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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.

## State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pays homage to Insein Ywama Sayadaw, offers alms, supplicates propagation of Buddhism



Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pays homage to Insein Ywama Sayadaw on 5 December 2021.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing yesterday morning paid homage to Insein Ywama Sayadaw at Insein Ywama Learning Centre in Insein Township of Yangon Region and offered alms donated by families of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) to members of the Sangha at the monastery.

First, the Senior General paid homage to State Ovadacariya, Ovadacariya of Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees Insein Ywama Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tiloka Bhivamsa.

The Senior General supplicated progress in carving the Maravijaya sitting Buddha image which would be the highest marble Buddha image in the world in line with the advice of

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## State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits former Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services NLD Patron former General U Tin Oo, former General U Khin Nyunt, Sithu Bogale Tint Aung

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by member of the State Administration Council Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, Joint-Secretary of the Council Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union Ministers U Maung Maung Ohn and Dr Thet Khine Win, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and Com-

mander of the Yangon Command Maj-Gen Nyunt Win Swe, visited former Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Patron of the National League for Democracy (NLD) former General U Tin Oo, former General U Khin Nyunt, and Sithu Bogale Tint Aung yesterday morning and asked after their health conditions.

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Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing cordially greets former Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Patron of the National League for Democracy (NLD) former General U Tin Oo.

## Cementing the Union Spirit

EVERYBODY needs to notice a saying that “If one does not know the past, one may commit mistakes again. Likewise if one is too eager to embrace the past, one may lose the road to the future”. The government has decided to further promote the process of cementing the Union Spirit and peace process before the forthcoming Diamond Jubilee Union Day and Independence Day.

*(Excerpt from Message sent by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Chairman of the National Unity and Peacemaking Central Committee Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to mark the Sixth Anniversary of signing the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA on 15 October 2021)*

### State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pays homage to Insein Ywama Sayadaw, offers alms, supplicates propagation of Buddhism

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State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee member Sayadaws and religious and Myanmar traditions, arrangements to carve the stone inscriptions bearing the Tri Pitaka treatises and Atthakatha and Tika treatises for public observation, and plan to publish the Tri Pitaka treatises, Atthakatha

and Tika treatises in Pali and Romanize languages to the international Buddhist academies, learning centres and monasteries free of charge as efforts for flourishing of the Buddhism.

After asking after the health of the Sayadaw, the Senior General supplicated medical checkup and preven-

tive measures for the health conditions, reduction of infection rate to the certain degree thanks to collaborative efforts of the government, health staff, volunteers and people, and plan to complete vaccination for a half of the total population this year.

The Sayadaw expressed his delightedness for devel-

opment of the State and the national and propagation of the Sasana.

The Sayadaw urged the Senior General to further preserve the nationality, language and religion and left necessary measures.

The Senior General presented eight prerequisite alms, cash for nine prerequisites, 100

bags of rice, 100 viss of cooking oil, one bag of salt, supplement nutritious foodstuffs and medicines to the Sayadaw. The Union ministers also offered alms to the Sayadaw.

The Senior General and party took the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw and shared merits gained.—MNA

### State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits former Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services NLD Patron former General U Tin Oo, former General U Khin Nyunt, Sithu Bogale Tint Aung



Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing greets former Prime Minister of SPDC former General U Khin Nyunt.



Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Sithu Bogale Tint Aung at SSC Specialty Hospital in Bahan Township.

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Firstly, the Senior General went to the house of former Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Patron of the NLD former General U Tin Oo on Thanlwin road in Bahan Township and asked after his health condition cordially.

He also introduced the accompanied members of the

Council, Union Ministers and senior military officers to U Tin Oo, and coordinated with respective officials to provide him with necessary health care at Tatmadaw hospitals and provided edible bird nests and food products from the Tatmadaw factory.

Afterward, the Senior General visited former Prime

Minister of the State Peace and Development Council former General U Khin Nyunt at his house in Mayangon Township and asked after his health conditions. The Senior General then introduced him with his entourage and coordinated to meet the healthcare needs for him in a timely manner and to provide him with medical

treatment at military hospitals, and gave edible bird nests and food products from the Tatmadaw factory.

He also explained the political situation in the country and the construction of the Maravijaya Buddha Image at the Buddha Park in Dakkhina-nathiri Township.

Afterward, the Senior Gen-

eral and party visited Sithu Bogale Tint Aung being undergone treatment at the SSC Specialty Hospital in Shwegon-dine, Bahan Township, and asked after his health condition to his family and provided cash assistance, edible bird nests and food products made by military factory.—MNA

# The government is on the path leading to the Union based on democracy and federalism the people chosen and will not derail from the path, says Senior General

PARTICIPATION of these religious groups needs in building the Union based on democracy and federalism, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing yesterday afternoon meeting with Chairman of Interfaith Friendship Organization (Central) at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta of Yangon Command Headquarters and presenting foodstuffs.

The meeting was also attended by SAC member General Maung Maung Kyaw, Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, Mahn Nyein Maung and Daw Aye Nu Sein, Joint Secretary of the council Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union ministers, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Hla Soe, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Nyunt Win Swe, Mayor U Bo Htay, officials, Chairman of the organization (Central) U Sein Than, Vice Chairmen U Hsan Tun from Buddhist Branch, U Zaw Zaw Naing from Hindu Branch, U Moe Zin from Christianity Branch and U Aung Zaw Win from Islam Branch and executives, U Aung Cho as representative from the Chinese temples and officials.

In his speech, the Senior General said he met with the chairman and executives from the organization (central) for knowing the reports of the religious organizations and for attend to the needs at an opportune time while in Yangon and introduced the SAC members and Union ministers to them.

The Senior General continued that they are temporarily serving the State responsibilities depending on the emergence of situation. The government is on the path leading to the Union based on democracy and federalism the people chosen and will not derail from the path. They did not create the situation of po-



Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Chairman and officials of Interfaith Friendship Organization (Central).

litical discharging the duty. The Senior General recounted that he often urged all to hold the free and fair election, to be honesty in the politics and not to commit the revenge before the multiparty democracy general election. The elected representatives from the winning party which participated in the multiparty democracy general election have the chance to select the president and form the government cabinet. As the judges are appointed via the president, the fairness in the general election is of great importance for the State. Voting frauds were found in the 2020 general election. So, they serve the State duty.

Whatever it may be, they have to walk on the path of multiparty democracy selected by the people. Participation of these religious groups needs in building the Union based on democracy and federalism. The national causes must be undertaken through the united strength of all. **Although the democracy may have different attitudes on the political trend,**

**it is necessary to accept the wish of the majority as well as consider the wish of the minority. The government is carrying out the smooth process for convenience in political trend of the State.** In so doing, all participation will be the best. Although the Buddhism is the majority of faith in the country, there remain Hindus, Islam and Christians. They all have been in unison since yore to realize the respective faiths as customs. The Senior General said he always urges all to avoid the religious extremism. As all the people are living in the country for a long time, they all have to harmoniously do anything for the State.

Then, Chairman of the organization (Central) U Sein Than, U Zaw Zaw Naing from Hindu Branch, U Aung Zaw Win from Islam Branch, U Moe Zin from Christian Branch and U Aung Cho as representative from the Chinese temples reported that the organization was reconstituted in September this year under the permis-

sion of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture. They also discussed undertakings of the organizations, contributions to religious festivals and COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities, cooperation measures of the all religions in international relations with showing of good citizens, situation to dutifully serve the assigned duties on religious and social tasks, successful holding the religious festivals in accord with the guidance of the government during the third wave of the pandemic, and a pledge to successfully implement the objectives of the organizations as it is formed to bring safety and respects based on religions to the people in the nation.

The Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture reported on addressing the needs of forming the organization.

Then, the Senior General said the government is striving for restoring the internal peace and all are to cooperate with them to do so. The government spent a large amount of money

on purchase of medicines to carry out prevention, control and treatment of the pandemic. Necessary funds were allowed for minimizing the loss of life of the people. The State Administration Council and officials carried out the prevention, control and treatment activities of COVID-19 in time. The organization as an important drive can participate in the development tasks of the nation. The Senior General urged all citizens to carry out the tasks for development of the State with goodwill. So, religious organizations need to stimulate the people to enhance capacity of the people. The religious organizations need to focus on national cause for serving the interests of the State.

U Zaw Zaw Naing of Hindu Branch, Vice-Chairman of the organization, decorated the Senior General with the Hindu traditional shawl and a garland.

The Senior General then cordially greeted the chairman and members of the organization.—MNA

## 285 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 5 December, total figure rises to 524,407

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 524,407 after 285 new cases were reported on 5 December 2021 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, 500,304 have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll reached 19,141 after 6 died.

COVID-19 vaccine is being injected to those of priority groups in regions and states for prevention and control of the disease. Up to 4-12-2021, a total of 17,610,959 people have been vaccinated. Of them, 12,305,631 people have been vaccinated two times and 5,305,328 people once.—MNA

# 30-Megawatt Thapyaywa solar power plant project completed in Mandalay region



Secretary of State Administration Council Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe delivers speech at launching of 30-megawatt Thapyaywa Solar Power Plant in Thazi Township.

