As it is now in the pre-election period, there are problems of the destruction of party signboards and disputes and other problematic activities, and the number of such incidents is increasing as the election is drawing nearer.

Another is the public opinion on the possible causes of disturbances or hardships at the election. According to the public opinion collected till September this year, Covid-19 has the 46 per cent probability of harming the public suffrage in the entire country; canvassing campaigns of the parties, 13 per cent; regional instability, 13 per cent; distrust in the Government and the Union Election Commission, seven per cent; advanced voting process, six per cent; weakness in election monitoring, four per cent; false information, rumours and the spread of misinformation, three per cent; lack of voter knowledge of the election, three per cent; race- or religion-related disturbance, three per cent; errors in the voting list, two per cent. Some minor issues are rising as the election is drawing nearer. Although the record shows the possibility of false information and rumours and that of race and religion at three per cent each, there is now an increase in their numbers now, he said.

The President's Office has issued an order in response to the situation. Here, I would point



Director-General U Zaw Htay speaks during the press briefing at the President House in Nay Pyi Taw on 23 October 2020. **PHOTO: KO HTEIN**

out the article 3. The relevant organizations, administrative bodies and region and state governments have been ordered to take effective action against unlawful acts including various forms of violence, intimidation and disturbances against election rights, rallying support or causing disturbances in various forms based on race and religion, and destruction of community peace in accord with the laws in force, the director-general said.

As regards the peace, U Zaw Htay said the part three of the Union Accord was signed on 21 August at the fourth session of the Union Peace Conference: the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Panglong. The accord has three parts. The part one is the NCA framework agreement. It has 15 agreements. Coordinated points to overcome the hardships in practically realizing the NCA have been achieved through negotiations. State Counsellor and the NRPC chairman have already explained the hardships that were faced in their addresses at the NCA anniversary. There are agreements to overcome those hardships. Points in connection with the agreement on implementation, equipment, and implementation means which were not included in the initial talks on NCA are now included.

The part two of the accord includes the phase-wise implementation table-1 for the period beyond 2020. The main features are the three stages to set up

a democratic federal and the three stages to implement the political consent. The second point includes eight topics. The process of federalization, administrative reforms, economy and development, financial powers, land resources, democratization, social harmonization, security reconciliation have been agreed in accord with para 30 of NCA. The third point deals with the work programs that must be implemented phase wise by any government of the country in the post 2020, he said.

The part three of the accord is the basic guiding principles for building a Union based on democracy and federal system. It has five points. The discussions on the constitution of the State will continue. It is the future vision of the country. This part shapes the type of the Union that will be collectively set up by all the nationalities of the Union. The State Counsellor has already stated the part as first action programme of the post-2020 work programme. The second and the third action programmes have already been mentioned. Based on the statements, the method of implementing the three action programmes has been posted on the State Counsellor Page and the NRPC Page, he said.

The phase 1 is concerned with the ceasefire. This step includes making agreements with non-signatories of NCA, strengthening ceasefire with NCA-S-EAOs, all inclusiveness

and local development programme.

The phase 2 is related to the state constitutions and two Hluttaws. Discussions were made on whether two Hluttaws or three Hluttaws in the future. Myanmar has three Hluttaws. Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw are grouped into Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Amyotha Hluttaw that represents for ethnic people never secured majority votes in the parliament. Therefore, negotiations will be continued for possible sharing of power and authority to each Hluttaw.

Another topic is the possible restructuring of political framework. The process includes phase-by-phase implementation in details in the post-2020 and political-social harmony.

The phase 3 is to amend the 2008 State Constitution in line with the commitments from the above two processes. The process will include negotiations in adopting constitutions for the states, reconciliation of political rights and security issue. These steps are included in the seven new work plan for peace-making process beyond 2020.

The Director-General also explained the reform of dialogue structure, discussions on mechanisms and institution in the peacemaking process, collaboration in line with NCA for all inclusiveness, seeking advice from those outside peace process, reviewing the whole process, exchange of views among

EAOs, political parties and CSOs to proceed the peace process.

He also talked about the five organizations of ethnic armed groups since 1947 even before the country regained its independence; failure of peace dialogue during the administration of Revolutionary Council in 1962, abandonment of arms during the reign of Burma Socialist Programme Party, ceasefire agreements with 40 EAOs between 1988 and 2000 and bilateral peace agreements from 2011 and 2015.

The NCA was signed by the eight EAOs, followed by adopting political dialogue framework, holding 1<sup>st</sup> edition of Union Peace Conference and paper reading session, participation of two more EAOs from 2016 to 2020, joint statements with northern armed groups and KNPP, 12 times of amendment on political dialogue framework, seven national-level political dialogues, two CSO forums, four events of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Panglong with turning out three parts of Union Accord, emergence of future process in the post-2020, informal discussions, negotiations, ongoing dialogues to make negotiations with the remaining groups in addition to the NCA-S-EAOs.

In response to the media questions, U Zaw Htay explained voting of the President and the State Counsellor in Nay Pyi Taw, economic situations before and during COVID-19 outbreak, arrests of NLD Hluttaw candidates and the actions of government, announcement on constituencies with no elections and the view of government on it, discussions on relief funds for displaced persons, updates on investigation into chairman of United Democratic Party, situation of Shwe Kukko project, investigation into findings of bomb in the compound of chairperson of district election commission, the works of COVID-19 Control and Emergency Response Committee, political campaigns of parties amid COVID-19 pandemic, spread of false news based on racial and religious issue, arm procurement of Tatmadaw, cash relief programme for all the townships under the stay at home order, possibility of school reopening, voting of people in the areas under the stay at home order and the fourth cash assistance to the grass root people with no regular income.—Myo Thwin Kyaw (Translated by TMT, Aung Khin)



# A single-minded aspiration to escape from the crisis

A single-minded will is essential for overcoming any form of crises and difficulties. Anxiety and worries are nearly unavoidable at all strata of life while facing challenges and various forms of hardships.

'Anxiety' in Greek meaning is 'to be divided or distracted', which could cause us to lose energy, confidence and courage to overcome difficulties. The opposite of division and distraction is 'single-mindedness' that is required to minimize anxiety.

Myanmar is now facing two major challenges this year: The first one is the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and the second one is the November 8 General Elections.

A strong expectation or single-minded will is very vital to manage both issues, as well as to achieve the goal for establishing a Democratic Federal Union.

All the people living in this country need to avoid division and distraction in struggling for a better future, instead of fears, worries and anxiety.

There is a story about the 'Quail King and the Hunter' in the Buddha's jataka stories.

Once upon a time the Buddha-to-be was born as a quail who led a flock of a thousand quails. A very clever quail hunter caught the quails by covering them with a net for selling them in the market. After the declining number of quails in the forest, the Quail King realized the net trap of the hunter and called together the entire quails in thousands of number. He advised that when the hunter covered them with a net, every single quail was to raise their necks at the same time and fly away with the net and drop it on a thorn bush to escape from the net.

In following the guidelines and instruction of the Quail King when they were trapped by the net of the

hunter the next day, the hunter caught no quails at all and his net was also lost in the thorns of bush, failing to use it again.

