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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.

We need to vaccinate five million of population per month: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman and Prime Minister of the Provisional Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is addressing the sixth coordination meeting on prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19 in Nay Pyi Taw on 2 August 2021.

THE double infection rate would decline in Myanmar through utmost efforts and cooperation, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister of the Provisional Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the sixth coordination meeting on prevention, control and treat-

ment of COVID-19 at the hall of Bayintnaung Villa in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

In his opening speech, the Senior General said: **“I have led the coordination meeting of COVID-19 for six times. As work progress has been gaining momentum, we can see the outbreak of COVID-19 could be controlled to some extent. We**

saw regions and states could control the infection of the disease. We are monitoring the disease. As the Vice-Chairman of the committee also closely supervises and solve the difficulties in the prevention of the disease on a daily basis. That is why success can be achieved. But, it is not enough. During

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State Administration Council
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1 August 2021

THE State Administration Council hereby enacts this law under Section 419 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

1. This law shall be called Law Amending the Counter-Terrorism Law.
2. Sub-section (a) of Section 52 of the Counter-Terrorism Law shall be substituted as follows: -

"(a) acts of terrorism under Clause (15) to (18) of Sub-section (b) of Section 3"

I hereby sign under Section 419 of the Constitution.

(Sd.) Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Chairman
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Order No 154/2021

9th Waning of Waso 1383 ME

1 August 2021

Appointment of Union Ministers

THE State Administration Council has appointed and assigned the duties of the following Union Ministers as shown against the ministries under Section 419 of the Constitution.

- (1) Lieutenant-General Yar Pyae Ministry of the Union Government Office (I)
- (2) U Chitt Naing Ministry of the Union Government Office (II)

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant - General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council

Order No 155/2021

9th Waning of Waso 1383 ME

1 August 2021

Transfer and Appointment of Union
Minister

ACCORDING to Section 419 of the Constitution, the State Administrative Council has appointed Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Maung Maung Ohn as Union Minister for Information. The Union Minister will take the duties of both ministries.

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant - General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council

Order No 156/2021

9th Waning of Waso 1383 ME

1 August 2021

Appointment of Union Ministers

THE State Administration Council had appointed the following Union Ministers in accordance with Section 419 of the Constitution.

- (1) U Myint Kyaing Ministry of Labour
- (2) U Khin Yi Ministry of Immigration and Population

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant - General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council

Order No 157/2021

9th Waning of Waso 1383 ME

1 August 2021

Appointment of Union Ministers

THE State Administration Council has appointed the following Union Ministers under Section 419 of the Constitution.

- (1) Dr Thet Khaing Win Ministry of Health
- (2) U Min Thein Zan Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant - General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council

Order No 158/2021

9th Waning of Waso 1383 ME

1 August 2021

Appointment of Region or State Chief
Ministers

THE State Administration Council has appointed the following Region or State Chief Ministers as shown against respective regions or states in accord with Section 419 of the Constitution.

- (1) U Khet Htein Nan Kachin State
- (2) U Khin Maung Oo (aka) Buyal Kayah State
- (3) U Saw Myint Oo Kayah State
- (4) U Ngun San Aung Chin State
- (5) U Myat Kyaw Sagaing Region
- (6) U Myat Ko Taninthayi Region
- (7) U Myo Swe Win Bago Region
- (8) U Tint Lwin Magway Region
- (9) U Maung Ko Mandalay Region
- (10) U Zaw Lin Tun Mon State
- (11) Dr Aung Kyaw Min Rakhine State
- (12) U Hla Soe Yangon Region
- (13) Dr Kyaw Tun Shan State
- (14) U Tin Maung Win Ayeyawady Region

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant - General
Secretary
State Administration Council

**3,689 new cases of COVID-19 reported on
2 August, total figure rises to 306,354**

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **306,354** after **3,689** new cases were reported on 2 August 2021 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **217,142** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll reached **10,061** after **330** died. —MNA

We need to carry out prevention measures with consciousness and mindfulness

THE COVID-19 disease prevention, control and treatment activities are undertaken from the central level as well as in the respective states and regions while the rate of infection is found to be four to eight times faster with two to three variants at present. He added the need to release daily information on the actual disease control and treatment activities to reduce the public concerns.

(Excerpt from the speech of Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the coordination meeting on the prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19 on 24-7-2021)

We need to vaccinate five million of population per month: Senior General

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the period from the start to the second week of July, the infection rate of the disease was still high. Now, the infection rate is declining to some 30 per cent. I have noted at the meeting that all should not be satisfied with the decline of the infection rate. We need to strive for more declining numbers of the infection rate. For the first point, it is necessary to control the travelling. And, the second will be the rapid injection of the vaccines. I have noted it. As we restrict the travelling, the infection rate was indicated with the remarkably declining numbers. It is based on public cooperation. I want to see the double-declining of the infection rate in August. We need to strive for declining the double infection rate in August. But, it is difficult to totally decline the rate. Medical professionals from the international community accepted the disease cannot be clearly faded out from the world. However, the double infection rate would decline in Myanmar through utmost efforts and cooperation.”

The Senior General continued to say that efforts are being made not only to import the vaccines but also to manufacture the vaccines in the country. Other countries conduct their traditional medicines on tests for use as the COVID-19 vaccines. So, Myanmar needs to research the vaccine with the use of medicinal plants. As such, it is necessary to cooperate with Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners for conducting

systematic researches in the long run.

The Senior General said that it is necessary to control the rising of prices for basic foodstuffs although restricted transportation and job opportunities cause hiking of some commodity prices. The disease control measures are being broadcast on TV and radio. Raising health awareness for the disease should be performed in the wards and

tion, control and treatment by ASEAN countries, friend countries, UN agencies and social organizations, import of prevention, control and treatment equipment through airlines, border regions, ports and border gates, inflow of oxygen from foreign countries to Yan and Mandalay regions, vaccinations at all prisons, running of aviation, waterway, rail transport and road transport as usual, production and dis-

tribution of oxygen from public hospitals, military hospitals, State-owned and private factories, declining of date rate based on COVID-19 and other diseases in regions and states, production of basic household medicines from State-owned, Tatmadaw and private companies, submission of the vaccinated lists to the central committee, daily acceptance of Myanmar citizens at land border posts and arrangements for them to return home.

for ensuring the continuous availability of vaccines. If necessary, the State will arrange the loan for the purchase of vaccines and researching the production of the vaccines. Rapid action must be taken against those who spread the rumours which may be harmful to the health and basic needs of the people. If necessary, Tatmadaw vehicles can be used for the safe transport of foreign returnee Myanmar citizens to their native lands.

In his concluding remarks, the Senior General said: “Primarily, it is necessary to correctly and rapidly vaccinate the people. As we set an aim to vaccinate 50 per cent of the total population at the end of this year, we need to vaccinate five million of the population per month. Now, vaccines are enough for five million people per month. But, it is necessary to calculate the amounts of vaccines to be given to the people in the coming months. We have three sources to get the vaccines. We need to sign the contracts with a sure source. We have enough funds for such a project. So, the Union Minister for Health must carefully calculate the plan and coordinate with the Vice-Chairman. We need to seek the vaccines. But, we must pour out the efforts for the work process.”

The Senior General stressed the need to contact the countries which can continuously supply vaccines to Myanmar. Among ASEAN countries, Myanmar stands fifth in infection rate and third in death rate. It shows the weakness in the health sector of the country as well as lesser health awareness of the people. My-

anmar’s life expectancy is 67.78 years, which is the lowest among the ASEAN countries. Hence, it is necessary to raise the health condition of the country with farsightedness. Officials need to manage the prices of foodstuffs across the nation while encouraging the farmers to grow crops on all sown acreage. Only when people consume nutritious foods, will they have high immunity to contribute to good health conditions.

As most of the deaths are based on damages to the lung triggered by COVID-19, those suffering from lung, heart and diabetes may face death. Hence, health awareness should be raised for people not to use cigarettes.

Local pharmaceutical factories need to manufacture a sufficient volume of necessary household medicines so as to ease the frets of the people. Officials need to supervise the pharmaceutical factories not to face a shortage of raw materials for production. The State will assist with monetary affairs for the production of vaccines for the prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19. Necessary bank loans will be arranged for the recovery of businesses based on the outbreak of COVID-19.

As the use of oxygen is with the purpose of hospitals and factories, users need to abide by the instruction of health officials. Officials were urged to closely supervise the security of villages and wards, and submit necessary measures to the superior in time. —MNA

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Resumption of Military Service

ACCORDING to Section 419 of the Constitution, the State Administration Council has reinstated a former member of the Taninthayi Region Administration Council, Colonel Kyaw Zeya to his original duties in the military service.

