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Priority must be given to creating chances for every citizen to learn the education and enhance the education qualification: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presides over the SAC meeting 10/2021 in Nay Pyi Taw on 10 May 2021.

THE State Administration Council is an organization taking responsibility in an interim period. So, priority must be given to implementing short-term projects with a broader consideration for the State, said State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting 10/2021 of the

State Administration Council at the Council Chairman's Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. The Senior General stressed the need to implement the projects depending on the five-point road map. Voting frauds and plans to take action for errors in voter lists scrutinized in two region and state will be presented to the country.

Although the infection rate of COVID-19 rises across the

world, Myanmar faces one to two per cent of infection out of inspection capacity as of 1 May. But, some restrictions for COVID-19 cannot be eased. Till today, more than 1.9 million people have been injected with the COVID-19 vaccine. As universities and colleges resume academic matters, if those who attend the universities and colleges abide by social distancing,

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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.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Anti-Terrorism Central Committee Declaration of Terrorist Groups Notification No 2/2021 12th Waning of Tagu 1383 ME 8 May 2021

The Anti-Terrorism Central Committee has issued this order with the approval of the State Administration Council in exercising sub-section (e) of Section 6 and sub-section (b) of Section 72 of the Anti-Terrorism Law.

1. Unlawful Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw-CRPH and National Unity Government NUG formed by CRPH constantly incited Civil Disobedience Movement-CDM participants to commit violent acts. Many riots occurred in many places of the country due to their incitements. They perpetrated bombing, arson, manslaughter, and intimidation to disrupt the state administrative machinery due to the influence of the leaders of CRPH and NUG. Moreover, NUG established People Defence Force-PDF. Violent acts occurred in the name of regional defence forces instigated by NUG and PDF. It is found that their acts to join CDM, threatening non-CDMs, inciting students and teachers not to go to schools, supporting terrorist acts and perpetrating such terrorist acts violate Section 3 (b) and Sub-section 13 of the Counter-Terrorism Law – acts with the intent to cause fear in public, to force Government or any internal and external organization to do an illegitimate act or to refrain from doing a lawful act, and other acts, stipulated by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No 23 on 4 June 2014.
2. Therefore, unlawful associations – Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw-CRPH, National Unity Government-NUG, People Defence Force-PDF and all their subordinates have been declared as terrorist groups.

Chairman
Anti-Terrorism Central Committee

For uplifting the living standard of rural people

THE government is encouraging the enrichment of fish resources in rivers and creeks and agricultural and livestock tasks for uplifting the living standard of rural people, 70 % of total population. Officials concerned need to make field trips for managing food sufficiency and urge subordinates to carry out the tasks successfully.

(Excerpt from the speech to the Management Committee meeting made by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 23 April 2021)

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it will contribute to the prevention of COVID-19. Moreover, arrangements are being made to inject COVID-19 vaccines to the students and faculty members.

The outbreak of COVID-19 suspended businesses in Myanmar, causing impacts in the economic and education sectors. As such, efforts are being made to recover the decline of the economy affected by COVID-19. As of early February, rumours spread elsewhere, and protests were transformed into riots. **Although the occurrences of riots decline now, the council controls the acts of affecting the banks on the political ground.** COVID-19 causes the decline of the economy across the world. Foodstuff production must be undertaken without fail among the businesses. Myanmar needs to successfully develop agriculture and livestock sectors based on its advantages. The Senior General stressed the need to choose the quality and high-yield crops and

sufficiently. As it is necessary to ensure edible oil sufficiency at home, efforts must be made for thriving edible oil crop plantations in the respective areas so as to increase the per-acre yield of edible oil crops. **The Ministry of Health and Sports and the Ministry of Information must continuously perform the educative tasks for reducing edible oil consumption.** Systematic supervision must be performed to check the edible oil, whether it is refined oil or not with the aim of ensuring the people consume the healthy edible oils with quality guarantee. As Myanmar's expectant lifespan is 67.42 years, it is the lowest among the neighbouring countries. As such, it is necessary to control too much consumption of edible oils, monosodium glutamate, narcotic drugs, liquor and cigarette, harming the health conditions with a conscience. **Efforts must be made for the standardization of Myanmar people's lifespan in the world with the arrangements to sup-**

Arrangements are being made to appoint the physical coaches and sports technique coaches for athletes to have higher sports standards in the South-East Asian Games.

pedigree animal species of the agriculture and livestock sectors to occupy the domestic and international markets. The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation researches the production of quality strains of crops.

Edible oil crops are involved on the list of primary export items of Myanmar. As individual people of Myanmar consumes 4.5 visses of edible oil per year, its consumption rate is too high. Import of edible oil abroad spends much foreign exchange because edible oil cannot be produced at home

ply nutritious foodstuffs at fair prices, and health awareness should be raised for the people to have a healthy lifestyle.

In undertaking the agriculture and livestock tasks in the country, animal feedstuffs are imported abroad for breeding farms. As raw agricultural products are abundant in the country for animal feedstuff production, sufficient production of the feedstuffs can reduce foreign exchange spending. It is necessary to manufacture sufficient products of foodstuffs at home

The people need to get wider knowledge with skills. An education motto mentioned: "The national discipline starts from the school", which forges the conscious and nationalistic spirit. The constitution stipulates that every citizen shall compulsorily learn basic education. As such, priority must be given to creating the chances for every citizen to learn the education and enhance the education qualification.

to distribute the foodstuffs to the people at fair prices.

The Senior General stressed the need to implement the SME and cooperative sectors for doing the primary businesses of the State. **Regions and states need to encourage SME and manufacturing. The cooperative system must directly sell products to benefit the manufacturers.**

The people need to get wider knowledge with skills. An education motto mentioned: "The national discipline starts from the school", which forges the conscious and nationalistic spirit. The constitution stipulates that every citizen shall compulsorily learn basic education. As such, priority must be given to creating the chances for every citizen to learn the education and enhance the education qualification.

The curricula are being used in line with the 30-year national education promotion long-term plan approved by the previous governments. Disturbance to the opening of schools is the acts of destroying the country, and it is very bad. Effective action must be taken against these destructive acts. The teachers who joined the CDM due to misunderstanding based on the weakness in administrative measures and political attacks need to report back to the respective schools. The require-

ments of teachers will be fulfilled during the school opening period.

Council members U Thein Nyunt, Mahn Nyein Maung, U Khin Maung Swe, Jeng Phang Naw Taung, Daw Aye Nu Sein, U Sai Lone Hsai, Saw Daniel, Dr Banyar Aung Moe and U Shwe Kyein and Joint-Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo discussed investigation for hiring cost of foreign advisors of the previous government and leak of State security, taking security measures for convenient learning of students at universities, colleges and basic education schools through collaborative efforts of the people and security organizations, effective action to be taken against for those who undermine the future of the State and students, smooth circulation of banking services with attracting the people, generation of solar power with most negligible environmental impacts, enactment of necessary investment laws, rules, orders and directives for guaranteeing local and foreign investments, more appointments of the qualified sports coaches at universities, colleges and basic education schools, smooth process of Maungtaw border trade, systematic drain system for proper flow of water and proper sanitation system, loans and techniques for edible oil crops, systematic agricultural science for basic education schools, opening of rural health centres and treat-

ment centres in remote areas of Taninthayi Region, assistance for monastic education schools, running of Mawlamyine-Ye-Dawei train, effective rebutting the fake news, and setting the public holidays for the calendar.

After hearing the reports, the Senior General said that **arrangements are being made to appoint the physical coaches and sports technique coaches for athletes to have higher sports standards in the South-East Asian Games.** Relevant universities and colleges need to turn out more physical trainers to be appointed at schools.

Only when basic education schools give good teaching will students have the skills to learn higher education. So, teachers emphasize teaching to the students at the basic education level.

The Senior General stressed the **need to educate the people for systematic littering in order to seek public participation.** Officials need to improve the littering system and sanitation process.

Monastic education schools have been contributing much to Myanmar's education system. As such, necessary assistance must be provided for the smooth teaching of monastic education schools. Public holidays must be considered not to harm the work process for the development of the nation. — MNA

First Coordination Meeting (1/2021) of Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations held

THE First Coordination Meeting of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations aimed to enhance the investment promotion activities to contribute to national economic recovery agendas, to coordinate and address the implementation constraints faced during the realization of the action plan of investment promotion and facilitation led by MoIFER, and to coordinate and cooperate effectively for loan and grant projects and to enhance the regional cooperation was held at the ministry yesterday morning.

