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Announcement of Union Election Commission

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1. 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 Kawa, Letpadan and Okpo townships of Bago Region.

2. Findings in respective townships were as follows:

Findings on voter lists in each township

Sr	Township and numbers of polling stations	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	169 polling stations in Kawa township of Bago Region	158,659	157,287	31,341	1,025	14,654
2	176 polling stations in Letpadan township of Bago Region	138,462	128,134	21,249	1,120	14,724
3	126 polling stations in Okpo township of Bago Region	104,127	106,265	16,704	545	9,782

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Rice mills, rubber factories contribute to livelihoods of local people in Myeik District

OK Yadana Rice Mill operates the production and distribution of rice in the Myeik District of the Taninthayi Region. Likewise, Po La Min Rubber Industrial Company Ltd is also producing the finished rubber products in the district.

OK Yadana Rice Mill, located in Kyaukphya Village of Myeik Township, focuses on distributing high yield paddy seeds suitable for the region to the local farmers, purchasing paddy from farmers and rice sales in Myeik District. In running the rice mill, it uses a paddy dryer to make paddy dry before storage. It generates electricity with the use of



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Po La Min Rubber Industrial Company Ltd taking a position in Nga-in Village of Pin Oh Village-tract in Myeik Township runs its crumb rubber factory operated with the collection of raw rubber and production of the

finished goods with the export purpose on a daily basis.

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Some 700 owners of rubber

farms produce rubber latex from more than 146,000 acres of rubber plantations in the Myeik District.

Rice mills and rubber farms, and factories create job opportunities for the local people to earn income for their families.

— District IPRD/GNLM

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine Objectives

1. Political affairs

- (a) To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, through a disciplined and genuine multiparty democratic system that is fair and just.
- (b) To emphasize the achievement of enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).
- (c) To continue implementing the principle of peaceful co-existence among countries through an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy.

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.

- (b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.
- (c) To promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.

3. Social affairs

- (a) To ensure a strong and dynamic Union spirit, the genuine spirit of patriotism.
- (b) To respect and promote the customs and traditions of all National peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics.
- (c) To enhance the health, fitness and education quality of the entire nation.

Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council

1. The Union Election Commission will be reconstituted and its mandated tasks, including the scrutiny of voter lists, shall be implemented in accordance with the law.
2. Effective measures will be taken with added momentum to prevent and manage the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Actions will be taken to ensure the speedy recovery of businesses from the impact of COVID-19.
4. Emphasis will be placed on achieving enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.
5. Upon accomplishing the provisions of the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held in line with the 2008 Constitution, and further work will be undertaken to hand over State duties to the winning party in accordance with democratic standards.

Commander-in Chief (Navy) Admiral Moe Aung meets officers, other ranks, their families of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command HQ



Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Moe Aung is addressing at the meeting with the Ayeyawady Naval Region Command officers, other ranks and family members yesterday.

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (NAVY) Admiral Moe Aung met officers, other ranks and their families at the Thiha Thura Tun Tin Hall of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters

yesterday morning.

The commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command

and military officers received foodstuffs, fiction and non-fiction books and sports gears, respectively, presented by Admiral Moe Aung.

After the meeting, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) greeted officers, other ranks and their families cordially. – MNA



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Union Minister U Aung Naing Oo meets Mon State Investment Committee members

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission U Aung Naing Oo, presided over a meeting with Mon State Administration Council members and Mon State Investment Committee members in Mawlamyine yesterday.

During the meeting, the Union Minister discussed the granting permits for investment under Myanmar Investment Law, Rules and procedures, quick implementation processes and the plans to finalize the proposals during the fixed period.

The Union Minister also said the committee should draft the investment policies based on

the five-point roadmap and nine objectives of the SAC. It should also set investment priorities in order to improve the agriculture sector, renewable energy sector, SMEs.

The relevant departments are urged to cooperate to facilitate the local production and services sectors. Then, the Mon State Administration Council/ Investment Committee explained the investment-related matters in Mon State and suspended operations out of the ones permitted by the MIC and state investment committee.

The Union Minister also inspected the Mon State Directorate of Investment and Company Administration Office and met the staff. — MNA



The MIFER Union Minister chairs the meeting with Mon State Administration Council members and Investment Committee members yesterday.

Land administration central committee holds 1st coordination meeting



Union Minister U Tin Htut Oo presides over the first coordination meeting of the land administration central committee yesterday.

THE Central Committee on Administration of Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Lands organized a coordination meeting yesterday.

During the meeting, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Tin Htut Oo, in his capacity as chairman of the committee, highlighted policies of the State Administration Council to ensure food security and to develop the agriculture and livestock-based production sector, all-round development of other sectors of the economy, strict measures to ban the city projects and SEZs in farmland areas.

The Union Minister also discussed the applications for the use of vacant, fallow and virgin lands and the duties of relevant committees to scrutinize the applications for using lands.

Then, U Thet Naing Oo, secretary of the central committee, presented the documents to decide and the attendees to the meeting coordinated the discussion from their respective sectors.

The meeting also discussed the formation of region/state land management committee under the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law Section 3-a reviews on the remarks made by the ministries in former and current government terms and other lawsuits submitted to the central committee under Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law Section 8-a (b).

The central committee will confiscate the unused land according to the stipulations in Rules and take action against those failing to pay land revenue in line with the law. — MNA

Military hospitals continue providing healthcare to civilians

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 170,320, outpatients and 4,464 inpatients reached these hospitals from 5 February to date.

Senior medical experts, medics and nurses have con-

ducted 7,953 major operations and 4,068 minor operations. The senior doctors treat serious cases. These hospitals managed for the birth of 10,484 babies while bringing 10,484 pregnant women to the respective military hospitals. Of those, 41,265 cases are done in caesarean section and 63,583 cases in ordinary delivery.

Officials from the respec-

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

A local patient is receiving treatment at the Central Command hospital.



MoI Union Minister discusses timely supply of school textbooks

THE School Textbook Printing and Distribution Committee held its 1/2021 coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw on 27 April.

Union Minister for Information U Chitt Naing, in his capacity as chairman of the committee, discussed the crucial role of printing and distribution processes of school books via excellent cooperation with the relevant ministries, achievement through collective efforts and proper transportation system for school books to be supplied to the teachers and students in time.

The Union Minister also said the Ministry of Information is responsible for printing correct and quality books. The Ministry of Education, including the education staff of every



Union Minister U Chitt Naing chairs the first coordination meeting of the School Textbook Printing and Distribution Committee in Nay Pyi Taw on 27 April 2021.

level in respective districts and townships, is responsible for the distribution process.

He then highlighted the bilateral cooperation between the two ministries and urged

the participants to discuss their difficulties openly. Deputy Minister for Edu-

cation U Zaw Win coordinated the discussion. At the same time, the Permanent Secretary of Information Ministry U Myo Myint Maung, in his capacity as vice-chairman of the committee, explained the formation of school textbook printing sub-committee, schoolbooks distribution sub-committee, schoolbook tender accepting and scrutinizing committee, procurement committee for raw materials, committee on fixing floor price and quality inspecting team, and other challenges in printing the schoolbooks during this year.

The members of relevant committees and sub-committees then clarified the plans to print and distribute the textbooks and schoolbooks for new curriculums in time. — MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman inspects universities, vocational institutes in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr Maung Maung Naing inspected the Yezin Agricultural University, the University of Veterinary Science and the University of Forestry and Environmental Science in Zeyathiri, State Agricultural Institute in Pynmana and Government Technical Institute (Nay Pyi Taw) and Government Technical High School in Zabuthiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During his visit, the Rectors, Pro-Rectors, and principals of respective universities and institutes presented the preparations for the reopening of schools

and universities and the plans to facilitate the accommodation for teachers and students.

Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr Maung Maung Naing, in response, instructed them to make a plan for students' formal learning, COVID-19 vaccination programmes for the teachers and students, and guide them to become intelligent experts.

Then, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman and party inspected the school buildings, laboratories, dorms, libraries and classrooms of universities and institutes. — MNA



Nay Pyi Taw Council Chair Dr Maung Maung Naing makes an inspection tour around universities and institutes yesterday.

MoI launches mobile library for staff in Nay Pyi Taw



THE Ministry of Information, the Department of Information and, Public Relations of has launched a mobile library to increase the staff's knowledge and make reading more accessible for them.

The mobile library lent books yesterday to the Gener-

al Administration Department, the Ministry of Planning and Finance and the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

Under the motto "Read in your spare time", the mobile library, with a total of 6,600 books, is designed to make it easier for staff to read and study books in their spare time, lending books to a total of 26 departments—24 ministries and 2 departments—every two weeks to keep them in touch with literature.

"There were rare book

stores that were lending books in Nay Pyi Taw, so we had to buy the books we really liked. Now, due to this mobile library, we have a chance to read various kinds of books," a book borrower from the General Administration Department said.

The Department of Information and Public Relations has sent three iron bookshelves and 300 books to eight ministries and one department office for staff to read and study and arranged to exchange books every three months. —MNA

Bookwarmers are seen thronging at book rental mobile library.