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant - General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council

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**Appointment and Duty Assignment of
Regions or States Ministers for Security
and Border Affairs**

THE following persons are appointed and assigned by the State Administration Council to the duties of Ministers for Security and Border Affairs as shown against each of their respective Regions or States in accord with Section 419 of the Constitution: -

(1) Colonel Kyaw Lin Aung	Kachin State
(2) Colonel Myint Wai	Kayah State
(3) Colonel Myo Min Naung	Kayin State
(4) Colonel Han Win Aung	Chin State
(5) Colonel Win Tin Soe	Sagaing Region
(6) Colonel Thet Soe	Taninthayi Region
(7) Colonel Hla Myo Shwe	Bago Region
(8) Colonel Kyaw Kyaw Lin	Magway Region
(9) Colonel Kyaw Kyaw Min	Mandalay Region
(10) Colonel Nay Htut Oo	Mon State
(11) Colonel Kyaw Thura	Rakhine State
(12) Colonel Win Tint	Yangon Region
(13) Colonel Hla Oo	Shan State
(14) Colonel Kyaw Swar Hlaing	Ayeyawady Region

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant - General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council

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**Appointment and Duty Assignment of
Regions or States Ministers for Economic
Affairs**

THE following persons are appointed and assigned by the State Administration Council to the duties of Ministers for Economic Affairs as shown against each of their respective Regions or States under Section 419 of the Constitution: -

(1) U Myo Swe	Kachin State
(2) U Sein Oo	Kayah State
(3) U Saw Khin Maung Myint	Kayin State
(4) U Han Kyint Zan	Chin State
(5) Daw Yi Yi Than	Sagaing Region
(6) U Maung Gyi	Taninthayi Region
(7) U Tin Oo	Bago Region
(8) U Aung Chain	Magway Region
(9) U Thein Htay	Mandalay Region
(10) Nai Layi Tama (aka) Nai Khin Maung Zin	Mon State
(11) U San Shwe Maung	Rakhine State
(12) U Aung Than Oo	Yangon Region
(13) U Khun Thein Maung	Shan State
(14) U Tin Aye	Ayeyawady Region

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Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant - General
Secretary
State Administration Council

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State Administration Council

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1 August 2021

**Appointment and Duty Assignment of
Regions or States Ministers for Natural
Resources**

THE following persons are appointed and assigned by the State Administration Council to the duties of Ministers for Natural Resources as shown against each of their respective Regions or States in accord with Section 419 of the Constitution: -

(1) U Taint Saung	Kachin State
(2) U Saw Hoo Hoo	Kayah State
(3) U Zaw Win	Kayin State
(4) U Kyaw Nyein	Chin State
(5) U Tin Than Win	Sagaing Region
(6) U Khin Maung Myint	Taninthayi Region
(7) U Tin Thein	Bago Region
(8) U Sai Myint Aye	Magway Region
(9) U Myo Aung	Mandalay Region
(10) U Aung Kyi Thein	Mon State
(11) U Than Tun	Rakhine State
(12) U Zaw Win	Yangon Region
(13) U Sai Laik	Shan State
(14) U Ohn Myint	Ayeyawady Region

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant - General
Secretary
State Administration Council

**Personal preventive practices against
COVID-19 infection**

- (1) Wear the mask systematically when going out in public.
- (2) Keep a proper physical distance.
- (3) Avoid the crowd.
- (4) Wash your hands for 20 seconds frequently.
- (5) Avoid entering unventilated closed spaces as much as possible.

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Appointment and Duty Assignment of
Regions or States Ministers for Social
Affairs

THE following persons are appointed and assigned by the State Administration Council to the duties of Ministers for Social Affairs as shown against each of their respective Regions or States under Section 419 of the Constitution: -

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| (1) U Win Ye Tun | Kachin State |
| (2) U Htein Win | Kayah State |
| (3) U Soe Lwin | Kayin State |
| (4) U Nay Lin | Chin State |
| (5) U Aye Hlaing | Sagaing Region |
| (6) U Yin Htwe | Taninthayi Region |
| (7) U Aung Min | Bago Region |
| (8) U Soe Paing Myint | Magway Region |
| (9) U Yin Htwe | Mandalay Region |
| (10) U Tin Chal | Mon State |
| (11) U Aung Myo | Rakhine State |
| (12) U Aung Win Thein | Yangon Region |
| (13) U Aung Myint | Shan State |
| (14) U Maung Maung Than | Ayeyawady Region |

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Lieutenant – General
Secretary
State Administration Council

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State Administration Council

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Appointment and Duty Assignment of
Regions or States Ministers for Transport

THE following persons are appointed and assigned by the State Administration Council to the duties of Ministers for Transport as shown against each of their respective Regions or States according to Section 419 of the Constitution: -

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) Police Colonel Nyan Myint Kyaw | Kachin State |
| (2) Police Colonel Myo Swe | Kayah State |
| (3) Police Colonel Khin Zaw | Kayin State |
| (4) Police Colonel Soe Lwin Moe | Chin State |
| (5) Police Colonel Kyaw Tun | Sagaing Region |
| (6) Police Colonel Khin Kyaw | Taninthayi Region |
| (7) Police Colonel Kyaw Htut | Bago Region |
| (8) Police Colonel Thura Thwin Ko Ko | Magway Region |
| (9) Police Brig-Gen Sein Lwin | Mandalay Region |
| (10) Police Colonel Thet Naing | Mon State |
| (11) Police Colonel Thet Lwin | Rakhine State |
| (12) Police Brig-Gen Myo Min Htike | Yangon Region |
| (13) Police Brig-Gen Tin Ko Ko | Shan State |
| (14) Police Colonel Tin Zaw Tun | Ayeyawady Region |

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Lieutenant – General
Secretary
State Administration Council

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State Administration Council

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1 August 2021

Appointment and Duty Assignment of
Regions or States Ministers for Ethnic
Affairs

THE following persons are appointed and assigned by the State Administration Council to the duties of Ministers for Ethnic Affairs as shown against each of their respective Regions or States under Section 419 of the Constitution: -

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| (1) U Kyaw Min Khaing | Kachin State |
| (2) U Tin Hla | Kayah State |
| (3) U San Ko | Kayin State |
| (4) U Sein Tun Hla | Chin State |
| (5) U Sai Naing Naing Kyaw | Sagaing Region |
| (6) U Saw Mar Tin Luther | Taninthayi Region |
| (7) U Saw Lin Aung | Bago Region |
| (8) U Tun Khin | Magway Region |
| (9) U Sai Nwan | Mandalay Region |
| (10) U Khin Maung Oo | Mon State |
| (11) U Tin Hla | Rakhine State |
| (12) U Saw Jack Kawt Htoo | Yangon Region |
| (13) U Aung Kyi Win | Shan State |
| (14) U Saw Lin Khal | Ayeyawady Region |

By Order,
Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant – General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Over 200 acres of experimental, developed plots grown in 3 districts under AIIP programme

UNDER the Agriculture Income Improvement Project – AIIP, more than 200 acres of experimental and developed plots were cultivated in three districts of the Sagaing region in the 2020-2021 financial year during the winter and summer crops season, said Daw Moe Hme Tin, in charge of AIIP project, Sagaing Region Agriculture Department.

In the 2020-21FY cultivating season, a total of 202.419 acres, including 58.369 acres of winter crops, developed plot and 2.31 acres of experimental plot and, 137.24 acres of summer crops developed plot and 4.5 acres of the experimental plot were cultivated in nine townships from three districts. Those were cultivated from the first week of November 2020 to the third week of April 2021.

“AIIP project is being implemented in three districts: Monywa, Shwebo and Kanbalu. We have cultivated over 200 acres of crops such as peanut, corn, lablab purpureus, onion, chickpea and red phaseolus in winter and summer crops season on an experimental basis and a developed basis. Now, we are growing the crops as an experimental plot and a developed plot in the monsoon season,” said Daw Moe Hme Tin.

Under the AIIP project, paddy, sesa-

me, peanut, corn, lablab purpureus, onion, chickpea, red phaseolus and green gram were grown in the 2020-21FY winter and summer crops season. Those crops were developed in Shwebo, Wetlet, Khin-U, Ye-U, Taze and Tabayin townships in Shwebo district, Monywa, Budalin and Ahyadaw townships in Monywa district and, Kanbalu township in Kanbalu district.

