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## World leaders congratulate Myanmar on successful holding of 2020 General Election

### Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Prime Minister of Singapore sends congratulatory message to the State Counsellor

CONGRATULATIONS on leading the National League for Democracy (NLD) to another victory in Myanmar's general elections. The results reflect the confidence and trust the People of Myanmar have placed in the NLD's leadership and vision for the country.

Myanmar and Singapore are old friends and longstanding partners. We have extensive cooperation in many areas including trade and investment, financial and legal cooperation, infrastructure development, and capacity building. Since the COVID-19 pandemic broke out, we have worked together to maintain supply chains, share information and best practices, and assist our nationals living in each other's countries. I look forward to working with you to strengthen our existing

links and explore new areas of cooperation.

I wish you continued success and good health, and hope to welcome you to visit Singapore again when you schedule permits.

### Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India sends congratulatory message to the State Counsellor

CONGRATULATIONS to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and NLD for victory in the elections. The successful conduct of polls is another step in the ongoing democratic transition in Myanmar. I look forward to continuing to work with you to strengthen our traditional bonds of friendship.

Narendra Modi

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## Union Minister U Kyaw Tin participates in 2<sup>nd</sup> Mekong-ROK Summit and 12<sup>th</sup> Mekong-Japan Summit via Videoconference

ON behalf of the State Counsellor, Union Minister for International Cooperation, U Kyaw Tin, participated in the 2nd Mekong-ROK Summit and 12th Mekong-Japan Summit via Videoconference on 13 November 2020 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Mekong-ROK Summit

The 2nd Mekong-ROK Summit was co-chaired by Mr Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and Mr Moon Jae-in, President of the Republic of Korea (ROK). The leaders and representatives of Mekong countries: Cambodia, Laos and Thailand, also participated in the meeting.

At the meeting, the leaders discussed the progress and future direction of Mekong-ROK Cooperation towards the creation of a people-centred community of peace and prosperity in the



Union Minister U Kyaw Tin participates in the 2nd Mekong-ROK Summit via videoconference from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw on 13 November 2020. PHOTO: MNA

region. The meeting agreed to elevate the cooperation to a Strategic Partnership based upon the current three pillars of cooperation: People, Pros-

perity and Peace. The year 2021 has also been designated as the "Mekong-ROK Exchange Year" in commemoration of the 10th anniversary of the Mekong-ROK

Cooperation.

In the Statement, Union Minister U Kyaw Tin thanked the ROK for not only providing financial and medical supply, but

also for sharing information and experience in the fight against COVID-19 in the Mekong countries, including Myanmar. He also

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## UEC's announcement on winning parties, updated list from 9 November to 8 pm 13 November

Sr.	Winning Party Name	Pyithu Hluttaw representatives	Amyotha Hluttaw representatives	Region/State Hluttaw representatives	Region/State (Ethnic National Hluttaw)
1	National League for Democracy Party	258	138	500	16
2	Union Solidarity and Development Party	24	6	36	
3	Shan Nationalities League for Democracy Party	13	2	27	
4	Arakan National Party	4	4	7	
5	Mon Unity Party	2	3	6	1
6	Pa-O National Organization Party	3	1	7	
7	Ta-arng (Palaung) National Party	3	2	7	
8	Kayah State Democratic Party	2	3	3	
9	Arakan Front Party	1	-	2	
10	Kachin State People's Party	1	-	3	
11	Wa National Party	1	-	2	
12	New Democracy Party (Kachin)	-	1	1	
13	Shan Nationalities Democratic Party	-	-	1	
14	Kayin People's Party	-	-	1	
15	Chin National League for Democracy Party	-	-	1	
16	Lahu National Development Party	-	-	1	
17	Zomi Congress for Democracy Party	1		1	
18	Individuals			2	1
	Total	313	160	608	18

UEC's announcement on lists of parties and their secured seats of in respective Hluttaws

## Union Minister U Thaung Tun delivers keynote speech at 2020 ASEAN Business and Investment Summit

U THAUNG TUN, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations delivered a keynote speech yesterday via video message ahead of a panel discussion on technology and the future of work in ASEAN as part of the 2020 ASEAN Business and Investment Summit taking place in Hanoi, Viet Nam.

Delivering remarks alongside Mr Joko Widodo, President of the Republic of Indonesia and The Right Honourable Elizabeth Truss MP, Secretary of State for International Trade, UK, Union Minister U Thaung Tun affirmed that for ASEAN to succeed all must prepare to adapt to new technologies as entire industries undergo restructuring in search of new sources of sustainable growth.

"From AI to AR – we must lean into the adoption and diffusion of innovation and technology. Students studying to become doctors must demonstrate an



Union Minister U Thaung Tun joins the 2020 ASEAN Business and Investment Summit via videoconference on 13 November 2020. PHOTO: MNA

understanding of advanced robotics. The next generation of MSMEs must be digital-ready, familiar with e-commerce and digital payment platforms. Our farmers must become the knowledge workers of the future!"

Union Minister also called for greater openness and compassion in confronting challenges posed as ASEAN transitions into the 4th Industrial Revolution stating:

"We must harness modern

technology's latest offerings to address society's oldest problems. Our centres of learning must not neglect the importance of mindfulness, collaboration, and compassion. We must be open and accepting so that our

individual differences pose no barrier. Our schools must teach critical thinking. Our political systems, places of work, and public institutions must also be robust enough to withstand critique."

Coming together under this year's theme "Digital ASEAN: Sustainable and Inclusive", the 2020 ASEAN Business and Investment Summit is South East Asia's premier annual forum that brings together Presidents, Prime Ministers and other leaders along with business and thought leaders to discuss the future of the region. Coming at such a pivotal moment, against the backdrop of the shock of the coronavirus and the many challenges facing the region, this year's Summit provides a unique opportunity for both the public and private sectors to come together and identify ways to promote inclusive sustainable growth in a digital age.—MNA



## World leaders congratulate Myanmar on successful holding of 2020 General Election

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### General Prayut Chan-o-cha (Ret.), Prime Minister of Kingdom of Thailand sends congratulatory message to the State Counsellor

ON behalf of the Royal Thai Government and people of the Kingdom of Thailand, I have the honour to express my heartfelt congratulations on the successful organization of the general elections in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 8 November 2020, and the victory of the National League for Democracy (NLD). The overwhelming support for the NLD clearly reflects the Myanmar people's unwavering trust in you and the strong approval of your leadership during the past five years.

On this occasion, I would like to reaffirm my commitment to working closely with you to further strengthen our bilateral relations as Natural Strategic Partners, and enhance our cooperation in all areas of common interest. Also, as I mentioned during our productive telephone conversation on 5 November 2020, Thailand stands ready to support Myanmar's efforts towards overcoming the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

I very much look forward to seeing you and to congratulating you in person once the COVID-19 situation subsides.

### Dr Vivian Balakrishnan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Singapore congratulates the State Counsellor

CONGRATULATIONS to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the National League for Democracy on winning a resounding mandate in the Myanmar General Election. This election marks another important milestone in Myanmar's democratic transition.

Singapore is a friend of Myanmar and fellow ASEAN neighbour. I wish Daw Suu and the people of Myanmar all the best and look forward to continue working closely with Myanmar government to deepen our friendship and cooperation.

### The Fourth King of Bhutan Mr Jigme Singye Wangchuck sends congratulatory message to the State Counsellor

IT gives me great pleasure to convey my warmest congratulations and Tashi Delek to Your Excellency on the overwhelming electoral victory of the National League for Democracy. The people of Myanmar have given their trust and support to you and your Party to fulfill their aspirations for an era of peace, unity and prosperity. Having known Your Excellency, I have no doubt that you will be successful in bringing about political and economic changes in your country and with your great diplomatic skills be successful in having good relations with your neighbours and the western countries.

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suggested that it is of vital importance for the Mekong-ROK Cooperation to ensure affordable, fair and equitable access to COVID-19 vaccine for the peoples of the Mekong region, and to emphasize the creation of a resilient environment for pandemic-hit MSMEs and start-ups.

The Union Minister welcomed the announcement of the New Southern Policy Plus (NSPP) by the President Moon Jae-in at the ASEAN-ROK Summit and the elevation of the Mekong-ROK Cooperation to the "Strategic Partnership". He also welcomed the pledge of ROK to increase ODA to the ASEAN countries, the ROK's annual contribution of 3 million USD to

the Mekong-ROK Cooperation Fund (MKCF) and 1 million USD to the ACMECS-ROK Cooperation. The Union Minister thanked ROK for sharing the experiences of holding ROK's election during the time of COVID-19, which are found useful in preparation of the recent election in Myanmar.

The meeting adopted the "Joint Statement of the 2nd Mekong-ROK Summit.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Mekong-Japan Summit

The 12th Mekong-Japan Summit was co-chaired by Mr Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, and Mr Yoshihide Suga, Prime Minister of Japan. The Leaders and representatives from Cambodia, Laos and Thai-

land have also participated in the Summit.

At the Summit, the leaders exchanged views on the need of solidarity and collective actions to overcome the unprecedented challenges posed by the COVID-19, the progress under the three pillars of Tokyo Strategy 2018 and the way forward for sustainable development of the Mekong region.

At the meeting, the Prime Minister of Japan announced the "Mekong SDG Investment Partnership (SIP)" to further accelerate the formulation of JICA's overseas loan and investment projects in Mekong countries. The leaders reaffirmed their commitment to accelerate progress in achieving UHC and Integral Strengthening

of Economic Relations under the Mekong-Japan Cooperation.

In his statement, the Union Minister appreciated the assistance of Japan, including provisions of Avigan tablets, medical supply and equipment, technical and financial assistance to Myanmar and also to the Mekong countries to combat COVID-19 pandemic. He also thanked Japan's efforts in strengthening economic relations with Mekong countries. He also appreciated Japan's initiatives on the recovery of COVID-19 hit regional economy such as the establishment of the "COVID-19 Crisis Response Emergency Support Loan", formulation of "ASEAN-Japan Economic Resilience Action Plan", and its support to the "ASEAN

Centre for Public Health Emergencies and Emerging Diseases".

