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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discusses ADB loan, Executive Order for Union Tax Law, CERP

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw holds second-day meeting of 17th regular session on 16 July. **PHOTO: MNA**

PYIDAUNGSU Hluttaw held its second-day meeting of 17th regular session yesterday.

Officials from Union-level organizations presented the proposed US$180 million loan plan from the Asia Development Bank for implementation of Yangon city water supply project and $171.27 million for electrification programme in rural areas.

Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung explained the President's proposed plan to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Trans-Asian Railway Network. And the motion will be discussed on 22 July.

Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin reported to the Hluttaw on the establishment of diplomatic relations with Nicaragua. And the issue will be discussed on 24 July.

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MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases reached 339 after two new cases were reported on 16 July according to Ministry of Health and Sports. Case No. 338 returned from Thailand and No. 339 had neither contact with any positive patients nor travel history abroad. Out of the **339** confirmed cases, **six** died, **270** have recovered, **253** have been discharged from hospitals and **26** were held under investigation.—MNA

Updated at 8 pm, 16 July 2020

Total Cases	New Cases	Total Death Tally
339	2	6

Recovery Update on 16 July 2020 after two consecutive tests

Total Recovery	New Recovery	Discharged from Hospital
270	4	253

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"People are the key"

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives outgoing Norwegian Ambassador

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat received outgoing Norwegian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Tone Tinnes, who completed her tour of duty in Myanmar, at the guest hall of the Pyithu Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw, at 4 pm yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to the promotion of the relationship and cooperation between Myanmar and Norway, the reform process on peace and democratic affairs, fishing and farming industry, natural resources, energy, environmental management, investment and legislative affairs.—MNA

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Norwegian Ambassador to Myanmar on 16 July. **PHOTO:MNA**

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee discusses second amending bill on the Public Debt Management Law on 16 July. **PHOTO: MNA**

Joint Bill Committee discusses amending bill on Public Debt Management Law

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee held a meeting yesterday to discuss the second amending bill on the Public Debt Management Law sent by the Union Government.

The meeting was attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and Chairman of the Joint Bill Committee and the Joint Public Accounts Committee U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein, Deputy Minister for Planning, Finance and Industry U Maung Maung Win, deputy chairs, secretaries, joint secretaries and members of Joint Bill Committee, secretary and members of Joint Public Accounts Committee and officials from the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry, Union Attorney-General's Office and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw office.—MNA

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

ASEAN-China Transport Ministers' Special Meeting on COVID-19

ASEAN-China Transport Ministers' Special Meeting on COVID-19 was held through video conferencing yesterday.

The meeting was attended by the transport ministers from China and 10 ASEAN member countries, the ASEAN General Secretary and officials from the member countries, Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung, the Permanent Secretary, and officials from Department of Civil Aviation, Department of Marine Administration, Road Transport Administration Department and Myanma Railways.

U Thant Sin Maung and officials join ASEAN-China Transport Ministers' Special Meeting on COVID-19 on 16 July. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung discussed the COVID-19 situation in Myanmar and leading role of the National-Level Central Committee for Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19, the compliance with the prevention of the disease in aviation, marine and road transportations, suspension of regular flights, and arrangement of the chartered flights and relief flights and the implementation of the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan (CERP) to ease the economic impact.

Moreover, the Union Minister said that cross-border transport played a vital role during the crisis to transport medicines, commodities, and all our nations needed to make agreement between the nations in order to implement effective border transport.

He also explained the change of cargo trailers in the cross-border transport, installation of sufficient equipment at the border checkpoints, better use of ICT technology to enforce disease control guidelines.

The ministers from the ASEAN countries and China exchanged their opinions. They also discussed possible assistance in the crew-change of the Myanmar seamen working on the foreign ships.

The meeting released the 'Joint Statement of ASEAN-China Transport Ministers on Ensuring Smooth Transport and Logistics to Combat COVID-19 and Reactivate the Economy' to be carried out among ASEAN member countries and China.—MNA

(Translated Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)

Unity in its real essence

Unity must have a common interest, a common sense of working together and a common objective, for the independence of the whole country and the interests of the whole populace. Unity must work for the people so that they can enjoy shared well-being and shared cause in working together. It is not enough just to say that we want to be united. Labour must be shared, and interests must be shared. Our objective must be the same. Only this kind of effort is worth calling "Unity".

(Excerpt from the speech addressed by Bogyoke Aung San at the AFPFL Conference on 23rd January 1946)

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discusses ADB loan, Executive Order ...

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Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung reported to the Hluttaw about the President's proposed plan to sign Intergovernmental Agreement on Dry Ports. And the motion will be discussed on 22 July.

Loan for development project in Hlegu Township

Deputy Minister for Planning, Finance and Industry U Maung Maung Win explained the President's proposed loan US$180 million from the ADB for development project in Hlegu Township to be implemented in 5 years, and agreements have been made with the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation for water supply, with the Ministry of Construction for installation of water pipelines and with the Ministry of Electricity and Energy for electrification in the project area.

The loan will be 8-years grace period and 24 years of settlement, with 1.0 per cent annual interest for the grace period and 1.5 per cent for the settlement period, and that the grant element of the loan would be 48 per cent.

The Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw invited the list of MPs who want to discuss the motion scheduled for 22 July.

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin. **PHOTO : MNA**

Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung. **PHOTO : MNA**

Union Minister U Thein Swe. **PHOTO : MNA**

Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win. **PHOTO : MNA**

Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win. **PHOTO : MNA**

Loan for electrification programme in rural areas.

Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy U Khin Maung Win and Deputy Minister for Planning, Finance and Industry U Maung Maung Win explained the President's proposed loan $171.27 million for electrification programme in rural areas.

Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win said that the loan will be used for rural electrification in Ayeyawady, Bago (eastern), Magway regions and Kayin state, and the power lines will be controlled by the Distribution Automation System (DAS) from the five cities of Nay Pyi Taw, Pathein, Bago, Magway and Hpa-an.

The project is expected to complete in seven years, and the annual interests of loan will be 1 per cent in 8-years grace period and 1.5 per cent in 24-years settlement period. The project will help in supply of electricity to 8.3 per cent of households in Kayin State, 8.77 per cent in Bago (eastern), 6.31 per cent in Magway Region and 17.52 per cent in Ayeyawady Region, to a total of 400,300 households in 2,815 villages.

Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win is a fundamental infrastructural project for the country, and it is in line with the Union Budget Law for 2019-2020 Financial Year, the Public Debt Management Law, the Medium-Term Debt Management Strategy and development assistance policies, as well as the MSDP Action Plan.

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker invited the list of names who want to discuss the motion scheduled for 24 July.

Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe discussed the President's motion for elimination of violence and harassment in workplaces.

The motion is scheduled for discussion on 24 July.

Union Minister U Maung Maung Win discussed the government's report on revenue of Union ministries and Union-level organizations in 2019-2020 fiscal year, sent by the Union Government. Joint Public Accounts Committee member U Myo Win presented the finding and recommendation report 7/2020 on the revenues.

The five MPs of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discussed the Executive Order 1/2020 of the President and the Union Tax Law. The MPs also discussed the National Planning for 2018-2019FY and the findings and recommendations of the JPAC on this report, and the annual report on Union Budget and the findings and recommendations of the JPAC on this report.

The third-day meeting of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will convene on 17 July.—Aung Ye Thwin, Aye Aye Thant

(Translated by Aung Khin)

COVID-19 figure in Myanmar reaches 339 after two new cases reported on 16 July

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Two new cases of COVID-19 on 16 July 2020: updated at 8 pm

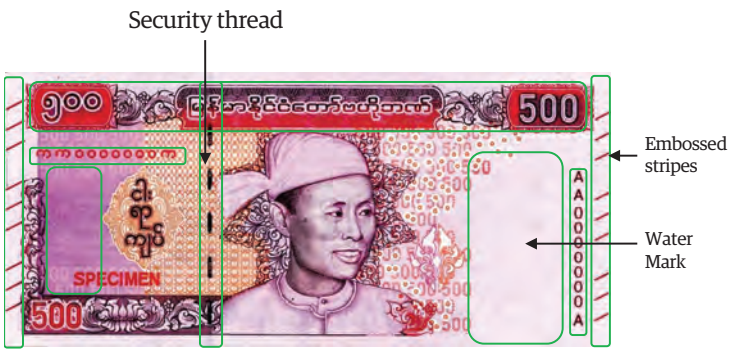
Case No	Age	Gender	Address	Contact with positive patient	Oversea travel history	Hospital for medical treatment	Lab result	Remark
338	24	Male	PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Region	No	Yes, Thailand	Kandawnadi Hospital (Mandalay)	Positive	Held under quarantine (Amarapura Township)
339	27	Male	Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State	No	No	Peoples' Hospital Sittway		Held under quarantine (Kyauktaw Township)

Ministry of Health and Sports

Myanmar need not worry about food if systematic management is carried out in this sector

It must be said that the habit of buying non-essential items has declined while people are placing more priority on essential items; the fact that people are thinking more about what is an important issue and what is minor is not a bad thing; some persons working in declining markets might have some difficulties; such problem must be addressed step-by-step; domestic commodity flow, domestic trading and production of value added items must be considered for both local and foreign markets; Myanmar need not worry about food if systematic management is carried out in this sector.

(Excerpt from State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's discussions with senior officer and business persons from trade sector on 23 June 2020)



New 500-kyat banknote depicting Bogyoke Aung San on the obverse side.

K500 banknote featuring Bogyoke Aung San to be officially rolled out on 19 July

THE Central Bank of Myanmar has announced 500-kyat banknote will be circulated on 19 July.

The obverse side of the banknote depicts National Leader Bogyoke Aung San as the main portrait, and its reverse is printed with the building of Central Bank of Myanmar. The size of new banknote will have 150 mm in length and 70 mm in width. Its prominent colour is red brown.

The embossing method is used in printing of the new 500-kyat note, and that the denomination number and the text of Central Bank of Myanmar are highly visible and have a rough texture.

The serial number lies horizontally in Myanmar numbers, and vertically in English digits.

On the left and right corners of observe side have the embossed nine short stripes, especially for the persons with visual impairment.

The watermarks of 500-kyat denomination and Bogyoke Aung San are visible on the left of Bogyoke Aung San at the obverse side when the note is viewed against the light.

