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State Counsellor discusses bilateral issues with Thai PM

DAW Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, had a telephonic conference with General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Retd.), Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, at 1:00 pm on 5 November 2020.

During the discussion, the two leaders cordially exchanged views on matters related to the further enhancement of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand, including the official opening of a Consular Office in the prov-

ince resided by a large population of Myanmar migrant workers, rendering necessary assistance to Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand during the COVID-19 pandemic, closer collaboration in the fight against COVID-19, the possibility of opening of border check-

points to promote border trade and to strengthen people-to-people connectivity, and strengthening cooperation in combatting human trafficking along the border between Myanmar and Thailand. —MNA

Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo joins ASEAN Chief Justices meeting online

UNION Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo took part in the 8th Meeting of the Council of ASEAN Chief Justices (CACJ) which was organized via videoconferencing yesterday.

From the Supreme Court of the Union, U Htun Htun Oo made an opening remark on the meeting together with chief justices of ASEAN countries, including Chief Justice of the Supreme People's Court of Viet Nam Nguyen Hoa Binh who is the rotating chair of the council.

The Myanmar Chief Justice participated in the discussions of ASEAN Judiciaries Portal, the Facilitating Service of Civil Processes within ASEAN, the Case Management and Court Technology, the Judicial Education and Training, the Cross-border Disputes involving Children, the reports from workgroup leaders and representatives of ASEAN+ Meetings, the International



Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo participates in the 8th Meeting of the Council of ASEAN Chief Justices (CACJ) via videoconference on 5 November 2020. PHOTO: MNA

Framework for Court Excellence in relation to CACJ, and

the COVID-19 Effects on Judiciaries and Solutions.

The meeting also approved to issue a declara-

tion.—MNA (Translated by Aung Khin)

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“People are the key”


Section 39 (f) of Hluttaw Election Law

VOTERS, except for those who completed early voting, must cast their ballots in person at the polling station, and no one can be represented for their voting, in accordance with the paragraph 39 (f) of Hluttaw Election Bylaw.




Section 59 (f) of Hluttaw Election Law

IT is prohibited voting in any election at more than one Hluttaw constituency as per Section 59 (f) of Hluttaw Election Law. Whoever found guilty of or abetting this act shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or with fine not exceeding one hundred thousand kyats or with both.




Section 59 (g) of Hluttaw Election Law

IT is prohibited voting more than once in any election for a Hluttaw constituency in which he has the right to vote as per Section 59 (g) of Hluttaw Election Law. Whoever found guilty of or abetting this act shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or with fine not exceeding one hundred thousand kyats or with both.



Section 59 (h) of Hluttaw Election Law

IT is prohibited obtaining or casting ballot paper or advance ballot paper by impersonating another person as per Section 59 (h) of Hluttaw Election Law. Whoever found guilty of or abetting this act shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or with fine not exceeding one hundred thousand kyats or with both.



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



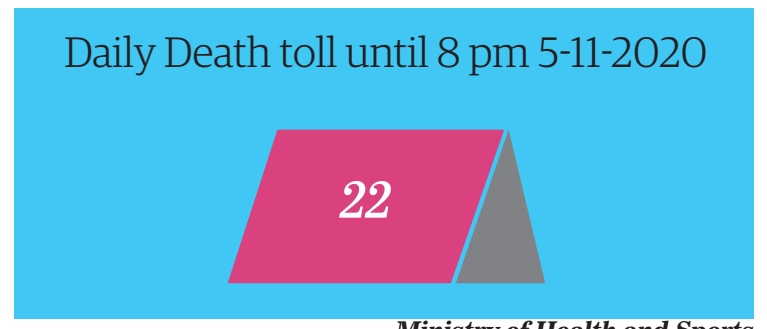
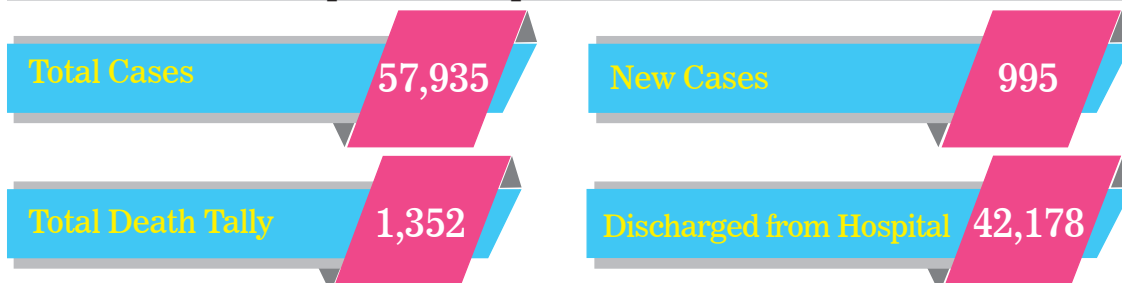
Workers unload COVID-19 medical supplies imported from China by special flights at the Yangon International Airport on 5 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

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 yesterday. Six flights carrying the materials for COVID-19 protection landed at the Yangon International Airport, while five flights landed at the Mandalay International Airport. The COVID-19 protective items include KN95 masks, protective face masks, boots and PPE medical protective clothing.—MNA
(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

995 more new cases of COVID-19 reported on 5 November, total figure rises to 57,935

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rise to 57,935 after 995 new cases were reported on 5 November according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these 57,935 confirmed cases, 1,352 died, 42,178 have been discharged from hospitals.—MNA

Updated at 8 pm, 5 November 2020



Ministry of Health and Sports

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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Campaign speech of political party for 2020 General Election will be broadcast for the second time

CAMPAIGN speech of Inn National League Party (INLP) for 2020 General Election will be broadcast on MRTV, Hluttaw Channel, Myanmar Radio and MRTV Facebook page at 7 pm on 6 November for the second time. — MNA

IPRD releases photo book on public development works of govt



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint speaks during the ceremony of launching photo book on public development works of the government during the period 2016-2020 in Nay Pyi Taw on 5 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information has introduced its photo book on public development works of the government during the period 2016-2020.

Union Minister Dr Pe Myint delivered a speech at the launching ceremony of the 400-pages book printed with 995 photos for 10 sectors in politics, foreign affairs and international cooperation, economy, religious affairs and culture, social, border areas

and national races development, education, health, Myanmar literature development and raising public knowledge, transport and communications, and electricity and related sectors.

The Union Minister said that his office had published 17 books in August on the works of the First 100 Days of Government, the four series of annual record books, speeches of government leaders and their official trips from 2016.

He added that the IPRD

created this latest book which reflects the quote 'A picture is worth a thousand words' as it covers public development works from 2016 to 2020 in the presentation of photos and captions.

The Union Minister added that the MoI is preparing for publishing one more photo book on the works of region/state governments at the end of February or early March next year.

The Union Minister then presented the copies of photo

books to Permanent Secretary U Tin Win Aung from Pyithu Hluttaw Office for the legislative pillar; Permanent Secretary U Tun Ohn from the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture for the administrative pillar; Deputy Director-General U Nyo Tun from the Office of Supreme Court of the Union for the judicial pillar.

Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun handed over the copies of books to Lt-Col Aung Ko Thwin, the secretary of work committee from Tatmadaw True News In-

formation Team, Director Daw Saw Nan Nwe from the Department of National Archives and Director Daw Mya Oo from the National Library.

On behalf of the attendees, Permanent Secretary U Tun Tun Naing expressed his appreciation on publishing the photo book that illustrates both visible and invisible success of the government in public development works, as well as its challenges and struggles.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

COVID-19 Call Centre opens daily

In efforts to speed up the prevention, containment and treatment of the COVID-19 disease, the call centre (phone number 2019) is established by four communications operators and the Blue Ocean Company with the coordination of the Medical Research Department of the Health and Sports Ministry and Post and Telecommunications Department from 9 am to 5 pm daily at the Medical Research Department in Yangon.

Over 43 staff from the Medical Research Department and 17 volunteers from the Myanmar Medical Association totally 60 workers have been working at the centre since 8th April.—MNA

Our people unite in times of great need and challenges



AS regards food supplies, the Union Government has been taking measures to ensure that our basic needs, such as rice will be available in all places without shortages. Apart from that, when we learnt that well-wishers are donating rice, oil and salt, we have been very much encouraged. We feel great pride in their efforts. This is a very fortunate habit that we have in our country. Our people unite in times of great need and challenges. All our people cooperate and participate to help out in whatever way they can. I wish to express my appreciation to all the donors and well-wishers who have donated rice, oil and salt for our citizens who are less fortunate and are in need.

