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Appointment and Duty Assignment of Union Minister

THE State Administration Council appointed and assigned Lieutenant-General Yar Pyae to the duty of Union Minister of the Ministry of the Union Government Office under Section 419 of the State Constitution.

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

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Transfer and Duty Assignment of Deputy Minister

THE State Administration Council transferred and assigned Major-General Soe Tint Naing, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of the Union Government Office, to the duty of Deputy Minister for Home Affairs under Section 419 of the State Constitution.

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

975 foreign tourists visit Shwedagon Pagoda as of 7 May

THE renowned Shwedagon Pagoda welcomed the local and foreign visitors in line with the set visiting hours starting February.

A total of 975 foreign visitors came to the pagoda until 7 May (first week of May), said the pagoda's board of trustees.

Most of the tourists are from Asian Buddhist countries. Similarly, some of the tourists from Europe, Africa and the US also visit the pagoda to study the architectures of ancient Myanmar.

Beginning 8 February, a total of 975 foreign visitors visited Shwedagon pagoda – 345 foreign visitors in February while 192 in March, 406 in April and 32 between 1 and 7 May, according to U Bo Thin, member of pagoda's board of trustees.

Chinese were recorded the highest numbers of visitors, with 191, followed by Viet Nam 142 and Thailand 99.

The spokesperson ex-



Local and foreign visitors seen on the Shwedagon Pagoda platform. PHOTO: SOE MYINT AUNG

plained that most visitors are from European countries and the US, Russia, India, Taiwan, Sri Lanka, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, New Zeland,

Korea, Japan, Germany, Australia, the UK, Switzerland, Canada, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia, Mexico, Hong Kong, the Philippines,

Bangladesh, Guatemala and African countries.

Due to fears over the spread of COVID-19, the Shwedagon Pagoda was closed

to visitors for more than ten months starting 9 April 2020.

After the disease reached under control to a certain extent, the pagoda reopened to the public on 11 February, with three-time visiting hours in the morning and afternoon for 3,000 visitors per day. Then, visiting hours have changed – 6 am-11 am and 1 pm-6 pm as of 24 March.

Moreover, the officials allowed the public to pay homage to the pagoda peacefully between 6 am and 6 pm starting Myanmar New Year. Therefore, the pagoda attracted 177,596 visitors, including monks and nuns, between 8 February and 9 May.

The authorities regulate the visiting rules, including COVID-19 preventive measures. The visitors must pass Disinfection Chamber, wash their hands, and the officials will take their body temperature.—Pwint Thitsa/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.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Anti-Terrorism Central Committee Declaration of Terrorist Groups Notification No 2/2021

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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

Myanmar needs to emphasize preventive measures of COVID-19

ENCOURAGEMENT should be given to the people to take physical exercises for their healthiness. Myanmar's expected lifespan is about 66 years, which is less than those of other countries. Priority must be given to uplift the health sector for ensuring the health and fitness of the people. As the infectious rate of COVID-19 is high in some countries, including India, Myanmar needs to emphasize preventive measures of COVID-19.

(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)

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council

Order No 125/2021

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Reassignment to military duty

THE State Administration Council reassigned Deputy Minister for Defence Rear-Admiral Myint Nwe to the original military duties under Section 419 of the State Constitution.

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council

Order No 126/ 2021

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Appointment and Duty Assignment of Deputy Minister

THE State Administration Council appointed and assigned Major-General Aung Lin Tun of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) to the duty of Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Defence, under Section 419 of the State Constitution.

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

All need to seek ways for winning the trusts of people over the banking system: MoPF Union Minister

EFFORTS must be made for levying taxes and electricity bills for the State this financial year, said Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein at the meeting on import of LNG by foreign investment companies and currency circulation normalcy in the nation yesterday morning.

The meeting focused on clarifying the people on fulfilment of needs for the electricity supply companies to import LNG, at industrial zones, electronic system payment for electricity bills, and digital payment systems.

Officials of the Internal Revenue Department and Central Bank of Myanmar discussed levying of taxes and monetary circulation of banks.

The Union minister stressed

the need to apply the account changing payment, use of cheque and money orders, electronic payment and digital payment on a broader scale with reducing cash, monitor cash payment and cash draw from the banks and inform the people about smooth payment of bills to the State. He noted that cooperation between State-owned banks and private banks is of great importance. In conclusion, the Union minister urged all to seek ways together with the Central Bank of Myanmar for winning the trusts of people over the banking system.

— MNA

Union Minister U Win Shein chairs the meeting on LNG import and currency circulation normalcy.



11 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 11May, total figure rises to 142,974

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **142,974** after **11 new cases** were reported on 11 May 2021 according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these confirmed cases, **132,050** have been discharged from hospitals.—MNA

Research work to be expanded for livestock and fisheries development

ACCORDING to the Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, necessary research work will be expanded to develop the livestock and fisheries sector.

Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Tin Htut Oo met officials from the Talote Hla Fisheries Camp, Twantay Fisheries Institute and fisheries camp, and researchers from Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Region on 10 May.

During the meeting, he said the people must be able to consume quality fresh fish to stand as the country rich in nutritious and healthy human resources. Excessive production of these products will benefit not only domestic consumption but also export promotion. Research work will be expanded for the development of the livestock and fisheries sector.

He added the importance of research work every sector. He urged the professionals to work together with interested universities and private institutions as



soon as possible.

Talote Hla Fisheries Camp, Twantay Fisheries Institute and fisheries camps in Maubin Township have been conducting researches on indigenous fish by dividing them

into groups. Breeding is carried out in breeding ponds closest to natural waters. Researches are being done on the development of their reproductive organs according to their age and breeding. Efforts are being

made to produce hatcheries for commercial breeding of Perch and silver-hued barb, which are popular in the local market. In addition, these fisheries camps and the institute also produce pedigree fish species by natu-

ral and injection methods, assist GAQP techniques for good fish farming practices, and provide practical training to Zoology major students of Maubin University and private companies and local farmers.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and party visited the Taguntine quality seeds farm near Kone Gyi village, Hinthada Township. They discussed the adequate use of quality seeds suitable for each region according to the season.

He also met residents in Danubyu Township during the visit to the Tamyar river water pumping project. He cordially discussed the expansion of agro-based industries and regional development.

During his visit to Kokkosu village in Maubin, the Union Minister and party inspected the implementation of the Green Rural Development Strategic plans for poverty alleviation, village-level leadership training and water purification system for village drinking water. — MNA

Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi inspects forest plantations in Bago Region



UNION Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi conducted an inspection tour to Bago Region yesterday.

During his visit, the Union Minister inspected the War Katoke Nursery established by Forest Department and checked the seedling production processes for the 2021 rainy season planting campaign.

The Forest Department of Bago Region will establish 4,410 acres of commercial teak

plantation, 400 acres of rural firewood plantation, 50 acres of watershed plantation, and plant 1.4 million seedlings for monsoon tree-planting campaign in 2020-2021FY.

The Union Minister then visited the 300 acres of teak plantation established by Forest Product Joint Venture Corporation Ltd in No 101 plot of Ye Nwe forest reserve in Kyaukdaga Township. The officials of farms presented the ongoing programmes and further work plans. — MNA

Asia-pacific joint group (AP JG) convenes meeting on progress of Myanmar anti-money laundering and counter-financing activities

THE meeting on the assessment of the Asia-Pacific Joint Group (AP JG) was held to discuss the progress of Myanmar's Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Asia Pacific Joint Group (AP JG) yesterday afternoon at the Central Bank of Myanmar.

The meeting was attended by officials from the Financial Action Task Force-FATF and Asia Pacific Group-APG, representatives from the AP JG member countries including Australia, China, France,

Germany, India, Japan, China (Macao), New Zealand, UK and USA, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar Daw Than Than Swe, representatives from the Ministry of Planning and Finance, Anti-Corruption Commission, Myanmar Police Force, Bureau of Special Investigation, Directorate of the Investment and Company Administration, Union Supreme Court and Financial Investigation Force.

The meeting discussed matters pertaining to the coordinating meetings with regulatory authorities in order to

understand the risks of money laundering, issuance of risk-based guidelines for Designated Non-Financial businesses and professions (DNFBPs), Licencing and supervision of foreign remittance services, implementation of the Financial Investigation Force, investigating money laundering crimes, confiscation of money and property from committing crimes and developments related to counter-terrorism financing and the spread of deadly weapons in line with UN Security Council resolutions. — MNA



Union MoEE Minister inspects No 1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin)

WORKERS of No 1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin) need to join the workplace as quickly as possible to maintain the refinery, said Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Aung Than Oo on his inspection tour of the refinery on 10 May.