It should be an excellent example for our people nowadays. All our citizens should have a single-minded will to achieve our goals and fulfil our expectations, while distraction or division could lead all of us to deviate from our goals or fail to overcome our challenges.

## Dat-Shin (film), Dat-Shin-Yone (Cinema), Dat-Shin-Thayoke Saung (Actor or Actress), Lu-Dat Shin (Pwe)

Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Sithu Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

THE resounding triumph of commemoration of Myanmar Film Industry centenary, regardless of COVID-19 virus inspired the writer, entire Myanmar people, government, statesmen and leaders. News media of all types literacy, visual and musical song all visual and performing arts being carried out with resounding success had but more Myanmar Government, and leaders to send messages of congratulations and bestow awards and certificates of honour on arts all deserving ones.

The writer is now 91 years old. He is anyatha. Born in Mandalay. He likes all pwes. Films are no exception. Since his childhood, boyhood, adulthood till now in the evening of old ages he has been a regular pwe goer. Films or dat-shin is no exception.

When Myanmar Zat Pwe with film style of acting with bend, it was called Lu Dat-shin. In lower Myanmar, it was called Lu bioscope.

To contribute to the great event of Myanmar Film Industry, Centenary, he wrote this Article.

In upper Myanmar Anya areas, we do not call yoke-shin. We call Dat-shin. Cinema houses are called Datshin yone, not yokeshin yone. Silent films are called Athan tate sar-tan-hto. Talkie Films are

called Athan-twet or talkie. Two Dat-shin youne (Motion picture houses) in Mandalay those days were (1) Yatanabon Cinema yone and Elephant Star Athan hwet yone (Later Shwe Taik yone). They were facing Mandalay Shwe Nandaw Palace City and the mote. The writer's house was within walking distance of them.

Two other picture houses were one in Saing-tan quarter quick close to Mandalay jetty. It could not show talkie picture due to old projector and poor electric supply. So before the picture was show public apology appeared on the screen.

"တန်ခိုး၊ မှန်ခြင်းသည်းခံပါ" Apology for shaky and dimness.

There was another motion picture house in Yathardan quarter names Myanmar Nyun Dat Shin Yone. This picture house could show talkie motion picture.

Next the writer like to tell with pride the two famous Dat-shin minthamee (film actress) Anya-desa (upper Myanmar).

(1) May Than of Yenangaung Town, (2) May Shin of Mandalay Aungdawmu Sandar quarter. May Than was an Armanian. Her father was an geologist engineer of B.O.C Burma Oil Company. The writer often interviewed for her biography. She says, "you know Grace was



Actress May Than



Actress May Shin

a sort of Tomboy in early years, swimming, acrobatic diving into the river and somersaulting. Also Grace sang both English Myanmar songs and Grace could mime Buddhist monk preaching Five moral Precepts ငါးပါးသီလ. When Grace became a popular film actress in Myanmar Asway A 1 Film Co. in one of the most popular picture Nee Lar Yaung နီလာရောင် the

announcer advertize me.

Please come quickly and early to this picture. You'll enjoy May Than's stunt and diving

"စောစောလာမှ နေရာရမယ်၊ အေဝဲး ဖလင်က မေသနဲက ကမြင်းပြုမှာပါ။"

"ကမြင်း" means stunt, acrobatic act in naughty scene.

Next famous Dhat-shin Minthamee was May Shin, a

typical Anyatha Mandalay born. She lived in Aungtau Mu Saidan quarter East Mandalay, dressed in typical Mandalay style, talking, behaved and sung songs of those days. May Shin name was Ma Nan Shin. She told me when I interviewed her as follow:

"I was the youngest daughter. Born on Saturday. So my name was Ma Nan Shin. I'm pure Anya Thu Mandalay Thu. But I attended western school methodist missionary school in our neighbourhood, facing Mandalay Palace City on the moat. I joined Christian religion hymn and X'mas songs. There I began to learn the 7 tone scale of do-re-me-far-so-lar-de very similar to our Burman 7 tones.

When I was selected by Myanmar Asway A1 Film and my name was changed May Shin. A1 Film actresses were prefixed with May. May Than, May Nu, May Thit, May Nyunt, May Chit, May Thin Kyan, I am OK with English songs or English tuned Myanmar songs. My Burmese songs are taught by Sayargyi U Ba Nyunt of British Burma taught "My first Dat-shin Minthamee was in the silent-Film Mein Ya Thee မိနီရာသီ with Ba Myint. It is the Myanmar version of English Film "April Love". Our Mein Ya Thee song was a hit gramophone record.

"When Talkies အသံထွက် appeared I appeared in "Hmyan Nat Maung, များနတ်မောင် (Cupid) with AI Maung Tin Maung. I was

Ma Ma Htu. A1 Tin Maung was Apar. Ma Ma Htu, Apar became everyone's favourite.

Daw Shin another role was in Saung with Pyi Hla Pe. Yay Ngan Prince U Shin Gyi Nat story. My theme songs in that film were hits. In post war time, another hit was Chain Tan Byi with A-1 Tin Maung.

Another hit is Chit-A-Hmya ချစ်ဘဏ္ဍာ in post-war time. I am Saturday born. My horoscope says I'll be always a single.

### Pyo May Shin, Not Old May Shin

She asked me to see her gold medal Wunna Kyaw Htin in the Image of Mandalay Maha Muni Statue.

Dear Readers, the writer was glad to boast that he was a film star in London. The Oriental Casting Agency of Burma Restaurant owner Daw Mya Sein recruited me in the film "Yesterday's Enemy" because the writer looked like Japanese and would yell Japanese abusive words. The writer was a Japanese soldier Wakazumi. The writer had acted like a Fascist Japanese soldier bathing naked in public. For that act his daily wage was doubled.

Daw Mya recruited Anglo Myanmar girl Win Min Than to co-star with Gregory Peck in the film "Purple Plain."

Now, Win Min Than was Buddhist Nun at the nunnery she set up in Australia where she taught Buddhist meditation.

Another role was in a TV story in which the writer was a pimp in Soho. Readers don't think real only acting The writer from a real pimp whom the writer often met at the Pub. In this article the writer as Wakazumi, a Japanese soldier is presented. Bathing naked and Pimp snaps.

The writer next role was in "The World of Suzie Wong"

He was to act like Italian Film Star Marlun Brando. Besides, the writer could sing some Italian hit songs like Volare, Come Prima, Jamaica Farewell. Unfortunately, the writer had to return home by S.S Norwich of B.B. Line.

Though in the evening of his life 92 years, he would like to act. The writer pays tribute to all those connected with Myanmar Film Industry, especially to Academy Kyaw Hein died in Australia recently.



Japanese soldiers alert at Mudon village in the Film "Yesterday's Enemy" Shirwood Studio, London.



The writer (R) acts as a Japanese soldier in the Film "Yesterday's Enemy" Shirwood Studio, London.