Excerpt from State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's report on COVID-19 situation amid containment measures, on 27 October 2020)

Union Minister Dr Than Myint attends 3rd CIIE-2020, Hongqiao int'l economic forum online

UNION Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint attended the 3rd China International Import Expo (CIIE) – 2020 which is in progress from 5 to 10 November and the opening ceremony of the Hongqiao International Economic Forum yesterday evening online.

At the event, President of the People's Republic of China Mr Xi Jinping delivered an opening remark, saying that the CIIE aims to help recover economic impact from the COVID-19 pandemic and to increase investment and cultural exchange. He continued that China is promoting the free flow of technology to promote cross-border e-commerce, and the exhibition showcases new technology products and innovations. He added that China has been working with regional and international organizations



Union Minister Dr Than Myint participates in the 3rd China International Import Expo (CIIE) - 2020 on 5 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

and is actively participated in the reform process of the World Trade Organization.

Afterwards, leaders of the respective countries, officials

from WHO, WTO and WIPO delivered video keynote speeches.

The 3rd China International Import Expo (CIIE)-2020 has been held annually since 2018

to open access to international products into China's vast market, and this year marks the third time the expo has been held. The Expo will feature both online and

offline exhibitions from 45 countries, and Myanmar will display ready-made fried Kaw Pyant, dry tea leaves, cashew nut and food items.

The theme of the Hongqiao International Economic Forum is "Opening and Innovating for Win-Win Cooperation" and it is a high-level dialogue for the global political, economic and educational communities to propose "Hongqiao Wisdom" for improving global economic governance, for reform and healthy global economic development.

The forum was also attended by the Deputy Minister for Commerce, the Permanent Secretary, Directors-General, the Deputy Permanent Secretary, the Deputy Directors-General and officials among others.—MNA *(Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)*

Tripartite workgroup of MSMEs committee hold virtual meeting



Tripartite group of MSMEs Development Working Committee organize meeting online on 5 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

Tripartite supporting workgroup under the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Working Committee held a meeting via videoconferencing

yesterday.

The meeting of MSME Agency, Fund Management Team and MSME Development Work Review, Coordination and Im-

plementation Group was attended by Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo (MSME Agency Chairperson), Deputy Minister for Planning

and Finance U Maung Maung Win (Fund Management Team Chairperson), Deputy Minister for Planning, Finance and Industry Dr Min Ye Paing Hein (MSME Agency Joint Chairperson), MSME Development Work Review, Coordination and Implementation Group Chairperson U Khin Maung Kyaw (retired Deputy Minister), Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Tha Oo (Vice-Chairperson of the implementation group), members of the three groups and invited guests.

During the meeting, Deputy Minister U Aung Htoo discussed ways to reduce the COVID-19 related impacts on MSMEs and to make MSMEs to be able to adapt to changing situations. He

also discussed how to support MSMEs in various ways.

Deputy Minister Dr Min Ye Paing Hein discussed the development of certification systems for MSMEs and other related issues. He stressed that the MSME Agency needs to systematically work for the development of hard infrastructure and soft infrastructure.

Other participants including MSME Development Work Review, Coordination and Implementation Group Chairperson U Khin Maung Kyaw and UMFCCI Chairperson U Zaw Min Win also made discussions. A total of 40 people participated in the meeting.—MNA

(Translated by Maung Maung Swe)

International Day against Violence and Bullying at School observed virtually

A ceremony to observe International Day against Violence and Bullying at School, including Cyberbullying, was organized online yesterday.

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi said that the UNESCO Member States has declared the first Thursday of November, the International Day against Violence and Bullying at School Including Cyberbullying, recognizing that school-related violence in all its forms is an infringement of children and adolescents' rights to education and health and well-being.

He added that almost one in three students has been bullied by their peers at school at least once in the last month, and a similar proportion was affected by physical violence. School violence and bullying are mostly perpetrated by peers but, in some cases, by teachers and other school staff. Corporal punishment is still allowed in schools in



Union Ministers Dr Myo Thein Gyi and Dr Win Myat Aye participate in the virtual celebration of International Day against Violence and Bullying at School including Cyberbullying on 5 November 2020. PHOTO: MNA

67 countries.

The celebration of 2020 International Day against Violence and Bullying at School Including Cyberbullying was held under the theme "Together against Bullying in school".

There are significant neg-

ative effects of the violence, including on academic achievement, mental health, and quality of life in general. Children who are frequently bullied are nearly three times more likely to feel like an outsider at school and more than twice as likely to miss

school as those who are not frequently bullied. They have worse educational outcomes than their peers and are also more likely to leave formal education after finishing secondary school, he added.

Union Minister for Social

Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye said the observance of International Day against Violence and Bullying at School Including Cyberbullying begun in 2019, and this year was the second celebration.

He stressed the importance of cooperation from departments, students, teachers, parents and the public on the school violence and bullying problems.

The ministry is working in harmony on childhood care and development, and enacted Early Childhood Care and Development Law in 2018 and Child Rights Law in July 2019, he said.

He urged parents, guardians, teachers, private businesspersons and the public to try their best for the development of the children who are the future of the nation.

UNESCO representative Ms Dolly Shein also detailed about violence and bullying at school including cyberbullying. —MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Hissho Sushi founder donates powered air-purifying respirators to MoHS

SETS of powered air-purifying respirators were donated for the Ministry of Health and Sports, Yangon General Hospital and 500-bedded Yangon Specialist Hospital of yesterday.

Mr Philip Maung, founder of Hissho Sushi in Seattle of the United States, presented 50 sets of respirators worth K35 million at the Medical Research Department on Zewaka Road in Dagon Township, Yangon.

At the donation ceremony, Director-General Prof. Dr Zaw Than Tun made remarks, and CEO of Sea Lion Group Dr Win Zaw Aung explained the purpose of the donation.

On behalf of the donor, CEO of Sea Lion

Group Dr Win Zaw Aung handed over the powered air-purifying respirators to Professor Dr Maw Maw Oo from the Emergency Department in Yangon General Hospital and Professor Dr Htet Myat from Department of Thoracic (Chest) Surgery in 500-bedded Yangon Specialist Hospital, and accepted the certificate of honour presented by Director-General of Medical Research Department Dr Zaw Than Tun. —Min Thit (MNA) (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Hissho Sushi founder U Philip Maung donates powered air-purifying respirators to MoHS on 5 November. PHOTO: YE HTUT



684 Myanmar detainees brought back home from Malaysia on 3 special chartered flights

THE Myanmar Embassy in Kuala Lumpur is working closely with the relevant organizations in Malaysia to bring back Myanmar citizens (detainees, jobless and

undocumented migrant workers, seamen) who have no national verification and who were in detention centres, after their citizenship has been identified in

accordance with the directives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the health rules of the National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treat-

ment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

The Malaysian government organized three special chartered flights of Malaysia Airlines to send 684 Myanmar detainees back home and the first flight with 128 citizens landed at Yangon International Airport yesterday while the second one with 277 and the third one with 279 in the same evening.

The Myanmar Embassy in Kuala Lumpur issued Certificate of Identity- C of I to the Myanmar citizens in accordance with the procedures by cooperating with the relevant organizations in Malaysia. The embassy also cooperated with Myanmar civil

society organizations and Myanmar welfare groups in Malaysia to provide the needed clothes and other materials.

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Yangon Region government arranged 7-day quarantine at specific places or designated hotels, followed by the 7-day home quarantine.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has organized 29th relief flights and chartered flights to bring back home a total of 4,891 Myanmar citizens including 1,472 detainees stranded in Malaysia to date. —MNA (Translated by Khine Thazin Han)



Myanmar returnees from Malaysia queue for immigration service at the Yangon International Airport on 5 November 2020. PHOTO: MNA

Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe gives instructions at refresher course

A refresher course to share knowledge about prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19 activities and the latest researches for the doctors in regions and states was conducted via videoconferencing yesterday.

At the session, Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe discussed the mutation of coronavirus, new strategies and treatment to control the disease, arrangements of the ministry for the medical professors to deliver the latest findings, changing strategies and treatment regarding COVID-19, the current situation of the disease in international countries and Myanmar for about 800 doctors who joined the today course, infection rate across the nation and the needy of skills for every doctor regarding the nature of infection and pandemic, quarantine and isolation, lab test, treatment and protective activities.