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3. The Union Election Commission has inspected the withdrawal/receipt/use/remaining of ballot papers used for Pyithu Hluttaw Election of Kawa, Letpadan and Okpo townships of Bago Region together with the respective township election sub-commission, head of police force, Immigration and Population and administrators under the Hluttaw Election Law Section 53.

4. According to the inspection, a total of 471 polling stations in these three townships took out 449,365 ballots and used 287,198 ballots. It left 160,654 ballots instead of 162,167 ballots. The difference was 9,322 ballots, and it found 7,809 extra ballots. The extra/shortage ballots were found at respective polling stations. Findings in respective townships were as follows:

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in each township

Sr	Subject	Total polling station	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
							Missing	Extra
1	Kawa	169	179,320	111,417	67,903	69,997	3,139	5,233
2	Letpadan	176	152,159	97,599	54,560	51,283	5,092	1,815
3	Okpo	126	117,886	78,182	39,704	39,374	1,091	761
	Total	471	449,365	287,198	162,167	160,654	9,322	7,809

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Kawa Township

5. According to the inspection, 169 polling stations in 12 Wards and 91 Village-tracts of Kawa Township in Bago Region took out 179,320 ballots and used 111,417 ballots. It left 69,997 ballots instead of 67,903. The extra/shortage ballots and extra illegal ballots were found at respective poll stations. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Subject	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
						Missing	Extra
1	Ward/village -tract ballots	167,650	110,589	57,061	59,146	3,139	5,224
2	Township Advanced ballots	822	828	-6	1		7
3	Township Remaining ballots	10,848		10,848	10,850		2
	Total	179,320	111,417	67,903	69,997	3,139	5,233

6. There were 3,139 missing ballots and 5,224 extra ballots at 169 polling stations in 12 Wards and 91 Village-tracts of Kawa Township. Four polling stations in Thabyut Village-tract took out 5,050 ballots and used 5,147 ballots, and so it found 97 extra ballots. There were 7 extra township advance ballots. The township election sub-commission withdrew 10,848 township advance ballots, and it left 10,850 ballots, and so there were 2 extra ballots.

7. The ballots were granted to the voters without signs or left-hand thumb fingerprints in Form (1) at No (1) polling station in Nabe Pin village-tract, No (4) polling stations in Ohn Hne village-tract, No (1) polling station in Kan Aye village-tract and No (1) polling station in Alal village-tract of Kawa Township.

8. At No (1) polling station in Ma Mauk Village-tract in Kawa Township, the voters cast their votes just with a mark (✓) without registering their signs or fingerprints of left-hand thumb in Form (1).

9. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Ward/Village-Tract	Total Polling Stations	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
							Missing	Extra
1	Kawaywahit Ward	1	1,250	1,240	10	310		300
2	Tadagyi Ward	1	750	554	196	196		
3	Kyaunggyi Ward	1	1,050	794	256	256		
4	Minpaing Ward	1	900	616	284	284		
5	Yonegyi Ward	1	1,350	1,110	240	450		210
6	Khamaylay Ward	1	900	706	194	194		
7	Kantawmingala Ward	1	2,000	614	1,386	586	800	
8	Aungmingala Ward	1	850	554	296	296		
9	Zaygyi Ward	2	2,500	1,645	855	855		
10	Butar Ward	1	1,650	1,124	526	526		
11	Myomasanpya Ward	1	1,500	997	503	503		
12	Shwepyiaye Ward	1	1,800	1,229	571	571		
13	Kyartaw Village-tract	1	850	721	129	129		
14	Kyartet Village-tract	1	1,950	1,419	531	531		
15	Kyaungtaik Village-tract	1	750	573	177	177		
16	Kanpyaung Village-tract	2	850	576	274	274		
17	Khamaygyi Village-tract	1	1,500	1,117	383	383		
18	Khani Village-tract	2	1,250	813	437	437		
19	Khana Village-tract	2	1,700	1,238	462	462		
20	Zwekaik Village-tract	2	1,100	773	327	327		
21	Zipyugone Village-tract	4	2,800	1,805	995	995		
22	Nyaungpin Village-tract	2	2,250	1,559	691	551	140	
23	Nabepin Village-tract	3	1,900	1,289	611	411	200	
24	Paukkonegyi Village-tract	3	2,850	2,062	788	738	50	
25	Phalay Village-tract	2	3,400	2,192	1,208	1,208		
26	Moekanein (Bamar) Village-tract	1	1,250	940	310	310		
27	Bonemazoe Village-tract	2	1,350	1,100	250	250		
28	Moekanein (Kayin) Village-tract	1	650	450	200	200		
29	Makyatgyi Village-tract	1	3,350	2,181	1,169	169	1000	
30	Shankan Village-tract	1	1,100	786	314	314		
31	Zinywegone (setgone) Village-tract	3	1,350	880	470	570		100
32	Thapyu Village-tract	4	5,050	5,147	-97	903		1000
33	Thapyaykan Village-tract	1	900	596	304	304		

34	Innwa Village-tract	3	2,200	1,590	610	610		
35	Kamabar Village-tract	2	1,300	782	518	518		
36	Kathitpin Village-tract	2	2,100	1,334	766	766		
37	Khamonkangyi Village-tract	1	900	588	312	312		
38	Khamon Village-tract	2	1,300	932	368	368		
39	Zwebar Village-tract	2	1,500	1,036	464	464		
40	Zayphalon Village-tract	1	1,450	987	463	463		
41	Takawkanoke Village-tract	3	3,800	2,639	1,161	1,161		
42	Letpankharshae Village-tract	2	1,850	1,223	627	627		
43	Phoyoesu Village-tract	1	1,000	924	76	326		250
44	Htaw Village-tract	2	1,250	861	389	339	50	
45	Htenan Village-tract	3	1,450	889	561	679		118
46	Nivana Village-tract	2	2,050	1,286	764	764		
47	Paingkyon Village-tract	3	1,950	1,185	765	715	50	
48	Metkabin Village-tract	3	2,500	1,572	928	928		
49	Mudu Village-tract	1	2,300	1,312	988	988		
50	Mwaybwaygone Village-tract	2	1,450	902	548	548		
51	Yeitkangyi Village-tract	2	2,000	1,327	673	673		
52	Thayagone Village-tract	2	1,850	994	856	856		
53	Htitan Village-tract	1	750	510	240	240		
54	Thandaga Village-tract	1	850	547	303	303		
55	Thinbankan Village-tract	2	2,550	1,662	888	868	20	
56	Thandin Village-tract	2	2,900	1,965	935	940		5
57	Ohnehne Village-tract	5	6,900	4,594	2,306	2,306		
58	Ale Village-tract	2	2,750	1,992	758	559	199	
59	Adu Village-tract	2	2,350	1,368	982	982		
60	Kadatsein Village-tract	1	950	628	322	322		
61	Kanmyint Village-tract	1	1,450	966	484	484		
62	Kanhtoo Village-tract	1	1,100	803	297	297		
63	Kanpaw Village-tract	1	900	473	427	227	200	
64	Kanaung Village-tract	1	1,000	618	382	382		
65	Kanaye Village-tract	1	1,200	739	461	461		
66	Chanthagyi Village-tract	1	1,550	1,054	496	496		
67	NyanU Village-tract	1	1,050	687	363	363		
68	Naungbo Village-tract	2	1,900	1,348	552	552		
69	Pyawbwe Village-tract	1	750	443	307	307		
70	Paukkan Village-tract	2	2,050	1,276	774	785		11
71	Aungpintha Village-tract	1	900	634	266	266		
72	Shweponsu Village-tract	1	1,200	798	402	402		
73	Shwepaukpin Village-tract	1	1,200	776	424	424		
74	Shwenyaungpin Village-tract	1	1,400	771	629	629		

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75	Wataw Village-tract	2	1,200	789	411	411		
76	Thayetgone Village-tract	2	3,200	2,284	916	4,086		3,170
77	Thapyaykanathin Village-tract	1	1,550	1,009	541	493	48	
78	Aywaathin Village-tract	1	1,150	733	417	417		
79	Ayemon Village-tract	1	1,750	1,155	595	595		
80	Aungmyay Village-tract	1	1,100	541	559	377	182	
81	Aungnaingyi Village-tract	1	900	554	346	346		
82	Aungtha Village-tract	2	1,850	1,321	529	529		
83	Aungkanhlaing Village-tract	1	850	615	235	235		
84	Aungmeiktha Village-tract	1	550	342	208	208		
85	Kantaw Village-tract	1	1,050	516	534	534		
86	Kanhlavillage-tract	1	1,250	897	353	353		
87	Khenanathin Village-tract	1	450	247	203	203		
88	TadaU Village-tract	2	800	245	555	505	50	
89	Htitanathin Village-tract	1	650	424	226	226		
90	Pinkalaung Village-tract	2	2,250	1,267	983	993		10
91	Kannyinaung Village-tract	2	1,350	811	539	539		

