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Abiding by disciplines can initiate good morality and obedience: Vice-Senior General



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Thray Sithu Soe Win makes the speech at the passing out parade of the 124th intake (Thura Company) at the Defence Services (Army) Officers Trainings School (Bahtoo) yesterday.

LEADERS must have righteousness and high morale to give correct leadership to subordinates, said Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Thray Sithu Soe Win at the passing out parade of the 124th intake (Thura Company) of the Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School (Bahtoo) at the parade ground of the school in Bahtoo yesterday morning.

On behalf of Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing, the Vice-Senior General took salute of the graduate cadet companies and inspected the cadet companies. The Vice-Senior General took march past salute and quick march past salute of the graduate companies.

The Vice-Senior General

presented the silver sword to Best Cadet Award winner Cadet Han Zaw Win.

In his speech, the Vice-Senior General said leaders must have righteousness and high morale to give correct leadership to subordinates. They must manage subordinates with fairness, the right attitude and brave decisions without discrimination. As military leader, they must try hard to win the trust and reliance of subordinates with wider knowledge of military affairs. Those junior leaders who would take different positions in the Tatmadaw must be quick and good leaders for subordinates as well as correct and good followers for superiors. As a good follower will become a good leader, they have to try hard to behave in line with the 16 leadership characteristics of the Tatmadaw.

The Vice-Senior General continued to say that the Tatmadaw is systematically formed under rules and dis-

ciplines. Military discipline is the backbone of the Tatmadaw. In serving the duty, they have to strictly abide by prescribed disciplines and orders. There are two forms of disciplines that urged them not to do and to do. Abiding by the disciplines can initiate good morality and obedience. Only when everybody follows disciplines, will the Tatmadaw be strengthen-

ing, capable and reliable for the ethnic people. Tatmadaw members need to strictly follow Tatmadaw Acts, rules and orders and directives for military disciplines, 60 military codes of conduct, as well as civilian rules, disciplines and laws. The Vice-Senior General urged them to strictly abide by the Rules of Engagement-ROE, which are directives for re-

strictions to serve the duty of combating armed conflicts and terrorism and meeting military goals. That is why junior leaders must observe the military and civilian laws and exercise them as a model while training subordinates to abide by these laws.

The Vice-Senior General stressed that welfare would contribute to good morale and disciplines of subordinates and their joyfulness. Consequently, those servicemen will have good morality, good disciplines and morale, perseverance, diligence and sacrifice of life and the spirit to sacrifice lives for the traditions of the Tatmadaw in fighting against enemies.

Then, the Vice-Senior General took salute of cadet companies and left the parade ground.

After the passing out parade, the Vice-Senior General gave words of honour to prize-winning cadets at the parlour of Ayeyakha Yeiktha.

— MNA

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Graduation dinner of Thura Company of 124th Intake held at Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School (Bahtoo)

THE graduation dinner ceremony of the Thura Company of 124th intake of Officers Training Course of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School (Bahtoo) was held at the Military Appointments General Office Hall of the OTS yesterday.

Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Lt-Gen Aung Zaw Aye and wife, senior military officers of Office of Commander-in-Chief

(Army, Navy and, Air), the Commander of Eastern Command and wife, officers of Ba Htoo and Kalaw stations and graduate cadets attended the dinner party.

Vice-Chairman of SAC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Soe Win and party firstly met the graduate cadets.

The Vice-chairman of SAC then had dinner together with the attendees. After the dinner, he enjoyed the music of the military band and presented cash prizes to the band players.—MNA



Vice-Senior General Soe Win greets the graduate cadets at the graduation dinner yesterday.

Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Health and Sports Order No 55/2021

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THE Ministry of Health and Sports released this order by exercising the authority mentioned in accord with Sub-section (b) of Section 20 of the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law.

1. Events on infection of Covid-19 continue in Myanmar. Moreover, the infection rate may rise in the crowds according to the nature of the Covid-19 virus. Generally, as Myanmar traditional Thingyan festival is held with the crowds on a grand scale, the infection rate of Covid-19 may rise due to the current situation. As such, all need to strictly abide by the following points for prevention of the Covid-19 virus during the Myanmar traditional Thingyan festival.

Points to follow general disciplines

2. (a) to arrange six feet distance in maximum to ensure physical distancing in preparing the areas for gathering the people to enjoy water throwing festival, choose the site for festival and select the areas for feeding refreshments.
- (b) build the pavilions with 20 by 20 feet areas (for example, the pavilions can be built of leaves of coconut palm plants);
- (c) not totally arrange entertainment programme which can cause crowds (with the need to arrange physical distancing);
- (d) allow the participants for the splashing of water at a designated distance to avoid the crowds;
- (e) wear surgical masks and face shields without fail; change new surgical masks when the old one is wet (especially while enjoying the festival, participants need to be supervised to wear surgical masks);
- (f) assign the supervisors at water throwing festival sites to supervise participants to abide by Covid-19 prevention guidelines;
- (g) supply refreshments through the take-away system;
- (h) arrange physical distancing for treating the guests and place tables in six feet distance and order cater servants to wear surgical masks and gloves;
- (i) wash hands by water and soap or hand sanitizer/gel at the places of serving refreshment;
- (j) systematically arrange littering sites and coordinate with relevant departments for littering in advance;
- (k) supervise physical distancing for groups of picnickers at recreation centres and public places;
- (l) follow travel guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports for family tours.

Points for those enjoying the water festival

3. (a) inform all participants of the water festival about joining the festival sites only when they have good health conditions without symptoms of Covid-19 such as ailing, squeezing, coughing and sudden loss of smell and taste;
- (b) systematically wear surgical masks and face shields (wet masks and face shields cannot prevent the virus, so participants need to change wet masks and face shields with new ones immediately);
- (c) not to enjoy the festival close to each other and take designated positions;
- (d) often wash hands with water and soap or hand sanitizer/gel.

Points for those taking water splashing

4. (a) all participants taking water splashing must be in good health to join the festival only when they don't have ailing, squeezing, coughing and sudden loss of smell/taste;
- (b) if they go outside, they need to wear surgical masks and face shields without fail. They need to change wet surgical masks with the new ones. If they are difficult to wear surgical masks while enjoying the water festival, they need to wear a face shield without fail. (Wet one cannot prevent infection of the virus.);
- (c) take a distance for participants in the festival;
- (d) arrange water enjoyment trucks for each family only without taking others during Myanmar traditional Thingyan period;
- (e) often wash hands by water and soap or hand sanitizer/gel.

Remark: If people suffer from suspicious symptoms of Covid-19 during the festival, they need to contact nearby health units.

5. If one fails to abide by the points mentioned above, action will be taken against them under existing laws.

Dr Thet Khaing Win
Union Minister

Riotous protests transformed themselves to the anarchic mobs breaking laws and then to armed violent acts

DEMOCRACY is based on the wish of the majority, but such a wish must be authentic with honest politics. If the majority's wish is not honest, it is difficult to identify such politics is of democracy. The elected governments need actually to serve their tasks in a correct way of democracy.

(Excerpt from the speech to officers, other ranks and their families in Myeik, Kyunsu and Cocogyun stations made by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 21 March 2021)

Vice-Senior General Soe Win comforts Tatmadaw members, local people receiving treatments at Bahtoo military hospital

VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win cordially comforted Tatmadaw members, families and local people who receive medical treatments at the military hospital in Bahtoo Tatmyo yesterday.

At the meeting hall of the hospital, the commandant reported to the Vice-Senior General on medical treatments to Tatmadaw members and local people. The Vice-Senior General attended to the needs.

In meeting with Tatmadaw members and local people receiving medical treatments, the Vice-Senior General asked about their health conditions and presented foodstuffs. The Vice-Senior General inspected kitchen halls, medical wards and officer Yeiktha.

Daw Than Than Nwe, wife



Vice-Senior General Soe Win is encouraging the patients at the Bahtoo military hospital yesterday.

of the Vice-Senior General, and party also comforted families of Tatmadaw members and local people at the female medical

ward and presented foodstuffs. The military hospital admitted 417 outpatients and 359 inpatients and performed sur-

gical giving birth to 50 pregnant women and ordinary giving birth to 53 pregnant women, totalling 103 from February 2021 to date.

At the mess hall of Warrant Officer and Non-Commissioned Officer School, the Vice-Senior General and the party had lunch together with trainees. Then, they viewed seasonal crops plantation, banana plantations, dairy cow farm and pig farm.

At the meeting hall of the three-storeyed lecture hall of the Defence Services (Army) Combat Forces School (Bahtoo), commandants of training schools in Bahtoo station reported to the Vice-Senior General on training sessions of the schools and military building measures. The Vice-Senior General instructed them to give advanced lectures in line with the development of military tactics, review the lessons for weak points of respective subjects and conduct refresher courses. The Vice-Senior General inspected lecturing to officer trainees at the infantry platoon commander course.—MNA

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Health and Sports

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THE Ministry of Health and Sports has issued this order under Section 21-(b) of the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law.