THE 30-megawatt Thapyaywa Solar Power Plant project in Mandalay Region, which was completed by the Ministry of Electricity and Energy, was launched yesterday morning at the project area near Thapyaywa Solar Power Plant in Thazi Township.

The 30-megawatt Thapyaywa Solar Power Plant project was implemented by Clean Power Energy (CPE) Co., Ltd

under the Build Operate Own system.

On the occasion, Secretary of the State Administration Council Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe said as Myanmar is rich in renewable energy sources such as hydropower, solar and wind power, it will make full use of the advantages provided by the nature and build solar power plants. Due to the need for many acres of land

in implementing solar power plants, plans are underway to implement these projects in difficult-to-cultivate areas and in the tropics under the guidance of the State Administration Council Chairman, he said. Plans are also underway to implement floating solar plants and solar projects to be built on other land, he added.

The Thapyaywa Solar Power Plant project is the second

project completed in Myanmar, which will generate more than 200,000 kilowatt-hours electricity per day and 70.599 million kilowatt-hours per year, and the generated electricity will be fed to the national grid through Thapyaywa Main Station.

At present, out of 10.9 million households in the country, about 6.6 million households have been supplied with elec-

tricity by the national grid and 61% of the total households have been supplied with electricity. The government is planning to provide 100% electricity to the whole country by 2030, he added.

The Secretary of the State Administration Council and party inspected the state of solar power generation and transmission to the national grid.—MNA

## MR extends running of passenger and cargo trains

MYANMA Railways (MR) runs the rail services as usual according to the health rules of the Ministry of Health and Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

The MR extended the regular routes starting the reopening of departmental offices and factories/industries after the third wave of COVID-19 to facilitate the transport system and logistics sector.

It operated 50 trains — two express trains and two mail trains on Yangon-Mandalay railway, two express trains on Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon and Yangon-Mawlamyine routes, two mail trains on Yangon-Pyay and Thazi-Shwenyang routes, two passenger and cargo trains on Yangon-Bago, Thazi-Myingyan, Bagan-Mandalay, Pyinmana-Taungdwingyi,

Mawlamyine-Ye and Patheingyi-Kyangin routes, two RBE trains on Insein-Okkan and Pakokku-Kyunchaung routes and 22 RBEs for Yangon circular as of 4 December.

Moreover, it also operates mail train service for a round trip of Mandalay-PyinOoLwin-Gokteik route such as from Mandalay to PyinOoLwin every Monday, from PyinOoLwin to Gokteik, and from Gokteik to PyinOoLwin every Tuesday and from PyinOoLwin to Mandalay every Wednesday.

MR currently runs the passenger trains and cargo trains, and will extend the train routes depending on the increasing numbers of passengers and cargos.—MNA



Passengers take a seat aboard carriage of train being run by Myanmar Railways as usual.

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# Union Minister for Labour inspects skill tests of garment workers

UNION Minister for Labour U Myint Kyaing together with Deputy Ministers visited the Assessment Centre of Maple Win Naypyitaw Co., Ltd in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw to assess the skills of garment workers conducted by National Skill Standard Authority (NSSA) yesterday.

During the visit, the factory officials reported on the establishment of factory, procedures and skill tests and the Union Minister inspected the necessary things.

Then, he inspected the sewing machine skill tests of 50 garment workers.

The Union Minister and party also went to the Assessment Centre of Lat War Co., Ltd in Yeni.

Factory officials clarified the factory operations and skill test processes.

The Union Minister then checked the sewing machine operation skill tests of 50 Chindwin Tagun garment factory workers.—MNA



Female workers participate in skill contest of garment factory in Dekkhinathiri Township.

# MoH Union minister inspects 500-bed specialty hospital, North Okkalapa General Hospital



Union Minister Dr Thet Khine Win meets officials of General Specialty Hospital (500-bed) in Yangon.

UNION Minister for Health Professor Dr Thet Khine Win inspected the General Specialty Hospital (500-bed) in

Yangon yesterday afternoon. During the inspection, the Union Minister cordially met with the medical super-

intendent, medical specialists, doctors and nurses and urged them to make effort to provide healthcare services

to the people. Although some hospitals are able to provide treatment, the treatment is still weak while some township hospitals provide surgery, childbirth and treatment by only one doctor, in addition to public health services, he said.

He said arrangements will be made to send specialists to India under various disciplines as liver and kidney transplant scholars under the national programme.

He urged them to make effort to resume liver and kidney transplants as soon as possible.

In the evening, the Union Minister and party arrived at the North Okkalapa General Hospital and inspected the intensive care unit designed to treat critically ill patients with COVID-19, wards, emergency and outpatient departments

and the radiology department. After coordinating as necessities during the inspection, the Union Minister met with the medical superintendent, specialists, doctors and nurses.

The North Okkalapa General Hospital is admitting the largest number of patients among the central level hospitals, with a total number of about 500 inpatients.

As the hospital is a teaching hospital, academic activities will be resumed for the final year of Part (B), regular and follow-up classes, he said. The doctors, nurses and technicians wishing to return to work are being welcomed and it would be very beneficial for the people if health workers who were away from the workplace return to their respective workplaces, he said.—MNA

# COVID-19 positive patients, patients to be monitored admitted to COVID-19 centres

COVID-19 positive patients and those required to be monitored are systematically admitted to military hospitals, military training depots, transit centres in respective military commands and are being provided with healthcare.

In addition, officials from

the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with relevant departments, charitable organizations and responsible citizens, are opening quarantine centres in respective townships.

As of 7 pm last night, the Nay Pyi Taw Transit Centre

received a total of 16 people (8 men and 8 women) who need to be monitored.

Local medical teams and officials in respective military commands are assisting with the accommodation, health and medical care of the patients, it is reported.—MNA

**Graduation Parade of 63<sup>rd</sup> intake of the Defence Services Academy to be broadcast live**

THE graduation parade of the 63<sup>rd</sup> intake of the Defence Services Academy will be broadcast live on MWD Channel, MWD Variety Channel and MRTV starting from 7:30 am on 7 December. — MNA

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## State Administration Council Press Release

### Re-invitation to Myanmar citizens who reside in various regions for many reasons

1. Some student youths, State service personnel and citizens, with worries, have evaded to areas of EAOs and foreign countries due to the incitements and intimidation of NLD members, extremist followers, unlawful associations and terrorist groups such as CRPH and NUG, stimulation of CDM, and persons and organizations at home and abroad not wishing to restore peace and stability of the State since Tatmadaw assumed the State responsibilities on 1 February 2021.
2. They are further worried about the dictatorship statement and speeches of unlawful association and terrorist group CRPH and NUG, and some relevant persons. As they face no security guarantee and difficulties in socio-economic life in those areas, they wish to return to their native lands.
3. **The State Administration Council will specifically ease restrictions for service personnel, intellectuals and intelligentsia, and persons from various arenas and citizens who, with worries, absconded from the country except for persons who committed murders, robberies, setting fires, mine explosions and intentional attacks on security troops, those who crowded to attack public service personnel and some people, those who destroyed government and private-owned buildings and those who are highly involved in the CDM activities by providing monetary assistance and other means.**
4. As those who evade their native areas are also citizens, the State Administration Council will arrange their returns from the evaded areas to various parts of Myanmar.
5. As such, the information was released that if those who evaded to various areas, except for persons who committed any kinds of crime, wish to return to their native lands in Myanmar of their own accord due to multiple worries, the citizens abroad can contact nearby ward, village, township and district administration bodies and relevant embassies, military attaché offices and consulates in accord with the easing restrictions under the law.

Information Team  
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## 8<sup>th</sup> ceremony of paying tributes to fallen hero Tatmadawmen held



Attendees to 8th ceremony of paying tributes to fallen hero tatmadawmen release doves for ensuring perpetual peace in Nay Pyi Taw.

A ceremony to pay tributes to fallen Tatmadawmen who sacrificed life for the State in discharging duties of State security, rule of law and existence of sovereignty in successive eras took place at the Memorial to Fallen Heroes (Nay Pyi Taw) in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday.

It was attended by Lt-Gen Than Tun Oo and Lt-Gen Myo Zaw Thein of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Zaw Hein, Chairman of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Executive Committee Lt-Gen Sein Win (Retd) and members, charity associations and Tatmadaw lovers.

They saluted the State flag,

paid tributes to the fallen Tatmadawmen and recited four oaths. Then, they released hot-air balloons and doves for ensuring the perpetual peace. They also laid wreaths for the fallen Tatmadawmen.

Yesterday morning, dawn meals and alms were offered to members of the Sangha at Thadayon Monastery in Pobbathiri Township dedicating to the fallen Tatmadawmen and shared merits gained.