The Union Minister continued saying that the further seminars and refresher courses will be conducted regularly online for the doctors, nurses and basic healthcare workers according



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe speaks during the refresher course on sharing latest COVID-19 information with healthcare professionals in regions and states on 5 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

to the university, subject and sectors. The time table and the medical professors who will deliver a talk will be announced on the Facebook page in advance. The refresher course will be conducted under two main topics like public health sector and treatment sector.

He talked about learning resources for the doctors across the nation by posting the topics

on the Facebook of the ministry to make reference at any time, quality COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities, Universal Health Coverage of the country, appreciation to townships doctors, special assistant doctors, specialists and superintendents for participation in the refresher course.

He said the ministry would broadcast more than 200 video

clips regarding medical subjects via <https://event-mohs.gov.mm/> starting 23-10-2020.

He stressed the better ability of the doctors, nurses and other medical staff who serve in remote areas as they can watch the seminars via internet any time, Outcome Based Integrated Curriculum which was started teaching in 2019 at the medical universities, discussions with

the medical professors, seeking suggestions from the trainees, review of previous courses experience, making video clips of refresher courses and the supports of the ministry like human resources and financial assistance.

Then, Deputy Director-General Dr Tun Tin (Disease Control), Professor/Dean Dr Zaw Lin Aung of the University of Medicine (1) including other medical professor doctors respectively presented the latest researches, nature of quarantine, treatments, lab test, transportation services for the patients, emergency treatment, reasons of deaths, current strategies and directives for COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities of the country.

Those who attended the course later gave their views on these matters, and the professors and the experts replied to the points raised while the Union Minister made a concluding remark.—MNA

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

Myanmar officials join 1st ASEAN Cybersecurity Coordinating Committee Meeting online



Myanmar officials participate in the 1st meeting of ASEAN Cybersecurity Coordinating Committee on 5 November. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE online meeting of 1st ASEAN Cybersecurity Coordinating Committee Meeting was hosted by Laos yesterday afternoon.

Myanmar officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Defence Services, the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement the Office of Union Attorney-General attended the event together with the director-general levels delegates from cybersecurity sector in ASEAN countries and officials from the ASEAN Secretariat.

Officials from the Ministry of Information also attended the meeting to represent the SOMRI-Myanmar.

At the meeting, the working groups discussed the draft version of ASEAN Cybersecurity Coordinating Committee Terms of Reference; the representatives from member countries presented the implementation of cybersecurity development; the work plans of coordinating committee were presented; the participants exchanged views on the implementation of standards for cyberspace.

The ASEAN Cybersecurity Coordinating Committee Terms of Reference was drafted by the ASEAN Network Security Action Council, and the coordinating committee will also organize its annual meetings in line with this TOR.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

276 Myanmar seamen from Egypt, ROK fly back home

A total of 276 Myanmar seamen – 140 stranded in Egypt and 136 in the Republic of Korea – because of suspension of commercial flights returned home by relief flights yesterday.

Myanmar Embassy in Cairo and Myanmar Seamen's Federation jointly arranged Myanmar National Airways (MNA)'s relief flight in transporting 140 Myanmar returnees from Egypt to the Yangon International Airport.

Similarly, Myanmar Embassy in Seoul and the Crew Change Supporting Committee-Myanmar jointly organized Myanmar Airways International (MAD)' relief flight to repatriate 136 Myanmar citizens from ROK.

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 Myanmar seamen stranded abroad due to the suspension of commercial flights.—MNA *(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)*



Myanmar returnees from Egypt and ROK are seen at the Yangon International Airport on 5 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

Watermelon growers encouraged to switch to potential crops

THE Department of Agriculture is enticing watermelon growers to turn to other crops which have market certainty, said U Win Hlaing Oo, head of Sagaing Region Department of Agriculture.

“The number of watermelon growers has dropped by 75 per cent due to price instability and transport difficulties. We are encouraging them to switch to other crops. As there is no contract farming of watermelon, the growers will definitely suffer a loss when the price

drastically plunges,” he said.

“The Agriculture Department is providing necessary technical assistance to the growers, yet it urges them to choose other crops which have the potential market,” he added.

The watermelon cultivation is lucrative. However, large investment capital, market uncertainty and high quality standards of products set by the traders are posing difficulties to the growers, industry sources said.

“At present, China’s tight-



Farmers work at a watermelon nursery in Sagaing Region. PHOTO: MYO WIN TUN



Watermelon plantation in Sagaing Region. PHOTO: MYO WIN TUN

ened border control amid the coronavirus pandemic is causing transport problems. With price instability and market uncertainty, coupled with the high quality standards, the growers have to struggle very hard,” said U Soe Lwin, president of Sagaing Region Watermelon and Muskmelon Producers and Exporters Association. It is said that watermelon production has

fallen by 60 per cent since the outbreak of COVID-19.

The Agriculture Department is demonstrating how to grow high yield wheat in Paukin area, in coordination with the Korea International Cooperation Agency.

“Our department is encouraging the growers to cultivate wheat while some are also planning to grow black bean and

pigeon peas this winter,” said U Win Hlaing Oo.

Watermelon prices jumped from around 1,300 to over 4,000 Yuan per tonne this year and about 20 to 30 truckloads of watermelons are daily sent to China at present, according to Khwar Nyo fruit depot.

— Myo Win Tun

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Myanmar’s exports to Hong Kong SAR surpass imports last FY

THE value of Myanmar’s bilateral trade with Hong Kong SAR touched US\$213.69 million in the 11 months of the last financial year 2019-2020, with exports surpassing imports, according to the data provided by the Ministry of Commerce.

Between October and August, Myanmar shipped goods worth \$208 million to Hong Kong SAR and imported goods valued at \$5.56 million.

Myanmar’s significant items of export to Hong Kong SAR include precious stones, agricultural products, fishery products, and garments. The nation mainly imports telecommunications equipment and optical goods.

Myanmar-Hong Kong trade has registered \$232.395 million in the 2018-2019FY, \$238 million in the mini-budget period (April to September 2018), \$385.63 million in the 2017-2018FY, 234.46 million in the 2016-2017FY, and \$316 million in the 2015-2016FY, the Com-

merce Ministry’s data showed.

Hong Kong SAR is one of the world’s leading financial centres, logistics hub, and an international legal and dispute resolution services centre for Asia. It has positioned itself to play a prominent role in facilitating trade and investment flows and has been working towards closer economic integration with ASEAN countries, including Myanmar.

The economic interaction between Myanmar and Hong Kong SAR has been increasing rapidly.

Hong Kong SAR has emerged as the third-largest investor in Myanmar in the incumbent government period with 139 Hong Kong-based firms pumping in \$2.4 billion in the country, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA). — GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Black bean price down by K40,000 per tonne on low India’s demand

By Nyein Nyein

THE price of black bean plunged by K40,000 per tonne on the back of weak demand by India, said U Min Ko Oo, secretary of Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association (MPBSSMA).

The black bean touched a high of K1,152,500 per tonne in October-end. The price fell to about K1,100,000 per tonne on 5 November, Bayintnaung market’s data showed.

The low demand from India contributed to the drop in price, he confirmed.

“The price usually rises when India’s demand is high, and the bean is loaded on the ships. In recent days, the cargo loading is barely found. Consequently, the market is going weak.

“Additionally, the price is cool in India’s market as well,” he explained. Myanmar has a stock of below 100,000 tonnes

of black bean, and about 30,000 tonnes of pigeon peas are left in warehouses, the association stated.

On 1 October, India issued a notification to purchase 150,000 tonnes of black beans instead, and the import deadline is March 2021. The licence will be equally granted for India’s companies.

Although Myanmar does not have adequate stock, for now, it can reach the quota of 150,000 tonnes, along with the beans which will be harvested next season, the MPBSSMA secretary maintained.

On 22 May, India rapidly changed the import period of black bean (400,000 tonnes) to three months by August-end 2020 from the earlier set deadline of March 2021, prompting Myanmar’s bean body to call for an extension of the deadline, as per its official notice.

Although the bean body asked to extend the August-end

deadline, India still has not responded to the request. Myanmar exported only 100,000 tonnes of black beans then, the association stated.

Since 2017, India has been setting import quota on beans, including black bean and pigeon peas.