92	Bandar Village-tract	2	1,150	685	465	465		
93	Balauk Village-tract	4	3,200	1,735	1,465	1,465		
94	Milauk Village-tract	1	900	396	504	404	100	
95	Mamauk Village-tract	1	1,100	627	473	473		
96	Shwetasoke Village-tract	2	700	317	383	433		50
97	Shwegan Village-tract	1	1,200	741	459	459		
98	Wepatan Village-tract	2	2,600	1,515	1,085	1,085		
99	Thetkalaathin Village-tract	2	1,600	976	624	624		
100	Aungmingala Village-tract	3	1,450	677	773	723	50	
101	Ngwetaung Village-tract	2	2,250	1,233	1,017	1,017		
102	Aungtapyay Village-tract	1	850	466	384	384		
103	Aungkaungnyunt Village-tract	1	2,250	1,056	1,194	1,194		
	Ward/village -tract ballots	169	167,650	110,589	57,061	59,146	3,139	5,224
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Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Letpadan Township

10. There were 176 polling stations in Letpadan township. Of 1252,159 ballots, they distributed 142,800 as ward/village-tract ballots, 831 as township advance ballots and 8,528 as township remaining (reserve) ballots. The shortage/extra ballots were found at respective polling stations, and findings were as follows:

Sr	Subject	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
						Missing	Extra
1	Ward/village -tract ballots	142,800	97,130	45,670	42,121	5,092	1,543
2	Township Advanced ballots	831	469	362	362		
3	Township Remaining ballots	8,528		8,528	8,800		272
	Total	152,159	97,599	54,560	51,283	5,092	1,815

11. According to the inspection, they withdrew 142,800 ballots and used 97,130 ballots. It left only 42,121 ballots instead of 45,670. According to the inspection in each polling station, 5,092 ballots were found missing at 54 polling stations and 1,543 extra illegal ballots at 27 polling stations.

12. Of 831 township advance ballots, they used 469 ballots and left 362 ballots.

13. Although they did not use 8,528 township reserve ballots, it found 8,800 ballots in the inspection, and so there were 272 extra illegal ballots.

14. The township took out 152,159 ballots for the entire township and used 97,599 ballots, and it found 51,283 unused ballots.

15. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Ward/Village-Tracts	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
						Missing	Extra
1	Myoma Ward	5,050	3,496	1,554	1,554	50	50
2	Belintan Ward	4,000	3,041	959	1,159		200
3	Myaysi Village-tract	1,050	621	429	329	100	
4	Hmawaine Village-tract	3,500	2,484	1,016	1,066	50	100
5	Putainsu Village-tract	2,150	1,440	710	710	50	50
6	Moeaine Village-tract	1,000	743	257	257		
7	Kyunkalay Village-tract	2,550	2,075	475	470	55	50
8	Chanthagone Village-tract	1,250	852	398	398		
9	Gyoepinsakhan Village-tract	2,300	1,483	817	617	200	
10	Natsingone Village-tract	1,300	1,001	299	299		
11	Tasone Village-tract	1,650	980	670	620	50	
12	Sinkuywathit Village-tract	2,000	1,304	696	696		
13	Nyaungwine Village-tract	1,850	1,274	576	577	50	51
14	Khamoneseik Village-tract	7,050	4,413	2,637	2,591	146	100
15	Gonhnyintan Village-tract	1,800	1,312	488	488		
16	Tawlatha Village-tract	2,200	1,484	716	616	100	
17	Thidagone Village-tract	3,050	1,660	1,390	1,090	300	
18	Kanyinto Village-tract	3,100	2,122	978	948	30	
19	Seintone Village-tract	4,650	3,253	1,397	1,347	100	50
20	Zipyugone Village-tract	3,500	2,321	1,179	779	400	
21	Pauktawsu Village-tract	3,250	1,862	1,388	1,042	346	
22	Tawkalat Village-tract	2,250	1,737	513	513		
23	Shansu Village-tract	2,250	1,642	608	558	100	50
24	Yehlyan Village-tract	2,800	2,098	702	701	1	
25	Yunthwe Village-tract	2,150	1,534	616	566	50	
26	Yekyi Village-tract	3,600	2,671	929	729	200	
27	Bodhipin Village-tract	2,950	2,168	782	632	150	

28	Minyat Ward	5,400	3,649	1,751	1,785	101	135
29	MaUgone Ward	5,300	3,830	1,470	1,440	30	
30	Kinetawsu Village-tract	1,300	953	347	347	50	50
31	Sintalin Village-tract	2,550	1,913	637	597	100	60
32	Yengan Village-tract	2,800	1,969	831	817	100	86
33	Thityaungpin Village-tract	1,500	1,072	428	462	16	50
34	Wayonepinzin Village-tract	2,200	1,410	790	790	150	150
35	Kwanchan Village-tract	2,650	1,699	951	851	100	
36	Gwaytaukwin Village-tract	750	453	297	197	100	
37	Magywkwin Village-tract	1,650	1,117	533	543		10
38	Teikwachaung Village-tract	1,350	1,016	334	334		
39	Nabekwin Village-tract	2,200	1,499	701	701	100	100
40	Sinkuwethla Village-tract	1,250	693	557	500	57	
41	Yekan Village-tract	1,650	1,008	642	442	200	
42	Pyinhtaungtwin Village-tract	1,000	733	267	267		
43	Gonminkwin Village-tract	1,650	1,070	580	480	100	
44	Oaktwin Village-tract	1,250	810	440	440		
45	Myinkawa Village-tract	3,950	2,686	1,264	1,114	150	
46	Aunglangone Village-tract	1,950	1,293	657	557	100	
47	Natphankwin Village-tract	2,400	1,564	836	686	150	
48	Sinmani Village-tract	1,850	1,175	675	625	50	
49	Tharrawaw Village-tract	6,150	4,019	2,131	2,082	100	51
50	Ainetaloke Village-tract	4,300	3,002	1,298	1,238	60	
51	Lulinkyaw Village-tract	5,000	2,758	2,242	1,592	650	
52	Kunthitapin Village-tract	2,850	2,015	835	885	100	150
53	Pyingatogone Village-tract	3,650	2,653	997	997		
	Ward/village -tract ballots	142,800	97,130	45,670	42,121	5,092	1,543
	Township Advanced ballots	831	469	362	362		
	Township Remaining ballots	8,528	-	8,528	8,800		272
	Township Total	152,159	97,599	54,560	51,283	5,092	1,815

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Okpo Township

16. According to the inspection, 126 polling stations in 10 Wards and 53 Village-tracts of Okpo Township in the Bago Region took out 117,886ballots and used 78,182 ballots. It left 39,374 ballots instead of 39,704. The extra/shortage ballots and extra illegal ballots were found at respective poll stations. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Subject	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
						Missing	Extra
1	Ward/village -tract ballots	107,200	77,661	29,539	29,846	454	761
2	Township Advanced ballots	521	521				
3	Township Remaining ballots	10,165		10,165	9,528	637	
	Total	117,886	78,182	39,704	39,374	1,091	761

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17. According to the inspection, the ballot packs containing used, remaining ballot books and voter list Form (1) for Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region Hluttaw of No (3), No (7) and Aung Thukha village and No (6) polling station in Aye Mya Thaya village-tract of Okpo township were found missing.
 18. Therefore, the UEC contacted the township election sub-commission officer U Myat Kyaw (poll head) of No (6) polling station in Aye Mya Thaya village-tract and Daw Myat Aemi Wan (deputy poll head) and they said the pack was kept at the primary school of Aye Mya Thaya and so the officials examined the pack on 2.4.2021.
 19. There were 454 missing ballots and 761 extra ballots at 1,216 polling station in 10 Ward and 53 village-tracts of Okpo Township. The numbers of township advance ballots and used ballots conformed with 521. The township election sub-commission must have 10,165 ballots, and it found only 9,528 ballots, and so 637 ballots were missing.
 20. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Ward/Village-Tract	Total Polling Stations	Withdrawal	Used	Exact re- maining	Remaining on the Ground	Differ- ence	
							Missing	Extra
1	Myoma Ward	1	1,150	851	299	299		
2	Moenyotan Ward	2	3,150	2,247	903	952		49
3	Ywama Ward	1	1,350	1,117	233	233		
4	Chaunggwa Village-tract	3	1,900	1,410	490	490		
5	Hnawgone Village-tract	3	1,850	1,211	639	589	50	
6	Pantin Village-tract	2	1,050	776	274	274		
7	Shangone Village-tract	4	3,200	2,484	716	566	150	
8	Hlwzin Village-tract	2	1,900	1,338	562	562		
9	Winthayet Village-tract	2	1,750	1,170	580	580		
10	Waing Village-tract	5	4,350	3,140	1,210	1,210		
11	Thayethnitphyarlein Village-tract	2	1,650	1,188	462	462		
12	Thayetpinseik Village-tract	1	1,000	797	203	253		50
13	Aokeshitgone Village-tract	2	1,100	790	310	360		50
14	Alegone Village-tract	2	850	549	301	301		
15	Gyoekeopin Village-tract	2	2,000	1,366	634	634		
16	Tinseik Village-tract	1	900	620	280	280		
17	Teinmyoke Village-tract	3	2,950	1,964	986	1,024		38
18	Daungsabar Village-tract	3	2,200	1,611	589	589		
19	Letpataw Village-tract	3	2,550	1,973	577	577		
20	LeikUgone Village-tract	1	1,350	998	352	352		
21	Aukkine Village-tract	3	3,100	2,198	902	902		
22	Chaunggaung Village-tract	2	2,150	1,404	746	796		50
23	Phalanpin Village-tract	2	1,950	1,458	492	492		
24	Butalettan Village-tract	1	400	298	102	102		
25	Htanpingone Village-tract	3	3,000	2,036	964	1114		150
26	Thaphanpinseik Village-tract	1	800	582	218	218		
27	Myaung Village-tract	2	900	621	279	279		
28	Thaekaw Village-tract	1	450	328	122	122		
29	Kinegyi Village-tract	3	2,550	1,782	768	868		100
30	Kwaychaung Village-tract	1	1,550	1,178	372	372		
31	Aungmingalar Ward	1	1,200	936	264	264		
32	Kyaunggyitan Ward	1	1,550	1,179	371	421		50