1. The ministry is carrying out the COVID-19 preventive measures in a timely manner and has already issued Stay-at-Home Order No 107/2020 dated 20-9-2020 for all townships in Yangon Region (except Cocogyun), Order No 110/2020 dated 25-9-2020 for Mahaaungmye, Chanayethazan and Amarapura townships of Mandalay Region, Bago Township of Bago Region and Patheingyi Township of Ayeyawady Region, Order No 129/2020 dated 19-10-2020 for Phakant Township of Kachin State, Order No 161/2020 dated 26-12-2020 for Aungmyethazan, Chanmyathazi, Pyigyidagun and Patheingyi townships of Mandalay Region.
2. As it reports a decline in the numbers of new confirmed cases and transmission rate in the Stay-at-Home regions and townships, it is hereby announced that Stay-at-Home restrictions are lifted for the above-mentioned regions and states starting 04:00 am of 10-4-2021.

*Dr Thet Khaing Win
Union Minister*

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine Objectives

1. Political affairs

- (a) Building of a Union based on democracy and federalism in practising genuine disciplined multiparty democracy in a full fairness manner
- (B) Emphasizing of restoration of eternal peace for the entire nation in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA)
- (c) Continuous practising of the “principle” of peaceful co-existence among countries by holding up the independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy

2. Economic affairs

- (a) Further development of production based on agriculture and livestock breeding through modern techniques and all-round development of other

sectors of the economy as well

- (b) Stability of market economy and inviting international investments to develop the economy of entire ethnic people
- (c) Encouragement of local businesses to create employment opportunities to be able to produce many products of the State

3. Social affairs

- (a) For ensuring of dynamism of Union spirit which is genuine patriotic spirit
- (b) Following customs and traditions of all ethnic nationalities and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national characters
- (c) Enhancement of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun discusses trade flows of country



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held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, the Committee Chairman discussed the trade volumes by sea, border trade volumes, private banks' operations, salary payment and circulation of CMP factories, factories and industries fire, container rental prices, rental of containers and illegal trade.

Then, the Secretary of the committee sought approval for the meeting minutes of the (2/2021) meeting. The attendees to the meeting presented their respective sectors. The committee carried out a total of 78,603 containers -- 38,254 containers of imported goods and 40,349 containers of exported products between 22 February and 8 April

2021. It also unloaded 239,043 tonnes of Octane, 304,022 tonnes of Diesel and 115,993 tonnes of palm oil at the jetties.

For border trade sectors, the Muse trade zone earned more than \$298 million between 22 February and 8 April 2021, while the Myawady trade zone achieved more than \$249 million.

The OSS members of Yangon Region daily solve the difficulties in trade, investment, money transfer and salary payment sectors. If the merchants find difficulties, they can contact the committee at 09-664075683, 09-664596327, 09-687635943, 09-676320826, and the Nay Pyi Taw Central Committee Office via 067-3409671, 067-3409672 and 067-3409673. — MNA

Union Minister U Aung Naing Oo met Mandalay Region Investment Committee Chairman and members

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission U Aung Naing Oo met with the Chairman and members of Mandalay Region Investment Committee at the office of Mandalay Region Investment Committee in the afternoon of 9 April 2021.

At the meeting, the Union Minister highlighted that Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) has already formed the Region and State Investment Committees and the important role of Committees to exercise utmost efforts to facilitate and promote the investment in their respective Regions and States. The Union Minister also stressed the important of after care services for investors and Committee's strong support to facilitate the existing invest-

ments which were permitted by MIC and endorsed by Regional Investment Committees. The Union Minister exchanged the information on current global investment trends focusing for 42% decrease in 2020 and it would continue to decrease 5% to 10% in 2021 according to the international investment experts. The Union Minister urged the Regional Investment Committee members to make continuous efforts to attract more investment in 2020-2021 despite the challenges ahead.

Additionally, the Union Minister informed the current measures undertaking by MIC to facilitate the investment particularly for revising the current Standard Operation Procedure (SOP), and the revised SOP will be transparent, predictable and minimized regulatory burden to



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investors.

The Union Minister also urged the committee to work closely with regional government agencies and private sectors, and to support the business in industrial zone and to attract

more new industrial zones for regional development in accordance with the guidelines of State Administration Council.

The Union Minister called for facilitating the process of obtaining endorsement permit

timely in accordance with investment laws and rules, and to supervise the process of issuing business licence and permits by concerned government agencies as quickly as possible.

After that, the Chairman of Mandalay Region Investment Committee and the Chairman for Mandalay Region Administrative Council U Maung Ko discussed the regional investment promotion activities and Dr Min Zaw Oo, Director for Mandalay Region Office of Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) reported on the investment situation to minister and followed by the discussion of the members of Region Investment Committee. The meeting was attended by members of Mandalay Region Investment Committee and the officials from DICA.—MNA

MoRAC Union Minister urges to preserve traditional Myanmar performing arts

UNION Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko inspected the dance rehearsals at training theatre and construction works of warehouse implemented with 2020-2021FY capital expenditures of the Department of Fine Arts in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During his visit to the theatre, the Union Minister highlighted the duties to preserve the Myanmar traditional arts, to uplift national integrity, to conserve the cultural heritage, to improve the quality of arts, including cultural exchange programmes, and to support the practice sessions of Myanmar orchestra waing and traditional dances.

Then, he urged the artists to make concerted efforts in conserving Myanmar traditional arts and handing them over to youths in order to uplift the integrity.

The Union Minister also inspected the construction of a two-storey warehouse for the artists. The building is being constructed by Myanmar Pyae Wa Aung Company, and the relevant site engineers explained the operation.

The Union Minister finally instructed to build the quality building in accordance with the fixed standards and to ensure a safe workplace and clearance of insects. —MNA



Union Minister U Ko Ko is viewing the dance rehearsals at the Department of Culture yesterday.

Information Team of State Administration Council holds press conference 4/2021



Media persons are raising questions at the event yesterday.

THE Information Team of the State Administration Council held a press conference (4/2021) at the Ministry of Information yesterday afternoon.

Leader of the Information Team of the State Administration Council Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun, member of Union Election Commission U Khin Maung Oo and representatives of departmental information teams replied to queries raised by media.

Leader of the Information Team of the State Administration Council Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun explained policies adopted by the State Administration Council for issuance of citizenship scrutiny cards to all citizens and ethnics, tours of Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Vice-Chairman of the Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, endeavours of the Council for peace and tranquillity and devel-

opment tasks, loss of the people due to CDM activity, attending of 7,422 patients per month at Yangon General Hospital before the outbreak of COVID-19, the situation of not opening the hospitals and clinics across the nation because of some health staff who broke ethics and death of more than 500 patients per month at Yangon General Hospital. Then, a video clip on the experience of the Chairman of the State Administration Coun-

cil for the current situation was presented. He also explained the continuous process of clearing landmines in Northern Command and Western Command areas, seizures of narcotic drugs, holding of military exercise from 4 to 11 April and preparations to build the largest sitting marble Buddha image with Bhumi Phassa Mudra in Nay Pyi Taw.

UEC member U Khin Maung Oo clarified the work process of the current UEC

and pieces of evidence for voting frauds before and after the 2020 election.

UEC member U Khin Maung Oo, Leader of the Information Team of the State Administration Council Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun and representatives of departmental information teams replied to questions raised by reporters from news agencies.

At the press conference, attendees to the press conference viewed facts related to the press conference, undertakings of current UEC, inspection over

voter lists and findings, display of local-made arms and equipment used in riots. Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun and officials conducted them around the exhibits.

The press conference was attended by members of the Information Team of the State Administration Council, representatives of relevant ministries, officials from the Tatmadaw Information Team and reporters from local news agencies, daily newspapers, local TV broadcasting stations and local-based foreign news agencies. — MNA



Media personnel are viewing the displays at the event.



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Weapons and homemade arms used in riots are displayed.

MoHS, MoE discuss reopening of schools

A coordination meeting between the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Health and Sports was held to discuss schools' reopening following the COVID-19 health guidelines yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Thet Khaing Win said the Ministry of Health and Sports is working to prevent the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, one of the next steps of the State Administration Council. The Government has lifted the travel restrictions and relaxed the health standards for the COVID-19 pandemic to resume tourism and public transportation.

He said coordination would be made with the Ministry of Education to reopen schools as the education sector is essential for human resource development.

With the COVID-19 preventive measures, a total of 6,500



The MoHS and MoE hold talks to reopen schools following COVID protocols.

high schools were reopened on 22 July 2020 and were closed due to the COVID-19 second wave on 27 August.

As the infection of the COVID-19 disease has been reduced at the moment and the State Administration Council needs to focus on students' education, the Ministry of Health and Sports

will assist the education staff, including teachers and students, to reopen schools safely.