The Union Minister suggested that the mode of cooperation needed to be in line with the New Normal since the restoration of connectivity is a key to the economic recovery, and to strike a balance between restoration of connectivity, health concern and resumption of businesses.

He also thanked Japan for assisting Myanmar in electrical power transmission capacity enhancement project and also for the human resource development of the Mekong countries by various programmes including scholarships and Asia Kakehashi Project.

The meeting adopted the "Joint Statement of the 12th Mekong-Japan Summit".—MNA

## MoI discusses formation of Myanmar Digital Media Association

UNION Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint presided over a meeting with the Myanmar Digital Media Association Formation Committee via videoconferencing yesterday afternoon.

In his opening remark, the Union Minister appreciated the objectives of the association, including systematic development of digital media in Myanmar and sharing digital knowledge in this sector.

He also offered the assistance of the ministry in the formation of association as it is believed to be beneficial to its members and the country.

Chairman of committee U Thaug Su Nyein reported on the activities of his committee, on-line discussions, possible capacity-building courses of the association for the youth, work plans for technology development, em-



Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint chairs the meeting with the Myanmar Digital Media Association Formation Committee via videoconference on 13 November 2020. PHOTO: MNA

ployment opportunities, supports of association for digital media and economic development of the country and the requirement of association's headquarters.

Vice-Chairman of committee U Ko Ko (Ko Ko-RIT) discussed drafting a term of reference for

the association, definition of digital media and criteria of the association members and the organization structure.

Vice-Chairperson Daw Nan Kalyar Win talked about the normal or online election of Myanmar Digital Media Association by

25 December or in early January.

Secretary of Committee U Min Swe Hlaing made discussions on the human resource development plan of the association and setting up an appropriate office.

In his discussion, Deputy

Minister U Aung Hla Tun remarked the unending role of media in a democratic society and the need of digital media development in the country amid the momentum of digital transformation in the world.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

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**Union Election Commission**  
**Announcement 247/2020**  
13<sup>th</sup> Waning of Thadingyut, 1382 ME  
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**Announcement of elected Pyithu Hluttaw representatives**

Elected Pyithu Hluttaw representatives in the multiparty democracy general elections on 8 November 2020 and their constituencies are announced from the reports of election sub-commissions in the respective regions and states as per Section 49 (b) of Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law.

Sr	Name	NRC Number	Constituency	Party
<b>Kachin State</b>				
1	U Lin Lin Oo	1/TaNaN (N) 008905	Tanai	NLD
2	U Aung Thein	1/BaMaNa (N) 030899	Bhamo	NLD
3	U Win Aung	1/MaKaNa (N) 000435	Momauk	NLD
<b>Sagaing Region</b>				
4	U Myo Win	5/KhaOuTa (N) 049549	Chaung U	NLD
5	Daw Cho Cho Win	5/MaLaNa (N) 001675	Mawlaik	NLD
6	U Maung Maung	5/HtaKhaNa (N) 024624	Htigyaing	NLD

7	U Kyaw Swar Win	5/KaThaNa (N) 069209	Katha	NLD
8	U Aung Soe	5/MaYaNa (N) 023810	Yinmabin	NLD
9	U Saw Maung	5/SaLaKa (N) 036021	Salingyi	NLD
10	Daw Khin San Hlaing	5/MaLaNa (N) 078461	Pale	NLD

**Mandalay Region**

11	U Hla Tun Aung (a) Maung Maung	9/MaLaNa (N) 003818	Mahlaing	NLD
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**Shan State**

12	U Htay Lwin (a) U De Lone	13/NaSaNa (N) 000105	Namhsan	USDP
13	Sai Aung Kyaw	13/KaThaNa (N) 000563	Kehsi	SNLD
14	U Ohn Win	9/MaMaNa (N) 031076	Taunggyi	NLD
15	U Pe Tal Aung	13/PhaKhaNa (N) 064321	Pekhon	NLD
16	Dr Khin Myo Thwel	13/YaSaNa (N) 025160	Yaksawk	NLD

**Ayeyawady Region**

17	Daw Wai Mar Lwin	14/BaKaLa (N) 230765	Bogale	NLD
18	U Than Aung	14/NgaPaTa (N) 046067	Ngapudaw	NLD
19	U Wai Hlaing Tun	14/PaThaNa (N) 146758	Pathein	NLD

*Sd/ Hla Thein*  
*Chairman*  
*Union Election Commission*

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**Announcement of elected Amyotha Hluttaw representatives**

Elected Amyotha Hluttaw representatives in the multiparty democracy general elections on 8 November 2020 and their constituencies are announced from the reports of election sub-commissions in the respective regions and states as per Section 49 (b) of Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law.

Sr	Name	NRC Number	Constituency	Party
<b>Kachin State</b>				
1	U Thein Lwin	14/PaThaNa (N) 148078	Number (2)	NLD
2	Dr Khun Win Thaug	1/MaMaNa (N) 013723	Number (4)	NLD
3	U In Wan Khan Zaw Tan (a) Zaw Tan	1/TaNaN (N) 000101	Number (10)	NLD
<b>Kayin State</b>				

4	Saw Be San Thein Myint	3/KaKaYa (N) 045427	Number (1)	NLD
5	Dr Myo Aung	3/KaKaYa (N) 023930	Number (2)	NLD
<b>Chin State</b>				
6	U Kyint Swan Man	5/KaLaHta (N) 000559	Number (3)	NLD
<b>Sagaing Region</b>				
7	Daw Thida Win	5/MaYaNa (N) 033357	Number (8)	NLD
8	U Tin Maung Win	5/MaLaNa (N) 002295	Number (9)	NLD
9	Dr Aung Lin	5/YaMaPa (N) 005477	Number (10)	NLD
<b>Shan State</b>				
10	U Aeik Moon	13/KaKhaNa (N) 016229	Number (5)	Ta-arng (Palaung) National Party
11	Nan Moon Sein	13/ThaNaN (N) 000030	Number (6)	SNLD
12	Khun Aung Kyaw	13/TaKaNa (N) 197939	Number (10)	PNO
13	U Aeik Nat	13/LaYaNa (N) 021988	Number (11)	USDP
<b>Ayeyawady Region</b>				
14	Daw May Than Nwe	7/TaNgaNa (N) 009822	Number (14)	NLD

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*Chairman*  
*Union Election Commission*

**Correction**

Please read 'A WHO STEPS Survey conducted in Myanmar in 2014 states 10.5% of individuals between 25 and 64 have diabetes, and 19.7% of them suffered from the prediabetes', instead of 'A WHO STEPS Survey conducted.....diabetes-related incident' on page 12 of the Global New Light of Myanmar 13 November issue.

**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



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**Announcement of Region/State Hluttaw representatives**

Elected Region/State Hluttaw representatives in the multiparty democracy general elections on 8 November 2020 and their constituencies are announced from the reports of election sub-commissions in the respective regions and states as per Section 49 (b) of Region/State Hluttaw Election Law.

Sr	Name	NRC Number	Constituency	Party/ Individual
<b>Kachin State</b>				
(1)	U Yaw Si	1/PaTaAh(N)001766	Putao(1)	NLD
(2)	U Dain Kham Phone(a) Kham Lin	1/PaTaAh(N)005433	Putao(2)	NLD
(3)	U Kaung Sai La	1/TaNaNa(N)000182	Tanai(1)	USDP
(4)	U Zaw Win	5/YaMaPa(N)034905	Tanai(2)	NLD
(5)	U Aung Thin(a) U Zaw Thin	1/BaMaNa(N)029208	Bhamo(1)	NLD
(6)	Daw Zarchi Myint	1/BaMaNa(N)064478	Bhamo(2)	NLD
<b>Kayin State</b>				
(7)	U Khum Myo Tint	3/BaAhNa(N)009062	Pa-O Ethnic	NLD
(8)	U Tin Win	5/YaOuNa(N)013470	Bamar Ethnic	NLD
(9)	Min Tun Lwin	3/BaAhNa(N)078290	Mon Ethnic	MUP
<b>Sagaing Region</b>				
(10)	U Ko Ko Aung	5/SaLaKa(N)057907	Salingyi(1)	NLD
(11)	U Aung Aung	5/SaLaKa(N)006409	Salingyi(2)	NLD
(12)	Daw Khin Hnin Yi	5/YaMaPa(N)050746	Yinmabin(1)	NLD
(13)	Daw Aye Sandar Kyaw	5/YaMaPa(N)086010	Yinmabin(2)	NLD
(14)	Daw Latt Latt Moe Aung	5/MaLaNa(N)000619	Mawlaik(1)	NLD
(15)	U Hlaing Myint	5/KaLaHta(N)028047	Mawlaik(2)	NLD
(16)	U Than	5/KaThaNa(N)024799	Katha(1)	NLD
(17)	U Win Shwe	5/KaThaNa(N)043836	Katha(2)	NLD
(18)	U Soe Thein	5/HtaKhaNa(N)009851	Htigyaing(1)	NLD
(19)	U Thein Han	5/HtaKhaNa(N)072980	Htigyaing(2)	NLD
(20)	U Win Myint(a) U Win Myint Khin	5/KhaOuTa(N)005308	ChaungU(1)	NLD
(21)	U Win Thant Naing	5/KhaOuTa(N)060518	ChaungU(2)	NLD
<b>Mandalay Region</b>				
(22)	U Chit Min Thein	9/MaLaNa(N)092774	Mahlaing(1)	NLD
(23)	Daw Thida Nyein	9/MaLaNa(N)008147	Mahlaing(2)	NLD
<b>Shan State</b>				
(24)	U Maung Nyo	13/MaBaNa(N)003005	Mabein(1)	NLD
(25)	U Min Min Thein	13/MaBaNa(N)015165	Mabein(2)	NLD