The ceremony was initiated by Yaungni Oo and friends Parahita group as of 2014. The ceremony took place at the Memorial to Fallen Hero in Yangon in previous years, and this year's ceremony started at Memorial to Fallen Hero (Nay Pyi Taw).—

MNA

## Daily imports of anti-COVID-19 equipment 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.

Yesterday, anti-COVID-19 goods were imported by four

companies using 11 vehicles.

A total 30 tonnes of liquid oxygen carried by two bowsers, and 33 tonnes of masks were transported via Chinshwehaw, and Myawady trading posts, officials said.

Two oxygen bowsers were transported to Yangon via Myawady trading posts, officials added.

Officials from the relevant departments are cooperating

to facilitate and expedite the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) including online registration for the import process.

It is reported that the Ministry of Commerce is coordinating with relevant departments, 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

A cargo truck with load of medical equipment is seen at border trade post.



# COVID-19 vaccines delivered to different states, regions

IN collaboration with civil society groups, COVID-19 vaccines are being transported to different states and regions in accordance with the Cold Trail Standards, which are provided by Tatmadaw (Air).

Both Sinopharm and Sinovac vaccines are being transported by Cold Chain Delivery Logistic trucks and by military planes to various regions and states in accordance with the quality control standards, officials said.

Yesterday, 10,600 doses of Sinopharm vaccines were transported to Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, 135,549 Sinopharm vaccines plus 300,000 Sinovac vaccines to Patheingyi, 50,000 Sinopharm vaccines plus 52,500 Sinovac vaccines to Bago, 40,000 Sinopharm vaccines plus 52,500

Sinovac vaccines to Pyaw, 20,000 Sinopharm vaccines to Taunggyi and 90,000 Sinopharm vaccines to Mandalay.

Similarly, 1,080 Sinopharm vaccines and 1,130 Sinovac vaccines went to Haka, 600 Sinopharm vaccines and 2,000 Sinovac vaccines to Tiddim, 120 Sinopharm vaccines and 220 Sinovac vaccines to Tonzang, 200 Sinopharm vaccines and 300 Sinovac vaccines to Falam, 452 Sinopharm vaccines and 687 Sinovac vaccines to Matupi, and 200 Sinopharm vaccines to Mindat by Tatmadaw aircraft.

Authorities from each township have received all the vaccines and they will be distributed to the public as soon as possible in accordance with the target population groups, officials added. —MNA



Cartons of medical supplies are being unloaded from cold chain delivery logistic truck.

## Three innocent civilians injured by homemade mine in Kyimyindine Township



Damaged parts are seen at YBS buses in homemade mine blast in Kyimyindine Township on 5 December.

A homemade mine exploded at the corner of Panbingyi road and upper Kyimyindine road in Makyeetan (South/West) Ward in Kyimyindine Township of Yangon Region yesterday.

It was reported that two males and one female were injured in the blast and four

YBS-89 buses nearby were hit by the parts of mine and windows were destroyed.

The victims were taken to the military hospital for medical services.

The security forces conduct investigation to arrest the terrorists.—MNA

## Security forces disperse protest crowd in Kyimyindine Township

THE security forces dispersed a crowd as the people who do not want unrests reported them that a crowd of people staged an unlawful riot yesterday on Panbingyi Road in Makyeetan (South/West) Ward in Kyimyindine Township of Yangon Region.

A total of 11 protesters—8

males and 3 females—were arrested while two males were injured and one female got serious wounds.

The arrested persons will face legal actions in line with the law and the injured were taken to the nearest military hospitals for proper medical treatments.—MNA

## Stimulant pills seized in Muse, Lashio, Nawnghkio, Tangyan

A combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Narcotic Task Force searched a Mitsubishi OUTLANDER on Muse-Kutkai Road, near the checkpoint at the exit of 105<sup>th</sup>-mile of Mongyu village, Muse Township on 4 December.

The Anti-Narcotic Task Force found 22,000 stimulant tablets on the vehicle.

Similarly, on the same day, a combined team searched a Prado driven by Sai Aik Lu on the Lashio-Muse Road, near Nafa Village, Lashio Township and seized 6,000 stimulant tablets and 14,000 stimulant tablets from a motorcycle driven by Sai Win Latt (a) Aik Phike near Oriental tollgate in Nawnghkio Township.

At 12:30 pm that day, a combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Narcotic Task Force raid Ma Nang Nuam's house in Ward 8, Tangyan and seized 2,000 stimulant tablets.

They are being charged under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, according to the Myanmar Police Force.—GNLM

## Terrorists set fire to YBS bus in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) township

FOUR terrorists shot and set fire to a YBS bus in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township in Yangon Region on 5 December.

Four terrorist men on motorcycles approached the YBS-99 (plate number 9P-1143) together with other YBS buses waiting for their turns at YP gas station on Ayeyawun Road for refueling, threatened the driver, U Maung Maung, 48, by a gun to open the door of the vehicle.

One of the four men fired at the front door and one of them sprayed gasoline on the vehicle and set it on fire.

The fire damaged the dashboard, about one foot of the cover of the back seat and about 6 inches of the plastic seat near the back door of the bus.

Security forces found a Thai Arms 380 empty bullet

and a water bottle in the scene.

It is reported that security forces are working to take ac-

tion against the perpetrators under the law, according to the MPF.—GNLM



A YBS bus damaged in fire set on by terrorists in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township.

# Correctly opt for good or bad deeds reflecting doers

THE government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar conferred Sasana Nuggaha religious titles on laypersons as recognized their contributions to promotion, propagation and purification of the Sasana and existence of the Buddhism for more than 5,000 years of Sasana era.

To be able to flourish the Buddhism, members of the Sangha are obligated to discharge Sasana duties as learning and lecturing Buddhist literature, delivering the preaching of the Lord Buddha and taking meditation. On the other hand, laypersons and all Buddhist people are also responsible for supporting members of the Sangha and those related to the Sasana such as nuns to have easy access to alms, robes, monasteries and medicines as four prerequisites for missionary measures in all arenas.

Myanmar is a Buddhist country. All Buddhists believe the Kamma in Pali which defines deed; action; job; and work. Kamma reflects deed; action; job; and work of someone. If somebody performs good deeds, they will have to enjoy the fruits of their good deeds as reflection. So, the laypersons who contribute to the flourishing of the Buddhism are sure to receive the great reflection from their performances.

In fact, well-wishers do not have the power to hamper their generous wills of making donations. Depending on their options, well-wishers may donate alms to members of the Sangha as well as nuns or monasteries and nunneries or fulfil requirements of some significant venues such as homes for the aged, orphanages, schools, hospitals, needy people and so on.

In the religious affairs, contributions of well-wishers are reliable for flourishing of the Buddhism. As such, the government recognizes their activities by conferring the Sasana Nuggaha titles on those donors.

Fading and flourishing of the Sasana are depending on the nature of mundane world, similar to flying of woodpecker. If the government is keen to uplift the Sasana, the Buddhism is sure to develop. Otherwise, the Sasana is likely to disappear or be down.

As noble and generous persons can grasp the chance to develop the Buddhism and perform missionary tasks, conferring Sasana Nuggaha titles on the generous persons and honouring them are sure to be conformed to the 38 kinds of auspiciousness. All Buddhist people and laypersons should strive for coverage of auspiciousness over the country and the people to be free from various tangible and intangible dangers.

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# COVID-19 laid bare barriers faced by 1 billion people with disabilities

Marking the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, the United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres, said on Friday that those with a disability were among the hardest hit by the pandemic.

“COVID-19 has laid bare the persistent barriers and inequalities faced by the world’s one billion persons with disabilities”, he said.

Now, Mr. Guterres argued, a disability-inclusive pandemic response and recovery should be guided by persons with disabilities themselves.

It should also “forge partnerships, tackle injustice and discrimination, expand access to technology and strengthen institutions to create a more inclusive, accessible, and sustainable post-COVID-19 world.”

### Human Rights

According to the UN, about 80 per cent of persons with disabilities live in developing countries. An estimated 46 per cent of people aged 60 years and over, have disabilities.

One in every five women is likely to experience disability in her life, while for children, that figure is one in ten.



A disabled boy continues his education during the COVID-19 pandemic in Armenia. PHOTO: UNICEF/GRIGORYAN

To respond to the needs of these people, the Secretary-General urged all countries to fully implement the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Governments, he said, should also work to increase accessibility, and dismantle legal, social, economic and other barriers with the active involvement of persons with

disabilities and their representative organizations.

“Realizing the rights, agency, and leadership of persons with disabilities will advance our common future”, he argued. “We need everyone, including persons with disabilities on board, to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.”

Mr. Guterres concluded saying that, around the world, persons with disabilities and their representative organizations are taking action to make good on a key demand: “Nothing about us, without us.”

Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) highlighted how the pandemic had battered those with disabilities.

“As part of our lives moved online, confinement measures have brought to the fore another series of inequalities affecting people with disabilities: the inequalities relating to technology and the digital world”, Audrey Azoulay said.

She noted that, according to the latest Education Monitoring Report (GEM), only 68 per cent of countries have a definition of inclusive education and just 57 per cent mention all the multiple marginalized groups.