Worker of the refinery must strictly abide by the public service personnel law, rules and regulations. He stressed the need to re-operate the lubricant plant to meet the demand of factories and heavy machinery. The fuel and lubricant jetty must be maintained for work operations. He invited the scrutiny on data for re-operating the plant.

Managing Director U Aung

Myint of the Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise and the refinery manager reported on the condition of tanks for fuel and lubricant, a jetty for fuel and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), the status of an LNG installation, laboratory tests for fuels and grease, plans to refine crude oil to condensate, and an oil refinery project that can refine 10 million tonnes of crude oil proposed by the Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) of India on the land of No 1 Oil Refinery.

The Union Minister inspected No 1 Oil Refinery (Thanlyin), Oil Steam Factory, Fuel/Lubricant Mixing Plant, Lubricant Tank and Fuel Jetty.

— MNA



Union Minister U Shwe Lay inspects road, bridge construction in Ayeyawady region, upgrading work of highway road



UNION Minister for Construction U Shwe Lay inspected the completion of the Thandwe-Gwa-Ngathaingyoung concrete road upgrade work implemented by the Department of Highways of Ayeyawady Region on 9 May.

During his inspection tour of Ayeyawady Region, the Union Minister and party inspected concrete paving work on Yanmyoang-Yone-tone-Asugyi-Shwenantha road, completion of the 200-foot-long Singu concrete bridge under implementation with the regional fund in Yekyi Township, maintenance work to the Bo Myat Tun bridge on the Yangon-Pathein road and the upgrade of concrete road to Hlinethaya from the bridge and posting of road signs.

On 10 May, the Union Minister and party inspected the maintenance work of the Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Expressway and bridge constructions along the route.

The Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Expressway is 366/3 miles long from Yangon to Mandalay. The Ministry of Construction has been carrying out upgrade work from concrete road to asphalt concrete (AC) level and making guard rails, warning sign and direction signs for road safety.

Similarly, the Department of Bridges, the Bridge Task Force and the Bridge Maintenance Team are upgrading and maintaining a two-lane bridge to the four-lane bridge on the Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay Expressway. — MNA

Union Attorney-General discusses AIPACODD, AIPA Caucus, IPU meetings

UNION Attorney-General Dr Thida Oo presided over a coordination meeting on 10 May for the 4th AIPACODD meeting to be held by the Advisory Council of Brunei Darussalam on 24 May, the 12th AIPA Caucus by the Parliament of Singapore on 16 May, and the 142nd Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly-IPU from 24 to 27 May.

The meeting discussed the participation of the Myanmar

delegation to AIPA and IPU meetings.

On the invitation to Myanmar officials, the officials of the UAG Office, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office, Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Foreign Affairs will join the 4th AIPACODD Meeting and 12th AIPA Caucus. The nomination of the Myanmar delegation to IPU and associate meetings are also registered. — MNA



Announcement of Union Election Commission

10 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 Kanbalu and Wetlet townships of Sagaing Region.
- 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	204 polling stations in Kanbalu township of Sagaing Region	238,039	281,962	31,646	2,493	29,140
2	134 polling stations in Wetlet township of Sagaing Region	173,574	128,755	18,701	1,226	16,176

- The Union Election Commission has inspected the withdrawal/receipt/use/remaining of ballot papers used for Pyithu Hluttaw Election of Kanbalu and Wetlet townships of Sagaing Region 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 338 polling stations in these two townships took out 457,643 ballots and used 326,136 ballots. It left 127,215 ballots instead of 131,507 ballots. The difference was 12,634 ballots and it found 8,342 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	Kanbalu	204	264,200	180,226	83,974	80,737	4,792	1,555
2	Wetlet	134	193,443	145,910	47,533	46,478	7,842	6,787
	Total	338	457,643	326,136	131,507	127,215	12,634	8,342

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Kanbalu Township

- According to the inspection, 204 polling stations in Kanbalu Township of Sagaing Region took out 264,200 ballots and used 180,226 ballots. The extra/shortage ballots were found at respective ward/village-tract poll stations. It found 4,792 missing ballots and 1,555 extra ballots which were not issued by the UEC. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Subject	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the ground	Difference	
						Missing	Extra
1	Ward/village -tract ballots	254,050	179,778	74,272	71,035	4,792	1,555
2	Township advanced ballots	448	448				
3	Township remaining ballots	9,702		9,702	9,702		
	Total	264,200	180,226	83,974	80,737	4,792	1,555

- During the inspection, it found 284 ballots without the names of voters, serial numbers of voter list, ward/village-tract name and signatures of voters at No (1) polling station of Phalone Chaing Village. There were only advance ballot receipts of NO (2) polling station in Boke Taw Village-tract and the ballot receipts and ballot books used at the polling station were found missing. Moreover, only the marks were found in the books of voters without the signatures, finger prints of left/right thumb used at No (2) polling station in Sandayar Village-tract. It also found the stamp bearing the name of Daw Aye Cho in the advance ballot books used in No (2) polling station (Pauk Taw Village) of Nyo Pin Sho Village-tract. Using the stamps in casting advance votes without asking the desires of voters is such a manner to make voting irregularity. It found only the advance ballots and other ballots were missing at No (2) polling station in Boke Taw Village-tract.

- Of 204 polling station in Kanbalu Township, 24 polling stations used extra ballots while the ballots were missing at 42 polling stations.

- Findings were as follows:

Sr	Ward/Village-Tract	Total polling station	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the ground	Difference	
							Missing	Extra
1	No (2) Ward	3	5,400	3,696	1,704	1,702	2	
2	No (3) Ward	2	5,700	4,074	1,626	1,626		
3	No (4) Ward	1	2,100	1,553	547	547		
4	Kyauksekan Village-tract	1	1,050	820	230	230		
5	Kyungpingone Village-tract	2	2,800	1,968	832	622	210	
6	Kaingyoe Village-tract	2	2,300	1,692	608	608		
7	Chaungkan Village-tract	1	2,000	1,486	514	514		
8	Chaungshae Village-tract	1	2,350	1,407	943	893	50	
9	Khaohnta Village-tract	2	3,550	2,802	748	748		
10	Garta Village-tract	4	3,450	2,235	1,215	1,215		
11	Hnetpyawtaing Village-tract	3	3,900	2,858	1,042	1,042		
12	Ngahmyaung Village-tract	1	650	479	171	171		
13	Sabenantha Village-tract	2	3,950	2,468	1,482	1,432	50	
14	Sagvin Village-tract	3	1,600	1,062	538	538		
15	Supokegone Village-tract	1	1,100	807	293	293		
16	Zin Village-tract	2	5,550	3,814	1,736	1,836		100
17	Zigone (ma) Village-tract	2	1,750	1,281	469	469		
18	Zipyugone Village-tract	2	1,300	967	333	333		
19	Nyopinshoe Village-tract	4	1,700	1,111	589	589		
20	Nyaungzin Village-tract	2	3,400	2,501	899	599	300	
21	Tinmaw Village-tract	3	2,550	1,732	818	768	50	
22	Htanaungkine Village-tract	1	550	402	148	148		
23	Htantapin Village-tract	2	2,450	1,826	624	624		

24	Htantaw Village-tract	1	1,200	906	294	294		
25	Hteintaw Village-tract	3	4,550	3,541	1,009	879	130	
26	Ngarpaw Village-tract	1	950	642	308	308		
27	Natpay Village-tract	3	3,100	2,200	900	900		
28	Pinthagyi Village-tract	3	3,700	2,437	1,263	1,263		
29	Pazigy Village-tract	3	2,950	2,054	896	846	50	
30	Pokepar Village-tract	2	2,350	2,038	312	462		150
31	Phokegone Village-tract	3	4,750	2,961	1,789	1,439	350	
32	Buegone Village-tract	3	4,800	3,031	1,769	1,769		
33	Mezataw Village-tract	2	1,700	1,134	566	566		
34	Myaymon Village-tract	4	6,250	4,134	2,116	1,916	200	
35	Myaukpaygone Village-tract	2	1,300	1,022	278	228	50	
36	Male Village-tract	3	3,850	2,723	1,127	1,127		
37	Methe Village-tract	4	2,600	1,945	655	655		
38	Yathar Village-tract	1	1,100	773	327	377		50
39	Yeshin Village-tract	2	3,100	2,027	1,073	1,083		10
40	Thapyaytha Village-tract	3	4,050	3,232	818	1,018		200
41	Hlweseik Village-tract	2	3,450	2,126	1,324	1,324		
42	Thayetkangyi Village-tract	2	2,000	1,421	579	579		
43	TaleU Village-tract	1	850	615	235	235		
44	Thaukkan Village-tract	2	1,900	1,320	580	780		200
45	Hinthaw Village-tract	1	850	603	247	247		
46	Innma Village-tract	4	2,900	2,036	864	864		
47	Innle Village-tract	1	2,700	2,178	522	522		
48	No (1) Ward	1	3,000	2,136	864	864		
49	No (5) Ward	2	3,550	2,562	988	988		
50	Chanayethaya Ward (Zigone Town)	1	1,800	1,489	311	311		

