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## Republic of the Union of Myanmar Office of the President

### Message of Greetings from President U Win Myint sent on occasion of 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of Kayin State Day (7 November 2020)

DEAR esteemed ethnic brothers and sisters living in Kayin State,

I send this message of greetings today to all ethnic brothers and sisters living in Kayin State and to all the ethnic national Union citizens all over the country to be blessed with good health and well-being on the auspicious occasion of the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kayin State Day.

In accordance with the 1951 Constitutional Amendment Act 62, the Papun region of Thanlwin District was designated as Kayin State; furthermore, as per number 14 of the 1952 Act to expand Kayin State, five townships which are adjacent to Thanlwin District namely Kya-in-Seikkyi, Kawkareik, Hlaingbwe, Pa-an, Thandaunggyi were annexed to Kayin State; on 1 March 1960, Myawady was designated as a township thereby reconstituting Kayin State gradually into a total of seven townships. The day on which the Union President signed the Amendment Act of the 1952 Constitution to designate Thanlwin District as Kayin State, which is 7 November 1955, has been designated as Kayin State

Day and it is now the 65<sup>th</sup> year.

In previous years we have been celebrating Kayin State Day with joyous festivals in keeping with past traditions attended by large crowds; however this year due to the Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic which has hit the whole world, I am very sad that we could not conduct the celebrations freely on a large scale.

As this is the time when all the countries of the world are struggling very hard to face the violent spread of the COVID-19; likewise, Myanmar is also making utmost efforts. In doing so, I wish to express my profound gratitude to all those who have been participating and cooperating based on their own convictions by performing their assigned duties as needed; I wish to thank also the people in Kayin State who have followed strictly all the health rules and regulations as well as all the citizens of the country from all levels of society.

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## UEC chairman receives Japanese special envoy to Myanmar



UEC Chairman U Hla Thein receives Special Envoy of the Government of Japan Mr Yohei Sasakawa in Nay Pyi Taw on 6 November 2020. PHOTO:MNA

UNION Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein received Mr Yohei Sasakawa, Special Envoy of the Government of Japan for National Reconciliation in Myanmar and Chairman of the Nippon Foundation and party at the former's office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, they discussed the successful holding of the 2020 General Election on 8 November in line with the five sets of norm for the elections, plans for the areas with no-elections, preventive measures for the voters against COVID-19 infection, plans for local and international observers for ensuring a free and fair election and assistance of Japanese government for the elections.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

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## Announcement for voters

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1. The Union Election Commission focuses on voting rights for eligible voters in the 2020 multiparty democracy general elections.
2. Special arrangements were made for advance voting of the voters who are not possible to return to their original constituency due to healthcare directives in relation to COVID-19 by filing applications of Form (15) in the temporary residential areas.
3. If the voters who cannot cast their advance vote in the current residential areas for some reasons although they applied Form (15) and want to vote at their original constituency, then they can get approval letter of township election sub-commission that they have not cast their advance votes in the current residential area, where the application of Form (15) was filed, to be able to cast their ballots in their original constituency after submitting the approval letter to the polling station officer for voting.
4. Moreover, the overseas voters with the government's permission can also cast their ballots at home if they did not vote for some reasons although they filed the application of Form (15) at the respective embassy/ permanent representative office/ consular office abroad with the approval of heads of these missions.
5. All the eligible voters, except for those who have cast their advance votes, can cast their votes at the polling station with the registration of their names on the Election Day.

Union Election Commission

## Announcement for voters

(6-11-2020)

1. Advance voting works for the 2020 multiparty democracy general elections are now in progress. It was reported that fake seals with a tick without the word UEC in some regions and states.
2. In this circumstance, voters need to check the word UEC on the voting seal with a tick before casting ballots and use only real seals with this word in the box right against the name of Hluttaw candidate and its logo.
3. If the voting seal is found with no UEC word, it is required to inform to the polling station officers or staff for changing it.

Union Election Commission

## Union Minister U Soe Win joins 14<sup>th</sup> ASEM Finance Ministers' Meeting

UNION Minister for Planning, Finance and Industry U Soe Win joined the 14th Asia-Europe (ASEM) Finance Ministers' Meeting virtually hosted by Bangladesh from his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, Finance Minister of Bangladesh Mr AHM Mustafa Kamal made an opening speech and then the video message of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was played.

Vice President for World Bank Mr Hartwig Schafer, Vice President for Asia Development Bank Mr Shixin Chen and Deputy Director for International Monetary Fund Ms Anne-Marie Gulde-Wolf respectively made a keynote speech.

Then, Union Minister U Soe Win said the countries all over the world are currently facing the serious impacts of COVID-19, and it needs to do preventive measures widely to overcome the pandemic. So, "Addressing COVID-19: Ensuring a Strong, Sustainable, Inclusive and Balanced Recov-



Union Minister U Soe Win participates in the 14<sup>th</sup> Asia-Europe (ASEM) Finance Ministers' Meeting via videoconference on 6 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

ery", a theme of the meeting, is appropriate to conduct such prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19 activities.

Myanmar's socio-economic situation is severely affected during the second of COVID-19, and so the government drafted

COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan (CERP) in April and then implemented the critical procedures, including financial aids.

The Union Minister also discussed loans with low-interest rates and financial assistance received from World

Bank, IMF, ADB and JICA to finance the government's COVID-19 response and Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI) of G20 countries, further cooperation with IMF and other partner countries to provide the needed finance for the recovery

of economic, especially in the developing countries.

The ASEM Finance Ministers' Meeting is a forum for cooperation on development issues between Asia and Europe, which accounts for about 60 per cent of the world and is organized with 54 partners from across Europe and Asia.

It has been held since 1997 in ASEM member countries once every two years and mainly focuses on economy and financial status of the member countries.

The Finance Ministers issued a Press Release that they will cooperate with the partner organizations to set up an effective response for the health, social and economic impacts of COVID-19.

Deputy Ministers U Maung Maung Win, U Sett Aung and Dr Min Ye Paing Hein, Permanent Secretary U Tun Tun Naing and other officials joined the meeting together with the Union Minister.—MNA (Translated by Khine Thazin Han )

## 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.

# 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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## Republic of the Union of Myanmar Office of the President

### Message of Greetings from President U Win Myint sent on occasion of 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of Kayin State Day (7 November 2020)

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At this time, the Union Government has been taking all necessary administrative measures for the healthcare of our people on all fronts to prevent, contain and treat this COVID-19 disease which is currently afflicting our country. On the other hand, all the ethnic national people under the leadership of the Union Government are working strenuously to establish a peaceful and prosperous Democratic Federal Union firmly. In making such efforts, we are making sure that there is equitable development all across the country; for the development of Kayin State, we have been working for development in sectors such as transport, the supply of electricity, agriculture, livestock and fisheries, education, health, and socio-economic affairs.

For internal peace and national reconciliation, the Union Government and the EAOs have worked harmoniously for the establishment of a Democratic Federal Union which is the aspiration of all; we have been able to conduct many political dialogues plus the 21st Century Panglong sessions and also succeeded in achieving many agreements. I believe that going forward we would be able to further consolidate the unity of all ethnic national races with mutual trust and cooperation, and establish a peaceful and prosperous Democratic Federal Union which can give us lasting peace beyond any doubt, with the strength of the people.

Kayin State has been enjoying the dividends of peace and development

under the leadership of the Union Government and due to the participation and cooperation of the ethnic national people and the EAOs – ethnic armed organizations with full conviction.

In transforming the Republic of the Union of Myanmar into a peaceful and prosperous Democratic Federal Union, the united and strenuous cooperative efforts of the ethnic national people of Kayin State constitute a source of strength. I urge all the ethnic national people across the country including the people of Kayin State to participate and cooperate in unity with joined hands for the successful establishment of a Democratic Federal Union together with the Union Government.