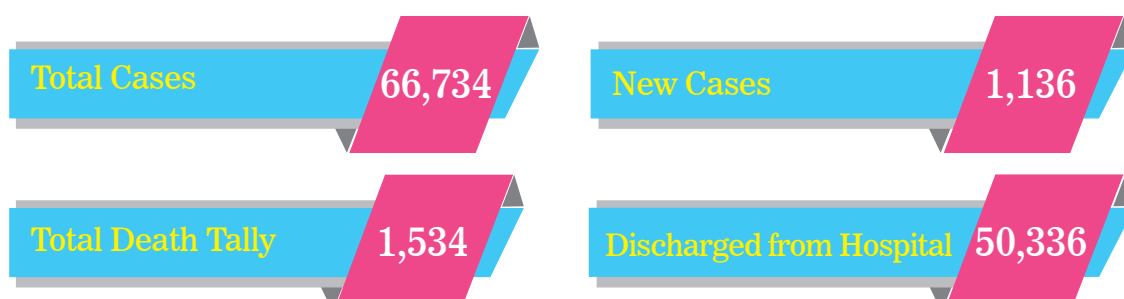
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(27)	U Myint Shwe(a) Ah Ghee	13/MaMaTa(N)035457	Mongmit(2)	NLD
(28)	Dr Lin Htut	13/KaKhaNa(N)001544	Lashio(1)	NLD
(29)	Daw Yi Yi Min	13/LaYaNa(N)182436	Lashio(2)	NLD
(30)	Nan Ohmar (a) Nan Moon Moon Paung	13/ThaPaNa(N)042190	Hsipaw(1)	SNLD
(31)	Sai Lao Pain	13/ThaPaNa(N)048069	Hsipaw(2)	SNLD
(32)	U Yan Kyaw	13/LaYaNa(N)029379	Hopan(1)	WNP
(33)	U Nyi Nat	13/LaYaNa(N)021221	Hopan(2)	USDP
(34)	U Sai Kyaw Thein	13/MaSaTa(N)001492	Muse(1)	SNLD
(35)	U Naw Taung	13/MaSaTa(N)033884	Muse(2)	USDP
(36)	U Aung Myint Tun	9/TaKaNa(N)134466	Nawngkhio(1)	NLD
(37)	Dr Nyi Nyi Aung	8/SaPhaNa(N)016406	Nawngkhio(2)	NLD
(38)	U Sai Mon	12/MaYaKa(N)122524	Tangyan(1)	USDP
(39)	U Sai Kham Myat	13/TaYaNa(N)005859	Tangyan(2)	SNLD
(40)	U Kham Shwe	13/PaYaNa(N)008004	Metmung(1)	Individual
(41)	U Kyar Ka Zaw	13/PaYaNa(N)001989	Metmung(2)	LNDP
(42)	U Soe Nyunt Lwin	8/NaMaNa(N)058047	Taunggyi(1)	NLD
(43)	Dr Daw Than Ngwe	13/TaKaNa(N)010529	Taunggyi(2)	NLD
(44)	U Li Kyein Phu(a) Myint Swe	13/NaKhaTa(N)054063	Kongyan(1)	USDP
(45)	U Maung Maung	13/LaYaNa(N)090610	Kongyan(2)	USDP
(46)	U Lu Tal Hone (a) U Aung Shwe	13/MaSaTa(N)048163	Laukkai(1)	USDP
(47)	U Bay Yin Nal (a) Khin Maung Lwin	13/LaKaNa(N)000029	Laukkai(2)	USDP
(48)	Dr Johnny	12/OuKaMa(N)178853	Yaksawk(1)	NLD
(49)	U Maung Maung Sein	13/YaSaNa(N)005525	Yaksawk(2)	NLD
(50)	U Khum Maung Phyu	13/HaPaNa(N)002202	Hopong(1)	PNO
(51)	U San Lwin(a) Khum San Lwin	13/TaKaNa(N)146313	Hopong(2)	PNO
(52)	U Aye Maung	13/NaKhaNa(N)003064	Namhkam(1)	TNP
(53)	Daw Aine Saw Sein	13/NaKhaNa(N)036504	Namhkam(2)	TNP
(54)	Aeik Kham Hlaing	13/MaYaTa(N)001486	Mongyawng(1)	NLD
(55)	Sai Shen Tip Lone(a) Sai Saing Tip Lone	13/KaTaNa(N)014272	Mongyawng(2)	NLD
<b>Ayeyawady Region</b>				
(56)	U Than Htut	14/PaThaNa(N)213028	Pathein(1)	NLD
(57)	U Lwin Oo Maung	14/PaThaNa(N)143910	Pathein(2)	NLD
(58)	U Htoo Kyaw	12/KaMaYa(N)056269	Ngapudaw(1)	NLD
(59)	U Thet Paing Soe	14/NgaPaTa(N)163959	Ngapudaw(2)	NLD
(60)	U Khin Bo (a) U Aung Khin Bo	14/BaKaLa(N)006726	Bogale(1)	NLD
(61)	U Zin Min Htet	14/BaKaLa(N)209545	Bogale(2)	NLD

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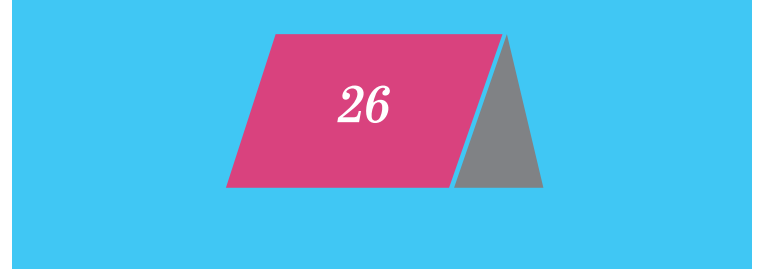
**1,136 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 13 November, total figure rises to 66,734**

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rise to **66,734** after **1,136** new cases were reported on 13 November according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these **66,734** confirmed cases, **1,534** died, **50,336** have been discharged from hospitals.—MNA

Updated at 8 pm, 13 November 2020



Daily death toll until 8 pm 13-11-2020



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Sr	Name	NRC Number	Constituency	Party
<b>Sagaing Region</b>				
(1)	Daw Aye Aye Mu(a) Shar Mee	5/KaLaHta(N)021707	Kalay	NLD
(2)	U Than Tun Myint	5/KaLaWa(N)000831	Kalewa	NLD
<b>Mandalay Region</b>				
(3)	U Sein Myint	5/MaYaNa(N)016287	Myingyan	NLD
(4)	U Shwe Ko	9/KaPaTa(N)120863	Kyaukpadaung	NLD

## Yangon Region

(5)	U Thet Naing Soe	12/OuKaTa(N)141070	South Okkalapa	NLD
(6)	Dr Wai Phyo Aung	12/ThaKaTa(N)138269	Thakayta	NLD
(7)	U Aye Naing	12/LaMaNa(N)100741	Dagon Myothit (South)	NLD
(8)	Dr Myo Aung	12/DaGaMa(N)008620	Dagon Myothit (East)	NLD
(9)	Daw Mya Thida	12/DaGaMa(N)018520	Dagon Myothit (North)	NLD
(10)	U Aung Zaw Win	12/OuKaMa(N)145834	North Okkalapa	NLD
(11)	U Maung Maung Oo	12/AhSaNa(N)163014	Insein	NLD
(12)	Daw Khin Myat Thu	12/MaGaDa(N)105827	Mingaladon	NLD
(13)	U Win Min	12/KaMaTa(N)040736	Hlinethaya(West)	NLD
(14)	U Myint Lwin	12/TaTaNa(N)108285	Twantay	NLD
(15)	U Kyaw Zaw	12/TaMaNa(N)050657	Kayan	NLD
(16)	U Lwin Ko Latt	12/ThaLaNa(N)008396	Thanlyin	NLD

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Sr	Name	NRC Number	Constituency	Party
<b>Yangon Region</b>				
(1)	Dr Myat Nyana Soe	12/KaTaTa(N)000870	No(5)	NLD
(2)	U Nay Kyaw	12/TaMaNa(N)045818	No(6)	NLD
(3)	U Arkar Myo Htet	12/OuKaTa(N)152120	No(7)	NLD
(4)	U Kyaw Zin Win	12/DaPaNa(N)042426	No(8)	NLD
(5)	U Kyaw Soe Moe Lwin	12/PaZaTa(N)004179	No(9)	NLD
(6)	Dr Htay Hla	12/ThaKhaNa(N)006090	No(10)	NLD

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7	U Sai Pan Sai (a) U Sai Tun Sein (a) U Kyaw Sein	9/MaYaMa (N) 049204	Shan Ethnic	NLD
8	U Min Min Tun	9/ThaPaKa (N) 034208	Thabeikkyin (1)	NLD
9	U Naing Oo	9/ThaPaKa (N) 012553	Thabeikkyin (2)	NLD
<b>Yangon Region</b>				
10	U Nyi Nyi	12/BaHaNa (N) 017432	Dagon Myothit (South) (1)	NLD
11	U Thein Naing	14/MaMaNa (N) 100256	Dagon Myothit (South) (2)	NLD
12	U Saw Nay Lin	12/LaTaNa (N) 096608	Dagon Myothit (East) (1)	NLD
13	U Kyaw Kyaw Maung	12/TaMaNa (N) 093219	Dagon Myothit (East) (2)	NLD
14	Daw Ohnmar Htike	12/TaTaNa (N) 136082	Twantay (1)	NLD
15	Dr Yi Yi Mon	12/TaTaNa (N) 059655	Twantay (2)	NLD
16	Daw Thit Thit Myint	12/OuKaTa (N) 036912	South Okkalapa (1)	NLD
17	U Aung Myo Thant	12/OuKaTa (N) 100609	South Okkalapa (2)	NLD
18	U Zaw Win (a) Ko Latt	12/AhSaNa (N) 009276	Insein (1)	NLD
19	U Wai Phyo Han	12/KaTaTa (N) 027953	Insein (2)	NLD
<b>Ayeyawady Region</b>				
20	U Win Than	14/NgaPaTa (N) 028142	Rakhine Ethnic	NLD
21	Ga Moe Myat Myat Thu	14/KaPaNa (N) 035427	Kayin Ethnic	NLD