The security thread lies vertically and its half-length is partially visible. If the red brown area adjacent to Myanmar text 500-kyat on the right part of obverse side is viewed from 45 degrees, then the English alphabet CBMs can be seen.

The 500-kyat banknotes will be circulated from the banks to public on 21 July. The existing 500-kyat note which is in circulation will continue to be legal tender currency.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

MoSWRR Union Minister participates in virtual meeting for relief assistance to Chin, Rakhine IDPs

THE Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement organized a coordination meeting online yesterday to provide relief assistance to the internally displaced persons from Paletwa, and Rakhine State.

In the meeting, the Union Minister said that there were migrants because of natural disasters and conflicts; that the ministry regarded them as an important issue and had been helping people affected by ongoing armed conflicts as well as providing resettlement by cooperating and implementing the strategies and plans, and regarding with the eight requirements submitted by the Relief and Rehabilitation Committee for Chin IDPs, the ministry was carrying out the provision of lifesaving assistance to people affected by conflicts such as foods and buildings as well as the medical supplies for COVID-19-related issues; that the Chin State and Rakhine State governments were coordinating with respective ministries for the development of education, health and road communications; that it was important to cooperate to end the conflicts as the civilians were in trouble due to the conflicts. The Union Minister also requested all relevant officials to discuss in order to solve the problems those displaced people were facing.

Then, Relief and Rehabilitation Committee for Chin IDPs chairman U Salai Issac Khin discussed that the committee was coordinating with Chin State government and respective officials for the displaced Chin people in Paletwa Township and Rakhine State; that the money donated to the committee was used in food provision, temporary building construction, health care and in other administrations ; that there were not only displaced people but also local villagers locked in their own villages; that there were displaced Chin people in Ann Township in Rakhine State and because of poor road communications and security, they were in need of food, healthcare, education and shelter.

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye takes part in meeting of Relief and Rehabilitation Committee for Chin IDPs on 16 July . **PHOTO:MNA**

Afterwards, the Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement discussed the coordination from the national level with the partner organizations in carrying out projects to transport foods through Kyauktaw-Paletwa waterway and the repair of the Sami-Paletwa Road as well as the long term and current plans for COVID-19 crisis.

Then, relevant ministers from Chin State government and Rakhine State government, the MPs, the officials and the attendees discussed the cooperation in solving difficulties and the processes to be continued.

The meeting was attended by Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye, Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, Chin State government, Rakhine State government and officials from respective ministries and representatives from the Relief and Rehabilitation Committee for Chin IDPs (RRCCI).—MNA

(Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)

Myanmar Gazette

Appointment of Permanent Secretary

The Union Government has appointed Dr L Tu Meang Gaung, Director-General of the Union Minister's Office of the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs, as Permanent Secretary of the same ministry.

Myanmar Gazette

Appointments of Heads of Service Organizations confirmed

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointments of the following heads of service organizations on the expiry of one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(1) U Thant Sin Lwin	Director-General Directorate of Investment and Company Administration Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations
(2) U Win Myint	Director-General Currency Management Department Central Bank of Myanmar

Work committees hold coordination meeting for organizing 4th Union Peace Conference

The coordination meeting on organizing the 4th session of the Union Peace Conference in progess on 16 July. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Work Committees on Organizing the 4th session of the Union Peace Conference – 21st Century Panglong– held a coordination meeting at the Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor in Nay Pyi Taw at 2 pm yesterday.

U Khin Maung Tin, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor and also Secretary of the Central Committee on Organizing the 4th session of the Union Peace Conference, permanent secretaries, directors-general, delegates from Ethnic Armed Organizations as well as political parties, and other relevant officials attended the coordination meeting.

At the meeting, the Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Tin, in his capacity as Secretary of the Central Committee, said that the objective of the meeting is to effectively implement the decisions made in the Central Committee's meeting led by the Central Committee Vice-Chairman and Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe, and to make detailed discussions at the working level.

The deputy minister reiterated that the 4th edition of UPC will have to be held amid the COVID-19 crisis because it is very important for politics and peace process.

The deputy minister also requested all the Work Committees to make detailed discussions on matters related to invitation, transportation, accommodation, security, healthcare, finance, coordination among the committee.

Regarding the delegates from the EAOs and political parties, the deputy minister said that the numbers of delegates from respective groups and the list of their names would have to be discussed. He also stressed that the Ministry of Health and Sports needs to provide COVID-19-related arrangements.

The detailed plans for the opening ceremony of the upcoming conference, relevant signing ceremonies, information matters, required medical tests, and security preparation should be discussed, said the deputy minister.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Deputy Director-General U Thet Tun, the Ministry of Border Affairs Director-General U Thein Htay Oo, Ministry of Transport and Communications Deputy Director-General U Thint Myat Thu, Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee Permanent Secretary U Myo Aung, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism Director-General U Maung Maung Kyaw, Myanmar Police Force Deputy Chief Police Maj-Gen Aung Naing Thu, Ministry of Information Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung, Ministry of Health and Sports Director-General Dr Soe Oo, Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry Director General U Zaw Naing, Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor Director-General U Zaw Htay, UPDJC Secretary Yebaw Myo Win (from the group of EAOs) , and UPDJC Secretary U Myint Soe (from the group of political parties) explained their preparations for the conference and made sector-wise discussions. In response to their discussions, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Tin made necessary suggestions followed by the discussions of attendees.

