

“People are the key”

MoHS recommends self-quarantine to migrant returnees from Thailand

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The Union Minister pointed out the increase in global death rate of this disease from 2.1 to 4.2 per cent, and Myanmar is preparing for medical treatments and accumulating medicines and medical equipment.

The ministry will also set up commanding centres in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and border gates, commencing 23 March, equipped with modern technologies and devices for the 24-hour services of healthcare teams.

He advised the use of hand speakers by local health workers and authorities in the remote areas with no access to broadcast media and internet.

The ministry is preparing to issue Covid-19 negative cer-

tificates to staff members of embassies and UN agencies. The rates for both infection and death are increasing in the world, from the United States of America and the European countries to the neighbouring countries of Myanmar, causing alarms to promote awareness campaigns and control measures against the disease. The meeting also discussed updates on the disease, imposing bans on arrival of foreign visitors, restrictions on travels, international trial treatments, field inspections at Myawady border town in Kayin State, purchase of personal protection equipment, accumulation of medicines and medical devices, as well as laboratory tests. —MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe addresses the coordination meeting 30/2020 of the pandemic prevention central committee in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

MoLIP to extend social security scheme for job losers amid Coronavirus threat

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population will extend the social health protection for the labourers who purchased health insurance and lost their jobs amid Covid-19 .

The one-year extension plan was announced by the order number 64/2020 on 20 March.

Many businesses, including the cut-make-packing system factories, in the country were forced to close, suspend and lay off their workers amid the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic.

In accordance with the Article 100 of Social Security Law (2012), the lay-off workers could enjoy health care benefits, including the costs for medicines and travel charges, up to one year beginning the day of unemployment, and the order has taken effect on 20 March. — Khin Yadana *(Translated by Aung Khin)*

Myanmar-India border reopened with thorough medical tests

A border bridge between Rikhawdar of Chin State and Mizoram state of India was recently reopened after it was closed earlier this month.

Authorities from both sides decided closure of the order although there was no confirmed Covid-19 case in Myanmar.

Although the border bridge was reopened, people from both countries are allowed for crossing it with border passes and temporary border passes only they have no symptoms of the viral disease. India is still closing

other cross-border gates with Myanmar, except the route of Rikhawdar bridge. Even the holders of border crossing special permits could not opt for other routes. Officials from Zokhawthar check point are taking records on the visitors with their names, addresses and phone numbers. Health authorities are testing the health conditions of people crossing the border, and a special room has been set up at the Rikhawdar station hospital. —Zo Hay Sar

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Tatmadaw holds press conference on drug seizures, ceasefire, Covid-19

THE Tatmadaw True News Team held a press conference at the Defence Services Museum in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Chairperson of the team Maj-Gen Soe Naing Oo, Vice Chairperson Maj-Gen Tun Tun Nyi, Secretary Brig-Gen Zaw Min Tun and officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) clarified confiscations of arms and ammunitions from 28 February to 16 March near Lwal Kham village in Kutkai Township, about K 315 billion worth of narcotic drugs and related items, peace-making efforts in 2020, and thwarting AA groups in their attempts to control a military post in Rakhine over 40 days.

The press releasing team also said the efforts of Tatmadaw in preventing Covid-19 at respective military commands, donation of medical equipment by the Myanmar Tatmadaw to China, plans for coordination between the Defence Services and the civil health sector, distribution of chloroquine medicines which are supportive to treatment on the Coronavirus disease and sanitation works of Tatmadaw personnel at hospitals and healthcare centres in many areas of the country. — MNA

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Tatmadaw True News Team holds the press conference in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**