Three sectors promoting agricultural awareness, giving agricultural awareness and promoting market empowerment, upgrading and constructing of township offices and technology dissemination centres are being implemented in the Sagaing region with an aim to develop agricultural income of the rural areas within the project area.

AIIP project is being implemented in nine townships of three districts in the Sagaing region with the assistance of the Japan International Cooperation Agency-JICA. Parts of the project have started since 2018-2019 FY by Agriculture Department, Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department (WRUD), Agricultural Mechanization Department, Agriculture Land Management and Statistics Department and Rural Road Department. — Lulay/GNLM

Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin participates in 54th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting and Related Meetings via videoconference



UNION Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin participated in the 54th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting which was held via videoconference yesterday at 8:00 am from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

The Meeting was chaired by Dato Erywan Pehin Yusof, Minister of Foreign Affairs II of Brunei Darussalam and was attended by Foreign Ministers of the ASEAN Member States, including the Secretary-General of ASEAN. At the Meeting, the Ministers discussed and exchanged views on ASEAN Community building, ASEAN 2021 Priorities and key deliverables, applications of external partners to accede to the

Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC), regional architecture and external relations, application for Partnerships follow up to the ASEAN Leaders' Meeting, and regional and international issues.

At the meeting, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs joined the discussions on the ASEAN Chair's key deliverables set for this year, as well as on issues pertaining to ASEAN such as requests by others to accede to the TAC and on the application of partnerships. Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, while thanking the ASEAN Chair H.E. Dato Erywan Pehin Yusof, Minister for Foreign Affairs II for convening the 54th ASEAN Foreign Ministers'

Meeting said that the outbreak of the coronavirus last year had changed the world and that many countries, including ASEAN, are still facing the spike in new cases and the impact brought upon mankind – be it health, economic or social. He continued by saying that he was touched by the collective efforts that ASEAN has taken last year to fight the virus, to contain the virus from spreading in the respective ASEAN Member States, and in the region. He also underscored Myanmar's support to the COVID-19 ASEAN Response Fund; to maintain focus on ASEAN Community building while endeavouring for comprehensive economic recovery and healthy life of peoples of ASEAN,

the importance to work together by maintaining friendly relations and upholding the principles of equality, unity, mutual respect, non-interference, and ASEAN's spirit of "caring and sharing" in the Community building efforts so that no one is left behind. He also encouraged the meeting to support DELSA satellite warehouse to be more effective and welcomed the Chair's initiatives for providing a platform to enable the peoples of ASEAN to contribute to natural disasters relief efforts in disaster management and emergency relief fund through ASEAN SHIELD and encouraged them to promote coordination.

He also discussed the

provision of humanitarian assistance to Myanmar related to COVID-19 and thank the ASEAN Chair for his prompt response to the requests made by Myanmar. He also thanks some countries for providing oxygen concentrators to Myanmar to help fight COVID-19, and medical laboratory equipment and other protective materials to Myanmar for effective response to COVID-19, and further informed the meeting that Myanmar will be needing vaccine, medical equipment, technical support, as well as humanitarian assistance related materials to assist affected people in flooding.

Following the 54th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Union Minister also attended the 23rd ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Council Meeting, ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting Interface with ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) Representatives, 29th ASEAN Coordinating Council, and Meeting of the Southeast Asia Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ) Commission.

Together with the Union Minister, Senior Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also attended the meetings.—MNA

Manipur govt to reopen India-Myanmar border checkpoints in Moreh town

THE Manipur government has decided to reopen all India-Myanmar border checkpoints in Moreh town, Manipur.

The state government has informed the IGAR (South) and the deputy commissioner of Tengnoupal district to take up necessary measures for resuming the trade.

The border checkpoint will be reopened for the export of emergency medical supplies for the treatment of COVID-19 to Myanmar which has been hit hard by the third wave of COVID-19.

According to the directive of the Union government, the state government has decided to reopen all border crossings in Moreh to allow the import of medicines from India.

The letter stated that "the

state government has decided to allow the opening of land border crossings as one-way that is to allow exports of medical items from India to Myanmar only and to restrict imports from Myanmar.

The Manipur government closed the India-Myanmar border checkpoints along with Moreh town, Tengnoupal district beginning from 9 March to prevent the COVID-19 outbreak. With coronavirus deaths rising in Myanmar, there have been 3,480 confirmed cases of COVID-19 with 397 deaths, reports to the Ministry of Health and Sports.

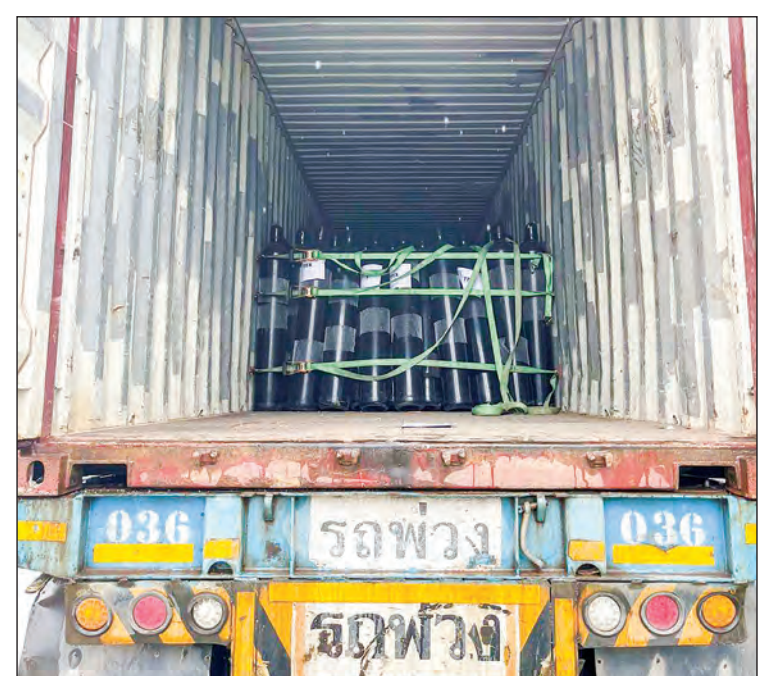
Myanmar has reported 302,665 COVID-19 infections and 9,731 deaths, with a positive test rate of over 30 per cent. — Aye Maung/GNLM

Tatmadaw provides anti-Covid-19 devices, oxygen tanks

TATMADAW medical team, healthcare workers and civil society organizations are working together for the COVID-19-positive patients in the military hospitals, public hospitals, healthcare departments and COVID centres since the third wave of COVID-19 was increasing.

In doing so, Tatmadaw members have been donating the disease prevention, control and treatment equipment and oxygen tanks and foods to the hospitals.

From 1 July to yesterday, Commanders from the respective military commands have donated 7,170 oxygen tanks, seven oxygen concentrators, 40 oxygen flow meters, 374,032 surgical masks, 2,020 sets of PPE, 857 hand gel bottles,



250 face shields, four buckets of hand wash, 2,054 surgical gloves, 2,900 hair covers, with

petrol, foods and cash assistance. — MNA

Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn meets Information staff, inspects MRTV

UNION Minister U Maung Maung Ohn for Information and Hotels and Tourism met the departmental officials of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, the Union Minister stressed the need to have a pure mindset for the public and departments and to do better performances based on the achievements during the last six months.

He also said the media sector plays a key role and it needs to ensure that the news coverage is fast, accurate and up to date. It should release information in a timely manner for



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn for Information and Hotels and Tourism holds talks with the MoI departmental officials in Nay Pyi Taw on 2 August 2021.

the people. Then, he instructed the staff to follow the COVID-19

health rules.

The Union Minister also

met the staff of MRTV at noon.

The Director-General U Ye Na-

ing presented the current work plans.

The Union Minister coordinated the discussion and instructed the attendees to be creative in broadcasting the news and other programmes and to make efforts for modern, vibrant and dignified broadcasts.

Then, he inspected the construction of the Diamond Jubilee Museum of MRTV, including Convergence News Room, Presentation Rooms, TV Master Control Room, News Studio, NRCS, Radio Master Control Room, 9 Meter Earth Station, Records, On-Air Rooms and Auditorium. — MNA

Public request by Ministry of Health

ONLY when the people cooperate will the work process achieve success in a short time for effective prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19 among the people. As such, all the people are requested to abide by the following points: -

1. Stay at home as much as possible.
2. Don't accept the guests at the house. You don't visit other houses.
3. The older persons above 65 or those suffering from chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and heart must be worn masks in the house. They must be placed at well-ventilated sites.
4. Wear masks if you go outside without fail. Systematically wash hands. Take a six-foot distance from others. Avoid visits to the rooms where ventilation is not good.
5. Avoid the crowds.
6. If possible, go shopping once a week. Don't buy anything from the vendors who don't systematically wear masks.
7. Take care of carrying the virus to the houses whenever return home from outside. Systematically discard the used masks and single disposable equipment outside the houses. Avoid close contact with family members before changing clothes or washing the body.
8. As the vaccines for your quota is the best, accept vaccinations for full time. Despite receiving the vaccination, you should abide by the protective ways.
9. Systematically cooperate in prevention, control and treatment of the disease with manpower, money, materials and expertise.