Therefore, the growers face difficulties to export their beans to India market.

Myanmar has to export black bean and pigeon peas under a quota system and limit period.

Consequently, there is no guarantee that we could get the prevailing market price next year; the market observers shared their opinions.

Following the uncertainty in markets of black bean and pigeon peas, the association suggested, in October-end, that the growers cultivate black-eyed bean more.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

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When it comes to elections, no one is above the law

Holding a free and fair election reflects upon the dignity of the country and the people.

Free and fairness are the basic principles of an election, and participating in elections and voting are the rights of the people.

The UEC is committed to holding the 2020 general elections meeting its five standards; freedom of choice, fairness, transparency, accessibility and compatibility of public desire with the result of election.

It is perfectly true that there are challenges for Myanmar, which is a developing country, as it seeks to hold flawless general elections. The country can provide all that is needed for holding the general elections, but the integrity and morality of the political parties depend on the parties themselves.

We are very sorry for those people who cannot vote in the 2020 General Elections, since the general elections have been cancelled in their areas due to security concerns.

In this case, ethnic armed organizations are urged to cooperate in bringing peace to the conflict areas, which will guarantee free, fair and secure general elections, to ensure that those living in conflict areas are enfranchised as soon as possible.

The public is also urged to be on alert to hindrances happening during the election period that might disrupt the 2020 General Elections.

A free and fair election does not depend only on voting rights, but also people's participation and the right of the freedom of expression and freely receiving information. Only then can the public exercise its power by voting for public policies they want to see enacted.

The UEC alone cannot make the general elections a success. Only with the participation of the people, and stake holders including the media and political parties can these things be achieved.

In any democracy, citizens have the fundamental right to free and fair elections, with their votes counted in a transparent and credible manner, as political parties and candidates have the right to compete in elections without harassment or intimidation.

To be free and fair, it is important to prevent disinformation, hate speech and incitement, as elections must be removed from social media and online platforms in a timely manner by authorities.

No one should be above the law regarding elections, and enforcement should be tightened to prevent violations of the law.

Also, educating the people is a must, as part of efforts to prevent disinformation and hate speech against women candidates.

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Adapting to the New Normal lifestyle

By Khin Maung Myint

SINCE the early days of the outbreak of the Coronavirus disease, the term "New Normal", which I must admit that I have never heard before, became frequently used in relation to life after the COVID-19 pandemic. In the beginning I simply thought that washing the hands, wearing the mask, avoiding crowds, social distancing, working from home, E-learning, marketing and shopping online and staying home more, are the things we must observe in the New Normal way of life.

As the COVID-19 pandemic lingers on, with no end in sight, this term is getting more popular. Thus I made some hasty research on it. According to the Wikipedia, a New Normal is a state to which an economy, society, etc. settles following a crisis, and differs from the situation that prevailed prior to the crisis. The term first emerged in 2007-2008 in relation to the financial crisis of that period. It was again applied to the aftermath of the 2008-2012 global recession, and now to the COVID-19 pandemic. Coming to know the exact meaning of the New Normal after acquiring some knowledge from my ad hoc research, I realized that it encompasses a wider range of aspects of life and is more complicated. Anyway, as we are destined to lead New Normal lifestyles, we should at least know what they are.

Although according to the Wikipedia's definition, the New Normal will be a state of the economy, society, etc. in the aftermath of a crisis that differs from what we are used to, not every aspect of our lifestyles may need to be changed. However, some of the most important things that are related to the control and the prevention of another outbreak of such proportion as the one we are facing currently should be strictly observed.

To be able to understand and to appreciate what a New Normal lifestyle will be like, one needs to know thoroughly the old normal ways of life that we have been accustomed to. The old normal ways of life may not be the same for every person, because different persons have different ways of life and hobbies. Thus for the

purpose of this discussion, we should be focusing on those that had unavoidably been forced or being necessitated to change due to the pandemic. These New Normal lifestyle may prevent us from another disaster like the one we are enduring now.

One thing is certain, we know that adjusting to change can be challenging -- be it planned or unplanned, gradual or sudden, change is inevitable. Over the past few months, we've experienced an unprecedented shift in our way of life due to COVID-19. Before the pandemic, who would've thought that in certain western countries, toilet paper could become as precious as gold! Today, a trip to do a weekly grocery shopping seems like an adventure of its own. Before we know it, we've reluctantly let go of our old normal and now settling into what seems to be our New Normal. Now, let's have a glimpse of what the new normal life will be like.

The way of life will be different

Masks and gloves may still be commonplace after the pandemic is over. Queuing will become the

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norm, be it when visiting health professionals, going to the shops, getting on the public transports or even getting in a lift. Public transport will look very different, with social distancing in place and commuters wearing masks and gloves. We will still be super cautious when we hear someone cough, sneeze, or sniffle, but hopefully this might also mean that higher standards of hand and personal hygiene will continue. Lesser vacationing to far away or



As we enter the next phase of the pandemic and restrictions ease, people and businesses are looking for ways to a new normal. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

shops to spent their time there). Lesser social gatherings, such as lounging at pubs, bars and night clubs. Spending less time at cafes or tea shops in our case, as tea shop lounging has become a national pastime (even serving tea at the shops are now restricted to be only takeaways, some diehard tea shop customers are still seen sneaking into some

The way we study or work will be changed

Education as we know are changing in some countries. Schools and universities have moved online, some blending face-to-face with online lectures. Universities around the world are feeling the impact from the absence of International Students. Conferences will be paused, and international collaborations and

sabbaticals now look very different to previous years.

Work has also changed due to social distancing. So many of us shifted to working from home to minimise travelling on public transport and gathering in groups at the office. Zoom meetings even became our New Normal. When restrictions ease, we may cautiously rotate back into working at the office in shifts, or embrace working from home on a more regular basis.

Adapting to the New Normal way of life

The way we socialize and connect will become different. No more packing in large crowds when we all need to have a personal space of over a metre. We have been forced to stay away from attending concerts, plays, movies, festivals, sport events, gyms, etc., but hopefully will be able to return soon with some sort of restrictions.

During the pandemic we're staying away as much as possible from elderly parents and grandparents or those with health conditions that render them more vulnerable to coronavirus, for their safety. In a time when it's more important than ever to stay connected, this can be particularly challenging for all. With travel restrictions in place and unlikely to lift for the foreseeable future, families and loved ones are being kept apart and having to make do with online catch ups.

Gone are the days of greeting friends and extended relatives with handshakes and hugs.

Friendly gestures like these are now being curbed, to be replaced by elbow bumps and foot-shakes, or waves from a safe distance. The way we dine out has changed. Many restaurants and cafes may only be serving takeaways at the moment, but even when they re-open for us to dine-in there will likely be restrictions as to how many are able to dine-in, social distancing will be still in place.

Conclusion

Last but not least be gentle and be kind to yourself. Give yourself the space and time to grieve, to celebrate, and to feel every emotion in between, during this challenging time. We are living in a situation that never happened before -- at least in our lifetime, and it is impacting each and everyone of us in a unique way. There will be denial, anger, maybe even depression and acceptance, as we adjust to our New Normal. But it's important to give yourself time to grieve what you have lost. Words of advice: stay focused, stay positive, and you will eventually overcome the challenges and get well adapted to the New Normal ways of life.

Create a routine. Having a routine can help create some sense of normalcy during the time of chaos, so get creative so that you can continue on in some way.

Write your experience. Writing about your experience -- be it your thoughts, feelings, what you've done, anything -- can be quite therapeutic and a great chronicle to look back on long after COVID-19 has passed.

Create a space inside your space. With much of your life now

happening in the confines of your home, having a designated space at home to work or study or write can help separate work and play.

Stay connected in new ways. Social distancing does not mean social disconnecting, even if it feels easier to hibernate until this is all over. In the New Normal you can still connect with family and friends -- of course in different ways.

Create and find pockets of joy. The New Normal can be challenging at times, so celebrate anything that puts a smile on your face. We don't always need "major" events to happen to make us feel happy. Smaller moments of joy all add up.

Give yourself a break. We should take one moment at a time. We may not know what the next minute, or even the next hour, will bring. Set yourself a realistic goal and allow yourself to adjust it when you need to. Remind yourself that we're currently living in extraordinary times and anything can happen any moment.

Stay informed not alarmed. As we adjust to our New Normal, it's helpful to keep an eye on the news related to COVID-19 and the ongoing updates regarding what you are and are not allowed to do. However, tuning in to every single development can become overwhelming.

