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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.

## Tatmadaw aircraft transports Sinopharm vaccines to Kengtung Township



Sinopharm vaccines arrive in Kengtung and officials receive them yesterday.

A Tatmadaw aircraft transported 16,000 units of Sinopharm vaccines from Yangon to Kengtung Township of eastern Shan State yesterday.

Shan State (East) Medical Services Department and Public Health Department Head

Dr Myint Kyaw and officials accepted the Sinopharm vaccines, and Real-Time RT-PCR Machine donated by TICA (Thailand International Cooperation Agency).

A single ampoule of Sinopharm vaccine can be used for five people each and the needed vaccines for 80,000 people will be allocated in the townships of eastern Shan State and the official will install the

Real-Time RT-PCR Machine as quickly as possible.

The National Health Laboratory on the provide necessary machine parts for the work process.— Aung Zin Myint (IPRD)/GNLM

## 498 returnees from Thailand repatriated through Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge

A total of 498 Myanmar returnees from Thailand returned through the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge (2), Myawady on 4 October.

Myanmar citizens who want to return home are being welcomed back starting from

1 August.

From 26 September, the number of Myanmar returnees has increased from 200 a day to 500 a day.

The returnees are welcomed back by the authorities followed by giving COVID-19

knowledge and collecting necessary data.

After that, officials sent all the returnees to the respective quarantine centres in Myawady.

Officials also arranged free transportation for all the

returnees by vehicle to their respective regions and states.

On 4 October, a total of 498 returnees: 255 males and 243 females from various regions and states came back home through the border crossing.—Htein Lin Aung/GNLM

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## Statement to appreciate teachers' efforts

TEACHERS are honoured as part of the Five Infinite Venerables, and the manner of paying respect to the teachers can be only seen in Myanmar as a tradition. The teachers teach their pupils based on their goodwill like their own children and dutifully serve a teacher's duties. They must train their pupils and students in the best discipline. They see that they grasp their lessons well. They instruct them in the arts and sciences, they provide for their safety in every quarter, and they introduce them to their friends and associates.

As the COVID-19 infection rate is controlled to a certain extent, the basic education high, middle and primary schools under the Department of Basic Education have reopened across nation for the 2021-2022 academic year starting 1 June.

Those who want to seek good sake of one party, political extremist NLD members and supporters, NUG, CRPH and PDF committed arson attacks at the schools using mines, homemade bombs and grenades to fail the teaching processes, and threatened the teachers in addition to the incitements, social punishment and threats against education staff to join CDM while the officials made preparations for the reopening of schools and during the current teaching period. Their doings left some casualties, and the State Administration Council has expressed its deepest condolences and sympathy to the victims' families.

**The SAC also appreciates the concerted efforts of teachers, who understand two virtues, Hiri — shame at doing evil —and Otappa—fear of the results of doing evil —for teaching the new generations of the country amid such difficulties and challenges.**

The security forces will take extraordinary measures to ensure the safety of teachers who are making efforts in the academic sector for the next generations in order to promote the education qualification. The people should keep security awareness and cooperate with the security members in community peace and peaceful learning of children.

*Information Team  
State Administration Council*

## MNAB to conduct ICT course for visually impaired persons

MYANMAR National Association of the Blind (MNAB) will conduct courses with ICT facilities for visually impaired persons.

“The course with assistive technology will help empower the visually impaired persons to access the digital world. They will use computers and the internet effectively. The screen readers and sound apps will help visually impaired people. Those who can use the sound apps are prioritized. The tutorial guide of the app will be sent and they will discuss the apps with the trainers at the set date,” said U Myo Aung, an organizer.

Those persons with vision

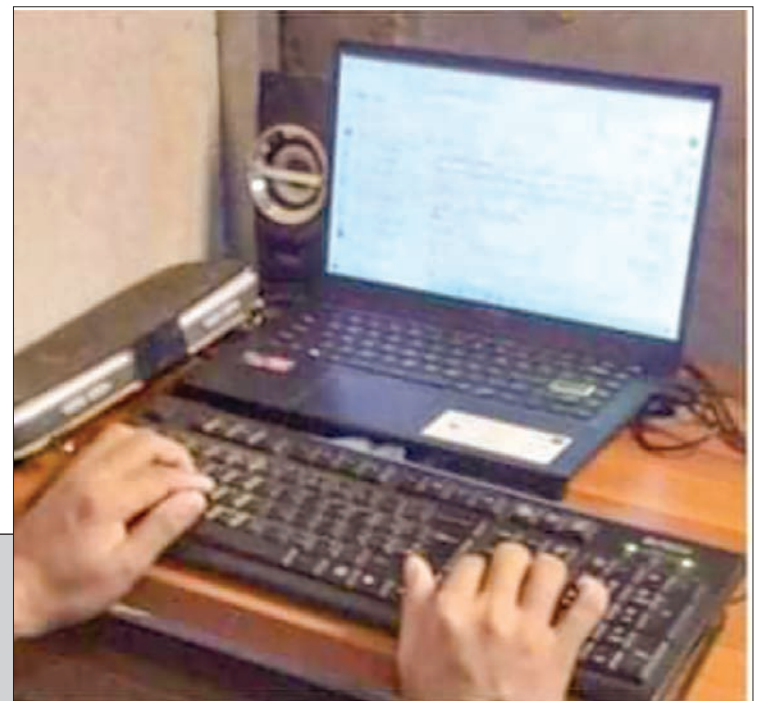
loss who can use the computer and smartphone are suitable for the class.

“Majority of the visually impaired persons enrolled the class. It is the first batch of the class with the know-how of application. Most of them keep in touch with the android phone. They have already signed up the social networks like Facebook. This course aims to support the learning process regarding social media, and the assistive products will enable disabled persons to function better and keep up with healthy people. Some set up even online shopping sites. This technology is believed to narrow the gap between the disabled persons

and the healthy persons, and it will allow persons with disabilities to communicate, interact and benefit,” he continued.

The first batch of the course is slated on 8 and 9 October and the second batch will be opened on 15 and 16 October. Only ten persons with visual impairment can join the course. It will offer how to use messenger, Skype, YouTube, Google Driver and Google meet for the blind. — Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)/GNLM

The visually impaired persons can use computers through assistive technology.



## Myeik-Kyunsu ferry service resumes due to dropped number of COVID-19 cases



The ferry service will run only one route per day. The one route fees will range from K3,000 per person. The express water ferry services between Kyunsu and Myeik have been temporarily suspended starting from 21 July to prevent the spreading of COVID-19 in Kyunsu township, Taninthayi region.

DUE to declined number of COVID-19 cases, the ferry service

between Myeik and Kyunsu has resumed with a limited number

of passengers, it is learnt.

On 3 October, the passen-

ger ferries started operation between Myeik and Kyunsu route. The number of COVID-19 infected cases has been reduced in those townships as well and efforts are being made for residents to travel more easily.

“Our Kyan Daing Aung water ferry started operating on 3 October. Authorities instructed them to run the ferry in line with the COVID-19 health guidelines. Our ferry accommodation capacity is 200 passengers. But the boat will only accept 50 per cent of passengers following the social distancing rules of the Ministry of Health. We don't accept passengers more than 100 to prevent the ship from being crowded,” said an official from the Kyan Daing Aung water fer-

ry line.

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Myeik district is reporting over 1,200 cases of COVID-19 in the last six months of 2021, with the highest spike and death toll since the third wave of the virus. Of the four townships in Myeik district, Myeik registered the highest infected rate with 780 cases, followed by Kyunsu with 170 incidences. — Aye Maung/GNLM

## People aspire to the democratic election

THE general election is a very important process for a democratic nation, and those persons attempted to secure the victory in the election by turning a blind eye to the election process. The Tatmadaw emphasizes the desire of the people. But, they need to follow the disciplines. Although they can do anything in unison if their acts are not in line with the law, such acts cannot be done. All things must be done under the law.

*(Excerpt from the speech to the meeting 1/2021 of the Union Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar made by Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 27-9-2021)*

## MoHT Union Minister joins COVID-19 Destination Recovery Insights Exchange-Session 3 online

UNION Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Htay Aung attended the COVID-19 Destination Recovery Insights Exchange-Session 3 online presided by PATA (Pacific Asia Travel Association) and the World Bank yesterday.

Before the meeting, the Union Minister clarified the seminar to the Director-General and officers that it aims to exchange the experiences regarding the COVID-19 hit destination and resumption of the tourism sector. Moreover, it should study especially on readmission of world travellers, challenges that might face when the tour destinations are reopened, experiences of international governments during COVID-19 pandemic and another arrangement to resume Myanmar tourism.

In the first section of the

meeting, Chief Executive Officer of PATA Ms Liz Ortiguera and Senior Tourism Specialist of World Bank Ms Jessie McComb respectively made an opening speech.

Then, the Director-General and officers of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism and other officials of Guam Visitors Bureau and Macao Government Tourism Office discussed the plans to resume the tour in the post-COVID-19 period.

During the Roundtable Discussion, the officials focused on the conduction of health awareness programmes, fully vaccination programmes, adoption of widely digital promotion of COVID Safe Destination and arrival visa issues.