In his opening remarks, Union Minister U Aung Naing Oo urged all levels of officials to implement the Ministry's policies and strategies based on Myanmar's investment policies, laws and regulations, and that also should be aligned with 5 Roadmaps and 9 objectives of the State Administration Council. He also said that the Ministry needs to support, without any delay, the permitted investments by the previous government that benefit the country, and to facilitate the issuing process of investment permits with transparent, predictable and consistent procedures.

He also updated the status of the drafting process of the Standard Operating Procedures



(SOPs) for One-Stop Services (OSS) under the Myanmar Investment Commission and further efforts to streamline and simplify the procedures of investment-related business licences, permits and recommendations issued by the relevant ministries and agencies in accordance with types of business and services. In addition, he underscored that the Ministry would support and coordinate with the line ministries and agencies for the continuation of the permitted investment by the previous government, which are delayed in some reasons.

He spotlighted that the global investment trend has been

significantly declining since 2020 due to the reverse effect of the COVID-19 Pandemic. And he added that the challenges can be transformed into opportunities through valiant and united efforts in the reforming process for the development of the country.

He also expressed that the government to protect the investors in accordance with the existing national laws and regulations, bilateral investment agreements, regional agreements; and will assist the investors in boosting the business expansion.

After that, U Than Aung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for the

Investment and Foreign Economic Relations explained the detailed programmes to be implemented by the Ministry.

As per the agenda, Union Minister awarded the officials who received outstanding awards from the training of the Civil Service Academy, the drafting team for SOPs of One-Stop Service (OSS) and the best employee awards from the ministry and the State and Region offices of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Then, U Thant Sin Lwin, Director-General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) and

officials from State and Region offices of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) presented their activities for investment promotion, facilitation and future plans for the economic development of the State and Regions. Following this, the Deputy Director-General of the Foreign Economic Relations Department (FERD) reported on the matters relating to the current departmental administrative functions, the regional cooperation with ASEAN plus one FTA partners, the cooperation with United Nations and international organizations, and the status of facilitation on coordination activities between implementing government agencies and development partners for the development assistance projects. Dr Wah Wah Maung, Director-General of the Ministry presented the on-going activities and future programmes of the Ministry and Departments, and followed by the Union Minister's closing remarks.

The meeting was attended by Union Minister, Deputy Minister, the Director-Generals, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Deputy Director-General and the senior officials from departments and the State and Region offices under the Ministry.—MNA

MoEE Union Minister calls for reliable, stable electricity supply to Yangon Region

UNION Minister for Electricity and Energy U Aung Than Oo held a coordination meeting on stable and reliable energy supply and operations of substations in Yangon Region yesterday.

During the meeting, the Union Minister highlighted the power consumption rate across the nation, the need to supply stable and reliable electricity, expansion of power grids, and building of more power stations.

Moreover, he said it should make efforts not to experience power outages. It should also inform the public regarding the duration of power cuts after reporting to the officials if the repair works are conducted on power grids and power plants.

The staff need to maintain the public's recognition for their efforts in providing power and

have good social skills for communication with the people. Then, the electrical managers of for four districts of Yangon Region briefed them on the power supply rate, power consumptions, power bill payment and better plans to reduce power shortages.

The Managing Director of Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation clarified the operations for four districts in 2020-2021FY. Other departmental heads presented the electricity generation system of the Yangon Region.

The Union Minister and party then inspected the construction of a SCADA power distribution monitoring system for 17 power plants, an AMI metering system being initiated in seven townships and an automatic billing system used



in 23 townships of the Yangon Region. During his inspection, the Union Minister talked about the advantages of the AMI metering system for the public as

they can download 'mebill' application and check their bill payment for one year and power consumption rate.

People can make an online

payment with any banks. He then urged the officials to install the AMI metering system and Automatic Billing system in the whole region. — MNA

Union Minister U Tin Htut Oo makes inspection tour in Ayeyawady Region

A coordination meeting was held between the Union Ministry and the Ayeyawady Region Administration Council on 9 April for the cooperation to implement the project plans in line with the agricultural and livestock policies set by the State.

The meeting was attended by Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Tin Htut Oo, members of the region administration council and relevant officials from the agriculture sector.

The meeting discussed matters pertaining to the uplift of the people living standards, food security and nutrition, increasing agricultural and fish production and to produce and export high-value products, the emergence of local agro-industrial zones, support for private sector development, facilitating the



distribution of farming inputs and the benefits to the three parties – farmers, rice millers and input companies by cooperating for the development of rice production. During his tour to Ay-

eyawady Region, the Union Minister and party also met with the Region-level and District-level officials from the agriculture sector. They discussed matters related to increasing agricultural

and livestock production in Ayeyawady Region.

At the meeting with agricultural and livestock-based entrepreneurs, he discussed collaboration between the Government

and business people in order to ensure domestic consumption and foreign exchange earnings, to speed up the flow of goods, ways to get a loan for investment needs, upgrading technology in cooperation with the international community for further development of the seed industry, seed market information linkage and market-leading consumer products, the need to shift from selling raw materials to value-added manufacturing.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and party inspected the road construction in Koesu village, Patheingyi Township and embankment in Hinthada town. The Directorate of Irrigation and Water Utilization Management has built 64 flood protection embankments to protect over 170,000 acres of land in the Ayeyawady Region. — MNA

MoC holds meeting on import and distribution of edible oil



The MoC coordination meeting in progress.

THE Ministry of Commerce held a coordination meeting on the

import and distribution of edible oil with the Chairman and offi-

cial of the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association yesterday

morning in Nay Pyi Taw.

Union Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint San dwelt on the establishment of the “Supervisory Committee on Import, Storage and Distribution of Edible Oil”, sales control at a fairer price in the market, workshops for safe and healthy use of cooking oil for the general public, the implementation of the workshops’ results, and further processes and plans underway to revise quality of imported oil.

The Chairman and officials explained that global food prices have risen. The cost of palm oil has more than doubled since last year. Stocks are declining in Malaysia and Indonesia. The leading producers of palm oil

and palm oil mills are not yet fully operational. The demand for food from European countries and India increased due to the third wave of COVID-19. The world price of palm oil is rising.

They affirmed that the association would cooperate with the supervision committee in continue holding workshops on the proper use of edible oil and controlling the sales at a fairer price in the market. The plans for better packaging and systematic production, import and distribution in the future, they explained.

The Deputy Minister, the Permanent Secretary, and Directors-General coordinated the meeting. — MNA

Financial management refresher course conducted for Basic Education Sector

THE Ministry of Education launched financial management refresher course for Basic Education Sector yesterday.

Union Minister Dr Nyunt Pe and other officials attended the opening ceremony.

During the event, the Union Minister briefed attendees on the aim of conducting the course, 85 per cent of the budget used for the basic education sector out of three main sectors of the ministry: the basic education sector, the higher education sector, and the technical and vocational sectors. In contrast, the remaining 15 per cent of the budget is used for other sectors and difficulties in using

the budget for this sector.

The Union Minister also urged the trainees to concentrate on the short-term training. It should use the allocated budget effectively and repair the damaged school buildings if natural disasters hit them. The region, state, district and township education officers, including headmasters, should cooperate in using the budget.

The ministry also keeps carrying out the plans under National Education Strategic Plan (NESP). The curriculums will not be changed. Then, the Union Minister stressed the need to promote the education sector



of the country.

Deputy Minister U Zaw Win explained the effective use of

budgets by the officials of the finance department. The two-day training will offer three subjects—

Planning and Budgeting, Financial Management and Financial Rules and Regulations. — MNA

Announcement of Union Election Commission

9 May 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 Chaungzon and Thanbyuzayat townships of Mon State.
- 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	75 polling stations in Chaungzon township of Mon State	132,552	121,904	9,730	1,051	14,816
2	74 polling stations in Thanbyuzayat township of Mon State	151,381	144,130	23,086	1,233	16,330

- The Union Election Commission has inspected the withdrawal/receipt/use/remaining of ballot papers used for Pyithu Hluttaw Election of Chaungzon and Thanbyuzayat townships of Mon State together with the respective township election sub-commission, head of police force, Immigration and Population and administrators in accordance with Section 53 of the Hluttaw Election Law.

