OPINION

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Reprensentative responded to the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights

F ALSE reports and rumours about the coronavirus outbreak have been doing the rounds on social media in Myanmar, fuelling fear and panic among the public.

On Thursday, a house voice message claiming to be the first case of COVID-19 had been confirmed in the country was circulating on social media.

In his statement, he stressed that sustainable peace and sustained development are the foundation of two sides of the same coin that is indispensable part of the path towards democracy and applauded the Council of the Government’s utmost efforts, since taking office in 2016, in an attempt to realize all-around sustainable peace and development in the country despite various constraints.

He stated that Myanmar is the home of multi-ethnicity and multi-orientation, coexisting with one’s own narrative without understanding the unique history and cultural back- ground of all different communities will further create misunderstanding among different communities and the continued friction.

Regarding the national rec- onciliation and peace process, he informed the Council of the progress achieved in the 19th session of the Jugend Implementation Co- ordination Meeting. On the Joint Committee Agreement in 2020 and the 4th Joint Implementation Co- ordination Meeting during the Union Peace Confer- ence-21st Century Panglong, scheduled to be held in the first 4 months of this year.

In the endeavor to achieve sustainable development, he highlighted a number of meas- ures taken by the Government in balancing business development and protection of human rights for responsible investment, including Business and Human Rights Initiative conducted in cooperation with UNDP and pro- motion of responsible business conduct cooperating with OECD and the 2015 Compact for Busi- ness in Myanmar (MCBR). He also underlined the importance of the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the importance of achieving the goals in a professional manner and to strictly adhere to the code of conduct.

He concluded by saying that as Myanmar steps towards another phase in its history for democracy, it is important to caution that non-constructive measures, retaliatory measures, ill-intention are the obstacles that will only lead to discord and mistrust among different com- munities of the country—MNA

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Announcement

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 14th MARCH: 2020
Weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sajag, Tamin- thyi Regions and Karen State and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 3-4 feet and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of isolated rains or thunderstorms in Upper Sajag and Tamin- thyi Regions, Karen, Eastern Shan, Kayin and Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14th March, 2020
Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR VANGONG AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14th March, 2020
Generally fair weather.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Regions.

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The new interest rates, which are aimed at boosting the country’s economy, will be effective from 16 March, 2020 instead of 1 April, 2020.

The Central Bank of Myanmar

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