The PATA was established in 1951 and currently, there are



Myanmar delegation led by the MoHT Union Minister attends the COVID-19 Destination Recovery Insights Exchange-Session 3 virtually.

more than 500 member countries. Myanmar became a member in 1995 and joined the travel expo,

workshops and training conducted by PATA. The PATA mainly organizes training and talks online

to resume the tourism of member countries in the COVID-19 pandemic. — MNA

## MoE celebrates 2021 World Teachers' Day in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Ministry of Education held a ceremony to celebrate 2021 World Teachers' Day yesterday morning in Nay Pyi Taw. At the ceremony, Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Myint read out the message sent by Chairman of the State

Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Deputy Minister for Education U Zaw Win read out the message sent to the 2021 World Teachers' Day by Union Minister for Education Dr Nyunt

Pe. In his message, the Union Minister said the World Teachers' Day that falls on 5 October is a day dedicated to teachers around the world who are carrying out the most important, responsible and delicate work to produce the good people of

the world to bring peace to the whole world.

He added the importance of education as the development of a country depends a lot on the development of education. If they look at the development of a developed country, it can be seen that the development of education determines the development of that country regardless of its size or richness of natural resources. Teachers are the main driving force in the education sector, not only by producing qualified human resources but also by educating people in the event of a disaster or crisis. In other words, they are the people who will shape the country's future in the post-pandemic period.

He said the Ministry of Education is implementing the teacher improvement programme, teacher recruitment and promotion programmes

as well as the State will support the needs of teachers in all aspects. In his message to the World Teachers' Day celebration, the Union Minister urged the teachers to take an active part in post-COVID-19 State-building activities.

At the ceremony, Secretary-General of the UNESCO National Commission for Myanmar Dr Kyi Shwin read out a joint message from the leaders of the five UN agencies. Afterwards, a brief record of the activities of the distinguished people and outstanding teachers in commemoration of World Teachers' Day was presented.

The ceremony was attended by departmental officials, honorary and outstanding teachers, students and invitees through video conferencing, and 4 honorary teachers and 2 outstanding teachers were honoured at the ceremony. — MNA



World Teachers' Day event in progress.

# Myanmar Motion Picture Organization members, families get COVID-19 vaccines

THE Ministry of Information, Ministry of Health, Yangon Region Government and Myanmar Motion Picture Organization jointly conducted vaccination programmes for the organization members and their families at No (3) B.E.P.S in Bahan Township of Yangon

Region yesterday.

“We, artistes can do our works properly if we get vaccinated. Many of our members and their families came here for vaccines. About 50 artistes are already vaccinated recently. There are 10 stratas in our organization. The organization

contacts us to get the vaccine and so we compile the list and send to the health department. Some of our members received their vaccines in their respective wards,” said U Aye Kyu Lay, vice-chair of the organization.

“Most of the people get



Inoculation roll-out for film artistes and their families is underway.



U Aye Kyu Lay



Ma Tuu

vaccinated. It is more convenient for them in the work field if they are vaccinated. Therefore, our members should get vaccinated,” he added.

A total of 272 people were vaccinated against COVID-19 yesterday. The organization will also compile the lists and make arrangements to give vaccines to the organization members and their families.

“There were about 50 people who received their vaccines in the first batch. We came here to get vaccinated. I heard

there were 272 people. Ma Tuu is afraid of the needle. The Patron of our organization also told us that it would not hurt. Therefore, Ma Tuu came here together with my friends in the film industry to build self-confidence and to be safe as well as to build self-confidence. I also want to urge my friends to get vaccinated,” said supporting actress Ma Tuu.

Those who received the vaccine yesterday will get a second dose on 3 November. — MNA



## Local people get 1<sup>st</sup> dose of COVID jab in Kamamoung

A total of 600 local people, who are above 18-year-olds received the first doses of Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccines in Kamamoung, Papun District, Kayin State yesterday.

Healthcare officials conducted the vaccination programme at the Township Administrator Office meeting hall and No.1 Primary School in the township. During

the vaccination, education staff, officials and Red Cross members made records for the vaccinated people. Next, officials measured the body temperature, blood pressure and monitoring oxygen level before the vaccination.

Vaccines were given systematically to the local people, and only those with normal health conditions are vaccinated, offi-

cial said. The first dose (second batch) of Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccines were given to 1,300 people in Kamamoung on 27 September. The second batch of 1,900 people will be vaccinated for the first time after the first batch of 600 people were vaccinated, said Township Administrator U Than Kyaw Thu. — Lin Thant (IPRD)/GNLM



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# Teachers aged 65 and above receive obeisance in marking World Teachers' Day

EDUCATION officials paid respect to great teachers over the age of 65 and above at their homes in Kyaukpyu Township of Rakhine State to mark World Teachers' Day yesterday, according to an education official.

"This ceremony is the tradition of Kyaukpyu township. This year marks the 13<sup>th</sup> ceremony. It was started at the time of Daw Tin Tin Ohn, township education officer. We conducted the ceremony at No (3) B.E.H.S, Sandaku Hall and Sane station in the past. We held the ceremony with Myat Saya song. In the term of Saya Gyi U Saw Win, in 2020, we paid respect from away during the COVID-19 period. Now, in 2021, we paid respect at the houses of teachers," said township education officer Daw Nu Nu Thar.

All the teachers at the age of over 65 are the ones who live in Kyaukpyu Township and those



Officials pay obeisance to the above 65-years old teachers to mark World Teachers' Day.

who are transferred from Yangon to Kyaukpyu are not put in the lists according to the decision of the committee and those who live in Kyaukpyu Township are on the lists although they are retired from other townships, according to the official.

A 73-year old teacher Daw Tin Tin Ohn said, "I am glad that the youths continuously hold the paying respect ceremony to teachers. I want to urge the teachers to teach the pupils regardless of who that person may be. They should hold the ethics of

teachers what the trend or system may be. They should teach according to the saying such as teachers are human gardeners and education is the treasure."

There are 2,171 basic education teachers in Kyaukpyu Township. K500 is collected from

a teacher every month and saved at Myanma Economic Bank. During this ceremony, a total of 134 great teachers are paid respect with K120,000 per person, according to the education officer. — Tin Tun Oo, Phyto Wai Lin (IPRD)/GNLM



## An township IPRD conducts an interview with a retired headmaster on World Teachers' Day

THE Department of Information and Public Relations in An Township, Kyaukphyu District, Rakhine State, conducted the following interviews with a retired headmaster on the occasion of World Teachers' Day, which falls on 5 October.

**Q:** Mingala Par Sayagyi. Could you please tell me your name and your address?

**A:** My name is U Khin Maung Kyi, I was retired as a primary school headmaster. I live in No (3) Zay ward in An Township.

**Q:** I would like to know the year you retired.

**A:** I retired on 18th September 2018.

**Q:** Please share about the

schools you worked in and activities you did before you retired.

**A:** I started working in the education sector in 1980 at Basic Education Primary School in Myauk village. I was a Primary assistant teacher in Nyaungchaung in 1985 and Kanzali village in 1986. I became a headmaster in Mee Laung Chaung village in 1990. I worked as the primary school headmaster for 24 years in Sankyi Ywar Thar Yar village in 1991. Afterwards, I became the school headmaster in the post-primary school in No (5) Zay Taung ward. I was retired in 2018.

**Q:** I would like to know the importance of teachers in raising children and students to

become decent people?

**A:** The role of teachers is very important. A patient dies if the wrong injection is given by a doctor. If a teacher nurtures wrongly, almost a whole new generation can be dysfunctional. Even basics are important. If a teacher teaches wrong basic typos, it can't be deleted in the future of the student. We have to constantly teach them the right things during our service.

**Q:** Do you have something to say on this occasion, on World Teachers' Day?

**A:** It is joyful that teachers are honoured with this day. It is undeniable that teachers would be happy on this day as it is celebrated all over the world.



Interviewee — a retired headmaster.

I also rejoice when there are such honours.

**Q:** Could you say something to the new generations, students and young people?

**A:** I want them to respect elders and to be compassionate

to younger people, and live following the Buddha's teaching.