33	Taunggone Village-tract	1	900	667	233	233		
34	Htoogone Village-tract	1	1,250	893	357	357		
35	Hmetkatan Village-tract	1	800	700	100	100		
36	Layte Village-tract	1	600	493	107	107		
37	Thinpangone Village-tract	2	1,800	1,262	538	504	34	
38	Thayetgone Village-tract	3	1,950	1,425	525	505	20	
39	Ayemyathaya Village-tract	7	7,150	4,966	2,184	2,034	150	
40	Kyatchaung Village-tract	3	1,950	1,407	543	593		50
41	Singaung Village-tract	2	1,800	1,427	373	373		
42	Tepinkyawt Village-tract	2	1,750	1,115	635	635		
43	Shanywa Village-tract	2	2,100	1,615	485	485		
44	Kinmonchyone Village-tract	3	1,350	984	366	366		
45	Tetswel Village-tract	2	2,550	1,707	843	843		
46	Balar Village-tract	2	2,000	1,520	480	500		20
47	Magyepin Village-tract	3	1,450	1,074	376	376		
48	Mataungta Village-tract	2	1,300	919	381	385		4
49	Kanthaya Village-tract	4	2,550	1,746	804	754	50	
50	Kyungone Village-tract	2	1,150	878	272	272		
51	Kyunkaukpin Village-tract	1	650	521	129	129		
52	Gonehnyintan Village-tract	3	3,500	2,701	799	899		100
53	Tepinyoe Village-tract	1	600	470	130	130		
54	Shartawkwin Village-tract	1	800	661	139	139		
55	Tingokeyi Village-tract	1	650	411	239	239		
56	Htaukkyantkwin Village-tract	1	900	712	188	188		
57	Oaktwingone Village-tract	1	800	477	323	323		
58	Nanwingone Village-tract	2	1,650	1,310	340	390		50
59	Ngashintyoe Village-tract	2	1,350	966	384	384		
60	Aohthegon-Myoma Ward	1	1,550	1,125	425	425		
61	Aohthegone-Lanmataw Ward	1	1,200	899	301	301		
62	Aohthegone-Pyitawtha Ward	1	850	607	243	243		
63	Aohthegone-Ywathit Ward	1	500	403	97	97		
	Ward/village tract ballots	126	107,200	77,661	29,539	29,846	454	761
	Township Advanced ballots		521	521				
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	Township Total	126	117,886	78,182	39,704	39,374	1,091	761

Union Election Commission

Plan to reopen final-year courses, master's courses (written test) opened at universities, degree colleges, colleges under Higher Education Department of Education Ministry

UNIVERSITIES, degree colleges and colleges under the department of Higher Education of the Ministry of Education will reopen the final-year courses and master's courses (written test) which were conducted in the 2019-2020 academic year, as of 5 May 2021.

GTC, GTI under Technical, Vocational Education and Training Department of Education Ministry to open third-year courses, GTHS, second-year courses

GOVERNMENT Technological Colleges and Government Technical Institutes under the Department of Technical, Vocational Education and Training of the Ministry of Education will open the third-year courses, the final years of three-year diploma courses of AGTI and the Government Technical High Schools, second-year courses as of 5 May 2021.

12 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 28 April, total figure rises to 142,790

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 142,790 after 12 new cases were reported on 28 April 2021 according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these confirmed cases, 131,955 have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll stands at 3,209 after one died. —MNA

Beef up acceleration in the swim of broad medical field

THE Ministry of Health and Sports recently earmarked to spend K300 billion on purchasing pharmaceuticals to be distributed to people's hospitals across the nation.

In fact, medicines play a key role in operating small and large hospitals. So, we all welcome the decision of such a ministry to emphasize operations of the hospitals and healthcare services for the people.

Nonetheless, people still receive medical treatment at private hospitals and clinics by spending their incomes because the majority of government-run hospitals cannot provide healthcare services as usual. The fund allotted by the ministry is not useful for the majority of hospitals that can do nothing for healthcare services.

Currently, government's hospitals face shortages of human resources as well as medicines and medical equipment in operations. Amidst the challenges, the Department of Medical Services under the Ministry of Health and Sports appointed 49 fresher medical doctors early this year.

They are discharging duties at Yangon General Hospital, New Yangon General Hospital, Thingangyun Sanpya General Hospital, 500-bed Specialty Hospital, western and eastern general hospitals of Yangon, Central Women's Hospital (Mandalay), 300-bed Teaching Hospital (Mandalay), Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-bed), North Okkalapa, Insein, Thanlyin, PyinOoLwin, Bago, Pakokku, Mawlamyine and Kawthoung general hospitals.

In fact, those fresher doctors are new strengths of the department, reliable for the hospitals as well as the patients. But, we need to give them adequate time to have precious work experiences to become qualified physicians. They have to change the loss to the win. They have to take the lessons from the mistakes and errors. They have to enhance their capacity through hard work in the profession. They have to possess the skills to look at the glittering future.

Medical doctors have to accumulate initiative, rationality, work experience, sympathy, modern medical technologies and other exposures based on daily assignments to manage themselves in healthcare services for the people. They have to study further while giving treatment to patients.

So, we all the people wait for the day when hospitals would run at the full capacity, and fresher medical doctors become the qualified, well-versed and reliable physicians.

Myanmar Writers and the S.E.A. WRITE AWARD

By Maung Hlaing

IN Myanmar, the history of literary awards will not be complete if we skip the pages of the 'South-East Asian Writers Award' that some of Myanmar writers had received in the late 1990s. In spite of its official name, it is popularly known as 'S.E.A. WRITE AWARD' in the nations of South-East Asia.

The award, indeed, is not born in Myanmar. It is organized by Thailand, a member country of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

The first and foremost recipient of such award is Sayagyi Sinbyu-kyun Aung Thein. He was awarded in 1998 when he was 72. He is now over 90 and still alive. Later, Saya Kyaw Aung, Sayamagyi Saw Mon Hnyin and Saya Tekkatho Htin Gyi became awardees. Due to the political situation in Myanmar in those days, the offers to receive the award were turned down in the 2000s.

However, it was reintroduced to the Myanmar writers after a gap of over a decade. In the early 2010s, poet as well as writer Maung Sein Win (Padeegon), novelists Kyu Kyu Thinn and Lae-dwin-thar Saw Chit received the S.E.A. Write Award. Furthermore, I was told that Ma Thida (Sangyoung) had also won the award (but I cannot definitely say the year when she was awarded.)

In the beginning, the programmes for the awardees to receive the awards were conducted by the government. As I was attached to the Ministry of Information (MOD) at that time, I had to implement all the processes of the award presentation ceremony in cooperation with late U Hla Yi (Head of Branch-1 of MOD) and Section Head U Soe Moe (now director of MOD). If necessary, I had to accompany the awardees to Bangkok, Thailand, to receive the award.

Among the recipients of the award in the late 1990s and the early 2000s, Sinbyu-Kyun Aung Thein is the only one who is still alive. Saya Kyaw Aung, Sayama Saw Mon Hnyin and Saya Tekkatho Htin Gyi passed away. Even Saya Maung Myint Kywe, who accompanied Tekkatho Htin Gyi is no longer in the world. That is why there is no one, except U Soe Moe (MOD) and the author of this article, who knows about the S.E.A. WRITE AWARD.

Background
The South-East Asian Writers Award dates back to 1979. The award is presented to the writers, including poets, novelists, historians and literary researchers from the ASEAN Community—Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the



An extract of the interview with Sinbyu-Kyun Aung Thein by journalist Manote Tripathi, which appeared in the nation (27-9-1998) published in Bangkok, Thailand.

Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam. The award presentation ceremony has been held in Bangkok, Thailand, every year since the time when the award came into being. (However, I cannot vividly say whether the award presentation ceremony was held or not during the period of Covid-19.)

Although its official name is the South East Asian Writers Award, it quickly became popularly known as the S.E.A. WRITE AWARD. And very soon, the awardees came to be referred to as S.E.A. Write poets, S.E.A. Write novelists, S.E.A. Write short-story writers and so forth. The Organizing Committee is just to present the award to the awardees, but each has to be selected by the judging committee of his or her own country. In the early years, the awardees represented only five countries.

At the ceremony, the award is presented by one of the Royal Family members. The prime underlying purposes of the award are to help those who write and, at the same time, to promote knowledge and mutual understanding among the nations of South East Asia and to foster the sense of belonging together; of having enough in common in spite of cultural and historical diversities.