Ministry of Health (2-8-2021)

Director-General Dr Wah Wah Maung chairs at 21st CLMV Senior Economic Officials' Meeting and participates in the Third Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Economic Officials for Fifty-Second Economic Ministers' Meeting

Dr Wah Wah Maung, Director-General for the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and CLMV SEOM Lead chaired the 21st Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam (CLMV) Senior Economic Officials' Meeting which was held via videoconference from 8 am to 12 noon, on 2 August 2021. Senior economic officials from Cambodia, Lao PDR and Viet Nam, and the representatives from ASEAN Secretariat participated in the meeting.

The senior economic officials discussed the matters on the implementation status of the CLMV Action Plan (2019-2020) and (2021-2022), the formulation of an action plan to implement the Framework for CLMV Development.

The senior economic officials also exchanged views to strengthen sub-regional economic development cooperation and deliberate to hold trade fairs, pieces of training and workshops by using digital technology during the pandemic. They also discussed the programme for the formulation of the Implementation Plan of the Framework for CLMV Development.

The implementation of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI) Work Plan III (2016-2020) and commencement of the IAI Work Plan IV

(2021-2025) was briefed by the ASEAN Secretariat. The representatives from GIZ also presented the implementation of "Promotion of Competitiveness within the Framework of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (COMPETE)". Under the COMPETE project, GIZ (the Government of Germany) provided assistance to develop the competition sector and Trade in the services sector in CLMV Countries. The meeting also discusses the preparation for the upcoming CLMV Economic Ministers' Meeting which will be held in September 2021 under Myanmar's CLMV Chairmanship.

In the afternoon, Director-General, Dr Wah Wah Maung joined the Third Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Economic Officials for the Fifty-Second ASEAN Economic Ministers Meeting (SEOM 2/52) which will be held virtually from 2nd to 4th August 2021. The Meeting was chaired by Dr May Fa'ezah Ahmad Ariffin, Permanent Secretary (Economy), Ministry of Finance & Economy, Brunei Darussalam, and attended by SEOM leads and their representatives from ASEAN Member States, Mr Satvinder Singh, Deputy Secretary-General for ASEAN Economic Community and staffs from ASEAN Secretar-

iat.

The senior economic officials openly discussed the progress of the Priority Economic Deliverables of Brunei Chairmanship, the implementation status of 2021 Annual Priorities under ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint 2025 as well as the way forward of the ASEAN Economic Community Mid-Term Review Recommendation. They provided guidance on the specific issues raised by the sectorial bodies under the purview of SEOM. They also exchanged views on the way forward of Timor-Leste application for ASEAN Membership regard with economic agreements and preparation for the upcoming ASEAN Economic Ministers' meeting in September.

Director-General Dr Wah Wah Maung will also participate in the meetings with senior economic officials from Canada, Korea, Hong Kong, China, US, India, Russia, UK, Switzerland, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, plus three (China, Japan, Korea), EU, and East Asian Countries which will be held on August 5, 11 and 16 respectively. The implementation status of free trade areas, economic cooperation program and the COVID-19 recovery plan will be discussed at the meetings. — MNA

CORRECTION

PLEASE read "... in accord with Section 419 of the Constitution: -" instead of "... in accord with Section 149 of the Constitution: -" in the first paragraphs of Order No 148/2021, Order No 150/2021 and Order No 151/2021 on page 6 of The Global New Light of Myanmar on 2 August 2021.

Errors are regretted. — Ed.

Avoid encouragement to sabotage media

Nowadays, politics is not important but health, life and property of the people and social affairs are of importance. Hence, everybody needs to avoid spreading information harmful to the above-mentioned measures.

In today's situation, some persons emphasize taking political gain, followed by some persons with misunderstanding who share fake news and fabricated news. In fact, they commit unforgettable acts against society.

American author Mark Twain said, "a lie travel halfway around the world while the truth is still putting on its shoes". Like his speech, fake news, rumours and fabricated information faster spread across the world as well as the society before the emergence

of true news. As such, the people misunderstand the realities. Sometimes, powerful countries, as well as organizations, unexpectedly consider their plans based on fake news and rumours. Lies faster spread than the reality. It proved the 1988 event and the incidents in the western gate of Rakhine State. Media, especially foreign-based media is responsible for these events. Now, local media also need to take responsibility for these events. They steadfastly follow the policies of sponsors without abiding by media ethics. As such, they became unlawful media due to breaching the existing laws. Although the media which broke the laws and ethics do not have the right to legally take information measures in the country, they form a far distance from the country are now committing destructive acts against the country. Local informers send information to these illegal media with foreign aid, and some of the informers with selfishness do not consider the interests of the State. Since the start of democratization, the news and media industries have been achieving progress. Within a decade, online and broadcast media, as well as print media, are favourites among the people. In this regard, some politicians take political gain over social media from online media. They spark fake news, rumours and fabricated news. The independent new media industry of Myanmar turn coated their concepts and acts during the political changes in 2020. As the foreign aided social media poisons the country, it is designed for lack of platform for reality. Nowadays, the media's unlawful behaviours at home are more strongly than the power of destructive weapons. As such, if the local-based media encourages the destructive media, they will be sabotage media.

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Families reunited as travel rules eased in UK

FAMILIES wept as they were reunited at London's Heathrow Airport on Monday, with fully vaccinated passengers arriving in England from the US and EU no longer required to quarantine.

Tight controls on foreign travel have been in place in Britain for over a year, leaving families separated during the coronavirus pandemic.

But restrictions in England and Scotland eased on Monday, leading to emotional scenes at Heathrow, Britain's busiest hub.

"We're feeling very excited, almost overexcited," said Michael Blake, 71, as he waited with wife Sue to see their son Eliot and 8-year-old grandson for the first time in 18 months.

"It's been such a big chunk of (our grandson's) life that he hasn't seen any grandparents," Sue told AFP, as she waited for the 6:20 am (0520 GMT) flight from New York.

On sight of her son, Sue ducked under the barrier at arrivals and embraced her grandson, wiping tears from her eyes.

Her family were one of the first to take advantage of the new policy, which came into force in England and Scotland from 4:00 am.

Under the new rules, people fully jabbed with a vaccine approved by the US Food and Drug Administration or the European Medicines Agency can travel from any country on the British government's "amber" traffic light list without having to self-isolate at home for 10 days.

They still need to do a pre-departure test and take another test on day two after arriving.

'Disaster' warning

Separate rules will continue to apply for those arriving from France due to the government's concern over the "persistent presence" of the Beta variant, which is believed to be more resistant to vaccines.

Those who are not fully vaccinated will still have to quarantine on arrival.

Britain is in the midst of another wave of the virus due to



A mother holds a sign for her son as she waits for his arrival at Heathrow's Terminal 5 in west London on 2 August 2021 as quarantine restrictions ease. People fully vaccinated in the United States and European Union, except France will now be allowed to travel to England without having to quarantine on arrival. PHOTO: TOLGA AKMEN / AFP

the Delta variant, although case numbers appear to be stabilizing, while its vaccine drive has seen more than 70 per cent of adults

fully jabbed.

While England and Scotland have loosened their quarantine requirements, the previous rules

still apply in Wales and Northern Ireland.

Embattled airline bosses called the rule changes a positive

step but said industry recovery efforts were being hampered by continued international restrictions.

Heathrow Airport chief executive John Holland-Kaye told BBC radio that the industry would not "get back to normal" until the US opens its borders to people travelling from Britain.

Industry leaders also warned the government against introducing another category to its traffic light list, designed to warn travellers of the possibility that countries with rising cases could be put onto the red list at short notice.

"It would be a disaster to bring in an amber watchlist on top of the amber list, the green list, the red list," Paul Charles, chief executive of travel consultancy The PC Agency, told ITV.

"At the moment the system in the UK is choking off recovery, and it's not helping the sector because there's no confidence to book because people are worried about places changing at short notice anyway," he added.