**Q:** Thank you very much for this interview.

**A:** I am happy that I could have an interview on World Teachers' Day.

# Terrorists arrested with weapons, ammunition and homemade explosives in Ayeyawady region

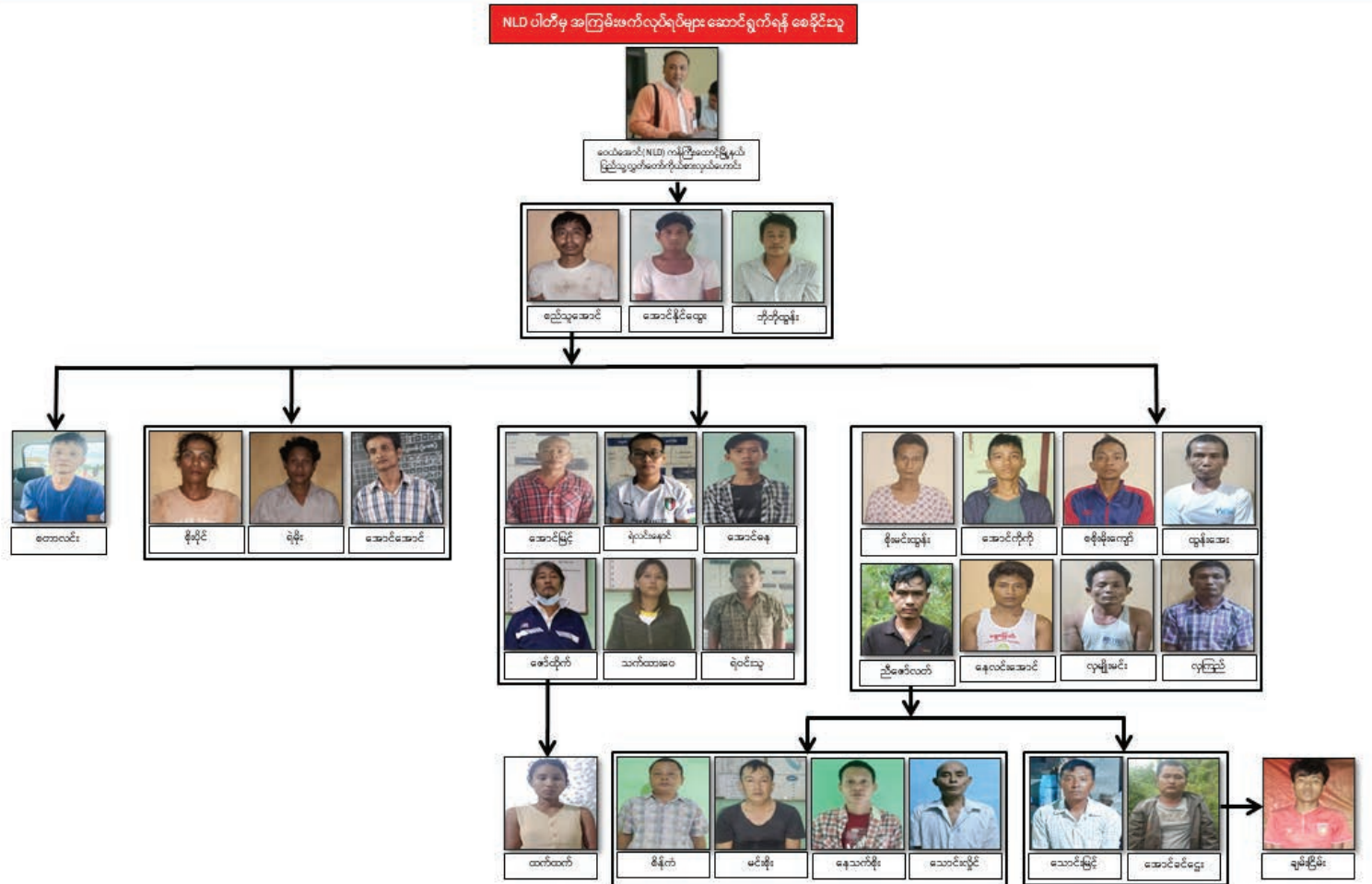
**S**ECURITY forces have been carrying out investigations to identify and arrest terrorists who are committing terror acts, destruction, and assassination to innocent people under the instruction of NUG, a terrorist organization. Between 18 and 27 September, a total of 27 men and 2 women were arrested together with weapons, ammunition, explosives and homemade guns and related materials in Ayeyawady Region.

On 18 September 2021, Sithu Aung, Aung Naing Htwe, and Bo Bo Tun were arrested at the check-point in front of Innma police station between Kyaung-gon and Pantanaw. According to Sithu Aung's revelation, Stalin was arrested in Kanyutkon village, Kangyidaunt township, Ayeyawady Region.

Following his confession, Soe Paing from Thabaung Township was arrested with a pistol magazine, 1 homemade air gun, 2 homemade mines, and a box of gunpowder; Ye Moe from Kangyidaunt Township was arrested with 1 percussion; Aung Aung was arrested with 1 homemade gun on 19 September. On 20 September, Aung Myint was arrested in Kalagon village, Kangyidaunt township; Ye Lin Naung and Aung Dana Ye Win Thu, were arrested in Kangyidaung township; Zaw Htike and Thet Htar Wai were arrested in Pathein.

According to the confession of Zaw Htike, Htet Htet was arrested with one walkie-talkie, 1 bow, 34 arrows, 1 can of sulfur

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powder, 7 cans of gunpowder, 1,400 iron balls and 60 matches on 21 September.

According to the confession of Sithu Aung, Soe Min Tun, Sa Soe Moe Kyaw, Aung Ko Ko, Tun Aye, Nay Lin Aung, Hla Myo Min, Hla Kyi and Nyi Zaw Latt, were arrested between milestone 0/4 and 0/5 on Pathein-Thabaung road, Thabaung, Ayeyawady Region.

According to the revelation of Nyi Zaw Latt, Thaug Myint

was arrested with 1pistol, 15 9MM bullets, magazine, 5 percussion lock firearms, 1 homemade mine and related materials in Thabaung; Aung Khin Htay was arrested on Pathein-Ngwe Saung road on 23 September.

Tun Aye and Soe Min Tun revealed that they hid weapons in their houses, and on 23 September, 22 homemade mines, 13 percussion lock firearms, 28 gunpowder, 1 homemade mine, 70 pieces of fire crackers and 9

bags of rice were confiscated from the house of Tun Aye, and 4 percussion lock firearm from the house of Soe Min Tun.

According to the revelation of Nay Lin Aung, 1 homemade mine, 6 percussion lock firearms and 4 homemade air guns were confiscated from the compound of Nyein Tin in Kangyidaunt, on 24 September. Chan Nyein was arrested with 34 homemade mines, 85 gunpowder straps, 1 box of gunpowder, 150 iron balls, 18 9V batteries, and related materials used in homemade mines on 25 September.

According to the confession of Nyi Zaw Latt, 1 pistol, 1 magazine, 50 9mm bullets, 1 walkie-talkie and 1 memory stick were confiscated on 26 September from the rubber field owned by Min Min in Doepinseik village, Kangyidaunt Township.

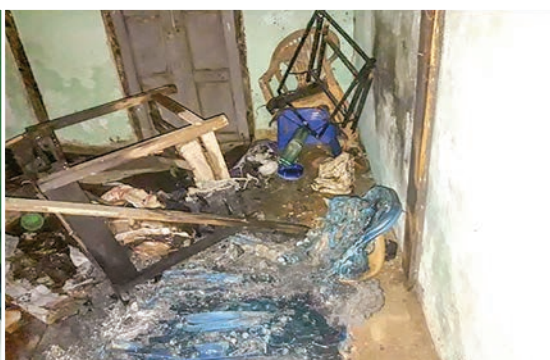
On 27 September, Sein Kan was arrested with 3 homemade launchers, 3 iron-body homemade revolvers in Kangyidaunt. Min Soe was arrested with 6 homemade bombs and 1 sound bomb in his rice mill in Pathein Township. Nay Thet Soe was arrested with 1 Beretta pistol, 2 magazine, 350 .22 bullets and 50 9mm bullets in Ngathaingyoung, Yekyi Township. Following his statement, 2 boxes of gun-

powder and 90 detonators were confiscated from a rice field in Bwengu village, Yekyi Township. Thaug Hlaing was arrested with 46 homemade percussion lock firearms hidden in his house's backyard in Maubin Township.

According to the confessions of the arrested suspects, Aung Naing Htwe (arrested) and Wai Lin (on the run) set fire to the ward administration office in Padaukpin village, Kangyidaunt Township on 14 March 2021. Bo Bo Tun (arrested) and Kyaw Zin Htwe (on the run) assassinated U Maung Maung Myint, a USDP party member near Shwe Kan Thar bus terminal in Kangyidaunt Township on 29 August 2021.

These terrorists were arrested as responsible citizens reported that former NLD MP Wai Yan Aung was reportedly directing the main plan to assassinate innocent people and departmental staff and carry out local bombings in Kangyidaunt Township.

The arrested suspects will be taken action under the law, and the people are requested to work together for the peace and stability of the state by secretly informing the actions and places of the terrorists to relevant authorities. — MNA



Seized weapons, ammunition and homemade explosives.

## Daily imports of anti-COVID-19 equipment, medical products continue

THE Ministry of Commerce is making efforts to ensure people have access to the essential medical supplies that are critical to the COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities, including liquid oxygen and oxygen cylinders, by arranging continuous importation through trading posts, international airport and seaports with the standard operating procedures (SOPs).

On 5 October (yesterday), anti-COVID-19 equipment, medical products including

oxygen plants and concentrators were imported by two companies and transported by four vehicles.

Two liquid oxygen storage containers carried by four vehicles, three liquid oxygen distributors, 490 empty oxygen cylinders, 104 oxygen concentrators for home use, 10,000 sets of test kits, 16 tonnes of gloves and 16 tonnes of masks were imported via Muse and Myawady trading posts, seaports and Yangon International Airport.

Officials from the relevant departments are cooperating to facilitate and expedite the standard operating procedures for better importation.