In order to enable the readers to get the picture of the S.E.A. Write Award, I must first tell you about the brief history of the emergence of the ASEAN. The ASEAN was originally founded with five-member nations -- Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand — on 8 August 1967. Brunei Darussalam on 7 January 1984, Vietnam on 28 July 1995, Laos and Myanmar on 23 July 1997 and Cambodia on 30 April

1999 became the ASEAN members respectively. Consequently, the winners from ten member nations could be awarded from 1999 onwards. The sponsors are those from private foundations, business companies, economic enterprises and so on. Besides the return tickets and hotel accommodations (including meals) given gratis to the awardees, each winner receives Baht 100,000 as to each prize. Each awardee can bring a companion who can enjoy the same privilege that the former receives. The programmes for the delegations to the ceremony include visits to historic places, Emerald Buddha, and business centres.

The award presentation ceremony is held on a grand scale with a Gala Dinner on the night after the end of visiting historic places. A world-renowned writer or poet is specially invited to the ceremony to make a speech. After receiving the awards, each awardee has to speak words of thanks in either his or her own mother tongue or English. The ambassadors and diplomats from ten ASEAN member nations are also invited to the ceremony.

The 1998 ceremony
The award presentation ceremony held at the Oriental Hotel (48, Oriental Avenue in Bangkok) on the night of 25 September 1998 was the first occasion that Myanmar Laureate Sinbyu-kyun Aung Thein attended. The ceremony held in 1998 coincided with the 20th Anniversary (1979-1998).

U Kyi Aye (Sinbyu-Kyun Aung Thein) has won the National Literary Award, the highest literary award in Myanmar, twice — for his short-story collection of 'Ko Say Yoe (4)' (1990) and 'Ko Say Yoe (6)' (1996). (In 2007, he also won

the National Lifetime Award for Literary Achievement.) During his literary years, Sinbyu-Kyun Aung Thein has written over 2000 short stories on rural life. The maturity of the literary experience of a writer can be seen in his works which are rich in vocabularies used by rural folks. His works vividly depict the social life of the country people living in Anyar or Upper Myanmar.

On that night, Sinbyu-Kyun Aung Thein and other awardees assembled in the Oriental's Royal Ballroom with the then HRH Crown Prince (Now His Majesty) Maha Vajiralongkorn of Thailand presiding over the award presentation ceremony. The Royal Address of the then HRH Crown Prince was followed by words of thanks presented by awards recipients. Then, the distinguished guest speaker, Mr Norman Mailer, who was specially invited to the

Write Award in 1998. (As the award presentation ceremony is usually held in September or October, the Organizing Committee hardly had enough time to offer Myanmar for 1997.)

The following are the Myanmar writers who have received the South East Asian Writers Award, popularly known as S.E.A. WRITE AWARD: —

- Late 1990s**
- 1. Sinbyu-Kyun Aung Thein (U Kyi Aye) (1998), accompanied by U Maung Hlaing (Maung Swe Ngae)
- 2. Kyaw Aung (U Kyaw Aung) (1999) (deceased), accompanied by U Maung Hlaing (Maung Swe Ngae)
- 3. Saw Mon Hnyin (Daw Yin Yin) (2000) (deceased), accompanied by U Maung Hlaing (Maung Swe Ngae)
- 4. Tekkatho Htin Gyi (U Tin



Sinbyu-Kyun Aung Thein, the first and foremost winner of S.E.A. Write Award in 1998, seen at a press conference in Bangkok, Thailand.

ceremony, made a speech.

Norman Mailer won the National Book Award for Arts and Letters in 1969 and the Pulitzer Prize twice, once in 1969 and again in 1980. He was President of PEN (Us Chapter) from 1984 to 1986. (The guest speaker was born in 1923; grew up in Brooklyn and began attending Harvard University in 1939. It was while at university that he became interested in writing. He published his first story when he was 18. He graduated from Harvard with a degree in aeronautical engineering in 1943.)

Myanmar and the S.E.A. Write Award
When the ASEAN was founded on 8 August 1967, Myanmar did not become a member of the Association. She became an ASEAN member country only on 23 July 1997. (Laos became a member on the same day.) To honour the membership of the ASEAN, a prominent writer from Myanmar was offered to receive the S.E.A.

- Maung) (2001) (deceased), accompanied by U Myint Kywe (Maung Myint Kywe) (deceased)
- Early 2010s**
- 5. Maung Sein Win (Padeegon) (2013)
- 6. Kyu Kyu Thinn (2014)
- 7. Lae-dwin-thar Saw Chit (2015)

In 2002, Sayagyi U Hla Kyaing (Paragu) was selected as a recipient of the S.E.A. Write Award. Sadly, although he was offered to receive the award in Bangkok, he failed to do so due to the immediate change of the policy in those days. However, due to his failure of receiving the S.E.A. Write Award, the National Lifetime Award for Literary Achievement emerged in the history of National Literary Awards in Myanmar.

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A booklet published to hail the 1998 S.E.A. Write Award.

Public information

Yangon Region Administration Council is working with relevant departments to help the businesses in the region. People are informed to contact the following phone numbers to get assistance for their small and medium-scaled businesses and investments which are facing some delays and working to do new businesses.

Phone numbers: 01 830 1975, 01 830 2175

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- > သတင်းနှင့်စာအုပ်စီစဉ်ရေးဆွဲရေး (ရုံးချုပ်)၊ အပြည်တော်၊ ဖုန်း-၀၆၇-၃၄၁၂၁၀၊ ၀၉-၄၄၀၁၀၆၅၂
- > အပြည်တော်သတင်းစာတိုက် (ဧရာဝတီမြို့နယ်)၊ ဖုန်း-၀၆၇-၃၆၁၀၇၇၊ ၀၉-၄၄၁၀၆၆၆၇
- > မြန်မာ့အလင်းသတင်းစာတိုက် (ရန်ကင်း)၊ ဖုန်း-၀၁-၉၅၄၄၃၃၃၇၊ ၀၉-၄၄၀၀၄၂၂၁၄
- > ကြေးမုံသတင်းစာတိုက် (ရန်ကင်း)၊ ဖုန်း-၀၁-၉၂၉၂၀၀၁၊ ၀၉-၄၄၀၀၂၅၅၇၀
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Press release on inaccurate death toll in riots

SINCE the State Administration Council has taken over the country, peaceful protests following the democracy led by NLD members and illegally-formed CRPH and the extremists, who support them, have escalated from insurrection to acts of terrorism.

In some cities, they blocked the roads. They attacked the police stations, military headquarters, ward administration offices, schools and private business buildings, public roads and innocent homes with grenades, homemade mines and grenades and fire bottles.

The members and the supporters of the NLD party attacked a total of 63 police stations, 62 ward administration offices, 52 department buildings, 16 roads and bridges, 13 banks, 105 schools and other buildings from 1 February to 15 April. Moreover, they destroyed by fire a total of 13 industries in the Hlinethaya and Shwepyitha industrial zones and in Insein township, Yangon Region.

Status of being attacked and destroyed from 1.2.2021 to 15.4.2021

No	State/ Region	Police Station	Ward/Village Administration Office	Office/department buildings	Road/bridge	Bank	Other places
1	Nay Pyi Taw	1	1	1			5
2	Kachin			2	3		3
3	Kayah			1			1
4	Kayin		6			1	6
5	Chin			1		1	1
6	Sagaing	12		13	10	2	28
7	Taninthayi	1	4	3			6
8	Bago	4		3			11
9	Magway	4	2	3	1		4
10	Mandalay	26	5	4		4	13
11	Mon		5	3			1
12	Rakhine						
13	Yangon	6	37	11	2	5	10
14	Shan	6	1	4			13
15	Ayeyawady	3	1	3			3
Total		63	62	52	16	13	105

They also accused and abducted innocent people who didn't have the same opinion as to the traitors and killed brutally or punished them inhumanely. There were a total of 17 innocent people who were killed brutally and 30 with severe injuries.

List of people killed/injured as alleged traitors in regions/states from 1.2.2021 to 15.4.2021

No	State/ Region	Death	Injured	Head shaved	Tattoo	Threatening	Home destroyed	Remark
1	Nay Pyi Taw					1		
2	Kachin							
3	Kayah							
4	Kayin							
5	Chin							
6	Sagaing	7	6	2	1		4	
7	Taninthayi	2	2	1				
8	Bago	1	1				1	
9	Magway						1	
10	Mandalay	1	5			1	3	
11	Mon							
12	Rakhine							
13	Yangon	6	12	1		1	2	
14	Shan							
15	Ayeyawady		4					
Total		17	30	4	1	3	11	

Therefore, security forces have been removing roadblocks, patrolling both day and night, arresting terrorists and detaining groups of rioters as per the provision of the Union of Myanmar Riot Manual (1956) and the Riot Monitoring Handbook (2015) of the Myanmar Police Force, the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Since the terrorists led by the extremist members of the NLD party raided the police stations and attacked security forces with live ammunition, security forces had to retaliate as needed depending on the extent of their violence. Due to that, a total of 7 members of the Tatmadaw and 17 police were dead, and 45 Tatmadaw members and 253 police members were injured.