In his concluding remark, the deputy minister advised the EAOs and political parties for their discussions for ensuring all-inclusive meetings although they did not hold talks in the three previous meetings.—MNA

(Translated by Maung Maung Swe)

Announcement of Bar Council

THE Bar Council has announced the final lists of candidates in Form (8) on 16 July 2020 for its election as per section 14 of the Council's election procedures.
The following advocates will contest the Bar Council Election.

Sr	Name of Advocate	Advocate Licence Number
1	U Mya Thein	973
2	U Nyan Win	1203
3	U Win Hlaing	1484
4	U Soe Tint Yi	1487
5	U Kyi Win	1506
6	Daw Myint Myint Than	1670
7	U Aung Tun	1690
8	U Bone Myint	1736
9	U Sai Myint Maung	1760
10	U Sein Myint	1763
11	U Khin Maung Than	1784
12	U Theim Chan	1830
13	U Kyaw Hoe	1933
14	U Tet Win Myine	1953
15	U Hling Tun	2031
16	U Nay La	2062
17	U Min Aung	2143
18	Daw Mi Mi Khin	2145

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Displays at the former Secretariat (former Ministers' Office) for 73rd Martyrs' Day

The former Secretariat (former Ministers' Office). **PHOTO: MNA**

BOGYOKE Aung San and other national leaders were assassinated at 10:37 am on Saturday of 19 July 1947 at the former Secretariat (former Ministers' Office) while holding a meeting. In addition to Bogyoke Aung San, Thakhin Mya, Deedoke U Ba Cho, U Ba Win, Mongpawn Sawbwa (Chieftain) Sao San Tun, Mahn Ba Khaing, U Razak, U Ohn Maung and Yebaw Ko Htwe were murdered and that day was officially recognized as Martyrs' Day.

All the Myanmar people suffered the most grievous loss for it. The former Secretariat was open to public on Martyrs' Day from 19 to 21 July since 2015 but during this COVID-19 crisis, the parliament building and cabinet meeting room where the Martyrs were assassinated will not be opened.

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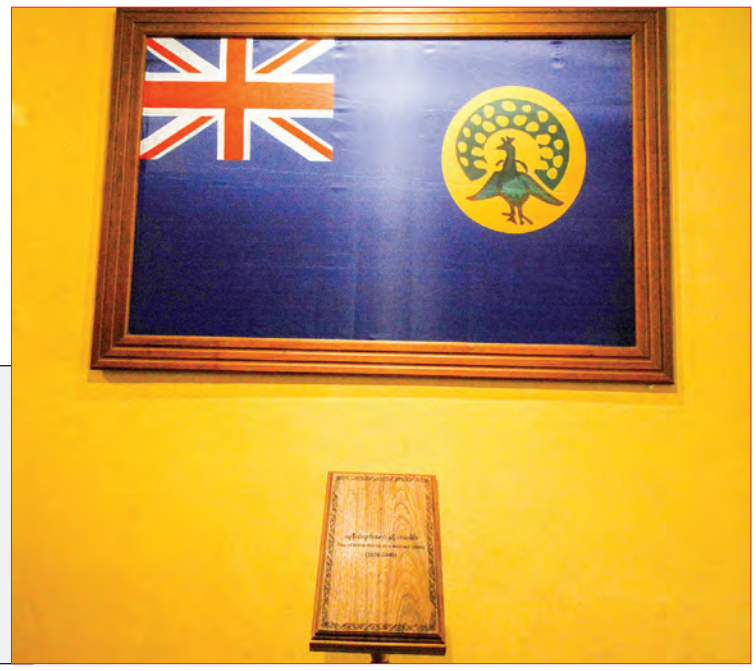
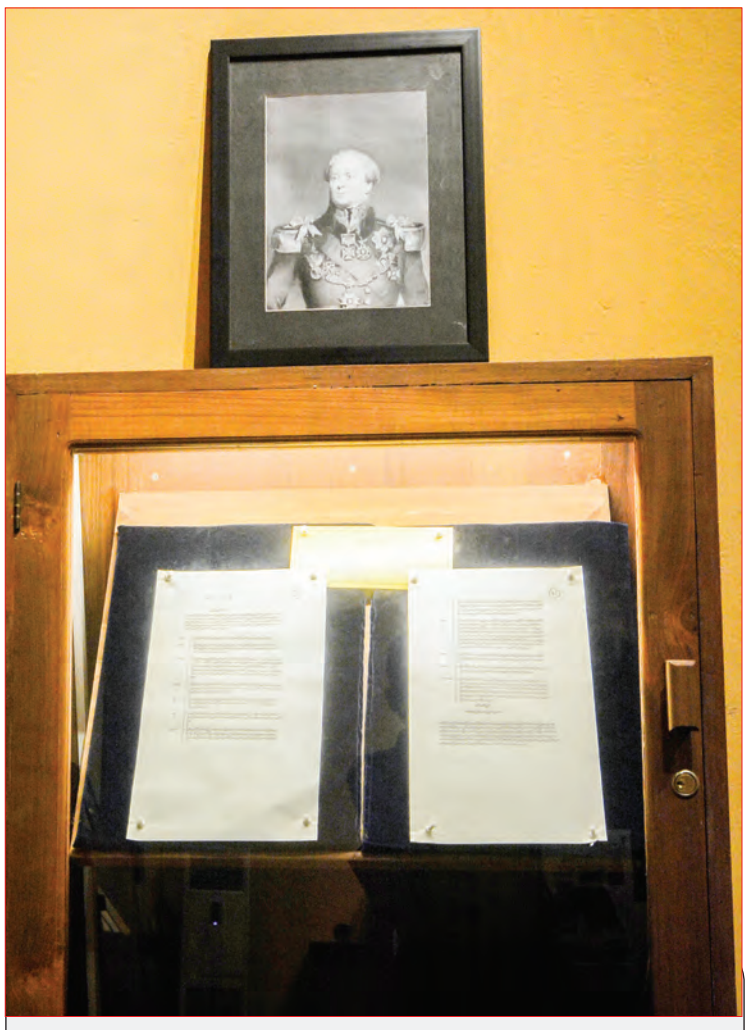