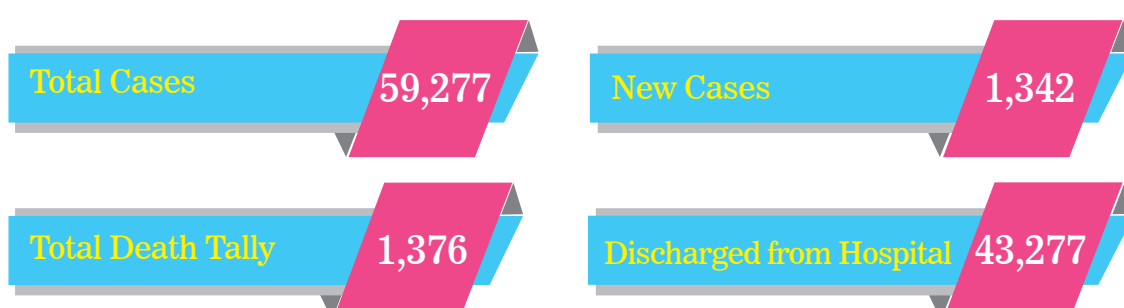
Furthermore, I send this Message of Greetings with good wishes and deep appreciation for the measures undertaken by Kayin State to accept over 150,000 Myanmar migrant workers who returned to Myanmar from Thailand via the Myawady number 2 bridge and transporting them back to their respective states and regions; may all the people of Kayin State be free from the COVID-19 disease and be in good health and well-being; and may you all be able to continue working for the bright rays of peace to shine in Kayin State for the development and emergence of a peaceful, safe and prosperous way of life.

(Sd/-) Win Myint  
President

## 1,342 more new cases of COVID-19 reported on 6 November, total figure rises to 59,277

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rise to 59,277 after 1,342 new cases were reported on 6 November according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these 59,277 confirmed cases, 1,376 died, 43,277 have been discharged from hospitals.—MNA

Updated at 8 pm, 6 November 2020



Daily Death toll until 8 pm 6-11-2020

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Ministry of Health and Sports

## Announcement for voters

(6-11-2020)

1. Voters and those who have right for access to the polling stations of multiparty democracy general elections on 8 November 2020 in accordance with Hluttaw Election bylaws and provisions of paragraph 48 of the bylaw need to comply with the following rules.
  - (a) Not to disturb secret voting of each voter, it is prohibited using the video camera, camera, mobile phone camera for taking image records and audio records in the polling station or in its compound.
  - (b) Except for the Hluttaw candidates, electoral representatives, polling station representatives and their assistants who have the right to wear the badge (if they have) of contesting party/individual candidates, other persons are not allowed to put on/use any dress or materials with a party logo or signs for possible campaign.
  - (c) It is required to follow the instruction of officials from sub-commission of respective ward/village-tract at the respective ward or polling station officials for ensuring stability at the polling station, a fair election and systematic voting of the eligible voters.
2. It is re-announced for public cooperation to compete for the multiparty democracy general elections fairly, independently and successfully in line with the COVID-19 prevention measures.

*Union Election Commission*

## Request to voters

(6-11-2020)

1. The Union Election Commission has emphasized on the healthcare guidelines for the safety of voters in holding the 2020 multiparty democracy general elections.
2. These guidelines will also be followed in ballot counting at the respective polling stations and township election sub-commissions after closing polling stations on the Election Day. The result forms will also be announced at the respective polling stations and election sub-commissions in real-time.
3. Region/State election sub-commissions will also announce the names of elected Hluttaw candidates. The Union Election Commission will also publish the list of elected candidates on state-owned television, newspapers, UEC website and Facebook pages.
4. Therefore, voters are requested to listen to the election results at their homes for preventing crowds in compliance with the healthcare guidelines.

*Union Election Commission*

## Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun receives Ambassador of European Union Mr Ranieri Sabatucci

U THAUNG TUN, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, held a virtual call with Mr Ranieri Sabatucci, Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar yesterday. Union Minister U Thaung Tun welcomed the new Ambassador to Myanmar and reaffirmed Myanmar's strong commitment to working with the European Union and the Member States to enhance European investment and to strengthen development cooperation.

While discussing ways and means of facilitating greater European investment into Myanmar, Union Minister restated the government's commitment to providing a level playing field that would encourage a greater diversity of international standard, responsible investment, including through the use of open, transparent and competitive tender processes.



Union Minister U Thaung Tun (R) holds talks with Ambassador of the European Union Mr Ranieri Sabatucci (L) via videoconference on 6 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister went on to thank the European Union for several key development assistance partnerships, including budget support earmarked for the education and nutrition sectors – a priority modality as stated within the 2020 Myanmar Development Assistance Policy, the MyGovernance programme with its focus on building policy-making

capacities and strengthening public sector institutions, and the 'Myan Ku' Fund, having disbursed over 5.4 billion MMK cash support payments to over 70,500 garment and footwear factory workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ambassador Sabatucci thanked Union Minister U Thaung Tun for the meeting

and expressed eagerness to see the European Union work more closely with Myanmar across a range of areas. The Ambassador also welcomed Myanmar's support for ongoing development cooperation efforts, noting that EU taxpayers were keen to ensure their money was well spent and achieving positive outcomes for all Myanmar's people.

During the exchange Union Minister U Thaung Tun provided a comprehensive briefing on socio-economic progress achieved throughout the past four years, noting in particular how Myanmar had managed to sustain high rates of economic growth while creating greater opportunities for Myanmar's people, including in the agriculture, industry and services sectors.

Both sides were in firm agreement that sustaining Myanmar's high rates of growth must not come at the expense of the environment and discussed the possibility of scaling up European investment in green energy.

Both sides agreed that there remained substantial opportunities for EU investors including in Myanmar's energy, agriculture, manufacturing and infrastructure sectors, and expressed a strong willingness to work together to strengthening Europe-Myanmar ties going forward.—MNA

## Section 58 (d) in Hluttaw Election Law

It is prohibited giving speeches at meetings, instigation, writing, distributing or using posters or attempting by other means to disturb the voting or election as per Section 58 (d) of the Hluttaw Election Law. Whoever 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 one hundred thousand kyats or with both.



## ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council ministers organize meeting online

THE 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council ministers, under the supervision of ASEAN rotating chair Viet Nam and Office of the Secretary-General of ASEAN, was held virtually yesterday.

The meeting was participated by Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, Deputy Minister U Kyi Min, Permanent Secretary U Tun Ohn, and ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community high-level official and Rector of National University of Arts and Culture, Mandalay Dr Khin Kyi Pyar and other Myanmar delegates.

The virtual meeting discussed matters relating to prioritized sectors of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, works being implemented during 2020, the announcements that will be approved by ASEAN leaders and the tasks that will be recorded in 37<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit.

They detailed about “Hanoi



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko participates in the 24<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) Council via videoconference on 6 November 2020. PHOTO: MNA

Declaration” and “Narrative of ASEAN” that will be declared during 37<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit, promotion of safety for women in ASEAN region, creating job opportunities, migrant workers’

affairs, youth development and natural disaster prevention.

Moreover, the meeting discussed the ASEAN membership application of Timor-Leste and further processes, ASEAN Ena-

bling Masterplan 2025, Research and Development in ASEAN and fund establishment for COVID-19.

Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko said that this year is mid-term of ASEAN Socio-Cultural

Community (ASCC) Blueprint 2025 and said the implementation of the works for coming five years based on the results of past five years and in accordance with UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) 2030 Agenda.

He expressed Myanmar’s support for Viet Nam’s efforts relating to Culture of Prevention (CoP) declaration and also said Myanmar would assist the socio-economic cooperation involved by multiple countries.

The cooperation works of ASEAN member countries must be continued to promote the development of all ASEAN countries and to accomplish long-term development tasks, he added.

The 29<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (SOCA) Meeting and 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Group on Culture of Prevention (CoP) were also held online on 5 November prior to the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASCC.—MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

## MoALI holds meeting with FAO for agricultural development in Myanmar

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu attended a co-operation meeting with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations for the development of Myanmar’s agricultural sector.

The meeting discussed food security under the Country Programme Framework (CPF) (2017-2022); Nutrition and food safety; Land and water resource management; Climate change and disaster relief programmes; Issues related to the priorities of the Agricultural Development Strategy; Food security; Development of nutrition and diversified crop production; Increased crop consumption of nutritious and

low-consumption vegetables in Myanmar; Issues related to the promotion of hunger eradication; Issues related to climate change and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the agricultural sector; Irrigation sector development and climate-friendly agriculture development; Livelihood and social rehabilitation, and implementation of the Agriculture Action Plan for Disaster Risk Reduction (AAPDRR).