It is reported that the Ministry of Commerce is coordinating with relevant departments, facilitating the importation of essential medical supplies required in prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19, as well as contact persons for inquiries can be reached through the Ministry's Website — [www.commerce.gov.mm](http://www.commerce.gov.mm). — MNA



Lorries carrying oxygen tanks are transporting them to the needed areas.



Second dose of vaccination is underway in Pauktaw, Rakhine State.

## IDPs in Pauktaw receive 2<sup>nd</sup> dose vaccines of COVID-19

HEALTHCARE officials gave the second dose of Sinovac vaccines to people from three separate IDP camps at a monastery in Saitouk Village-tract, Pauktaw Township, Rakhine State yesterday.

The vaccination programme was also assisted by Township General Administration Department staff and village volunteers.

Before the vaccination, healthcare staff and officials made records for the vaccinated people.

Next, volunteers and healthcare workers measured the body temperature, blood pressure and oxygen level before the vaccination.

Under the supervision of Dr Ko Ko Aung, head of Township Public Health Department, vac-

cines were given systematically to the local people, and only those with normal conditions are vaccinated by health staff.

The COVID-19 vaccines were given to 49 men and women from Saitouk IDP Camp, three men and women from Kanseik Village IDP Camp, and three men and women from Nargwe IDP camp respectively. —Pauktaw IPRD/GNLM

## Prices list of medicines commonly used against COVID-19 till 5-10-2021

| No                | Product Name                              | Pack Size      | Price in Kyats (Retail) | Company Name   |
|-------------------|---|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Antibiotics       |   |                |                         |                |
| 1                 | Injection - Levofloxacin 500 mg           | 1x1            | 3,000                   | Yadanar        |
| 2                 | Injection - Ceftriazone 1G                | 1's            | 700                     | KCL            |
| 3                 | Injection - Cefoperazone and Sulbactam 1G | Vial           | 4,900                   | Ready Medicine |
| 4                 | Injection - Cefoperazone and Sulbactam 2G | Vial           | 9300                    | Ready Medicine |
| 5                 | Injection - Meropenam                     | 1g/Vial        | 10,000                  | AA Medical     |
| Anti-inflammatory |   |                |                         |                |
| 6                 | PO Dexamethasone                          | Box of 10x10's | 1,450                   | JDS            |
| 7                 | PO Prednisolone                           | Box of 10x10   | 2,000                   | Aorta          |
| 8                 | Injection- Dexamethasone                  | Vial           | 160                     | Aorta          |
| Antiviral         |   |                |                         |                |
| 9                 | PO Favipiravir 400 mg                     | 2X10 Tablet    | 50,000                  | AA Medical     |
| 10                | Injection - Remdesivir                    | Vial           | 70,000                  | GHI            |

PLEASE visit the Website ([www.mccpmd.org](http://www.mccpmd.org)) and Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/323302521392189/posts/1720802588308835/?d=n> to know the prices of other medicines.

## IDPs in MraukU receive 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of Sinopharm COVID vaccines

HEALTHCARE officials gave the second dose of Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccines to people aged 18 and above who are taking shelters in the IDPs camps in MraukU, MraukU District, Rakhine State yesterday.

Officials conducted the vaccination programme at designated places in the township including Myothit Monastery Temporary IDP Camp and Shitthaung Monastery Temporary IDP Camp.

During the vaccination, healthcare workers and officials made records for the vaccinated people.

Next health officials meas-

ured the body temperature, blood pressure and monitoring oxygen level before the vaccination.

Vaccines were given systematically to the local people, and only those with normal health conditions are vaccinated, officials said.

After resting for about 30 minutes after being vaccinated, people were allowed to leave.

As of yesterday morning, 238 people over the age of 18 from two IDP camps in MraukU township have been vaccinated against Sinopharm for the second time, officials said. — Khin Maung Htun (IPRD)/GNLM



Inoculation drive in progress.

**1,526 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 5 October, total figure rises to 471,308**

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 471,308 after 1,526 new cases were reported on 5 October 2021 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, 425,447 have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll reached 17,957 after 36 died.

# Carefully preserve own literature and culture of ethnic nationals

THE Republic of the Union of Myanmar, formed with 14 regions and states in addition to Nay Pyi Taw Territory, is home to 135 ethnic nationals.

Most of the ethnic nationals possess their own literature and culture, including languages showed as their high living standards. These kinds of literature and culture are based on geographical conditions of respective regions and states where the ethnic nationals reside.

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the students in respective ethnic literature. Only when the ethnic national students learn the respective language and literature, will they have the capacity to boom their culture and traditions.

All the citizens of the nation themselves must preserve the national characteristics for ensuring long term existence. Likewise, ethnic nationals should preserve their respective languages and literature for further improvement to be handed to the new generations with the support of the local authorities and the Union government.

They also need to flourish their own literature and languages through the best ways and means for enabling the new generations to have easy learning opportunities to receive local and global recognition. It is because the own language and literature contribute much to uplifting the prestige and integrity of respective ethnic nationals.

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# Supply chain woes slowing global recovery

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POWER outages in China, chaos in Britain's petrol stations, factory closures in Germany – supply chain problems around the world are threatening to gnarl up a global recovery as countries try to re-emerge from pandemic-induced recessions.

This week saw a number of examples of the supply chain issues currently dogging economic activity across the globe – China ran out of coal for its power stations; the United Kingdom (UK) had insufficient lorry drivers to transport petrol to the fuel pumps; and gas prices are soaring all across Europe as demand outstrips supply.

“The risk is that even though the economies are reopening, growth slows down because we cannot produce the things people demand,” said Niclas Poitiers, a researcher at the Bruegel institute in Brussels.

The difficulties are already being seen in the economic data: China's manufacturing activity shrank in September for the first



A Toyota dealership is seen in Annapolis, Maryland on 27 May 2021, as many car dealerships across the country are running low on new vehicles as a computer chip shortage has caused production at many vehicle manufacturers to nearly stop. PHOTO: AFP

time since the beginning of the year.

In France, manufacturing activity fell to its lowest level since the start of 2021. And in Japan, industrial output declined in August for the second month in a row.

Companies are finding it difficult to get their hands on the raw materials and components

they need to keep production lines running.

### Chip Shortages

The auto industry, for example, is suffering from a severe shortage of semiconductors – the electronic chips without which their models – both conventionally and electrically powered – cannot

function.

Japanese giant Toyota slashed its production forecasts last month, and Stellantis said it would have to halt production at the German plant of its Opel subsidiary until the beginning of next year.

The industry is set to lose US\$210 billion in revenues this

year, twice as much as anticipated at the start of the year, according to consultancy Alix Partners.

The textiles industry has similarly found itself exposed – Swedish giant H&M complained of “disruption and delays in product supplies” in September.

Furniture maker IKEA announced it would be unable to offer some of its mainstay products because of a shortage of transportation staff and high raw material prices.

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But he said the supply chain problems would likely prove to be just “a delay in the recovery. I don't expect it to be a negative shock big enough to have a double dip recession”.

Poitiers at Bruegel also believed that “many of these problems are gonna be resolved over the medium term”.

But US Federal Reserve chief Jerome Powell warned that bottlenecks and hiring difficulties could “prove to be greater and more enduring than anticipated”.

For the time being, however, it will be the coronavirus that will continue to call the shots, experts say.

“In the UK and Europe, we are talking as if the pandemic is over,” said Frances Coppola, author of the financial blog, Coppola Comment.

“Global trade can't return to normal while we still have countries where people are dying of COVID,” he wrote.

### No Double-Dip Recession

“Interconnectedness of the global container industry is such that it is difficult for that industry to adjust rapidly enough to such big supply shocks,” said Jacob Kirkegaard, of the Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE) in Washington.

SOURCE: AFP

# Art sales rebound to record \$2.7 billion after Covid-19 slump

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CONTEMPORARY art auctions rebounded to an all-time high of \$2.7 billion over the last year, boosted by online sales and the arrival of digital art in the form of “NFTs”, according to the annual report by Artprice released on Monday.

Having seen sales collapse by a third in the previous year because of the initial crisis caused by the pandemic, sales soared between June 2020 and June 2021 as auctioneers quickly adopted a more online approach.

“Photography and prints have been particularly successful in this new online environment and in 2021, we have seen the sensational arrival of completely dematerialised artworks, the famous NFTs,” said Artprice CEO Thierry Ehrmann in a foreword to the report.

### ADVERTISING

NFTs, or “non-fungible tokens”, allow people to buy the rights to online art, including images, animation

or even tweets.

In March, US artist Beeple sold an NFT of his digital artwork “Everydays: The First 5,000 Days” for \$69.3 million to an Indian blockchain entrepreneur – the third-highest price ever achieved by a living artist.

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NFTs accounted for a third of online sales, and 2 per cent of the overall art market.

Street artist Banksy got in on the game shortly after, selling an NFT of his work “Morons”, which featured an auctioneer selling a painting with the inscription: “I can't believe you morons actually buy this shit”.

### It sold for around \$380,000.

But Artprice said another key driver of growth was the emergence of the Asian market, with Hong Kong establishing itself as the contemporary art

world's second city after New York.