Display of Union Jack flag and Peacock. **PHOTO: MNA**



Display of Treaty of Yantapo. **PHOTO: MNA**

Display of historic documents. **PHOTO: MNA**

Displays at the former Secretariat (former Ministers' Office) for 73rd Martyrs' Day

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The former Secretariat was renovated by the Anawmar Art Group and it looks now glorious. The Union Jack flag was replaced with Myanmar national flag just inside the entrance of the former Secretariat on 4 January 1948 when the country gained independence. The memorial monument of the Martyrs can also be seen there. The names of Martyrs and the time of death were inscribed on the monument.

At the parliament building, Union Jack flag and Peacock, five-star flag, Burmese Declaration of Independence, historic documents, Treaty of Yantapo, Kinwun Mingyi and documents, Panglong Agreement, historic badges and documents, brief report of India joint committee regarding with administration affairs of Myanmar and Nu- Attlee Agreement are displayed.

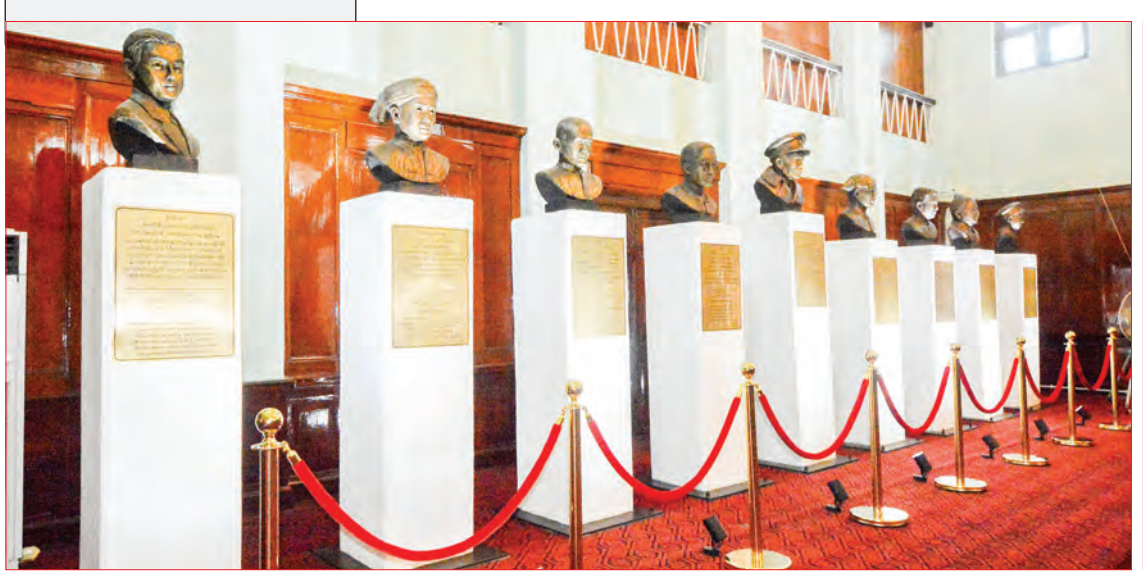
The historic hall of former parliament building can be seen and it has the insignias of former parliament, sculptures and biographies of Martyrs. Next to that room, the newspaper records of former Ministers' Office, portraits of the first President of Myanmar Sao Shwe Thaik, the second President Dr Ba U, the third President Mahn Win Maung, and the first Prime Minister of Myanmar U Nu are displayed.

—Ko Ko Zaw

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

Place of flagpole where Union Jack flag was replaced with Myanmar national flag and building parliamentary session was held. **PHOTO: MNA**

The room where Bogyoke Aung San and national leaders were assassinated on 19 July 1947. **PHOTO: MNA**



Half-bust sculptures of assassinated martyrs. **PHOTO: MNA**

Portraits of the first, second and third Myanmar presidents and first prime minister. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Heed warnings, take precautions to ward off avoidable disasters

WE experience rain-induced disasters likes floods and landslides every year, especially in July and August. Floods are the most common disaster in our country, capable of striking almost any river and creek nationwide.