In order to implement the reopening of schools, a technical review is needed, and the relevant specialized divisions of the Department of Public Health have jointly revised the assessment design. He called on ex-

perts from the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Ministry of Education to discuss the readiness to implement the revised assessment forms in all schools.

The Deputy Minister for Education requested the Ministry of Health and Sports to provide COVID-19 prevention technology when schools reopen, aid

for the COVID-19 vaccination to the education staff and teachers, and release the COVID-19 prevention guidelines when private schools reopen. He said his ministry would assess the status of COVID-19 prevention activities in schools, allowing the reopening of schools that meet the standards with continuous monitoring and the Ministry of Health and Sports will be notified in case of disease is suspected.

The Deputy Director-General of the Department of Public Health discussed the plans of the Ministry of Health and Sports, and the Director of the Basic Education Department, the preparation of schools to be ready when schools reopen.

The Union Minister for Health and Sports said civil services personnel are being vaccinated. Teachers will also be vaccinated as necessary when schools reopen.—MNA

Central Bank governor meets officials of Myanmar banks association



CBM Governor U Than Nyein meets the Myanmar Banks Association officials online yesterday.

GOVERNOR of Myanmar Central Bank U Than Nyein met the Myanmar Banks Association patron and chairman, chairpersons and vice-chairpersons of private banks and officials through videoconferencing yesterday morning.

The meeting was attended by the Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Deputy-Governors U Win Thaw and Daw Than Than Swe, Patron of Myanmar Banks Association U Thein Tun and Chairman U Khin Maung Aye and the chairpersons of private banks, vice-chairpersons and officials.

At the meeting, the Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar said more than 1,000 banks have been opened due to the cooperation between the central bank and private banks, adding that banks need to provide smooth services to gain the

trust of the people and that the difficulties will be solved if the revenue flow is correct.

He called on banks to provide advice on current challenges and issues as the Central Bank of Myanmar is coordinating to facilitate the banking business.

The attendees presented matters related to resolving bank rumours spread outside, trust-building with the public by providing services and cooperation, solving the problems required to facilitate banking services, and meeting the financial needs.

The Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar said unscrupulous people, with the intention of undermining public trust in banks, have been spreading false rumours that some banks will be shut down, which raised the public concern about saving money at the bank. They are withdraw-

ing more money from banks than necessary.

The Central Bank of Myanmar is closely monitoring the routine operation of all banks and providing reliable services to all banks in accordance with the regulations. People can access banking services regularly without any worries. The Governor said these were announced on the website of the Central Bank of Myanmar on 7 April.

The Deputy-Governors of the Central Bank discussed matters related to the issuance of salaries of companies and factory workers by banks, facilitating public withdrawals and transfers, convenient payment and clearing systems to meet the cash needs of banks. The meeting also discussed the banking system's coordination and the provision of good services by the banks.—MNA

Pearls and gems emporium continues 9th day in Nay Pyi Taw

THE 9th day of sales of pearl sets and gems in Myanmar Kyats continued yesterday morning at Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw in accordance with the COVID-19 health guidelines.

In the morning, it was announced that 443 lots of jade out of 450 jade lots from jade lot number 1351 to 1,800 were sold for 7,647,872,943 kyats on the eighth day of the emporium.

At the emporium yesterday, from jade lots number (1,801) to the number (2,148) were auctioned by the open tender system, and the gem merchants placed their proposed prices in the tender box-

es by 11 am after inspecting the jade lots displayed in the Jade Hall.

The responsible persons will check the bidding prices, and the jade lots that are sold will be announced at 8 am on April 10.

A total of 326 jade lots out of 450 jade lots from the lot number (1) to (450) were sold for 3,922,697,311 Kyats; a total of 407 jade lots out of 450 jade lots from the lot number (451) to (900) were sold for 3,510,199,708 Kyats; a total of 432 jade lots out of 450 jade lots from the lot number (901) to (1350) were sold for 9,203,945,707 Kyats.—MNA



The bidding prices are being checked.

Five future programmes of State Administration Council

1. The Union Election Commission will be reconstituted to carry out tasks that should be done, including inspection of voting lists in accordance with the law.
2. Effective measures will be taken for the prevention of current infectious COVID-19 with added momentum.
3. Efforts will be made to recover businesses that faced loss caused by COVID-19 in various ways as quickly as possible.
4. Emphasis will be placed on restoring eternal peace in the entire nation in line with agreements from the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) as much as possible.
5. When missions will be accomplished in accord with provisions of the state of emergency, a free and fair multiparty democracy election will be held in accordance with the Constitution (2008), and further tasks will be undertaken to hand over State duty to the winning party meeting the standards of democracy.

MoHT union minister discusses tourism development in Kengtung

UNION MINISTER for Hotels and Tourism U Maung Maung Ohn made an inspection tour to Kengtung in Shan State on 8 April.

During the inspection tour, the Union Minister inspected preparations of the Amazing Kengtung Resort and the Kengtung Paradise Hotel to be reopened following the COVID-19 health guidelines.

The Union Minister also met the Eastern Shan State Administration Council's Chairman, officials from the Kengtung District Tourism Administration Body, the Myanmar Hotelier Association Chairman and responsible persons from the tourism associations and hotels to discuss hotel and tourism development.

At the meeting, he said the hotels and tourism industry in Myanmar is being reopened

at the national level as per the State Administration Council Chairman's directives as the COVID-19 is considered under control. The Government is systematically taking necessary measures to revitalize the tourism industry, starting with the vaccination of the COVID-19 vaccine for employees in the tourism industry.

He added the need to pay special attention to the public as tourism is not only a support for economic development but also related to various sectors, and the need to continue to develop the Community-Based Tourism - CBT).

He urged to work together among the ministry, tourism associations and locals for the tourism development in Kengtung.

The meeting discussed implementing the ministry's Tourism Relief Plan, reopening



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn makes an inspection tour in Kengtung in Shan State on 8 April.

of hotels under the COVID-19 health guidelines, attractive tourism destination development of the Destination Management Organizations (DMO), COVID-19 vaccination, Caravan tour management and the tourism devel-

opment situations of Kengtung.

The Union Minister also visited tourist attraction sites of Kengtung, such as Nawngtung lake, Kengtung tower, 218 feet high cedar tree that was planted during the reign of King Alaung-

phaya, over 250 years ago and the Palian Gate, built in the 18th century.

Afterwards, he paid homage to the Maha Myat Muni Pagoda and donated cash assistance to the pagoda trustees.—MNA

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News and Periodicals Enterprise

Actor Pyay Ti Oo, Actress Eaindra Kyaw Zin arrested in Bahan

ACTIONS have taken against those who intentionally commit incitements to the government employees to join CDM to affect government mechanism, spread information showing their support for unlawful CRPH including fake news and other information to unrest riots, threaten the public and do social bullying on the social media under Section 505-A of the Penal Code.

Actor Pyay Ti Oo and Actress Eaindra Kyaw Zin, who faced charges under the Penal Code Section 505-A, were arrested in Bahan Township yesterday



Pyay Ti Oo



Eaindra Kyaw Zin

evening.

The arrested movie stars

will face actions under the law.—MNA

Military hospitals continue providing healthcare to civilians



Southern Command Commander Maj-Gen Myo Win is providing foodstuffs to patients at the military hospital in Toungoo.

MILITARY hospitals in the townships of regions and states keep providing medical treatments to the people to solve their healthcare services difficulties. A total of 129,920 outpatients and 4,360 inpatients reached these hospitals from 5 February to date.

Senior medical experts, medics and nurses have conducted 6,114 major operations and 3,182 minor operations. The

senior doctors treat serious cases. These hospitals managed for the birth of 8,068 babies while bringing 8,068 pregnant women to the respective military hospitals. Of those, 3,215 cases are done in caesarean section and 4,853 cases in ordinary delivery.

Officials from the respective commands also provided the patients with foods, and medical workers were provided with cash assistance.—MNA

Build the country based on democracy and federalism

IT is necessary to strive for improvement of various sectors, including political, economic and social affairs of the State. As the closure of schools based on the outbreak of Covid-19 brings loss to individual students, parents and the State, systematic preparations are being made to reopen the schools, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at a meeting with Tatmadaw members and families at Myeik, Kyunsu and Cocogyun stations on 20 March.

Strenuous efforts to reopen the schools amidst difficulties and challenges are intended to serve the interests of the State and the people, not to cause more losses in the continuous closure of schools.

Some persons suggested closing the schools, not to gather crowds and not to commit incitement, but the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services expressed his concept, saying that if schools are closed one year, students, parents and people will face one-year loss. That is why efforts are being made to reopen the schools.

Millions of students, parents and teachers across the nation embraced a one-year loss for closing the schools based on the outbreak of Covid-19. Strenuous efforts to reopen the schools amidst difficulties and challenges are intended to serve the interests of the State and the people, not to cause more losses in the continuous closure of schools.