China actually beat the United States for auction turnover, taking 40 per cent of sales to America's 32 per cent.

Britain was in third place with 16 per cent.

“In effect, Hong Kong is now playing an accelerator role for the most prominent young Western artists and it is establishing itself as New York's primary competitor,” said Ehrmann.

The highest-selling contemporary artist remains Jean-Michel Basquiat, who died in 1988 but generated \$93.1 million in sales over the past year.

Beeple comes in second thanks to his landmark NFT sale.

But the third place is also surprising: 68-year-old Chinese artist Chen Danqing, who has lived in the US since the 1980s, who was propelled by a \$25.2 million sale in Beijing for his oil painting “Shepherds” in June, a record for Chinese art.

In terms of volume, the most pop-



'In This Case' by Jean-Michel Basquiat on display during a preview of a sale at Christie's on 7 May in New York City. PHOTO: AFP

ular artist is 3D artist Kaws, collected by pop stars including Justin Bieber and Pharrell Williams.

Kaws sold 1,682 works over the year, just ahead of another pop star

favourite, Takashi Murakami, who has frequently worked with Billie Eilish and sold 1,591 lots.

SOURCE: AFP



## Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 5 October 2021)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Weather is a few cloud to partly cloudy over the North and Eastcentral Bay of Bengal and monsoon is weak to moderate over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 6 October 2021:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region, fairly widespread in Sagaing and Mandalay regions and Chin State, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon states and isolated in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Lower Sagaing and Mandalay regions. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4 – 7) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of increase of rain in Taninthayi Region and Kayin and Mon states.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 October 2021:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 October 2021:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 October 2021:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

### EARTHQUAKE NEWS

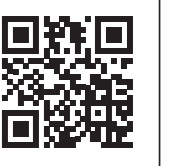
(Issued at 14:35 hour MST)

A slight earthquake of magnitude 4.5 Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about 7 miles east-southeast of Leshi), latitude 25.43°N, longitude 95.07°E, depth 79 kilometres, about 96 miles north-northeast of Tamu seismological observatory was recorded at 14 hr 19 min 50 sec MST on 5 October 2021.

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SOURCE: AFP



# Myanmar maritime trade tops \$19.5 bln as of 24 Sept

THE value of Myanmar's maritime trade over the eleven months (1 October-24 September) of the financial year 2020-2021 sank to US\$19.54 billion, which is a 24 per cent drop compared with the same corresponding period of FY2019-2020.

The figures plunged from \$25.8 billion during the year-ago period, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

While maritime exports were valued at \$8 billion, imports were registered at \$11 billion. Compared to the same period in the 2019-2020 financial year, imports fell by \$4 billion, while exports registered a decrease of \$2 billion. The maritime trade fell by \$6.27 billion as of 24 September as against last year.

Meanwhile, the value of trade through the border this FY was estimated at \$9.69 billion, a decrease of \$832.7 million as against a year-ago period.

Myanmar witnessed a



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slump in exports and imports triggered by the coronavirus pandemic. Both sea trade and border trade dropped amid the coronavirus impacts and the political changes. For mar-

itime trade, disruption in the logistic sector and the impact of COVID-19 on global shipping scaled-down Myanmar's maritime trade somehow.

The country's total external

trade over the past ten months touched a low of \$26.1 billion, which plunged from \$33 billion recorded in a year-ago period.

Myanmar's sea trade generated \$29.24 billion out of an

overall trade value of \$36.3 billion in the last FY2019-2020, the Ministry of Commerce's statistics indicated.

Myanmar exports agricultural products, fishery products, minerals, livestock, forest products, finished industrial goods, and other products, while it imports capital goods, consumer goods, and raw industrial materials.

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Yangon inner terminal and the outer Thilawa Port received over 152 larger ships of above 30,000 DWT (Deadweight tonnage) in the past five months (Feb-June) this year after the draft limit is extended up to 10 meters with the new navigation channel accessing to inner Yangon River.— KK/GNLM

## China gives Myanmar import items in Kyalgaung go-ahead



China has closed down the border posts (Kyinsankyawt, Wanting) from 8 July following the COVID-19 cases in Myanmar.

CHINA will give the green light to the items left to be imported into Myanmar from Kyalgaung, China, according to the Muse-Namkham Border Trade Chamber of Commerce.

Under the instruction of the chairman of Muse District Administration Body and director of the Trade Department, the items stockpiled at the warehouses and posts Kyalgaung, China will be permitted for importation into Myanmar soon, in line with the standard operating procedures.

"The imports and consum-

er goods of Myanmar people in Kyalgaung, which is next to Muse border post, will be permitted to convey in the coming days until October-end. The new city project is likely to be implemented in Kyalgaung. The import items to be delivered weigh about 700 trucks load. Myanmar trucks can be permitted to enter Kyalgaung warehouses under the driver substitution system," U Sai Khin Maung, the executive of the Chamber.

Therefore, the traders and drivers need to prepare for the

importation matters. Only the empty trucks will be allowed to enter Kyalgaung from Muse, according to the notification released by the Chamber on 3 October.

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On 30 March, Man Wein, which is a major border crossing between Muse and Kyalgaung areas, was suspended owing to the COVID-19 cases. On 1 April, Nantaw and Sinphyu border posts were suspended operations. As a result of this, the border trade between Myanmar and China was completely halted.

The closure of the Sino-Myanmar border trade resulted in job loss of about 400,000-600,000 workers engaged in the Muse border post. Furthermore, the short-haul trucks from Muse to China were also affected by this consequence. Additionally, traders from Muse border post were also battered by trade suspension, stopping the tax revenue. — NN/GNLM

## Domestic onion price rises due to demand from Bangladesh

DUE to the higher demand for Myanmar onion from Bangladesh, the domestic onion price has risen in the market, according to Mandalay onion traders.

In the early harvested time in March, the onion price was ranging from K250-K300 per viss. So, the growers had faced the loss. Then, the domestic onion price had hit a lowest of K200 per viss because the onion couldn't be export to China market due to the pandemic.

Bangladesh usually imports onions from India. Now,

India has suspended exports of onions to Bangladesh. So, Bangladesh is importing onions from Myanmar.

Now, the onion price has increased to K500 per viss due to demand from Bangladesh. Currently, there is less stock of onion in the Mandala market. So, the merchants are now selling them at K700 per viss as the retail price.

The onions are primarily grown in Mandalay, Magway and Yangon regions, Nay Pyi Taw and Shan State. — ACM/GNLM



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## Drone delivers COVID-19 vaccines in northeast Indian state

A few doses of COVID-19 vaccines were delivered with the help of a drone in India's north-eastern state of Manipur on Monday, said the country's Minister of Health Mansukh Mandaviya.

The vaccine doses were delivered by the Made-in-India drone to an aerial distance of 15 kilometres in around 15 min-

utes. The actual road distance between the two places is over 26 kilometres.

The minister said that this practice would be regularly carried out in the future, adding that India is home to geographical diversities and drones can be used to deliver essentials to the last mile.

"We can use drones in delivering important life-saving medicines, collecting blood samples. This technology can also be used in critical situations. This technology may prove a game-changer in addressing the challenges in healthcare delivery, particularly health supplies in difficult areas," he said. — Xinhua ■



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PHOTO: EASTMOJO/ANI

## Laos mulls self-isolation for mild COVID-19 infections



People wearing face masks are seen on the street in Vientiane, Laos, 23 March 2020. PHOTO: KAIKEO SAIYASANE/XINHUA

LAO health authorities are considering allowing COVID-19 patients with mild or no symptoms to self-isolate at home instead of being admitted to hospital, as health facilities are reaching capacity, state-run daily Vientiane Times reported on Tuesday.

The recommendation is also being considered for people known to have had close

contact with an infected person, Rattanaxay Phetsouvanh, director-general of the Department of Communicable Disease Control under the Lao health ministry told a media briefing on Monday, adding that even though more temporary hospitals have been set up in many provinces, medical personnel will soon be unable to adequately deal with the grow-

ing number of COVID-19 cases.

The National Taskforce for COVID-19 Prevention and Control, the Ministry of Health and other relevant bodies of Laos are assessing the situation and may advise people with no or mild symptoms in various parts of capital Vientiane to self-isolate, so as to free up hospitals for people in need of treatment, said the official.—Xinhua ■

## Sri Lanka relaxes guideline for foreigners, dual citizens

SRI Lankan authorities said on Monday foreign nationals and dual citizens holding foreign passports will no longer be required to obtain approval from the local Civil Aviation Authority and the Foreign Ministry to arrive in the country following the easing of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sri Lanka's Health Services Director-General Asela Gunawardena said in a new circular

amending the quarantine measures for travelers arriving from overseas during the COVID-19 pandemic that the requirement to obtain approval from these two institutions for foreign nationals and dual citizens to arrive in the country had been canceled with immediate effect.

The guideline come into effect last year when Sri Lanka was facing a rise in COVID-19

cases, making it mandatory for all arrivals to undergo a 14-day quarantine in a government center or paid facility.