Overflowing rivers are behind most floods in Myanmar while torrential and isolated heavy rainfall are the top cause of flash floods and landslides in hilly areas.

Meteorologists have warned that changing rainfall patterns with isolated heavy rainfall this rainy season could trigger flash floods and landslides in our country.

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In fact, water-induced disasters like landslides and floods are not new to Myanmar. They are predictable.

To mitigate the risks, risky settlements must be identified and moved to a safe location. To support it, the local governments must prioritize science-guided policies and actions to mitigate risks.

An early tracking and warning system similar to that of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology that monitors real-time water levels and sends out public warnings must be developed.

People must be alerted to the risks of floods and landslides. People settling in risk areas of flash floods and landslides should take these warnings seriously and make necessary preparations.

We would like to urge people to take note of the weather reports issued by the Meteorology and Hydrology Department, and contact the hotline numbers 067-3404666 and 067-3404777. The onus is on local authorities and the people to heed the warnings and ward off avoidable disasters.

Meanwhile, the authorities are urged to share information as quickly as possible, and use social media effectively.

Disasters are expected to happen regularly and can impact all people, without discrimination, and the public is still obligated to respond to disasters. It is the people who are paying the heaviest price when it comes to weather events, which are becoming more extreme, unpredictable, and erratic.

The forecast of torrential and isolated rainfall will require the evacuation of people from flooded areas at the onset of rains and the provision of temporary camps for those who have no alternative place of shelter.

Whenever we respond to disasters caused by the rain, we should remember that we are already dealing with one pandemic; COVID-19.

To fight the infectious diseases while we are facing the dual disasters, greater responsibility for preventive measures lies with regional authorities: they should use the experiences provided by the COVID-19 preventive actions to ensure that people remain vigilant against the current pandemic.

As long as the people stay vigilant against the coronavirus—keeping their distance, wearing masks, and washing hands frequently— they should theoretically be guarded against other infectious diseases.

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Ideal Leadership of General Aung San

(Dr.Than Lwin Tun, May Thazin, Honey Soe)

THE leaders who possess great leadership qualities effectively channelize their energy and devote themselves for the growth and progress of humanity. General Aung San proved to be a leader of such kind in the endeavour of achieving independence of Burma(Myanmar).

General Aung San had turned out to be the ideal leader of Burma(Myanmar) since his trip to Japan with his comrades, Thakin Aye Maung of Myenigon, Thakin Ba Gyan of Minbu, Ko Tun Shien of the Universtiy Students Union and Thakin Let Ya to be trained in military camps in Japan. In an article written by Bo Let Ya describing Aung San's leaderships during the trip. He said Aung San seemed to have accomplished much Japan, and the relations he established with friends there had been beyond expectations. According to Bo Let Ya, he could not have accomplished that much by his human relations but his integrity and patriotism must have evoked the friendly and favourable responses. On the way, he said Aung San played host to all them, and at meals he would teach them how to eat the raw fish, how to take the soup with the sea-weed. He was the expert as well as the host, and he never tired of trying to make them feel at home. He would often ask Tun Shein, who sang well, to sing the songs of love that U Ba Nyunt and Dora Than Aye had made popular. Sometimes he would get into the mood and join in the singing against their protests. Aung San, after all, was a human. He responded with sensitivity to the many moods of man. When he felt happy he must sing, and nobody could stop him. We see at this point Aung San knew exactly how to motivate his comrades and made happiness and satisfaction for them.

During the training in Japan, Bo Let Ya emphasized that Aung San shared with his comrades all the hardships of the trainings and the anguish of their doubts and suspicions, but he kept a stout heart and gave heart to them all. He was not one to shirk in his work, he did not plead aches and pains to excuse himself. We believe he shared the hardships with his teams because he wanted to show he was one of them and the way he gave heart to them means he was there for them.

While planning, in map-fighting exercises, the strategy for the invasion of Burma, when the Japanese asked Aung San to suggest the name of a Burmese leader who should be appointed chief administrator after the occupation, Aung San replied without hesitation that Dr Ba Maw was the man. They had discussed the question among themselves and agreed on the choice. Bo Let Ya admitted that it was on political manoeuvre on their part and they did sincerely believe that Dr Ba Maw was a good leader and that he could work with the younger leaders, and lead a great team.

General Aung San

General Aung San showed his ideal leadership in uniting Burma(Myanmar). Panlong was not smooth going all along. No one but Aung San could do such a thing as people believe him to follow his leadership. According to a Chin leader, U Vum Ko Hau, he said they met Bogyoke Aung San for the first time but his reputation as an honest and dedicated leader had reached the hills. When they met him and heard him, they found more than sufficient confirmation for the good reports of him. What specially impressed them was his honesty, he wrote. He was not free with promises; he did not use sweet flattery or cunning diplomacy. When he gave a word, he knew it was as good as or better than written agreements, signed and sealed. The following is from a speech that U Aung San gave at a gathering of leaders from the frontier areas on the 11th February,1947, at Panglong in the Shan State.