The meeting was also attended by the Permanent Secretary, the Directors-General, Country Representative of FAO in Myanmar Ms Xiaojie Fan and officials.—MNA (Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)



Union Minister Dr Aung Thu holds meeting with Food and Agriculture Organization-FAO representatives in Nay Pyi Taw on 6 November 2020. PHOTO: MNA

### 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.



# China donates COVID-19 medical equipment to MoHS



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe speaks during the donation ceremony of COVID-19 medical equipment from the People's Republic of China on 6 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**



Director-General Dr Zaw Than Tun accepts the donation handed over by Ambassador of PRC Mr Chen Hai on 6 November. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE donation ceremony of 240,000 sets of personal protective equipment from the People's Republic of China to be used in the COVID-19 protective activities in Myanmar was held through videoconferencing yesterday evening.

At the ceremony, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Chen Hai said Myanmar and China are cooperating each other with

friendliness in dealing with COVID-19 pandemic. He added that The Ministry of Health and Sports is doing its best to prevent and control the second wave of COVID-19 infection and that China will continue to support the COVID-19 prevention and control work in Myanmar in a united manner.

During the COVID-19 crisis in Myanmar, the Chinese central government, local government, companies and civil society or-

ganizations provided medicines and medical equipment worth of over \$6.8 million, and medical teams visited three times to share their experience.

Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe expressed words of thanks for the support to the COVID-19 prevention and control work with the provision of medical equipment; for sending medical experts to share experiences and provide advice on COVID-19

disease prevention and control. The Union Minister extended his thanks for China's support for the speedy establishment of the Myanmar Centre for Disease Control.

The centre aims to be able to carry out more effective prevention and control of communicable and non-communicable diseases, expend disease prevention and control capacity building activities, conduct research in collab-

oration with China, extensive cooperation between experts of the two countries. It will be able to carry out more advanced laboratory work and will be of great benefit to the people of Myanmar.

Afterwards, the Ambassador handed over the 240,000 PPE donation to Director-General for the Medical Research Department Dr Zaw Than Tun and received the certificate of honour.—MNA  
(Translated by Ei Phyu<sup>2</sup> Aung)

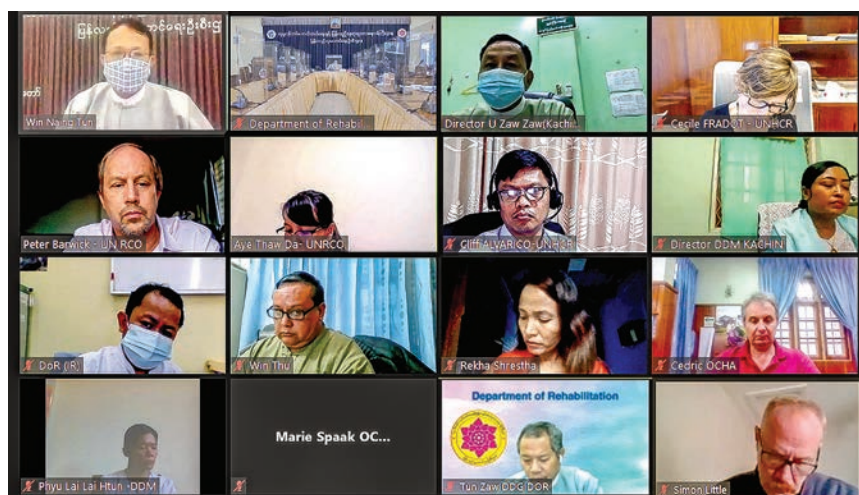
## Thai businesspersons, people present COVID-19 protective devices to Yangon govt

BUSINESSPERSONS from Thailand and its people donated COVID-19 protective devices to Yangon Region government through its embassy in Yangon on 5 October.

The donation ceremony was held at the office of Myanmar-Thai Chamber of Commerce and Industry Incorporated in Thingangyun Township, and the Thai ambassador to Myanmar explained the donation.

Yangon Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and Regional Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun received the donation items, worth over Thai baht 500,000, handed over by Mr B Kich Aungvitulsatit, the chairman of Myanmar-Thai Chamber of Commerce and Industry Incorporated on behalf of the well-wishers.—Nay Lin  
(Translated by Aung Khin)

Businesspersons and people from Thailand donate COVID-19 protective devices to Yangon Region Government on 5 November. **PHOTO: SAN KYAW OO**



Coordination meeting on drafting ToR for sectors of UN agencies is held online on 6 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Coordination meeting held to adopt ToR for sectors of UN agencies in IDP resettlement

A coordination meeting was held yesterday for drafting Terms of Reference (ToR) of the technical support team for the sectors of UN agencies in implementing resettlement of internally displaced persons in Kachin State.

The meeting was participated by the secretary of Working Group on Resettling IDPs in Kachin State and Director-General of Rehabilitation Department U Win Naing Tun, the secretary of Kachin State government, head of Kachin State Disaster Management Department, acting chief of UN Resident Coordinator's Office in Yangon Mr Peter Barwick

and officials from UNHCR and UNOCHA. They discussed the points that should be included in the terms of reference.

The Working Group on Resettling IDPs in Kachin State, led by Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, held three meetings with the Kachin Humanitarian Concern Committee (KHCC) and was undertaking resettlement works in Tarlaw Village in Myitkyina Township, and Tabatyan Village and Nan San Yan Village in Waingmaw Township.—MNA  
(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

# China likely to import up to 2 mln rice bags by 2021



File photo shows workers loading rice bags onto a vehicle in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

By Nyein Nyein

THE rice traders predict that China is likely to grant import of rice up to 2 million bags by 2021 in consideration of growing domestic demand, said U Min Thein, Vice-Chairman of Muse Rice Wholesale Centre.

Typhoon hit three provinces of China this year, resulting in damaging the paddy and maize fields severely. Likewise, Viet Nam, which China buys rice from, has also been affected by typhoon with their paddy fields badly damaged. Although China issued a permit for import of 500,000 rice bags from Myanmar in 2020, China is likely to grant the import of 2 million rice bags in 2021, he added.

“Two or three provinces of China were hit by the typhoon. So, the paddy and maize fields were badly damaged. The farmlands in Viet Nam were also adversely affected by the typhoon.

Earlier, the Vietnamese rice was imported to China. Now, Viet Nam could not export their rice to China, which needs to buy rice for their local consumption. Now, we can export rice to China legally. In the 2019-2020 financial year (FY), China granted a rice import quota of only 500,000 bags for Myanmar. The rice quota system for Myanmar started on 15 January and will end on 31 December 2020. In 2021, the quota system will be started on 15 January, and we predict that China will grant 2 million rice bags quota for Myanmar,” he explained.

Furthermore, the Chinese government is implementing the legal trading system and has allowed making of registration for granted rice export licences to 43 Myanmar rice companies and 79 rice mills in July. Earlier, the Chinese government issued permits to only 11 rice companies from Myanmar.

“Myanmar rice export could be stronger. Last year, the People’s Republic of China approved only 11 rice companies in the border areas. In July 2020, China granted 43 Myanmar rice companies. Previously, the permit price was rather high. Now, the permit price dropped as China granted the rice import licence to more companies. It will be more beneficial to the rice traders,” said U Min Thein.

According to the official data of MRF, Myanmar exported over 2.5 million tonnes of rice and broken rice in 2019-2020FY, earning US\$794.388 million.

Myanmar exported over 2.4 million tonnes of rice in the 2019-2020 financial year, reaching the set target. Myanmar will target to export 4 million tonnes of rice in the 2020-2021 budget year, said Vice-Chair U Aung Than Oo of the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

(Translated by Hay Mar)

# Myanmar wins consolation prize in ASEAN-Korea Excellent Design Exhibition Award

GREENOVATION Design & Packaging Solution Co., Ltd from Myanmar won the consolation prize in the ASEAN-Korea Excellent Design Exhibition Award with Dr Face Skin Care RP Package design.

The ASEAN-Korea Centre organized this exhibition, from May to November 2020, in cooperation with Viet Nam Trade Promotion Agency and the Korean Institute of Design Promotion (KIDP). In the competition, 29 ASEAN design companies participated with 44 designs, including three designs from Myanmar.

The competition was launched online. The evaluation committee conducted the selection process in three stages. The committee finalized nine designs at the last stage. Singapore won

the grand prize and gold prize while the Philippines won the gold award and Thailand and Viet Nam won the silver prize. And, Myanmar, Indonesia and Brunei won the consolation prize.