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Sr	Name	NRC Number	Constituency	Party/ Individual
<b>Kachin State</b>				
1	U Sot Naung	1/WaMaNa (N) 003414	Momauk (1)	KSPP
2	U Sai Aung Latt (a) U Tun Sein	1/MaMaNa (N) 000495	Momauk (2)	NLD
<b>Kayin State</b>				
3	Nan Khin Htwe Myint	3/BaAhNa (N) 025615	Hpa-an (1)	NLD
4	U Than Naing	3/BaAhNa (N) 027382	Hpa-an (2)	NLD
<b>Sagaing Region</b>				
5	U Zaw Htet	5/PaLaNa (N) 039391	Pale (1)	NLD
6	U Myint Kyi	5/PaLaNa (N) 016010	Pale (2)	NLD
<b>Mandalay Region</b>				

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Sr	Name	NRC Number	Constituency	Party
<b>Kachin State</b>				
(1)	U Aung Hein Min	1/MaNyaNa(N)172795	Phakant	NLD
(2)	U Akyuang La Aung	1/MaKhaBa(N)007678	Machanbaw	NLD
<b>Sagaing Region</b>				
(3)	U Kar Si Yang	5/LaYaNa(N)002691	Leshi	NLD

(4)	U Toe Lone	5/LaHaNa(N)004807	Lahe	USDP
<b>Mandalay Region</b>				
(5)	Dr Sint Soe	12/MaBaNa(N)016220	Meikhtila	NLD
(6)	U Zaw Min Lwin	9/MaTaYa(N)014497	Madaya	NLD
<b>Yangon Region</b>				
(7)	U Ye Lwin	12/TaKaNa(N)005599	Shwepyitha	NLD
(8)	U Win Maung (a) U Oo Win Maung	11/YaThaTa(N)035901	Hlinethaya(East)	NLD
<b>Shan State</b>				
(9)	U Lamin Tun (a) Aphyo	13/NaSaNa(N)055536	Namhsan	TNP
(10)	U Aeik Kha	13/NaMaTa(N)019440	Mantung	TNP
(11)	Nan Kham Bwar	13/HaPaNa(N)051183	Hopong	PNO
(12)	U Thura Lwin	13/KaKhaNa(N)010012	Kutkai	USDP
(13)	U Toe Thaug	9/MaKaNa(N)019349	Mongmit	NLD
(14)	U Khin Maung Thi	13/LaLaNa(N)005771	Loilem	USDP

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Sr	Name	NRC Number	Constituency	Party
<b>Kachin State</b>				
(1)	U Khin Maung Myint	1/KaMaNa(N)018786	No(5)	NLD

**Sagaing Region**

(2)	U Ko Ko Naing	5/KaLaWa(N)025139	No(1)	NLD
(3)	U Min Naing	5/LaYaNa(N)003833	No(12)	NLD

**Yangon Region**

(4)	Daw Phyu Phyu Lwin	12/LaKaNa(N)128240	No(1)	NLD
(5)	U Maung Maung Min (a) U Min Maung Maung	12/LaMaNa(N)028837	No(2)	NLD
(6)	U Khin Maung Shein	12/AhSaNa(N)120631	No(3)	NLD
(7)	U Aye Bo	12/AhLaNa(N)031501	No(4)	NLD

**Shan State**

(8)	U Aung Ko Ko	13/YaSaNa(N)060325	No(4)	NLD
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Sr	Name	NRC Number	Constituency	Party/ Individual
<b>Sagaing Region</b>				
1	Daw Thant Wai Kyaw	5/KaLaHta (N)157568	Kalay (1)	NLD
2	U Bwai Hote Htan	5/KaLaHta (N) 113137	Kalay (2)	NLD
3	U Aung Than Kyaw	5/KaLaWa (N) 000719	Kalewa (1)	NLD
4	U Tun Tun	5/KaLaWa (N) 030764	Kalewa (2)	USDP
5	U Kyaw Htay	5/LaYaNa (N) 002928	Leshi (1)	NLD
6	U Yi Htin	5/HaMaLa (N) 052991	Leshi (2)	NLD

7	U Yuu Si Kyuu	5/KhaTaNa (N) 005420	Lahe (1)	USDP
8	U Ke	5/KhaTaNa (N) 013855	Lahe (2)	NLD
9	U Kyaw Htay Lwin	5/HaMaLa (N) 011943	Shan Ethnic	NLD
10	Daw Lal Yinn Mon	4/PhaLaNa (N) 002261	Chin Ethnic	NLD

**Mandalay Region**

11	U Chan Myay	9/MaKhaNa (N) 163797	Myingyan (1)	NLD
12	U Ko Ko Maung	9/MaKhaNa (N) 181616	Myingyan (2)	NLD
13	U Aye Khaing	9/KaPaTa (N) 000109	Kyauk-padaung (1)	NLD
14	U Myo Swe Oo	9/KaPaTa (N) 143164	Kyauk-padaung (2)	NLD
15	U Lwin Maung Maung	8/PaMaNa (N) 083272	Meiktila (1)	NLD
16	U Nay Tun Win (a) U Maung Maung Gyi	9/MaHtaLa (N) 097981	Meiktila (2)	NLD
17	U Maung Maung Aye	9/MaTaYa (N) 023294	Madaya (1)	NLD
18	U Min Min	9/MaTaYa (N) 095056	Madaya (2)	NLD

**Yangon Region**

19	U Naing Ngan Lin	12/OuKaMa (N) 176389	Thakayta (1)	NLD
20	U Kyaw Zin Oo	12/ThaKaTa (N) 140764	Thakayta (2)	NLD
21	U Tin Tun Naing	12/MaGaTa (N) 023274	Dagon Myothit (North) (1)	NLD

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# Encourage understanding of modern technology to ensure economic resilience following COVID-19

THE Department of Trade under the Ministry of Commerce on Friday introduced Myanmar Tradenet 2.0 to assist the National Single Window system.

With the recent soft launching of the upgraded Myanmar Tradenet 2.0, the Union Government took a step forward to drive economic growth by promoting the use of digital platforms among traders who are facing challenges amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to the Ministry of Commerce, the upgraded Myanmar Tradenet2.0 is available for traders to submit applications for registration by themselves on 16th November, and traders can apply for export and import permits for some goods on 1st December and for all goods in January, 2021.

Our education system should be quick to adapt to ensure that they produce graduates equipped to meet the tech demands of the modern workforce.

The upgraded system will become a national single window system to assist the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan's (CERP) commitment to promoting e-commerce as well as use of digital and mobile platforms for payments and retail trade.

With the launching of a single window system, the era of using different systems by different departments from different locations will come to an end. Some systems included in 2004 are no longer useful.

Since 2016, licensing processes have been done fully online along with the introduction of the Electronic Data Interchange system.

The upgraded Myanmar Tradenet2.0 is one of the innovative ways to move on from the upheaval of COVID-19. The system would ease doing business in our country and would create new business opportunities.

To mitigate the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on businesses, the Union Government's economic stimulus has provided fiscal and monetary relief to businesses.

Its stimulus package includes provisions for tax relief, credit for businesses, food support and cash transfers to households and policies to facilitate trade and investment.

However, to ensure economic resilience beyond COVID-19, we must harness modern technology's latest offerings to address society's oldest problems.

The next generation of MSMEs must be digital-ready, familiar with e-commerce and digital payment platforms. Our farmers must become the knowledge workers of the future.

Hence, we must encourage technology farms that present innovative ideas to combat COVID-19.

Today, technological advances have drastically altered employers' needs. Artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning are transforming industries. Even manual positions now require basic computer literacy skills.

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## THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND FOOD SUPPLY CHAINS

# Developing countries boost global food trade amidst COVID-19 - FAO

The FAO's Food Outlook is a biannual publication focusing on developments affecting global food and feed markets. Report assesses output and market trends for major commodities during the COVID-19 pandemic, highlighting overall resilience but hard times for fish and fruit value chains.

GLOBAL trade in food products has proven remarkably resilient during the pandemic, with developing countries even managing to increase export revenues, according to a new report published today by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO).

Data available through June "suggest strong, albeit not complete, resilience of the global food markets to COVID-19 shocks", the semi-annual Food Outlook says in a special feature on recent trends in food imports bills and export earnings.

"The global food import bill for the whole of 2020 may even exceed that of 2019," says Josef Schmidhuber, co-author with Bing Qiao - both FAO economists - of the chapter. "There is, however, a noticeable shift away from high value food items to staples."

Developing countries have demonstrated notable "vivacity" in buoying global food trade flows, the analysis shows. Their export earnings in the first half of 2020 rose by 4.6 per cent compared to the same period of the previous

year, while those of developed countries declined. That is partly explained by the sharpest drops occurring for beverages, fish and meat, the demand for which is more responsive to the declines in household incomes triggered by the contracting global economy.

Over the same period, world imports of beverages fell by more than 12 per cent and fish products declined by more than 10 per cent, while the value of trade in animal and vegetable oils and oilseeds both increased by almost 10 per cent. The report offers a rich series of graphics, data and analyses of trends by food group and region.

### Commodity market trends

Cereal markets in 2020/21 are well supplied, with prices affected by tightening markets for wheat and robust international demand for coarse grains and rice, the report notes. FAO updated its supply-and-demand forecasts for cereals last week.

Global production of oilseeds and derived products in 2020/21 is expected to reach a new record over the 2020/21 seasons, while growing demand points to tight-



PHOTO: DAN GOLD ON UNSPLASH/FAO

ening markets.

World sugar production in 2020 is seen rebounding, although below the pace of growing consumption, which will depend on whether further COVID-19-related lockdown measures are imposed.

Global meat production in 2020 is forecast to decline for the second year in a row, amid subdued trade and demand prospects.

World milk production in 2020 is also predicted to expand, buoyed by favourable monsoons

and the resilience of village co-operatives' networks in collecting milk amidst logistic hurdles in India, along with government stabilization assistance in the European Union and the United States of America.