Dead/injured numbers of Tatmadaw members and police members from 1-2-2021 to 15-4-2021

Sr	Region/ State	Tatmadaw members				Police members				Remark
		Dead	Injuries			Death	Injuries			
			Serious	Non- Serious	Total		Serious	Non- Serious	Total	
1	Nay Pyi Taw					8	26	34		
2	Kachin			3	3	6	11	17		
3	Kayah						18	18		
4	Kayin		1	1	2		3	3		

5	Chin									
6	Sagaing	1		5	5	7	2	22	24	
7	Taninthayi	1	1	4	5			2	2	
8	Bago					2	1	32	33	
9	Magway			7	7		1	26	27	
10	Mandalay	1	1	5	6	4	7	29	36	
11	Mon					2	1	7	8	
12	Rakhine									
13	Yangon			9	9	2	5	24	29	
14	Shan	4		6	6			4	4	
15	Ayeyawady			2	2			15	15	
Total		7	3	42	45	17	31	222	253	

Although there were inevitable casualties on both sides while security forces responded to the insurgents' attacks in self-defence, the security forces have been accused of firing at peaceful protests by illegitimate media outlets, which the State has shut down, in violation of the law and fake news is being biased.

The media, which does not want peace and stability in the country, is plotting to mislead the international community and the public about the security forces' response, and on the other hand, the misinformation they are writing is being spread by unscrupulous people through social media. The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP), a Thai-based illegal organization, has released a list of actual deaths due to the security forces based on figures compiled based on misinformation from social media. According to them, there were a total of 726 deaths as of 15 April.

In the event of a fatal shooting, security forces conduct a systematic autopsy under the law, providing the necessary assistance until the bodies are buried, and keeping a record of all deaths. According to the official records of the Myanmar Police Force, the death toll from 1 February to 15 April is as follows:

List of rioters died in regions/states from 1.2.2021 to 15.4.2021

No	State/Region	Killed during roadblock clearing	Killed during terrorist attack to security forces	Killed during fights between protesters	Killed due to accident during arresting	Killed due to shooting between rioters	Death during protests due to health issue	Death by other ways
1	Nay Pyi Taw		1			1		
2	Kachin		9				1	
3	Kayah		1					
4	Kayin							
5	Chin							
6	Sagaing		22					
7	Taninthayi		13					
8	Bago	2	18	1				
9	Magway	1	14		1			
10	Mandalay	3	33			1	1	
11	Mon		2					
12	Rakhine							
13	Yangon		105				2	2
14	Shan		15					
15	Ayeyawady	1	7					
Total		7	240	1	1	2	5	2

Of the 258 deaths, only 247 were killed during the clearing operation and the attack on security forces. At the same time, the other 11 were not caused by security forces firing.

It has been found that the AAPP's list of 726 deaths, which has been circulating on social media, is not the result of gunfire by security forces. There were other types of death: such as Ma Mya Thwate Thwate Khaing and Ma Kyal Sin Lin, who died of shooting against each other among the rioters; U Zaw Myat Lin and Ma Lyan Zwarlee, who died of other ways, U Ko Ko Lay and Daw Tin Nwe Yi died of heart diseases; Yar Zar Aung, who died of COVID-19 disease and others who died of killing by terrorists. It has also been found that there may be missing people who are not confirmed as dead, people under medical treatment in military hospitals for injuries, people fleeing to border areas, and people mentioned under false names and fake addresses just to inflate the list.

No	Name	Sex	Age	Father's Name	Date of Incident	Deceased Date	Organization	Place of Incidents	Home Address	Township	States/Regions
2	Mya Thwate Thwate Khaing	F	19	unknown	9-Feb-21	19-Feb-21	Civilian	NayPyi Taw	Hlaykhwintaung, Lower Paunglaung Hydro Power Project	Zeyathiri	NayPyiTaw Region
28	Kyal Sin Lin @ Kyar Shi	F	19	Daw Aye Aye Myint	3 March 21	3-Mar-21	Student	84 Street and 30 Street	15x16, 65 Road	Mandalay City	Mandalay Region
60	Zaw Myat Linn	M	46	U Sein Tun +Daw Sein Nyunt	9 March 21	9-Mar-21	NLD (Shwepyitha Township)	YGN Interrogation Center	9/147 Myamizzu road, 25 waroad, Bokone Shay	Shwepyitha	Yangon Region
275	Zuali @ Malan Zwale	F	35	unknown	21 March 21	21-Mar-21	Civilian	Her fifth floor apartment, Mingalar Taung Nyunt	Fifth floor, Kan Taw Lay, 91 street	Mingala Taungnyunt	Yangon Region
624	76 Unknown Name			Unknown Name	9 April 21	9 April 21	Civilian	Maggatic Road		Bago	Bago Region

In addition, some of the people on the list of AAPP did not verify their addresses or the names of their fathers and many people whose cause of death is not clearly mentioned. The list also found to be highly bloated, as 76 incidents were reported in the Bago incident on 9 April, but no one was confirmed dead.










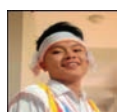










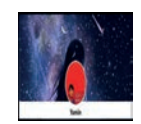
















The death toll due to the security shootings posted on social media has been misrepresented based on false information and social media reports. The death toll has risen exponentially. Security forces respond to the rioters in a limited manner, and Myanmar Police Force conduct a systematic autopsy on the victims.—MNA

Student union members from universities/colleges/schools opened files under 505-a for their intentional incitements to undermine State peace and stability through social networks

1. The following members of the student unions and other related persons, who committed incitements to public service personnel for joining CDM activities with attempts to undermine the State administrative machinery, published topics and fake news supporting unlawful CRPH association, carried out instigation for causing unrests with deterioration of peace and stability in the country and public panic, intentionally posted and distributed acts of social punishment through social network pages were filed under Section 505-a of the Penal Code.

2. Action will be taken against those who admit those crime breakers, and more information about those who committed similar cases will be released.

Members of Student Union were filed under Section 505-a

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2	Paing Phyo Zin https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100013227516734	Paing Phyo Zin 	Pyay Town, Bago Region	505-a		12	Wai Yan Phyoe https://www.facebook.com/aye.ayechan.7393	Wai Yan Phyoe 	Myeik Town, Taninthayi Region	505-a	
3	Thiri Moe https://www.facebook.com/mthirimoelwin	Thiri Moe 	Dawei Township, Taninthayi Region	505-a		13	Khun Si Thu https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100018956291681	Sithu Aung 	Loikaw Town, Kayah State	505-a	
4	Aung Nyi Nyi Thwin https://www.facebook.com/ko.nyinyithwin	Aung Nyi Nyi Thwin 	Indakaw Town, Bago Region	505-a		14	Phue Pwint Soe https://www.facebook.com/phue.pwint.9421450	Phue Pwint Soe 	Hopin Town, Kachin State	505-a	
5	C Thu Naing Dawei https://www.facebook.com/dailymaster.tu	Sithu Naing 	Dawei Township, Taninthayi Region	505-a		15	Oggar Myat (Tarya) https://www.facebook.com/wilkinson.taryar	Oggar Myat 	Kangyidaunt Township, Ayeyawady Region	505-a	
6	Hpone Myat Moe https://www.facebook.com/melvinkwin	Hpone Myat Moe 	Mawlamyine Town, Mon State	505-a		16	Yamin https://www.facebook.com/waterlily.waterlily.5036	Thiri Yamin Aung 	Mawlamyine Town, Mon State	505-a	
7	Zin Maung Phyo https://www.facebook.com/zinmaung.phyo.98	Zin Maung Phyo 	Thayetchaung Township, Taninthayi Region	505-a		17	May Thin Khaing(Tracy) https://www.facebook.com/tracymay.K	May Thin Khaing 	Hline Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
8	May Thazin Oo https://www.facebook.com/uri.zin.5	Nan Mya Thazin Oo 	Loilem Town, Shan State	505-a		18	Myo Min Htet https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100041605221360	Myo Min Htet 	Mongyowng Town, Shan State	505-a	
9	Nwae Ei Ei Kyaw https://www.facebook.com/nwae.ei.92	Nwae Ei Ei Kyaw 	Myeik Town, Taninthayi Region	505-a		19	U Zaw Myo Lwin (Nway Oo Lwin) https://www.facebook.com/zaw.m.lwin.528316	Zaw Myo Lwin 	Taikkyi Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
10	Aye Chan Ko https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100016583042562	Aye Chan Ko 	Mawlamyine Town, Mon State	505-a		20	Min Thu Shein (James) https://www.facebook.com/mrjames.96	Min Thu Shein 	Nattalin Town, Bago Region	505-a	

Riot leader Wai Moe Naing arrested; effective legal action taken

WAI MOE NAING, former chairman of the Monywa University Students' Union, was arrested on 15 April in Monywa during a protest in Phonesoe ward. An investigation is underway to take effective legal action against those who colluded with him.

Culprit Wai Moe Naing formed the Monywa People's Strike Steering Committee with other 12 members, called for an end to the government's administrative machinery in order to undermine the rule of law and the country's stability on 6 February. Protests have lasted for 68 days until 15 April in various forms. He was involved in threatening the civil servants to be involved in the Civil Disobedience Movement and social punishment several times.