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51	Ngapaw Ward (Zigone Town)	1	1,350	1,099	251	201	50	
52	Yangyiaung Ward (Zigone Town)	1	1,900	1,484	416	416		
53	Yannaingaye Ward (Zigone Town)	1	1,450	1,098	352	352		
54	Letse Ward (Zigone Town)	1	850	694	156	156		
55	Aungtheikdi Ward (Zigone Town)	1	2,350	1,911	439	439		
56	Kangyi Village-tract	3	2,600	1,821	779	1179		400
57	Kanpyu Village-tract	1	1,300	923	377	377		
58	Kyakhateike Village-tract	2	850	556	294	294		
59	Kyigone Village-tract	1	1,550	1,070	480	430	50	
60	Kyisu Village-tract	1	2,800	2,348	452	452		
61	Kyoekeya Village-tract	2	2,150	1,586	564	564		
62	Kaboe Village-tract	3	4,650	3,019	1,631	1,581	50	
63	Koetaungboh Village-tract	6	5,600	3,809	1,791	1,781	10	
64	Khataungyin Village-tract	2	2,250	1,588	662	662		
65	Chinmyitkyin Village-tract	2	1,950	1,478	472	427	45	
66	Chatgyi Village-tract	2	1,700	1,229	471	471		
67	ChatthinVillage-tract	4	5,100	3,511	1,589	1,684		95
68	Khawthandi Village-tract	1	1,300	1,038	262	262		
69	Ngayane Village-tract	3	2,900	2,184	716	666	50	
70	Sandaya Village-tract	2	2,500	1,668	832	832		
71	Sisonegy Village-tract	2	1,900	1,328	572	422	150	
72	Zikana Village-tract	4	4,350	3,265	1,085	1,045	40	
73	NyaungkanthaVillage-tract	3	2,050	1,464	586	531	55	
74	Nyaunggone Village-tract	3	1,750	1,299	451	451		

75	Nyaungpingyi Village-tract	1	1,400	1,138	262	262		
76	Nyaungpinseik Village-tract	1	650	396	254	254		
77	Tinnokegyi Village-tract	1	1,100	870	230	230		
78	Tepin Village-tract	2	3,250	2,376	874	824	50	
79	Taukksat Village-tract	4	6,600	4,247	2,353	1,353	1000	
80	Htangone Village-tract	3	6,400	4,258	2,142	2,492		350
81	Danpin Village-tract	1	1,650	1,302	348	348		
82	Paykone Village-tract	2	2,250	1,751	499	449	50	
83	Phalonchai Village-tract	2	2,850	2,161	689	689		
84	Boketaw Village-tract	3	3,350	1,560	1,790	840	950	
85	Buegyi Village-tract	1	2,250	1,518	732	632	100	
86	Myaydue Village-tract	4	5,650	3,826	1,824	1,324	500	
87	Meikthalingone Village-tract	2	2,100	1,407	693	693		
88	Ywetgyan Village-tract	2	1,550	1,120	430	430		
89	Leikhtu Village-tract	4	3,300	2,397	903	853	50	
90	Wettoe (ta) Village-tract	1	950	638	312	312		
91	Wettoe (ma) Village-tract	2	2,250	1,636	614	614		
92	Thintaw Village-tract	2	3,250	2,254	996	846	150	
93	Thinpantaw Village-tract	2	2,950	2,123	827	827		
94	Thabutgone Village-tract	1	1,400	969	431	431		
95	Oakpo Village-tract	1	1,600	1,301	299	299		
96	Aukte Village-tract	1	1,450	918	532	532		
97	Aungchantha Village-tract	2	2,250	1,815	435	435		
Ward/village -tract total ballots		204	254,050	179,778	74,272	71,035	4,792	1,555
Township advanced ballots			448	448				
Township remaining ballots			9,702		9,702	9,702		
Township total		204	264,200	180,226	83,974	80,737	4,792	1,555

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Wetlet Township

9. According to the inspection, 134 polling stations in 3 Wards and 69 Village-tracts of Wetlet Township in Sagaing Region took out 193,443 ballots and used 145,910 ballots. It left 46,478 ballots instead of 47,533. 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	191,850	145,422	46,428	45,373	7,842	6,787
2	Township advanced ballots	488	488				
3	Township remaining ballots	1,105		1,105	1,105		
Township Total		193,443	145,910	47,533	46,478	7,842	6,787

10. There were 7,842 missing ballots and 6,787 extra ballots at 134 polling stations in 3 Wards and 69 Village-tracts of Wetlet Township. It also found 1,157 unused ballots separately returned by the unknown village-tracts.

11. During the inspection, it found 425 ballot receipts without any names of voters, number of voter lists, polling station No and ward/village-tract names at the polling station of Pauk Kan village-tract.

12. Moreover, it found only ballot bags bearing ballots for Amyotha and Region Hluttaws in Sin Ta Wae village-tract and it did not find ballot bags of Pyithu Hluttaw.

13. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Ward/Village-Tract	Total Polling Stations	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
							Missing	Extra
1	No (1) Ward	2	3,550	2,765	785	1,035		250
2	No (2) Ward	1	2,000	1,542	458	458		
3	No (3) Ward	2	3,350	2,715	635	635	50	50
4	Minthakan Village-tract	1	1,100	832	268	268		
5	Phuthlaing Village-tract	1	1,250	970	280	280		
6	Kyeepinkan Village-tract	1	1,950	1,503	447	447		
7	Yintaw Village-tract	2	3,350	2,514	836	836		
8	Khawtaw Village-tract	2	3,050	2,291	759	759	100	100
9	Paukkan Village-tract	1	2,050	2,593	-543	457		1,000
10	Ywanan Village-tract	1	2,750	1,554	1,196	1,196		
11	Yonepingone Village-tract	2	3,550	2,417	1,133	1,133	50	50
12	Tachantha Village-tract	2	1,300	748	552	352	200	
13	Magyipyu Village-tract	2	1,950	1,373	577	577	100	100
14	Htangyi Village-tract	2	2,900	2,241	659	659		
15	Inngyinpin Village-tract	1	1,100	775	325	325		
16	Myintaw Village-tract	2	2,800	2,424	376	626		250
17	Takhwattaw Village-tract	2	4,000	3,238	762	762	200	200
18	Kanpauk Village-tract	1	500	277	223	123	100	
19	Kukaung Village-tract	2	3,200	2,186	1,014	1,174		160
20	Indaung Village-tract	2	1,850	1,220	630	380	250	
21	Tharai Village-tract	2	2,200	1,596	604	604	100	100
22	Mingone Village-tract	4	5,650	3,694	1,956	1,956		
23	Nyaungpingyitaw Village-tract	1	2,250	1,693	557	557		
24	Kanpyu Village-tract	4	3,300	2,203	1,097	1,097	300	300
25	Minn Village-tract	1	1,750	1,306	444	444		
26	Sharkwe Village-tract	2	3,650	3,046	604	844	150	390
27	Sheinmaka Village-tract	2	3,150	2,354	796	796	100	100