### MYANMAR GAZETTE

## Appointment of Permanent Secretary

THE Union Government has appointed U Chan Aye, Director-General of the Union Minister's Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Permanent Secretary of the same ministry.

## Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 24 October 2020)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Weather is partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 25 October, 2020:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Eastern Shan State, scattered in Magway and Bago regions, Northern Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon states, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions, Southern Shan State and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Sagaing Region, Kachin and Rakhine states. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Rakhine coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30-35)mph. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (7-9) feet off and along Rakhine Coasts and about (4-6)feet Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Region, Southern Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon states.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25 October 2020:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25 October 2020:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25 October 2020:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

## Flood Warning

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 24-10-2020)

According to the (12:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Homalin is observed as about (2) feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next (2) days.

According to the (12:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Phaungpyin is observed as about (3½) feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next (2) days.

According to the (12:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Mawlaik is observed as about (7) feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next (3) days.

It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low lying areas at Homalin, Phaungpyin and Mawlaik townships to take precaution measure.

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## Statement on adherence to healthcare guidelines in 2020 General Election

1. The Union Election Commission, in accordance with 2008 Constitution, already announced that the multiparty democracy general elections will be held nationwide on 8 November 2020 to elect MPs for third term of three Hluttaws.
2. The election process includes setting up of polling stations, coming of voters to the stations and voting at the stations. Similarly, it also includes preparations for voting in the general elections of those who are under quarantine due to COVID-19 infections, advance voting of those who are unable to come to polling stations on the election day at relevant ward/village-tract election sub-commissions on designated dates, counting votes at respective township election sub-commissions and polling stations, collecting of election results and announcing the names of elected candidates by region/state election sub-commissions.
3. Due to present COVID-19 situation, polling station heads, deputy heads and members who will perform duties at the polling stations of different levels of relevant election sub-commissions, those who will manage outside the polling stations and voters need to be careful of the successful holding of the general election not to be infected by COVID-19.
4. The Ministry of Health and Sports issued the standard operation procedure Part-I about campaigning in accordance with COVID-19 preventive and control measures for Hluttaw candidates, who will compete in the general election, on 7-9-2020.
5. Therefore, it is hereby announced that those who are involved in the election works according to paragraph-2 will have to abide by the directives included in standard operation procedure Part-II that is to be carried out in accordance with COVID-19 prevention and control measures during the general election and health guidelines issued by relevant officials depending on situations.
6. The standard operation procedure Part-II which is to be carried out in accordance with COVID-19 prevention and control measures in holding the general election can be viewed at the website of the Union Election Commission, [www.uec.gov.mm](http://www.uec.gov.mm), and UEC Facebook.

(Hla Thein)  
Chairman

Union Election Commission



RCL Myanmar donates medical equipment to Yangon General Hospital on 24 October 2020. PHOTO: MA EI

## RCL Myanmar donates medical equipment to YGN

RCL Myanmar donated 8-units of Medical equipment to Yangon General Hospital where intensive renovation is underway for COVID 19 prevention, control and treatment activities, yesterday.

The donation includes two sets of Oxygen Concentrator; two sets of suction machines, two sets of infusion pumps and two sets of 12 inch patient monitors.

Hospital Equipment donated to YGH, will have long-term benefits as it can be used not only

for Covid-19 patients but also for patients with other medical conditions.

The donation was led by Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Suphatra Srimaitreephithak, U Aung Than Htay, a member of the Board of Directors of RCL Myanmar Co., Owner's Representative, Mr Chamnan Dashirun and Dr Yi Yi Myint, Medical Superintendent of Yangon General Hospital accepted the donation.—GNLM

### Announcement for voters

- United Democratic Party has been dissolved.
- No need to vote for Hluttaw candidates of UDP party
- If voted the ballots would be cancelled.

Union Election Commission

### Campaign speeches of political parties for 2020 General Election will be broadcast for second time

CAMPAIGN speech of Karen National Party and People's Party of Myanmar Farmers and Workers for 2020 General Election will be broadcast on MRTV, Hluttaw Channel, Myanma Radio and MRTV Facebook page at 7 pm on 25 October for the second time. — MNA

### 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.



### Section 59 (g) in Hluttaw Election Law

IN accordance with section 59 (g) of the Hluttaw Election Law, no one is allowed to vote more than once in any election for a Hluttaw constituency in which he or she has the right to vote. Anyone who is found guilty of or abetting 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.





# Japan puts off decision to release treated Fukushima water into sea

JAPAN has put off a decision to release treated radioactive water from the crippled Fukushima nuclear plant into the sea, government sources said Friday, after reports of a formal decision later this month triggered strong opposition from fishermen.

Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Hiroshi Kajiyama told a press conference Friday the government has no plan to make a decision on what to do with over 1.2 million tonnes of treated water as reported.

His remark came after other government sources said last week it would decide on the release of the water on Tuesday. Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga said last month, during a visit to the Fukushima Daiichi plant which suffered meltdowns following the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami, that the government wants "to make a decision as soon as possible" on how to deal with the water.



Photo taken Aug. 26, 2020, at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant in northeastern Japan, shows tanks for storing treated water from which most of the radioactive contamination has been removed. **PHOTO: KYODO**

"We are not at a stage where we can announce the specific timing of a decision" on how to deal with the stored water, Kajiyama said, adding, "We want to

proceed with the matter carefully."

The water used to cool the damaged reactors has been treated using an advanced liquid

processing system, or ALPS, to remove all radioactive material apart from tritium and is stored in tanks on the plant's premises. **SOURCE: Kyodo**

## KFC says to create 5,400 jobs in UK, Ireland



A woman passes by a Kentucky Fried Chicken (KFC) outlet in Shanghai on January 9, 2013. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

US fast-food chain Kentucky Fried Chicken said Friday it will create 5,400 jobs in Britain and Ireland on strong takeaway demand, despite a tough year for the virus-hit hospitality sector.

KFC said in a statement that it would create the new positions over the next three months, taking this year's new intake since the Covid-19 lockdown to 10,000 extra staff.

"There's no denying it's been a tough year for the hospitality sector, and we're already seeing the substantial impact of that across our high streets and city centres," said Paula MacKenzie,

general manager at KFC UK and Ireland.

"With new regional and national lockdowns coming into effect, it's an uncertain time for many businesses but... we are really excited to be able to welcome over 5,000 new team members ahead of Christmas."

The group added it would utilise the UK government's so-called kickstart scheme, which offers job opportunities for 16 to 24 year olds at risk of long term unemployment. KFC currently has 965 mostly franchise outlets in the UK and Ireland.

**SOURCE: AFP**

### NEWS IN BRIEF

THE BOZHONG 19-6

#### New Bohai Sea gas field goes into operation

THE China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC), the listed unit of the largest producer of offshore crude oil and natural gas in China, said on Friday that its new gas field in the Bohai Sea commenced production.

Discovered in 2019, the Bozhong 19-6 gas field pilot-area development project is in the central Bohai Sea with an average water depth of about 23 metres. The project is expected to reach its peak production of 1 million cubic meters of natural gas and 910 cubic metres of condensate oil per day by the end of 2020.