The award presentation ceremony will be launched in Seoul, South Korea on 24 November 2020. The ASEAN-Korea Centre will invite representative ambassadors to attend the VIP offline award presentation event as it is not possible to invite the winners in person to the Republic of Korea because of COVID-19 restrictions. The winners, the members of the Evaluation Committee and the event organizations can make e-participation via Zoom or YouTube live streaming. — GNLM

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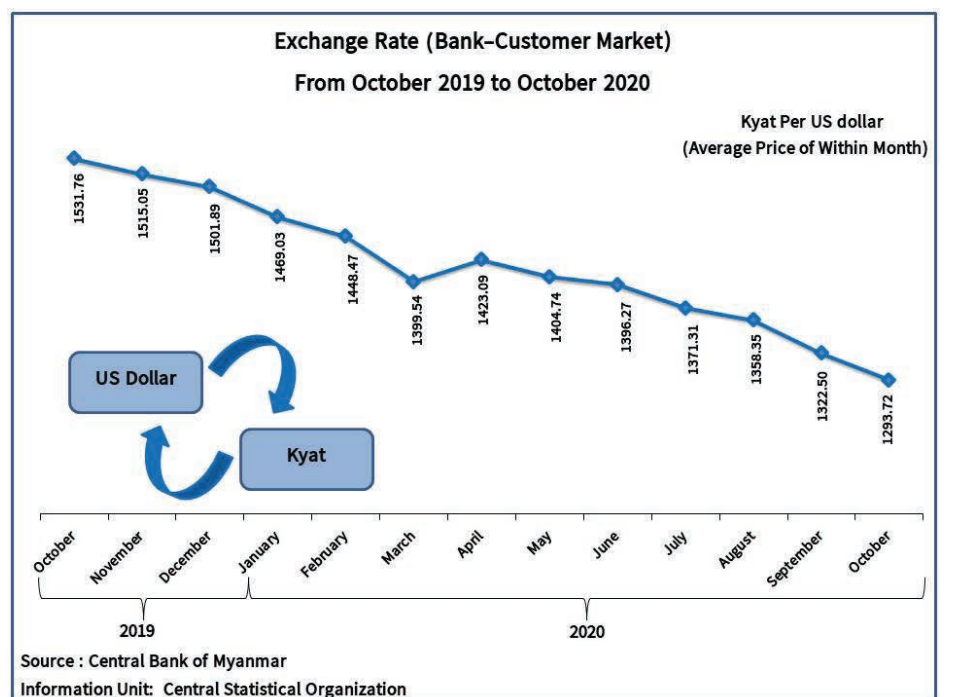
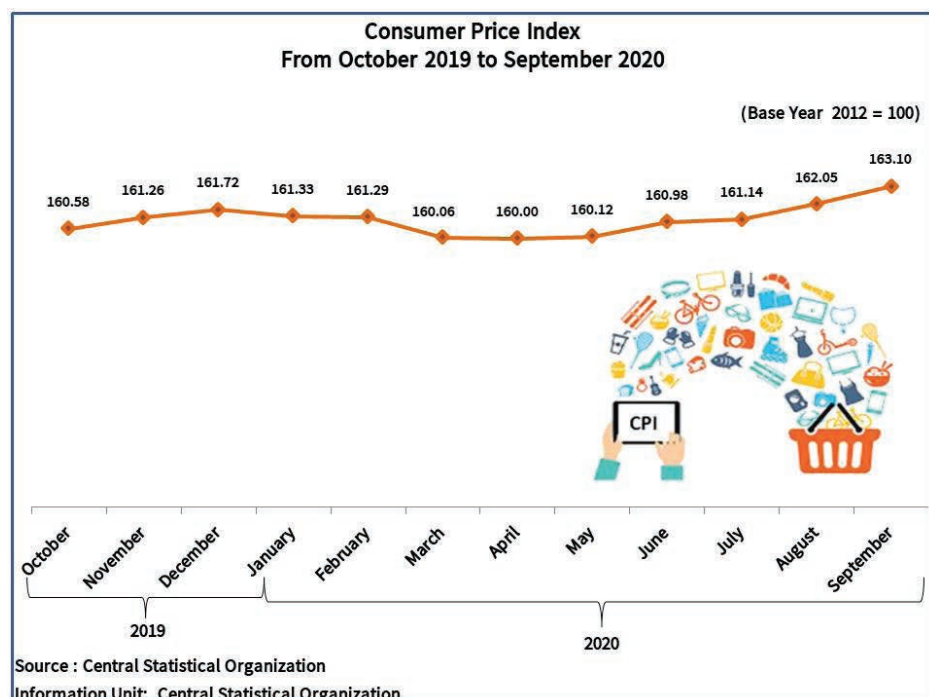
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# Don't fall into trap of disrupting elections

Just two days ahead of the November-8 General Elections, an explosion rocked the Bago Region's Election Sub-Commission Office yesterday.

No one was injured in the blast. It is found that the explosion aims to disrupt the general elections by frightening people. There were some bomb threats, violations during the election campaign and there have been some complaints against advance voting these days. Investigations will be made into all cases in accordance with the law. The investigations will decide who attempted to disturb the general elections. It is not appropriate to judge before the Election Day that the ongoing general elections are not fair.

Any attempt to disrupt the general elections is intolerable and we are confident that our people would not fall into traps set by those who seek to disrupt the conducting of free and fair general elections.

According to a recent survey about risks which have the potential to disrupt the upcoming general elections, the COVID-19 pandemic posed a 46 per cent chance of disrupting the elections, while election campaigns were set at 13 per cent. The survey has shown that free and fair general elections can also be threatened by poor monitoring of the elections (4 per cent); by fake news, rumours and misinformation (3 per cent); by voters having insufficient voting education (3 per cent); by disruption caused by racism and misuse of religion (3 per cent) and by incorrect voting lists (2 per cent). However, it has been found that the nearer we get to Election Day, the higher the occurrences of cases of voting frauds and disinformation in advance voting and disruptions caused by violation of election laws, and bombs threats.

It is prohibited to give speeches at meetings, along with the instigation, writing, distributing or using posters or attempting by other means to disturb the voting or election, as per Section 58 (d) of the Hluttaw Election Law. Whoever is found guilty of, or abetting this act, shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or with fines not exceeding one hundred thousand kyats, or both.

Political parties and candidates have the right to compete in elections without harassment or intimidation. The public is also urged to be on alert to hindrances happening during the election period that might disrupt the 2020 general elections.



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# Understanding Earth: Our Ocean

By Than Htun (Myanmar Geosciences Society)

VIEWED from space, Earth appears as a blue marble, as approximately 70% of Earth's surface is covered by ocean water. The vast ocean holds roughly 97% of the planet's water and represents 99% of the living space on Earth. Below the surface, the ocean is teeming with life; in fact, most of our planet's lifeforms live in the ocean, from tiny microscopic organisms to the enormous blue whale-the largest known animal on Earth.

In addition to its diverse spectrum of life, the ocean is well known for its salty seas. Processes that took place throughout Earth's history, such as the weathering of rocks, evaporation of ocean water, and the formation of sea ice, have altered the ocean's chemical properties, making it salty. At the surface, ocean water contains about 3.5% salt.

The ocean also holds a tremendous amount of heat. The main source of heat is energy from the sun. The tropics receive more energy from the sun than the polar regions; in addition, the presence of ice in the polar

regions reflects a large amount of incoming solar radiation. As a result, water near the equator is much warmer than ocean water near the poles. This equator-to-pole solar heating imbalance is the primary mechanism that drives atmospheric and oceanic circulation. In the upper ocean, surface winds drive currents. Below the surface, global density gradients caused by differences in temperature (thermo) and salinity (haline) drive the ocean's thermohaline circulation. Currents, waves, and tides help transport water, heat, and nutrients throughout the seven ocean basins-the North Pacific, South Pacific, North Atlantic, South Atlantic, Indian, Southern, and Arctic. The ocean's physical (e.g., temperature) chemical (e.g., nutrients, salinity), and biological (e.g., living organisms) components are in a constant state of flux and interact with one another in different ways. Such interactions structure marine ecosystems and influence Earth's weather and climate; they also have an impact on the global carbon cycle. Without Earth's ocean, our planet would be uninhabitable.