- According to the inspection, a total of 149 polling stations in these two townships took out 313,988 ballots and used 153,512 ballots. It left 159,958 ballots instead of 160,476 ballots. The difference was 3,612 ballots and it found 3,094 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	Chaungzon	75	147,994	73,207	74,787	74,762	1,059	1,034
2	Thanbyuzayat	74	165,994	80,305	85,689	85,196	2,553	2,060
	Total	149	313,988	153,512	160,476	159,958	3,612	3,094

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Chaungzon Township

- According to the inspection, 75 polling stations in 3 Wards and 43 Village-tracts of Chaungzon Township in Mon State took out 147,994 ballots and used 73,207 ballots. It left 74,762 ballots instead of 74,787. The extra/shortage 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	142,650	72,222	7,0428	69,486	1,059	117
2	Township ballots	5,344	985	4,359	5,276		917
	Total	147,994	73,207	74,787	74,762	1,059	1,034

- There were 1,059 missing ballots at the polling stations in 9 ward/village-tract and 117 extra ballots in 4 wards/village-tracts of Chaungzon Township. The township election sub-commission must have 4,359 remaining ballots but it found 5,276 ballots and so there were 917 extra ballots.

- Findings were as follows:

Sr	Ward/Village-Tract	Total polling station	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
							Missing	Extra
1	Chaungzon (East) Ward	2	3,100	1,669	1,431	1,434		3
2	Chaungzon (West) Ward	2	3,500	1,907	1,593	1,593		
3	Toecheyet Ward	1	2,300	1,151	1,149	1,199		50
4	Muyeitgyi Ward	2	3,400	1,577	1,823	1,473	350	
5	Kayinwinsein Village-tract	1	2,900	1,022	1,878	1,478	400	
6	Sawke Village-tract	1	1,650	867	783	783		
7	Mukwe Village-tract	1	1,750	1,041	709	709		
8	Kamanin Village-tract	1	2,400	1,252	1,148	1,148		
9	Kalawt Village-tract	2	4,200	2,007	2,193	2,193		
10	Hneemoke Village-tract	2	3,700	1,939	1,761	1,761		
11	Tawpon Village-tract	1	500	303	197	197		
12	Zigone Village-tract	1	800	423	377	377		
13	Khayaikthit Village-tract	1	1,800	955	845	845		
14	Kwanthe Village-tract	2	4,250	2,205	2,045	2,045		
15	Hinthakyun Village-tract	2	800	347	453	453		
16	Kalarbe Village-tract	1	950	577	373	373		
17	Mayan Village-tract	1	3,100	1,664	1,436	1,436		
18	Welan Village-tract	1	1,050	625	425	425		
19	Muyeitkalay Village-tract	3	7,500	4,391	3,109	3,059	50	
20	Kawkadaik Village-tract	1	1,200	616	584	584		
21	Abit Village-tract	1	1,700	834	866	866		
22	Kwanhlya Village-tract	1	3,000	1,598	1,402	1,402		
23	Kamakay Village-tract	2	4,400	2,304	2,096	2,096		
24	Khayaikhnee Village-tract	2	2,500	1,242	1,258	1,258		
25	Khayikedu Village-tract	1	1,700	969	731	731		
26	Sepala Village-tract	1	1,450	708	742	742		
27	Phanpha Village-tract	1	2,700	1,413	1,287	1,287		
28	Takupate Village-tract	1	1,350	812	538	538		
29	Kalartoet Village-tract	1	2,750	1,439	1,311	1,315		4
30	Ywalut Village-tract	3	6,600	3,589	3,011	2,961	50	
31	Nyaunglan Village-tract	1	2,200	1,192	1,008	1,008		
32	Tawkana Village-tract	1	2,000	1,062	938	938		
33	Kwanyaik Village-tract	3	6,750	3,609	3,141	3,091	50	
34	Kamamo Village-tract	3	6,450	2,698	3,752	3,702	50	
35	DaungU Village-tract	1	3,000	1,485	1,515	1,515		
36	Taungzon Village-tract	2	3,450	1,371	2,079	2,029	50	
37	Kalwe Village-tract	2	3,750	1,820	1,930	1,930		
38	Daye Village-tract	2	4,550	2,188	2,362	2,422		60
39	Mudu Village-tract	3	6,400	2,985	3,415	3,379	36	
40	Daungyat Ashae Village-tract	1	1,350	650	700	700		
41	Daungyat Anouk Village-tract	1	1,900	1,054	846	846		
42	Kahnyaung Village-tract	4	7,900	3,471	4,429	4,406	23	
43	Kawmupan Village-tract	2	2,450	1,562	888	888		
44	Thetkaw Village-tract	3	6,250	2,842	3,408	3,408		
45	Bawnet Village-tract	1	2,750	1,516	1,234	1,234		
46	Nathmaw Village-tract	2	2,500	1,271	1,229	1,229		
	Ward/village -tract Total ballots	75	142,650	72,222	70,428	69,486	1,059	117
	Township Remaining ballots		5,344	985	4,359	5,276		917
	Township Total	75	147,994	73,207	74,787	74,762	1,059	1,034

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Thanbyuzayat Township

- According to the inspection, 74 polling stations in 16 Wards and 25 Village-tracts of Thanbyuzayat Township in Mon State took out 165,994 ballots and used 80,305 ballots. It left 85,196 ballots instead of 85,689. The extra/shortage ballots were found at respective poll stations. Findings were as follows:

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Sr	Subject	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
						Missing	Extra
1	Ward/village -tract ballots	155,950	78,801	77,149	75,325	2,484	660
2	Ward/village -tract separately handover ballots				1,400		1,400
3	Township remaining ballots	10,044	1,504	8,540	8,471	69	
Total		165,994	80,305	85,689	85,196	2,553	2,060

9. There were 2,484 missing ballots at the polling stations in 11 wards/village-tracts and 660 extra ballots in 7 wards/village-tracts of Thanbyuzayat Township. The township election sub-commission must have 8,540 remaining ballots but it found 8,471 ballots and so 69 ballots were found missing.

10. The ward/village election sub-commissions and polling stations failed to follow the procedures and they returned the remaining ballots to the township election sub-commission only after the election period.

11. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Ward/Village-Tract	Total Polling Stations	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
							Missing	Extra
1	Kyakan Ward	2	3,550	2,245	1,305	1,260	45	
2	Aungchantha Ward	1	2,150	1,309	841	841		
3	Setthit Ward	1	3,450	2,063	1,387	1,337	50	
4	Kyantkhaingye Ward	3	6,650	3,801	2,849	2,749	100	
5	Kyaungpine Ward	1	2,400	1,442	958	1,008		50
6	Phaungsein Ward	2	2,950	1,408	1,542	1,542		
7	Dhammasati Ward	1	1,750	1,012	738	698	40	
8	Aungpinle Ward	1	2,950	1,542	1,408	1,408		
9	Myomazay Ward	1	3,100	1,945	1,155	1,155		
10	Aungthukha Ward	3	7,750	4,287	3,463	3,513		50
11	Yanaungmye Ward	1	1,600	747	853	853		
12	Manyatana Ward	1	600	335	265	265		
13	Myamalar Village-tract	1	1,950	1,038	912	912		
14	Hnitkaing Village-tract	2	4,600	2,293	2,307	2,307		
15	Sintaung Village-tract	1	2,050	859	1,191	1,191		
16	Kayinthaun Village-tract	2	3,950	2,066	1,884	1,684	200	
17	Padangan Village-tract	1	1,550	768	782	782		
18	Kwanthat Village-tract	1	2,150	1,152	998	998		
19	Kyonegada Village-tract	3	6,400	3,673	2,727	2,727		
20	Setse Village-tract	3	6,500	3,771	2,729	2,679	50	
21	Taungphalu Village-tract	1	2,100	1,010	1,090	1,140		50

22	Wakharu Village-tract	2	5,250	2,235	3,015	2,715	300	
23	Wekawa Village-tract	2	2,600	1,318	1,282	1,232	50	
24	Aungmingala Ward	1	2,350	1,425	925	325	600	
25	Hanthawadi Ward	1	2,200	1,133	1,067	1,067		
26	Aungzaya Ward	2	4,500	2,652	1,848	1,848		
27	Aungthaya Ward	2	5,850	1,829	4,021	3,671	350	
28	Kyonekayok Village-tract	1	1,550	836	714	714		
29	Panga Village-tract	5	14,650	7,002	7,648	6,949	699	
30	Weyet Village-tract	3	3,900	1,815	2,085	2,085		
31	Wekali Village-tract	2	3,150	1,633	1,517	1,517		
32	Wewinkaya Village-tract	2	3,700	1,812	1,888	1,938		50
33	Kayokepi Village-tract	2	7,050	3,128	3,922	3,922		
34	Sakhangyi Village-tract	2	2,600	1,320	1,280	1,280		
35	Wekalaung Village-tract	2	2,700	1,135	1,565	1,565		
36	Ankhe Village-tract	1	2,150	957	1,193	1,193		
37	Kawlay Village-tract	1	1,950	1,063	887	1,137		250
38	Htinshu Village-tract	2	5,350	2,384	2,966	2,966		
39	Wekhami Village-tract	3	5,150	2,712	2,438	2,448		10
40	Kyaungywa Village-tract	1	1,100	569	531	531		
41	Anin Village-tract	4	8,050	3,077	4,973	5,173		200
	Ward/village -tract Total ballots	74	155,950	78,801	77,149	75,325	2,484	660
	Ward/village -tract separately handover ballots					1,400		1,400
	Township remaining ballots		10,044	1,504	8,540	8,471	69	
	Township Total	74	165,994	80,305	85,689	85,196	2,553	2,060