For the fisheries sector, which as noted above suffered a large drop in trade flows, production is expected to decline in 2020 due to the pandemic's impact on demand, logistics, prices, labour and business planning. Capture fishery output will likely decline slightly, while aquaculture pro-

duction is expected to decline for the first time in many years.

The report notes that the pandemic's impact on the market for fish - notably a drop in demand for fresh fish due to aversion to going to markets and restaurants - has triggered "far-reaching changes" likely to persist in the long term and support product innovation, shorter value chains and new distribution channels.

### Tropical fruits

The COVID-19 pandemic has rattled the value chain for tropical fruits, especially the most perishable items, which require labour-intensive handling and rapid and often airborne transport and have relatively high costs.

Global trade in pineapples, mangos and papaya has declined, sometimes at a double-digit pace.

Tropical fruit producer margins are under pressure from pandemic disruptions as well as highly competitive value chains, the intensifying market power of downstream actors, the occurrence of plant diseases, and adverse weather events.

"It will be critical to develop policies aimed at providing

financial support to producers so that they can remain operational, while protecting the health and safety of workers and minimizing disruptions to national and international transport routes," says Sabine Altendorf, FAO economist and author of this chapter.

Bananas and avocados, by contrast, have showed some resilience, with both fruits posting export growth, but critical strains have affected their value chains, especially for smaller producers, who face elevated prices of fertilizer and pesticides and have suffered from cancelled orders.

Demand for bananas has benefited from their perceived sanitary safety, convenience and record supplies from Ecuador, as well as an output recovery in Costa Rica.

Avocado imports have also grown on a global basis, as seasonally lower supplies from Mexico and an outright drop in purchases in the U.S. are more than offset by robust demand in the European Union and significantly higher supplies from Colombia, Kenya and Peru.

SOURCE: FAO

## 94 M PEOPLE ARE CURRENTLY AT RISK OF NOT BEING IMMUNISED DUE TO PAUSED MEASLES VACCINATION CAMPAIGNS

# Fears for Covid impact on measles after 2019 spike

THE World Health Organization warned Thursday that Covid-19 restrictions had crippled measles vaccination efforts amid fears for the impact on cases and deaths following a spike last year.

A joint publication by the WHO and the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said that following years of decline until 2016, cases had since surged.

Some 869,770 measles cases were reported worldwide last year — the highest number since 1996.

The infectious disease killed 207,500 people in 2019 — a figure up 50 per cent from the historic low death toll reached 2016.

"Although reported cases of measles are lower in 2020, necessary efforts to control Covid-19 have resulted in disruptions in vaccination and crippled efforts to prevent and minimise measles outbreaks," the WHO said in a statement.

Measures to control the spread of one viral disease — such as physical distancing, facemasks and vigilant hand hygiene — can often have an impact on reducing the spread of others.

However, all the warning signs for measles are on red: more than 94 million people are currently at risk of not being immunised due to paused measles vaccination campaigns in 26 countries, the WHO said.

Only eight of those countries have been able to restart their measles immunisation programmes.

### 'Measles crisis'

"We are concerned that Covid-19 will contribute to an increase in the number of measles cases and deaths," said Gail McGovern, president of the American Red Cross.

Henrietta Fore, executive director of UNICEF, the United Nations Children's Fund, explained: "Before there was a coronavirus crisis, the world was grappling with a measles crisis — and it has not gone away."

"While health systems are strained by the Covid-19 pandem-

ic, we must not allow our fight against one deadly disease to come at the expense of our fight against another."

Last year, every region of the world witnessed increases in recorded infections, with large outbreaks in nine countries accounting for 73 per cent of global cases.

These were in the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, North Macedonia, Samoa, Tonga, and Ukraine.

Measles, characterised by a red rash on the skin, is caused by a highly-contagious virus spread through airborne transmission or direct contact.



Before vaccination began in 1963 and became widespread, major epidemics were recorded every two to three years that could cause around 2.6 million deaths per annum, according to the WHO. PHOTO: UNICEF

Most deaths are due to complications associated with the disease.

Before vaccination began in 1963 and became widespread, major epidemics were recorded every two to three years that could cause around 2.6 million deaths per annum, according to the WHO.

### 'Dangerous declines' in immunisation

After a spectacular drop in cases between 2000 and 2016 thanks to intensive vaccination campaigns, measles has since been resurgent, due in particular to mistrust of vaccines in developed countries.

SOURCE: AFP



## Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 4:00 pm Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2020)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Weather is generally fair over the North Bay and East central Bay and partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF THE 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2020:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Taninthayi Region and isolated in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady Regions and Kayin, Mon States. Degree of certainty is (60%). Weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions and 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 (3-7) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Generally fair in the whole country.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2020:** Generally fair weather.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2020:** Partly cloudy.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2020:** Generally fair weather.

**WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND:** Weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay Regions and partly cloudy in Yangon Region.

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23	U Zaw Lwin	12/OuKaMa (N) 100111	North Okkala-pa (1)	NLD	29	Daw Khin Wai Wai	9/MaYaTa (N) 124409	Mingaladon (1)	NLD
24	U Lu Min Tun	12/AhKaMa (N) 183394	North Okkala-pa (2)	NLD	30	Daw Thandar Moe	12/MaGaDa (N) 106674	Mingaladon (2)	NLD
25	U Nay Lin Aung	12/ThaLaNa (N) 070985	Thanlyin (1)	NLD	31	U Hla Toe	12/KhaYaNa (N) 000813	Kayan (1)	NLD
26	U Aung Naing Tun	12/ThaLaNa (N) 011747	Thanlyin (2)	NLD	32	U Thein ZawLatt	12/KhaYaNa (N) 097590	Kayan (2)	NLD
27	U Maung Maung Myint (a) U Maung Maung	12/TaTaNa (N) 117409	Hlinethaya (West) (1)	NLD					

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**Announcement of elected Pyithu Hluttaw representatives**

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Sr	Name	NRC Number	Constituency	Party
<b>Kachin State</b>				
1.	U Tin Aye	1/MaNyaNa(N) 068257	Mohnyin	NLD
2.	U Sol Hti Ni	1/SaLaNa(N)001927	Tsawlaw	NLD
<b>Chin State</b>				
3.	Daw Kyein Ngeik Man	9/MaKaNa(N)000813	Tonzang	Zomi Congress for Democracy
<b>Sagaing Region</b>				
4.	Dr Min Thein	5/YaOuNa(N) 001914	YeU	NLD
5.	U Myint Tun	5/TaSaNa (N) 000687	Taze	NLD
6.	U Myo Nyunt	5/HaMaLa(N)015096	Homalin	NLD
7.	U Kyaw Soe	5/BaMaNa(N)019868	Bamauk	NLD
<b>Mandalay Region</b>				
8.	Dr Kywel Kywel	14/BaKaLa(N) 004750	Taungtha	NLD
<b>Shan State</b>				
9.	U Kyauk Tal Chan	13/LaYaNa(N)097175	Laukkai	USDP
10.	U Wai San	9/KhaMaSa(N)011125	Konkyan	USDP
11.	U Aung Myint Shein	13/MaBaNa(N)000059	Mabein	NLD
12.	U Sain Tun Aung	13/MaYaTa(N)002257	Mongyaung	NLD
13.	Khun Thai	13/SaSaNa(N)059822	Hsihseng	PNO

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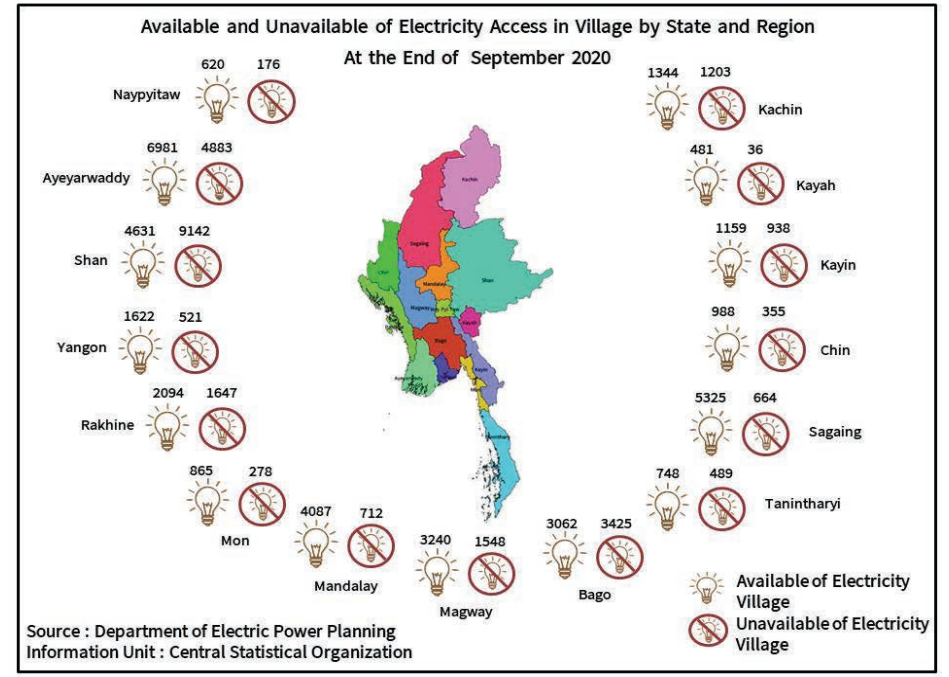
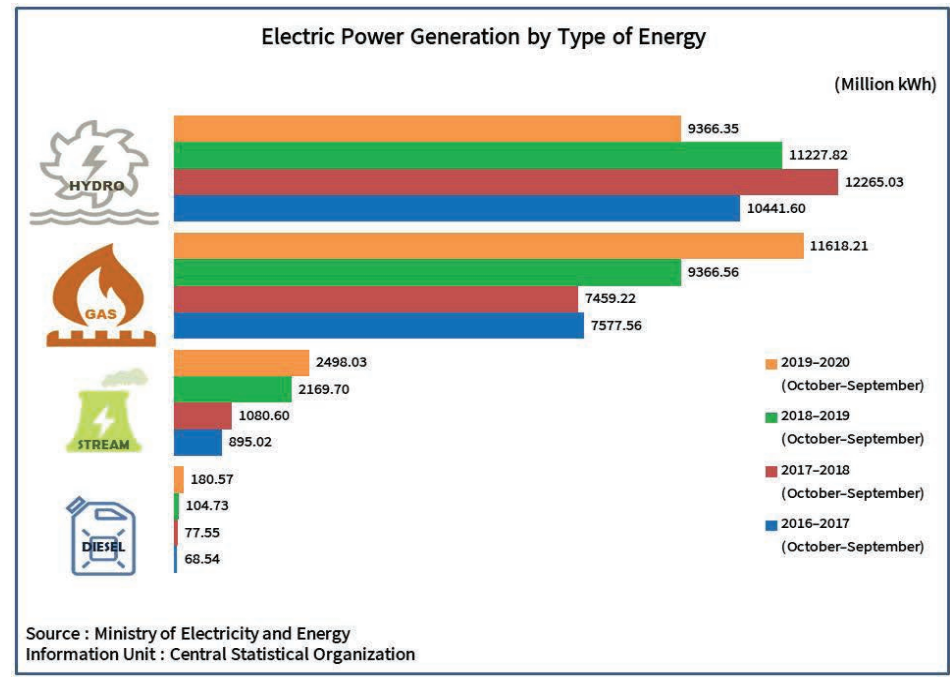
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**Announcement of elected Amyotha Hluttaw representatives**