For Mr. Azoulay, these are some of the issues that should be discussed at the next UN-backed Global Disability Summit, which Ghana and Norway are co-hosting in February.

### Digital world

In her message, the Director-General of the UN Educational,

Across the world, several events are taking place to mark the day.

### Events

In Dubai, the UN organized an event entitled “Shaping an Inclusive Future for All: Leading with Determination”, at the World Expo there.

Also on Friday, the UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) joined forces to debate the theme “Reducing Inequalities Through Technologies: A Perspective on Disability Inclusive Development”.

The Office of the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General on Disability and Accessibility, in partnership with the Permanent Mission of Chile, is focusing on “Leadership of the new generations: Children and adolescents with disabilities and their voices post COVID-19”, in another virtual event taking place on Friday.

The UN is also marking the day at its offices in Geneva and Bangkok.

SOURCE: UN

# In Numbers: World’s Fastest Vaccination Campaigns

THE COVID-19 global vaccination campaign – the largest in history – began a year ago with Britain launching its drive on 8 December, 2020.

Now half the world’s population has had at least one shot.

But with richer countries now administering third booster doses, many in poorer ones are still waiting for their first jab.

These glaring inequities have come to dog the campaign with the emergence of the Omicron variant, as have controversies over rare side effects and opposition to mandatory vaccines. Here is an overview of the year, based on an AFP vaccine database.

### One In Two

While the United Kingdom (UK) led the way in mass vaccination, Russia and China had already started vaccinations, targeting specific cities and regions.

In the early days of its roll-out, the UK mainly used the AstraZeneca/Oxford jab.

Many other richer countries followed suit in December – the United States (US), Canada and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)

on 14 December; Saudi Arabia and Israel in the days that followed and the European Union (EU) at the end of the month.

They mainly used the US-German mRNA messenger Pfizer-BioNTech jab. One year on, 55 per cent of the world’s population – 4.3 billion people – have received at least one dose. At least 44 per cent, or 3.4 billion, are completely vaccinated, according to an AFP count based on official sources.

In all, 8.1 billion doses have been administered around the world.

The 20 or so vaccines which are available have been developed in a record time after the “novel coronavirus” first emerged in China in late 2019.

Apart from AstraZeneca and Pfizer, the most widely used are those developed by the US giants Johnson & Johnson and Moderna, China’s Sinopharm and Sinovac, and Sputnik V from Russia’s Gamaleya Institute.

### Poor Lag Behind

Although vaccination campaigns were under way in most countries by June 2021, they are going at snail’s pace in most poor-

er countries and in some cases have been suspended altogether because they can’t get doses.

The COVAX mechanism – run by the World Health Organization (WHO), the Gavi alliance and Cepi coalition – was aimed at guaranteeing an equitable access to vaccines. It made its first delivery in late February to Ghana.

But struggling to compete with rich countries which are prepared to pay high prices, COVAX has so far delivered just 591 million doses to 144 countries or territories, far short of its initial objective of two billion doses in 2021.

To date, nine doses have been given per 100 inhabitants in countries classified as low income by the World Bank. The global average is 104 per 100 inhabitants and high-income countries have managed 149. Africa is the least vaccinated continent with 18 doses per 100 inhabitants.

### UAE Leads The Race

39 of the 50 most jabbed countries are rich, with the UAE leading the way.

It has already completely vaccinated nine out of 10 of its people.



A handover ceremony of a batch of China-donated COVID-19 vaccine is held at Noor Khan Air Base near Islamabad, Pakistan, 1 February 2021. PHOTO: XINHUA/LIU TIAN

Close behind are Portugal (87 percent), Singapore (86 percent), Qatar (85 percent), Chile and Malta (84 percent), Cuba (81 percent), South Korea and Cambodia (80 percent). The countries which fired the starting gun on the vaccination campaigns due to their

privileged access to vaccines are now lagging behind.

Britain has jabbed just 68 percent, Israel 67 percent and the US 60 percent.

### Eritrea And N Korea Last

Burundi and the Democratic

Republic of Congo are the least vaccinated countries in the world, having jabbed less than 0.1 percent of their populations.

Eritrea and North Korea are the only two who have not vaccinated at all.

SOURCE: AFP

## Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Sunday 5 December 2021)

**BAY INFERENCE:** According to the observations at (17:30) hrs MST today, the Deep Depression over the Northwest and adjoining Westcentral Bay of Bengal has moved North-Northeast wards and weakened into a Depression over Northwest Bay of Bengal (close to Odisha Coast, India). It is centred at about (530) Nautical miles West-Northwest of Coco-Island, (520) Nautical miles West-Northwest of Pathein (Myanmar), (210) Nautical miles North-Northeast of Vishakhapatnam, (80) Nautical miles East-Northeast of Gopalpur, (20) Nautical miles Southeast of Puri and (40) Nautical miles South-Southwest of Paradip (India). Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the North Bay and a few cloud to partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 6 December 2021:** Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region and Chin State, scattered in Lower Sagaing and Kachin State, isolated in Mandalay, Magway, and Taninthayi regions and Northern Shan, and Rakhine states. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon Region and (Southern and Eastern) Shan, Kayin and Mon states and generally fair in the remaining regions and states.

**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) mph. Wave height will be about (7-9) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions and Kachin, Northern Shan, Chin and Rakhine states.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 December 2021:** Generally fair weather.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 December 2021:** Generally fair weather.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 December 2021:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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# Life Expectancy at Birth and influential factors in Myanmar

By a medic

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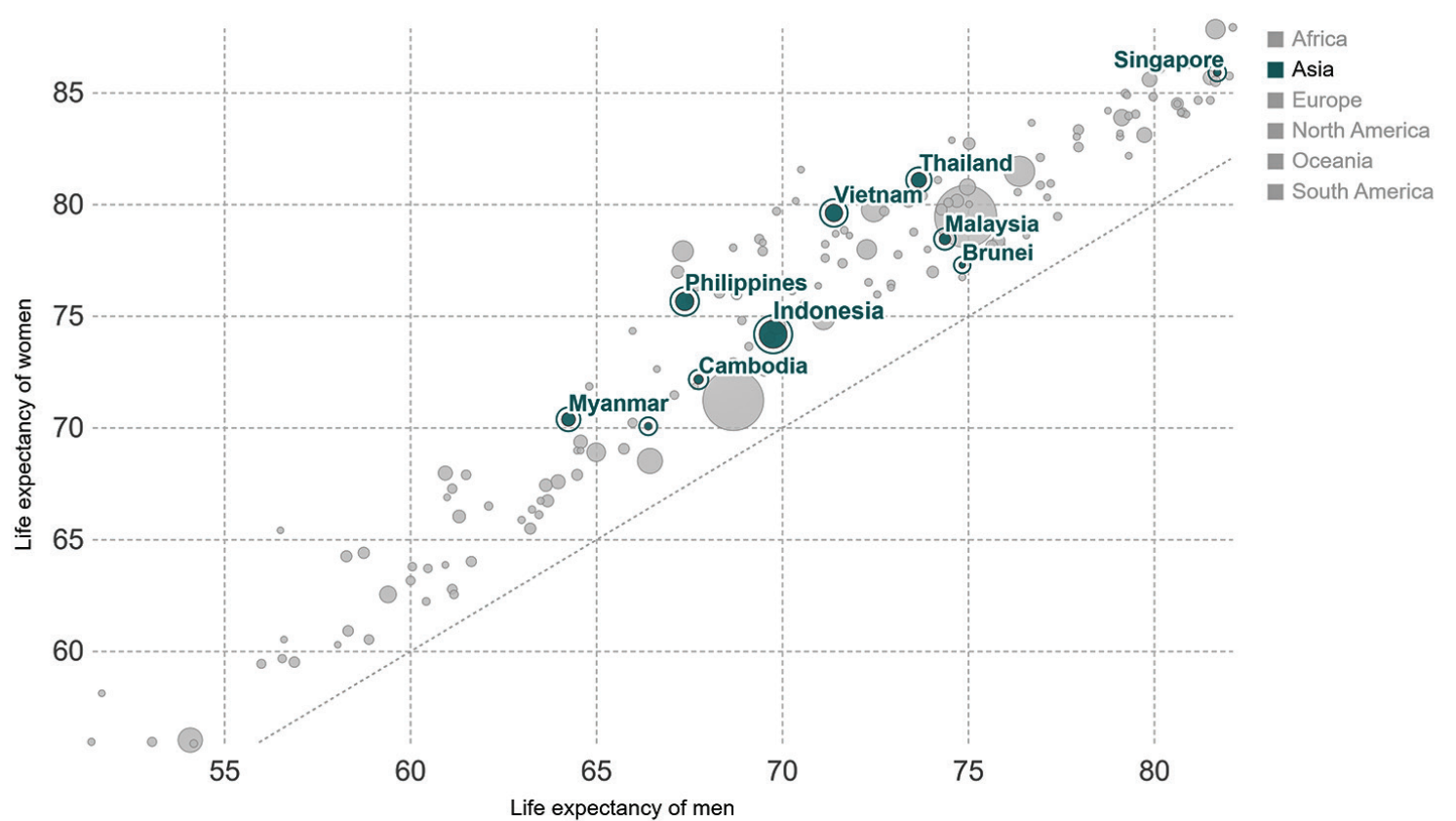
ANOTHER factor that affects the life expectancy is the access to the electricity in the country. In 2017, 69.8 per cent of the population had access to electricity. Although the access to the electricity has no direct affect on the life expectancy, it can improve the quality of life of people and make them live longer.