The government is striving for achieving success in the peacemaking process. The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services stressed that it is necessary to apply experiences in building multi-party development of the State based on democracy and federalism.

The newly-constituted Union Election Commission is operating its duty and functions, including inspection of voter lists in line with the law. While soonest recovering the loss of businesses affected by Covid-19 in various ways, preparations are being made to reopen schools.

Especially, student youths need to understand the goodwill of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services for their future. On the one hand, only when the emphasis is placed on stabilizing the community should they accept the situation to reopen schools peacefully.

Upon completion of the emergency period, the Tatmadaw shows its genuine stance on the State by holding the multiparty general election to hand over State power to the elected winning party, meeting democracy norms. So, all need to cooperate in building the Union based on democracy and the federal system.



No data yet on changing Covid vaccines between doses: WHO

THE WHO reiterated Friday there was "no adequate data" on switching Covid-19 vaccines between doses after France said under-55s who received an AstraZeneca first jab should get their second from a different vaccine.

The World Health Organization has called for studies on so-called mixing and matching between vaccines but said there was no comprehensive data so far on which it could make any recommendations.

The UN health agency, therefore, recommends that the same product should be used for both doses.

In February, the WHO's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization (SAGE) issued its recommendations on how the AstraZeneca-Oxford vaccine should be used, WHO spokeswoman Margaret Harris told reporters.

"There is not adequate data to be able to say whether this is something that could be done,"

she said.

"So they were recommending that at this stage, interchangeability of vaccines was not something that we could give a recommendation on.

"But they did make a research recommendation that this be studied, so that we could understand whether or not it was a strategy that could be used."

French switch

Several clinical trials are looking at the efficacy of combining two types of vaccine.

Europe's medicines regulator said this week that the AstraZeneca vaccine could cause very rare blood clots among some recipients, prompting several countries to scale up restrictions on the jab.

France on Friday said under-55s who received a first injection of the AstraZeneca Covid-19 vaccine should be given a jab from a different producer for their second dose, in a ruling affecting 533,000 people.



The Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine was the first Covid-19 jab to receive WHO's green light, on December 31 last year.

The AstraZeneca-Oxford University was the second, on Febru-

ary 15, with SAGE having issued usage recommendations five days before.

That February 10 document said on switching between Covid-19 vaccines: "No data are avail-

able on the interchangeability of doses of this vaccine with other Covid-19 vaccines.

"It is currently recommended that the same product should be used for both doses. Recommen-

dations may be updated as further information becomes available on interchangeability."

Going forward, the SAGE document also recommended "interchangeability and 'mix and match' studies within and across Covid-19 vaccine platforms".

On Wednesday, the WHO's vaccine experts said a link between AstraZeneca's Covid-19 jabs and blood clots was plausible but unconfirmed, stressing that reported occurrences were "very rare".

"Based on current information, a causal relationship between the vaccine and the occurrence of blood clots with low platelets is considered plausible but is not confirmed," the experts said.

A WHO spokesman added: "We believe the benefit-risk balance is very much in favour of the vaccine.

"Nothing has changed in our advice -- which is to keep vaccinating."

Source: AFP

Are Vaccine Passports Here To Stay?

AS the United States' (US) vaccination campaign accelerates, so-called vaccine passports are gaining traction despite political divisions and a fragmented health care system that complicates the centralization of data.

Asher Weintraub, 17, was happy to show off the new digital New York state "pass" that he downloaded to his smartphone, which, via a QR code, certified

that he was vaccinated against COVID.

"I think it is a good thing, you don't have to like provide all (sorts of) forms and documents each time," he said, displaying his code at the entrance to one of the first indoor concerts in Manhattan since March 2020.

Led by Democratic Governor Andrew Cuomo, New York is the only American state to have launched such a pass, which is

voluntary and has been done in partnership with IBM.

Still not widely used, it immediately verifies whether the carrier has received the vaccine or has recently tested negative for the disease.

Other state leaders have firmly rejected the idea.

The Republican governors of Florida and Texas, Ron DeSantis and Greg Abbott respectively, have issued executive orders pro-

hibiting government-mandated vaccine passports in the states.

The orders effectively bar businesses from requiring that customers show a certificate.

"People have certain freedoms and individual liberties to make decisions for themselves," DeSantis said.

The Republican governor of South Dakota, Kristi Noem, described vaccine passports as "one of the most un-American ideas in our nation's history" on Twitter.

President Joe Biden's administration intends to stay out of the controversy. On Tuesday, White House spokeswoman Jen Psaki said there would be "no federal mandate requiring every-

one to obtain a single vaccination credential".

She said Washington would instead issue guidance to ensure systems "are not used against people unfairly", with regards to privacy and security concerns.

Israel's 'Green Pass'

Even without governments leading the way, many believe that digital means of certification will develop in a world where smartphones are an essential tool of everyday life.

Israel's rollout of a "green pass" following a much-lauded

speedy vaccine campaign is being watched with interest.

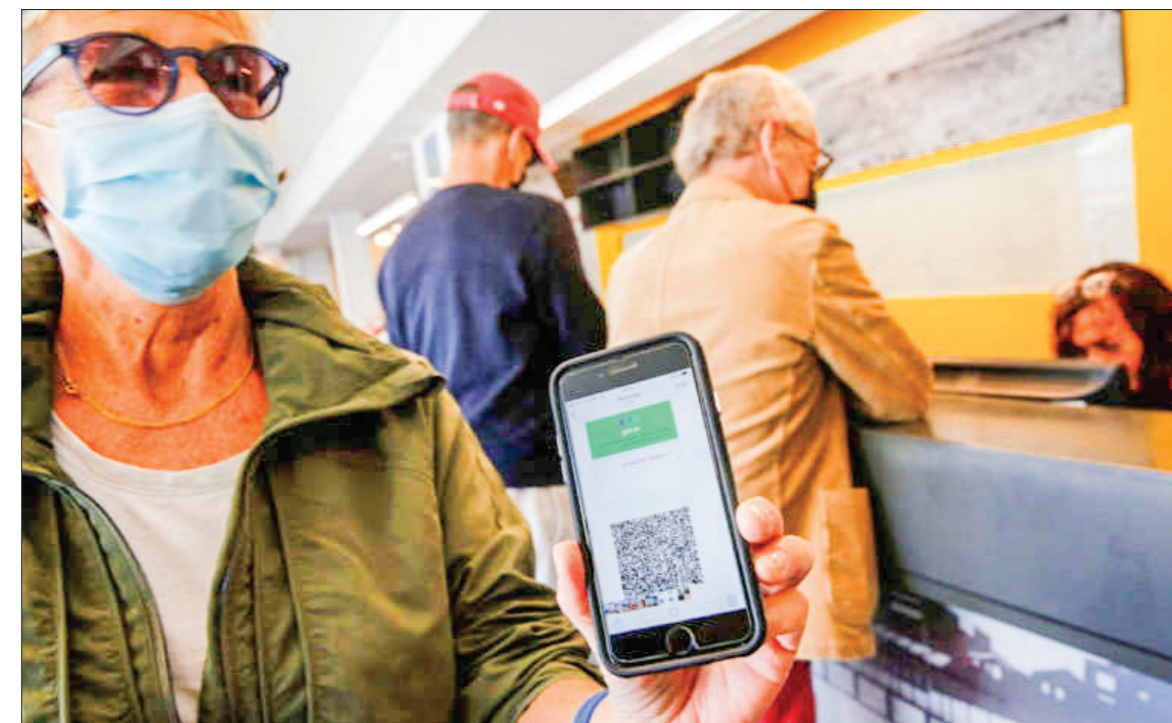
For now, any US passes are set to be private or state initiatives. In addition to the New York pass, the Common Pass project seems the most advanced.

Launched by the Commons Project, a non-profit specializing in the interconnection of digital health data, the pass is already used on a daily basis by a dozen international airlines, according to director Paul Meyer.

Unlike the proprietary system designed for New York state, the Common Pass platform is open source, meaning its code is available for anybody to use.

It uses a secure data protection system and Meyer sees it emerging as the "standard" in a sector that is expected to boom as pressure builds to revive economies.

The organisation is in "active dialogue" with the European Union (EU), which is working on a pass that would allow free travel within the Schengen area, and several European governments, Meyer said, without specifying which ones. "The US has this challenge of having this fragmented system, so it is much easier to work with countries where there's an existing nation-



A woman shows her 'green pass' (proof of being fully vaccinated against the coronavirus) before entering a gym and pool facility, in the Israeli coastal city of Tel Aviv. PHOTO: AFP

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Appointment of Heads of Service Organizations

The following persons are appointed by the State Administration Council as Heads of Service Organizations shown against each of their names on probation.