## Ocean Changes

The world is getting warmer. Most this warming has occurred since the 1970s, with the 20 warmest years having occurred since 1981 and with all 10 of the warmest years occurring in the past 12 years. The ocean has absorbed much of this increased heat, with the top 700 meters (about 2,300 feet) of ocean showing a warming of 0.302 degrees Fahrenheit since 1969. With global average sea surface temperatures on the rise, scientists have also noticed a decline in phytoplankton in many ocean regions. At Earth's poles, Arctic sea ice has declined rapidly over the last several decades, and the Greenland and Antarctic ice sheet have decreased in mass. Global sea level rose about 17 centimetres (6.7 inches) in the last century.

Since the beginning of Industrial Evolution, the global surface ocean has experienced a 30 per cent increase in acidity. This increase is the result of the ocean absorbing atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO2). In addition to higher amounts of CO2 being absorbed by the upper ocean, historical data show that North Atlantic sub-tropical surface waters have become saltier in the last 40 years, while sub-polar North Atlantic deeper

waters have become less salty. Such changes in salinity appear to be related to changes in evaporation, precipitation, and ocean circulation. Melting of polar ice caps and glaciers also impacts salinity at high latitudes. Changes in salinity patterns can have can have adverse effects on global circulation and on the ability of the ocean to absorb CO2.

## Observing the Ocean

Scientists can measure ocean properties directly, through in situ sensors and by taking water samples, or indirectly, using remote sensing techniques (e.g., from Earth-observing satellites). Remote sensing techniques measure the characteristics of light, or radiance, coming from the Earth's surface. Unlike ship-based measurements, which can only sample small portions of the ocean at a time, Earth-observing satellite can provide continuous, global coverage over long timescales. Even so, ship-based sampling remains critical for validating remotely sensed measurements.

NASA has been observing Earth's ocean from space for more than 38 years, beginning with the launch of the first civilian oceanographic satellite, Seasat, on January 28, 1978. The mission was designed to demonstrate the

possibility of global satellite monitoring of oceanographic phenomena and to help determine the requirements for an operational ocean remote sensing satellite system. Seasat operated in Earth orbit for 105 days, measuring sea surface winds and temperatures, wave heights, atmospheric liquid water content, sea ice features, and ocean topography. October of that same year saw the launch of the first ocean colour mission, the Coastal Zone Colour Scanner Experiment (CZCS), which lasted until December 1986. The CZCS was designed as a proof-of-concept to determine if satellite remote sensing of colour could be used to identify and quantify material suspended or dissolved in ocean waters. These satellite missions laid the groundwork for future ocean missions.

Today, there are several ocean-observing satellite and airborne missions that measure a variety of parameters including ocean surface topography, currents, waves, winds, phytoplankton content, dissolved and suspended organic matter; sea-ice extent, rainfall, sunlight reaching the sea, and sea surface temperature and salinity. NASA works with its domestic and international partners to support several of these missions, and plans to

extend existing as well as new measurements into the future.

## Combining Ocean Measurements to Observe Interactions

Like the human body, Earth's systems interact with one another in complex ways. For example, the naturally occurring El Nino and La Nina phenomenon showcases an intricate relationship between the atmosphere and ocean in the equatorial Pacific, with impacts at a global level. Sea surface temperature is a critical variable, connecting the atmosphere and the ocean; scientists study changes in global sea surface temperature patterns to understand, and predict, future ocean conditions. Since sea surface height measurements yield critical information about the depth of the subsurface temperatures (in general, warm water expands and cold water contracts), they too provide key information about the ocean, such as the onset, maintenance, and dissipation of El Nino and La Nina. Physical changes often drive biological changes in the ocean. The deeper thermocline curtails the usually vigorous upwelling of deep-ocean nutrients to the surface, causing phytoplankton concentrations.

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AMID SHARP RISE IN CASES

# WHO warns of 'explosion' of virus cases in Europe: AFP interview

The World Health Organization (WHO) in Europe on Thursday said it was seeing an "explosion" of coronavirus cases in the region and warned of a "tough time" ahead as mortality rates rose.

"We do see an explosion... in the sense it only takes a couple of days to have over the European region an increase of one million cases," WHO's regional director for Europe Hans Kluge told AFP.

Kluge, who was wearing a mask even as he was interviewed over a webcam meeting, also said the mortality rate could be seen rising "little by little."

"It's going to be a little bit of a tough time, we need to be honest on that," he said.

In spite of the rapidly rising cases, Kluge cautioned that closing schools should be seen as a last resort, especially in light of there being "no reasons to say that schools are a main driver of the transmission."

"We need to keep the schools open really until last because we cannot afford a Covid-19 lost generation," Kluge said.

However the regional director also said that the "status quo is not an option" and called for "proportionate targeted measures," which could be scaled up.

Kluge stressed that governments should take into account two things: "coherence, so people see that we don't flip-flop, and... predictability, so people know if this threshold is being

reached, this is what is going to happen."

He also called for the widespread use of face masks.

"With general mask wearing and strict control of social gatherings we can save 266,000 lives by February in the whole European region," Kluge said.

While managing the Covid-19 pandemic was the immediate concern, Kluge also said there were lessons to learn in case an even more dangerous virus were to appear.

"Imagine that Covid was as easily transmitted as measles, or imagine that Covid was as lethal as Ebola... We need to take this chance to be better prepared for the future," Kluge said.

SOURCE: AFP



Governments have invested millions on cycling during the pandemic. A recently expanded bike track in Berlin's Kreuzberg district. PHOTO: TOBIAS SCHWARZ/AFP

## Myanmar Gazette Heads of Service Organizations confirmed

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations shown against each of their names on the expiry of one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
1. U Nyan Tun	Director-General, Economic Department, President Office
2. U Bo Bo Kyaw	Director-General, Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation

## Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Friday 6th November, 2020)

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

**SPECIAL FEATURE:** According to the observations at (18:30)MST today, the tropical depression has crossed over the South Vietnam Coasts and moved to Westwards. It has downgraded into the low pressure area over the Vietnam.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 07th November, 2020:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Mon States. Degree of certainty is (60%). Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States.

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

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Mon States.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7th November, 2020:** Partly cloudy.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7th November, 2020:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7th November, 2020:** Partly cloudy.

**WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon Region and weather will be partly cloudy in Mandalay Region.

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**Pansodan-Dala ferries run 22 routes for increasing commuters**

FERRIES are running 22 routes starting from 5 November because of an increasing number of passengers at Pansodan-Dala jetty, according to the Delta Division of Inland Water Transport (IWT).

Earlier, Pansodan-Dala ferry line has reduced its operation routes because of the declining number of commuters during the stay-home period, which was set to prevent coronavirus transmission.

Then, the operation of the ferries was also reduced to 16 routes. Currently, people are getting back to their work, and the number of passengers is thus rising. So, the ferry line increases its course to 22.



A passenger ferry (white) is seen running across Yangon River between Pansodan Jetty in downtown Yangon and Dala Township. **PHOTO: NAING LIN KYAW (DALA)**

"Following the COVID-19 resurgence in the region, the drop in the number of ferry commuters made the ferries run less frequently. Now, the government staff and the private companies' employees are getting back to their work after

the Thadingyut holiday. So, we have increased the ferry routes to 22 starting from 5 November, said Daw Zin Myo Han, the ticket office manager of Dala Jetty.

During the period of coronavirus transmission, there are only 700 passengers on board on the boats. After the Thadingyut holiday, the number of passengers has risen to around 3,000 daily on the Dala side and around 3,000 on the Pansodan side.

Usually, the boats run 46 times a day. Yangon Pansodan-Dala ferries were earlier packed with nearly 30,000 daily commuters. —Naing Lin Kyaw (Dala)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

**Myanmar nationals brought back from abroad by relief flights**

A total of 151 Myanmar citizens arrived back home from Singapore by the 25th relief flight of Myanmar National Airways, organized by the Myanmar embassy in the city-state, yesterday afternoon.

The relief flight of Myanmar Airways International brought back 127 seamen with the help of Myanmar embassy in Singapore and the Myanmar Seamen's Federation in the evening.

On arrival at the Yangon International Airport, 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



Myanmar returnees are seen at the Yangon International Airport on 7 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

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

**YRTA extends exemption from YBS management fund until end-Nov**

By Nyein Nyein

YANGON Region Transport Authority (YRTA) has again extended the exemption of the YBS companies from contribution to the daily management funds until the end of November, according to YRTA.