28	Sintawe Village-tract	1	1,100		1,100		1,100	
29	Thitseint Village-tract	1	2,350	1,950	400	607		207
30	Thaline Village-tract	1	1,550	1,550		340		340
31	Yinmakan Village-tract	1	1,950	1,498	452	452		
32	Halin Village-tract	4	5,650	4,429	1,221	902	350	31
33	Bubakan Village-tract	3	3,900	3,289	611	869	250	508
34	Yonetha Village-tract	1	1,300	929	371	371		
35	Inbegyi Village-tract	2	2,300	1,700	600	450	150	
36	Tat Village-tract	2	3,000	2,010	990	990		
37	Tanintha Village-tract	1	1,000	698	302	302		
38	Musoechone Village-tract	1	2,150	1,767	383	383		
39	Sinkut Village-tract	2	2,750	2,016	734	732	2	
40	Takaunghtaunk Village-tract	1	1,600	988	612	612		
41	Minchi Village-tract	2	3,950	3,179	771	771		
42	Leinpin Village-tract	1	750	604	146	146		
43	Pinzin Village-tract	2	3,600	3,093	507	507		
44	Kywezin Village-tract	1	2,150	1,740	410	410		
45	Oakpon Village-tract	2	1,400	1,015	385	385	100	100
46	Kyauktine Village-tract	2	3,650	3,084	566	566	50	50
47	Shwekyin Village-tract	1	1,850	1,444	406	406		
48	Magyitone Village-tract	1	1,000	768	232	232		
49	Yehtwet Village-tract	3	3,900	2,588	1,312	1,012	450	150
50	Mekone Village-tract	2	2,950	2,296	654	654		
51	Thamantha Village-tract	3	4,850	4,292	558	1,026	150	618
52	Hlataw Village-tract	2	3,650	2,939	711	711		
53	Thana Village-tract	2	1,500	441	1,059	429	630	
54	Maukyoe Village-tract	1	1,900	1,483	417	417		
55	Sintba Village-tract	1	1,150	913	237	237		
56	Sainainglay Village-tract	1	1,200	766	434	184	250	
57	Sainainggyi Village-tract	2	2,950	2,259	691	491	350	150
58	Swelkwe Village-tract	3	3,300	2,581	719	519	200	

Enjoy a healthy lifestyle without too much oil consumption

BEING an agro-based country, Myanmar emphasizes the cultivation of various crops in vacant areas of farmlands across the nation.

The agricultural products meet the demand of local consumers. Among them, various edible oil crops are involved on the list of primary export items of Myanmar.

The individual people of Myanmar consume about 4.5 visses of cooking oil per year. In order to ensure the sufficiency of cooking oil at home, efforts should be made for thriving edible oil crop plantations in the respective areas so as to increase the per-acre yield.

Businesspersons operate small and large oil mills to crush oil crops in producing cooking oils for local consumption. But, these oil mills cannot be operated through modern techniques.

In Southeast Asia however, COVID cases and deaths are increasing rapidly and there are countries in every region where the figures are ticking up, according to the WHO chief.

On behalf of the WHO Foundation, Tedros launched the "Together for India" appeal to help fund the UN agency's work in the country, including the purchase of oxygen, personal protective equipment and medicines.

COVID's grip keeps world in 'perilous situation'

Amidst an "unacceptably high plateau" in COVID-19 cases and deaths globally, the UN health agency chief on Monday shone a light on last week's death toll that totalled almost 90 thousand people and 5.4 million reported cases.

Noting the spread of variants, increased social mixing, the relaxation of public health and social measures, as well as inequitable levels of vaccination, he said: "Globally, we are still in a perilous situation".

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An Indian Navy personnel gets inoculated with a COVID-19 vaccine at the INS Angre naval base in Mumbai on March 5, 2021. PHOTO: PUNIT PARANJE / AFP

balance is an essential part of the solution", that also requires a combination of public health measures. "Vaccines prevent disease. But we can also prevent infection with public health tools that have been so effective in so many plac-

es", said Tedros. Words to the wise Tedros advised leaders to use every tool at their disposal to "immediately drive transmission down" and if a country is seeing figures trend downward, to surge its capacity for keeping the pres-

sure on. "Even in countries with the highest vaccination rates, public health capacities must be strengthened to prepare for the possibility of vaccine-evading variants, and for future emergencies", he said.

To individuals, the WHO chief reminded that every contact with someone outside their household presents a risk that varies according to type, duration and level of contact.

"The more contacts, the higher the risk", he said. Zero transmission goal

Tedros said there would come a time when everyone will be able to unmask, meet up at close range and safely participate in concerts, sporting events and rallies, once their country has no transmission.

To get there, he urged all States to develop and implement "comprehensive and cohesive" national plans, based on the 10 pillars of WHO's Strategic Preparedness and Response Plan.

"How quickly we end the pandemic, and how many sisters and brothers we lose along the way, depends on how quickly and how fairly we vaccinate a significant proportion of the global population, and how consistently we all follow proven public health measures", he concluded.

SOURCE: UN

E-waste recycling matter of national security: report

Recovering precious elements from e-waste is a security imperative for Europe that should be written into law, according to a report Monday that said it was "crucial" to ensure industry competitiveness and sustain tech-dependent lifestyles in the region.

CIRCUIT boards, magnets in disk drives and electric vehicles, batteries and fluorescent lamps are among items containing critical raw materials -- including gold, silver and cobalt -- that could be recycled and re-used, the research found.



According to the United Nations more than 50 million tonnes of electronic waste was discarded in 2019. PHOTO: CHARLY TRIBALLEAU AFP

plies for consumer electronics and even the defence industry, said the consortium behind the European Union funded CE-WASTE report, which said the fate of these materials was a "societal challenge".

Despite these essential materials being vulnerable to geo-political upheavals, it said, Europe remains too reliant on foreign supply, with recycling rates "close to zero".

"We've been recycling for centuries, it's one of the oldest professions," said Pascal Leroy, from the WEEE Forum, one of the authors of the report. "What makes this era different from previous eras is that we need the critical raw materials to make products that sustain our high tech lifestyle," he said.

With these elements needed for wind turbines and electric cars, they also play a crucial role in meeting climate goals and manufacturing competitiveness.

systems to drones reliant on external supplies such as rare earth elements, which almost exclusively come from China. The report highlighted several categories of e-waste it said have high enough quantities of these raw materials to warrant being recovered.

These include materials in printed circuit boards from discarded electrical equipment; batteries from e-waste and scrap vehicles; neodymium iron boron magnets from hard disc drives and engines of e-bikes, scooters and scrap vehicles; and fluorescent powders from lamps and cathode ray tubes -- found in TVs and monitors.

It found that low and volatile prices for many of these raw materials means that recycling is often considered too costly for businesses. He told AFP the defence industry was particularly exposed, with everything from computer

requirements to recycle and reuse critical raw materials, financial incentives to support industry and better controls on shipments of e-waste out of the EU. "No one will do this voluntarily, because it costs money," said Leroy.

Lost for tomorrow According to the United Nations, more than 50 million tonnes of electronic waste was discarded in 2019, with the vast majority ending up in landfill and on scrap heaps.

With only 17 per cent of products recycled, the UN estimates that materials worth more than \$55 billion (50 billion euros) are being wasted every year. Meanwhile, more must be mined to make new products, sparking environmental and human rights fears. The report called for legal

tainability consulting firm Sofies, another author of the CEWASTE report, said that these materials are often present in such tiny quantities in each individual item that they are overlooked.

For example, the report estimated that in 2025, discarded fluorescent lamps in Europe will contain 92 tonnes of critical raw materials. Printed circuit boards in the region's e-waste could contain as much as 41 tonnes of silver and 10 tonnes of gold in 2025, it said.

These quantities would be roughly the same as the amount used to make new items, said Magalini. And even when electronic products are recycled, some of these elements are not recovered, he added. "What we lose today is lost even for tomorrow." SOURCE: AFP

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 Election Commission

Lychee for sale in markets in Katha, Sagaing region

SINCE May, lychee fruits grown from the farms in Katha Township, Sagaing Region, have been on sale in the township markets.

At the beginning of the lychee season, a set of 30 fruits costs K500 in the markets and K400 if directly bought from the farm. Some people sell the lychees from their farms, and there are also brokers.

The lychees are also sold to Mandalay and Htigyaing.

“Lychee from Katha are sent to Mandalay and Htigyaing. One basket of fruit costs K45,000 for a large package and K35,000

for a small one. This year, the prices are good as it is the beginning of the harvest, later when the fruit is abundant, we have to sell it for up to K200 per pack,” said Ma Naing, a lychee fruit seller.

Lychee grown in Katha Township did not fetch reasonable prices last year, but sales were strong.