Name	Appointment
1. Dr Moe Moe Thwe Deputy Director-General Department of Intellectual Property Ministry of Commerce	Director-General Department of Intellectual Property Ministry of Commerce
2. Dr Myat Nyunt Pro-Rector Kengtung University Higher Education Department Ministry of Education	Rector Toungoo University Higher Education Department Ministry of Education
3. Dr Tin Tun Deputy Director-General (Academic) Department of Human Resources for Health Ministry of Health and Sports	Director-General Department of Human Resources for Health Ministry of Health and Sports

Newspapers to be published alternately for Myanmar New Year holidays

THE News and Periodicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Information announced that daily newspapers would be published in turns during the Myanmar New Year holidays.

While the Mirror and the Global New Light of Myanmar newspapers will be published on 13, 14 and 15 April, and the Myanma Alinn will temporarily cease publishing operations during this period.

While the Myanma Alinn newspapers will resume operations on 16, 17, 18 and 19 April, the Mirror and the Global New Light of Myanmar will temporarily cease operations on those days.

Similarly, the Shwe Pyi Rakhine Ponyeik sector from Sub-Printing House (Sittway) will temporarily cease printing on 14 April, the extra pages in Shan ethnic language from the Sub-Printing House (Taunggyi) will temporarily cease printing operations on 15 April, the extra pages in ethnic languages from the Sub-Printing House (Mawlamyine) will temporarily cease printing operations on 18 April. They will resume normal production after the Myanmar New Year holidays.

Advertisements will be received at the newspaper offices, which will remain open during these holidays. All newspapers will resume normal production starting 20 April. — News and Periodicals Enterprise

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Pansodan-Dala ferry, Wahdan-Dala Z-craft schedules reduce routes in water festival

ACCORDING to the Delta Division of Inland Water Transport (IWT), the Cherry Pansodan-Dala ferry and Wahdan-Dala Z-craft schedules have reduced the operation routes during the Thingyan Festival holidays in 2021.

Usually, the operation times of the ferry are reduced during the Thingyan holidays, according to the department. After the Thingyan festival, the water ferries will operate as usual.

“Yangon Pansodan-Dala ferry schedule has reduced its operation routes during Thingyan Festival. It will start from 13 to 19 April. The new programme during the water festival will be convenient for visitors from across the country and pilgrims to visit Yangon city. Ticketing



The Pansodan-Dala jetty is the only gateway for the local people in southern Yangon— Dala, Twantay, Kawhmu, Kungyangon townships and some townships in the Ayeyawady Region to link themselves with the commercial hub of Yangon City.

staff and crew will assist with the safety of the passengers. After the Thingyan holiday, the water ferry and Z-craft service will re-

sume their normal schedules as usual,” said Daw Zin Myo Han, the manager from Dala Jetty.

The ferry service runs

typically 46 crossings per day. Between 13 and 19 April, the service on Pansodan-Dala will be reduced to 18 times per day,

with the ferry running from 6 am to 6 pm. Similarly, the operation times of Wadan-Dala Z-craft ferries will be cut from 15 to 6. The ferry service operation is from 8 am to 5 pm.

The Pansodan-Dala jetty is the only gateway for the local people in southern Yangon— Dala, Twantay, Kawhmu, Kungyangon townships and some townships in the Ayeyawady Region to link themselves with the commercial hub of Yangon City. Three motor vessels named Cherry 1, 2 and 3, donated by Japan, have been running 46 times per day for 30,000 commuters approximately. The port is one of the crowded places in the town.—Naing Lin Kyaw(Dala)/GNLM

Monywa highway express terminal construction completed 90 per cent

THE construction of the highway express bus terminal in Monywa Town, Sagaing Region, has finished 90 per cent now, said U Tun Tun, the executive officer of Monywa Township Municipal Team.

The highway terminal project was started in January 2018 and is now completed over 90 per cent.

“The highway bus terminal project was completed over 90 per cent. We have some more work to do to complete the project. Some of the workers do not come to work because of the current situation. Therefore, the project is expected to complete within this year,” said U Tun Tun.

The highway express bus terminal is being constructed in

Monywa town. Upon completing the project, the highway buses currently running on the highway will be moved to the new bus terminal thoroughly.

“Monywa town is the capital of Sagaing Region. There are both road and sea routes along the upper Chindwin River. Monywa town is important in terms of the flow of goods. This is the reason why the town has developed, and the local people are prosperous in terms of business and economics. The bus terminal was also constructed in 1994. But the growth of the population with the bus lines being no longer enough for car parking. So, the buses are parked outside of the terminal, and it could be dangerous for the passengers.

It could also cause traffic problems. So, the new bus terminals are being constructed to deprive Monywa of the traffic problems,” he added.

Upon completion of the highway bus terminal, the passengers will be able to travel more easily, and the flow of goods will be better, and there will be fewer traffic accidents.

The highway terminal project is being implemented by ULTRA Company limited. There will be a total of 30 bus terminal gates, including four two-storeyed buildings of six rooms, one two-storeyed building of five rooms and one two-storeyed building. The project will also consist of 16 shops and one car workshop. — Lu Lay/GNLM



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Civil staff families in Kyaukpyu receive COVID-19 vaccine



In Kyaukpyu township, the departmental staff received the COVID vaccine from 17 to 28 March, while the elderly people who are above 65 years from 16 wards received the vaccination from 5 to 8 April.

THE civil staff families in Kyaukpyu town, Rakhine State, received the vaccine against COVID-19 as the first dose at District people's general hospital yesterday.

Each COVID-19 vaccine will be injected into ten persons. Before having the vaccination, the health staff will check the body temperature and blood pressure. Only those who are in normal health condition were injected with the COVID vaccination. After giving an injection, those vaccinated persons were also observed for 30 minutes.

COVID-19 prevention,

control and treatment activities are being conducted across the nation under the State Administration Council's management.

In Kyaukpyu township, the departmental staff received the COVID vaccine from 17 to 28 March, while the elderly people who are above 65 years from 16 wards received the vaccination from 5 to 8 April. The department staffs' families are being injected with the COVID-19 vaccine from 8 to 9 April, said an official from the District People's Health Department. — Tin Tun Oo / Phyo Wai Lin/GNLM

Announcement of Union Election Commission 7 April 2021

- Regarding the Multiparty General Election held on 8 November 2020, the Union Election Commission has inspected the voter lists and the casting of votes of seven townships of Kayah State.
- According to the inspection findings, the previous election commission released 212,916 eligible voters in seven townships of Kayah State. The list of the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population in November 2020 showed 214,074 eligible voters who had turned 18. The voter lists mentioned that there were 5,552 citizens, associate citizens, nationalized citizens, and non-identity voters, 930 persons repeated on the voter lists more than three times, and 16,680 persons repeated on the voter lists two times.
- Findings in respective townships were as follows:

Findings on voter lists of respective townships

Sr	Township	Total polling station	Township sub-commission	List from Immigration department	Those involved in voting list without citizenship scrutiny cards	Those involved in voter list more than three times holding one CSC	Those involved in voter list more than two times holding one CS
1	Loikaw	81	100,267	84,078	3,375	658	10,094
2	Dimawso	64	56,674	62,903	239	230	4,738
3	Pruso	37	19,953	23,294	159	36	1,096
4	Shadaw	9	5,628	5,087	39	3	142
5	Bawlake	16	8,207	7,867	20		146
6	Pasawng	17	16,912	15,814	1,675		372
7	Meisei	9	5,275	4,597	45	3	92
	State Total	233	212,916	214,074	5,552	930	16,680

4. The Union Election Commission has inspected the withdrawal/receipt/use/remaining of ballot papers used for Pyithu Hluttaw Election of seven townships of Kayah State together with the respective township election sub-commission, head of police force, Immigration and Population and administrator according to the Hluttaw Election Law Section 53.

5. According to the inspection, a total of 233 polling stations in these seven townships took out 238,805 ballots and used 162,849 ballots. It left 75,276 ballots instead of 75,956 ballots. The difference was 24,68 ballots, and it found 1,788 extra ballots. The extra/shortage ballots and illegal extra-ballots were found at respective poll stations. Findings were as follows:

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in each township

Sr	Township	Total polling station	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
							Missing	Extra
1	Loikaw	81	109,639	75,718	33,921	33,625	994	698
2	Dimawso	64	64,984	46,316	18,668	18,188	619	139
3	Pruso	37	23,909	14,643	9,266	9,190	374	298
4	Shadaw	9	6,156	4,311	1,845	1,871		26
5	Bawlake	16	9,741	6,987	2,754	2,572	241	59
6	Pasawng	17	18,484	10,434	8,050	8,378	240	568
7	Meisei	9	5,892	4,440	1,452	1,452		
	State Total	233	238,805	162,849	75,956	75,276	2,468	1,788

6. According to the inspection, the eligible voter list in these seven townships released by township election sub-commission is lesser than 1,158 according to respective Hluttaw Election Law Section 6 (a) for citizens, associate citizens, nationalized citizens who turned 18 in November of the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population.