Union Election Commission

Notification of COVID Vaccination Fund Management Sub-Committee

From 3-5-2021 to 7-5-2021, local /foreign donors contributed 2.750 million Kyats to the COVID-19 Vaccination Fund Myanmar currency account OA 013733 and foreign currency account EDC 600012 opened at the Myanma Economic Bank (Nay Pyi Taw). The status of the fund account as of 7-5-2021 is as follows:

COVID-19 Vaccination Fund OA-013733 List

Kyat

Account opening balance on 3-5-2021	30,786,403,115.39
Received amount of money from (+)3-5-2021 to 7-5-2021	2,750,000.00
Closed balance on 7-5-2021	30,789,153,115.39

COVID-19 Vaccination Fund EDC 600012 List

USD

Account opening balance on 3-5-2021	178,140,149.53
Received amount of money from (+) (3-5-2021 to 7-5-2021)	-
Closed balance on 7-5-2021	178,140,149.53

9 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 10May, total figure rises to 142,963

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **142,963** after **9 new cases** were reported on 10 May 2021 according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these confirmed cases, **132,045** have been discharged from hospitals.—MNA

Double the productivity with investments to boom economy

THE business is a pillar to support the State economy, which is the backbone of operating the administrative machinery of the nation for managing peace and stability.

The businesses being operated by both government and private sector need capitals obtained from the foreign direct investments as well as the investments of Myanmar citizens under the Myanmar Investment Law.

At its 3/2021 meeting in early May 2021, the Myanmar Investment Commission approved 15 new projects for electricity generation, livestock, manufacturing and other services sectors in addition to increasing the capital of two existing projects. The approved projects amounted to US\$2,783.822 million and K153.67 billion to create 2,473 job opportunities for the local people. The commission also approved the project to generate electricity from LNG with a US\$2.5 billion investment.

If so, foreign investment can flow into the businesses as contributions to booming the economy and as chances to expand the work establishment by creating employment opportunities for the local people.

In fact, businesspersons are able to show the productivity and potentials of their businesses to the investors with attractions. If so, foreign investment can flow into the businesses as contributions to booming the economy and as chances to expand the work establishment by creating employment opportunities for the local people.

Being a developing country, Myanmar is striving for the nation's development, relying on the foreign direct investment and that of Myanmar citizens spent on operating and expanding the businesses. Thanks to the economic growth, the various remaining sectors will improve. So, all businesses need to double their productivity to contribute to the nation's development and themselves.

Let's strive to double the productivity! Let's build the nation better!



European Council calls on partners, COVID vaccine producing countries to enable supply chains

Highlighting that European Union (EU) is exporting vaccines to countries in an expression of solidarity, European Council President Charles Michel on Saturday called on its partners and vaccine-producing countries to follow its example by maintaining and enabling supply chains.

“SINCE the first day of European mobilization against COVID-19 last year, we showed solidarity by contributing funds to research to make vaccines available for the whole world. We played an active role in COVAX, so that vaccines could be available to the whole world,” Michel said in a press briefing.

Maintaining that the EU is a major player in COVAX, he underscored that a key point of the initiative was to ensure that vaccine exports were possible from the EU.

“The fact that we are exporting vaccines doses does show our solidarity and we encourage all of our partners and vaccine producing countries to follow our example by maintaining and enabling

supply chains,” he added.

The European Council President stressed that no one would be able to feel safe until the entire world has been vaccinated against COVID-19.

Speaking on European commitment towards social issues, Michel said: “We have put a central stage and ambitions to come back, again and again, to talk about social issues at heads of state and government levels. Progress made to consolidate our EU social commitment.”

“We want a greener year so that we can tackle climate issues, we want a more dedicated Europe which drives us to benefit from innovation and increased prosperity, and we want a more social Europe to express fraternity, solidarity and to create equality and



EU is a major player in COVAX. PHOTO: AFP

unity for all European citizens,” he further said. Meanwhile, European Commission President Ursula von der

Leyen informed that about 25 per cent of the European population has received the first shot of COVID-19 vaccines.

“Of course, delivering vaccine doses is good but vaccination is even better. Close to 160 million Europeans now have already re-

ceived the first shot of the vaccine, that is over 25 per cent of the EU population,” she said.

Around 70 per cent of the European population will get vaccinated by July 2021. “We have now delivered over 200 million doses (of vaccine) to the European people. So, we are on track to achieve our projective of enough doses being delivered in July to vaccinate 70 per cent of the European adult population,” said von der Leyen.

This comes in the backdrop of the India-EU Leaders’ Meeting held today, wherein both sides discussed forging closer cooperation on combating the COVID-19 pandemic and economic recovery, tackling climate change, and reforming multilateral institutions.

SOURCE: Asian News International

Free helplines for COVID-induced anxiety, depression, burn out

As the country reels under the coronavirus pandemic for the second time, which has pushed the healthcare system on the verge of a collapse with shortage of hospital beds, medical oxygen, ventilators, and medicines, some government and private mental health helplines are striving to ensure the psychological well-being of people.

THE pandemic has caused trauma to people's mental health. With more restrictions put in place due to the surge in COVID cases, there has been an increase in distress calls to the helpline numbers.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in coordination with National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro-Sciences (NIMHANS) Bengaluru, started a national toll-free helpline last year during the onset of the coronavirus.

The helpline operates in 12 different languages to cater to the diversity of citizens and is working round-the-clock. It has five different categories, namely, children, women, adults, senior citizens and healthcare workers.

Dr Sanjeev Kumar M, Assistant Professor at Centre for Psychosocial Support in Disaster Management, NIMHANS, Bengaluru in conversation with ANI said, “This time around, majority of calls have been about issues related to medical care. For the first time, people are distressed

about not getting oxygen, not getting beds.”

“To address such callers, we have a list of helpline numbers of different states across the country. We try to connect them to local agencies or departments of the state,” he added.

Speaking about a fairly recent case, he said, “I received a call from a 24-year-old young fellow. He had pre-existing mental illness and needs treatment. Due to the cur-

rent situation of COVID, he could not go get the required treatment. He had isolated himself, was not able to eat or work and was very anxious. We connected him to a local doctor who had a tele-counseling session with him and sent an online medical prescription so that he can continue his medication course.”

Elaborating further on the kinds of calls received, Dr Sanjeev said, “We have noticed three types

of calls: logistic issues, psycho-social issues and pre-existing mental health problems.”

“Logistic issues are resolved within 1-2 minutes, but psycho-social problems, for which the helpline was put in place, take about 10-15 minutes. We do a lot of follow up calls depending on the circumstances of the affected individual, for instance, in cases like anxiety, depression, worry, etc. Such problems cannot be resolved over one session. Since everything is uncertain, the call exchange may prolong depending on the continuity of the situation.”

According to Nidhi, clinical psychologist, the doctors on this helpline answer 20-25 calls on an average per day. She has been volunteering for this initiative for over an year. Meanwhile, acknowledging the need for psychological support, Manasthali, a private Gurugram-based mental health clinic, has recently started a helpline service from 8 am to 8 pm.

Founder-Director Dr Jyoti Kapoor built a team of 16 doctors comprising psychologists, therapists, and

social workers to counsel people in significant distress via phone consultation and counselling. Offering first two sessions of 20 minutes each, free of charge, the callers are required to book a slot in advance, which can be extended depending on the availability of psychologist/therapist. In an interview with ANI, Dr Jyoti Kapoor informed that Manasthali receives 5-10 calls on an average per day.

The service is aimed at addressing the following issues related to distress associated with COVID pandemic, anxiety related to COVID spread, doubts related to COVID transmission, treatment and vaccination, emotional and behavioural problems stemming out of restrictions related to pandemic and lockdown, overwhelming feelings related to sickness and death among family and loved ones due to COVID-19.

“There have been many calls regarding stress and anxiety due to unavailability of beds and oxygen. We try to help. Arushi, who works at a COVID facility in Gurugram is coordinating with us

and has been of immense help with it comes to providing medical facility,” she said.