One of the first steps Myanmar should take to improve the life expectancy is to improve maternal and child health issues. All expectant mothers need to have access to proper Antenatal Care. The skilled health workers also need to deliver the children. Moreover, it is important to get vaccinated from the early age to a certain age. If so, it would reduce the number of under-5 mortality rate and death rate with diseases.

The proper education system is absolutely essential for the children to develop their

## Life expectancy of women vs life expectancy of men, 2020

In countries that lie above the grey line the life expectancy of women is higher than for men.



Source: UN Population Division (2019 Revision)

Note: Shown is the period life expectancy at birth measured in years.

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knowledge and not to occur casualties in armed conflicts. It is also a crucial process to promote the life expectancy. Regarding the education, Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said in his speech on 1 August, "According to the 2014 and 2019 interim censuses, 8.1 per cent of the children over the age of five years have never attended the schools. Moreover, 18.2 million people above 25 years old have completed the middle education and lower than that level. That amount is only one-third population of the country. That shows that we have to strive for uplifting the education qualification of the country and people. There-

fore, we are carrying out it as a national duty."

Moreover, the Prime Minister talked about the healthcare system, "The major thing is health. If we are in good health, we can work and learn. There is nothing more important than the health of our people."

To extend the life expectancy, the State must have a good healthcare system, and everyone needs to be able to take care of their own lives.

In order to do that, the people should have scientific health knowledge and practise it. Here, lifestyle and exercise play an important role. Exercise is not just about going to the gym, it is also about taking a regular 30-minute walk a day

to get the significant long-term health benefits.

In addition, it is necessary to have a daily healthy diet. Regarding this, on 1 November 2021, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said, "As rice is the primary food, we get more nutrients from rice. However, because we eat mainly to have full stomach, sometimes the body does not get enough nutrients. So I find that if we reduce our rice intake a little bit and get enough of the other meat, fish, and vegetables, we will be doing a lot of good for our health," highlighting the need for a healthy lifestyle in Myanmar.

A healthy lifestyle is about getting enough of the nutrients your body needs each day, avoiding excessive sugar, salt and oil. This does not mean that you have to eat only expensive imported food. It should be noted that a balanced diet of fresh meat, poultry, fish, vegetables and fruits that are cultivated in the country is not only rich in nutrients and saves foreign currency, but also contributes to the socio-economic development of the people in the region. For example, tissue bananas, which are now grown in some

areas, are a nutritious crop that can increase farmers' incomes.

Moreover, smoking, alcohol and drug use also shorten life expectancy. In 2017, the death rate from smoking in Myanmar was 175 per 100,000 people. Alcohol-related deaths were 27 per 100,000 people and drug-related deaths were 0.7 per 100,000.

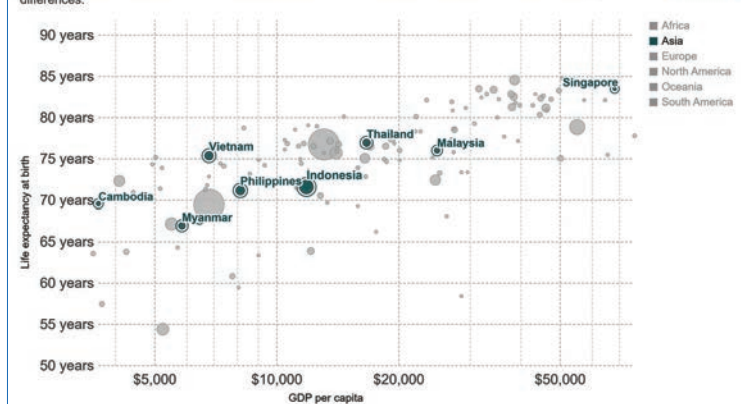
The recent rise in drug use among the youth has affected on the country's life expectancy as well as the criminal rate. Therefore, every citizen should not smoke or drink alcohol or use drug which can affect not only their health but also their socio-economic life. These are also important factors for each citizen to live up to or exceed

the expected life expectancy.

In conclusion, the life expectancy of the nations throughout the world varies from country to country. In a nutshell, countries with developed economy and education tend to have a better life expectancy. Only when a country has less internal conflict can its economy grow, improve its social life and extend its life expectancy. The Government is working hard to make progress in internal peace, for the economic, social and health development. As a whole, if the individual adheres to the principles of nutrition and balance, the life expectancy of every person in Myanmar will increase rapidly. ■

## Life expectancy vs. GDP per capita, 2018

GDP per capita is measured in 2011 international dollars, which corrects for inflation and cross-country price differences.



Source: Clio-Infra & UN Population Division, Maddison Project Database 2020 (Bolt and van Zanden (2020))  
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## Earning from export of Myanmar aquaculture products exceeds \$128 mln as of 19 November

THE value of Myanmar's seafood exports as of 19 November in the current mini-budget period (Oct 2021-March 2022) was estimated at over US\$128 million, which increased slightly from \$120.6 million in the corresponding period of last financial year 2020-2021, the Ministry of Commerce's data indicated.

In order to fulfill the needs of the stakeholders included in the supply chain for the sustainable livestock, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation holds a monthly meeting as well.

Myanmar produced 6,018 metric tons of fisheries in the 2019-2020 Financial Year, with over 4,800 MT of wild-caught fish and over 1,100 MT of farmed fish.

The ministry is focusing on boosting production, exploring new markets, increasing export items, enhancing the livelihood of local people, providing financial assistance to the breeders, promoting the fish consumption of the people and tackling the challenges together with all the stakeholders.

Moreover, the Myanmar Fisheries Federation (MFF) is



Photo shows frozen fish at cold storage work place as preparation for exportation.

attempting to grow fishery export regardless of the COVID-19 disruption on maritime trade, closure of border gates and fuel oil price instability.

The high input cost such as fishing net, oil price posed another burden for the industry, coupled with the devaluation of Kyat in the forex market, Mawlamyine Commodity Centre stated.

The marketable fish prod-

ucts, especially fish, shrimp, eel and crab from Taninthayi and Ayeyawady regions and Rakhine State are primarily exported to foreign markets.

Myanmar normally exports fisheries products, such as fish, prawns, and crabs, to markets of 40 countries, including China, Saudi Arabia, the US, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, and countries in the European Union. Chi-

nese market constitutes about 65 per cent of Myanmar's fishery exports, which accounting for US\$254 million out of overall fishery export value of over \$850 million in the FY 2019-2020. At the present time, China shut down the border areas in wake of the COVID surge in Myanmar. The federation is turning to Bangladesh market with export potentials at present.

The Myanmar Fisheries Federation stated that only G2G pact can tackle problems faced in the export of farm-raised fish and prawns and ensure smooth freight movement between countries to bolster exports.

To ensure food safety, the foreign market requires suppliers to obtain Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) and Good Aquaculture Practices (GAQP) certificates. The MFF is working with fish farmers, processors, and the Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation to develop the GAQP system.

Processors can screen fishery products for food safety at ISO-accredited laboratories under the Fisheries Department.

There are 480,000 acres of fish and prawn breeding farms across the country and more than 120 cold-storage facilities in Myanmar.

During the last financial year 2020-2021 (Oct-Sept), Myanmar shipped \$784.889 million worth of seafood, the Ministry of Commerce's data showed.—KK/GNLM

## Stock market continues downward trend in November

THE value of shares traded on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) touched a two-month low of K219 million, with 45,446 shares of the six listed companies traded on the equity market, the YSX's monthly report indicated.

In February 2021, K442 million worth of 77,388 shares were traded on the exchange. The figures extended further drops to K110 million worth of 19,816 shares in March 2021. Then, the market slightly raised in April with K280 million worth of 42,964 shares. The stocks maintained in the bull market in May with 78,642 shares worth of K432.448 million as well. In June, 79,296 shares worth of K430.285 million were traded on the exchange. Then, the volume of shares traded in equity market dipped into 36,855 shares in July 2021 and the trading value also slipped to K198 million.

It climbed up in August 2021 compared with those registered in the last two months, with over K300 million worth of 49,191 shares traded on the exchange. It set a record high

in September, with over K825 million worth of 193,353 shares. However, the trading volume plunged into 99,837 shares with estimated value of K561 million in October, the YSX's monthly report showed.