Earlier, YRTA exempted the YBS buses operating for the commuters to be able to travel within Yangon region from contributing K4,000 per bus daily to the YRTA management funds from 27 March to 30 April. Then,

YRTA has extended the exemption period again for the eighth time until the end of November to help the YBS transport companies and the bus lines, according to YRTA.

This move of YRTA is to support YBS companies during the coronavirus crisis, said YRTA Managing Director U Aung Nyi Nyi Maw.

Previously, about 4,500 buses ran daily on Yangon roads. Following the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, the number of YBS buses has decreased.

Now, a total of 104 YBS bus lines are still in operation with 2,500 buses, and the number of passengers is over 350,000, according to YRTA.

YBS companies must report to the Yangon Region Transport Authority (YRTA) on their daily process such as applying for waivers and recording the routes as usual. Besides, YRTA is making efforts to solve the problems facing the YBS buses under the supervision of the Yangon region government if the bus lines find it hard to

overcome the difficulties.

At present, YRTA is cooperating with YBS companies to prevent the COVID from spreading in line with the guidelines and instructions issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports.

Previously, more than 100 bus lines were running 4,500 buses daily, along with the airport shuttle and city transit. The number of passengers before the outbreak of COVID-19 was 1.8 million per day.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

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STATE OF THE RACE

# Trump erupts as Biden closes in on US presidency



Protestors take to the streets as results of the presidential election remain uncertain on 4 November, 2020 in New York City. PHOTO: AFP

PRESIDENT Donald Trump launched a tirade of unsubstantiated claims that he had been cheated out of winning the US election, as vote counting across battleground states early Friday showed Democrat Joe Biden closing in on victory.

Biden's momentum towards the White House built further

with major media outlets reporting he had overtaken Trump by a razor-thin margin in the crucial battleground state of Georgia.

"They are trying to steal the election," an increasingly isolated Trump said in an extraordinary appearance at the White House on Thursday, two days after polls closed.

Providing no evidence and taking no questions from reporters, Trump spent nearly 17 minutes making the kind of incendiary statements about the country's democratic process that have never been heard before from a US president.

According to Trump, Democrats were using "illegal votes"

to "steal the election from us."

"If you count the legal votes, I easily win," he claimed. "They're trying to rig an election. And we can't let that happen."

Trump repeated those claims in a tweet early on Friday.

His rhetoric came as his campaign aggressively challenged the integrity of the huge number of ballots mailed in rather than cast in person on Election Day.

The big shift to postal ballots this year reflected the desire of voters to avoid risking exposure to Covid-19 in crowded polling stations during a pandemic that has already killed 235,000 Americans.

Mail-in ballots have tilted heavily to Democrats. In the crucial state of Pennsylvania, the Trump campaign moved to stop the counting of votes, which authorities were forbidden from processing before Election Day.

SOURCE: AFP

BIGGEST WIN SINCE WORLD WAR II

## New Zealand's Ardern sworn in for second term

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern was sworn in for a second term Friday, as final election results showed her landslide victory was even bigger than previously thought.

The charismatic leader and her ministers made their oaths of office in English and Maori

during a ceremony at Wellington's Government House.

"I would say simply that sitting at this table is Aotearoa New Zealand," Ardern said, gesturing to her gathered team, in which women and Maori are strongly represented.

"They collectively represent

a range of different perspectives, huge talent, enormous experience and, as you would expect in any time of crisis, a huge commitment to serving this country."

Ardern, 40, leveraged her success battling Covid-19 into an unprecedented majority at the October 17 election, leading her

centre-left Labour Party to its biggest win since World War II.

Final results released Friday showed Ardern won 50.0 per cent of the vote, up from 49.0 on election night, giving her 65 seats in the 120-strong parliament, rather than 64.

SOURCE: AFP

NET PROFIT RISES

## NY Times sees gains as subscriber base tops 7 million

THE New York Times said Thursday profits rose in the past quarter, lifted by gains in paying digital readers, as its total subscription base topped seven million.

The prestigious US daily said net profit rose to \$35.5 million in the third quarter, more than double the level from a year earlier, while revenues rose 13 per cent to \$301 million. The Times said that revenue from digital subscribers in the quarter — which rose to some six million — was for the first time higher than that from print subscribers. "For the second quarter running, total digital revenue exceeded print revenue. And for the first time,



The New York Times reported higher profits in the past quarter as it boosted the number of paid digital subscribers.

PHOTO: JOHANNES EISELE

total digital-only subscription revenue exceeded print subscrip-

tion revenue, making digital-only subscriptions not just the central

engine of the company's growth," said Meredith Kopit Levien, who took over earlier this year as president and chief executive officer.

"We ended the quarter with approximately 6.9 million total subscriptions, and crossed the seven million mark in the month of October, an increase of two million digital-only subscriptions over the last year and 393,000 over the last quarter." The Times has seen gains in readership in recent years as it has bolstered its newsroom to cover President Donald Trump's administration and the coronavirus pandemic while expanding its footprint.

SOURCE: AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

### Iraqi president approves new elections law

IRAQI President Barham Salih on Thursday approved the new parliamentary elections law despite his reservations on some of its articles, but stressed the need to fulfill the requirements of holding early elections.

"In compliance with my constitutional duty, I approved the election law, in preparation for holding early, fair, and just elections," Salih said in a televised speech after signing the law.

He said that reforming the Iraqi election law aims to guarantee the right of Iraqis to elect their representatives by securing free and fair elections away from intimidation and fraud.

"Electoral corruption is dangerous because it threatens societal peace and economic integrity, as the electoral corruption and financial corruption are interlinked, inseparable, and destructive," Salih said.

SOURCE: Xinhua

### Politics hobbles Tunisian anti-terrorism campaign

THE killing of three people at a church in France has focused attention on extremism in the suspected attacker's native Tunisia, where political instability has hobbled efforts to tackle radicalisation.

It is unclear where Brahim Aouissou was radicalised in Tunisia, and also whether he planned last week's deadly attack at the Nice church before or after his arrival in Europe in late September. But the attack was a reminder that, despite improvements in security since a string of deadly jihadist operations in 2015, extremist groups continue to recruit and indoctrinate young Tunisians.

"Everyone is emphasising the security approach, without paying enough attention to prevention, which isn't yet up to scratch in Tunisia," said Moez Ali of the Union of Independent Tunisians for Freedom, part of a civil society alliance against radicalisation.

SOURCE: AFP

U.S. AUTOMAKER

## GM reports income of 4 bln USD in Q3

U.S. General Motors Co. (GM) announced on Thursday that it raked in earnings of 4 billion U.S. dollars in the third quarter of this year, thanks to strong sales of crossover, pickup and SUVs.

Revenue of the Detroit-based automaker was at 35.5 billion dollars in the third quarter; pre-tax earnings totalled 5.3 billion dollars; profit margins rocketed to 14.9 per cent; and automotive liquidity was at 37.8 billion dollars.

Automotive operat-

ing cash flow of the U.S. automaker was at 9.9 billion dollars in the third quarter; and adjusted automotive free cash flow at 9.1 billion dollars.

GM made 4.4 billion dollars in the North American market in the third quarter, up from 3 billion dollars in the third quarter of 2019. GM International raked in 10 million dollars, compared to a loss of 65 million dollars in the same period of last year.

SOURCE: Xinhua

TARIFF TURF

## WhatsApp takes on Google, Alibaba in India's phone payment battle

WhatsApp on Friday entered an increasingly tense battle between multinational giants such as Google and Alibaba for a chunk of India's fast growing digital payments market.

The Facebook-owned firm said it was launching WhatsApp Pay just hours after it was given permission by the country's payments regulator. India is the messenger firm's biggest market with some 400 million users.

WhatsApp Pay - which allows people to send and receive money through the

messaging platform - was launched in Brazil in June but was quickly suspended because of competition objections raised by the central bank. Authorities have since indicated that it will be allowed there.

Facebook chief Mark Zuckerberg said in a video statement accompanying the India launch that the move would boost "innovation" in payments.

Zuckerberg also hailed India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) which is used in the country of 1.3 billion people to manage payment apps,



WhatsApp will go up against Google Pay, Walmart's PhonePe and Alibaba-backed Paytm for a slice of the growing Indian phone payment market. PHOTO: AFP

with more than 140 Indian banks part of the network. UPI is also used by Alphabet Inc's Google Pay, Walmart's PhonePe and

Alibaba-backed Paytm, which dominate India's digital payments market.