**SOURCE: Xinhua**

#### GROWTH SLOWS DOWN

#### Huawei revenue growth wilts under 'intense pressure'

HUAWEI'S revenue growth slowed significantly in the first nine months of 2020, the Chinese telecom giant said on Friday, citing "intense pressure" on operations during the coronavirus and as the US moves to cut off its access to vital components. Huawei, the leading global supplier of telecoms networking equipment and a top smartphone producer, said it grossed 671.3 billion yuan (€85bn) in revenue in January-September, up 9.9 per cent year-on-year. That's down from 24.4 per cent growth over the same period last year, while its profit margin fell to 8.0 per cent from 8.7 per cent last year. **SOURCE: AFP**

#### POP-UP RESTAURANTS

## Travel-starved 'passengers' dine on parked Singapore Airlines jet

HUNDREDS of travel-starved diners ate lunch and watched seat-back films aboard two parked Singapore Airlines jets turned into pop-up restaurants on Saturday. With the aviation industry in deep crisis due to the coronavirus pandemic, airlines have turned to alternative ways to raise cash, from offering "flights to nowhere" to tours of aircraft.

Singapore's flag carrier,

which has cut thousands of jobs and grounded nearly all its planes this year, offered passengers the chance to dine on board two A380 superjumbos -- the world's biggest passenger jet.

On Saturday more than 400 diners checked in at Changi Airport and went through the usual security checks before arriving at the aircraft for lunch.

"The food is pretty amazing,

it's better than the one they serve during the flight," Zhou Tai Di, a 17-year-old student in economy class, told AFP as he tucked into his soy sauce-glazed chicken with spicy fried eggplant and rice.

Some settled in for a nap while waiting for their meals to be served, while others watched movies on the seat-back entertainment systems.

**SOURCE: AFP**



A couple and their children dine in business class. **PHOTO: AFP**



## US ELECTION

## Trump launches intense campaign push, Biden hammers him on Covid



President Donald Trump will be doing rallies all the way to the election, saying there could be as many as five or six a day. **PHOTO: AFP**

DONALD Trump launched an intense last-ditch reelection push Friday in Florida, insisting that Covid-19 is disappearing, while frontrunner Joe Biden hammered his message that the president had abdicated responsibility for a pandemic that is actually surging. With 50 million people having already cast early ballots, Biden has a firm lead in national polls, as well as in most of the battleground states like Florida that typically decide the winner of US presidential elections.

The drama of the final Trump-Biden televised debate on Thursday was thought unlikely

to move the needle significantly.

But Trump pulled off a stunning upset when he defeated the favorite Hillary Clinton in 2016 and he will now make a grueling series of campaign stops through the battlegrounds to try and repeat that feat. Targeting the politically powerful seniors' vote in Florida, Trump began with a rally in the famous retirement community The Villages, where he told a large crowd that all Biden talks about is "Covid, Covid, Covid" to try and "scare people."

"We're going to quickly end this pandemic, this horrible plague," he said, underlining his

consistent message that the virus is on a rapid decline, when in fact case numbers are spiralling upward again, with more than 220,000 Americans already dead.

Referring to Biden's warning of a "dark winter" ahead, Trump countered: "We're not entering a dark winter. We're entering the final turn and approaching the light at the end of the tunnel."

He then pivoted to his own scare tactics, claiming that Biden would let in hordes of illegal immigrants that he said were comprised of "criminals and rapists and even murderers."

**SOURCE: AFP**

## RIVER NILE DAM

## Trump suggests Egypt may 'blow up' Ethiopia dam

US President Donald Trump on Friday voiced anger at Ethiopia over its construction of a huge dam on the Nile River and appeared to suggest that Egypt may destroy it.

Trump made the remarks as he announced a breakthrough normalization deal between US ally Israel and Sudan, which like Egypt fears that Ethiopia will use up scarce water resources.

"It's a very dangerous situation because Egypt is not going to be able to live that way," Trump told reporters in the Oval Office with leaders of Sudan and Israel on speakerphone.

"They'll end up blowing up the dam. And I said it and I say it loud and clear -- they'll blow up that dam. And

they have to do something," Trump said.

"They should have stopped it long before it started," Trump said, regretting that Egypt was in domestic tumult when the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam project began in 2011.

Trump -- a close ally of Egypt's general turned president, Abdel Fattah al-Sisi -- had agreed to Cairo's pleas to mediate over the dam, with Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin leading talks.

The State Department in September said it was cutting off aid to Ethiopia due to its decision to begin filling the dam despite not reaching an agreement with the downstream nations.

**SOURCE: AFP**



An aerial view of water levels at the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam in Guba, Ethiopia. **PHOTO: AFP**

## POWER STRUGGLE

## Kyrgyz election body calls new presidential vote as police raid

KYRGYZ election officials on Saturday announced presidential elections for January 10 even as police raided their offices, in what appeared to be a power struggle with the country's acting leader.

The impoverished ex-Soviet state in Central Asia has been embroiled in political chaos since the unrest following the results of parliamentary elections held earlier this month. The Central Elections Committee (CEC) finally annulled them following mass protests.

Sadyr Japarov, a populist politician who had been serving a prison sentence for hostage-taking but who was released during the unrest, is now both acting president and prime minister.

Since Japarov, 51, took power he has promised fresh parliamentary and presidential elections -- but only after making changes to the constitution.

He has also called for the elections commission to be disbanded and reformed, saying it was something the people had called for along with the recent resignation of former president Sooronbay Jeenbekov.

The law requires that presidential elections within three months of Jeenbekov's departure.

**SOURCE: AFP**

## FRONTEX OFFICIALS' INVOLVEMENT IN PUSHBACKS

## EU border agency 'involved in illegal asylum pushbacks' - German media



A boat carrying asylum seekers is led to the Greek island of Lesbos. **PHOTO: AFP**

EUROPE'S border security agency Frontex has been involved in several illegal "pushbacks" of asylum seekers crossing the Aegean Sea from Turkey to Greece, media including Germany's Der Spiegel reported Saturday.

The investigation "shows for

the first time that senior Frontex officials know about illegal practices by Greek border guards -- and that some of them are themselves implicated in pushbacks," the weekly said on its website.

Also known as refoulements, "pushbacks" are incidents where

refugees or asylum seekers are illegally returned across a border to a country where they could face persecution. Journalists say they uncovered six cases since April when Frontex units at a minimum did nothing to stop refugee boats in Greek waters being returned towards Turkey. A video from a June incident shows a Frontex boat blocking a refugee boat, with a later shot from the same encounter shows it racing across the bow of the migrant boat before leaving the area.

German public broadcaster ARD, journalist collective Lighthouse Reports, investigative platform Bellingcat and Japanese broadcaster TV Asahi were involved in the investigation alongside Der Spiegel.