Health authorities said as the COVID-19 spread caused by the highly contagious Delta variant was now easing across the nation, several guidelines were now relaxed including opening the country for tourism under strict health rules.—Xinhua ■

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Malaysia reports 8,075 new COVID-19 infections, daily fatalities lowest since July

MALAYSIA reported another 8,075 new COVID-19 infections as of midnight Monday, bringing the national total to 2,285,640, according to the health ministry. Six of the new cases are imported and 8,069 are local transmissions, data released on the ministry's website showed.

Another 76 deaths were reported, dipping to double digits for the first time since July, bringing the death toll to 26,759. As many as 15,456 more patients were released after recovery, bringing the total number of cured and discharged to 2,116,021.

Of the remaining 142,860 active cases, 867 are being held in intensive care and 461 of those are in need of assisted breathing. The country reported 221,812 doses of COVID-19 vaccine administered on Monday alone and some 73.3 per cent of the population have received at least one dose and 63.4 per cent are fully vaccinated.—Xinhua ■

#### Africa's COVID-19 cases near 8.34 million: Africa CDC

THE number of confirmed COVID-19 cases in Africa reached 8,339,857 as of Monday afternoon, the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC) said.

The Africa CDC, the specialized healthcare agency of the African Union (AU), said the death toll from the pandemic across the continent stands at 212,322.

Some 7,681,075 patients across the continent have recovered from the disease so far.

South Africa, Morocco, Tunisia and Ethiopia are among the countries with the most cases in the continent, according to the agency.

In terms of the caseload, southern Africa is the most affected region, followed by the northern and eastern parts of the continent, while central Africa is the least affected region in the continent, according to the Africa CDC. — ANI/Xinhua ■



Police officers spray disinfectant to sanitize an underpass in the Borella area of Colombo, Sri Lanka, 10 May 2020. PHOTO: A.HPUARACHCHI/XINHUA

## Japan to consider when to restart “Go To Travel” tourism campaign

JAPAN'S new tourism minister said Tuesday he will consider when to resume the government's “Go To Travel” subsidy program for the promotion of domestic tourism that has been hit by the coronavirus pandemic, following the full lifting of the COVID-19 state of emergency last week.

“We will consider the situation regarding novel coronavirus infections and consider when to resume the programme,” said Tetsuo Saito. “It is a programme crucial for the recovery of tourist sites and local economies.”

A day after assuming his ministerial post, Saito said he has been instructed by new Prime Minister Fumio Kishida to help the battered tourism sector while maintaining anti-virus measures.

While international travel is still largely limited due to the pandemic, Saito said the government will uphold its goal of attracting 60 million foreign visitors to Japan by 2030.

In July last year, the government launched the Go To



The Go to Travel campaign is a Japanese government subsidy encouraging domestic travel to help boost the economy. People wearing face masks visit Nagoya Castle in Nagoya, central Japan, on 14 December 2020. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Travel campaign to subsidize up to half of travelers' expenses, but the program was suspended nationwide in December due to a resurgence

of coronavirus infections. The overall discount was capped at 20,000 yen (\$180) per person per night and 10,000 yen for a day trip.—Kyodo News ■

## India warns of possible power shortages

INDIA is facing possible energy supply problems in the coming months due to coal shortages and a post-pandemic surge in demand, the power minister said in a report published Tuesday.

His comments come as China and European countries face energy crises that are disrupting global supply chains and sending prices soaring.

“Normally the demand starts coming down in the sec-

ond half of October... when (the weather) starts cooling,” R. K. Singh told the Indian Express in an interview.

“But it's going to be touch and go,” Singh said, calling demand for electricity “tremendous”.

“Demand is not going to go away, it's going to increase —We've added 28.2 million consumers. Most of them are lower-middle class and poor, so

they are buying fans, lights, televisions sets,” he said.

India's coal-fired power stations had on average four days' stock at the end of September, the lowest in years.

More than half the plants are on alert for outages and the government is mulling bringing idled power stations back into operation.

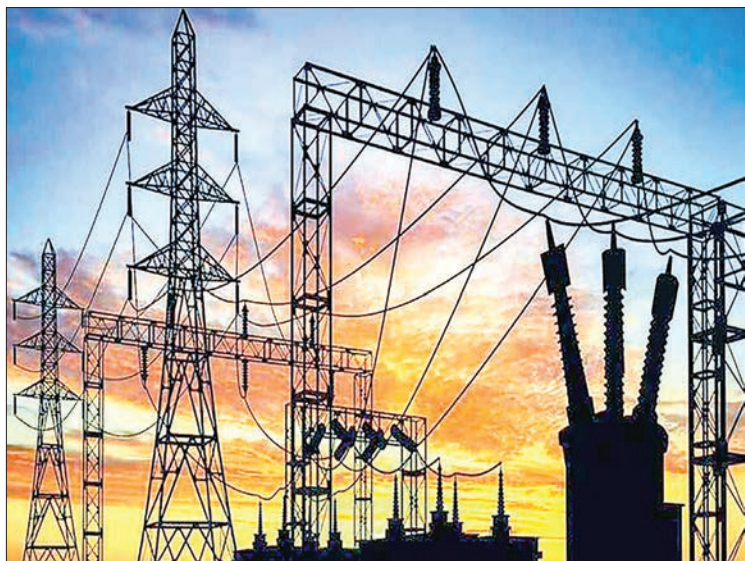
Coal accounts for nearly 70 per cent of India's electricity generation and around three-quarters of the fossil fuel is mined domestically.

State-run giant Coal India, which produces most of the country's supply, has said it is on a “war footing” to ensure adequate deliveries.

On top of a rise in demand as Asia's third-largest economy rebounds following a coronavirus wave, India has been hit by recent monsoon rains that flooded mines and disrupted transport.

This pushed up prices sharply for coal buyers, including power stations.

Buying coal abroad is expensive because international prices have also soared.—AFP ■



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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### China to tighten regulation of algorithms related to internet information services

CHINESE regulators will strengthen the management of algorithms related to internet information services to foster “healthy” and “orderly” development of the industry.

A three-year campaign will seek to put in place a sound management mechanism and supervision system, and a standardized algorithm ecosystem, according to new guidelines issued by nine ministries or departments including the Cyberspace Administration of China.

The guidelines urged enterprises to strengthen their sense of responsibility, and set up responsibility systems for algorithm security and sci-tech ethical review systems.

Legal violations and malpractices related to algorithms will be severely punished, the guidelines stipulated.—Xinhua ■

### IMF urges Algeria to ‘recalibrate’ economy

INTERNATIONAL Monetary Fund experts urged Algeria on Monday to “recalibrate” its oil and gas-dependent economy and implement structural reforms.

“There is urgent need for a recalibration of economic policies to address macroeconomic imbalances while protecting and enhancing support to the most vulnerable,” the team said in a statement after a three-week virtual mission to the North African country.

They said the coronavirus pandemic and the shock it delivered to oil production and prices “seriously impacted the economy last year, leading to a sharp contraction in real GDP of 4.9 per cent in 2020”.

And while crude prices have since bounced back to above pre-pandemic levels, they warned that the health crisis had “further exposed the vulnerabilities of the Algerian economy”, with widening fiscal deficits and dwindling international reserves.—AFP ■

## Post-pandemic experimentation at Paris Fashion Week

PARIS Fashion Week wraps up Tuesday after nine days of innovative experiments that showed how the industry is embracing technology and new approaches for a post-pandemic future.

While many fashion houses stuck to online presentations, the biggest names such as Dior, Balenciaga and Stella McCartney — even Yves Saint Laurent, which had been first to quit live shows when the pandemic hit — got back to the catwalk.

But new twists often reflected the lessons learned during lockdowns, and increasing environmental concerns.

### What is real?

Among the most inventive runway shows in years came from Balenciaga, who fooled their own guests into becoming part of the spectacle. Arriving via a red carpet, they were unaware that the official models were walking among them until a big screen relayed their entrance and highlighted which outfits were part of the show.—AFP ■



Hermes did not go for an ecological vibe, setting their show in an airport hangar outside Paris. **PHOTO: AFP**

# Japan's Kishida to boost TPP, economic security with China in sight

WHILE new Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has pledged to narrow the income gap by revising economic policies pursued by previous administrations, he is likely to uphold their diplomatic stance, building stronger ties with the United States and other countries shar-

ing universal values in the face of China's rise.

Given that he heads a long-running Liberal Democratic Party faction that has put an emphasis on developing ties with China, Kishida is seen as a moderate who seeks to balance relations with Japan's biggest trading part-

ner. But at a time when US President Joe Biden has adopted a hard-line policy toward Beijing, he has little room to maintain such a stance, experts say.

"Relationship with the Biden administration will be important for Mr Kishida, and it will be hard to show his distinc-

tiveness when the public has grown concerned about China's repeated intrusions into Japanese waters around the Senkaku Islands in the East China Sea," said Takashi Terada, a professor of international relations at Doshisha University. —Kyodo News ■



TV screens show Fumio Kishida, leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, being elected as Japan's new prime minister by parliament on 4 October 2021, at the Fukuoka-Honten store of electric appliance chain Yamada Denki Co./ Best Denki Co. in the Tenjin area of Fukuoka, southwestern Japan. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

## China's leading truck brand speeds up new energy transformation

JIEFANG, a truck brand of China's leading automaker FAW Group, will invest over 30 billion yuan (about \$4.64 billion) to develop new energy vehicles (NEVs) during the 14th Five-Year Plan period (2021-2025), the company announced Wednesday.