“There have been a number of cases related to COVID induced stress, even from people who have had COVID infection in the past,” she added. Speaking about a recent case that she dealt with, Dr Jyoti described, “A mother of a 16-year-old son had called expressing concern for her child who had withdrawn from the family. He barely spoke. On closer assessment of the child, it was declared that he was suffering from depression due to the current COVID scenario and had been neglecting it. We took the case seriously and handled the child. He is doing much better now.”

“We provide a safe space for people to talk because many a time people ignore their mental health and the behaviour associated with it. It is important that people get this space so that their mental health can be analysed,” said Dr Jyoti.

SOURCE: Asian News International



The pandemic has caused trauma to people's mental health. With more restrictions put in place due to the surge in COVID cases, there has been an increase in distress calls to the helpline numbers. PHOTO: PENN MEDICINE/ANI

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

Yangon Region Administration Council

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Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi makes inspection tour in Yangon



UNION Minister U Khin Maung Yi yesterday inspected large seedlings in the permanent

nursery established by the Department of Forest in Insein Township, Yangon Region.

The Union Minister inspected the operation of the Myanmar Timber Enterprise's headquar-

ters and Yangon Region Department of Forest and met with the staff.

At the meeting, the Managing Director and the General Managers explained the implementation of the Myanmar Timber Enterprise's objectives and future plans in the 2020-2021FY.

The Union Minister instructed them to achieve the objectives of the 2020-2021FY according to the departments in Myanmar Timber Enterprise, open training courses for the staff capacity-building as the timber extraction will be stopped for one year in the 2021-2022FY, continue the success of Enrichment Planting-EP, to maintain teak/hardwood plantations established by the Myanmar Timber Enterprise and

continue plantation, pay special attention to the development of the finished wood sector in the wood-based industry, strictly follow the climate change policy and focus on environmental protection as it is a national duty.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister inspected the air quality meter at the Director's office of the Department of Environmental Conservation in Botahtaung Township. At the meeting, officials explained the activities for environmental conservation in Yangon Region, environmental conservation activities of the One-Stop Services of the Myanmar Investment Commission and Thilawa Special Economic Zone. The Union Minister coordinated the meeting. —MNA

Construction Minister U Shwe Lay inspects road, bridge construction in Rakhine State

UNION Minister for Construction U Shwe Lay made an inspection tour of the road and bridge construction and maintenance works in Rakhine State on 9 April.

Along with Rakhine State Administration Council Member Col Min Than and department officials, the Union Minister inspected the Thandwe-Gwa-Ngathaingyoung upgrade work and completion of Kyaukpazat bridge (300-foot-long) construction in the morning.

The Union Minister and party arrived at the Yadana Myaing-Yay Kyaw rural road paving in Gwa township, Thandwe District and urged



officials to pay attention to the concrete pavement quality during the inspection.

They also inspected the

construction of the Gwa Creek bridge, the 1,399-foot-long bridge with 24 feet wide and 3.6 feet on each side of the side-



walk, located on the beach road connecting Ayeyawady Region and Rakhine State. At present, about 69 per cent of the con-

struction has been completed. Efforts are also being made to finish the construction work on time. — MNA

MoSWRR Union Minister inspects preparations for coming monsoon

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Thet Thet Khine and Deputy Minister U Aung Tun Khine donated the offertories to Sayadaw U Pannacara of Myin Tha Myo Oo Parahita centre in South Okkalapa Township of Yangon Region.

The centre currently takes care of 371 children, and the ministry provided K54.897 million to Sayadaw for 2020-2021FY.

The Union Minister and party then visited the central warehouse of the Department of Natural Disaster Management in Mayangon Township.

During her visit, the Union Minister inspected the storing of relief materials and preparedness to distribute them.

Then, the region and warehouse heads reported on the storage system of relief items in respective regions/states warehouses, including Yangon.

The Union Minister highlighted the crucial role of a central warehouse (Yangon) in distributing the items to other regions and states for existing near the seaport.

There are several rivers and coastlines in lower Myanmar, the

populated area. So the officials need to make preparations to protect from natural disasters in the rainy season.

The relevant departmental officials should conduct close cooperation in providing information and rescue works regarding natural disasters to the public in a timely manner. It also should make preparedness to form machinery to deliver relief supplies to the disaster-torn areas.

Then, the Deputy Minister coordinated the discussion. The Union Minister stressed the plan to install Inventory Management



software system at the warehouses, including the central ware-

house of Yangon. — MNA

Golden eugenia growers earn extra income for family

GOLDEN eugenia growers on a manageable scale earn extra income for their families in Myawady town in Kayin State, said U Win Kyi, a golden eugenia grower from Yaypusan village in Myawady town of Kayin State.

The golden eugenia is grown with the use of Lio fertilizer. The flowers are cultivated for a year until they could be yielded. The lifespan of golden flowers is 20 years. The expired golden eugenia trees could be cut in half and grown back, he added.

The golden eugenia species are purchased from Thailand. The golden eugenia leaves are exported to Thailand. They are also sold in town markets and the regions near our villages for

K1,000 for a handful of flowers.

Eugenia is one of the essential flowers for pilgrims because it symbolizes success for the Myanmar people. The pagodas across the country were closed to curb the spread of COVID-19 during the pandemic period. Now, the famous pagodas in regions and states will reopen. However, the visitors need to follow the COVID-19 protocols as guided by the pagoda board of trustees.

Selling the golden eugenia flowers earn the growers a profit of over K40,000 per day. That is the reason why the villagers are growing golden eugenia in their yards on a manageable scale, said U Win Kyi. —Mahn Than Shwe Myint (IPRD)/GNLM



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Monywa District sees first-ever watermelon plantation under GAP system



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GOOD Agricultural Practices (GAP) on over 240 acres of watermelon and muskmelon

plantation were launched in the Monywa district of Sagaing region, according to the Monywa

District Agriculture Department.

Out of 3,000 acres under the

GAP scheme, there was no watermelon and muskmelon plantations under the GAP system in Monywa, Budalin and Ayadaw townships. ChaungU Township has 43 acres of watermelon and 203 acres of muskmelon plantation under GAP system," Department Head U Aung elaborated.

There are over 100,000 acres of watermelon and muskmelon in the Sagaing Region, primarily found in ChaungU Township.

According to the department, good Agricultural Practices ensure food safety, and the GAP growers can get more market access, locally and internationally.

In addition to food safety, GAP also ensures worker safety, health and welfare, and conservation of the environment.

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The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation has encouraged farmers to use its GAP protocol to boost productivity, profitability, market access, and competitiveness in the agricultural sector. The GAP protocol and guidelines include the most consumed and major export items — mango, pomelo, honeydew, watermelon, avocado, chilli, tomato, onion, cabbage, corn, sesame, various beans, rice, and coffee. — Lu Lay, KK/GNLM

Revocation of withholding tax exemption on corn exports causes price downtrend

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Corn Industrial Association, Myanmar revoked a two per cent withholding tax exemption on corn exports during the new wave of coronavirus, and so the corn price is expected to fall.

The withholding tax exemption status for corn exports to Thailand duly expired amid the pandemic. The two per cent WHT had to be paid starting from 1 May.

"The two per cent WHT was levied on corn exports through the land border. During the pandemic, the tax was temporarily exempted. At present, the exempt status is revoked. Consequently, the lower commodity price is likely to happen," Chair

U Min Khaing said.

Myanmar is conveying corns to Thailand through the land border, with a tonne of corn fetching up about 8,000 baht.

Myanmar intends to ship 1 million tonnes of corn to Thailand this year. About 600,000 tonnes of corn have been delivered so far, the association stated.

Thailand gives the green light to corn imports through Maesot under zero tariff (with Form-D) between 1 February and 31 August.

Thailand has granted tax exemption on corn imports between February and August. However, Thailand imposed a maximum tax rate of 73 per cent on corn import in order to protect

the rights of their growers for the corns are imported during the corn season of Thailand as per the notification of the World Trade Organization regarding corn import of Thailand, a corn exporter said.

Myanmar exported 2.2 million tonnes of corns to the external market in the past financial year 2019-2020 with an estimated value of \$360 million, the Ministry of Commerce's data indicated.

Corn is cultivated in Shan, Kachin, Kayah and Kayin states and Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway regions. Myanmar has three corn seasons—winter, summer and monsoon. The country yearly produces 2.5-3 million tonnes of corns. — NN/GNLM



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Tatmadaw provides treatments to over 190,000 outpatients



Tatmadaw medics are giving treatments to local patients at the military hospital in Mawlamyine.

TATMADAW keeps providing healthcare services for the patients at the military hospitals and temporary treatment centres in the townships of regions and states.

The Tatmadaw medical

teams comprising Tatmadaw doctors, specialists, medical assistants and nurses have been giving medical treatments to the people to solve their difficulties in healthcare services.