**SOURCE: AFP**



### Debt crisis to overshadow Zambia's high stakes election

ALTHOUGH elections won't be held in Zambia for another 10 months, the battle lines already being drawn over the country's debt woes could make them the issue to topple the longtime incumbent. Presidential and parliamentary polls on August 12, 2021 will mark the sixth attempt by opposition leader Hakainde Hichilema, 58, to claim the top job. Meanwhile 63-year-old Edgar Lungu hopes to hang on to the presidency he has held since 2015, even as the global coronavirus pandemic hammers the commodity prices that prop up Zambia's mining-heavy economy. The presidential contenders have already begun trading barbs in the run up to elections.—AFP

### LIFEBLOOD OF ECONOMY

## Libya resumes oil exports from key terminals

Libya's National Oil Corporation announced Friday the resumption of oil exports from two key terminals in the east of the conflict-strewn country, as rival administrations struck a ceasefire deal.

"Force majeure is being

lifted from Ras Lanuf and Al-Sidra starting Friday," the state oil company said in a statement.

"The National Oil Corporation has received confirmations that the foreign forces had left the ports' area which will enable it to

perform its oil operations and resume exports," it said. Force majeure refers to external unforeseen elements that prevent a party from fulfilling a contract.

The North African state has been in chaos since a 2011 uprising that

toppled and killed longtime dictator Moamer Kadhafi.

Libya, which sits atop Africa's largest proven crude oil reserves, has been torn between the rival powers of the UN-recognized Government of National Accord (GNA)

in Tripoli and strongman Khalifa Haftar who backs

a rival administration in the east. The two warring factions Friday signed a "permanent ceasefire" after five days of talks at the United Nations in Geneva.—AFP

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#### MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION Notification No. (1/2020/HIA-COD) Date: 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020

##### Notification of Cut-off Date for Hanthawaddy New International Airport Development Project (Phase-1 Area)

- The Department of Civil Aviation, Myanmar (DCA) under the Ministry of Transport and Communications is planning to develop, with support from the **Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)**, a new airport in the west side of Bago City in order to accommodate for the growing demand for international and domestic passengers and cargoes thereby contributing to the economic and social development in the region and country.
- This Project named '**The Hanthawaddy New International Airport Development Project (Phase 1)**' is located approximately 5 km west of the Centre of Bago City in Bago Region. The handling capacity of the planned airport in the first phase is 8 million passengers per annum (mppa) with a runway length of approximately 3,600 m, one taxiway running parallel to it and four other taxiways (i.e. two high-speed taxiways and two other taxiways) and other related components.
- This Notification is to notify the public of the area that will be secured for the Project (Phase-1) in cooperation with Bago Region Government as well as to notify **the cut-off date (COD)** that has been hereby officially announced to be set on the **25<sup>th</sup> of October 2020**.
- A cut-off date has been set and announced in order to identify and differentiate genuine project-affected persons from people that have come into the area with ill intention. It has been set on the commencement day of the census and other surveys through which all people; structures, improvements and other immovable assets located in the area are identified and recorded.
- The size of the Project (Phase-1) Area subject to land clearance is approximately 720 hectares (equivalent to 1,779.16 acres) and the exact location is shown in the Figure below as an area surrounded by P1 to P17 with coordinate points.
- It is hereby announced that persons who encroach on the subject area after **the cut-off date** are not entitled to compensation or any other form of resettlement assistance.

##### Location Map of Project-affected Area (Phase 1)



Point Name	Coordinate
P1	17°16'17.76"N, 96°25'25.97"E
P2	17°16'17.70"N, 96°26'09.48"E
P3	17°18'45.15"N, 96°26'08.00"E
P4	17°18'45.07"N, 96°26'14.71"E
P5	17°18'50.30"N, 96°26'31.55"E
P6	17°18'59.68"N, 96°26'43.38"E
P7	17°19'01.38"N, 96°26'43.34"E
P8	17°18'52.17"N, 96°26'30.76"E
P9	17°18'47.54"N, 96°26'14.49"E
P10	17°18'47.67"N, 96°26'08.04"E
P11	17°18'47.71"N, 96°26'00.20"E
P12	17°18'51.51"N, 96°26'00.14"E
P13	17°18'51.51"N, 96°25'57.88"E
P14	17°18'56.47"N, 96°25'57.75"E
P15	17°18'56.62"N, 96°25'48.71"E
P16	17°19'39.12"N, 96°25'47.91"E
P17	17°19'38.75"N, 96°25'24.21"E
AR1	17°16'17.73"N, 96°26'05.35"E
AR2	17°16'17.71"N, 96°26'07.13"E
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\*The area that will be secured for the Hanthawaddy New International Airport Development Project (Phase-1) is the area surrounded by P1 to P17.

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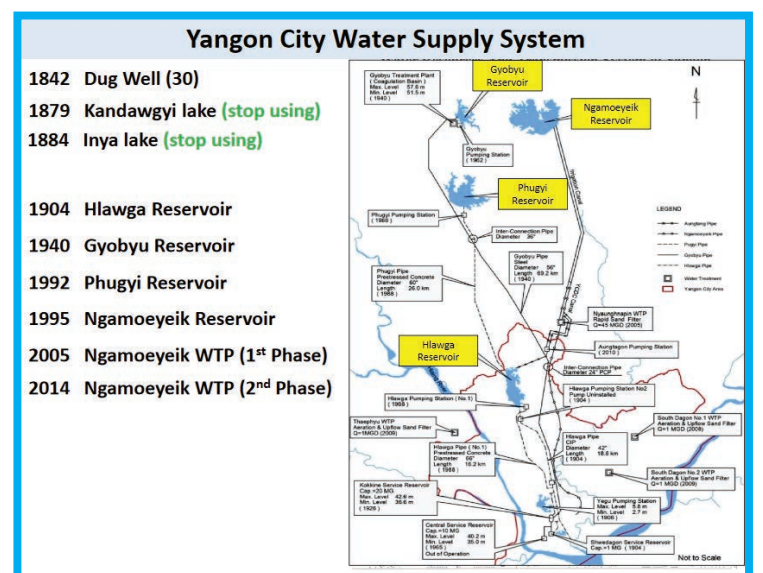




Hlawgha Reservoir

# Yangon city's water management

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**A**LTHOUGH the rainy season is going on now, there is a remarkable rise in the temperature in Yan-

gon with less rainfall. Global climate is fast changing day after day affected by the global warming. Meteorologists hope

that the global temperature is likely to rise bizarrely in the future. The rising temperature will cause glaciers to melt,

thereby increasing sea level. With a surge in sea water level, an increase in high tide takes place in all parts of the world as well as Myanmar.

tered rain is able to cause floods if it pours heavily. The rainfall in Taikkyi, Hmawby and Hlegu in the north part of Yangon, the place of supplying water resources remains below average annual amount. The rainwater stored in Gyobyu, Phugyi, Hlawgha and Ngamoeyeik reservoirs this year remains less than the average annual amount and therefore it can cause worry about Yangon's water supply in the coming summertime.