SOURCE: AFP

Coronavirus: Latest global developments



People demonstrate against Germany's coronavirus restrictions to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus at Alexanderplatz in Berlin, on 1 August 2021. Thousands of demonstrators defied a court-ordered protest ban and gathered in the streets of Berlin. PHOTO: PAUL ZINKEN / AFP

HERE are the latest developments in the coronavirus crisis:

China outbreak

Millions of people are confined to their homes in China as the country tries to contain its largest outbreak in months with mass testing and travel curbs.

Sydney lockdown

Troops hit Sydney's streets to help enforce its prolonged lockdown, as stay-at-home orders in Australia's third-largest city Brisbane are extended to curb a worsening outbreak.

Reassuring Fauci

The US is unlikely to be sent back into lockdown despite a surge in cases stemming from the Delta variant, says top US scientist Anthony Fauci.

HK compulsory jabs

Hong Kong civil servants, teachers and healthcare workers must get vaccinated against the virus or pay for regular testing, the city's leader announces.

Rules ease for UK travellers

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Berlin protests

Thousands of anti-lockdown demonstrators defy a court-ordered protest ban and gather in the streets of Berlin, resulting in scuffles with police.

Arson attacks at Polish vaccine hubs

Poland says it is stepping up security at vaccination points following two arson incidents overnight in a single town and an attempt by anti-vaccine activists to break into another.

Hamilton's long Covid

Formula One star Lewis Hamilton admits he may still be suffering from the effects of the virus that he had in December, after being visibly unwell on the podium at the Hungarian Grand Prix this weekend.

Travel bubble

Seasonal workers from selected Pacific countries will be allowed into New Zealand without undergoing two weeks in quarantine, Jacinda Ardern says, in an expansion of the travel bubble.

Cricketer star Warne positive

Australian cricket star Shane Warne has to sit out a match in the English Hundred tournament after testing positive.

4.2 million dead

The coronavirus has killed at least 4,227,765 people since the outbreak emerged in China in December 2019, according to a tally from official sources compiled by AFP. The United States is the worst-affected country with 613,228 deaths, followed by Brazil with 556,834, India with 424,773, Mexico with 241,034 and Peru with 196,438 fatalities.

The WHO says up to three times the number suggested by official figures have died directly or indirectly as a result of the pandemic.

SOURCE: AFP

Myanmar Daily Weather Report
(Issued at 7:00 am Monday 2 August 2021)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate to strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 2 August 2021: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Magway Region, fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay Regions and Kachin, Southern Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of regionally heavyfalls in Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States and isolated heavyfalls in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Taninthayi Regions and Chin State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30-35)m.p.h. Wave height will be about (7 -10)feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase of rain in Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 August 2021: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 August 2021: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 August 2021: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:00 hrs M.S.T on 2-8-2021)

Flood condition of Sittoung River
According to the (11:30) hrs M.S.T observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk has exceeded by about (1) foot above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level during the next (2) days.

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Covid-19 vaccination continues in Nay Pyi Taw council area

VACCINATION is being carried out in Nay Pyi Taw Council area to prevent and control Covid-19 disease and vaccinations were given according to priority groups and priorities in the respective townships yesterday.

People aged sixty and above, unvaccinated healthcare workers and volunteers who are giving service at the frontline to control and combat the Covid-19 pandemic disease, religious person including monks and nuns and civil servants who have not been vaccinated, private bank employees, private factory and workshop staff, Hotel, Motel and guest house staff, Development staff from supermarkets and markets were vaccinated yesterday by healthcare workers at respective basic education schools in Nay Pyi Taw.

The vaccination works are being carried out separately at BEHS No (1) in Tatkon Township, BEHS (Pyae San Aung) in Zeyathiri Township, Pobbathiri BEHS (20) in Pobbathiri Township, BEHS (Minkon) in Ottarathiri Township, Pynmana BEHS (3) in Pynmana Township, Lewei BEHS (1) in Lewei Township, Zabuthiri BEHS (7) in Zabuthiri Township, and Dekkhina Thiri BEHS (18) in Dekkhina Thiri Township in accordance with the Covid-19 prevention methods.

With the supervision of the Ministry of Health and Sports, information that the public need to know about the vaccination were posted in public places yesterday.

Before being vaccinated, healthcare workers took body temperature measurements and



blood pressure measurements. Vaccines were given only when the blood and body pressure plus health condition is normal, healthcare officials said. In addition, rooms are being provided for those who have been vac-

inated to rest for half an hour. In the event of a sudden illness during the break, the Myanmar Police Force is ready to provide necessary medical care and to ensure the safety and well-being of the patients, officials said.

Vaccination is scheduled for 1-4 August, a week for the vaccination, and the vaccination will continue to be given according to target groups and priorities, officials added. —Han Gyine/GNLM



MoC allows import process of anti-COVID-19 equipment on public holidays

THE Ministry of Commerce currently imposes temporary import licence exemptions for medical supplies to control the COVID-19 and offers services to import the materials via the border trade camps daily.

Moreover, the ministry is working with the relevant departmental officials to facilitate the importation processes during public holidays as per the notifications and SOP.

A total of 4,060 oxygen concentrators and 57,000 test kits arrived at Yangon International Airport yesterday. A bowser carrying 18 tonnes of liquid oxygen, 4 tonnes of liquid oxygen (cylinders), 4,259 home oxygen concentrators, and 121 tonnes of masks were also imported via Muse, Myawady, Chinshwehaw, Tachilek and

Kawthoung trade camps on the same day. These materials were imported by 41 vehicles of 19 companies.

In August, 113 tonnes of liquid oxygen, 11 tonnes of the liquid oxygen tank, 5 tonnes of liquid oxygen (cylinders), 10,565 home oxygen concentrators, 72,000 test kits, 162 tonnes of masks and 91,454 PPEs were allowed to be imported by 77 vehicles.

In July, 717 tonnes of liquid oxygen, 567 tonnes of the liquid oxygen tank, 114 tonnes of liquid oxygen (cylinders), 69,146 home oxygen concentrators, 8 oxygen plants, 11 oxygen generators, 4 oxygen concentrators, 322,878 test kits, 1,104 tonnes of masks and 182,975 PPEs were allowed to be imported by 749 vehicles.



The Ministry of Commerce is also cooperating with the ministry concerned to import the medical supplies.

It also releases contact persons of relevant border trade checkpoints. — MNA

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Regional trade tops \$6 billion in seven months, reports MoC



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Myanmar witnessed a slump in exports and imports triggered by the coronavirus impacts this year. Both sea trade and border trade dropped amid the coronavirus impacts and political changes. The neighbouring countries tightened the border security and restricted trading in certain border areas. For maritime trade, disruption in the logistic sector, spikes in container rates and banking restrictions dragged down the trade. Myanmar exports agricultural products, animal products, minerals, forest products, and finished industrial goods, while it imports capital goods, raw industrial materials, and consumer goods.

The country's export sector relies more on the agricultur-

al and manufacturing sectors. The Ministry of Commerce is trying to reduce the trade deficit by screening luxury import items and boosting exports. The country mainly imports essential goods, construction materials, capital goods, hygienic material and supporting products for export promotion and import substitution.

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Number of companies registered on MyCO exceeds 3,800 in seven months: DICA

THE number of companies registered on the online registry system, MyCO, reached over 3,800 in the past seven months this year, the statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) indicated. The registration and re-registration of companies on the MyCO website commenced on 1 August 2018, in keeping with the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

During the January-July period, the number of registered companies on MyCO was 1,373 in January, 188 in February, 163 in March, 254 in April, 686 in May, 775 in June and 433 in July, the DICA's statistics showed. At present, 100 per cent of the applicants are using the online registration platform, the DICA stated.

Last year, the figures of registered companies stood at 1,415 in January, 1,298 in February and 1,015 in March, only 348 companies in April, 798 in May, 1,314 in June, 1,650 in July, 1,551 in August, 1,378 in September, 1,693 in October, 1,099 in November and 1,521 in December, as per statistics of the DICA.

In 2019, the figure stood at 1,733 in January 2019, 1,419 in February, 1,108 in March, and over 1,045 in April, 1,411 in May, 1,307 in June, 1,428 in July, 1,302 in August and 1,181 in September. The figures reached a fresh new peak of 2,059 in October 2019. Then, 1,615 new companies in November and 1,772 in December were recorded, data of the DICA showed.

When the online registry was launched in August 2018, 1,816 new companies registered on MyCO. The figure stood at 2,218 in September 2018, 1,671 in October, 1,431 in November and 1,364 in December 2018.