A total of 194,894 outpatients

and 60,446 inpatients reached these hospitals from 5 February to date.

Senior medical experts, medics, medical assistants and nurses have conducted 9,072 major operations and 4,628 minor operations. The senior doctors gave intensive treatment to the severe cases.

These hospitals managed for the birth of 11,755 babies to date. Of those, 4,700 cases are done in the caesarean section and 7,055 cases in standard delivery.

In addition to providing medical care to patients in need of hospitalization, Tatmadaw is making arrangements for the well-being of hospitalized patients and caregivers. — MNA

Administrative officers killed, injured in some townships

THE terrorist groups intentionally kill the administrative officials to deteriorate the administrative machinery in some townships and to harm the public.

On 9 May, 5 terrorists (under scrutiny) raided the house of U Khin Ngwe, administrator of Si Pine Village of Swa in Yedashe Township of Bago Region and shot U Khin Ngwe with gun. They also destroyed the materials in the house and left. The security forces took the victim to Nay Pyi Taw 1,000-bed Hospital

for medical treatment.

Similarly, about 5 men (under scrutiny) stabbed U Kyi Win, administrator of No (3) Ward of Hlinethaya (east) of Yangon Region at the corner of U Aung Thu and Min Gyi Maha Min Khaung streets. U Kyi Win died on the spot with injuries.

The security members conduct investigations to arrest the violent people, who commit such brutal murders against ward/village-tract administrators, to take action in accordance with the law. —MNA

Terrorist bomb attacks accelerated in regions, states

TERRORISTS are accelerating bomb attacks to state-owned buildings, houses of the people and public places across the countries.

On 9 May, ward administration office in Sangyoung Township, Northern District office of the Department of Road Transport Administration in Insein Township, the Township development office in Muse, near the fence of “Ingyin Myaing Seezar” restaurant in Twantay, the Township Power Sub-station in Pyigyidagun Township in Mandalay, No (1) Basic Education High School in Thanlyin Township, Traffic police rest room at the corner of Waizayantar road and Thanthuma road, the house of a resident in Swa, Yedashe Township in Bago Region, township development office in Loikaw, Kayah State, Myauksee police station in Kalay in

Sagaing Region, traffic control room between Pinlone road and U Wisara road in Dagon Myothit (South) and the Mandalay District Road Transport Department in Mahaangmye Township, were attacked with grenade, homemade mines and homemade guns. In the explosion in Mayaaungmye Township, 4 innocent civilians were wounded and under the medical treatment in Tatmadaw hospital.

Security forces also had to deactivate the homemade mines set up in the compound of a resident in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Region, in front of “Thawtasanlet” restaurant and the “Taung Kwe” pagoda in Loikaw, Kayah State.

It is reported that security forces are investigating to identify the perpetrators to take effective action against them under the law.—MNA



Security measures conducted to ensure community peace



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

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

Files opened against health staff who participated in CDM activity with attempts to deteriorate peace and stability of the State

THE following nurses have been charged under Section 505-A of the Penal Code for inciting State service personnel and health staff to participate in CDM activities, themselves participating in it, supporting CDM activities and unlawful CRPH association with the aim of deteriorating the State administrative machinery.

Sri	Name	Hospital	Address	Section of Penal Code	Photo
1	Daw Khin Khin Tun (Senior Nurse)	Kawlin Hospital	Kawlin Town, Sagaing Region	505-a	
2	Daw Dit Dit Sar (Senior Nurse)	Namhkam Hospital	Namhkam Town, Shan State (North)	505-a	
3	Daw Jury Nar Shan (Senior Nurse)	Kengtung General Hospital	Kengtung Town, Shan State (East)	505-a	
4	Daw Nyein Nyein Aye (Senior Nurse)	Latpadan Hospital	Paungde Town, Bago Region	505-a	
5	Daw Phyu Phyu Win (Senior Nurse)	PyinOoLwin Hospital	Meiktila Town, Mandalay Region	505-a	






6	Daw Khin Aye Mu (Nurse)	Ye Hospital	Mawlamyine Town, Mon State	505-a	
7	Daw K Ja Linn (Nurse)	TadaU Hospital	TadaU Town, Mandalay Region	505-a	
8	Daw Ei Ei Nyein (Nurse)	Latpadan Hospital	Minhla Township, Bago Region	505-a	
9	Daw Nyein Mya Mon (Nurse)	Patheingyi Township Hospital	Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Region	505-a	
10	Daw Yin Nanda Tun (Nurse)	Thaton Hospital	Thaton Township, Mon State	505-a	

As tasks are being carried out to arrest those nurses charged, action will be taken against the action will be taken against the persons who admitted them under the law for the supporting those nurse who participated in CDM and CRPH activities. —MNA

Files opened against education staff who participated in CDM activity with attempts to deteriorate peace and stability of the State

THE following teachers have been charged under Section 505-A of the Penal Code for inciting State service personnel and education staff to participate in CDM activities, themselves participating in it, supporting CDM activities and unlawful CRPH association with the aim of deteriorating the State administrative machinery.

Sri	Name	Occupation	Address	Section of Penal Code	Photo
1	Daw Yati Ohn	Lecturer, Government Technical High School, Kalay Town	Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
2	Daw Ni Ni Aung	Tutor, Lashio Technological University, Lashio Town	Lashio Town, Shan State (North)	505-a	
3	U Htein Lin Aung	Deputy Assistant Supervisor, Office of the Township Education Officer, Kyauklat Township	Kyauklat Township, Ayeyawady Region	505-a	
4	Daw Sandar Maw	Senior Assistant Teacher, BEHS 1, Nawngkhio Town	Nawngkhio Town, Shan State (North)	505-a	
5	Daw Hay Marn Oo	Primary Assistant Teacher, BEHS 5, Zabuthiri Township	Lewe Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area	505-a	

6	Daw Mi Mi Hline	Junior Assistant Teacher, BEHS-Branch (Ahkyaw), Danubyu Township	Danubyu Township, Ayeyawady Region	505-a	
7	U Ye Htut Aung	Primary Assistant Teacher, BEHS-2, Hsipaw Town	Hsipaw Town, Shan State (North)	505-a	
8	Daw Zu Zu Aung	Primary Assistant Teacher, Basic Education Post-Primary School, Palauk Town	Palauk Town, Taninthayi Region	505-a	
9	U Nay Lin	Primary Assistant Teacher, BEPS (Pakkar), Kyauklat Township	Kyauklat Township, Ayeyawady Region	505-a	
10	Daw Thin Zar Oo	Primary Assistant Teacher, BEPS (Kywegyaung), Toungoo Township	Toungoo Township, Bago Region	505-a	

As tasks are being carried out to arrest those education staff charged, people are urged to inform nearby police stations about those education staff, action will be taken against the persons under the law for admitting those education staff. — MNA

Asian stocks lifted by US jobs miss, oil rises on pipeline attack

MARKETS mostly rose in Asia on Monday following a record close on Wall Street as a well-below-forecast US jobs report eased inflation concerns, while oil prices climbed more than one percent after a crucial US pipeline was put out of action by a cyber attack.

Investors have for months been fretting the surge in activity expected in the second half of the year as economies reopen will send prices rocketing, forcing central banks — particularly the Federal Reserve — to wind back their ultra-loose monetary policies.

But Friday's big miss

on jobs last month — 266,000 created compared with a forecast one million — soothed those worries, with analysts saying the easy money measures including record-low interest rates will remain in place for some time.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said the data “underscores the long-haul climb back to recovery” but added that she was still confident the country would return to full employment next year.

The Dow and S&P 500 finished at all-time highs, while the Nasdaq gained nearly one percent.

“At the moment the view is very much that

inflation is transitory,” Mo Apabhai, at Citigroup Global Markets, told Bloomberg Television. “The Fed having experimented for the last 10 years is trying to keep on running it hot, but at the end of the day the disinflationary forces are still very strong in the economy.”

Observers also said the news stirred debate about the outlook for Joe Biden's trillions of dollars worth of stimulus aimed at infrastructure and social programmes.

Stimulus debate

National Australia Bank's Tapas Strickland said: “The weekend was

all about digesting the implications with opinion divided on whether fiscal stimulus is acting as a disincentive for people to seek work, or whether a slower recovery in the labour market warrants more stimulus.”