The company will develop pure electric, hybrid and fuel-cell vehicles over the next five years, and aims to become an industry leader in key and core technologies by 2030, it said, adding that it will gradually boost the market share of its NEVs.

The investment will be used to build new energy innovation bases in nine domestic and overseas locations and an exclusive base for developing fuel-cell vehicles and systems.

Hu Hanjie, chairman of FAW Jiefang Automotive Co Ltd, said the move also aims to contribute to China's goals of peaking carbon dioxide emissions by 2030 and achieving carbon neutrality by 2060.

Founded in 1953 and headquartered in the northeastern province of Jilin, the state-owned FAW Group is known as the cradle of China's auto industry. —Xinhua ■

**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR  
MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY  
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE  
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)  
(2/2020-2021)**

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats.

| Sr No. | Tender No.       | Description                                  | Remarks |
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| (a)    | DMP/L-004(21-22) | Assorted Sizes of Steel Ball Valve (3) Items | Ks      |

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from **23 September 2021** at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the **Technical Specifications with Original Bid Bond and Commercial Quotation in each separate sealed envelopes** on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than **12:00 pm on 25 October 2021**.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time – **25-10-2021, 12:00 pm**  
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(1) Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, No.(1) Mining Enterprise Invites to submit the tender quotation sale open tender in the United State Dollars.

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Group (2) (1)Lot 200 Tonnes each, 5 Lot ||  
Group (3) (1)Lot 500 Tonnes each, 3 Lot ||

Base price of Cathode Copper shall be based on the London Metal Exchange Copper price on the date of tender opening. The highest proposal amount (Premium amount added to the L.M.E price and deduction of transportation and handling expenses ) shall be winning tender.

(2) Tender Closing Date and Time is 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 (13:00) hrs and Opening Tender (15:00)PM.

(3) Tender documents are available from Nay Pyi Taw, Office Building No.(19), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, No.(1) Mining Enterprise, the Procurement Department and details can be asked to +95-(0) 67- 3409162 within the office hours.

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## New PM Kishida, Biden agree to strengthen Japan-US alliance

JAPAN'S new Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said he and US President Joe Biden on Tuesday agreed to strengthen the alliance between their countries and to cooperate to realize a free and open Indo-Pacific region.

Following his first phone talks with a foreign leader since taking office the previous day, Kishida also told reporters Biden reaffirmed the Senkakus, a group of uninhabited islets in the East China Sea, fall under the Japan-US security treaty.

China claims the Senkaku Islands and calls them Diaoyu, often sending coast guard ships nearby despite Japan's protests.

Article 5 of the Japan-US security treaty states Washington will defend territories under Tokyo's administration from armed



Japan's new Prime Minister Fumio Kishida speaks to reporters at his office in Tokyo on 5 October 2021. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

attack.

"(Biden) gave me strong words of commitment to the defense of Japan," Kishida said.

The White House said Biden "noted that he looks forward to strengthening the relationship in the years ahead given the critical role our countries play in advancing our common vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific region, including through the Quad."

The Quad is a group of countries also including Australia and India that are stepping up cooperation to counter China's growing assertiveness.

Kishida, who was elected prime minister in an extraordinary parliamentary session on Monday to replace the unpopular Yoshihide Suga, also agreed with Biden to cooperate on global issues including COVID-19, climate change, and working toward a world without nuclear arms.—Kyodo News ■

## Russian crew set for blast off to film first movie in space

RUSSIA on Tuesday is set to launch an actress and a film director into space in a bid to best the United States to the first movie in orbit.

If successful, the Russian crew will beat a Hollywood project that was announced earlier this year by "Mission Impossible" star Tom Cruise together with NASA and Elon Musk's SpaceX.

Actress Yulia Peresild, 37, and film director Klim Shipenko, 38, are expected to take off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in ex-Soviet Kazakhstan at 0855 GMT.

Led by veteran cosmonaut Anton Shkaplerov, they will travel in a Soyuz MS-19 spaceship for

a 12-day mission at the International Space Station (ISS) to film scenes for "The Challenge".

The movie's plot, which has been mostly kept under wraps along with its budget, was revealed by Russia's space agency Roscosmos to centre around a female surgeon who is dispatched to the ISS to save an astronaut.

Clad in a flight suit, director Shipenko called the film "an experiment" at an online press conference on Monday.

"Some things will work out and some things won't," he conceded.

Shipenko and Peresild are expected to return to Earth on 17 October in a capsule with cosmonaut Oleg Novitsky, who has

been on the ISS for the past six months.

The launch comes at a challenging time for Russia's space industry, which is struggling to secure state funding with the Kremlin prioritizing military spending.

Compared to the Soviet era — when Moscow launched the first satellite Sputnik and sent the first man, Yuri Gagarin, into space — Russia has struggled to innovate.

### Russians 'lost interest' in space

Its space agency is still reliant on Soviet-designed technology and has faced a number of setbacks, including corruption scandals and botched launches.

Russia is also falling behind in the global space race, facing tough competition from the United States and China, with Beijing showing growing ambitions in the industry. Roscosmos was also dealt a blow after SpaceX last year successfully delivered astronauts to the ISS, costing Russia its monopoly for journeys to the orbital station.

But for political analyst Konstantin Kalachev, the space film is a matter of PR and a way to "distract" Russians from the "problems" that Roscosmos is facing.—AFP ■



Director Klim Shipenko (R) said the space movie would be 'an experiment' /GCTC/Russian space agency Roscosmos. PHOTO: AFP

## Hunger plagues Afghans in historic valley

THEY have long survived hand to mouth, but since the Taliban conquered the Bamiyan valley, rural Afghans living in its mountainside caves have been left weak from hunger and fear.

Known as one of the most beautiful regions in Afghanistan, the rugged, central valley is home to several hundred families living in caves that were carved into sandstone cliffs by Buddhist monks in the fifth century. The community is among the poorest in the country and the Taliban takeover in August has only exacerbated their hardship, with international aid cut off, food prices rising and unemployment spiking.

They live a few kilometres from where the valley's famous giant, ancient Buddha statues once stood, before they were dynamited by the Islamist group when they were last in power two decades ago.

Fatima says her cave partially collapsed during heavy rains a year and a half ago, leaving the 55-year-old and three family members crammed into a tiny cavern measuring just six square metres (65 square feet).

"We won't eat tonight. And winter is almost here. We have nothing to keep warm," she says, her face partially covered by a black veil. "We live in misery and misfortune."—AFP ■



The Taliban takeover of Afghanistan has worsened the economic hardship of the community that lives in the mountainside caves of Bamiyan. PHOTO: AFP

## Nobel Literature Prize yet to deliver its diversity promise

AFTER almost a decade of exclusively Western authors, will the Nobel Literature Prize broaden its horizons? The bestowers of the prestigious award have a chance on Thursday to deliver on their diversity pledge.

A #MeToo scandal caused the 2018 prize to be postponed, and there has been recurring criticism over the choice of male and Eurocentric laureates.

And it is two years since the Swedish Academy that awards the prize promised new criteria that would lead to a more global and gender-equal literature prize.

Since then, two women have taken home the honour: Polish novelist Olga Tokarczuk for 2018, and the American poet Louise Glück last year.

But the 2019 winner, Austria's Peter Handke, was a controversial pick. His pro-Serbian positions extended to backing Serbia's former president Slobodan Milosevic, who was on trial for genocide when he died in 2006.

The promise of a more geographic spread has so far gone unfulfilled. The most recent laureate who was neither European nor American was China's Mo Yan, back in 2012.

"Is it time for the Nobel Literature Prize to get woke?", Sweden's leading daily Dagens Nyheter asked this weekend.—AFP ■

## Cardinal on trial as Vatican financial scandal case resumes

THE trial of a once powerful Catholic cardinal and nine others resumes Tuesday at the Vatican over alleged financial fraud and a disastrous London property deal paid for with charity funds.

Cardinal Angelo Becciu, who served as the equivalent of chief of staff for Pope Francis at the time of the deal and was later fired from another post, is being tried alongside high-rolling London-based financiers and other Church employees.

They are accused of crimes including embezzlement, fraud and corruption relating to the Church's loss-making purchase

of a luxury property in London's upscale Chelsea district.

Becciu was at the time number two at the Secretariat of State, the most powerful department in the Vatican's central administration. The case against the 73-year-old, which carries charges of embezzlement, abuse of office and witness tampering, also includes separate allegations over hundreds of thousands of euros of Church funds paid to his brother's charity.

The trial is unprecedented in going before a Vatican tribunal of three lay magistrates rather than a religious court, after

Francis changed the law to strip cardinals and bishops of legal privileges.