In addition, all registered companies need to file annual returns (AR) on the MyCO registry system within two months of incorporation, and at least once every year (not later than one month after the anniversary of the incorporation), according to Section 97 of Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

According to Section 266 (A) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017, public companies must submit annual returns and financial statements (G-5) simultaneously.

All overseas corporations must submit ARs in the prescribed format on MyCO within 28 days of the financial year ending, as per Section 53 (A-1) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

As per DICA's report, more than 16,000 companies were suspended as of September-end for failing to submit AR forms within the due date.

Newly established companies are required to submit ARs within two months of incorporation or face a fine of K100,000 for filing late returns.

The DICA has notified that any company which fails to submit its AR within 13 months will be notified of its suspension (I-9A). If it fails to submit the AR within 28 days of receiving the notice, the system will show the company's status as suspended. Companies can restore their status only after shelling out a fine of K50,000 for AR fee, K100,000 for restoration of the company on the Register, and K100,000 for late filing of documents.

If a company fails to restore its status within six months of suspension, the registrar will strike its name off the register, according to the DICA notice. — NN/GNLM

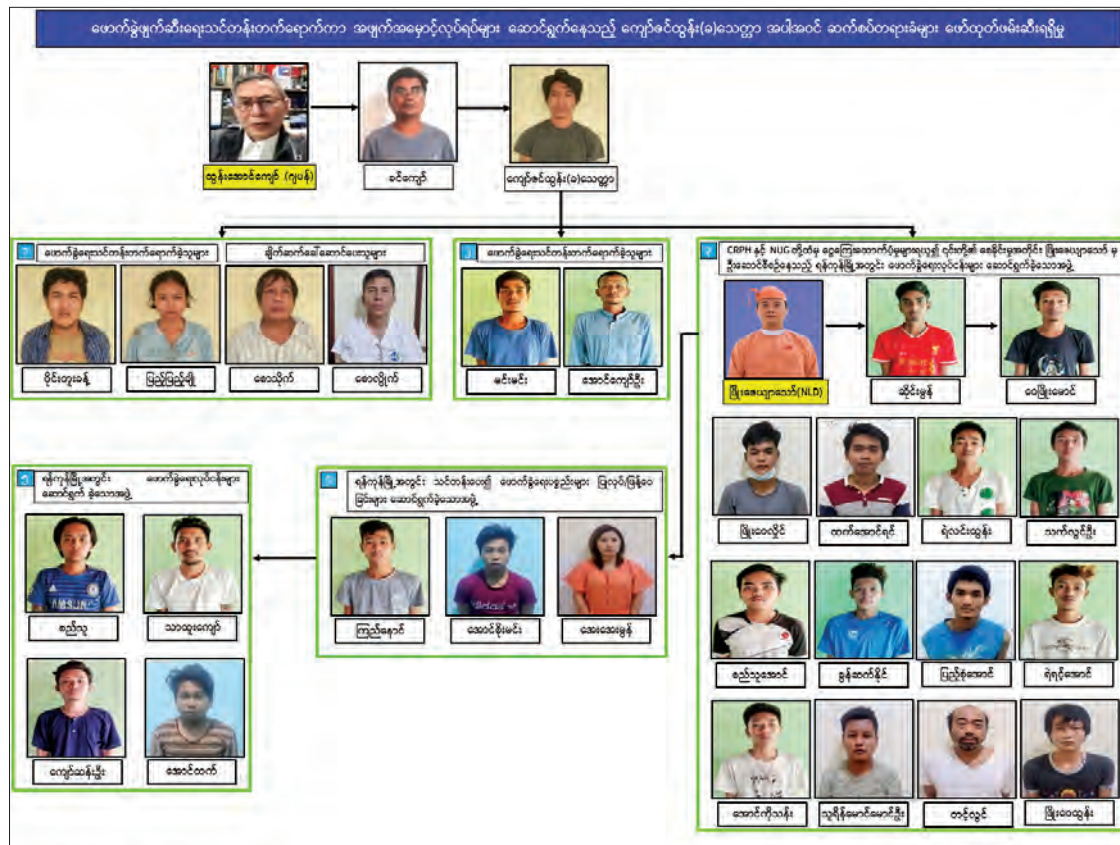
28 suspects including Kyaw Zin Tun (aka) Thetta arrested for committing bombing attacks after explosive training

THE terrorist groups CRPH and NUG committed murder cases against innocent people and bomb attacks on schools, government-owned buildings even during the outbreak of COVID-19. Therefore, the security forces investigate to uncover their activities.

The police arrested Kyaw Zin Tun (aka) Thetta, Wine Tuu Khant and Pyae Pyae Cho together with driver Saw Thaik at Mayanchaung inspection point of Kyaikto Township on 16 July who was communicated with Khin Kyaw (UNRA) who conducted explosive training at KNLA Brigade 5 area, and another suspect Saw Lwite at his house in Mayangone Township.

According to their confessions, the police also arrested Phyo Wai Hlaing and Htet Aung Yin in Mayangone Township, Aung Kyaw Oo at Hlinethaya Township, Ye Lin Tung and Thet Liwn Oo in Lanmadaw Township on 17 July while Min Min who completed the explosive training on 18 July in Hlinethaya Township and Sithu Aung in Insein township.

The police detained Khun Set Naing, Pyae Sone Aung, Ye Yint Aung and Aung Ko Than in Insein township on 19 July based on the words of Sithu Aung. The security forces arrested Kyi Naung, Aung Soe Min and Aye Aye Mon (aka) Ei Ei Swe in Kamayut township on 20 July, and seized the explosive materials at the house of Kyi Naung and also arrested Sithu, Thar Htoo Kyaw, Kyaw San Oo and Aung Htoo together with one homemade bomb



and communication device in Insein Township on 21 July.

According to the confession of Phyo Wai Hlaing, Htet Aung Yin and Ye Lin Tun, they committed a bomb attack on the house of one civilian in Shwe Wah (1) street of Insein Township on 11 July while Pho Wai Hlaing and Ye Lin Tun shot homemade bomb to the power station of Insein township on 13 July and Htet Aung Yin planted mine at One-Stop Mart in Nant Thar Gone Ward of Insein township on 19 July.

They all were ordered by Saing Mon and the police arrested him together with Wai Phyo Maung in Hlaing township on 17 July.

According to the words of

Saing Mon, they kept the explosives at the flat located in Than Thu Mar Street in Thingangyun Township and the police seized these materials for the safety of people.

The police also arrested Thurain Maung Maung Oo together with the explosive materials in Mayangone Township on 25 July and another two suspects –Tint Lwin and Phyo Wai Tun on 28 July in the same township.

The security forces arrested 28 suspects including Kyaw Zin Tun (aka) Thetta together with homemade bombs, detonators, magazines and other explosive materials.

According to Kyaw Zin Tun (aka) Thetta, he returned from

the training with the help of Tun Aung Kyaw (chairman of UNRA) from Japan and he will provide cash assistance to conduct bomb attacks on departmental offices and police stations in Mandalay Region. Pyae Pyae Cho and Wine Tuu Khant arranged to do so and Pyo Wai Hlaing, Htet Aung Yin, Ye Lin Tun and Min Min also planned to plant mine at MEHL bus terminal in Insein, office of commerce and One-Stop Marts and to kill the ward administrator. They gathered the youths and created explosive materials in Yangon after their explosive training. When they gathered the groups, Saing Mon will take cash assistance from the ones living in foreign countries to

provide the trainees and buy the homemade bombs to destroy the state stability.

They also organized Special Task Force (STF) with those who completed the explosive training and arranged to kill innocent people and commit bomb attacks at the public areas and government offices. Phyo Zeya Thaw (aka) Zeya Thaw (former Zabuthiri Township Hluttaw MP of NLD 2015) arranged to commit such destructive elements with the cash assistance of CRPH and NUG.

Aye Aye Mon persuaded the youths to join the military training conducted in ethnic armed groups-controlled areas and gave training and created or distributed the explosives to the ones who committed bomb attacks to affect the stability of Yangon. Thurain Maung Maung Oo also exploded the homemade bomb at No (3) Ward of Mayangon Township on 5 May and at the motor vehicle office at Thamine Junction of Mayangone Township on 5 June.

Currently, the security forces accelerate the security measures as the terrorist groups CRPH and NUG urged the youths to make destructive elements and join the explosive training by communicating with Khin Kyaw (UNRA) and ethnic armed groups. Moreover, the people should cooperate with the officials to arrest the suspects to ensure stability and the detained suspects will face legal actions under the law. —MNA

Those who disturb persons serving COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities to be prosecuted under Counter-Terrorism Law, other laws

THE government made the necessary preparations before the outbreak of the third wave of COVID-19, and the dutiful health workers, social welfare organizations and Tatmadaw medics provided medical services to the positive and suspected patients during the outbreak.