This year, the fruits are selling well, but sales are not good due to the small number of buyers, and fruits are not as productive as last year. – District IPRD/GNLM



Tatmadaw provides treatments to over 190,000 outpatients



A local patient is receiving treatments at the military hospital in Toungoo.

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 Military doctors, specialists, medical assistants and nurses have been giving medical treatments to the people to solve their difficulties in healthcare services. A total of 197,169 outpatients and 60,955 inpatients reached these hospitals from 5 February to date.

Senior medical experts, medics, medical assistants and nurses have performed 9,169 major operations and 4,675 minor operations. The specialist gave intensive treatment to the severe

cases.

These hospitals have managed for the birth of 11,850 babies to date. Of those, 4,747 cases are done in the caesarean section and 7,103 cases in standard delivery.

Moreover, Maj-Gen Ko Ko Oo, Commander of Central Command, and party comforted the military officers and other ranks who took treatments at the military hospital in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Region, and gave cash and foodstuff. Well-wishers donated the nutritious foods for the military officers and other ranks.

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

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Rice prices spike up on local demand

THE prices of rice and rice crops have modestly increased in the domestic market on the back of strong demand, traders from the Bayintnaung wholesale market said.

Following the coronavirus resurgence in Myanmar, rice was highly demanded in the domestic market. The domestic retail market saw a rise of K700-3,000 per 108-pound bag in early May. At present, the rice prices moved in the range of K22,500 to K50,000 per bag depending on the quality and varieties, as per the Bayintnaung market.

Similarly, rice crops fetched K506,000-K524,000 per 100-basket, with a remarkable rise of K20,000-33,000.

Additionally, Myanmar regained rice market shares from certain countries on account of its high quality. The price also increased, Myanmar Rice Federation stated.

The export price of Myanmar's rice is relatively lower than the rates of Thailand and Viet Nam. Yet, the prices are higher than those market prices of India and Pakistan, MRF's data showed.

Myanmar has shipped more than 720,000 tonnes of rice and broken rice to foreign countries over the Q1 (1 October and 15 January) of the current financial year 2020-2021, earning over US\$275 million, Myanmar Rice Federation stated.

The border trade handled over 308,000 rice tonnes, while maritime trade covered over 418,000 tonnes in Q1.

Myanmar generated over \$800 million from rice exports in the previous FY2019-2020 ended 30 September, with an estimated volume of over 2.5 million tonnes.

Last year, Myanmar shipped rice to 66 foreign markets. China is the main buyer of Myanmar



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rice, followed by the Philippines and Malaysia. Madagascar is the fourth-largest buyer, and Poland, the fifth-largest buyer of Myanmar rice.

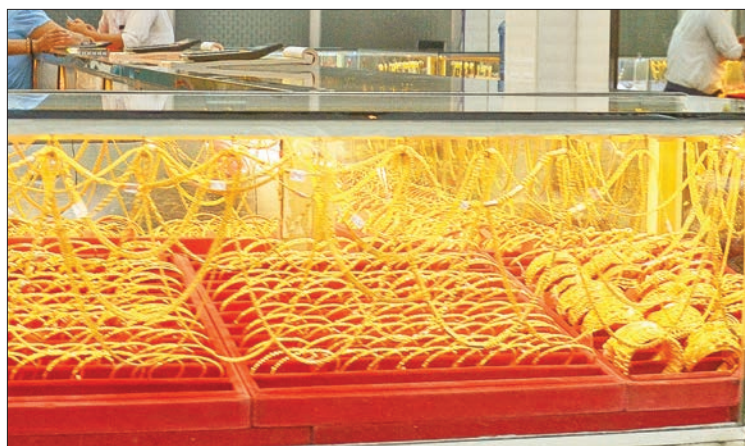
Meanwhile, Myanmar ex-

ported broken rice mostly to Belgium, followed by China, Senegal, Indonesia and the Netherlands. Broken rice was placed in 60 foreign markets.

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lion tonnes of rice in the FY2017-2018, which was an all-time record in rice exports. The export volume plunged to 2.3 million tonnes in the FY2018-2019. — KK/GNLM

Pure gold price soars to K1.646 mln per tical on 11 May, up by K300,000 over past 3 months



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The price of precious pure yellow metal stood at only K1,340,000 per tical on 2 February. Then, it tremendously rose above K1,646,000 per tical on 11 May.

The domestic gold price is still bullish as the international gold price. The US dollar continues upward trend, said U Myo Myint, chair of YGEA.

On 11 May, the global gold price stood at US\$1,837 per ounce,

while a US dollar exchange rate scaled up to the peak of K1,710 in the local forex market.

YGEA has urged the members to run cash-only for the gold transaction.

"At present, digital payment through mobile banking, KBZPay and other digital platforms are not available due to the long queue to withdraw the cash at the banks. Only the transaction with immediate cash payment is accepted," U Myo Myint elaborated.

The gold price was ranged between K1,316,000 per tical (28 January) at the minimum and the maximum of K1,336,000 per tical (6 January). It reached an all-time high of K1,410,000 per tical on 3 February and hit the mini-

mum of K1,340,000 per tical on 2 February. In March, the rate fluctuated between the highest of K1,391,000 (25 March) and the lowest of K1,302,000 (4 March). The price has registered the highest of K1,455,000 (30 April) and the weakest of K1,389,000 (1 April), the gold traders said.

According to gold traders, the local gold reached the lowest level of K1,310,500 (2 September) and the highest level of K1,314,000 (1 September). In October, the rate ranged between K1,307,800 (30 October) and K1,316,500 (21 October). The rate fluctuated between the highest of K1,317,000 (9 November) and the lowest of K1,270,000 (30 November). In December, the pure yellow metal priced moved in the range of 1,280,000 (1 December) and 1,332,000 (28 December).

With global gold prices on the uptick, the domestic price hit fresh highs in 2019 to reach K1,000,000 per tical between 17 January and 21 February. It exceeds K1,100,000 (22 June to 5 August), climbing to over 1,200,000 (7 August-4 September). And then, it reaches a record high of K1,300,000 on 5 September 2019. — NN/GNLM

Black gram price up by K32,000 per tonne tracking strong local demand

LOCAL solid demand boosted black gram (urad) price to K912,500 per tonne on 11 May, which showed a gap of K32,000 per tonne compared with April-end.

Black gram fetched K880,000 per tonne in April-end, and the high demand pushed up the price up to K912,500 on 11 May.

The domestic bean market is positively related to the law of supply and demand. The current market price has not reached the rate registered in February.

The black gram was worth K967,500-K1,157,000 per tonne in early February, Bayintnaung Wholesale Centre's statistics showed.

India has notified the annual quota of black gram (400,000 tonnes) imports for its financial year 2021-2022, starting on 1 April. However, the exports of the black gram will take time during the meantime, said an official from Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association.

The reduction of currency in circulation due to the restriction of private banks and the political changes is a contributing factor to a moderate price, traders said.

Since 2017, India has been setting import quota on beans, including black gram and pigeon

peas. Therefore, the growers face difficulties to export their beans to the Indian market.

Myanmar has to export black bean and pigeon peas under the quota system and limit period. Consequently, there is no guarantee that we could get the prevailing market price next year, the market observers shared their opinions.

Following the uncertainty in black bean and pigeon peas markets, the association suggested, in October-end 2020, that the growers cultivate black-eyed bean more.

Myanmar's agriculture sector is the backbone of the country's economy. It contributes to over 30 per cent of Gross Domestic Products. The country primarily cultivates paddy, corn, cotton, sugarcane, various pulses and beans. Its second-largest production is the pulses and beans, counting for 33 per cent of agro products and covering 20 per cent of growing acres. Among them, black gram, pigeon peas and green grams constitute 72 per cent of bean acreage. Other beans, including peanut, chickpea, soy pea, black-eyed beans, butter bean and rice bean, are also grown in the country. — HH/GNLM

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 CRPH unlawful association with the aim of deteriorating the State administrative machinery.