Last month, the shares of six listed companies — First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co. Ltd (TMH), the Ever Flow River Group Public Co., Ltd (EFR) and Amata Holding Public Co., Ltd. (AMATA) — were traded in equity market. The share prices per unit were closed at K8,500 for FMI, K3,150 for MTSH, K8,000 for MCB, K20,500 for FPB, K2,700 for TMH, K2,850 for EFR and K5,000 for AMATA respectively.

The stock markets worldwide have reported their largest declines since the 2008 financial crisis. Similarly, the local equities market was also scared by the COVID-19 crash in the previous months, a market observer points out.

People like to keep emer-

gency savings and purchase the safe heaven asset gold, rather than make investment amid the COVID-19 crisis and current political conditions. Unexpectedly, people turned to stock market when the prices of gold remarkably gained in September. However, the stock market started going down in October, he continued.

Amid the COVID-19 crisis and political changes, Myanmar's securities market has been able to continue operating without stopping trading.

In 2020, the value of stocks traded on the exchange reached a peak of K1.48 billion in February, whereas trading on the exchange registered an all-time low of K552.9 million in November due to the COVID-19 resurgence in Myanmar, the exchange's monthly report showed.

A total of K12.6 billion worth of 1.87 million shares by six listed companies were traded on the exchange in 2020, a significant drop compared to 2019. Over 2.4 million shares from five listed companies, valued K13.39 billion, were traded on the exchange in

2019, according to the annual report released by the exchange.

Next, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Myanmar (SECM) has allowed foreigners to invest in the local equity market from 20 March 2020.

Furthermore, YSX launched pre-listing board (PLB) on 28 September 2020 in order to provide unlisted public companies with fund-raising opportunities and build a bridge toward listing on YSX.

The YSX was launched four

years ago to improve the private business sector. It disseminates rules and regulations regarding the stock exchange and knowledge of share trading through stock investment seminars. The stock exchange has also sought the government's support to get more public companies to participate in the stock market and help more institutional investors, such as financing companies, investment banks, and insurance companies, to emerge.—KK/GNLM



Photo shows building of Yangon Stock Exchange in Yangon Region.

# Japan cautiously enters year-end party season amid Omicron concerns

JAPAN is entering its end-of-year party season with most COVID-19 restrictions lifted based on low numbers of cases, but concerns about the emergence of the Omicron coronavirus variant are likely to keep the festive mood restrained once again.

Rising material costs, sparked by high crude oil prices, and a change in people's attitudes toward after-work drinking and dining with colleagues has put an additional burden on restaurant and bar operators in Japan, which otherwise would be welcoming their busiest time of the year.

In Tokyo's Shimbashi busi-

ness district, some restaurants and bars are seeing customers gradually returning but voice concerns about the recent arrival of the new variant in Japan.

Omicron has put Japan and other countries on high alert due to the variant's large number of mutations, which may make it highly transmissible and pose an increased risk of reinfection.

"I wonder how long this situation will continue. I hope infections will subside without another spike," said Takiko Terada, manager of the Shimbashi outlet of Masukame, a Japanese-style "izakaya" pub chain. Terada, 64, said sales at the restaurant have returned to 70 to 80 percent of

pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels.

Mihoko Hiramatsu, 76, owner of Hanamizuki, another izakaya in the area that has seen the return of regular customers, said that while material costs usually rise in the year-end period, she feels there has been "a tremendous rise in the price of vegetables and fish" this year.

With concerns about a potential sixth wave of infections remaining strong, 70.4 percent of 8,174 firms that responded to a survey said they would not hold end-of-year or New Year parties regardless of whether a state of emergency or other COVID-19 measures are in place. — Kyodo ■



People walk along a street filled with restaurants and bars in Tokyo's Shimbashi area on 3 December 2021. **PHOTO: KYODO**

## Nepal unveils plan to regulate Internet of Things, machine to machine communication



The Nepali authorities have come up with a plan to regulate Internet of Things (IoT) and machine to machine (M2M) communication by prioritizing data security. **PHOTO: DNAINDIA/ASIAN NEWS INTERNATIONAL**

THE Nepali authorities have come up with a plan to regulate Internet of Things (IoT) and machine to machine (M2M) communication by prioritizing data security.

The draft regulatory framework unveiled by the Nepal Telecommunications Authority (NTA) on Friday covers the issuance of licenses to IoT and M2M

service providers, spectrum distribution and data security.

The move came after the agency in late November permitted Nepal Telecom, a leading telecommunications service provider in the country, to conduct 5G network trials, a new technology which enables IoT and M2M services.

"We're introducing the reg-

ulation to promote a responsible use of IoT and M2M services," Pradip Poudel, deputy director of NTA's regulation department, told Xinhua on Saturday. "These technologies are in an early stage globally and proper regulation would help avoid various risks."

In order to ensure data security, the NTA has proposed that IoT service providers must host all servers and store all data within the territory of Nepal.

Under the proposed regulation, an IoT service provider will be responsible for data breach and should report to the NTA within five work days if it occurs. "It should comply with all the laws, regulations and requirements issued by NTA concerning data management, including the security, privacy and protection of IoT user's data," states the proposed regulation. — Xinhua ■

## Lira tumble hits hard Turkey's key construction sector

TURKEY'S construction sector has been the backbone of the country's growth for the past two decades, but the sharp decline of the Turkish Lira has hit the sector hard amid soaring costs, industry professionals said.

The sector, which accounts for about six percent of the overall gross domestic product (GDP) and employs nearly 2

million people, was recovering from a currency crisis in 2018 before the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic dragged it back into the troubled waters in late summer when the Turkish lira accentuated its decline against the US dollar. The lira has fallen as much as 45 percent in value against the greenback since the start of the year, with the losses

concentrated in the last three months as the central bank gave consecutive interest rate cuts. "We are in dire straits. The prices of building properties and imported raw materials have skyrocketed in the past few months because of the devaluation of the lira," Engin Atay, a contractor based in the capital Ankara, told Xinhua. — Xinhua ■

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### China's electronic information manufacturing industry sees rapid profit growth

CHINA'S electronic information manufacturing industry registered strong growth in revenue and profit in the first 10 months of the year, data from the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MIIT) showed.

Major enterprises in the sector raked in total profits of 604.9 billion yuan (about 94.9 billion U.S. dollars), surging 34.3 percent year on year, 21.7 percentage points faster than the same period last year, according to the MIIT.

The combined operating revenue of these companies rose 15.1 percent year on year to over 11.07 trillion yuan in the first 10 months, while their added-value climbed 16.5 percent over one year earlier.

In October, the output of smartphones rose 7.4 percent year on year to 110 million units, while that of microcomputers edged up 1.5 percent to top 41.42 million units. — Xinhua ■

#### US gov't could be unable to pay bills as soon as 21 Dec : think tank

THE U.S. federal government could be unable to pay its bills as soon as 21 Dec if Congress fails to raise the debt limit, the Bipartisan Policy Center (BPC), a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, said on Friday.

The BPC projected that the debt limit "X Date" - when the United States will no longer be able to meet its obligations in full and on time - will most likely occur between 21 Dec this year and 28 Jan next year.

"Those who believe the debt limit can safely be pushed to the back of the December legislative pileup are misinformed," said Shai Akabas, BPC director of economic policy. "Congress would be flirting with financial disaster if it leaves for the holiday recess without addressing the debt limit."

The BPC's projection came after the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) said on Tuesday that the US Treasury Department would most likely run out of cash before the end of December if Congress fails to raise the debt limit.

"I cannot overstate how critical it is that Congress address this issue. America must pay its bills on time and in full. If we do not, we will eviscerate our current recovery," US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said Tuesday before the Senate Banking Committee. — AFP ■

# 48% of firms to raise wages even without more tax incentives: survey



People wearing face masks walk in Tokyo's Marunouchi business district on 2 August 2021. PHOTO: KYODO

NEARLY half of Japanese firms will raise wages even without further tax incentives for company pay hikes that the government is planning to introduce next fiscal year, according to a survey by a credit research company.

The survey by Teikoku Databank Ltd. indicates that more managers are prioritizing higher wages to attract and retain workers amid the country's longtime labor shortage and rapidly graying population, although the economic outlook remains uncertain due to the fallout from the coronavirus pandemic.

The ruling Liberal Democratic Party and its

junior partner Komeito are considering expanding an existing tax reduction system to encourage companies to raise wages as part of a tax reform package for fiscal 2022 starting April, under Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's signature policy of correcting wealth disparities by boosting middle-class incomes.

In the survey conducted in mid-November, 802, or 48.6 percent, of the 1,651 companies that responded said they will raise wages regardless of the scale of tax breaks.

Nearly 90 percent of those surveyed were medium-sized companies such as those that have capital of up to 300 million yen (\$2.6 million) or

up to 300 employees.

The figure stood at 53.6 percent among large companies, compared with 47.9 percent among small and medium-sized businesses.

Of the total, 8.5 percent said they would raise wages if tax incentives are expanded, while 22.3 percent said they would consider increasing pay, meaning "79.4 percent of the total were positive" regarding wage hikes, Teikoku Databank said.