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Correction

Please read "... in order to achieve our corporate policy, which is a corporation in step with the world and a corporation needed by society." in the third column of the exclusive interview with Mr Hideki Okuyama, Managing Director of Myanmar Yazaki Thilawa Co. Ltd on page-14 of November 4 issue of the *Global New Light of Myanmar*.—Ed



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Thursday 5th November, 2020)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 6th November, 2020: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Shan States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Chin State.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6th November, 2020: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 06th November, 2020: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 06th November, 2020: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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Cooking oil provided to 13,869 households with irregular income in Maungtaw

THE government provided two litres of cooking oil each to 13,869 households with irregular income for the fourth time in Maungtaw township, Rakhine state during the pandemic period. A edible oil-providing ceremony was held at the General Administration Department at 10 am on 5 November.

At the aid supporting ceremony, Township Administrator U Aung Ye explained matters regarding the aid support. Then the township administrator and the officials handed over the cooking oil to the related authorities. Then, the cooking oil will be distributed to the households with irregular income from 90 village-tracts and wards in Maungtaw. Each household will receive two litres of cooking oil. The government provided nine-litre edible oil bottles numbering 1,540.



Government provides edible oil for 'grassroots' households in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State on 5 November 2020. **PHOTO: THET LWIN SOE (DISTRICT-IPRD)**

The village and ward authorities are distributing the cooking oil starting from 5 November. —Thet Lwin Soe (District-IPRD)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Tomato price in Shan state dives amid COVID-19 second wave

THE tomato prices in Shan state were down ten times in COVID-19 second wave, according to the tomato growers from Shan State.

In COVID-19 second wave, the cargo trucks are difficult to travel, and the tomatoes are easy to spoil. Therefore, the price of tomato has dropped and earned K4,000 per bag containing 30 visses, according to the

local growers.

This time, the tomatoes do not yield in Inn Lay in Shan State. So, the tomatoes grown on the land and new water shore are earning an acceptable price usually. Of the several varieties of tomatoes, Myanmar and Shan species were mostly cultivated earlier, said the growers.

"We have earned only K4,000 or 5,000 per bag, which

has already been three weeks. We aren't sure even to cover the cultivation costs," said a local tomato grower.

In the first week of October, the price of a tomato bag containing 30 visses was over K40,000. When the COVID-19 second wave started, the cost of tomatoes dropped to K4,000 or 5,000 per pack, according to the tomato growers.

"The roads are not closed. But, we couldn't send our tomatoes freely. The trucks were also delayed on the road, and we couldn't send the tomatoes in time. That's why the tomato is rotten on the road, and the price has dropped significantly," said a tomato grower from Shan State. — Zin Yaw Aye

(Translated by Hay Mar)

ADB provides \$484 mln loans for Greater Mekong Sub-region expressway

THE Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved US\$483.8 million loans to construct a 64-kilometre long new expressway connecting Kyaikto township in Mon state and Bago region. It is aimed at supporting the development along the Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) east-west economic corridor.

"The Second GMS Highway Upgrading Project will help the government build the four-lane, climate-resilient expressway and help ensure more efficient, safer

movement of goods and people along the GMS economic corridor," said Shihiru Date, the ADB Senior Transport specialist.

"This project will help strengthen the connectivity between Myanmar and other countries as well as Thailand along the GMS corridor. It will also promote trade, tourism, and investment as well as climate resistance and environmental sustainability," he added.

Myanmar Government aims to increase the invest-

ment in transport infrastructure up to 3 per cent of GDP by 2030, up from an average of 1 per cent from 2005 to 2018.

This project will help improve the ability of the Ministry of Construction to manage the country's major toll highways and implement social and environmental safeguards. It will include a new community-based road safety programme for villagers along the Bago-Kyaikto corridor. The express road will also have a 2.3-kilometre long bridge to cross the Sittaung

River.

The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) will provide a \$254.8 million loan to construct the Sittaung River.

Since 2012, ADB has mainly supported Myanmar transport sector with a focus on GMS corridors and rural-urban links.

ADB was established in 1966, and it has 68 members 49 of which are from within the region. —GNLM

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Elections are the foundation of democracy.

VIRUS-HIT ECONOMY

Indonesia tumbles into first recession for two decades

INDONESIA'S virus-hit economy contracted in the third quarter, plunging it into its first recession since the archipelago was mired in the Asian financial crisis more than 20 years ago.

Activity in Southeast Asia's biggest economy slumped 3.49 per cent on-year in July-September, the statistics agency said Thursday, with tourism, construction and trade among the hardest-hit sectors.

The data marked the second consecutive quarter of contraction after a 5.3 per cent decline in April-June. Indonesia last suffered a recession 1999 during a regional currency crisis that helped force the resignation of long-term dictator Suharto less than a year earlier.

However, the depth of the current decline was easing, the

agency said adding it pointed to stronger figures in the last quarter of the year.

"The recovery should continue over the coming months, but it is likely to be slow and fitful," Gareth Leather from research house Capital Economics said in a research note after the data were published.

"While Indonesia is a long way from bringing the coronavirus under control, the number of new cases does appear to be easing. This will allow social distancing measures to be relaxed," he added.

Governments around the world have been struggling to contain coronavirus as the deadly respiratory disease forced the shutdown of vast parts of the global economy.

SOURCE: AFP



This picture taken on October 30, 2020 shows light traffic along a main road in central Jakarta after months of the government's policy implementing work from home. PHOTO: AFP

IN CONNECTION WITH AN ABETMENT TO SUICIDE CASE

Indian TV anchor's arrest sparks outrage from government

A controversial Indian TV news anchor known for inflammatory right-wing rhetoric was arrested Wednesday in connection with the suicide of a designer who worked on his channel's offices, prompting outrage from Hindu nationalist government ministers.

The arrest of Arnab Goswami, a popular but polarising figure in the country's competitive news market, was broadcast live on Republic TV, the channel he co-founded. Republic TV has been accused in the past of illegally rigging ratings by bribing people to watch the channel.

Mumbai police official Sudhir Anandrao Taware told AFP that Goswami's arrest was in connection with a suicide case from 2018. Indian media said it concerned the death of an interior designer who had worked



Activists and supporters of the Bharatiya Janata Party scuffle with police while protesting against the arrest of Indian television journalist Arnab Goswami. PHOTO: INDRANIL MUKHERJEE/ AFP

on a project for Goswami before apparently taking his own life.

Reports said a suicide note blamed the anchor and two others for not paying fees of 54 million rupees (\$723,000).

Goswami's arrest in Maharashtra state, which is ruled by

a coalition of parties opposed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), triggered outrage among government ministers. Goswami is a vociferous supporter of the BJP.

SOURCE: AFP

News in Brief

THE CONSTITUTIONAL PRINCIPLE

Kyoto governor sued over attendance at emperor's succession ritual

A group of western Japan citizens sued the Kyoto governor on Wednesday for the return of taxpayers' money used for him and other prefectural officials to attend a Shinto ceremony last year to mark Emperor Naruhito's enthronement, arguing their attendance violated the Constitution. The plaintiffs claim Gov. Takatoshi Nishiwaki should return around 390,000 yen (\$3,700) as his actions ran counter to the constitutional principle of separation of religion and state when he attended the Daijosai, a centuries-old overnight Shinto thanksgiving ceremony, held in November last year at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo.

SOURCE: Kyodo

14 FLIGHTS A WEEK

Flydubai to launch first commercial service to Tel Aviv

DUBAI budget airline flydubai said Wednesday it will start direct flights to Tel Aviv this month, the first regular commercial service between the cities, after the UAE and Israel agreed to normalise ties. "The carrier will operate 14 flights a week, offering a double daily service between Dubai International Airport and Tel Aviv Ben Gurion Airport," it said in a statement, adding that flights will start from November 26.

The United Arab Emirates in September signed a US-brokered deal to formalize relations with Israel, the first such agreement by a Gulf Arab state.

SOURCE: AFP

TASK FORCE TAKUBA

Elite European anti-jihadist force takes first steps in Sahel



The new Barkhane Task Force Takuba is due to settle at the military base in Gao in eastern Mali. PHOTO: AFP

INSIDE a military base in northern Mali, a concrete bollard emblazoned with French, Estonian and Swedish flags marks a zone reserved for a new anti-jihadist unit of elite European troops.