### Rainfall remains below average annual amount

There is no other season in Myanmar as long as the rainy season and Myanmar has to rely much on the monsoon to get sufficient rainwater for agriculture. It is just the beginning for Myanmar at a time when the southwest monsoon sets in. The arrival of monsoon to Myanmar this year is timed to strangely coincide with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the monsoon may early retreat as well, moreover, the rainfall may be less. Yangon has not got an equitable amount of rain because rain falls heavily in some parts but doesn't elsewhere. The scat-

Increasing requirements of water resources

The number of those who are coming to Yangon for work is increasing day by day as Yangon is the nation's commercial city. Its population is on the increase. With a rapid population growth, there has been an increase in the necessity of water resources in Yangon. The industrial zones have been enormously



Gyobyu Reservoir



increasing and so the water requirement becomes a big issue. The urban area widens at the edge of it and there has been an increase in the number of high-rising buildings in Yangon.

The Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) is supplying 205 million gallons of water from Gyobu, Phugyi, Hlawga and Ngamoeyeik reservoirs and tube-wells to the towns and townships in its municipal area every day. 90 % of total gallons of water supply come over-ground while 10 % comes underground. According to the 2014 census, Yangon's municipal area has a population of 5.16 million and about 10% is living in Yangon city.

### Difficulties may crop up

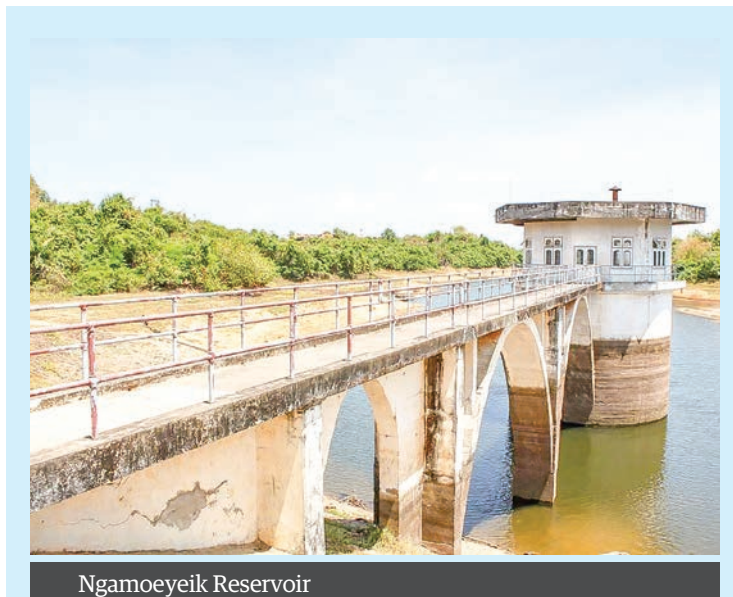
To get sufficient rainwater is the main issue for Yangon with regard to the water. The key reservoirs necessary for Yangon are located in Taikkyi, Hmawby and Hlegu, the northern part of Yangon. The records observed by meteorologists indicated that the rainfall in these areas has been found to be less. There may be difficulties in supplying water to Yangon as less rainfall has been found in the said reservoirs currently triggered by climate changes.

### Rainwater becomes less in stockpile

The Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department took priority over the construction of the dams for agricultural purpose. Ngamoeyeik reservoir is among the largest water supplier to Yangon, accounting for 60 % of the entire water supply to Yangon. Ngamoeyeik reservoir supplies water not only to the Yangonties but also to the farmers to do farming by means of irrigation channels. Now the rainwater stored in the reservoirs still remains a smaller amount and so the responsible persons may find it difficult to supply drinking water and the irrigation water to the places where necessary.

### Suggestions shown for changing crops

It has been suggested by the experts that the water to be used in farming should be reduced as Yangon region is in need of drinking water. The farmers in Yangon should grow the crops that need only less water in the place of summer paddy. If so, the crops must be the ones that need least water but also the ones that make



Ngamoeyeik Reservoir



Phugyi Reservoir

profits. For that reason, the agriculturalists suggest that the farmers should substitute summer paddy with mung bean, pigeon pea and groundnut. On the other hand, the Yangonites should make good use of water in a systematic manner. The expert said "regarding the current situation that it is right that hands must be washed as part of preventive measure against Covid-19, but when one rubs hands with soap, it is required to close the tap. If not so, the water goes on dropping. It is of uselessness. This water will flow to the gutter without being used. This act is to be taken into consideration. If everyone uses water in a disciplined manner, it will be enough for them. It is supposed that the loss of water without being used is more when the water is used in a disciplined manner. It is also required to use water wisely. The people residing in the places of getting much access to water should efficiently use the water only they need so that it will be convenient for the people living in the townships of getting less access to water to use the water. For example, there is difference in having access to water between those living near the start of the water sup-

plying pipeline and those far away from there. Only when those living near the start of the water supplying pipeline use the water in a useful manner, will the water be left for those far away from there to use. The water has to be supplied to the townships on a part-time basis and it is required to use the water in a systematic manner. Upon completion of the currently-implementing projects, the 24 hours water supplying system will come out."

### Use of water must be thrifty

This time every year the water usually exceeds the marking level in Yangon's reservoirs, but this year the water has not reached the marking level due to the less rainfall. In spite of facing the climate changes, the first priority is to sufficiently supply water to Yangon. The YCDC is supplying water to all the townships on an hourly basis for ensuring water availability to all parts of Yangon. For that reason, the Yangonites are required not only to use the water thriftily but also to store the water when necessary.

## Useful Information

### JAPANESE CUISINE

#### AJISHIN

No.192, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Myanmar Plaza, 4th Floor, Yankin Township, Yangon, Myanmar. Ph: 09-970890390, Time- 10:00 to 23:00 (Open Daily)

#### ANAIMO

No. 300, Mahabandula Park Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-378022. Time- 11:30-14:00/ 17:30-22:00 (Saturday only evening and Sunday off)

#### BIKKURA SUSHI & SASHIMI JAPANESE RESTAURANT

No. 16, Natmawk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-799566917, 09-36714873. 10:30-22:30 (Open Daily)

#### BUSHIDO

No. 75/ AB Boyar Nyunt Street, Dagon Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-260031197/ 09-420231330. 10:00-22:00 (Sunday Off)

#### CHO JAPANESE DINNING & BAR

Level (1), Garden Wing, Beside Lobby Lounge. (Inside Sedona Hotel), Yangon Ph: 09-258322223/ 09-261322223. Lunch 11:30-14:30/ Tea Time 14:30-18:00/ Dinner 18:00-23:00 (Open Daily)

#### DINNING FUKUROU

No. 37, Kabar Pagoda Road, Inside of Inya Lake Hotel, Yangon. Ph: 09-260031197 09-420231330. 11:00-22:00 (Open Daily)

#### EDOZUSHI

A-1, Star City, Kyaik Khaik Pagoda Road, Thanlyin Township, Yangon. Ph: 056-23150-53/ 056-23313-318 (Ext-1183)/ 09-2560-75020. 11:00-21:00 (Open Daily)

#### (3) YAKINIKU FUKAGAWA

A-1, Star City, Kyaik Khaik Pagoda Road, Thanlyin Township, Yangon. Ph: 056-23150-53/ 056-23313-318 (Ext-1183)/ 09-2560-75020. 11:00-21:00 (Open Daily)