Moreover, it also promoted the oxygen production rate of state-owned and private factories and imported the oxygen to meet the country's oxygen needs.

Although the terrorist groups and their supporters attempted to stop the

COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities ignoring the efforts of the government, the government tried to ensure the vaccines, medicines and medical supplies for the health of the public despite the difficulties. Terrorist groups such as NUG and CRPH resorted to various forms of propaganda to mislead the public with false information and also committed acts of terrorism that threaten lives.

The bomb attack occurred at Nam-siaung COVID-19 inspection checkpoint between milepost 286 and 287 on Shwe-

bo-Myitkyina road of Mohnyin Township in Kachin State on 27 July, attacks on the people who donated the masks at Myoma Zay of Myitnge in Amarapura Township of Mandalay Region on 14 July and another bomb attack at No (1) Ward Administrator Office of Mayangone Township of Yangon Region also occurred on 1 August.

One woman was killed and six men and a woman were injured in the violence. These attacks raised the concern of the public in vaccination and control activities.

It found that the terrorist groups NUG, CRPH and their supporters, extremists supported and committed these doings.

The security forces are investigating to arrest the terrorists as quickly as possible and the officials will take severe exemplary actions against the suspects.

The people should secretly inform the activities, incitements and hiding places of the terrorists to the nearest administrative officials and security members. — MNA

Asian markets mostly up but China, Delta fears temper optimism

ASIAN markets mostly rose Monday but investor optimism over the global recovery was being kept in check by worries over the spread of the Delta Covid variant as well as China's regulatory crackdown.

Signs that US lawmakers were edging towards agreement on Joe Biden's \$1 trillion infrastructure bill were unable to provide much of a boost, while eyes are on the release of US jobs data at the end of the week as firms struggle to fill positions despite unemployment remaining high.

In the latest sign that

the global outlook is upbeat, figures last week showed the US economy had returned to its pre-pandemic level -- though at a slower pace than expected -- while the eurozone expanded at a much better rate than forecast.

However, observers said the rally that world markets have enjoyed for much of the past year was sputtering as investors grow increasingly concerned about spiking inflation that many have warned could force central banks to taper their

ultra-loose monetary policies.

Added to that is the slow vaccination programmes in some countries and rapid spread of the Delta variant that has led to the reimposition of lockdowns and other containment measures.

In early trade, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Sydney, Seoul, Wellington, Taipei and Manila rose but Singapore and Jakarta fell.

"Shares remain at risk of a short-term correction or volatility as coronavirus cases rise globally, the inflation scare continues and

as we come into seasonally weaker months, but surging company profits in the US and lower bond yields are providing support," said Shane Oliver at AMP Capital.

Nervous traders are keeping tabs on China after authorities last week embarked on a crackdown on the country's private tuition firms as well as the tech and property sectors. The moves raised concern that other industries could be next, despite officials and state media trying to calm markets in the face of a rout. — AFP ■

Toyota launches new Land Cruiser with beefed-up car security

TOYOTA Motor Corp. on Monday launched a new Land Cruiser sport utility vehicle, fully redesigning the popular vehicle for the first time in 14 years to achieve improved car security and a better driving experience under bad road conditions.

Toyota has installed a fingerprint identification system for the first time for any of its vehicles as part of its measures to prevent car theft, with earlier models of

the Land Cruiser particularly targeted by thieves as it attracts high prices as a secondhand car.

The fingerprint authentication system for operating the car works when the driver steps on the brakes and touches a sensor near the steering wheel.

The engine does not start unless the driver's fingerprint matches one of those preregistered, according to the automaker.

The new Land Cruiser, with either a gasoline or diesel engine, carries a suggested retail price tag of 5.1 million yen (\$46,500). With demand

high already, the delivery time for purchases made now is expected to be at least a year, Toyota said. — Kyodo News ■



Supplied photo shows Toyota Motor Corp.'s new Land Cruiser sport utility vehicle. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

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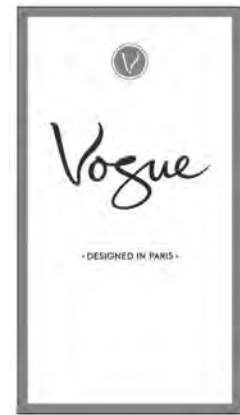
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Death toll in central China floods rises to 302, dozens still missing

THE death toll from floods in central China last month is at least 302 with dozens of people still missing, officials said Monday, after record downpours dumped a year's worth of rain on a city in just three days.

Zhengzhou, the capital of Henan province and the epicentre of the record flooding, was hardest hit with 292 people dead and 47 missing, the local government said at a press briefing.

Residents were trapped in subway carriages, underground car parks, and tunnels.

Images of passengers inundated by shoulder-height water went viral on Chinese social media on Line 5 of the city subway where 14 people died, while dozens



Aerial photo taken on 27 July 2021 shows rescue boats in the waterlogged urban area of Weihui City in Xinxiang, central China's Henan Province. Weihui City suffered from severe urban waterlogging due to the extremely heavy rainfall. PHOTO: XINHUA

of cars in a tunnel were tossed aside by the deluge, many with passengers still inside.

Scores were killed in Zhengzhou due to floods and mudslides, mayor Hou Hong told reporters while updating the overall toll.

She added that 39 bodies were recovered from underground car parks and other below-ground spaces. The disaster marked China's deadliest floods in a decade.

Heavy downpours that began July 17 have

affected over 14 million people, damaged thousands of homes, and caused economic losses in Zhengzhou estimated at 53 billion yuan (\$8.2 billion). The total losses across the province were almost double that amount. — AFP ■

No 'eureka moment': the evolution of climate science

WHAT if Earth's atmosphere was infused with extra carbon dioxide, mused amateur scientist Eunice Foote in an 1856 research paper that concluded the gas was very good at absorbing heat. "An atmosphere of that gas would give to our earth a high temperature," she wrote in the study, published in the American Journal of Science and Arts and then swiftly forgotten.

The American scientist and women's rights activist, who only wrote one more paper, could not have known the full significance of her extraordinary statement, said Alice Bell, author of a recent book on the climate crisis -- "Our Biggest Experiment" -- that features Foote. This was the decade that the United States first began to drill for oil. It is also the baseline period of global temperatures we now use to chart the fossil fuel driven warming of

the planet. Foote, whose work was rediscovered in recent years, is now seen as part of a multi-generational exploration, spanning some 200 years, unravelling the mysteries of how the climate works -- and more recently how human activities have tipped it out of balance. "There is no eureka moment with one great genius in climate change science," Bell told AFP.

"Climate science is a story of people over centuries and different disciplines, different countries working together, incrementally learning more and more."

People have believed human activities like deforestation could alter the local climate since at least the ancient Greeks.

But in terms of the global climate, the story of our understanding of what we now call the greenhouse effect, arguably began in the 1820s with French scientist Joseph Fourier. — AFP ■

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
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Agent For:
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Australia Tesla battery blaze under control after three days

A blaze at a massive Tesla battery site in Australia that started three days ago was brought under control on Monday, firefighters said. Emergency services were first called to the Victoria Big Battery project -- built by French renewable energy firm Neoen using Tesla batteries -- on Friday morning. A 13-tonne lithium battery inside a shipping container had caught fire at the site near Geelong, about an hour's drive from Australia's second city Melbourne, the Country Fire Service (CFA) said. — AFP ■

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V PRESIDIO VOY.NO. (065N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **3-8-2021** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **HPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Millions under virus lockdown as China battles Delta outbreak



A resident receives a nucleic acid test for the Covid-19 coronavirus in Nanjing in China's eastern Jiangsu province on 2 August 2021, amid the country's most widespread coronavirus outbreak in months. **PHOTO:AFP**

MILLIONS of people were confined to their homes in China Monday as the country tried to contain its largest coronavirus outbreak in months with mass testing and travel curbs.

China on Monday reported 55 new locally transmitted coronavirus cases, as an outbreak of the fast-spreading Delta variant reached over 20 cities and more than a dozen provinces.

Local governments in major cities including Beijing have now tested millions of residents, while cordoning off residential compounds and placing close contacts under quarantine.

The central city of Zhuzhou in Hunan province ordered over 1.2 million residents on Monday to stay home under strict lockdown for the next three days as it rolls out a city-wide testing and vaccination campaign, according to an official statement.