Dubbed Task Force Takuba, the new joint deployment marks a coup for France, which has sought partners in its long fight against Islamist militants in Africa's vast Sahel region. French troops first deployed to Mali in 2013 after a jihadist insurgency broke out in the country the previous year.

But despite their presence, jihadist violence has

spread to neighbouring Burkina Faso and Niger.

Thousands of soldiers and civilians have been killed in the conflict, and hundreds of thousands more have had to flee their homes. Anger at the seemingly endless insurgency in Mali also fuelled protests against president Ibrahim Boubacar Keita, culminating in his ouster in a military coup on August 18.

At the base in the city of Gao, about a dozen French and Estonian soldiers from Takuba sit under an awning, surrounded by storage containers and light military vehicles.

SOURCE: AFP



Petronas -- Malaysia's only Fortune 500 company -- has set a target that is in line with commitments by BP and Shell. PHOTO: AFP

FOCUSING MORE ON RENEWABLES

Malaysia's Petronas aims for 'net zero' emissions by 2050

MALAYSIAN state energy giant Petronas on Thursday set a target of "net zero" carbon emissions by 2050, the latest major oil company to step up efforts to combat climate change.

The firm, a significant contributor to Malaysian government revenues, said it would aim to slash emissions by steps such as improving the energy

efficiency of its operations and focusing more on renewables.

The energy industry has long been criticized for inaction on climate change but several companies have responded to the growing pressure in recent times.

Petronas -- Malaysia's only Fortune 500 company -- has set a target that is in

line with commitments by British energy company BP and Anglo-Dutch giant Royal Dutch Shell.

Governments have also been pledging to slash emissions. Japan last month set a 2050 deadline to become carbon neutral, putting it on the same timeline as Europe and Britain and a decade ahead of China,

which recently set a 2060 goal.

Like other energy companies, Petronas has been hit hard by the collapse in oil prices and demand during the coronavirus pandemic.

It reported a loss of 21 billion ringgit (\$5 billion) in the April-June period.

SOURCE: AFP

CONNECTIVITY

All-cargo air service links ASEAN, northwest China and Pakistan

An air cargo service route has been launched linking northwest China's Lanzhou, Phnom Penh of Cambodia, and Lahore in

Pakistan. The first such flight carried 18 tonnes of dried mango to Lanzhou on Oct. 30. It left Lanzhou on the

same day for Lahore carrying Chinese household products, according to the International Land Port of Gansu (Lanzhou)

There are two to four flights a week for the route.

Flights from Phnom Penh to Lanzhou will carry goods such as nuts and

fresh and frozen seafood to Lanzhou, capital of Gansu Province. After the unloading, the cargo plane will be reloaded with Chinese

household products and agricultural products and then take off for Pakistan, according to the land port.

SOURCE: Xinhua

Transfer of Distributorship of Registered Pesticides

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WASTE TO ENERGY

JAL to use biofuels made from household garbage starting FY 2022

JAPAN Airlines Co. will use biofuels made from household garbage starting as early as fiscal 2022 as part of efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, company sources said Thursday. The airline plans to refuel in San Francisco its aircraft connecting the United States and Japan. It will use recycled aviation fuel produced by U.S. startup Fulcrum BioEnergy Inc.

JAL invested around 900 million yen (\$8.6 million) in the startup in 2018.

The airline, which has



Supplied photo shows a Japan Airlines jet with a logo of the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals. PHOTO: KYODO

occasionally used the newly-developed biofuel in the past, will introduce it on a regular basis from April 2022 at the earliest. It is aiming to achieve net zero

carbon dioxide emissions by 2050 by introducing advanced jets and fuels while also buying emission credits from other airlines.

SOURCE: Kyodo

Japan's e-money laundering nearly tripled in 2019

Japan's National Police Agency said on Thursday that nearly 4,000 suspected money laundering cases were reported last year, most of which were linked to e-money transfer providers.

The 3,913 cases reported in 2019 by non-bank funds transfer service operators nearly tripled the figure of 1,391 recorded in

2018.

The agency attributed the spike of e-money laundering to the rapid expansion of e-money payment services that allow people to make transfers easily and with lower service fees, adding that police have become increasingly vigilant for such offenses.

After analyzing a total of 6,586 suspected money

laundering cases which involved e-money services between 2017 and 2019, the agency found 904 were linked to frequent money transfers made to many accounts after a large deposit, while 581 cases involved making repeated transfers overseas in a short period of time.

SOURCE: Xinhua

US election uncertainty turns focus on Fed

With America's knife-edge election yet to be called, and the Covid-19 pandemic surging across the nation, analysts will be watching the Federal Reserve on Thursday for signs of whether it may step in again to help the US economy survive the coronavirus downturn.

No victor has emerged yet following Tuesday's vote that pitted President Donald Trump against his challenger Joe Biden, which analysts hoped would also break the months-long deadlock in Washington over passing more stimulus to help the US economy recover from the pandemic.

The Fed's rate-set-

ting Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) is unlikely to offer much in the way of specifics in its statement at the end of its two-day policy meeting on Thursday, besides repeating its commitment to keep the benchmark borrowing rate at zero for the foreseeable future.

But Fed Chair Jerome Powell could take the opportunity at his press conference following the meeting to signal a willingness to find new tools to help the economy, after the bank earlier this year pumped trillions of dollars of liquidity into the financial system and cut the lending rate.

SOURCE: AFP

EUROZONE

Fresh recession fears as Europe enters new lockdowns

NEW lockdowns across Europe will seriously affect a nascent economic recovery, but not hurt as badly as during the first coronavirus wave last spring, top officials said on Tuesday.

"The tightening of containment measures will evidently have an impact on economic activity," the EU's economic affairs commissioner Paolo Gentiloni told reporters.

"But there are some reasons to believe that the impact could be smaller than in spring," he added.

However, Gentiloni cautioned that forecasts were very difficult to make given the unpredictable progression of



New lockdowns across Europe will seriously affect a nascent economic recovery, but not hurt as badly as during the first coronavirus wave last spring. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

the coronavirus that has infected over 10 million people in Europe.

Klaus Regling, the head of the eurozone's bailout fund, the European Stability Mechanism, said the deterioration of

the health situation "has substantially increased the risks of a double dip recession" in the 19 countries that use the euro single currency.

"What we considered to be downside scenari-

os until recently, are now becoming our new baseline it seems," he added, though he also was optimistic the situation would be an improvement from the economic crash seen in March.

The officials spoke after a meeting of eurozone finance ministers who urged quick approval of a massive EU stimulus package that is blocked in negotiations between European Parliament and member states.

Eurogroup chief Paschal Donohoe pushed member states and MEPs to maintain a "unity of purpose" to swiftly agree the package.

SOURCE: AFP

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M.V BLPL BLESSING VOY. NO. (2020E)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BLPL BLESSING VOY. NO. (2020E)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **6-11-2020** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AIPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S BLPL SHIPPING LINE

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ISEACO FORTUNE VOY. NO. (032W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO FORTUNE VOY. NO. (032W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **6-11-2020** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP/MITT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ATAYAL MARINER

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ATAYAL MARINER VOY. NO. (202001)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **6-11-2020** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **SPW-6** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Phone No: **2301928**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S BEN LINE AGENCIES (S'PORE) PTE LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V GOLDEN CENTURY

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V GOLDEN CENTURY VOY. NO. (2263)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **6-11-2020** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT-5** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Phone No: **2301928**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S CHUN AN INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS CO LTD

Ministry of Transport and Communications Department of Meteorology and Hydrology

Invitation for open tender for installation of automatic water level and rain gauge and related enterprises

1. Department of Meteorology and Hydrology is implementing on the project "Installation of automatic water level and rainfall monitoring system in border areas of Myanmar on Mekong River for flood early warning system" in the 2020-2021 budget years with the support of the Mekong-Lanchang Cooperation Special Fund (2020). An open tender is invited for Supply, Installation, Testing and Commissioning of Automatic Water Level and Rainfall Monitoring System and related services in 10 places of the Mekong region of eastern Shan State with Myanmar Kyats.