#### FUJINOBO

(Cherry Hill Hotel) No. 520/4 A, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Shwe Gone Daing, Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-450067052, 06:00-09:30/ 11:30-14:00/ 17:00-22:30 (Open Daily)

#### FURUSATO

No. 137, West Shwe Gone Daing, Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-556265/ 09-73081914. 11:00-14:00/ 17:00-22:00 (Open Daily)

#### GEKKO

535, Merchant Street, Kyauktada Township, 4th Quarter, Yangon. Ph: 01-386986, 09:00-23:00 (Open Daily)

#### HIMARI MYANMAR

Pearl Condo, Block D, Ground Floor, Units-G-10, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-775330494. 11:30-14:00/ 14:00-22:00 (Open Daily)

#### HOKKAIDO JAPANESE RESTAURANT

No. 24/ 26, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Golden Hill Tower (A), Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-250537315. 11:00-14:00/ 17:00-21:30 (Open Daily)

#### HOT POT KING and Hot pot and BBQ

Buffet Restaurant No. -26/27, Thitsar Road and Corner of Wai Za Yan Dar Road, South Okkalapa, Yangon. Tel: 09 777777 008, 09 09 777777 009, 09 777777 883.

#### Hot Pot City 8 Miles

No. (33), Kyaik Wine Pagoda Road (7.34 km) 095 Yangon. Ph: 09 797 799111, 11:00-22:00 (Open Daily)

#### 101 Hot Pot & Sushi

No. 141, West Shwegondaing Road, Bahan T/s. near Yuzana Hotel. (1.78 km), 11201 Yangon.

### Get Directions

Highlights info row image, Ph: 09 777 799101. 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM

#### Little Sheep Hot Pot Myanmar

14/14B Kanbawza Street Golden Valley (1) Bahan Township (1.71 km), Yangon. Ph: 09443399701, 09443399702, 11:00-23:00

### HOTEL

#### BELMOND GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE

No. 35, Taw Win Road, Dagon Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-229860 01-229861.

#### CHATRIUM

No. 40, Natmawk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-544500/ 01-544244.

#### CHERRY HILLS HOTEL

No. 520/4 A, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Shwegon Daing, Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-559722.

#### HOTLE 51

No. 154/ 156, 51st. Upper Pazundaung Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-200823/ 09-429918554.

#### HOTEL KAN KAW

No. 93(A), Hnin Si Gone Road, Ahlone Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-228566/ 01-2301700/ 01-1221731.

#### HOTLE SIDNEY

No. 8L/Mindhama Road, Between Kyaik Wine Pagoda Road and Parami Road, Mayangone Township. Ph: 01-655770/ 01-9669600-02.

#### INYA LAKE HOTEL

No. 37, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Yangon. Ph: 01-9662866/ 01-9662857-9.

#### LOTTEE HOTLES AND SERVICED APARTMENTS YANGON

No. 82, Sin Phyu Shin Avenue, Pyay Road, 6 mile, Hlaing Township. Ph: 01-9351000.

#### MERCURE HOTEL

No. 17, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Yankin Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-650933.

#### NOVOTEL YANGON MAX

No. 459, Pyay Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-2305858.

#### PAN PACIFIC YANGON

No. Corner of Bogyo Aung San Road and Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Yangon, Ph: 01-9253810.

#### PARK ROYAL

No. 33, Alan Pya Phaya Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, Ph: 01-250388.

#### PULLMAN YANGON CENTREPOINT

No. 65, Corner of Sule Pagoda Road and Merchant Street. Ph: 01-382687.

#### ROSE GARDEN HOTEL

No. 171, Upper Pasodan Road, Yangon. Ph: 01-371992/09263440500.

#### SAVOY HOTEL

No. 129, Corner of Dhammazed Road and Inya Road, Yangon. Ph: 01-526289/ 01-526298/ 01-526305.

#### SEDONA HOTEL

No. 1, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Yankin Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-8605377.

#### SULE SHANGRI-LA

No. 223, Sule Pagoda Road, Kyauktada Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-242828.

#### SUMMIT PARTVIEW HOTEL

No. 350, Ahlone Road, Dagon Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-211888/ 01-211966.

#### SUPER HOTEL

No. 51/ D, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, 10th Quarter, Mayangone Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-797109000/ 01-658210/ 01-658220.



## 250 spectators get chance to see Aung La N Sang's bout on 30 Oct

THE Singapore government has recently allowed a limited number (250 spectators) to compete in the One Championship special event titled "Inside The Matrix" in Singapore amidst pandemic period, which will feature Middle Weight title fight: Myanmar's Aung La N Sang vs Netherland's Reinier De Ridder on 30 October according to the event organizers.

One Championship's event organizers also announced that one ticket price for the special event is \$148 and the very limited fans will be provided with a safe seat from the coronavirus.

The Singapore's government announced last week that it would conduct a COVID-19 rapid antigen rapid test for participants in some public events, and the person with a negative result will be only allowed to hold such kind of event.

Very limited fans with good health conditions, especially COVID-19 negative tested

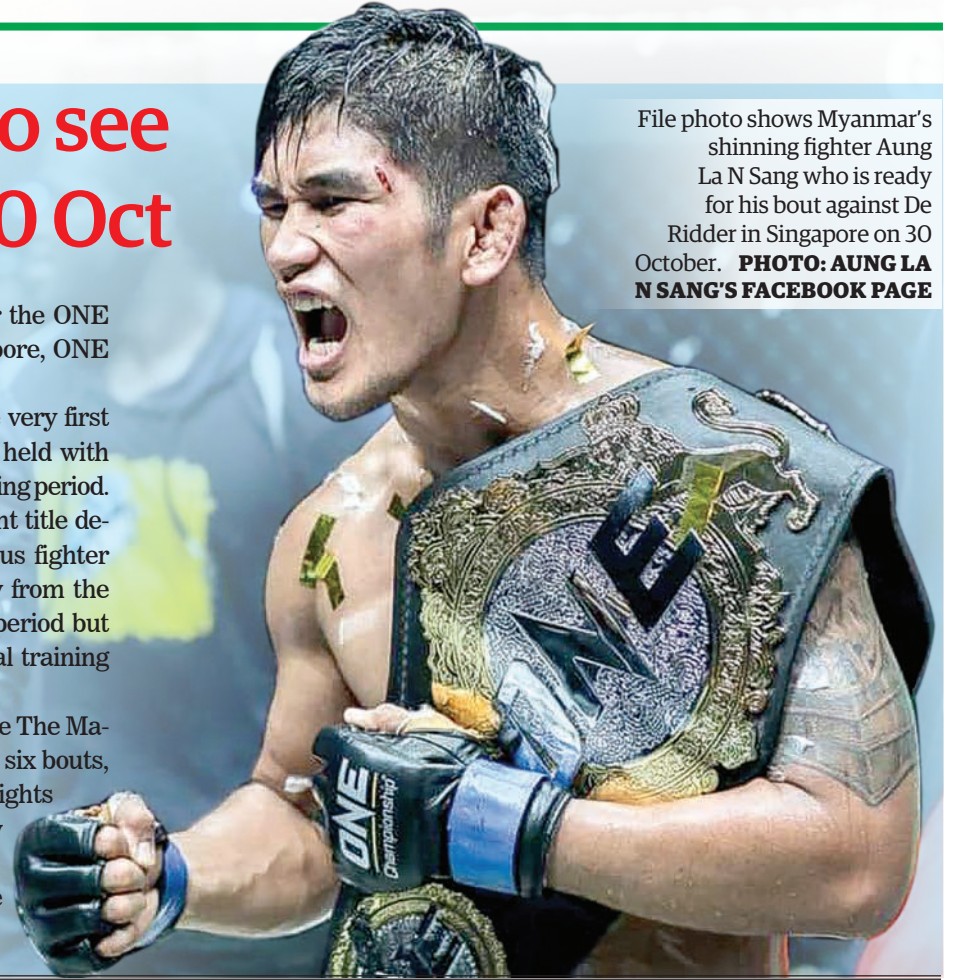
person will only be allowed to enter the ONE championship's event hall in Singapore, ONE Championship stated.