Sr	Name	Occupation	Address	Section of Penal Code	Photo
1	Dr Thawda Aung	Head of Department of Architecture, Technological University (Hmawby)	Meiktila Town, Mandalay Region	505-a	
2	U Aung Kyaw Moe	Deputy Assistant Supervisor, Office of the Township Education Officer, Danubyu Township	Danubyu Town, Ayeyawady Region	505-a	
3	Daw Cho Mar Aung	Headmistress, BEHS-4, Thanlyin Town	Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
4	Daw Tin Tin Nyo	Headmistress, BEHS (Magyibin), Tatkon Township	Tatkon Town, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area	505-a	
5	U V Zin Sho	Headmaster, BEPS (Dotbunganyel), Dimawhso Township	Dimawhso Township, Kayah State	505-a	
6	U Win Myo Kyaw	Headmaster, BEPS (Taungkhaunglaung), Palaw Township	Palaw Town, Taninthayi Region	505-a	
7	Daw Than Yu	Junior Assistant Teacher, BEHS (Palaw), Palaw Town	Palaw Town, Taninthayi Region	505-a	
8	Daw Nang Shel Lar (a) Mi Saw	Primary Assistant Teacher, Moatsunpaing (BEPS), Kengtung Town	Kengtung Town, Shan State (East)	505-a	
9	U Thiha Tun	Primary Assistant Teacher, Basic Education Post-Primary School (2-mile), Kawthoung Township	Kawthoung Township, Taninthayi Region	505-a	
10	U Min Thu	General Worker, BEPS (Ingon), Taikkyi Township	Taikkyi Township, Yangon 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 and action will be taken against the persons under the law for admitting those education staff. —MNA

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THE following service personnel and health staff 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 CRPH unlawful association with the aim of deteriorating the State administrative machinery.

Sr	Name	Hospital	Address	Section of Penal Code	Photo
1	Daw Khin San Wai (Senior Nurse)	Pyin Oo Lwin Hospital	Tada U Town, Mandalay Region	505-a	
2	Daw Thawda Shwe Sin (Senior Nurse)	Kengtung General Hospital	Kengtung Town, Shan State (East)	505-a	
3	Daw John Linner (Senior Nurse)	Kengtung General Hospital	Kengtung Town, Shan State (East),	505-a	
4	Daw Zin Mar Win (Senior Nurse)	Latpadan Hospital	Nattalin Township, Bago Region	505-a	
5	Daw Khin Myo Myo (Sister)	Shwebo Hospital	Shwebo Town, Sagaing Region	505-a	
6	Daw Sandar Moe Kyaw (Nurse)	Muse Hospital	Muse Town, Shan State (North)	505-a	
7	Daw Nang Khin San Win (Nurse)	Patheingyi Hospital	Mogok Town, Mandalay Region	505-a	
8	Daw Hnin Yu Aung (Nurse)	Zigon Hospital	Salay Town, Magway Region	505-a	
9	Daw Su Thet Maw (Nurse)	Ye Hospital	Thaton Town, Mon State	505-a	
10	Nang Yin Yin Wai (Nurse)	Phayathonezu Hospital	Kya-in-Seikkyi Township, Kayin State	505-a	

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

Police arrest 39 suspects who arrange to join training at ethnic armed groups, commit explosions in Yangon

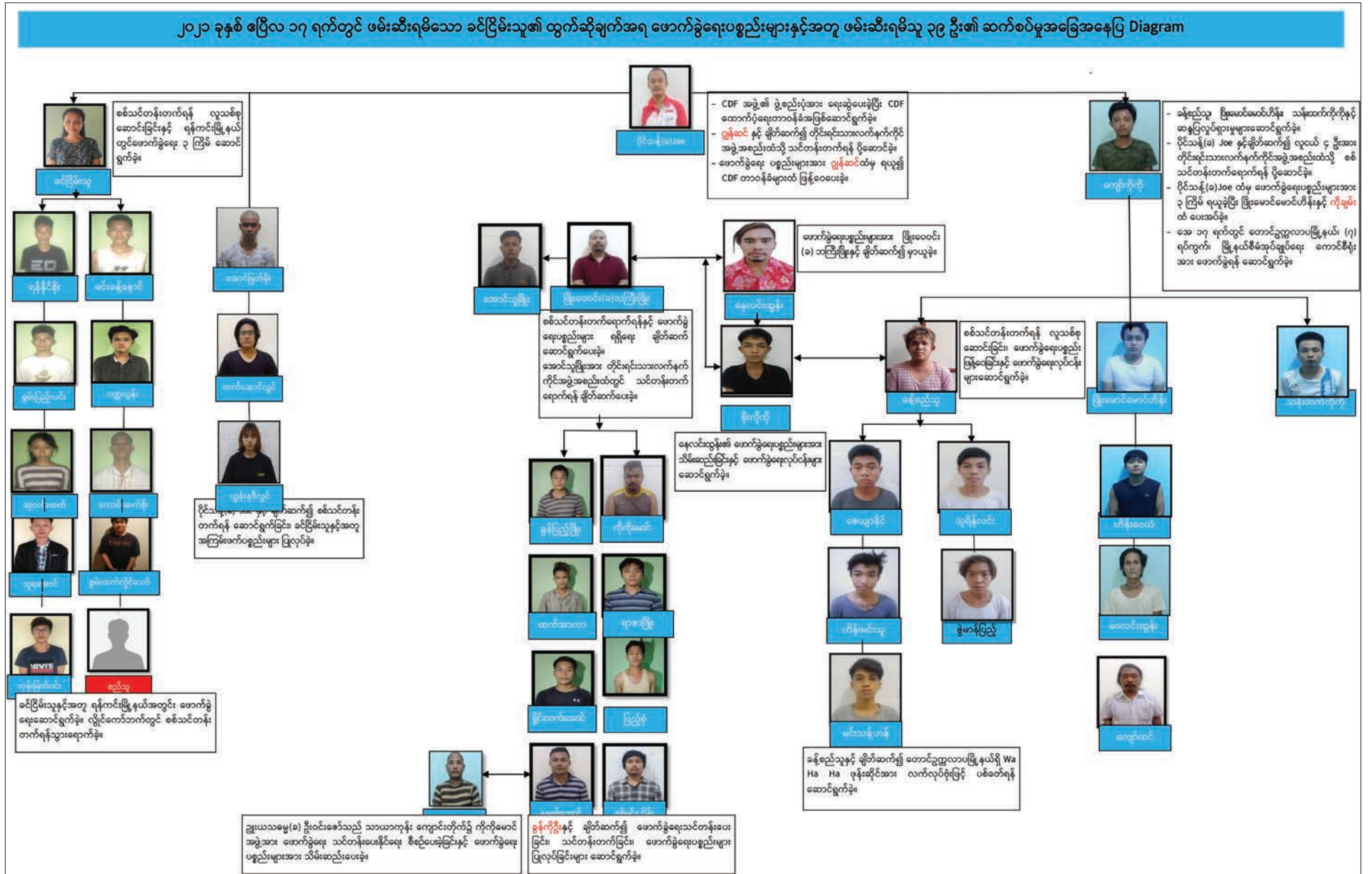


Diagram of 39 arrestees' network.

THE security forces conduct predictive search and arrest to stop the terrorists and NLD members/supporters from committing explosions in some townships.

The police received information that the unscrupulous persons would explode and join military training at the ethnic armed groups. So they raided the house of Khin Nyein Thu, who lives in No (16) Yan Naing street of No (4) Ward in Yankin Township on 17 April. They arrested her, including Yan Naing Soe, Min Khant Naung, Swan Pyae Lin, Wunna Tun and Su Lin Htet, together with 48 handmade mines, 20 bars of soft TNT, 20 detonators, 10 ft long ignite rope and other materials used in riots.

According to the investigation, Ma Khin Nyein Thu and other suspects conducted arson attacks and other acts of terrorism in Yankin Township.

According to the testimony of Khin Nyein Thu, Thura Aung, Swan Htet Hline Thaw, Phone Myat Win and Sithu left for Kayah State to join military training of the ethnic armed

group. The security members arrested these three youths at the Pekhonn township inspection gate on 18 April. But Si Thu was still at large.

Moreover, police also arrested other suspects, who arranged to join the ethnic armed groups in Kayah State, Kaung Set Soe in Yankin Township and Paing Thant (aka) Joe at his house located in Shwe Yadana street of No (6) Ward in Mayangon Township together with gunpowder and other materials.

According to the words of other suspects, the police arrested Kyaw Ko Ko together with handmade bomb and other explosive materials in South Okkalapa Township on 29 April, Than Htet Ko Ko, Khant Sithu, Phyo Maung Maung Hein, Hein Wai Yan and Wai Lin Tun together with their materials used in riots.

The suspect Khant Si Thu and his friends conducted a handmade mine explosion at Wa Ha Ha phone and accessories shop in South Okkalapa Township.