Still, while the jobs reading disappointed, the view remains that the world's top economy is still on course for a blockbuster recovery, with JP Morgan Asset Management's Patrik Schowitz saying “we build up our picture of the economy from a wide range of data, which on balance have been much more encouraging”. —AFP ■

Female employees assigned to work at Ginza Station, 1st in 20 yrs



Shiho Amishige (L) and two other female employees assigned to work at Tokyo Metro Co.'s Ginza Station in Tokyo pose for a photo in the station's women's room for overnight shift workers on 14 April 2021. PHOTO: KYODO

THREE female employees have been assigned to work at Tokyo Metro Co.'s Ginza Station in April, marking the first time in some 20 years that women have been posted there.

The move comes after a women's room for overnight shift workers was newly installed, a development made possible through recent renovation work at the subway station.

Nearly 70 per cent of the company's 180 stations in and around central Tokyo employed only men as of 1 April, while women made up just 6.5 per cent of the total workforce of 10,746, according to the company. Tokyo Metro said it stopped assigning women to work at stations that do not have a women's room for overnight shifts in 1997 when laws, including one to secure equal opportunity and treatment between men and women in employment, were re-

vised to also allow women to work overnight shifts.

Shiho Amishige, one of the three women newly assigned to the station, said, “I heard rumors that Ginza Station is busy and that the workplace atmosphere is severe but (senior colleagues) have been kind enough to teach me the ropes.”

Deputy stationmaster Kazuto Nakaizumi welcomed their presence, saying they would be helpful in situations such as when a woman falls ill and calls for help via the emergency button in the restroom, as she would feel more assured if a female employee attends to her. The company said the low number of women employed, and the stations they were assigned to, was partly due to the difficulties of constructing the required overnight rooms underground where most of its stations are located. — Kyodo News ■

London launches tourism campaign as Covid restrictions ease

LONDON Mayor Sadiq Khan launched a campaign on Monday to bring tourists back to the British capital, ahead of a planned easing of government coronavirus restrictions across England.

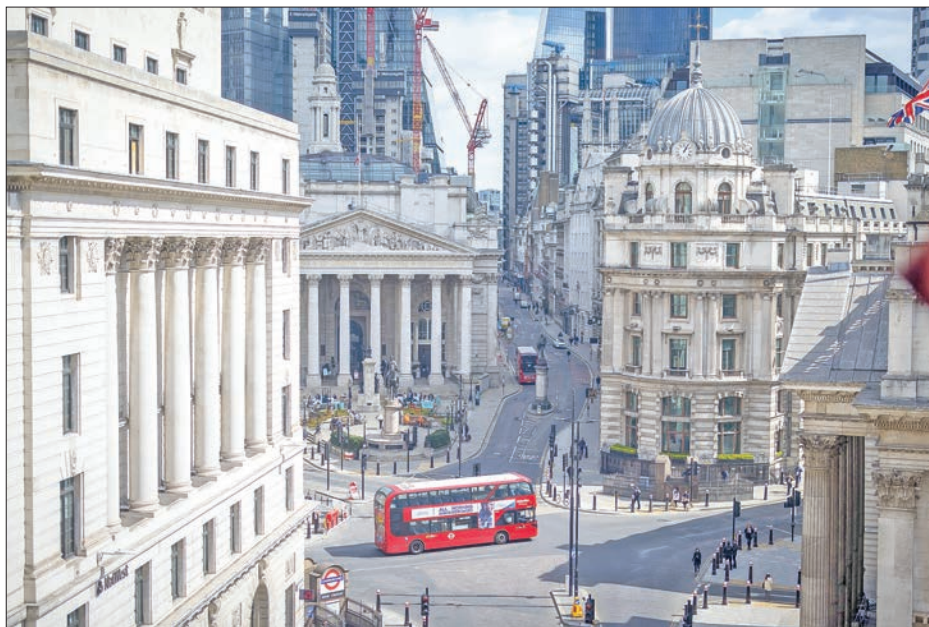
The £6 million (\$8.4 million, 7 million euro) campaign by Khan's office with the capital's tourism and transport bodies will look to drive domestic tourism to hospitality, culture, nightlife and retail venues in the city.

The plans are designed to boost the sectors, which have been badly hit by months of closures and lockdown curbs during the pandemic.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson is expected on Monday to confirm the next stage of his government's roadmap out of lockdown from next week, including a return to indoors mixing, and the reopening of cinemas and theatres.

Khan, who on Saturday was re-elected for a second term as mayor, called the initiative “the biggest domestic tourism campaign London has ever seen”.

“This is about getting the message out to Lon-



A double decker bus drives through the streets of the City of London, on 13 April 2021, as England continues to ease lockdown restrictions due to the Covid-19 pandemic. PHOTO: AFP

doners and people across the country that our capital stands ready to entertain, inspire and enthrall once again,” he said.

The “Let's Do London” campaign will look to target day-trippers and overnight visitors to the capital from across the UK, given ongoing restrictions on international travel.

Analysis by Britain's tourism sector has shown consumer spending in central London by overseas tourists was £7.4 billion lower throughout 2020.

Domestic tourists will have spent £3.5 billion less,

it added.

“Our new campaign is bringing together many of the capital's leading organisations and venues to offer an unparalleled experience for anyone visiting the capital throughout the year,” Khan said at the city's riverside Globe Theatre.

The year of events will begin with the unveiling of public art installations by influential British artist David Hockney and London designer Yinka Ilori.

Road crossings and streets in the West End theatre district — will also

be transformed as part of an initiative involving Royal Academy artists.

London's V&A museum will showcase an exhibition on Lewis Carroll's children's book “Alice in Wonderland” while Shakespeare's Globe will stage a series of “Midnight Matinees”. In June, the British capital plans to see the return of sporting events including the Wimbledon tennis championships. London will also host eight games in the Euro 2020 football tournament, including semi-finals and the final. —AFP ■

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Britain set to ease Covid-19 lockdown, but huge India outbreak persists

BRITAIN on Monday was set to announce a further easing of its coronavirus lockdown, joining several European nations in gradually reopening their economies, but India remained in the grip of a devastating outbreak.

Rapid vaccination programmes have allowed a number of wealthy nations to start taking steps towards normality, but the virus is still surging in many countries and concerns are growing about global vaccine inequality.

The pandemic has claimed close to 3.3 million lives worldwide and Britain has the highest death toll in Europe, but its successful vaccination programme has allowed the authorities to start relaxing curbs.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson was due to announce the latest measures — effective 17 May — in a press conference on Monday, including the reopening of indoor seating in pubs and restaurants.

When asked during a BBC interview Sunday if hugging would be allowed, senior minister Michael Gove said: “Without prejudice to a broader review of social distancing... friendly contact, intimate contact



Health workers arrange beds for Covid-19 Coronavirus patients at a care centre in Amritsar on 9 May 2021. PHOTO: AFP

between friends and family is something that we want to see restored.”

Cinemas are also expected to reopen, as well as some large indoor venues after the government held several pilot events — including a rock concert — to test safety measures.

This follows Spain’s lifting of a state of emergency in place since October, allowing people to travel between regions.

“It’s like New Year’s,” said 28-year-old Oriol Corbella in Barcelona, where the end of the curfew was met with shouts, applause and music.

In Germany, people fully vaccinated against Covid-19 were exempt from many restrictions from Sunday after the government passed new legislation.

And Cyprus on Monday will exit a third partial lockdown with a new coronavirus “safety pass” system to allow people to move freely.

India variant worries

India, suffering from one of the worst outbreaks in the world, reported nearly 370,000 fresh infections and more than 3,700 new deaths on Monday.

The devastating wave

has overwhelmed India’s healthcare system, and experts have said the official figures for cases and fatalities are much lower than the actual numbers.

The situation in India has been worsened by a new variant, which is more contagious and there are fears it could potentially dodge some vaccine protections, the World Health Organization’s chief scientist Soumya Swaminathan told AFP on Saturday. The Indian outbreak has spread to some of its neighbours, with Nepal reeling from a worrying spike in cases.

— AFP ■

Covid jab maker BioNTech to build SE Asia manufacturing site

COVID jab maker BioNTech said Monday it would build a southeast Asia headquarters and manufacturing site in Singapore to produce hundreds of millions of mRNA-based vaccines per year.

Construction of the site will start this year, and it could become operational by 2023, the German company said in a statement.

“With this planned mRNA production facility, we will increase our overall network capacity and expand our ability to manufacture and deliver our mRNA vaccines and therapies to people around the world,” said BioNTech chief executive Ugur Sahin.

The vaccine produced by BioNTech jointly with Pfizer of the United States became the first Covid-19 jab to be approved for use in the West late last year.

It is now supplying more than 90 countries worldwide, and is expecting to ramp up its production to up to three billion doses by the end of the year from 2.5 billion doses expected previously.