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Sr	Name	NRC Number	Constituency	Party
<b>Kachin State</b>				
(1)	U Min Swe Naing	1/MaNyaNa(N)030286	No(7)	NLD
(2)	Daw Khin Hnin Htwe	1/MaNyaNa(N)003483	No(8)	NLD
(3)	U Khaw Taint	5/SaKaNa(N)049327	No(9)	NDP (Kachin)
<b>Sagaing Region</b>				
(4)	U Kyaw Myint Htay	5/HaMaLa(N)015088	No(5)	NLD

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**Announcement of elected Region/State  
Hluttaw representatives**

Elected Region/State Hluttaw representatives in the multiparty democracy general elections on 8 November 2020 and their constituencies are announced from the reports of election sub-commissions in the respective regions and states as per Section 49 (b) of Region/State Hluttaw Election Law.

Sr	Name	NRC Number	Constituency	Party/ Individual
<b>Kachin State</b>				
1	U Dai Lwan	1/SaLaNa (N) 002239	Hsawlaw (1)	NLD
2	Daw Khaw Mar Wu	13/NaKhaTa (N) 019334	Hsawlaw (2)	NLD
3	U Yin Htan Sin Vay	1/PaThaAh (N) 047026	Machanbaw (1)	NLD
4	U Saw Nwai Khun Sai Khan	1/PaTaAh (N) 031206	Machanbaw (2)	NLD
5	U Tint Soe	1/KaMaNa (N) 009221	Phakant (1)	NLD
6	U La Sai	1/KaMaNa (N) 009909	Phakant (2)	NLD
7	Daw Thet Thuzar Khine (a) Thet Htar Hnaung	1/MaNyaNa (N) 002203	Mohnyin (1)	NLD
8	U Myo Myo Kyaw	1/MaNyaNa (N) 116847	Mohnyin (2)	NLD
<b>Chin State</b>				
9	U Kam Khin Man	4/TaZaNa (N) 002506	Tonzang (1)	NLD
10	U Paung Loon Mint Htan	4/TaZaNa (N) 002404	Tonzang (2)	ZCD
<b>Sagaing Region</b>				
11	U Kyaw Swe Win	5/HaMaLa (N) 056531	Homalin (1)	NLD
12	U Myint Htike Oo	5/HaMaLa (N) 061635	Homalin (2)	NLD
13	U Win Shwe	5/BaMaNa (N) 031539	Bamauk (1)	NLD
14	U Nyi Nyi Han	5/BaMaNa (N) 020443	Bamauk (2)	NLD
15	U Kyaw Shwe	5/TaSaNa (N) 001934	Taze (1)	NLD

16	U Min Lwin (a) U Myint Oo	5/TaSaNa (N) 001562	Taze (2)	NLD
17	U Than Nyut (a) U Than Nyut Win	5/YaOuNa (N) 007095	YeU (1)	NLD
18	U Myint Htwe	5/YaOuNa (N) 054201	YeU (2)	NLD
<b>Mandalay Region</b>				
19	U Wine Chit Aung	9/KhaMaSa (N) 017290	Taungtha (1)	NLD
20	U Kyaw Myo Aung	9/TaThaNa (N) 105683	Taungtha (2)	NLD
<b>Yangon Region</b>				
21	U Aung Zaw Htwe	7/ThaNaPa (N) 099256	Shwepyitha (1)	NLD
22	U Nay Lin Aung	12/KaMaYa (N) 056565	Shwepyitha (2)	NLD
23	U Kyaw Myint (a) U Kyaw Kyi	12/AaSaNa (N) 078107	Hlinethaya (East) (1)	NLD
24	U Han Htoo Aung	12/LaThaYa (N) 021652	Hlinethaya (East) (2)	NLD
25	Daw Htu May	11/YaBaNa (N) 050321	Rakhine Ethnic	Individual
26	Daw Hla Hla Soe (a) Naw Su Zan Nar Hla Hla Soe	12/AaSaNa (N) 043753	Kayin Ethnic	NLD
<b>Shan State</b>				
27	U Zaw Myint (a) U Kyaw Oo	13/NaSaNa (N) 023571	Namhsan (1)	Ta'arng (Palaung) National Party
28	U Win Htoo	13/ KaMaNa (N) 065110	Namhsan (2)	Ta'arng (Palaung) National Party
29	U Kyar Tun	13/KaKhaNa (N) 003537	Kutkai (1)	Ta'arng (Palaung) National Party
30	U Naw Aung	13/KaKhaNa (N) 016832	Kutkai (2)	USDP
31	U Thein Zaw	13/NaSaNa (N) 037260	Mantung (1)	Ta'arng (Palaung) National Party
32	Mai Naing Aung Moe	13/MaTaTa (N) 005689	Mantung (2)	Ta'arng (Palaung) National Party

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**Union Minister U Han Zaw inspects construction projects in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area**



Union Minister for Construction U Han Zaw inspects the rental housing construction projects for civil service personnel in Nay Pyi Taw on 13 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Construction U Han Zaw looked into construction projects in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday.

**New three-storey building of Ministry of President's Office**

The Union Minister heard reports on the construction of a new three-storey reinforced

concrete building which is constructed by the Special Building Team (2) for a new office of Ministry of President's Office in Zabuthiri Township.

After giving instructions on standards of the building, the Union Minister and officials looked around the construction site that

started on 15 October last year and the installation of power supply at the 132,960 sqft building which has been completed 96 per cent now.

**Rental housing project for retired civil service personnel**

The Union Minister and par-

ty also visited the construction site of Thukhawadi rental housing project for civil service personnel in Dekhinathiri Township.

After hearing reports and giving necessary instructions, the Union Minister and party inspected the project on 33 acres of land that includes 300 apart-

ments in five units of five-storey buildings, 120 apartments in two-units of five-storey buildings, 100 apartments in five units of five-storey buildings, 416 apartments 26 units of five-storey buildings, 288 apartments in 18 units of five-storey buildings.—  
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**532 Myanmar citizens abroad arrive back home by relief flights**

A total of 532 Myanmar citizens stranded in foreign countries – 166 from Jordan, 214 from Belgium and 152 from Singapore – and returned home by relief flights yesterday.

Myanmar Embassy in Tel Aviv organized the relief flight of Myanmar National Airways to bring back 166 Myanmar nationals from Jordan.

Myanmar Embassy in Brussels arranged the relief flight of TUI Airways to bring back 214 Myanmar citizens from Belgium, the Netherlands and neighbouring areas.

Myanmar Embassy in Singapore organized the relief of Myanmar National Airways to



Myanmar returnees queue for immigration service at the Yangon International Airport on 13 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

repatriate 152 Myanmar nationals from Singapore. 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 at specific places or designated hotels, followed by the 7-day home quarantine.

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

**China, Thailand become major markets for Myanmar avocados**

By Nyein Nyein

MYANMAR avocados are essential to export legally to China and Thailand, said U Lin Thant Aung, the secretary of the Myanmar Avocados Producer and Exporter Association.

Currently, Myanmar avocados are exported to China and Thailand through the border under the order system, which does not guarantee the market and earning good prices, he added.

"We export our avocados to China and Thailand through the border. There is no G to G system for avocado fruits. Since the start of our avocados association, the Ministry of Commerce and the Agriculture Department started to talk with the other country. Our country's authorities have negotiated with their counterparts since 2019. The legal export to other countries would take more than three or four years.

We could not immediately export the fruits legally. We are just sending the avocados through the border. When the fruits reach other countries, they become illegal and are offered low prices," said U Lin Thant Aung.

Therefore, the government should form an all-inclusive committee to conduct the horticultural export in time. The heads of the state also need to talk about buying Myanmar avocados in their foreign trips, he added.

"Myanmar avocados are demanded only from Thailand and China in SouthEast Asia," said U Lin Thant Aung.

Around 5,000-10,000 tons of

Myanmar avocados are exported to China and Thailand annually with an order system, according to the Myanmar Avocados Producer and Exporter Association.

Each kilo of Myanmar avocado is sold for around K 800-K1,000. Currently, Myanmar avocados are being exported to London and middle east region as samples, according to the association.



Around 25,000 acres of avocado plantations are grown in Chin, Naga and Shan mountains, Nawngkhio and Pyin-Oo-Lwin. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

"We have exported avocados to London as sample fruits. If they like our fruita, we will negotiate with them to export avocados in the next season, he added.

Besides, Myanmar avocados of around 3,000 tons are consumed in the domestic market annually. The avocados are consumed more in our season.