Moreover, on 30 April, the security forces arrested Zeyar

Naing, Thurein Lin, Hein Min Thu, Zwe Marn Pyae, Min Thant Han, Aung Myat Moe, Htet Aung Lwin, Yoon Nadi Lwin and Kyaw Htin at their houses, respectively.

Similarly, on 1 May, Soe Ko Ko was arrested in Thingangyun Township while Nay Lin Tun (aka) Ashay Gyi in South Okkalapa Township on 2 May and Phyo Wai Win (aka) Ba Gyi Phyo and Aung Thu Phyo in South Okkalapa township on 6 May.

According to the investigation, the suspect Soe Ko Ko and the party exploded a bomb on YBS (14) in Parami bus terminal in South Okkalapa Township.



Seized explosive materials from Khin Nyein Thu.

Moreover, police also arrested Khun Pyae Phyo, who lives in Thakayta Township on 8 May, and Pyae Sone, Htet Arkar, Yazar Phyo, Shine Htet Aung, Ko Ko Maung, Sit Min Hein and Nanda Sitt Aung. According to the words of those eight suspects, the security forces raided the Standard lab on Shu Khin Thar road in Thakayta Township on 8 May. They seized 2 bottles of sodium chloride, 4 bottles of black gunpowder, 2 bottles of magnesium, 1 bag of potassium nitrate and other materials. Police also raided Tagun Tine Monastery in Thakayta Town-



Seized explosive materials from Paing Thant (aka) Joe.

ship, Thadawimotti Monastery in Thanlyin Township and seized explosive materials. Police then raided Thayargone Monastery in Thanlyin Township and arrested U Win Zaw (aka) U Yasa Dhamma, who kept the materials of suspect Nanda Sitt Aung together with explosive materials.

The security forces arrested a total of 39 suspects, including Khin Nyein Thu, who committed destructive acts to deteriorate the State tranquillity and the rule of law. Action will be taken against the suspects under the law. — MNA

Philippines economy shrinks 4.2% in first quarter



Strict lockdowns to contain the coronavirus have thrown millions out of work in the Philippines and hammered consumer spending. **PHOTO: AFP**

THE Philippine economy shrank in the first three months of the year as coronavirus restrictions suppressed activity, but a top official said there were

signs the country was “on the mend”.

Gross domestic product contracted 4.2 percent from a year ago, the statistics authority

said, marking the fifth straight quarter of decline as efforts to combat Covid-19 deepened the country’s economic pain. The number of infections has

surpassed a million in the Philippines -- the second highest virus caseload in Southeast Asia -- where authorities have used crippling lockdowns to ease pressure on overstretched hospitals. But the measures have thrown millions out of work, forced businesses to scale back operations and smothered consumer spending.

“The latest economic performance shows the limits of economic recovery without any major relaxation of our quarantine policy,” Socioeconomic Planning Secretary Karl Chua told a briefing.

But there were tentative signs of a rebound, with Chua pointing to quarter-on-quarter growth of 0.3 per cent and a pickup in employment. —AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

China's mainland population grows to 1.41 billion in 2020

THE total population on the Chinese mainland grew to 1.41 billion in 2020 but the proportion of those aged 60 or older also increased, government data showed Tuesday, reinforcing fears about a decline in the national strength of the world's second-biggest economy.

The release by the National Bureau of Statistics of the population data based on a once-a-decade census comes as the nation's population is expected to begin falling in a few years' time, ending a five-decade trend of growth.

The bureau had planned to release the results in early April, but postponed doing so. It later said the population had grown in 2020 and concrete figures would be shown when census data was released. —Kyodo News ■

US capital to drop Covid curbs for most businesses on May 21

WASHINGTON is to lift pandemic restrictions on most businesses and public venues in less than two weeks, with the daily toll of new Covid-19 cases in the US capital at its lowest level in almost a year.

As the vaccination drive gathers pace, the city's famed Smithsonian museums and zoo -- as well as shops, restaurants, places of worship and numerous other venues -- will see capacity curbs removed entirely by May 21.

Bars, nightclubs and large entertainment venues and sports stadiums will have to wait until June 11 to fully reopen, Mayor Muriel Bowser's office said in a public health update.

Masks will still be required indoors for people not eating or drinking.

“On Friday, May 21 we will be turning on substantially more activity in the district,” Bowser told reporters.

“And we anticipate three weeks following that, on June 11 that we will be able to turn up activity in the district, all the way.”

The city has seen new daily infections drop into single figures per 100,000 people since an alarming January peak of more than 40, with the infection rate now at its lowest in 10 months.

Infections are similarly down in neighbouring Virginia and Maryland. The District of Colum-



A sign announcing the temporary closure of Washington's Smithsonian museums, as the pandemic struck in March 2020. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

bia has fully vaccinated 226,566 of its population of around 700,000.

The capital began easing pandemic curbs on May 1, allow-

ing shops to increase from 25 per cent to 50 per cent capacity and restaurants to seat 10 people per table. —AFP ■

California proposes cash payments for two-thirds of residents

CALIFORNIA'S governor Gavin Newsom unveiled plans Monday to send direct cash payments to two-thirds of residents under a \$100 billion plan to assist economic recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic.

The package which includes tax rebate checks for all residents earning less than \$75,000, as well as additional support for households struggling with rent and utility bills, comes as Newsom faces a referendum on his leadership later this year.

“California is gonna come roaring back,” said Newsom at a press conference Monday.

“This time last year, we announced a \$54.3 billion projected shortfall. Today we are announcing a projected \$75.7 billion budget surplus,” added Newsom, governor of a state that is the world's fifth-largest economy.

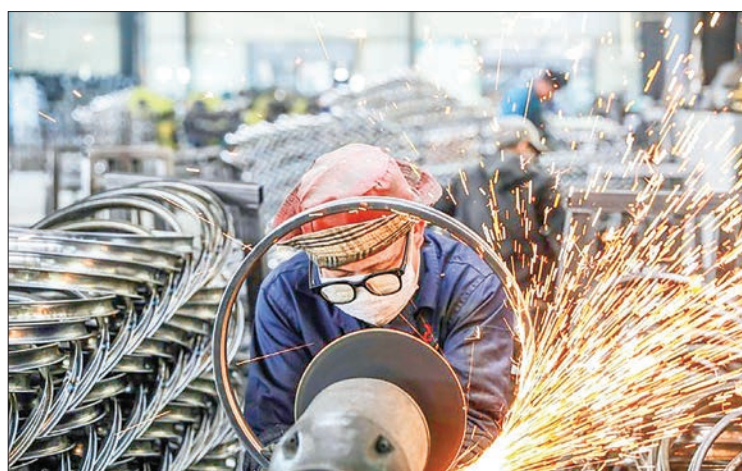
Two-third of Californians would receive a check for at least \$600, with an additional \$500 for families with children, under plans that need to be approved by the state legislature. —AFP ■

China's factory gate prices jump as commodities rally

CHINA'S factory gate inflation rose at its fastest rate in nearly four years last month, data showed Tuesday, as a strong recovery in the world's number two economy sees a surge in demand for key commodities such as iron ore and copper.

The forecast-beating jump in prices comes as global investors grow increasingly worried that the blast in economic activity expected to be caused by the easing of lockdowns and reopening of economies could force central banks to wind back their ultra-loose monetary policies.

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Having largely contained the coronavirus crisis early last year, the world's second-biggest economy has enjoyed months of improvement. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

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months of improvement and was the only major economy

to expand in 2020.

The recovery has helped the country's manufacturing sector bounce back strongly and its voracious appetite for commodities return. That has pushed the price of iron ore and copper, which are used in a wide variety of goods, to record highs.

The producer price index (PPI), which measures the cost of goods at the factory gate, rose 6.8 per cent on-year in April, the National Bureau of Statistics said, the highest since October 2017 and well up from the previous month's 4.4 per cent. —AFP ■

Queen re-emerges to outline UK govt's new agenda

QUEEN Elizabeth II on Tuesday makes her first public appearance since the funeral of her late husband, Prince Philip, to open a new session of parliament and present her newly victorious government's post-pandemic legislative agenda.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson is riding high after the Conservatives' triumph in last week's local and regional elections in England, but faces new questions over the UK's cohesion after pro-independence forces emerged on top in Scotland.

Johnson says his government, after overseeing a success-

ful inoculation campaign against Covid-19, is intent on reopening the economy and "determined that we look forward and get on with fulfilling the promises we have made to the British people".