7. It found 5,552 non-identity voters. Moreover, the Hluttaw Election Law "Chapter (6) Preparation of Voting Roll", Section 15 (c) said, "Whoever has the right to vote in any constituency shall not be included in the voting roll of any constituency other than that of the constituency concerned at the same time." But 930 persons repeated on the voters' lists for three times and 16,680 persons for two times. Therefore, it found some activities that are not in conformity with the law were found in collecting voting lists in Kayah State.

8. Findings in seven townships of Kayah State were as follows:

- Although there were 162,857 voters, they used 238,805 ballots out of the withdrawals, and so they used more 75,948 ballots than the numbers of voters.
- 2,468 ballots were missing.
- It found 1,788 extra ballots at some polling stations.
- The non-identity voters were on the lists, and the officials allowed vesting votes without NRC cards but with only voters ID cards.
- Advance voting that ran against the law.
- Release of directives that were not in conformity with the law when the election drew near based on instructions for COVID-19 pandemic for advance voting.

9. It also found voting frauds in collecting voter lists in these seven townships of Kayah State. The extra/shortage ballots and illegal extra-ballots more than the voters' numbers were found at respective poll stations. So they fail to follow the instructions of the respective Hluttaw Election Law/Rules.

Union Election Commission

Request to Public

- Democracy practices have granted the public freedom of speech, practices and living. Such freedoms should not harm others. Diverse views of others should be understood, but should not be disturbed or harassed. However, with the reason for human rights, some persons are now under pressured, harassed and threatened in breaching the laws. Undisciplined acts could lead to tarnish the image of democracy.
- For preventing destructive actions against stability of the state, safety of the public and the rule of law, it is also required to proper actions in line with the law.
- All the people who favour justice, freedom, equality and safety are requested to oppose breaching the laws and prevent such actions for the benefit of the country and people.

Police hunt down Open Society Myanmar members

EXECUTIVE Director of the Open Society Myanmar Dr Myo Myint Aung withdrew K1999.9 million (\$1.42 million) from SMED Bank on 8 March 2021 for staff's salary payment and was at large together with K1399.9 million.

A total of 11 people, including him, were on the run. So the security forces raided the office of Open Society Myanmar located in Bahan Township of Yangon

Region according to the law on 11 March 2021.

Therefore, the people should inform about the following 11 suspects, including Dr Myo Myint Aung, from Open Society Myanmar to the nearest command or police stations.

Those who admit the suspects at home will face actions.—MNA

Sr	Name	Duty	Address	Photo
1	U Sitt Naing	President	Pazundaung Township, Yangon	
2	Daw Myint Su	Vice-President	Mayangone Township, Yangon	
3	Dr Myo Myint Aung	Executive Director	Thingangyun Township, Yangon	
4	U Saw War Htoo Ba Sai	Programme Manager	Pyin Oo Lwin, Mandalay	
5	Daw May Moe Khine	Programme Officer	Sangyoung-Township, Yangon	
6	U Aung Aung Hlaing	Programme Officer	Mayangon Township, Yangon	

7	Daw Khaung Nan	Programme Officer	Tanai, Phakant Township	
8	U Win Kyaw Kyaw Oo	Admin & HR Officer	Thakayta Township, Yangon	
9	U Myo Kyi Tha San	IT Assistant	Mingaladon Township, Yangon	
10	Daw Su Su Aung	Programme Admin Specialist	Bahan Township, Yangon	
11	Daw Zarchi Win Tun	Accountant	Hline Township, Yangon	

Security forces attacked while removing roadblocks in Bago

SECURITY Forces were attacked by groups of rioters while removing road barriers solidified by the rioters on the streets in Bago yesterday.

The incidents happened four times yesterday. About 30, 50 and 80 rioters used handmade guns, fire bottles, arrows, handmade shields and grenades to attack the security forces.

The security forces confiscated weapons used in riots in "Khin" beauty salon located on Satpine 4 street in Nantawyar

ward around 10 am and deactivated two handmade mines set by wires under the sandbag near the salon.

Similarly, another handmade mine found near a lamp post on Santawtwin road, Nantawyar ward, was also deactivated by the security forces.

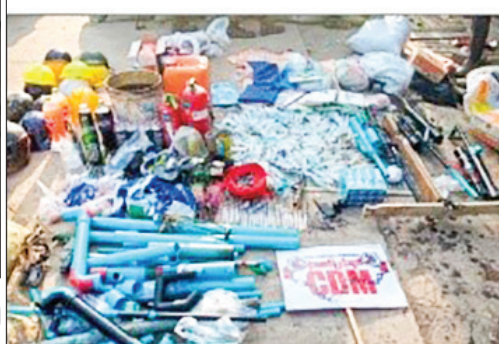
Two members of the security forces and two rioters were injured, and one rioter was dead during the incidents, and evidence of confiscated grenades and ammunition indicates small

arms were used.

Rioters have solidified steel barriers, tires and sandbags on the streets and roads of the wards in Bago since the last few days. They have been threatening the people who live around the roadblocks. Due to their shouting after using drugs and drinking alcohol at night and the high level of concern for fire hazards, people who want to live in peace asked for help to end the devastation by sending letters and calling to the administration bodies. — MNA



Barricades made and weapons used in riots in Bago are seen.



Rioters rob and set petrol bowser on fire in Myaing



A ravaged petrol bowser is seen after robbing and putting it on fire.

A group of 50 rioters robbed the driver's phones and money and put the petrol bowser on fire on 8 April in Myaing Township, Magway Region, according to the statement of the Myanmar Police Force.

The rioters covering their faces with longyi stopped the petrol bowser with their motorbikes at around 4 pm on 8 April on the Myaing-Gangaw road, Myaing Township.

After robbing two phones and 300,000 kyats from the drivers, the rioters set the petrol bowser on fire and drove their motorbikes towards Thanchaung village.

The fire was extinguished at around 5 pm.



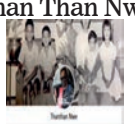







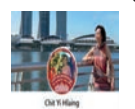









It is reported that investigations are underway to take effective action against the perpetrators under the law.—MNA


Those spreading news to affect State stability charged under Section 505-A

The following celebrities and people have been charged under Section 505-A of the Penal Code for intentionally committing incitements to the government employees to join CDM to affect government mechanism and for spreading information showing

their support for unlawful CRPH including fake news and other information to unrest riots and threaten the public on the social media.

The list of people charged under Section 505-A of the Penal Code

Sr	Account name	Profile	Address	Section of Penal Code	Photo
1	Sein Duu War Myanmar Traditional Orchestra https://www.facebook.com/seinduwar	Sein Duu War 	Chanmyathasi Township, Mandalay Region	505-a	
2	Thanthan Nwe https://www.facebook.com/thanthan.nwe.395	Than Than Nwe 	Mayangon Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
3	Shwe Witt Hmone https://www.facebook.com/shwewitt.hmone.75	Shwe Witt Hmone 	Pyawbwe Town, Mandalay Region	505-a	
4	Aung Kyaw Soe https://www.facebook.com/aung.kyawsoe.92754	Aung Kyaw Soe 	Mayangon Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
5	Aye May https://www.facebook.com/aye.may.94849	Aye May 	Sangyoung Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
6	Chit Yi Hlaing https://www.facebook.com/chityi.hlaing	Chit Yi Hlaing 	Tamway Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
7	Tin Win Soe https://www.facebook.com/tin.w.soe	Tin Win Soe 	Singapore	505-a	
8	Gwa Sar https://www.facebook.com/gwasar.mdy	Pyae Wa Tun 	Mandalay Region	505-a	
9	Nyan Hlaing https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100012041709179	Nyan Hlaing 	Myittamyaing Ward, YeU Town, Sagaing Region	505-a	
10	Aung Nyein Kyaw https://www.facebook.com/de-suukyaw29	Aung Nyein Kyaw 	Thakayta Township, Yangon Region	505-a	

Sr	Account name	Profile	Address	Section of Penal Code	Photo
11	U Paing https://www.facebook.com/yan.paingoo.1865	Yan Paing Oo 	Paungtale Town, Pyay Township, Bago Region	505-a	
12	Aung Min https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100011010541021	Aung Min 	Twantay Town, Yangon Region	505-a	
13	Thi Thi Aung https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100013107032707	Thi Thi Aung 	Byaingkwetthit Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
14	Myo Htike Tan Thein https://www.facebook.com/myothein19	Myo Htike Tan Thein 	No. 3 Ward, Kamayut Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
15	Pyae Phyo Thu https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100026729439850	Pyae Phyo Thu 	Myawady Ward, Monywa Town, Sagaing Region	505-a	
16	Win Zaw Khaing https://www.facebook.com/winzaw.khaing.9	Win Zaw 	Kyaung Street, Monywa Town, Sagaing Region	505-a	
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18	U Thet Htoon https://www.facebook.com/thet.htoon.3	Thet Htoon 	Tamway Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
19	Zayar Phyo (Zayar Nway Oo) https://www.facebook.com/sawzayyar.phyo	Zayar 	Tachilek Township, Shan State	505-a	
20	Aung Ye Pyae https://www.facebook.com/aungye.pyae	Aung Ye Pyae 	Kalaw Township, Shan State	505-a	

Action will be taken against those who will admit the offenders, and list of remaining offenders will be released. —MNA

14 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 9 April, total figure rises to 142,572

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 142,572 after 14 new cases were reported on 14 April 2021 according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these confirmed cases, 131,846 have been discharged from hospitals.—MNA

TWO Myanmar kings Mindon and Thibaw, successively reigned over upper Myanmar from 1853 to 1885 in the late Konbaung era. British occupied the whole Myanmar in 1885, ending the 133 years long Konbaung era.