Date of sale of tender forms	- From (31 -10-2020) to (30-11-2020) During the office working hours
Tender closing date and time	- 30-11-2020 (16:00 M.S.T)
Tender Opening Date and time	- Within one week after the tender closing date
Venue of opening tender	- Office No.5, Ministry of Transport and Communications Department of Meteorology and Hydrology Nay Pyi Taw
Eligibility criteria of bidders	- Must have performed at least two for similar activities - Must be able to submit Audit Report and Bank Statement - Must have 5 years working experience in Installation of automatic water level and rainfall monitoring system with international standards - Must be able to support other requirements in the tender documents - Must be able to submit the certificates of Income tax and commercial tax for 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 budget years

2. For more information, please contact the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology. Telephone number 067-411032 and 067-411446 during the office working hours.

Tender Committee
Ministry of Transport and Communications
Department of Meteorology and Hydrology
Office No.5, Nay Pyi Taw

STEALING THE ELECTION?

Fact Check: Trump's premature declaration of victory



A voter dropping off his mail in ballot at the Salt Lake County election office in Utah last week. PHOTO: GEORGE FREY/AFP

IN an address early Wednesday from the White House, after polls had closed but while ballots were still being counted in battleground states, US President Donald Trump falsely declared that he had won reelection. His remarks came hours after a tweet in which he said: "We are up BIG, but they are trying to STEAL the Election. We will never let them do it. Votes cannot be cast after the Polls are closed!" Trump had a significant lead in Pennsylvania and slimmer edges in Michigan and Wisconsin at the time, according to US television networks. But Twitter flagged the tweet, saying its content was disputed given the incomplete results. Trump's opponent Joe Biden had earlier said he was confident of overturning the president's advantage in the Midwest states. AFP fact-checks key quotes from Trump's remarks:

Disenfranchised?

"I want to thank the American people for their tremendous support, millions and millions of people voted for us tonight. And a very sad group of people is trying to disenfranchise that group of people and we won't stand for it." State officials are tallying votes that were legitimately cast for both candidates before polls closed. Millions of ballots were sent by mail or deposited at official drop boxes. Trump offered no evidence -- indeed, there is none -- that people who voted for the president are being disenfranchised.

SOURCE: AFP

'COUNT THE VOTE' PROTESTS

Peaceful protests in New York as tensions rise in Detroit

THOUSANDS of Joe Biden supporters marched Wednesday evening in New York to demand every vote in the tight presidential election be counted, as some Donald Trump supporters protested in Detroit demanding a halt to ballot counting in the key state of Michigan.

New York demonstrators were peaceful and spanned generations, with marchers heading from Fifth Avenue towards Washington Square Park in the heart of Manhattan's Greenwich Village. In New York's Democratic stronghold demonstrators were hopeful but wary of calling it for their candidate Biden just yet. "We need to count every vote

in this election," said Sarah Boyagian, part of the Protect The Results Coalition behind the demonstration organized under tight police supervision.

"Donald Trump has claimed the election before every vote is counted and we are sending the message that that is not acceptable," the 29-year-old told AFP.

John Fraser, 47, said he's "worried Trump is going to void the vote."

"I am not sure Biden has won, we have to wait until all votes are counted," said the software developer, adding: "I am worried that democracy is hanging by a thread right now."

The Detroit protest outside

a ballot processing centre were far more tense, according to an AFP photographer and clips on social media.

Cries of "stop the count!" rang out in the city in Michigan -- where US media declared Biden the victor -- as Trump's campaign announced a lawsuit to try and suspend the vote count, claiming its team was denied proper access to observe vote counting.

With Michigan's 16 electoral votes, Biden now has a total of 264 -- six shy of the magic number of 270 needed to win the US presidency, according to US network projections.

SOURCE: AFP



People gather at Fifth Avenue during a "Count Every Vote" rally in New York on November 4, 2020, as Joe Biden approaches the necessary electoral votes to win the presidency. PHOTO: TIMOTHY A. CLARY/AFP

NOTIFICATIONS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE APPS

Facebook, Twitter label posts with false claims on election



Image Credits: Facebook

FACEBOOK and Twitter are running notifications, informing U.S. users that the winner of the 2020 U.S. presidential election has not yet been determined as the country continues to wait for national election

results on Wednesday.

Facebook announced on Wednesday morning that "once President Trump began making premature claims of victory, we started running notifications on Facebook and Instagram that votes are still being counted and a winner is not projected."

The company said that it is automatically applying labels to both candidates' posts with this information.

Twitter also claimed on Tuesday late night that it placed a warning on a Tweet from @realDonaldTrump for making a potentially misleading claim about the election. "The action was in line with our Civic Integrity Policy," it tweeted.

Twitter announced its policy in September that it would remove or label any tweets that incite unlawful activity and threaten a "peaceful transfer of power or orderly succession."

SOURCE: Xinhua

STEP FOR BROADER PARTICIPATION BY CITIZENS

Qatar: emir sets country's first national elections for next October

THE first election of the Consultative Assembly of Qatar will take place in October of next year, said the Emir of Qatar, Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, during the Assembly's opening session. He called it "an important step" for the small Persian Gulf country to "develop the legislative process with broader participation by citizens". Qatar's ruler said Tuesday that a long delayed vote for the country's policy reviewing chamber will be held in October 2021, marking the Gulf emirate's first national election.

The currently un-elected Shura Council advises the absolute ruler, Emir Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al-Thani, on draft laws but does not create its own legislation and can be overruled by a simple decree. October's vote would be Qatar's first national election although Sheikh Tamim did not give details on who would be permitted to vote or who would be able to stand.

Qataris have previously been able to cast ballots on constitutional reforms and in elections to a nationwide municipal council.

"The Shura Council elections will be held in October of next year to strengthen the traditions of the Qatari shura, with wider participation by citizens," the emir said in a speech to open the 49th session of the council.

SOURCE: AFP

STILL UNDECIDED

Confident Biden edges ahead in US election, Trump claims fraud

THE knife-edge US presidential race tilted toward Democrat Joe Biden early Thursday, with wins in Michigan and Wisconsin bringing him close to a majority, but President Donald Trump claimed he was being cheated and went to court to try and stop vote counting.

Tallying of votes continued through a second night in the remaining battleground states where huge turnout and a mountain of mail-in ballots sent by voters trying to avoid exposure to the coronavirus made the job all the harder.

Both men still had paths to winning the White House by hitting the magic majority threshold of 270 of the electoral votes awarded to whichever candidate wins the popular vote in a given state.

But momentum moved to Biden, who made a televised speech from his hometown of Wilmington, Delaware to say that “when the count is finished, we believe we will be the winners.”

By flipping the northern



Americans finally vote to choose between four more years of President Donald Trump or his challenger, Democrat Joe Biden. PHOTO: AFP / JIM WATSON, MANDEL NGAN

battlegrounds of Michigan and Wisconsin, and also winning formerly pro-Trump Arizona, Biden reached 264 electoral votes against 214 so far for Trump.

To reach 270 he was hoping next to add the six electoral votes from Nevada, where he had a small and shrinking lead,

or, even better, the larger prizes of hard-fought Georgia or Pennsylvania.

In stark contrast to Trump’s unprecedented rhetoric about being cheated, Biden sought to project calm, reaching out to a nation torn by four years of polarizing leadership and traumatized by the Cov-

id-19 pandemic, with new daily infections Wednesday close to hitting 100,000 for the first time.

“We have to stop treating our opponents as enemies,” Biden, 77, said. “What brings us together as Americans is so much stronger than anything that can tear us apart.”

SOURCE: AFP

NATIONAL GUARD

Oregon police face off with far-left protesters

OREGON police and National Guard troops in camouflage trucks pursued far-left protesters around the US city of Portland as a riot was declared late Wednesday, making at least 10 arrests. The northwestern city that has seen continuous protests since summer had been placed on high alert by Governor Kate Brown, who extended an election-night emergency order amid fears of violent clashes over the contested US polls.

A heavy law enforcement presence flooded the streets after a handful of demonstrators broke off from hundreds-strong anti-Trump protests to shatter storefront windows, and a man believed to have thrown a Molotov cocktail was arrested.

The Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office cited “widespread violence” in the city’s downtown area, including glass bottles thrown at police who advanced on demonstrators. An AFP journalist at the scene witnessed two arrests during a skirmish on a street corner that left protester Michael Ream with a bloodied face. “It’s the same thing it always is – just horrible conduct of the police force and the terrible legacy that they carry every day,” the 38-year-old PhD student told AFP as police handcuffed him.