Those promises centre on a "levelling up" agenda to bring economic opportunity to left-behind parts of the country, as Johnson exploits his vaccine-boosted popularity to make further inroads into opposition Labour party strongholds. "Not only will we address the legacies of the pandemic, we will go further to unite and level up the country, fight crime and create opportuni-



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II has not appeared in public in person since the funeral of her husband of 73 years, Prince Philip, on April 17, 2021. PHOTO: AFP

ties up and down the country for brighter futures," he said. The queen's speech will set

out the government's plans for the year ahead, including completion of an environment bill to set legally binding emissions targets, as Britain prepares to host the UN's COP26 climate summit in Glasgow in November.

Row over refugees

It is also expected to outline new measures against crime, and to deter asylum-seekers coming on boats across the Channel from France. Tightening immigration rules and securing borders were vote-winning promises of Johnson's campaign for leaving the European Union in Britain's 2016 Brexit referendum. — AFP ■

UK PM Johnson faces Standards Commissioner probe over €17,400 holiday



Britain's parliamentary standards watchdog confirmed Monday it is investigating Prime Minister Boris Johnson over how he paid for a luxury Caribbean holiday, the latest of multiple probes into his conduct. PHOTO: AFP

BRITAIN'S parliamentary standards watchdog confirmed Monday it is investigating Prime Minister Boris Johnson over how he paid for a luxury Caribbean holiday, the latest of multiple probes into his conduct.

Kathryn Stone, the current Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, is looking into the controversial trip to the privately owned island of Mustique over Christmas 2019 by the UK leader and his fiancée Carrie Symonds.

Johnson, who was buoyed by successful local election results in England last week, has long been dogged by questions about the holiday. In the register of MPs' interests, he claimed the £15,000 (€17,400) trip was provided by David Ross, a businessman and donor

to his ruling Conservative party. However there was confusion after Ross initially denied handing over any money, and later clarified that it was a "benefit in kind".

Johnson's Downing Street office has previously insisted all relevant "transparency requirements" were correctly followed.

The commissioner -- an independent figure -- investigates allegations that MPs have breached parliamentary code of conduct rules, which include correctly declaring financial interests and gifts. Stone, who confirmed the Johnson probe is one of nine current investigations into lawmakers for possible breaches, can refer serious offences to parliament's Committee on Standards for sanctioning. — AFP ■

UN Security Council meets on Jerusalem but holds off on statement

THE UN Security Council held an urgent meeting Monday on the unrest in Jerusalem but issued no immediate statement, with diplomats saying the Unit-

ed States believed public comments would be counterproductive.

The negotiations among the 15 nations on the Security Council were

over a text that could be watered down from an initial draft proposed by Norway, diplomats said. More than 300 people were injured Monday as clashes again

erupted between Israeli police and Palestinians at the Al-Aqsa mosque compound, which is sacred both in Islam and Judaism.— AFP ■

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Thai club Phrae United signs Myanmar striker Kyaw Ko Ko



Myanmar striker Kyaw Ko Ko (centre) seen with officials from Thai league football club Phrae United. **PHOTO: PHRAE UNITED**

PHRAE United football club of Thai League II signed Myanmar striker Kyaw Ko Ko for M-150 Championships next season, said Phrae United sources.

Kyaw Ko Ko will be the very first ASEAN footballer in the team's history, officials stated.

The 28-year-old Myanmar forward player joined the Thai League from Yangon United with former experiences of other Thai Leagues clubs: Chiangrai United

and Samut Prakan City FC.

During his time in the Myanmar National League, Kyaw Ko Ko took a key role in Yangon United Football Club and Myanmar men's national football team. He assisted the team Yangon in winning Myanmar National League champions twice and General Aung San Shield champion once.

Next, the young striker scored five goals for Myanmar U-23 men's football team in the

2011 Southeast Asian Games and helped the team to secure a third-place finish and a bronze medal. He was a star striker of the Myanmar National Team with a ranking of seventh in the "World's Best Top Scorers" list by the IFFHS in 2014. Considered one of the best players in the ASEAN, he is famous for dribbling, finishing skills plus the ability to play with both feet. —GNLM

Japan's Osaka 'not sure' Olympics should happen as doubts grow

JAPANESE superstar Naomi Osaka admitted she was "not really sure" the coronavirus-hit Tokyo Olympics should go ahead as doubts grew about the Games just weeks before the opening ceremony.

The four-time tennis Grand Slam winner joined fellow Japanese player Kei Nishikori in raising concerns, with Tokyo and other parts of Japan under a coronavirus state of emergency.

A top politician also warned that Japan still had to make a "careful decision" about whether

to hold the Games, which have scant public support according to opinion polls.

Scrapping the 2020 Olympics, postponed last year as the pandemic advanced, is a concept that has never been gone away, despite repeated assertions from officials that they will proceed.

A survey by a leading Japanese daily released on Monday found 59 per cent of respondents want the Olympics cancelled, underlining persistent public concerns over the risk of infections.

Osaka, Japan's biggest

sports star and a major gold-medal prospect, said "to be honest, I'm not really sure", when asked if the Olympics should take place as planned.

"I'm an athlete, and of course my immediate thought is that I want to play in the Olympics," the four-time Grand Slam winner told the BBC.

"But as a human, I would say we're in a pandemic, and if people aren't healthy, and if they're not feeling safe, then it's definitely a really big cause for concern." —AFP ■

Spain legend Iniesta to stay with Japan's Kobe for two more years



Spanish legend Andres Iniesta enjoys huge popularity in Japan and the 37-year-old has signed a contract extension for a further two years at Vissel Kobe. **PHOTO: AFP**

SPANISH football legend Andres Iniesta celebrated his 37th birthday on Tuesday by signing a contract extension that will keep him at J-League side Vissel Kobe for two more years.

The former Barcelona midfielder maestro joined Kobe in 2018 in a deal worth a reported \$30 million a year and recently recovered from a serious thigh injury. "I will continue on my quest to make Vissel Kobe a stronger club," said the World Cup-winning midfielder, speaking through a Japanese translator.

"I am determined to contribute as much as possible to bring this team to a higher level," he added sitting alongside Kobe's tech-billionaire owner Hiroshi Mikitani. Iniesta's debut at Kobe in July 2018 ended with an embarrassing home defeat, but he helped lead the team to their first Japanese Super Cup title in 2020. Iniesta has enjoyed huge popularity in Japan with

analysts estimating he has generated more than \$100 million in ticket sales and merchandising revenue. He has appeared in TV commercials for Japanese sake and mobile phone services.

Named Kobe's captain in April 2019 after a shake-up at the club, Iniesta was sidelined for several months after he suffered a ruptured tendon in his right thigh last December. Following surgery in Barcelona, he was back training in April before returning to action in the J-League this month.

Widely considered one of the most gifted midfielders of all time, he scored the winning goal as Spain won the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, and he was a key member of the European Championship-winning side's of 2008 and 2012. Iniesta was the driving force behind four Champions League wins with Barcelona and helped the Catalan club secure domestic trebles in 2009 and 2015. —AFP ■

Injured McLean 'devastated' to miss Scots' Euro 2020 campaign

NORWICH midfielder Kenny McLean says he is "devastated" to be missing Euro 2020 due to a knee injury, in what is Scotland's first appearance at a major tournament since the 1998 World Cup.

The 29-year-old midfielder played in all three of Scotland's recent 2022 World Cup qualifiers, while he also played a key role in Norwich making an immediate return to the Premier League.

Norwich said scans had revealed significant damage to the medial collateral ligament in McLean's right knee.

He suffered the injury in Norwich's final Championship match of the season -- a 2-2 draw with Barnsley on Saturday. "Absolutely devastated to have picked up an injury that will mean I'll miss the Euros," he tweeted.

"Lots of hard work to come and I'll be supporting

the lads from afar."

McLean, who has been capped 20 times since making his debut in 2016, scoring once, faces three months out. "Kenny McLean is set to be out of action for a period of 12 weeks following confirmation of a knee ligament injury," Norwich said.

Scotland begin their campaign at the delayed European Championship against the Czech Republic on June 14 in Glasgow. They then play old rivals England on June 18 at Wembley and face 2018 World Cup finalists Croatia on June 22 in Glasgow in their final group game. —AFP ■



Scotland midfielder Kenny McLean (R) is devastated to be missing his country's Euro 2020 finals campaign due to a knee injury. **PHOTO: AFP**