When King Mindon came onto the throne, British had occupied lower Myanmar. Hence, King Mindon sent youths abroad to learn technologies, changed currency system, attempted to establish the industrialized country by building factories and published newspaper. Moreover, the king built fortresses and bunkers at strategic areas along Ayeyawady River, namely Minhla, Kwaychaung, Thabyetan, Asaykhan and Hsinkyon fortresses.

Thabyetan, Hsinkyon, and Asaykhan fortresses took positions near Sagaing, as a tripartite shape on the bank of Ayeyawady River near Sagaing and Inwa, before arriving at Mandalay.

Hsinkyon fortress was located on the bank in Inwa, Asaykhan fortress on Sagaing bank and Thabyetan fortress on Mandalay. Kinwun Mingyi built these fortresses like that of Portsmouth at the British strait in England.

Background history of Sagaing

Sagaing called Zeyapura was built by Athinkhaya Saw Yun in 1315 AD.

Sagaing takes a position at the foot of Minwun mountain range, the western bank of the Ayeyawady River, near Amrapura and Inwa. Ayeyawady River flows from the north to the south at the eastern wing of Sagaing and then turns to the west at the southern wing, as hugging the city.

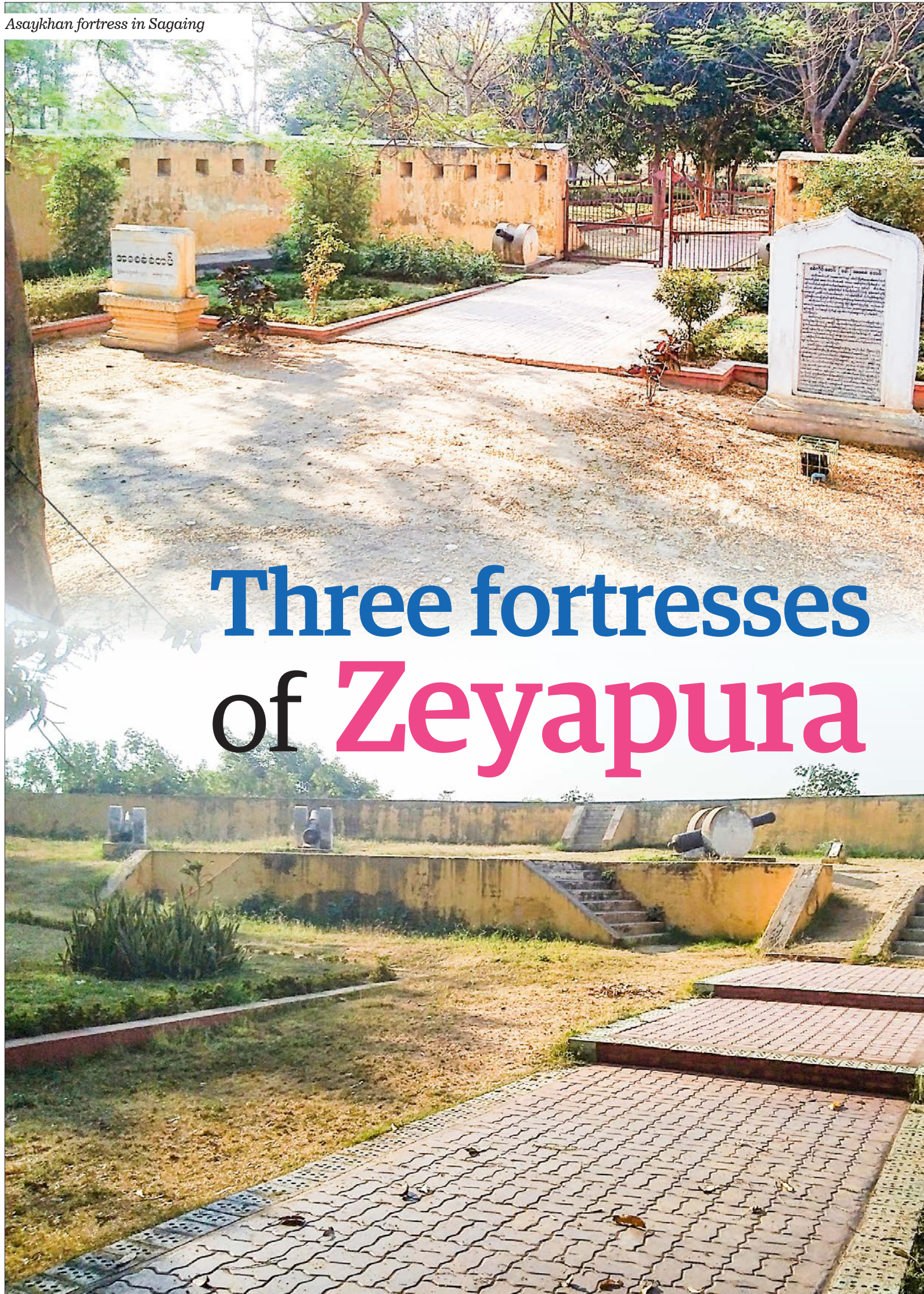
Zabudipa Uhsaung treatise edited by U Pe Maung Tin and JS Furnivall mentioned, "Sagaing shares border with Ayeyawady River in the east and the south, outlet creek of Sauktaw Lake in the west and Makyeesi in the north."

Saw Yun, son of Taseeshin, reigned over Sagaing in 677 ME with the title of Thiri Athinkhaya. Sagaing City was built in 677 ME.

U Kalar Maha History, New Twinthin Maha History, Glass Royal Palace History and Zartartawpon History treatises mentioned Athinkhaya Saw Yun had reigned over the city for eight years.

Athinkhaya Saw Yun ruled the city for eight years, Taya-

Asaykhan fortress in Sagaing



Inside of Asaykhan fortress in Sagaing

Three fortresses of Zeyapura

phya 15 years, Shwetaungtet three years, Kyaw Saw 10 years, Hsinbyushin Nawrahta Minye seven months, Tayaphya Nge three years and Min Pyauk 13 years. Seven kings successively reigned over the city for more than 50 years.

In the Konbaung era, King

Sagaing ruled Sagaing City and entitled it with Aungchapura and the royal palace, Myanan Aungcha.

Thabyetan fortress

It was built in front of the old Sagaing Bridge as of 3 December 1874, and it was completed

on 1 January 1879 in the reign of King Thibaw. It was also called as Shwekyetyet fortress concerning Shwekyetyet hill.

Thabyetan fortress was 400 feet long in the east and 108 feet in the west, 362 feet long in the south and 492 feet long in the north. Ladders were placed at

four corners to descend into the fortress. Eleven tunnels, nine feet high and six feet wide, were also built in the fortress. The fortress was formed with two rooms for commanders, 10 rooms for soldiers, four rooms for ammunition and three rooms for foods in addition to a well.



25 feet wide corridor for the way of soldiers. Arms chambers were placed under the second corridor fenced with four feet high brick bunkers.

An earthen wall that was 80 feet long, 50 feet wide and 18 feet high was located 50 feet from the eastern entrance to the fortress. A five-foot bridge lay on the entrance. Thabyetan fortress was strongly built as it was the nearest to Yadanabon Royal Palace.

In the third Anglo-Myanmar War, more than 1,000 soldiers led by Maha Minkhaung Thurein, Naymyo Sithu Kyawkhaung, head of eastern royal compound and governor of Yadanabon Town Yebet horse minister Thadoe Mingyi Maha Minkhaung Raza based at Thabyetan fortress to wait for the enemies who would march up along Ayeyawady River. But, Myanmar soldiers missed the chance to fight against British due to the order of Kinwun Mingyi who made efforts for ensuring

shape of semicircular. The straight-line faced Sagaing and the round shape, Ayeyawady River. The road in front of the fortress was five feet high, so the fortress was lower the road.

The straight line side was fenced with a brick wall with eight feet in height and two feet in breadth. The round shape side facing Ayeyawady River was covered with a 30 feet wide ground and brick wall. Four cannons were placed on that wall to target the boats of enemies.