The upcoming event will be the very first time for ONE Championship to be held with spectators during the COVID-19 striking period.

The event includes Middleweight title defending fight of the Myanmar famous fighter Aung La Nsang, who is being away from the ONE's event due to the pandemic period but he got special chance to take special training in the United States.

The ONE Championship's Inside The Matrix event on 30 October, will feature six bouts, including four World Championship fights and fans across the globe could enjoy the special fights via ONE Super mobile application and ONE's YouTube channel.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

File photo shows Myanmar's shinning fighter Aung La N Sang who is ready for his bout against De Ridder in Singapore on 30 October. **PHOTO: AUNG LA NSANG'S FACEBOOK PAGE**



Chelsea manager Frank Lampard. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Football: Lampard looking for big personalities to lead Chelsea rebuild

LONDON—Frank Lampard on Friday (Oct 23) urged his Chelsea players to step up and show leadership as he seeks to fast-track his Stamford Bridge revolution.

Chelsea, who travel to face Manchester United on Saturday, welcomed six major signings during the summer transfer window following a £220 million (\$390 million) spending spree.

Winger Hakim Ziyech this week pledged to be true to his outspoken nature, and Blues boss Lampard said he welcomed such a bold approach.

New No.1 goalkeeper Edouard Mendy has explained how a spell without a club and claiming unemployment benefit shaped his career.

Asked if strong personalities off the pitch can help players thrive on it, Lampard replied: "Yes, I certainly think it can help. I certainly want to help grow the ideas of leaders within the group, personalities within the group.

"Within the course of long, difficult seasons where we play so many games there will be moments when you rely on them to help you in tough times, and also to push the good times along, and to try and improve every day.—AFP ■

## Tokyo opens 15,000-seat Olympic aquatics centre

TOKYO—Tokyo opened a 15,000-seat swimming venue for the Olympic Games next year on Saturday, with a swimming star diagnosed with leukaemia last year demonstrating freestyle at the ceremony.

The \$542 million Aquatics Centre for swimming, diving and artistic swimming was completed in February, but its grand opening ceremony scheduled for March was postponed due to the coronavirus.

"I hope top athletes in the world will compete at this venue... I'm already excited," Tokyo Governor Yuriko Koike told reporters.

Koike said the city hopes to welcome more athletes, promising to host a "successful" Olympics through implementing anti-virus safety measures.

At the ceremony, Japanese swimming star Rikako Ikee joined three other athletes in a relay.

The 20-year-old had been a strong favourite for the 100-metre butterfly gold at the now-postponed Olympic Games before revealing she had leukaemia last year.

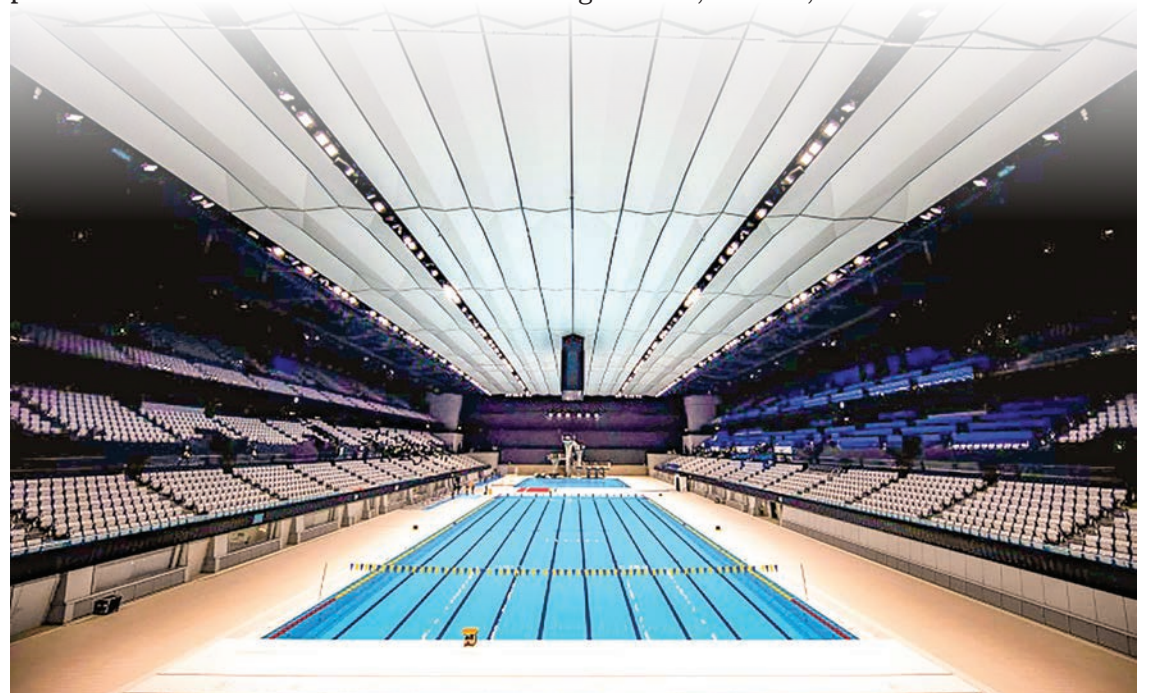
After being discharged from hospital in December following ten months of treatment, she resumed training in March, and

competitions in August.

The main pool at the Aquatics Centre features a movable wall allowing the 50-metre (164 ft) facility to be converted into two 25-metre (82 ft) pools, with the depth also adjustable.

The building cost 56.7 billion yen (\$542 million) but Tokyo hopes to make the most of the facility after the 2020 Games, aiming to attract one million users a year -- 850,000 through swimming competitions and roughly 150,000 casual punters.

The 2020 Games were delayed as Covid-19 spread globally, and are now set to open on July 23, 2021.—AFP ■



The \$523 million Aquatics Centre for swimming, diving and artistic swimming was completed in February but its grand opening ceremony was postponed. **PHOTO: AFP**