There are around 25,000 acres of avocado plantations in Myanmar and they are mostly grown in Chin Mountain, Naga Mountain, Shan Mountain, Nawngkhio and PyinOoLwin. There are more than a thousand of the Myanmar avocado species and the local residents are also growing foreign avocado species. Myanmar avocados are highly harvested in October till April.

Moreover, Myanmar is also growing foreign species and is planning to export high quality fruits by 2023 to those countries which can offer a handsome price.

Myanmar Avocado Producer and Exporter Association was established in 2018 and has around 800 members.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

**Three airlines suspend domestic flights until 30 November**

THREE airlines have released announcements that their domestic flights will be suspended until the end of November, according to their airline announcements on 11 November.

These three airlines are Myanmar National Airline (MNA), Golden Myanmar Airline and Air Thanlwin. Earlier,

the domestic flights were suspended till 15 November, and now suspension of the domestic flights has been extended till 30 November.

The deadline has been extended because of the high resurgence of COVID-19 cases in the country, currently being ranked fifth in ASEAN. The

passengers who have bought the domestic air tickets can demand the refund from the airlines, according to the announcement.

The Department of Civil Aviation (DCA) has announced at the end of October that the domestic flights need to be suspended till 15 November and

the international airlines will be suspended till 30 November.

Although the government has suspended the domestic and international flights because of spreading of COVID-19, the cargo flights, relief flights and special flights are still being launched.—Zin Yaw Aye (Translated by Hay Mar)



NO EVIDENCE

# US election officials say 'no evidence' of compromised votes

THERE is no evidence of compromised ballots or corrupt voting systems in the US election, officials said Thursday, as a top Democrat accused Republicans who refuse to accept President-elect Joe Biden's win of "poisoning" democracy.

Their messages came hours after President Donald Trump once again cried foul, retweeting a baseless claim that an election equipment maker "deleted" 2.7 million votes for him

nationwide.

Biden, who leads by more than five million in the popular vote, cemented his victory late Thursday by winning Arizona, US networks said, flipping the state Democratic for the first time since 1996.

Arizona gives Biden a 290-217 lead over Trump in the Electoral College, with 270 needed to win the White House.

With most Republican lawmakers having yet to acknowledge Biden's win,

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, the chamber's top Democrat, accused them Thursday of "denying reality" and "auditioning for profiles in cowardice." "Instead of working to pull the country back together so that we can fight our common enemy Covid-19, Republicans in Congress are spreading conspiracy theories, denying reality and poisoning the well of our democracy," he said.

Senior US federal

and state election officials meanwhile in a statement rejected Trump's claims of fraud, saying that "the November 3rd election was the most secure in American history." The statement was issued by the Election Infrastructure Government Coordinating Council, a public-private umbrella group under the primary federal election security body, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).

SOURCE: AFP



US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer blasted Republicans for challenging Joe Biden's election victory instead of battling Covid-19, with Schumer accusing his GOP colleagues of "poisoning" American democracy. PHOTO: AFP

CLASHES

## Peru protesters clash with police over ousting of president



Demonstrators run away from tear gas during a protest in Lima. PHOTO: AFP

THOUSANDS of people took to the streets in cities across Peru Thursday night to protest the ousting of popular president Martin Vizcarra by Congress over corruption allegations. In the capital Lima, police used tear gas to disperse a group trying to reach the Congress building while

protesters threw sticks and stones at the officers. Congress voted Monday to impeach Vizcarra over allegations he took kickbacks from developers while a regional governor and Speaker Manuel Merino assumed office on Tuesday as Peru's third president in four years.

"In all the cities of Peru people are rising up because they consider that this has been a coup," protester Luis Bardales, 34, told AFP in Lima. "And that is why I would like to live in a future where my children can be in a democratic country where the laws are respected," he said. Vizcarra has dismissed the impeachment vote and again questioned the legality of his removal.

"The legality is in question and the legitimacy, given by the people -- we see it in the street" with the protests, Vizcarra said in front of the prosecutor's office where he will face the corruption charges, which he denies.

SOURCE: AFP

'DEVASTATING' SHIPWRECK

## Second Libya shipwreck raises toll to around 100 in one day

A shipwreck off the Libyan coast has killed 20 people, Doctors Without Borders (MSF) said, just hours after news of a separate incident in which at least 74 migrants died.

MSF teams in the northwestern city of Sorman "assisted three women as the lone survivors of another shipwreck where 20 people drowned," the group said Thursday on Twitter.

"Rescued by local fishermen, they were in shock and terrified; they saw loved ones disappear beneath the waves, dying in front of their eyes," it added.

Earlier Thursday, the UN's International Organi-

zation for Migration (IOM) reported "a devastating shipwreck which claimed the lives of at least 74 migrants today off the coast of Khoms," a port city 120 kilometres (75 miles) east of the Libyan capital Tripoli. It said that 47 survivors had been brought back to

shore and 31 bodies retrieved, adding that the boat was reported to be carrying more than 120 people. Bodies from that shipwreck were lined up grimly along the beach on Thursday, some still wearing life jackets.

SOURCE: AFP



Survivors sit on the shore in Khoms on Thursday. The IOM said that so far this year, at least 900 people had drowned in the Mediterranean trying to reach European shores. PHOTO: AFP

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## DEBT REPAYMENT

## G-20 to agree on partial debt waiver for poor nations amid pandemic



South Korean President Moon Jae-in participates in an emergency G20 online summit to discuss a global coronavirus response, at the presidential Blue House in Seoul on 26 March, 2020. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

FINANCE chiefs from the Group of 20 major economies are expected to agree Friday to forgive

part of the debts owed by developing countries as a further step to support them in fighting the

coronavirus pandemic, conference sources said.

The G-20 finance ministers

and central bank governors are holding a virtual meeting to discuss the bolder action than their earlier decision to suspend debt repayment by such countries. But some members including China, the world's largest official creditor, have been seen as reluctant to commit to the additional step. The finance chiefs will release a joint statement after the meeting that precedes a virtual G-20 summit scheduled for Nov. 21 and 22. Under the envisaged plan, principal and new interest on debts will be exempted depending on the economic conditions of borrowing countries, the sources said. Private creditors could be also urged to join in the scheme.

The United States, European nations and Japan have expressed discontent with some

other G-20 members that they claim are undermining the group's initiative by classifying their state-owned financial institutions as commercial lenders.

Japanese Finance Minister Taro Aso has specified that China's commitment is insufficient.

At the previous online meeting in October, the G-20 finance chiefs agreed to suspend bilateral debt payments by developing nations through June 2021, extending the deadline from the end of this year. The debt service suspension was launched in May by the G-20 and Paris Club traditional creditor nations to help developing nations secure sufficient funds to take measures to curb the spread of the virus and ease its economic fallout.

SOURCE: Kyodo

## A RESURGENCE OF THE PANDEMIC

## IEA cuts 2020 global oil demand forecast on virus surge

THE International Energy Agency (IEA) on Thursday cut its 2020 global oil demand forecast, citing a resurgence of the Covid-19 pandemic, with vaccines unlikely to have much of an impact until well into next year.

The IEA said that as a result of fresh restrictions imposed by governments in an effort to curb the disease, it expected full-year 2020 global oil demand to come in at 91.3 million barrels per day (mbpd) — down by 8.8 mbpd

compared with the drop of 8.4 mbpd given in last month's regular report.

The rebound next year will be slightly better, however, with an increase of 5.8 mbpd, up from last month's 5.5 mbpd.

"Vaccines are unlikely to significantly boost demand until well into next year," the IEA cautioned.

It noted that reports of progress in the search for a vaccine had caused "considerable excitement," giving oil prices — and the financial

markets generally — a massive boost.

"However, it is far too early to know how and when vaccines will allow normal life to resume.

For now, our forecasts do not anticipate a significant impact in the first half of 2021," it said.

"In the here and now we continue to see surging case loads, particularly in Europe and the United States," it added.

SOURCE: AFP

## AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST TRADE PARTNER

## China confirms ban on some Australian timber imports

CHINA said Thursday that it has suspended some timber imports from Australia, as tensions soar between the two countries on a range of issues including trade, human rights and the coronavirus.

Beijing — Australia's biggest trade partner — has threatened economic blowback since Canberra called for an inquiry into the Covid-19 pandemic, and has already suspended beef imports and launched a probe into the alleged dumping of Australian wines.

On Thursday, the foreign ministry confirmed customs of-

ficials had suspended imports of timber from the Australian state of Victoria from Wednesday "to prevent the risks of plant disease".

Foreign ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said at a press briefing Thursday that it was a legal not political decision, due to "hazardous insects" detected in a recent timber shipment from the state.

However, he went on to suggest that Australia's outspoken stance on Chinese human rights issues was the "root cause" of current trade tensions and accused Canberra of "violating

the basic norms of international relations" with comments about rights in Hong Kong, Xinjiang and Taiwan.

"We hope Australia can... create favourable conditions for mutually beneficial bilateral cooperation in all fields," Wang said.

Wang added that China had also suspended timber imports from Queensland state from October 31 for the same reason.

Australian officials have demanded clarity on rumours of import bans on Australian coal, wine, beef, timber and barley.

SOURCE: AFP

## Maritime trade to rebound in 2021 from virus impact: UN

GLOBAL maritime trade should recover next year after tanking by 4.1 per cent in 2020 owing to the coronavirus, a UN agency forecast Thursday.

"The pandemic has sent shockwaves through supply chains, shipping networks and ports, leading to plummeting cargo volumes and foiling growth prospects," the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development said in its annual review of maritime transport.

UNCTAD expects maritime trade growth to rebound by 4.8 per cent next year, "assuming world economic output recovers".

But "the short-term outlook for maritime trade is grim," it noted.

"Predicting the pandemic's longer-term impact as well as the timing and scale of the industry's recovery is fraught with uncertainty," the review added.

UNCTAD Secretary-General Mukhisa Kituyi said the

shipping industry will be at the forefront of efforts towards a sustainable economic recovery, "as a vital enabler of the smooth functioning of international supply chains.

"The industry must be a key stakeholder helping adapt 'just-in-time efficiency' logistics to 'just-in-case' preparedness," he added.