A small cannon each was laid on both sides of the entrance to the fortress, and the stone plaques bearing Asaykhan fortress and the history of the fortress were posted on both sides of the road to the fortress. The fortress was 240 feet wide from the south to the north and 320 feet long from the east to the west. Two cubic shape brick chambers in south and north sides might be arms and food stores as well as bankers of soldiers. The southern brick

Names of fallen soldiers were described on the tombs. Those in a tomb was described that they fell in the battle on 27 December 1885 and another on 10 January 1886. The third tomb mentioned the soldiers on duty fell on 9 January 1886 in English language. These dates were about one month later the event which King Thibaw was taken away.

Just a time when King Thibaw was abducted away, Prince Kyun Nyunt, son of Prince Kanaung, led patriotic troops to fight against British troops near Sagaing Asaykhan fortress. As the dates were just a time when King Thibaw had been taken away, those who fell in the battles were buried in the tombs due to the fight of Myanmar patriotic troops led by Prince Kyun Nyunt.

Hsinkyon fortress

Square shape Hsinkyon fortress was built on the bank of the Ayeyawady River near Hsinkyon

Those marching up along the Ayeyawady River might see Hsinkyon fortress before arriving at Asaykhan and Thabyetan fortresses. The Ministry of Culture preserved Hsinkyon fortress in 1957 as an ancient building in the Inwa area. Two stone plaques bearing history of the fortress were posted on front wing of the fortress, one of two was described in Myanmar and another in English.

The stone inscription bears: "In the reign of King Mindon in 1236 ME, Italian Commodore led the construction of the fortress under supervision of Kinwun Mingyi U Kaung and Yaw Mingyi U Bo Hlaing. Hsinkyon fortress in Inwa, Asaykhan fortress in Sagaing and Thabyetan fortress in Amarapura were built as a tripartite to fight against British who would march up along Ayeyawady River."

Thabyetan fortress and Asaykhan fortress were 1.5 miles long in distance and Asaykhan fortress and Hsinkyon

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Hsinkyon fortress in Inwa

a ceasefire with British. So, British troops easily occupied Thabyetan fortress on 27 November 1885.

Asaykhan fortress

King Mindon ordered Commodore Perry of Italian Navy and Myanmar engineers to build Asaykhan fortress under the supervision of Daingwun superintendent and Kathe superintendent. After completion, the fortress was guarded by Bo Kyei and 50 soldiers. The location of fortress was the residence of rowers from Sagaing, so it was named Asaykhan fortress.

The fortress was in the

chamber was formed with two rooms and the northern one, a cubic shape brick chamber with an entrance.

In the third Anglo-Myanmar War, 2,726 soldiers led by governor of Pin City Mingyi Minkhaung Maha Minkyaw Thurein based at Asaykhan fortress. But, as an order sent by the Myanmar Royal Assembly not to fight, Hampshire troop led by General George White occupied the Asaykhan fortress on 26 November 1885.

Three tombs fenced by a small brick wall can be seen outside the door of the northern wall of Asaykhan fortress.

Village, west of ancient Inwa city, in 1874.

The fortress was fenced with tripple walls. The most outer wall was 355 feet long, the middle 293 feet and the most inner one 200 feet. The 31 feet wide water moat was located between the walls, with a bridge on the eastern part of the moat.

The outer part of inner wall was filled with soil to be bunkers. Northern part of the fortress was formed with two rooms. Rotary cannons, launchers and guns were placed on the passage of soldiers. The arms chamber and ignite chamber were structured inside the fortress.

fortress, one mile and three furlongs long in distance. These three fortresses were built as a design to fight against the enemies in the Ayeyawady River.

Three fortresses around Sagaing City were invaluable evidence of Myanmar who strived for safeguarding the sovereignty of the country as a final endeavours before ending the Konbaung era, said veteran historian Daw Kyan.

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The lowest brick structure of the fortress was three feet high, and arm chambers made of bricks were located on the north and west sides. The outer foundation was three feet high. The wall of the fortress was 10 feet high and slope, 20 feet long. The fortress was rounded with

AFC announce best goalkeepers of 2020

ASIAN Football Confederation recently announced the best five AFC Champions League goalies of 2020, according to the confederation statement.

The star goalies AFC has announced are Iran national football team goalkeeper Hamed Lak, Sepahan FC goalkeeper

Brad Jones, Ulsan Hyundai FC goalkeeper Jo So-huk, Chiangrai United goalkeeper Apirak Worawong, and Vissel Kobe FC goalkeeper Daiya Maekawa.

Speaking about the keepers, the AFC officials said, "Goalies Hamed Lak conceded just two goals in seven matches, with the

29-year-old playing a huge part in Persepolis' march to the 2020 AFC Champions League final. Next goalkeeper Brad Jones played a key role against Sepahan FC as the Australian shot-stopper was at his best to steer Al Nassr to victory."

"Having made a joint tourna-

ment-leading eight saves in Ulsan Hyundai's 2-0 win over Beijing FC, goalkeeper Jo So-huk helped steer his side into the semi-finals for the first time since 2012. Chiangrai United almost squandered their lead before half-time with some last-ditch defending bailing out Apirak Worawong after the

goalkeeper had needlessly given away possession in the final third.

Goal keeper Daiya Maekawa was at his best despite his side's 2-1 semi-final defeat to Ulsan Hyundai as Vissel Kobe narrowly missed out on a place in the final," football authorities added.—GNLM ■

Messi happy again but Barca wonder if this Clasico will be his last

LIONEL Messi's 45th Clasico on Saturday could also be his last as Barcelona look to rubber-stamp their progress under Ronald Koeman by beating Real Madrid and claiming top spot in La Liga.

The reward for the winners at Valdebebas will be knocking Atletico Madrid out of first place for the first time since December, before they mounted a run that saw them go 10 points clear with a game in hand at the start of February.

But Atletico's recent struggles, combined with a surge in momentum for Madrid and Barca, has seen that advantage evaporate, the question now whether Diego Simeone's team can recover and regroup to even stay in the

race through the final stretch.

Who Atletico have to hold off or, more likely, catch in the last nine games could depend on this weekend's result at the Alfredo di Stefano stadium, where both clubs will be hoping for the ultimate vindication of recent improvement. Success for Barcelona would be another significant check-point too in what has been an uplifting few months, the start of a recovery that has run alongside the ongoing uncertainty of what Messi will decide this summer.

Messi's every goal and glance this season has been analyzed for possible indications as to the 33-year-old's thinking but what is clear is how the atmosphere at Barca has changed since he asked to leave for free last August.—AFP ■

Tokyo tightening virus measures nearly 100 days before Olympics



Japan's government is set to tighten coronavirus measures for Tokyo, with just over 100 days to go until the virus-postponed Olympics. **PHOTO: KYODO**

JAPAN'S government will approve tighter coronavirus measures for the capital on Friday, weeks after lifting a state of emergency and with just over 100 days until the postponed Tokyo Olympics.

The new restrictions are far less severe than the blanket lockdowns seen in other countries

and mainly call for restaurants and bars to close at 8 pm, with the threat of fines for those that do not.

They are already in force in virus hotspots including Osaka city, where a rebound in cases has forced the Olympic torch relay off public roads.

The pandemic-delayed

2020 Games are due to open on July 23 in Tokyo, but a surge in cases in parts of the country is creating new concern.

Japan's government imposed a virus state of emergency across several regions starting in January, lifting it gradually, with Tokyo exiting the measure last.—AFP ■

Queen Elizabeth II's husband Prince Philip dies aged 99



QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S husband Prince Philip, who recently spent more than a month in the hospital and underwent a heart procedure, died on Friday, Buckingham Palace announced. He was 99.

"It is with deep sorrow that Her Majesty The Queen announces the death of her beloved husband, His Royal Highness Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh," it said in a statement.

"His Royal Highness passed away peacefully this morning at Windsor Castle.

"The Royal Family join with people around the world in mourning his loss."

The palace added that further announcements would be made "in due course".

Fears over the health of the Duke of Edinburgh, as he was formally known, had been heightened after he recently spent a month in hospital for treatment. He left the hospital on March 16 following what was described as a successful procedure for a pre-existing condition and treatment for an unspecified infection.

He was first admitted on February 16 on the advice of his doctor after he complained of feeling unwell.

Philip had returned to Windsor Castle, west of London, where he had been isolating with the queen — Britain's longest-serving monarch — since the start of the coronavirus pandemic last year.

He was due to turn 100 in June.

The news of his death saw television channels interrupt regular programmes and start special coverage marking his life.

The BBC announced his death and played the national anthem, "God Save the Queen".

Philip had increasingly struggled with his health in recent years and had retired from public life.

In the run-up to Christmas 2011, Philip was taken to hospital by helicopter after suffering chest pains. The Greek-born former naval officer was then treated for a blocked coronary artery and had a stent fitted.—AFP ■