Meanwhile, 8.1 percent replied that they were unable to increase wages regardless of the scale of tax breaks and 12.5 percent said they were not sure what they would do. —Kyodo

## 'Metaverse' hype fuels booming digital property market

THE idea of spending millions on non-existent land may sound ludicrous – but feverish predictions of a virtual reality future are pushing investors to bet big on digital real estate.

This week, New York-based company Republic Realm announced it had spent a record-breaking \$4.3 million on digital land

through The Sandbox, one of several "virtual world" websites where people can socialise, play games and even attend concerts.

That came hot on the heels of a \$2.4-million land purchase in late November on a rival platform, Decentraland, by Canadian crypto company Tokens.com. And days before that, Bar-

bados announced plans to open a "metaverse embassy" in Decentraland.

Such websites bill themselves as a prototype of the metaverse, a future internet where online experiences like chatting to a friend would eventually feel face-to-face thanks to virtual reality (VR) headsets. — AFP ■

### THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION ENTERPRISE

Date: December 6, 2021

#### Invitation to Bid for Hybrid Power Plant (Gas Generation and Solar Generation) on Independent Power Producer and Build-Operate-Own Basis

1. Electric Power Generation Enterprise (EPGE) seeks to invite tender for the purchasing electricity from **Hybrid Power Plant (Gas Generation and Ground mounted Solar Generation)** on Independent Power Producer and Build-Operate-Own Basis.
2. The concession period shall be **fifteen (15)** years from commercial operation date (COD).
3. Natural Gas shall be supplied 10 million cubic feet per day from EPGE.
4. Location of Hybrid Power Plant shall be as follow:

Description	Location	Connection Point	Contracted Capacity (MW)	Remark
Package-1	Magway	132kV Magway Substation	100	Gas (Pass Through basis)
Package-2	Myingyan	230 kV Myingyan (Steel Mill) Substation	100	Gas (Pass Through basis)

5. In order to meet the Contracted Capacity, 100 MW, from Hybrid Power Plant, it is necessary to implement the 100 MW Gas Generation Plant and 100 MW Ground Mounted Solar Generation Plant.
6. Land acquisition for Hybrid Power Plant (including transmission line and gas pipe line right of way) shall be arranged by the Bidder at its owned cost.
7. The Tender Form fee for each package is Kyat.300,000/- (Kyat three hundred thousand only) and can be purchased at the following address within office hour from the tender announced date:  
Procurement Department,  
Electric Power Generation Enterprise,  
Building 27, Nay Pyi Taw,  
OR  
Procurement Department (Yangon Branch)  
No.39, Kanner Road, Ahlone Power Plant,  
Ahlone Township, Yangon,
8. The bid submission date is **January 6, 2022 at [14:00] hr.** Myanmar Standard Time.
9. The bidders shall prepare the proposals in accordance with the Tender Document. Bidder's Proposals must be submitted at the following address on time. Any late proposal shall be rejected.
10. The necessary information of this tender can be inquired within office hour.  
Electric Power Generation Enterprise  
Ministry of Electricity and Energy  
Building 27, Nay Pyi Taw  
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
Ph +95 9 989330333

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V AEGEAN EXPRESS VOY.NO. (223N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V AEGEAN EXPRESS VOY.NO. (223N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **6-12-2021** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

**M/S CONTINENTAL SHIPPING LINES**

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Agent For:

**M/S LAND AND SEA INTERMODAL LOGISTICS  
SDN BHD LINE**

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Agent For:

**M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD**

## Stolen Nepali statue returns to its temple after decades in US



Devotees carry the sculpture in a palanquin, in Patan on the outskirts of Kathmandu. PHOTO: AFP/  
PRAKASH MATHEMA

A centuries-old sculpture of two Hindu gods was re-installed at its temple in the Nepali capital Kathmandu on Saturday, nearly 40 years after it was stolen and later emerged in the United States.

The stone statue of the gods Laxmi and Narayan was repatriated to Nepal in March by the Dallas Museum of Art and the FBI after a months-long investigation by Nepali and American activists and officials.

It was taken from the temple in 1984 and appeared on display at the Dallas museum six years later, on loan from a collector.

The work, dating back to between the 12th and 15th centuries, is one of a handful of cultural artefacts returned to Nepal from foreign museums

and collectors this year.

A priest chanted prayers and locals played traditional music as the statue was carried in a palanquin back to the pagoda-style temple, which was draped in marigold garlands to welcome the work.

It was placed back on its original stone plinth, with a replica that locals had been worshipping instead moved to stand alongside.

"We are very happy. Our efforts of three to four years have been fruitful, everyone is celebrating," said Dilendra Raj Shrestha of the Nepal Heritage Recovery Campaign.

Laser sensors and CCTV cameras have now been installed in the temple to protect the statue, he added.— AFP ■

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Russia planning Ukraine offensive with up to 175,000 troops: report

RUSSIA is orchestrating a multi-front offensive involving up to 175,000 troops as soon as next year, The Washington Post reported Friday, as Ukraine warned that a large-scale attack may be planned for next month.

Moscow's plans "involve extensive movement of 100 battalion tactical groups with an estimated 175,000 personnel, along with armor, artillery and equipment," a US administration official told the Post on condition of anonymity. — AFP ■

#### Yemen's Houthi rebels say shoot down US-made spy drone in Marib

YEMEN'S Houthi militia said they shot down a US-made spy drone belonging to the Saudi-led coalition forces in the Yemeni central province of Marib on Saturday, Houthi-run al-Masirah TV reported.

The ScanEagle unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) was shot down by a "suitable weapon," the al-Masirah said, adding it was the seventh ScanEagle UAV to be shot down by the Houthis since the beginning of the year. — Xinhua ■

## French climber pockets Mont Blanc gems after 2013 find

A treasure trove of emeralds, rubies and sapphires buried for decades on a glacier off France's Mont Blanc has finally been shared between the climber who discovered them and local authorities, eight years after they were found.

The mountaineer stumbled across the precious stones in 2013. They had remained hidden in a metal box that was on board an Indian plane that crashed in the desolate landscape some 50 years earlier.

"The stones have been shared this week" in two equal lots valued at around 150,000 euros (\$169,000) each, Chamonix mayor Eric Fournier told AFP.



Three climbers walk at an altitude of 3400 metres on 11 September 2013 near the Dent du Géant (Giant's tooth), in the Mont Blanc massif in France and Italy. PHOTO: OAKLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE/AFP

He said he was "very happy" that events had been brought to a conclusion, in particular for the climber who he praised for his

"integrity" in turning his find in to police as required by law.

Two Air India planes crashed into Mont Blanc in 1950

and in 1966.

Over the years, climbers have routinely found debris, baggage and human remains from the aircraft.

In September 2012, India took possession of a bag of diplomatic mail from the Kangchenjunga, a Boeing 707 flying from Mumbai which crashed on the southwest face of Mont Blanc on January 24, 1966.

The crash killed 117 people including the pioneer of India's nuclear programme, Homi Jehangir Bhabha. Authorities believe the precious stones are likely to have come from that flight which had been en route from Mumbai to New York.— AFP ■

## Indonesia volcano death toll rises to 13

THE death toll from a sudden, spectacular eruption of Indonesia's Mount Semeru has risen to 13, disaster officials said Sunday, as rescuers searched villages blanketed in molten ash for survivors.

The eruption of Java's biggest mountain caught locals by surprise on Saturday, sending thousands fleeing its path of destruction and forcing hundreds of families into makeshift shelters.

It left at least 11 villages of Lumajang district coated in volcanic ash, smothering houses, smothering livestock and leaving at least 900 evacuees seeking cover in mosques, schools and village halls.

Dramatic footage showed

Semeru pumping a mushroom of ash into the sky, looming over screaming residents of a nearby village trying to escape.

"The death toll is now 13 people. Rescuers found more bodies," national disaster mitigation agency (BNPB) spokesman Abdul Muhari told AFP.

As many as 10 trapped people were rescued from the surrounding areas in Lumajang, East Java province, Muhari said.

Local broadcaster Kompas TV reported those rescued were local workers at a sand mining site. At least 57 people were injured in the eruption, of whom 41 suffered burns and were hospitalised, the BNPB said in a press release.

Lava destroyed at least one



The eruption left at least 11 villages coated in volcanic ash, submerging houses and smothering livestock. PHOTO: AFP/ JUNI KRISWANTO

bridge in Lumajang and prevented rescuers from immediately accessing the area and those trapped in shelters.