SOURCE: AFP

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GROUP NET PROFIT

## Sharp's 1st-half net profit falls 17.8% amid pandemic

Sharp Corp. said Friday its group net profit in the April-September period fell 17.8 per cent from a year earlier to 22.52 billion yen (\$217 million) as sales of office printers and other products continued to be hurt by the coronavirus pandemic.

Consolidated operating profit for the first half of fiscal 2020 dropped 25.3

per cent to 27.60 billion yen on sales of 1.14 trillion yen, up 1.9 per cent.

Sales of high-profit office printers were sluggish as the pandemic prompted more people to work from home. Weak sales of automotive displays also affected the results, the Japanese electronics maker said, adding that it observed

strong demand for appliances such as air purifiers.

The fallout from the pandemic pushed its sales down by 8.5 billion yen and profits by 2.6 billion yen, the Osaka Prefecture-based firm said.

It maintained its full-year guidance, expecting net profit to more than double from the previous

year to 50 billion yen and operating profit to grow 55.4 per cent to 82 billion yen on sales of 2.35 trillion yen, up 3.5 per cent.

"We continue to expect a steady recovery if economic activity is not restrained (by the pandemic)," Sharp President Katsuaki Nomura said at a press briefing.

SOURCE: Kyodo

### Myanma Port Authority "Notice of High Tide"

Exceptionally high spring from 20.05 feet to 20.83 feet high above the chart datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period of November 14<sup>th</sup> to November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Please be noted that it is not serious level of tide because the highest tide level have reached up to 22 feet above the chart datum in year 2014 and 2015, and this notice is normally issued whenever high tide of Yangon River is expected to reach over 20 feet high above the chart datum in order to take precautionary measures to the public living near river foreshore area of Yangon City.

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# Understanding Earth: Our Ocean

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The opposite phase, La Nina, is characterized by strong trade winds that cause upwelling to intensify in the eastern Pacific. More intense upwelling generally coincides with higher phytoplankton concentrations. El Nino-induced decreases in phytoplankton biomass, which is the base of the food web, have severe impacts further up the food chain. Major fishery collapses have occurred during El Nino years, and this has implications for larger marine animals that depend on this food supply. However, the La Nina events that often follow have the opposite effect: stronger east-to-west trade winds increase nutrient upwelling which fertilize surface waters, leading to large phytoplankton blooms. These blooms are accompanied by increases in fish populations. Combining physical

and biological observational capabilities enables scientists to achieve a better understanding of the ocean.

## The Ocean, You, and NASA

Earth's ocean provides essential goods and services to humankind, called ecosystem services. These services include seafood, medicine, energy sources (from oil and gas, wind, and waves), storm protection (by way of coastal barriers such as mangroves, marshes, and coral reefs) detoxification (by trapping sediment and nutrients in estuaries), marine transportation and trade, recreational and educational resources, among many others.

Humans are directly impacted by changes in ecosystem services on a range of scales. A rise in sea level can increase the flood potential for entire

countries, states, cities, and even individual homes. Decline in ocean productivity can have global and regional impacts on food supply. Beach closures and fish kills that result from polluted waters or harmful algal blooms negatively impact the regional economy and recreation potential.

NASA has the ability to observe and detect changes in the ocean (and on Earth as a whole) on a variety of spatial and temporal scales. This allows scientists to conduct research on the causes and consequences of those changes, which uniquely positions the Agency to improve life on our planet.

Future Earth-observing satellite missions, such as the Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem (PACE) and Surface Water and Ocean Topography (SWOT) missions, are scheduled to launch in the 2020-22 timeframe.

The PACE mission will deliver the most comprehensive global combined ocean-atmosphere measurements in NASA history. Not only will PACE monitor the health of our ocean and its living marine resources, it will provide extensive measurements of aerosols (tiny airborne particles) and clouds. The SWOT mission brings together international communities whose focus is to better understand Earth's ocean and terrestrial surface waters, and the interplay between them. These and other missions will ultimately unveil a variety of new products to aid our understanding of the atmosphere, land, and ocean and their roles in Earth's changing climate for many years to come.

**Source: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), US.**

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Yodayapauk in ancient Ketumati City

Sayagi U Chan Mya wrote that although the place of royal palace of King Mingyi Nyo could not be pointed in Ketumati City, an old palace was found in Mann Ward. So, it can be assumed the name Min Ward might be changed to Mann Ward. King Minye Kyawhtin with title of Minye Thihathu rebuilt new Toungoo royal palace in Toungoo in 962 ME and the place of royal palace was moved to the north-westward. It covered the area from U Thumana monastery to the government school.

Tazaungmone, 872 ME. At the same time, stakes were driven for construction of Mahayan golden monastery at northeast corner of the city.

Each wall side of the city consisted of five gates and five ordination halls. Each gate was built with a turret, and ordination halls were constructed outside Kyonhteik road by posting stone posts.

Manaung gate and KyunU ordination hall, Pagyi gate and Sitke ordination hall, Aungnan gate and Pyatthat ordination hall, Tagaung gate and Hsinbyu ordination hall and Kyaukyin gate and Gamani ordination hall were located in the eastern wall of the city, Thityin gate and KanU ordination hall, Pawrithat gate and Wasogon ordination hall, Sin

**Ketumati Royal Palace**

Original Ketumati City was 700 tars from the east to the west and 1,000 tars from the south to the north. It was built on full moon day of

# 510<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ancient Ketumati City

**Maung Tha (Archaeology)**

Ancient Ketumati City established by Toungoo King Mingyi Nyo (1485-1530 AD) was famous as Toungoo. Before establishment of Ketumati, Toungoo, Toungoo, Myawady and Dwarawady cities were built. After moving the city to different places, Ketumati was established in 1510.

Ancient Ketumati is located in Toungoo Township, 283 kilometres from Yangon along motor road and 267 kilometres along railroad. The ancient city is not far from Yangon-Mandalay highway and railroad. The land of ancient city is slightly higher than the land outside the walls.

**Ketumati in the history**

Thawungyi and Thawunge brothers who started Ketumati Toungoo Dynasty established Toungoo in 1278 AD and Toungoo in 1279 AD. Thawungyi became king in Toungoo. King Mingyi Nyo ascended onto the throne as 29th king of Toungoo in 1485 AD with Maha Thiri Zeyathu title and moved to Myawady City in 1486. The royal palace was moved again to Dwarawady City in 1491 AD.

King Min Khaung II (1481-1502 AD) reigned to Inwa City as contemporary of King Mingyi Nyo in Dwarawady City. Due to uprising in Inwa, people left Inwa City and took shelter of King Mingyi Nyo. As such, Dwarawady City possessed larger troops and strengths. As the area of Dwarawady City was not enough for increasing population, King Mingyi Nyo established new royal palace Ketumati in 1510 AD in the plain upstream of Dwarawady City and west of Paunglaung River.

In consulting with wise monks and laypersons, King Mingyi Nyo named the new royal palace as Ketumati in line with advice of Ceylon Sayadaw, Lawkottara Sayadaw and Taungnyo Pazin Kyetphataing Sayadaw. The royal palace was assumed as unrivalled palace. By reviewing a beehive at the city gate, fortune tellers said a large number of people would take shelter at the city, according to Twinthin History.

Till today, a lotus lake named four-island royal lake was dug in Ketumati City. (Four islands were Sabei, Hngetpyaw, Ohn and Leinmaw.)



Way to Myatsaw Nyinaung Pagoda

gate and Karma ordination hall, Sityin gate and Pankyeyon ordination hall and Kalay gate and Kyethmyar ordination hall in the west, Ponnyet gate and Maha Pyetkhama ordination hall, Kalar gate and

Theindawhla ordination hall, Kyarhmon gate and Daingpwe ordination hall, Linthet gate and Sokkatay ordination and Kyaeni gate and Shwekyetyet ordination hall in the south and Myawady gate and Sakar ordi-

corner of the city, Tharamy-inzu Ceti at southeast corner, Myatheintan Ceti at southwest corner and Myinzuthara Ceti at northwest corner.

Moreover, nine cities were also established around Ke-

(Kyaukmaw City between Shwegyin and Kyaukkyi), Philawady (Kyaungpya City between Kyaukkyi and Mone) and Ketumati (now Toungoo).

Kyuntaw, Yepok, Oh and Htini mounds were made in the south of Toungoo and Kyetsha, Nyaung, Tharaphi, Pyatthat and Kantwin mounds in the north.