In addition, he was affiliated with the CRPH, which has been declared as an unlawful association by the government. He led the formation of the Monywa Township People's Administration Body with nine members, including former constituency No. 1 candidate Daw Amar Kyi, under the directive of Zin Mar Aung and Lwin Ko Latt to whom the police issued an arrest warrant.

It was found that about 150 members formed the Defence Team. Aung Kyaw and Khant Wai Phyto, former members of the Monywa University of Economics Students' Union, were team leaders to counter security forces and resort to violence on 4 March.

In order to raise fund for the Defence Team, the Monywa People's Strike Steering Committee page on Facebook collected donations for the defence work. A total of 31 million kyats collected from the donors were managed by May Thant Zin (Treasurer) and Aung Kyaw (Monywa Township Defense Team Leader).

By using collected money, Ko Htoo (a) Ko Aung, a Yangon resident, and Khin Zaw, a resident of Dabayin, reportedly came to Laung Pyae village to teach how to make smoke bombs, homemade bombs, gas guns, and air guns to be used in Monywa.

A total of 40 weapons and 50 bombs were stored at the house of U Kan Swe, located in the back street of Myitta Oo hospital, Phonesoe ward, Monywa Township, and members of the Defence Team used those weapons and bombs in confronting the security forces.

The Defence Team formed by Wai Moe Naing, and led by U Myint Htwe, chairman of unlawful committee Representing Sagaing Region Hluttaw, exploded homemade grenades in the front of the Myanmar Economic Bank, Clock Tower, City Hall and Monywa University in order to intimidate the public and mislead the public about the Tatmadaw. In addition, they also tortured and brutally killed two police officers from Monywa Township near the Sarkyin cemetery on 26 March.

Moreover, Wai Moe Naing communicated with U Myint Htwe to form People's Defence Forces in 30 townships in the Sagaing Region. They would then connect with northern armed groups where five people from every township can attend basic military training to do the fighting and bombing activities. He sent 30 people, including Pyae Phyto Kyaw, a former member of the Monywa Technological University Students' Union, to KIA and 15 people, including

Htin Shar Pyae Hlyan, to KNU Brigade-5 in April in order to provoke an uprising against the current government.

Therefore, a case has been filed against riot leader Wai Moe Naing under Section 25 of the Natural Disaster Law, Sections 114, 302, 325, 342, 395 and 505-A of the Penal Code in February and March in the Monywa Myoma Township Police Station.

According to his confession, plans are underway to take effective action under Sections 17 (1), 124 and 511 of the Penal Code. It is reported that related 23 suspects involved in the riots will be prosecuted and arrested.

(a) Members of Monywa People's Strike Steering Committee

1. Khant Wai Phyto (former Monywa Economic University Students' Union, second leader of the Monywa People's Strike)
2. Than Kyaw Oo (Chairman of the current Monywa University Students' Union- MUSU)
3. Hein Zaw Win (former MUSU)
4. Nway Oo Ko (former MUSU)
5. U Khin Maung Soe (former Political Prisoners and New Generation Forces)
6. U Soe Win Swe (chairman of the Pro-Democracy Network)
7. U Aung Nay Myo (Committee Representing Civil Societies)
8. Aung Kyaw (former Monywa Economic University Students' Union)
9. Daw Nu (88 Generation Peace and Open Society)

10. May Thant Zin (Monywa University Students' Union's Treasurer)

(b) Members of the Monywa People's Administration Body

11. Daw Amar Kyi (former Monywa Township Hluttaw Representative of Constituency No (1))
12. Daw Aung Kyi (former Monywa Township Hluttaw Representative of Constituency No (2))
13. U Than Aye (Sayagyi Thakin Kodaw Hmine Peace Congress)
14. U Nyi Pu (Chairman of the Former Political Prisoners Association)
15. U Thaw Tan (Lifelong Social Welfare Association)
16. U Nyunt Aung (2017-2020 former Pyithu Hluttaw Representative of NLD)
17. U Chan Sein (patron of the Monywa Township NLD)
18. Daw Mie Mie Khine (SAT)

(c) Leaders of the Defence Team

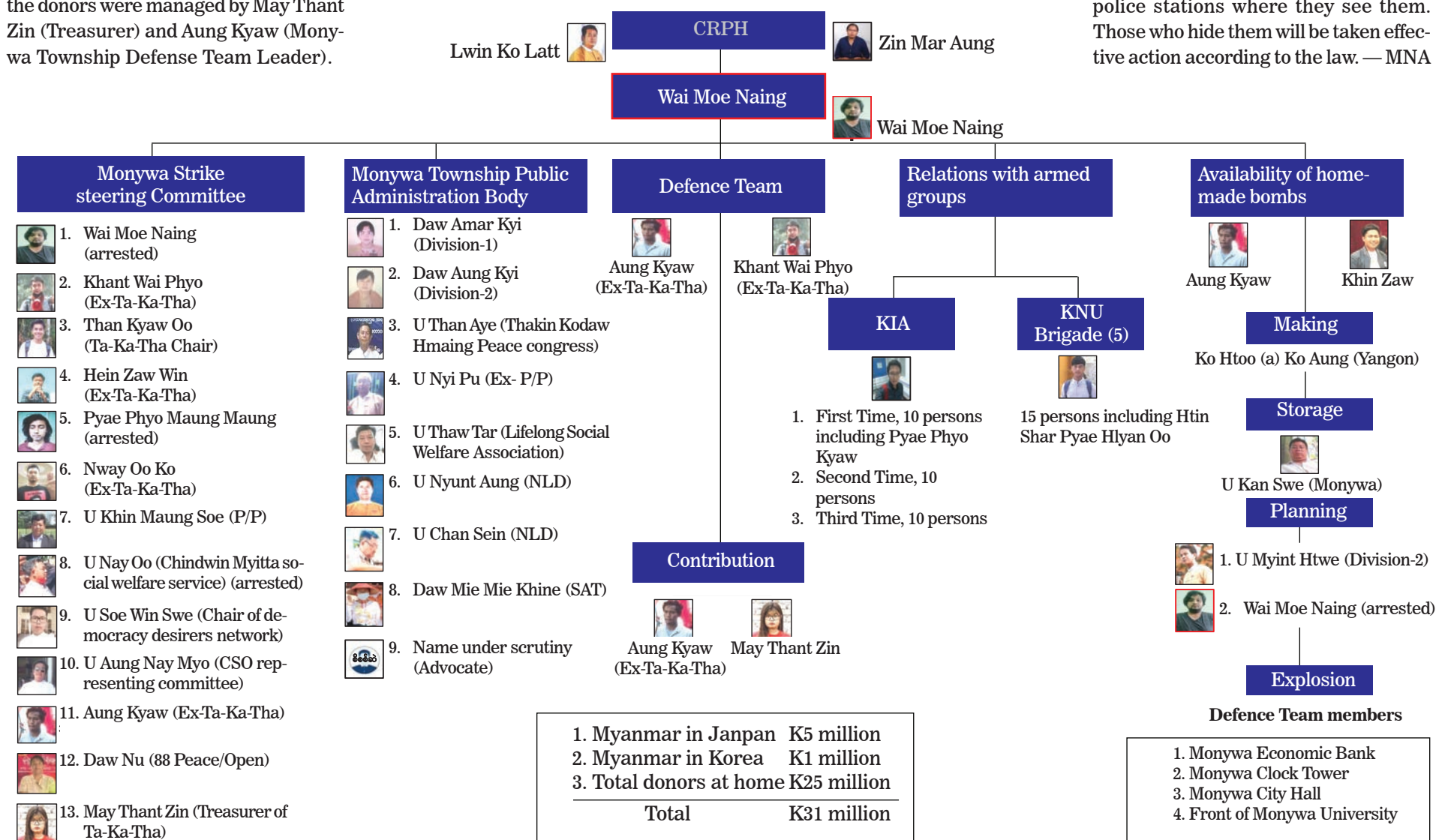
19. Khant Wai Phyto (former Monywa Economic University Students' Union, second leader of the Monywa People's Strike)

(d) People linked to the local homemade bombs

20. U Myint Htwe (former Hluttaw Representative of Region (2), YeU Township, Sagaing Region)
21. Khin Zaw (former secretary of Monywa Technology University Students' Union)
22. Ko Htoo (a) Ko Aung (resident in Yangon)
23. U Kan Swe (Monywa, Phonesoe ward)

The public has been informed to report to the nearest military units or police stations where they see them. Those who hide them will be taken effective action according to the law. — MNA

Diagram on Wai Moe Naing of Monywa strike steering committee



Construction of Payitaung-Wunpho bridge 85% completed in Myeik

CONSTRUCTION of Payitaung-Wunpho bridge, a connecting Bailey iron bridge between Payitaung village and Wunpho village, is now 85 per cent completed in Myeik Township, Taninthayi Region, according to an official from the bridge project.

Wunpho village is included in Kyaukphya village-tract in Myeik Township and located on a small island surrounded by water. The villagers rely on only the waterway. Unlike other villages, the boat is not always accessible, making it difficult for students and ill people to cross the muddy water during low tide.