"I am the youngest delegate here even though my office gives me precedence. The dream of a unified and free Burma has always haunted me and these last ten years I have been actively pursuing it. We who are gathered here tonight are engaged in the pursuit of the same dream. There is this thing called "racism" that I want to talk about. In the past we shouted slogans: 'our race, our religion, our Language!' Those slogans have gone obsolete now. What is race, after all. What are its tests? We have in Burma many indigenous peoples: the Karens, the Kachins, the Shans, the Chins, the Burmese and others. In other countries, too there are many indigenous peoples, many "races". China, Japan, and the Soviet Union provide examples. In America, though the peoples may speak a common language, they spring from many stocks; there are the British, the Italians and other peoples, but they have become assimilated, and they identify themselves as Americans." We think that these wordings are indicative of how to understand the ideal leadership to all of us.

In addition, Bogyoke Aung San is a genuine nationalist leader of Myanmar. We always remember his ideal leadership. Then we should not only remember Bogyoke Aung San but also follow his ideal leadership and sacrifices for the country.

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JOINING 'COVAX' ACCESS FACILITY

The fastest way out of the pandemic

EVERY day, the COVID-19 pandemic costs the world thousands more lives and billions more dollars. The most efficient way to bring this crisis to an end – possibly as early as next year – is with a safe and effective vaccine, manufactured in large quantities and distributed globally. To avoid any unnecessary delays, governments should take this moment, while researchers work to develop the right formula, to prepare the ground for rapid production and broad, equitable deployment.

This is the principle on which the COVID-19 Vaccine Global Access (COVAX) Facility is based. Created by Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, the World Health Organization (WHO), and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations, this innovative platform aims to distribute at least two billion doses of COVID-19 vaccine by the end of 2021.

That many doses – which will be divided equitably among participating countries, regardless of their ability to pay – would cover some 20 per cent of populations in participating countries. It would thus be sufficient to protect high-risk and vulnerable people and frontline healthcare workers worldwide. (Additional doses would also be stockpiled, so that any future outbreak could be tackled before it spun out of control.)

As it stands, over 160 vaccine candidates are in preclinical or clinical development. There is no way to know which will pass clinical trials and be licenced (failure rates of vaccines in early development are high). But we can ensure that, by the time one does, an effective framework for manufacture and deployment is in place. To that end, governments must invest in COVAX as soon as possible.

The problem is that governments may feel compelled to eschew cooperation, in favour of negotiating directly with vaccine manufacturers to claim the doses they need. Yes, governments are duty-bound to protect their own citizens above all. But this national approach carries serious risks, beginning with the possibility that a government may back the wrong vaccines.

Even if a government secures enough doses of an effective vaccine for its own population, some of its people – such as those who are immunocompromised and may not be able to be vaccinated – would be left exposed if other countries are unable to obtain enough vaccine. And this leaves aside the moral imperative of ensuring that people are not cut off from lifesaving drugs.

During the 2009 swine flu pandemic, a few countries cornered the vaccine market, leaving the vast majority of the global population with no vaccine at all until the outbreak was effectively over. This scenario must be avoided at all costs during the current crisis, not least because COVID-19 has a much higher infection and mortality rate.

By collaborating with global health agencies through COVAX, governments can ensure that everyone has equal access to COVID-19 vaccines. For countries that have secured bilateral deals with manufacturers, COVAX amounts to an insurance policy, in case they bet on the wrong candidates. For countries that haven't secured any deals – the vast majority of the world – COVAX is the only way to avoid being pushed to the back of the line.

COVAX ensures that the benefits and risks of vaccine development are broadly shared. With the largest portfolio of vaccine candidates anywhere in the world, it gives participating governments the best odds of receiving a safe and effective vaccine as soon as it becomes available – and ensures that this moment comes much sooner.

When pharmaceutical companies are shouldering all of the financial risks, they will invest in scaling up production only after their vaccine has completed clinical trials and been approved. This approach may make business sense, but it does not make sense in the context of a rapidly moving global pandemic.

COVAX employs a radically different approach. In addition to using "push" financing – direct investment in research, development, and manufacturing – it uses "pull" financing, in the form of advance purchase commitments for large numbers of doses upon licensure. This provides powerful incentives for the private sector to support urgent vaccine development.

SOURCE: THE ASEAN POST

In Commemoration of 73rd Martyrs' Day

19th July, 1947-19th July, 2020

U Ohn Maung

(2 February 1913 -- 19 July 1947)

U OHN MAUNG was born in Minbu Township, Magway Region, to Mr H W Trap Wayne and his wife Daw Shwe Myint, on 2 February 1913. He was the second son. He served as an adjutant of the battalion of the University of Yangon.

He obtained a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in 1934. He stood first among three applicants who sat for Indian Civil Service (ICS) exam and served as a deputy commissioner in Mandalay in 1939.

He was appointed as the Commissioner of Myitkyina in 1947 and as the Secretary of Transport in the pre-independence government.

He was assassinated at 10:37 am on 19 July 1947.

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

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COVID prevention items donated to disaster management department in Yangon

Child Fund Myanmar donates items for preventive measures against COVID-19. **PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG**

CHILD Fund Myanmar has donated materials towards Yangon Region Disaster Management Department in Mayangon township for use of the coronavirus prevention at a ceremony held at the Disaster Management Department office on 16 July.