Location of Kyuntaw mound is assumed as the site near Kyeni gate in south of Toungoo. Yepok mound is located in south of Toungoo. Oh mound is situated in Ngwehlan Ohkon Ward in Toungoo. Htini mound takes a position on Yangon-Mandalay highway.

### Walls, moats and royal lake

The records mentioned that more than 48,000 people were deployed in building the four walls of Ketumati City with the use of 38,707,200 pieces of bricks and 10,680,000 pots of plaster. Plaster pot was one cubic elbow, so it contained 3.37 cubic feet of plaster.

The wall was 12 elbows high, four elbows deep and seven elbows wide on the top surface. According to the current measurements, the wall of Ketumati City was 17 feet and 10

railroad.

Parts of the wall collapsed at some gates to ancient city. In measurement, the brick was 15.5 inches long and nine inches thick.

A three elbows deep and three tars wide silt moat was dug, two tars to the wall. Such silt moat was surrounded by 12 elbows deep and 25 tars wide water moat. Water in the moat was seven elbows deep. Till today, the eastern moat is filled with water for the whole year. Three remaining moats are filled with water in monsoon but nothing in cold and summer seasons. The silt moat already disappeared.

King Mingyi Nyo renovated the lotus lake which had been existing before establishment of Ketumati with four islands namely Sabei, Hngetpyaw, Ohn and Leinmaw islands. Hngetpyaw island and Ohn island were connected with a wooden bridge.

### Three significant sites in ancient Ketumati City

Among significant sites, Yodayapauk was a moat drain, northeast of Toungoo to drain out water from the moat to Sit-toung River. Historian writer Thaug Ketu (Dr Mya Thaug) explained such drain was built by Phra Naresun, Yodaya King who attacked Toungoo. The drain was 108 feet long, located on Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

Kyaukyin Gate was destroyed by British in 1864 to build Myolay Fort which was a historic building of ancient Ketumati City.

While in Dwarawady City, King Mingyi Nyo visited Myatsaw Nyinaung Pagoda along an over 700 feet long way for paying homage. Such way was paved with bricks. A 200 feet long part of the way was renovated to create a pleasant, historic site for visitors.

King Mingyi Nyo passed away on 5th waxing of Nadaw, 892 ME after taking power for 46 years. The king was succeeded by son Tabinshwehti who moved the royal palace to Hanthawady after residing in Ketumati till 902 ME.

*Translated by Than Tun Aung*

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Gate at brick wall of Myolay Fort



Bricks from part of entrance to Ketumati wall

nation hall, Tharapa gate and Gugyi ordination hall, Mawkun gate and Kyaungdawgyi ordination hall, Yanaungmyin gate and Yintaw ordination hall and Kyethmyar gate and Khweye ordination hall in the north.

King Mingyi Nyo built Manaung Ceti at northeast

tumati-Toungoo—Weluwady (Kyakhatwayan City—now Swa), Danyawady (Toungogyi, west of Khabaung Creek), Aungchawady (west of Khabaung Creek), Dwarawady (Myogyi Lawkottara), Arthawady (now Myosoe), Zeyawady (ancient Zeyawady City), Thelawady

inches high and 10 feet and five inches wide. Along the walls were built of 7,200 merlons, 84 Hmawyuns and 24 turrets. A total of 2,012,460 toddy palm plants were grown outside the walls. Some parts of southern wall were destroyed in construction of Yangon-Mandalay

## Lethwei fight in USA: Dave Leduc to face Cyrus Washington today

CANADIAN Lethwei fighter Dave Leduc, who is representing Myanmar, will fight against American Muay Thai and Lethwei fighter Cyrus Washington in the main event of the Open Weight Lethwei World Championship in Wyoming, USA today.

Their fight will be held inside a cage under traditional Lethwei rules, said organizers of the fighting event.

The 28-year-old Dave has won Myanmar's former Lethwei Champion Tun Tun Min to claim the Cruiserweight World Champion in Air KBZ Aung Lan Championship in 2016 and also possessed undefeated record in the Myanmar Lethwei history.

On the other side, 36-year-old Cyrus Washington is a former Muay Thai World Champion, as well as former WBC US National Champion. The American fighter received worldwide attention for being one of the first successful foreigners to compete in Lethwei in Myanmar, and he also defeated Tun Tun Min via third-round knockout in 2014.

On August 20, 2017, Cyrus Washington faced Dave Leduc inside the Thuwunna National Indoor Stadium in Yangon at the occasion of Myanmar Lethwei World Championship, and their fight just finished with a draw.

With over 100 fights to his



PHOTO: DAVE LEDUC'S FACEBOOK PAGE

record, Cyrus Washington was the more experienced fighter than Dave Leduc who is only having 22 fights.

Upon today's match, Dave

has said he will do his best.

"This fight is for my legacy, Cyrus Washington is the only other fighter to have finished Burmese Lethwei legend Tun

Tun Min, so I need to finish him in a clear, decisive matter to solidify my status as best non-Burmese Lethwei fighter of all time," Dave said.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

## PRC donates sports equipment to MoHS

PEOPLE'S Republic of China donated over the US\$600,000 worth of sports equipment to the Ministry of Health and Sports, yesterday with a donation ceremony at the conference hall of Sports and Physical Education Science in Yangon.

Mr Tan Shufu, Economic and Commercial Attaché of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar and officials, U Kyaw Soe Moe, Principal of Sports and Physical Education Science, U Aung Moe, Director of the Department of Sports and Physical Education Science, and U Bala Kyaw Thu, Deputy Principal of Sports and Physical Education Science attended the ceremony.

First, Mr Tan Shu Fu donated essential gymnastics



Chinese Economic and Commercial Attaché Mr Tan Shufu (right) receiving the certificate of honour for PRC donation of sports equipment to Myanmar yesterday. PHOTO: TIN SOE (MYANMA ALINN)

and rowing equipment including 10 springboards (TQ1010), 10 springboards (TQ1011), 50 handguard for rings, 50 handguard for horizontal bar, 50 sets of rowing equipment, single

scull can, two Coxless Eight, 10 Sculling Oars, 24 Sweep Oars, 10 Dragon Boat (10 Paddles) and 50 Traditional Paddle respectively.

U Kyaw Moe, Principle of Sports and Physical Education Science (Yangon) received the donations on behalf of the Ministry and returned the certificate of honour to the Attaché.

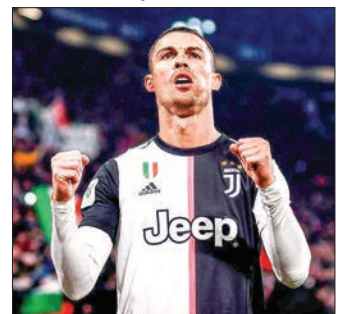
"There are a total of six schools of sports and physical education. All the donations will be used in the national training camps. The People's Republic of China previously provided gymnastics and rowing equipment, said U Kyaw Soe Moe.—Tin Soe (Myanma Alinn)

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

## Cristiano Ronaldo to make Portugal return against France, Croatia

LISBON—Cristiano Ronaldo was on Thursday named in the Portugal squad to play a friendly against Andorra and Nations League matches against France and Croatia. The five-time Ballon d'Or winner tested positive for coronavirus on 13 October when with the Portugal squad, going on to miss the 3-0 victory over Sweden.

The 35-year-old finally tested negative 19 days later, returning to the pitch with a double for Juventus against Spezia in Serie A action on Sunday. The Portugal captain also played in Juve's 4-1 victory over Ferencvaros in the Champions League on Wednesday. Portugal take on Andorra on Wednesday before Nations League A3 matches at home against France on 14 November and away to Croatia three days later.—AFP ■



Juventus forward Cristiano Ronaldo. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

## 'Litmus test' - Olympic host Tokyo holds international gymnastics meet

TOKYO—Tokyo this weekend hosts an international gymnastics competition described as a "litmus test" of its ability to hold sports events during the pandemic, less than a year before the virus-delayed Olympics. The friendly tournament on Sunday will feature teams from Japan, the United States, Russia and China, and is the first international sporting event in the Japanese capital since Tokyo 2020 was postponed in March. Sports officials at home and abroad will be watching closely, especially after a false positive coronavirus test for Japan's top Olympic star Kohei Uchimura rattled nerves in the run-up to the event.—AFP ■