"The situation is still grim and complicated," the Zhuzhou government said.

Beijing has previously boasted of its success in bringing domestic cases down to virtually zero after the coronavirus first emerged in Wuhan in late 2019, allowing the economy to rebound. But the latest outbreak, linked to a cluster in Nanjing where nine

cleaners at an international airport tested positive on 20 July, is threatening that success with more than 360 domestic cases reported in the past two weeks. In the tourist destination of Zhangjiajie, near Zhuzhou, an outbreak spread last month among theatre patrons who then brought the virus back to their homes around the country.

Zhangjiajie locked down all 1.5 million residents on Friday.

Officials are urgently seeking people who have recently travelled from Nanjing or Zhangjiajie, and have urged tourists not to travel to areas where cases have been found. — AFP ■

OBITUARY

DEEPEST CONDOLENCES

Daw Kyu Kyu Win, 64 years

Executive Committee Member (Full time)
Myanmar Red Cross Society

We are deeply saddened by and express our condolences on the unexpected loss of Daw Kyu Kyu Win, 64 years, an EC Member (Full time) of MRCS who passed away on 1 August 2021. We appreciate all the time and efforts she gave to the Society and communities as well. We also extend our deepest sympathies to the bereaved family.

MRCS President, EC Members, Staffs and Red Cross Volunteers,
ICRC, IFRC, Partner National Societies

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cambodia begins Covid-19 vaccinations for teenagers

CAMBODIA began a roll out of Covid-19 vaccinations for teenagers in its capital Phnom Penh and three provinces Sunday, with Premier Hun Sen's grandchildren among the first to get the jab.

Several countries in Southeast Asia are currently experiencing a deadly Covid-19 resurgence largely driven by the highly contagious Delta variant, which has set back the region's successes last year in curbing pandemic tolls.

While Cambodia appeared to have escaped the brunt of the virus last year, an outbreak first detected in February has steadily driven up the caseload to nearly 78,000.

On Sunday, the kingdom began vaccinating children between the ages of 12 to 17, starting the campaign in its capital Phnom Penh, as well as in the three hardest-hit provinces of Kandal, Koh Kong and Preah Sihanouk. — AFP ■

5.9 magnitude quake strikes off Indonesia's Papua: USGS

A 5.9 magnitude quake struck off the coast of Indonesia's easternmost Papua region Monday, the United States Geological Survey said, but there was no tsunami warning or immediate reports of damage. The quake hit at a relatively shallow depth of 12 kilometres (7.5 miles), about 180 kilometres northeast of Tual city.

Shallow quakes tend to do more damage than deep tremors. Indonesia experiences frequent quakes due to its position on the Pacific "Ring of Fire", an arc of intense seismic activity where tectonic plates collide that stretches from Japan through Southeast Asia and across the Pacific basin.

In January, more than 100 people were killed and thousands left homeless by a 6.2-magnitude quake that struck Sulawesi island, reducing buildings to a tangled mass of twisted metal and chunks of concrete in the seaside city of Mamuju. — AFP ■

Japan expands COVID state of emergency to Osaka, 3 areas near Tokyo

JAPAN expanded Monday a COVID-19 state of emergency covering the capital and Okinawa to include Osaka and three prefectures near Tokyo due to a recent spike in coronavirus cases amid fears of a medical system collapse during the Olympics.

The government of Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga has added Chiba, Kanagawa, Saitama and Osaka prefectures to areas under the emergency through 31 August. The emergency period in Tokyo and Okinawa was also extended to the end of the month from the initially

planned 22 Aug.

Establishments serving alcohol or offering karaoke in the six prefectures under the emergency are asked to close during the period, with the government providing money for compliance. Those not serving alcohol are requested to close at 8 pm.

The government is expected to outline how it will ease restrictions as inoculation of the population progresses, but the end of the epidemic is not in sight yet in the country.

The surge in infections comes amid the spread of the virus's highly conta-

gious Delta variant, first detected in India.

On Sunday, the nationwide tally of new infections topped 10,000 for the fourth straight day, with 28.3 per cent of Japan's population of 126 million fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as of Friday. Outside the six prefectures, a quasi-state of emergency, which carries fewer restrictions on business activity than the state of emergency, was imposed Monday on parts of five prefectures — Hokkaido, Ishikawa, Kyoto, Hyogo and Fukuoka — through the end of August. — Kyodo News ■



People wearing face masks walk in front of JR Osaka Station on 2 August 2021. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine Objectives

1. Political affairs

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

2. Economic affairs

- To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.
- To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.
- To promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.

3. Social affairs

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

Olympics: Japan women advance past Nigeria to basketball quarterfinals



Members of the Japanese women's basketball team form a huddle before their preliminary round group B match against Nigeria at the Tokyo Olympics on 2 August 2021, at Saitama Super Arena near Tokyo. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

Japan's women's basketball team led for all but the first five minutes to beat Group B opponent Nigeria 102-83 in their final pool play game, advancing to the playoffs for the second straight Olympics.

Three players – Saki Hayashi, Yuki Miyazawa and Nako Motohashi – had multiple threes for the world 10th-ranked Japanese, who rained down 19 triples at Saitama Super Arena to finish the group stage with a 2-1 record.

Hayashi led her team in scoring with 23 points, while Miyazawa chipped in 19 and Maki Takada 15. Japan guard Rui Machida matched an Olympic women's single-game assists record with 15 in 20 minutes played.

Machida equaled the record held by the United States' Teresa Edwards, who achieved the feat at the 1996 Atlanta Games, according to FIBA, the sport's governing body.

With starters Hayashi,

Takada, Machida, Moeko Nagaoka and Himawari Akaho taking their positions for the tip-off, Japan made seven of 10 three-point attempts to take an eight-point lead after the first quarter. Japan shot 64 per cent from beyond the arc in the first half. Hayashi scored seven of 11 from the three-point range. Japan built a 27-point advantage heading into the fourth quarter and never looked back. Last week, Japan won its opener against France in a tight 74-70 battle and lost its second game of pool play against the U.S., 86-69.

The quarterfinals are on Wednesday and the semifinals on Friday. The gold medal will be up for grabs on Sunday. — Kyodo News ■

China beat Germany to win Olympic gold in women's team sprint

CHINA edged out Germany to win the first track cycling gold of the Tokyo Olympics in the women's team sprint on Monday after earlier breaking the world record.

China set a new world best of 31.804 sec in the heats and were then too quick for Germany in the final, their 31.895 just ahead of the Germans' 31.980.

The Russian Olympic Committee beat the Netherlands to take bronze. It means China retain their Olympic title after also winning the women's team sprint in Rio, having claimed bronze in London four years earlier.

This is the first time that China have won a third medal in the same track cycling event, with Bao Shanju taking over from Gong Jinjie to partner Zhong Tianshi and clinch the country's 28th gold of the Games.

They had earlier broken their own world record of 31.928, which was set in Rio, with their time in the final against Germany also below that mark in 2016. — AFP ■



An overview shows China's Bao Shanju (L) and China's Zhong Tianshi crossing the finish line to win gold in the women's track cycling team sprint finals during the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games at Izu Velodrome in Izu, Japan, on 2 August 2021. **PHOTO: AFP**

Germany break world record to lay down early marker in Olympic cycling

Germany smashed the women's team pursuit world record in the Olympics qualifying competition on Monday, crossing the line in a time of 4min 07.307sec. The German quartet of Franziska Brausse, Lisa Brennauer, Lisa Klein, Mieke Kroeger beat the previous mark of 4:10.236 set by the British women's team at the 2016 Rio Games by nearly three



seconds. Britain, led by Laura Kenny, also broke their Rio record with a time of 4.09.022 on what appears to be a lightning fast track at the Izu Velodrome southwest of Tokyo.

But Germany are the

early frontrunners in the women's team pursuit, for which their reward will be a duel on Tuesday with Italy. Britain will face the United States, with the two winners of the heats racing for the gold medal. "We knew

the world record was going to be broken and we expected it to be the Australians or the Americans, so it was weirdly comforting that it happened when we weren't looking," said Britain's Elinor Barker.

"We're really, really happy. It's unfortunate that Germany were so much faster than the world record, but I think we can be happy with that." — AFP ■

Germany's Franziska Brausse, Germany's Lisa Brennauer, Germany's Lisa Klein and Germany's Mieke Kroeger compete to set a World Record in the women's track cycling team pursuit qualifying event during the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games at Izu Velodrome in Izu, Japan, on 2 August 2021. **PHOTO: GREG BAKER / AFP**