The pace will further accelerate to more than three billion doses in 2022. — AFP ■

Four stabbed in ‘random’ New Zealand knife attack

A knife-wielding attacker stabbed four people in a New Zealand supermarket Monday, critically injuring three, in a rampage authorities said was “random” and not terror related.

Police said the attack — highly unusual in the normally peaceful South Pacific nation — occurred at a Countdown supermarket in central Dunedin at 2:30 pm (0230 GMT) and a man had been taken into custody.

Witnesses told local media a man carrying two knives stabbed staff in the supermarket and bystanders who tried to stop him were also injured.

The most recent mass-casualty attack in New Zealand was the Christchurch mosques shootings in March 2019, when a white supremacist gunman murdered 51 Muslim worshippers and severely injured another 40.

Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said her first question to police was whether the Dunedin attack had national security implications but they assured her it did not. — AFP ■

S Korea’s Moon vows to resume nuke talks involving N Korea, US

SOUTH Korean President Moon Jae In on Monday vowed to resume inter-Korean as well as US-North Korea talks on denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, in a speech delivered at the start of his last year as president amid a falling support rate.

As the administration of the US President Joe Biden completed its review on North Korea policies in late April following cooperation with the South Korean government, Moon said it is time to take action to bring peace to the peninsula and that the remaining one year of his term will be the last chance to “go for-

ward to irreversible peace from incomplete peace”.

“Through the South Korea-US summit scheduled in late May, while strengthening the South Korea-US alliance, we will find ways to take a step toward peaceful cooperation and resume talks between South Korea and North Korea as well as the United States and North Korea,” Moon said.

With his support rate down to 36 per cent, Moon also vowed to accelerate the rate at which the coronavirus vaccine is being administered in the nation in order to achieve herd immunity as soon as possible.

“Herd immunity may not be able to terminate COVID-19 but it will make the disease less dangerous and help us return to our normal routines,” said Moon, who also promised there would be a recovery in jobs and the economy.

Moon’s renewed pledge on the fight against COVID-19 follows problems in securing enough vaccines at an early stage.

Skyrocketing housing prices have also weighed on his low support rate, which was reflected in the results of the mayoral by-elections held in Seoul and Busan, the nation’s two biggest cities, on 7 April.

The major opposition party People Power Party won landslide victories in both cities.

Moon said to reporters after delivering the speech that he had no excuse for the soaring housing prices, maintaining that he will revise the policies related to the issue following discussions with the ruling Democratic Party, the government and the presidential office.

Meanwhile, he did not mention South Korea-Japan relations, which have sunk to their lowest level in decades over issues related to wartime history. — Kyodo News ■

Leopard on the loose: escaped big cat sparks fear in China

A leopard remained at large in eastern China Monday after escaping from a safari park with two fellow big cats, sparking a frenzy among web-users who have shared pictures and video of the spotted felines roaming tea plantations in the area.

Residents of the city of Hangzhou first reported seeing a leopard on the loose on Friday, with the safari park only acknowledging the escapes after the news went viral.

The park said it delayed making a public statement to avoid causing panic, but has been attacked online for allowing the animals to escape and endangering residents by not alerting the public in a timely fashion.

Local officials said Monday that five people associated with the attraction — including its general manager — had been detained and that police had launched an investigation into the incident.

Chinese media reported that a search team was on the trail of the third leopard after paw prints believed to have been left by the cat were found on Sunday, deploying dogs and a powered parachute in the hunt for the feline. — AFP ■

Brandon Vera: I've been thinking about Arjan Bhullar for a long time



ONE Championship Heavyweight world champion Brandon Vera seen with his celebration style. **PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP**

ONE Championship's heavy-weight division world champion Brandon Vera of the Philippines said that he would do with all of his wills to defend the championship title, and he is also paying big respect to his next rival, Arjan Bhullar of India, during an interview with the ONE Championship.

Their upcoming ONE Heavyweight World Title defence will be held under the event named ONE: DANGAL at Singapore Stadium in Singapore on 15 May. "I'm excited, and I'm nerv-

ous. I've been thinking about Arjan Bhullar for a long time. I'm excited to be able to have our contest finally," Vera says.

"I respect Arjan — I'm giving him more respect than anybody else that I've faced because he's the one standing in front of me. I want to find out what he's got, I want to see how well he can take [what I've got], and I want to see if he can move with me," Brandon Vera said.

Brandon Vera made his training camp at Sanford MMA together with the Burmese Py-

thon Aung La N Sang and Martin Nguyen.

"I have not trained as much wrestling or as much groundwork as I have since I've been here, so if we end up on the ground, then my ground game is there," Vera said.

"He's a very, very well-rounded opponent, and most people only talk about his wrestling. They don't talk about boxing or his head movement, which is crazy to me, so that's why I'm talking about it," Vera added. —GNLM ■

Real Madrid strike late but title hopes hit by dramatic Sevilla draw

EDEN Hazard's 94th-minute equaliser salvaged Real Madrid a dramatic 2-2 draw against Sevilla on Sunday as an extraordinary penalty decision swung La Liga's title race back in Atletico Madrid's favour.

Zinedine Zidane's side had levelled through Marco Asensio midway through the second half and thought they had a penalty when Karim Benzema was brought down after rounding Sevilla goalkeeper Yassine Bono.

But VAR prompted referee Juan Martinez Munuera to check an Eder Militao handball a few seconds before, with a huge decision seeing Madrid's penalty cancelled and a spot-kick awarded to Sevilla instead.

Ivan Rakitic converted

and while Madrid still managed to hit back in injury time, Toni Kroos' shot deflecting in off Eden Hazard's foot, the draw hands the advantage back to Atletico at the end of another dramatic weekend in the Spanish title race.

"They have to explain the exact rules of the hands to me," said Zidane afterwards. "But now we have to think about the next game. It is not up to us now, but we will fight to the end, to the death."

After Barcelona and Atletico played out a goalless draw on Saturday at Camp Nou, the second instalment of La Liga's blockbuster weekend also finished honours even, meaning the situation at the top is unchanged with three games now remaining. —AFP ■

Tokyo Olympics athletics test held inside empty National Stadium

ROUGHLY 420 track-and-field athletes went through their paces Sunday inside an empty National Stadium, where COVID-19 countermeasures were in place with nine of the athletes coming from overseas.

Thirty-three events — 16 for men and 17 for women — went ahead at the newly built Tokyo Olympics main venue, despite the cloud which now hangs over the games' prospects due to a state of emergency in Japan's capital through the end of this month.

The test event was separated into day and evening sessions — the latter doubling as a World Athletics Continental Tour Gold meet.

Organizers originally wanted fans in attendance, but that was before a resurgence in infections prompted the declaration of a new state



Justin Gatlin (2nd from L) of the United States wins the men's 100-metre final in an Olympic test event for athletics at National Stadium in Tokyo on 9 May 2021. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

of emergency on April 12.

World Athletics President Sebastian Coe attended and found positives following the success of the World Athletics Relays last weekend in Poland.

"I understand nine ath-

letes coming for a test event is very different from thousands of athletes coming to this city over the course of the summer months. But (in Poland) we have 31 countries. — Kyodo News ■

Zverev clinches second Madrid Open title for Roland Garros boost

ALEXANDER Zverev recovered from a set down to defeat Matteo Berrettini 6-7 (8/10), 6-4, 6-3 and win the Madrid Open for a second time Sunday as he clinched a fourth Masters 1000 title.

The German fifth seed recorded his third consecutive top-10 victory this week, having eliminated five-time Madrid champion Rafael Nadal and Dominic Thiem to reach the final.

Zverev, last year's US Open runner-up, added to his 2018 Madrid triumph as he denied Berrettini successive titles following



Germany's Alexander Zverev (L) poses on the podium with Italy's Matteo Berrettini after winning the 2021 ATP Tour Madrid Open tennis tournament singles final match at the Caja Magica in Madrid on 9 May 2021. **PHOTO: AFP**

the Italian's win in Belgrade last month. "It is great (to win this title), especially after losing my last three finals I played at Masters 1000 events," Zverev said. "This is definitely special and I just want to enjoy this one."

Zverev was full of praise for his Italian rival.

"Matteo was an extremely difficult opponent, because I had not faced anyone who serves at 235 km/h, who dominates the ball like him.

"Against Rafa (Nadal) and Dominic (Thiem), the matches were different, although they are

obviously excellent clay players, perhaps the two best at the moment. "Against Matteo, it was extremely difficult to just put the ball back in the court."

Zverev is targeting a second Rome title at the Foro Italico next week. He captured his first Masters there in 2017 before also winning in Montreal later that year.

"Rome is also an event I like and enjoy, so I hope I can perform in the same way as I did here and we will see how it goes there. I feel awesome," said Zverev. —AFP ■