Asked whether this week’s contested election had brought him to the streets, he replied: “More or less. I mean, I haven’t been out (protesting) in a while.” SOURCE: AFP

DIGITAL PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

California voters expand data privacy law

CALIFORNIA voters have backed an initiative expanding a data privacy law criticized by rights watchdogs as having worrying “loopholes” for firms such as Google and Facebook.

The initiative, which got 56 per cent of the vote in Tuesday’s election, builds on a state law by letting people limit how businesses use data such as their location, race and religion.

It also lets regulators levy fines of up

to \$7,500 per violation of children’s privacy rights and creates a state agency to enforce the law.

The California Consumer Privacy Act become law at the start of this year, the toughest of its kind in the US.

Like the European Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), applied in the European Union since May 2018, the California law guarantees rights regarding control of online data.

Alastair Mactaggart, the wealthy San Francisco real estate developer behind the original law and the act refining it, called its passage historic.

“We are at the beginning of a journey that will profoundly shape the fabric of our society by redefining who is in control of our most personal information and putting consumers back in charge of their own data,” Mactaggart said.

SOURCE: AFP

BIDEN COMMITS TO REJOIN

US formally quits Paris agreement but Biden pledges return



Demonstrators hold banners during a rally near the Eiffel Tower in Paris on Dec. 12, 2015 on the sidelines of the COP 21, the UN conference on global warming. PHOTO: FRANCOIS GUILLOT/AFP/FILE

THE United States left the Paris accord on Wednesday, becoming the first country to ever withdraw from an international climate change pact, but Joe Biden vowed he would immediately return as president.

With election results pointing to a likely defeat for Donald Trump in Tuesday’s election, Biden took on the tone of a president-elect and made clear that climate was a top priority.

“Today, the Trump Administration officially left the Paris Climate Agreement. And in exactly 77 days, a Biden Administration will rejoin it,” tweeted Biden, who would take the presidential oath on January 20.

Biden has proposed a \$1.7 trillion-plan to take

the US, the world’s second biggest carbon emitter, to net zero by 2050.

Trump has aggressively championed the fossil fuel industry, questioned the science of climate change and weakened other environmental protections.

However, a report last month by the group America’s Pledge found that even without help from Washington, action from cities, states and businesses would still make it possible for the US to cut emissions by 37 per cent by 2030.

Trump gave a one-year notice to leave the Paris accord on November 4, 2019. Biden would need to officially notify the UN of US willingness to return. SOURCE: AFP

Phone Myint Kyaw wins third place in Shanghai 8 Ball tourney



Phone Myint Kyaw is seen with his third prize and medal in the 2020 Shanghai Fengyun 118 Chinese Pool Open yesterday. **PHOTO: KO AR TI FACEBOOK**

MYANMAR'S professional pool player Phone Myint Kyaw (alias) Ko Ar Ti, who is in China, competed in the 2020 Shanghai Fengyun 118 Chinese Pool Open Tournament yesterday and won the third prize.

The tournament was held from 1 to 5 November and featured high-profile Chinese players as it was a high-stakes competition in China. Phone Myint

Kyaw defeated famous Chinese pool stars in the previous games to reach the semifinals but lost in the semifinal by 6-13.

The loss pushed Myanmar's pool star to be pleased with a third-place and failed to reach the final game of the tourney.

Phone Myint Kyaw's third prize in the competition is equivalent to 4 million kyats. He also competed in a series of competi-

tions and entered the Shanghai tournament after winning Chao Yue Open 8 Ball.

Phone Myint Kyaw has been competing in Chinese pool tournaments in China since April 2020 and has competed in more than 20 events, earning a well-deserved victory, including first and third prizes. —Shine Htet Zaw (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

Players concerned over Qatar trip for Asian Champions League, union says

HONG KONG—Global footballers union FIFPRO has accused the Asian Football Confederation of failing to consult players before moving Champions League games to Qatar, saying some had voiced concerns over making the trip during the pandemic.

FIFPRO said it was "disappointed and concerned" about the lack of consultation, adding

that players had complained about the risks of travelling and about quarantine periods that will interfere with family life, games and training. The delayed AFC Champions League East competition, featuring clubs from Australia, China, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea and Thailand, will run from November 18 to December 4 in a bio-secure "bubble"

in Qatar, followed by knockout games leading up to the final in Doha on December 19. "FIFPRO is disappointed and concerned by the lack of consultation of professional footballers in the scheduling of the AFC Champions League in Qatar and the planning of Covid-19 protocols," a statement said.

"These matters have implications for their mental and physical health as well as their participation in domestic leagues." The global players union and affiliated associations in Australia, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea and Thailand, which represent 12 of the 16 clubs involved, were not consulted about the arrangements, FIFPRO said. "Furthermore, we have not received any information about the outbreak of Covid-19 in the tournament's so-called 'medical bubble' during the western AFC region competition in September," it added.—AFP ■



The AFC Champions League West competition was also played in Qatar. **PHOTO: AFP**

Chelsea's Havertz tests positive for coronavirus

LONDON—Chelsea forward Kai Havertz has gone into self-isolation after testing positive for the coronavirus.

Havertz's Covid-19 test was revealed after the German was missing from Chelsea's squad for their Champions League clash with Rennes at Stamford Bridge on Wednesday.

"Frank Lampard has confirmed Kai Havertz has tested positive for Covid-19," a statement on Chelsea's website said.

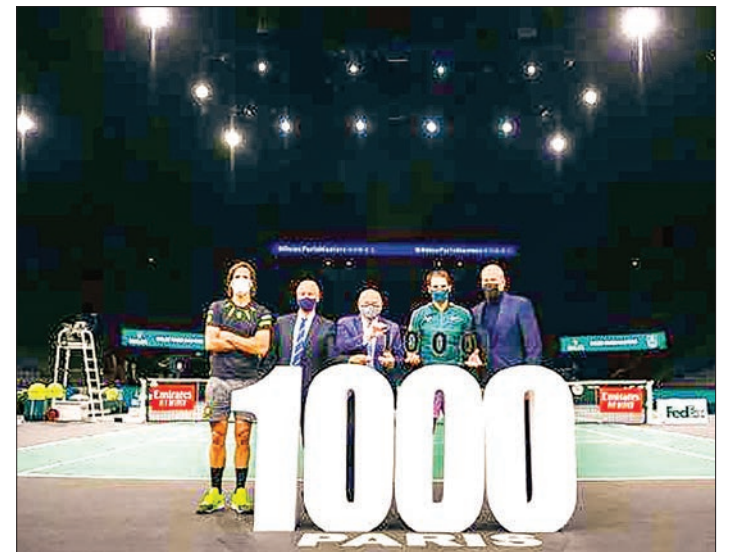
"As a consequence the

player is now undergoing a period of self-isolation and is not involved in tonight's Champions League game versus Rennes."

Havertz has endured a difficult start to his time at Chelsea since joining from Bayer Leverkusen in the close-season.

The 21-year-old has scored just one goal in the Premier League, struggling to reach his peak form after being used in a variety of positions by Blues boss Frank Lampard.—AFP ■

Nadal claims 1,000th match win of career



Nadal celebrates his 1,000th win. **PHOTO: FRANCK FIFE AFP**

PARIS—Rafael Nadal secured the 1,000th Tour-level victory of his illustrious career on Wednesday, becoming the fourth man to reach that mark with a comeback three-set win over Feliciano Lopez in the Paris Masters second round. The 20-time Grand Slam champion, back in the French capital less than a month after winning his 13th Roland Garros title, edged out his fellow Spaniard 4-6, 7-6 (7/5), 6-4.

Nadal, whose first match win on the ATP Tour came in April 2002, is fourth on the all-time list, with Jimmy Connors leading the way on 1,274 victories, 32 more than second-placed Roger Federer.

Ivan Lendl also passed the 1,000 barrier.

Nadal was given a special presentation to celebrate his achievement after

the match in a near-empty Bercy Arena, with the event being played behind closed doors after France entered its second coronavirus lockdown last week.

The 34-year-old Nadal, bidding for a first Paris Masters title, will face Jordan Thompson in the third round after the Australian beat Croatia's Borna Coric 2-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Taking the trophy in Paris this week would see Nadal equal Novak Djokovic's record of 36 Masters titles.

He struggled to find his rhythm for much of the match as 39-year-old Lopez served excellently, saving the first six break points he faced, but Nadal stepped it up in the second-set tie-break.

He grabbed the crucial break in the first game of the decider and then eased to victory.—AFP ■