“In the past, it was challenging to travel. We couldn’t go on foot. Due to the marine alluvial soil in the low tide, we couldn’t cross by boat and students, emergency patients, and pregnant women had to go in the mud,” said a villager.

“We are so happy when this bridge was built. It is a dream for the village. When this bridge is completed, it will provide education and livelihood to the villagers,” he added.

There are over 180 houses and 1,168 villagers in Wunpho village. The villagers are mainly engaged in agriculture and farming business. As there is no hospital or clinic as well as no high school, they have to go to other villages for health-care and education via waterway.

The bridge is 900 feet long and 22 feet wide, with 13 feet and 9 inches’ traffic lane. It is reported that the bridge project started on 14 July 2018 with the fund of the Taninthayi Region. — Myint Oo (Myeik)/GNLM

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Members of the security forces attacked in Tamu

TERRORISTS have accelerated acts of terrorism with homemade guns, grenades and bombs by mixing among the peaceful protests in some townships.

Members of the security forces were attacked while patrolling in Tamu town at around 5 am yesterday.

When they arrived at Gawbayan gate near Kuntaung village, about ten rioters attacked them with small arms. The se-

curity forces conducted a defensive attack, and 45 minutes later, the rioters ran away.

A man with a black suit and a black hood was reportedly found dead at the scene. An AK 47 rifle, one magazine, 20 7.62 rounds of ammunition and a grenade were confiscated from the body.

It is also reported that security measures will continue to ensure the security and safety of the people. — MNA

Security measures conducted to ensure community peace



Tatmadaw, police and fire brigade members take security measures at night in Toungoo.

TATMADAW, Police Force and Fire Brigade jointly conducted security measures to ensure the State’s stability, security of people, the rule of law and community peace starting 14 February night.

Tatmadaw, police and fire brigade members also jointly conduct security measures for the peaceful night and community peace in respective regions and states and keep serving security measures the whole day.—MNA

Armed insurgents group attack police outpost, security members in Kayin, Mon states

THE armed insurgents attacked the police outpost in Kayin State and the security members in Mon State.

About 50 armed insurgents attacked the Kuu Sate outpost in Papun Township of Kayin State using small weapons at about 4:15 pm on 27 April.

They moved back at 5:40 pm during the counterattack of security forces. It reported that none

of the security members was injured.

Similarly, the armed insurgent group (under scrutiny) attacked the security forces near the old “Shwe Than Lwin” Toll Gate on Yangon-Mawlamyine road in Dauk Yat village of Bilin Township of Mon State at 9:30 pm on the same day.

During the attack, none of the security members was injured. — MNA

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EU adopts strategy on sending irregular migrants back

THE EU is looking to plug a big gap in migration policy by boosting measures to have irregular migrants voluntarily returned to their countries under a

strategy adopted on Tuesday. Controversially, the European Commission's plan on return and reintegration puts the EU's border agency Frontex at

its heart, despite multiple news reports and NGO allegations of rights abuses by its officers — the bloc's first uniformed force.

EU Home Affairs Com-

missioner Ylva Johansson defended the agency's role from the cloud that lingers over it. She told a media conference that, while "shortcomings" had been

identified, an inquiry by Frontex's board had concluded «that the agency was not involved in this type of activity».

She added that the

border agency was "very well placed" to help EU member states to encourage migrants with no right to stay to return to their countries of origin.—AFP

US school bars vaccinated teachers, falsely citing risk to students

A private school in Florida is barring teachers who have been vaccinated against Covid-19 from coming into contact with students, arguing against all evidence that the educators pose a health risk. Critics have held up the move by the Centner Academy as a particularly glaring example of the dangers of misinformation as the US works to get its population inoculated.

In an email to parents on Monday, co-founder Leila Centner wrote that vaccinated people "may be transmitting something from their bodies" that could harm others, in particular the "reproductive systems, fertility, and normal growth and development in women and children." Centner acknowledged that the assertion, which is false, "is new and is yet to be researched." —AFP ■

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Aung La N Sang: I'm going to put on a great show



The Burmese Python or Aung La N Sang seen after his special training. **PHOTO: AUNG LA N SANG FB**

ONE Championship Light Heavyweight World Champion Aung La N Sang will defend his Light Heavyweight title today against Reinier De Ridder in Singapore. Myanmar's sports icon has talked about his confidence.

"I'm going to put on a great show. Don't blink. This one's going to end with a bang," Aung La said.

"I flew out from the 'States thinking that I'd be fighting Bigdash. I found out in transit that the opponent had changed. I'm grateful to have an opponent on Wednesday. Reinier was supposed to fight on the same card as well, so I'm sure he's happy he has an opponent. I'm thrilled with the

new opponent. I'm here to prove myself — no one else — and this is an excellent way to prove myself.

It doesn't matter whom they put in front of me. I'm here to fight and put on a great show in front of the fans. It's a better matchup, in my opinion."

I knew the rematch was going to happen. I thought I was going to get through a few more people, but it's okay," the Burmese Python says.

"I like that Reinier is very confident. That should make for a good matchup. He can think what he wants. It doesn't make a difference.

I've made adjustments since the last

bout, and I know I can beat him. I'm preparing to be the best version of myself, and the best version of myself is capable of beating anyone in the world."

"He's a one-trick pony. I'm a more well-rounded fighter, and I know I'm going to break him and put him away."

"You're going to have to wait and see, but it's going to be good, it's going to be exciting, and I promise someone is going to be face down on the floor", Aung La added.

Their fight will start around 9 am of Myanmar Standard Time and streamed live on the ONE Championship YouTube Channel. —GNLM ■

Benzema embodies survival spirit after leading another Real Madrid recovery

REAL Madrid might not reach the Champions League final but Karim Benzema has given them a chance, his genius against Chelsea the embodiment of a team that still never knows when it is beaten.

Benzema's thunderbolt volley gives Madrid parity at the end of a first leg that could have been won decisively by Chelsea, who were the superior team overall and, for 25 minutes, made their opponents look weary, rigid, even out of date.

But the most recent additions to Real Madrid's 13 European Cups have come from their ability to bend these matches to their will, to weather the storms and then accelerate when the wind is behind them. Again and again, they have shown

themselves to be masters of moments, their belief that in the end they will win creating certainty when it is needed most and for their opponents, doubt, just when they think they have the upper hand.

It comes from a history of success and the hubris of a club convinced it has earned the right even to play in a Super League, only ever against the biggest teams, bypassing the need to qualify, and for theoretical fans that see Real Madrid winning as the beginning and end of the sport.

It comes from a coach too in Zinedine Zidane, whose philosophy is not so much possession or pressing but calm, and players, like Cristiano Ronaldo, Sergio Ramos and on Tuesday night, Benzema. —AFP

Doctors not IOC should decide Olympics fate: Wickenheiser

HAYLEY Wickenheiser, a Canadian member of the International Olympic Committee Athletes Commission, says medical experts should decide whether or not to stage the Tokyo Olympics, not athletes or the IOC.

Wickenheiser, a six-time Olympian who won four ice hockey gold medals and also played softball at the 2000 Summer Games, told CBC Sports that safety and public health need to be the decisive factors about conducting the Games at Japan in July and August.

"This decision needs to be made by medical and health experts, not by corporate and big business," Wickenheiser said in a posting on the CBC website. "A very clear and transparent explanation needs to be given if the Games are going to go ahead."

Wickenheiser, who is set to graduate from medical school



Hayley Wickenheiser, a Canadian member of the International Olympic Committee Athletes Commission, says medical experts should decide whether or not to stage the Tokyo Olympics, not athletes or the IOC. **PHOTO: AFP**

next week, knows the money, preparation and training that has gone into the planned staging of the Games in Tokyo, which is now under "emergency orders" due to the Covid-19 pandemic that forced the postponement of the Olympics from

last year.

Wickenheiser, a Hockey Hall of Fame inductee, knows after training for years to compete, she would do anything to go, so athletes, and the IOC, shouldn't make the final choice on the Games' fate. —AFP ■

Wales boss Giggs denies assault charges in court appearance



Wales manager and former Manchester United star Ryan Giggs leaves Manchester Magistrates' Court. **PHOTO: AFP**

WALES manager and former Manchester United star Ryan Giggs on Wednesday denied charges of assaulting two women and controlling or coercive behaviour as he appeared in court.

Giggs pleaded not guilty to an allegation he was violent and engaged in behaviour towards his ex-girlfriend including isolation, belittling, humiliation, harassment, degradation and abuse during a short hearing at Manchester Magistrates' Court.

Giggs, 47, also entered a not guilty plea of actual bodily harm relating to PR executive Kate Greville, 36, at his home in Greater Manchester on November 1 last year.

He has also been charged with the com-

mon assault of Emma Greville, understood to be Greville's younger sister, during the same alleged incident.

The charge of controlling and coercive behaviour in an intimate relationship alleges the abuse lasted almost three years, between December 2017 and November 2020.

Giggs appeared in the dock for his first court appearance as the three charges against him were read out and he entered his not guilty pleas.

Giggs, who spoke only to confirm his name, address and enter his not guilty pleas, has been bailed to appear at Manchester Crown Court on May 26. —AFP ■