The UN agency said the pandemic underscored "the urgent need to invest in risk management and emergency response preparedness in transport and logistics". But UNCTAD's director of technology and logistics, Shamika N. Sirimanne, stressed that the pandemic should not push back the shipping industry's action on climate change.

"Post Covid-19 recovery policies should support further progress towards green solutions and sustainability," she said.

SOURCE: AFP



The world's biggest container ship. JERRY LAMPEN / AFP/File



TV CHANNEL MBN

# AI-powered virtual news anchor comes to S. Korean TV

AN artificial intelligence-powered virtual news anchor resembling a real-life female presenter has appeared on South Korean TV channel MBN.

The virtual anchor was created using 10 hours of footage of the channel's star anchorwoman, Kim Ju Ha.

The broadcaster hopes the avatar will be particularly useful during disaster emergencies when it would be difficult to quickly assemble presenters, staff and equipment necessary to produce a breaking news segment.

The virtual anchor does not need any makeup, outfits or rehearsals. It takes just a minute to produce virtual anchor footage for a news piece up to 1,000 words long.

The virtual Kim lookalike debuted as an "AI-caster" during a news program on Nov. 6. Differences between the two Kims' voices, facial expressions and gestures are barely discernible.

The real Kim, who engaged in an on-air conversation with her virtual self said she feels concerned that a virtual anchor could threaten her position



A street TV in Seoul shows an avatar of MBN anchorwoman Kim Ju Ha reading news with the use of artificial intelligence on Nov. 11, 2020. PHOTO: KYODO

someday.

"I will work hard to convey

warm feelings as a human that

cannot be mimicked by AI just

yet," she said.

SOURCE: Kyodo

QUANTUM: CREATING SOLUTIONS

# Japanese, Canadian firms look to quantum solutions to COVID problems



D-Wave Systems Inc.'s quantum computing machine. PHOTO: D-WAVE SYSTEMS INC./KYODO

THE coronavirus pandemic has posed many unanticipated and complex challenges for humanity, leading several Japanese companies to lean on Canadian quantum computing expertise in search of novel and efficient solutions.

Whether it be formulating more efficient transport solutions for sick people and testing supplies, or the implementation of evidence-backed social distancing measures, the companies are hoping quantum computing's ultrafast processing capabilities can deliver the world a leg-up against the virus.

Canada has built a unique and vibrant quantum computing ecosystem in Waterloo, Ontario, where a tight cluster of multiple

institutions pursue everything from research to commercialization. It is not just eastern Canada, however, as there are many quantum technology companies located across the breadth of the North American country.

"We still don't have quantum computers that are big enough to allow us to do things not possible on regular computers, but the field is moving very fast," said Martin Laforest, senior product manager and quantum technology expert at Isara Corp., a computer security solutions company in Waterloo.

Quantum computing is expected to spur the development of breakthroughs in many fields, such as medication to save lives, and enable tasks to be completed at warp speed compared with conventional computers.

"The implication and application are extremely promising," Laforest said during an online seminar hosted by the Canadian Embassy in Japan in October.

Quantum computing harnesses and exploits quantum mechanics laws to process information, which allows quantum computers to examine a vast number of possibilities instantaneously to find solutions.

SOURCE: Kyodo

MORE THAN 40 CANDIDATE VACCINES AGAINST COVID-19

# Covid-19 vaccine 'best science news' of 2020

DATA indicating that a vaccine being developed against Covid-19 is highly effective is the "best science news of the year", a pharmaceutical industry association chief said, voicing hope that other vaccine candidates would show equally good results.

"A vaccine that has 90 per cent efficacy and is pretty safe, that is a historic breakthrough," the head of the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA), Thomas Cueni, said.

American pharmaceutical giant Pfizer and its German

partner BioNTech announced Monday that their vaccine had proven 90 per cent effective in preventing Covid-19 infections in ongoing Phase 3 trials involving more than 40,000 people.

"This was the best science news of the year," IFPMA's director general told AFP in an interview.

Hopes are also high that one or several of the vaccines under development will also help rein in the Covid-19 pandemic, which has killed nearly 1.3 million people out of the over 51.5 million infected.

There are currently more than 40 candidate vaccines against Covid-19 being tested on humans, with a handful in the most advanced Phase 3 trials.

Cueni acknowledged that more data was needed on the Pfizer and BioNTech candidate, which is based on an innovative technology that has never been approved for use before.

The companies based their announcement on interim results from the last step in their clinical trial before officially applying for approval.

SOURCE: AFP

DIWALI FESTIVAL

# Shoppers shrug off pandemic, pollution ahead of India's biggest festival

CROWDS packed New Delhi markets on Thursday ahead of India's biggest holiday of the year, shrugging off record coronavirus cases and toxic smog in the capital.

Shoppers looking for food and last-minute gifts before the Diwali festival of lights said they were fed up with being cooped up, no matter the deadly threats around them. New Delhi recorded 8,600 new Covid-19 cases on Wednesday, the highest number since the pandemic started and 85 deaths, and experts said the teeming markets could easily become "super-spreaders".



People have packed markets in many parts of India ahead of Diwali, the country's biggest holiday of the year. PHOTO: SUJIT JAISWAL AFP/FILE

India has reported nearly 8.7 million infections, the world's second-highest caseload behind the United States, and there are

fears that a Diwali surge could hit major cities across the country of 1.3 billion.

SOURCE: AFP



## AFC Vice-President U Zaw Zaw attends CSR visual meeting



AFC Vice-President and MFF President U Zaw Zaw chairs the CSR online meeting of AFC on 12 November 2020. **PHOTO: MFF**

U ZAW ZAW, Vice-President of the Asian Football Confederation and President of the Myanmar Football Federation attended a videoconference of the AFC Social Responsibility Committee (CSR) on 12 November, according to the yesterday's statement of the MFF.

Being a chairperson of the AFC's Social Responsibility Committee, the AFC Vice-President U Zaw Zaw discussed budget approval and general so-

cial responsibility issues along with other AFC authorities.

U Zaw Zaw also led discussions on the Covid-19 prevention and treatment programme of Asia in Laos, Jordan, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Lebanon, Mongolia, Northern Mariana Islands, Oman, Palestine, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Syria, UAE, Uzbekistan, Yemen, and Kyrgyzstan.

The AFC authorities also discussed the provision of as-

sistance for Covid-19 preventive care in Myanmar, Nepal, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Chinese (Taipei), Indonesia, Guam, and Malaysia.

In addition, the CSR online meeting also focused on helping the flood victims in Viet Nam, to support the Paralympic Games to be held in Malaysia and to make special schedule for committee's social assistance activities in the coming years. —Lynn Thit (Tgi)

## Football: Scotland win on penalties to qualify for Euro 2020



Scotland goalkeeper David Marshall celebrates with his teammates after his penalty save against Serbia sealed their place at Euro 2020. **PHOTO: AFP**

BELGRADE—Scotland beat Serbia on penalties on Thursday (Nov 12) to qualify for Euro 2020 and secure a place at what will be their first major tournament in 23 years.

Luka Jovic's late equalizer for Serbia cancelled out Ryan Christie's opener and took the play-off final in Belgrade to extra time, and eventually penalties.

Scotland, who have not qual-

ified for a major tournament since the 1998 World Cup, then triumphed 5-4 in the shoot-out and will go on to play England, Croatia and the Czech Republic in Group D at the finals. —AFP ■



Defending champion Stefanos Tsitsipas will face Rafael Nadal in the group stages of the ATP finals. **PHOTO: GLYN KIRK/AFP**

## ATP Finals: Rafael Nadal drawn with Dominic Thiem, Stefanos Tsitsipas

LONDON—Rafael Nadal was on Thursday drawn in the same group as defending champion Stefanos Tsitsipas and US Open winner Dominic Thiem for the ATP Finals in London.

World number one Novak Djokovic will face Daniil Medvedev, Alexander Zverev and Diego Schwartzman in the group stages of the final addition of the tournament in London before it moves to Turin next year.

The 50th anniversary of the first staging of the event has been marked with the naming of two round-robin groups, Tokyo 1970 and London 2020.

Nadal appears to have the harder route to the semi-finals with Andrey Rublev completing the Tokyo 1970 group alongside Tsitsipas and the winners of the last two Grand Slams.

The tournament, which starts on Sunday, will be held behind closed doors at the O2 arena. —AFP ■

## Tiger in the hunt but Casey leads Masters with best major start

AUGUSTA, Georgia —Paul Casey seized the clubhouse lead in the darkness-halted opening round of the Masters on Thursday at rain-softened Augusta National while defending champion Tiger Woods showed the form to threaten for a 16th major title.

Casey, a 43-year-old Englishman chasing his first major title, fired a bogey-free seven-under par 65 -- matching his career-low from 218 major rounds.

"I've put a lot of work in to play this golf course and it has paid off," Casey said.

"It was a great round. I'm very happy with my 65."

Woods took full advantage of attackable conditions after three-quarters of an inch of rain and a storm delay of nearly three hours. He produced his first bogey-free Masters round since 2008 to share fourth in the clubhouse on 68.

"I did everything well today," Woods said. "The greens were soft. You have to seize your opportunities out there and take advantage."

Seventh-ranked Webb

Simpson, the 2012 US Open champion, fired a 67 to share second with fellow American Xander Schauffele.

American Justin Thomas was also on five-under after 10 holes when sunset struck, leaving him among 44 players to finish their opening round Friday.

Japan's Hideki Matsuyama closed with back-to-back birdies to shoot 68 and share fourth with Woods, England's Lee Westwood, South Africa's Louis Oosthuizen and American Patrick Reed.

Casey, whose best start in 13 prior Masters appearances was a 69, was a runner-up at the PGA Championship in August for his best major finish.

"I've not played particularly great golf since this pandemic hit," Casey said. "I've been so excited to get here."

World number 22 Casey, whose other prior major 65 was in the last round of the 2018 Masters, opened with a birdie at the 10th hole, added more at the par-5 13th and 15th and another at the par-3 16th.

—AFP ■