Becciu, one of only two defendants who attended a preliminary hearing in July in the temporary courtroom at the Vatican Museums, insists he will prove his innocence "with respect to every charge". The trial, which is expected to last months, follows a two-year probe into how the Secretariat of State managed its vast asset portfolio and, in particular, who knew what about the disastrous 350-million-euro (now \$407-million) London investment.—AFP ■



Cardinal Angelo Becciu was one of only two defendants who attended a preliminary hearing in July in the temporary courtroom at the Vatican Museums. PHOTO: VATICAN MEDIA/AFP

## US hopes to restart Iran talks but cites 'alarming' nuclear progress



This handout photo from 17 April, 2021 by the EU Delegation in Vienna shows delegation members from the parties to the Iran nuclear deal - Germany, France, Britain, China, Russia and Iran - attending a meeting as they try to restore the deal. PHOTO: EU DELEGATION IN VIENNA/AFP

THE United States hopes to restart nuclear talks with Iran soon, a senior US official said Monday, while noting "alarming" progress by Tehran on developing nuclear

capacity. "We're hopeful we can be back in Vienna (for talks) — in a fairly short period of time," the senior administration official, who spoke on condition of anonymity,

told reporters. Iran's foreign ministry spokesman said Monday that the new round of discussions could begin by early November.

Iran's nuclear activity will be at the center of talks between US and Israeli national security teams in Washington on Tuesday and Wednesday. Israeli National Security Advisor Eyal Hultata and his White House counterpart, Jake Sullivan, will join a meeting of the US-Israel Strategic Consultative Group, which groups representatives from both countries' diplomatic, military and intelligence agencies. President Joe Biden — who reversed his predecessor Donald Trump's decision to pull the United States from international negotiations on curbing Iran's nuclear ambitions — is keen to resolve the standoff diplomatically.—AFP ■

## Youth in Iraq protest hub vow to boycott 'rigged' polls

IRAQ will hold early elections Sunday as a concession to a youth-led protest movement, but in Nasiriyah, the city at the heart of the revolt, most young people won't vote.

Ahead of the parliamentary polls, the mood in Nasiriyah and much of Iraq is sombre with little hope the election will bring much-needed change to the war-scarred country.

"Elections in Iraq are rigged," said 21-year-old Anas, echoing a common sentiment among young adults in the impoverished southern city.

"They are corrupted by arms and money, and I can't be made to vote with a gun to my

head."

Anas, who declined to give his full name, is an economics

graduate but, like 40 per cent of Iraqi youths, he is unemployed.—AFP ■



In Nasiriyah, poverty is rampant, there are severe power and water cuts, and investment in infrastructure is sorely lacking. PHOTO: AFP

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Algerians blame Macron 'electioneering' for latest crisis

AS ties with France deteriorate, many in Algeria blame electioneering by President Emmanuel Macron, but analysts say he is also disappointed that his overtures to the former colony failed.

Algeria over the weekend recalled its ambassador from Paris and banned French military planes from its airspace, which France regularly uses to reach its forces battling jihadists in the Sahel region.

That came after a bitter row over visas, followed by media reports that Macron had told descendants of Algeria's war of independence that the North African country was ruled by a "political-military system" that had "totally re-written" its history.

Journalist Ali Bahmane wrote in Algeria's French-language daily El Watan that Macron was "desperately" trying to win April elections.

"To do this, he is taking the foolish risk of getting lost in issues of extreme sensitivity, such as French colonisation in Algeria (in order) to win over part of the right and the extreme right."

Hassen Kacimi, an Algerian expert on migration, told AFP that "politics in France is caught up in election campaigning, Macron included".

"The atmosphere is dominated by far-right discourse" ahead of the April polls, he said.

"Relations between France and Algeria have never left the racist prism of colonist/coloniser which has always treated Algeria with condescension and mistrust."—AFP ■

#### Philippines' Duterte to prepare defence against ICC probe

PHILIPPINES President Rodrigo Duterte has said he will "prepare for my defence" against an International Criminal Court probe into his deadly drug war after he retires from politics.

"I will prepare for my defence in the ICC," Duterte said in a pre-recorded speech released late Monday, in his first public comments on the investigation, having previously insisted he would not cooperate with the court. ICC judges authorised in September a full-blown probe into Duterte's anti-narcotics campaign, which rights groups estimate has killed tens of thousands of people, saying it resembled an illegitimate and systematic attack on civilians.

"Just stick to the facts because there are records of it. I am not threatening you — just don't cheat me on the evidence," Duterte said in the speech, which came two days after he declared he would retire from politics.

Duterte has repeatedly attacked the world's only permanent war crimes court and insisted it has no jurisdiction in the Philippines.

Duterte pulled Manila out of the ICC after it launched a preliminary probe, but the Hague-based court says it has jurisdiction over crimes committed while the Philippines was still a member.—AFP ■

## Postponed SEA Games scheduled to resume in May 2022

THE XXXI SEA Games, postponed amidst the COVID-19 pandemic surge, is scheduled to resume in May 2022, said officials from the SEA Games organizing committee.

Vietnam's Olympic Committee has previously scheduled for the SEA Games to be held in late April but plans to do so in May, taking into account the pandemic conditions.

The Vietnam Olympic

Committee is expected to approve fixtures for the SEA Games later this month, with several other international sports events to be held next year, including the Asian Games.

Vietnam SEA Games Organizing Committee will not change the sports categories to be included in the tourney and will include 40 sports as previously scheduled.

Myanmar plans to compete in 18 sports, most of which are already prepared.

In addition, some Myanmar sports teams are training abroad.

The SEA Games have been held regularly every two years since 1959, and the XXXI SEA Games will be the first postponed event in the competition's history. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

## Italy and Spain open Nations League Final Four with replay of Euro 2020 epic



Giorgio Chiellini's pre-penalty discussion with Jordi Alba was one of the iconic moments of Italy's Euro 2020 triumph. **PHOTO: POOL/AFP**

ITALY and Spain will again face off in a semi-final on Wednesday when they take to the field at the San Siro for the Nations League Final Four opener, a replay of their epic Euro 2020 semi-final.

Spain finished on the losing side back in July's European Championship semi-final as the

Azzurri prevailed on penalties and went on to win the tournament, beginning an unforgettable summer of sport for Italy.

Roberto Mancini's Italy are on a world-record run of 37 matches without defeat and have a squad predictably stuffed full of players who took part in

their run to glory in the Euro final over England at Wembley.

"We'll be facing a great Italy team: they deservedly beat England in the final of the Euro and they've kept their long unbeaten run going," said Spain coach Luis Enrique after announcing his squad on Thursday. "But like our psychologist says, defeat comes to every team. And that means that they're closer to losing, that time is getting nearer." Mancini admitted that "Spain were the team we struggled against most during Euro 2020".

"They are a good team with good players. It will be a good match," he told uefa.com. The only different face from the Euro crowd was supposed to be inform Roma midfielder Lorenzo Pellegrini, who on Sunday scored his sixth goal of the season in all competitions. — AFP ■

## Golf's Asian Tour returns after long Covid hiatus

GOLF'S Asian Tour resumes in November after a lengthy coronavirus hiatus, with four tournaments planned in Thailand and Singapore in the coming months, organizers said Tuesday.

The tour was halted following the Malaysia Open in March last year as Covid-19 prompted lockdowns and international border closures across the region.

The resumption starts on the Thai holiday island of Phuket with the \$1-million Blue Canyon Championship from November 25-28, followed by the Laguna Phuket Championship from December 2-5.

Fully vaccinated travellers can visit Phuket without quarantining.

There will be two more tournaments in Sin-

gapore in January held over consecutive weeks, the tour said, without giving further details.

All tournaments will be played in "bubbles", and players will need to be fully vaccinated to compete.

Resuming the tour has been challenging due to "our reach across many countries and each of their Covid-related protocols," said Asian Tour commissioner and CEO Cho Minn Thant.

"We are confident of being able to complete our season despite several remaining challenges created by the pandemic."

The resumption will allow the tour to complete its Order of Merit and crown a champion. Thai star Jazz Janewattanond won the title in 2019.— AFP ■

## 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.

## Ferguson says Man Utd must pick 'best players' after Ronaldo benched

ALEX Ferguson has added to the growing pressure on Ole Gunnar Solskjaer by criticizing the Manchester United manager's decision to use Cristiano Ronaldo as a substitute against Everton. Solskjaer surprisingly left Ronaldo on the bench for the first 57 minutes of Saturday's damaging 1-1 draw at Old Trafford.

United were leading 1-0 when the Portugal star was introduced, but Andros Townsend equalized to leave Solskjaer's misfiring team with only one win in their past four games in all competitions.

Ronaldo has been in fine form since rejoining United, scoring five times in his first six games, including the late

winner against Villarreal three days before the Everton match.

The 36-year-old looked frustrated, muttering to himself and shaking his head when he walked off the pitch at full-time on Saturday. Solskjaer was already under fire after United's recent struggles left them two points behind Premier League leaders Chelsea. Now his old boss Ferguson has inadvertently increased the scrutiny on the Norwegian.

In a conversation with former UFC champion Khabib Nurmagomedov in the directors' lounge at Old Trafford, United legend Ferguson was filmed saying "you should always start with your best players".—AFP ■