But emergency service

footage from one village on Sunday showed a desolate scene, with roofs of houses protruding from the coat of mud that had destroyed them.— AFP ■

NEWS  
IN BRIEF

### Pope Francis to visit asylum seekers on Greece's Lesbos island

POPE Francis will on Sunday return to the island of Lesbos, the migration flashpoint he first visited in 2016, to plead for better treatment of refugees as attitudes towards immigrants harden across Europe. On the second day of a landmark trip to Greece Francis will tour the temporary camp of Mavrovouni, where nearly 2,200 asylum seekers currently live. Francis has long championed refugees, whom he called the "protagonists of a terrible modern Odyssey" in a speech to Greek officials and EU vice-president Margaritis Schinas on Saturday. — Xinhua ■

### Dozens held in Pakistan after mob kills Sri Lankan factory boss

UP to 120 people have been arrested in Pakistan after a Sri Lankan factory manager was beaten to death and set ablaze by a mob who accused him of blasphemy, officials said on Saturday.

The vigilante attack has caused outrage, with Prime Minister Imran Khan calling it a "day of shame for Pakistan".

Few issues are as galvanising in Pakistan as blasphemy, and even the slightest suggestion of an insult to Islam can supercharge protests and incite lynchings. — AFP ■

### 'Eternal' chancellor: Germany's Merkel to hand over power



Merkel may wish to spend more time with her husband Joachim Sauer in Hohenwalde in the former East Germany where they have a holiday home. PHOTO: STEFANIE LOOS/ AFP/FILE

SHE was called "the leader of the free world" against authoritarian populists on the march in Europe and the United States, but Angela Merkel is wrapping up a historic 16 years in power with a mixed legacy at home and abroad.

In office so long she was dubbed Germany's "eternal chancellor", Merkel, 67, leaves with her popularity so resilient she would likely have won a record fifth term had she sought it. Instead, Merkel will pass the baton as the first German chancellor to step down entirely by choice, with a whole generation of voters never knowing another person at the top.

Her supporters say she provided steady leadership through countless global crises as a moderate and unifying figure.

Yet critics argue a mud-

dle-through style pegged to the broadest possible consensus lacked the bold vision to prepare Europe and its top economy for the coming decades.

What is certain is that she leaves behind a fractured political landscape, with her own CDU party divided as it struggles to emerge from her long shadow.

Social Democrat Olaf Scholz, who served as her vice chancellor and finance minister, successfully sold himself as the Merkel continuity candidate in the run-up to September's general election and will now succeed her.

With Scholz due to be officially elected by parliament as chancellor on Wednesday, Merkel will fall just days short of beating Helmut Kohl's record as Germany's longest-serving post-war leader.—AFP ■

## Biden-Putin talks set for Tuesday amid Ukraine tension



The White House confirmed that Biden would hold a secure video call with Putin on Tuesday. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin and his US counterpart Joe Biden will hold talks by video conference on Tuesday, the Kremlin and Washington said, as tensions rise over Ukraine.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Saturday the con-

versation would take place in the evening Russia time and the two leaders would determine its duration, according to Russian news agencies.

A statement from the White House also confirmed the talks, saying the leaders would discuss

a range of issues by a secure video link.

"President Biden will underscore US concerns with Russian military activities on the border with Ukraine and reaffirm the United States' support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine," press secretary Jen Psaki said in the statement.

Biden said Friday he would make it "very, very difficult" for Russia to launch any invasion of Ukraine, which had warned that a large-scale attack may be planned for next month. Washington and Kiev say Moscow has massed troops near Ukraine's borders and accuse Russia of planning an invasion. Russia has denied any bellicose intentions and accused the West of provocation, particularly with military exercises in the Black Sea, which it sees as part of its sphere of influence.—AFP ■

## US, West blast Taliban over reported 'summary killings' of ex-security forces

THE United States on Saturday led a group of Western nations and allies in condemnation of the Taliban over the "summary killings" of former members of the Afghan security forces reported by rights groups, demanding quick investigations.

"We are deeply concerned by reports of summary killings and enforced disappearances of former members of the Afghan security forces as documented by Human Rights Watch and

others," read a statement by the United States, the European Union, Australia, Britain, Japan and others, which was released by the State Department.

"We underline that the alleged actions constitute serious human rights abuses and contradict the Taliban's announced amnesty," the group of nations said, as it called on Afghanistan's new rulers to ensure the amnesty is enforced and "upheld across the country and

throughout their ranks."

Early this week Human Rights Watch (HRW) released a report that it says documents the summary execution or enforced disappearance of 47 former members of the Afghan National Security Forces, other military personnel, police and intelligence agents "who had surrendered to or were apprehended by Taliban forces" from mid-August through October.—AFP ■



The Taliban has faced mounting criticism over human right problem in Afghanistan, with the United States and other world powers condemning the hardline Islamist group over reported "summary killings" of former members of the Afghan security forces. A Taliban fighter walks past a beauty salon with images of women defaced using a spray paint in Shar-e-Naw in Kabul on 18 August 2021. PHOTO: WAKIL KOHSAR / AFP

## Myanmar face 0-3 loss to Singapore in Suzuki Cup opener

MYANMAR national men's football team faced a 0-3 defeat to host Singapore national team in the opening match of the ASEAN Football Federation Suzuki Cup yesterday.

Myanmar line-up includes goalkeeper Myo Min Latt, David Htan, Nyein Chan, Zaw Ye Tun, Kyaw Win Moe, Suan Lam Mang, Hein Htet Aung, Hlaing

Bo Bo, Yan Naing Oo, Maung Maung Lwin and Aung Kaung Mann.

Singapore team played better than Myanmar and team Myanmar made many mistakes from the start.

Winning goals for Singapore were scored by Safuwan Baharudin at 30 minute-mark, and Ikhsan Fandi at 37 and 45

minute-marks.

Myanmar team got fewer chances to score and Singapore team maintained the winning result until the end of the match.

The win gives higher confident level to team Singapore. Myanmar will next play against Timor-Leste on 8 December.—GNLM

## Benitez the fall guy for Everton's long malaise



Everton manager Rafael Benitez is under pressure after a 4-1 thrashing by Liverpool. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

IF any Everton manager could ill afford the club's worst home defeat to Liverpool for 39 years, it was Rafael Benitez.

The Spaniard was not accepted by many Toffees supporters from the minute he was appointed in June due to his

previous role as a Champions League-winning manager with Liverpool. A bright start briefly quietened the doubters. Everton sat fifth in the Premier League during the October international break having lost just one of their opening seven games.

They have taken just one point from the seven games since to plummet to 14<sup>th</sup>, just five points clear of the relegation zone ahead of the weekend fixtures.

Benitez heard his name ring around Goodison Park for the first time on Wednesday, but sadly for the 61-year-old it was coming from the small band of Liverpool fans in mocking celebration. The relentless Reds ran out 4-1 winners, a scoreline that only flattered the home side, who were Liverpool's main domestic rivals in the late 1980s.

Everton's owner Farhad Moshiri took to the airwaves on Thursday to insist Benitez will be given more time. But he was not present to face the barrage of abuse directed towards chairman Bill Kenwright in the directors' box at full-time.—AFP ■

## Morikawa eyes No.1 after grabbing World Challenge lead

COLLIN MORIKAWA, seeking a victory to become world number one, fired an eight-under par 64 to seize a five-stroke lead after Saturday's third round of the Hero World Challenge.

The 24-year-old American made six birdies and an eagle chip-in to stand on 18-under 198 after 54 holes in the 20-man invitational hosted by Tiger Woods at the Albany resort in the Bahamas. "I'm playing to my strengths. That's what I have to do," Morikawa said. "Overall I feel good about my game so far.

"I just have to go out and play the way I have been and be ready by hole one. Nothing is going to be a 'gimme' out there."

Reigning British Open champion Morikawa, who got engaged earlier in the week, can



World number two Collin Morikawa seized the lead after Saturday's third round of the Hero World Challenge in the Bahamas. **PHOTO: AFP**

overtake Spain's Jon Rahm to reach the top of the rankings for the first time if he remains on top for another 18 holes.

"You don't get in these spots every week," Morikawa said. "You want to take advantage of

it when you do. That's what I'm going to try and do tomorrow."

Four-time major winner Brooks Koepka, ranked 16th, shot 69 to stand second on 203 and join Morikawa in Sunday's last pairing.—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.

## Haney outboxes Diaz to defend WBC lightweight title

DEVIN HANEY easily retained his WBC lightweight title on Saturday, winning by a unanimous decision over challenger Joseph Diaz in a 12-round clash that showcased one of boxing's deepest divisions. The unbeaten Haney, 23, built up a large lead on points in the early rounds at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas then outboxed Lopez down the stretch to raise his record to 27-0 with 15 KOs.

"I went in there and got the job done," said Haney. "I hit him with some good shots from the beginning but he is a true champion. "I had to bring the dog out and get the win. They said I had no chin but I guess I showed that I do in this fight."

Haney proved to be too fast and too skilled for fellow American Lopez, who constantly moved forward but lacked an effective jab and didn't take advantage during the few moments he had Haney covering up. The 29-year-old Diaz came on strong in the 12th but by then it was too late as Haney had already won the majority of the rounds. Two judges scored it 117-111 and the third had it 116-112 for Haney.—AFP ■



WBC 135-pound champion Devin Haney (right) punches Joseph Diaz in a title fight at MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas. **PHOTO: AFP**