Country Director Dr Win May Htway and the officials with Child Fund Myanmar handed over the coronavirus prevention materials to the regional head U Win Shwe from Regional Disaster Management Department. Then, the department presented the donor a certificate of honour in return, saying thankful words.

Donation items consist of 500 boxes of the surgical mask, 300 hand sanitizers, 20 PPE suits, 50 face shields, 50 boxes of the surgical glove.

Child Fund Myanmar will continuously donate coronavirus prevention materials to seven departments under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Ministry of Health and Sports during the pandemic period. It will be contributing in-kind donation worth K27.8 million.

Child Fund Myanmar will donate to Public Health and Treatment Department in Yangon region, Disaster Management Department in Mandalay region and Mon state and Social Welfare Department and Disaster Management Department in Taninthayi region. The Child Fund Association from Korea provided these donations.

Child Fund Myanmar, based in Myanmar of the Australia Child Fund Association, is helping address the problems of the children to promote the education and development of the youths. Also, it is one of the collaborative organizations in helping reduce disaster impacts.—Myint Maung

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Hotel zone to be established near Shwesettaw

THE plan is underway to implement a hotel zone project. The plot of land is 60 acres wide. The project is a part of ecotourism development and the hotel zone will be near Shwesettaw pagoda's precinct in Minbu district, said U Myint Sein, the regional head of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism in Magway.

The environment of forests, mountains and land near Shwesettaw remains intact. The 60-acre land is located beyond Hletin Bridge, near Shwesettaw. Authorities have already granted permission to implement the hotel zone with the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

"The relevant departments are coordinating to draw the map. After drawing the map, they will design the structure of the hotel zone as to where the forest will be, where the lake will be and the hotel will be built on how many acres of land etc.

"After that, we will submit the proposal. We will get the guidelines from the regional government and invite the investment companies and private entrepreneurs," he stated.

The ecotourism project will be based in nature, elephant camps, Shwesettaw wildlife sanctuary, the high standard hotels and motels and bamboo houses.

It is aimed to attract not only the local travellers but also the foreign travellers, he added.

The location is above the 3,819 feet of sea level. The nature, coffee farming, organic farming, the custom of local residents, local products and foods can attract the outside visitors. The project is expected to start implementing in February 2021 before the Shwesettaw pagoda festival, according to the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism in Magway. — Zayyatu (Magway)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

A hotel zone project will be established on the 60-acre land near Shwesettaw pagoda in Minbu district of Magway Region. **PHOTO : ZAYYATU (MAGWAY)**

Over 5.4 million fingerlings to be released into rivers, dams, lakes in Magway Region

OVER 5.4 million fingerlings -- one and a half-month-old and two months old -- from Pwintbyu and Taungdwingyi hatching camps will be released to rivers, dams, village lakes and paddy fields in Magway region. The fingerlings will be added from July to September, according to the Regional Fisheries Department.

Due to the high consumption of the fish, the Labeo Rohita, golden fish and Barbus fish species are added into the dams, lakes and rivers annually. For those businesses, there are two hatching camps and a new hatching camp is being constructed in Myothit town. So far, it is completed by 50 per cent.

"There is a high consumption of fish in the country. So, we have added more fish annually to cover the reduced fisheries resources. Last year, about 5.4 million fish were released. Next year, we will boost the hatching camps in Pwintbyu township with the assistance of the World Bank," U Myint Shwe, the head of the Fisheries Department in Magway Region.

For the development of fisheries resources, the fingerling species will be added to four places in Ayeyawady River, 190 acres of paddy fields, 30 dams and 335 lakes in the villages.

Authorities are not only adding the fingerlings but also prohibit fishing in May, June and July, according to the Fisheries Department. —Zayyatu (Magway) *(Translated by Hay Mar)*

Domestic investments touch K1,454 bln, $308.39 mln in 2019-2020FY

DOMESTIC investments by Myanmar citizens, including an expansion of capital by existing enterprises, have reached K1,454 billion and US$308 million as of 18 June of the 2019-2020 financial year since October, according to a press statement issued by the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC).

Between 1 October and 10 July in the current fiscal, Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) and the respective region and state investment committees gave green lights to 87 local enterprises to invest in various sectors, with estimated capitals of over K1,162 billion and $204.5 million.

Domestic investments have flowed into the real estate, manufacturing, hotels and tourism, construction, industrial estate, energy, mining, livestock and fisheries, agriculture, and other services sectors, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The construction, manufacturing, real estate development, hotel and tourism and agriculture sectors pull the largest investments made by Myanmar citizens this year.

Although Myanmar's economy is affected by the coronavirus impacts, domestic and foreign investments are growing in the current financial year. The existing enterprises are also seen the expansion of capitals and an increase in the labour force, the MIC stated.

The Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations is inviting responsible businesses so that they could be beneficial to the country. The MIC is screening the investment projects at the soonest according to the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan.—GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Myanmar citizens mainly invested in construction, manufacturing, real estate development, hotel and tourism and agriculture sectors this year. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

Value of imports increases by $1.26 bln in H1: MoC reports

THE value of Myanmar's imports between 1 October and 3 July in the current fiscal year 2019-2020 stood at US$15.09 billion, an increase of $1.26 billion from $13.8 billion registered in the year-ago period, according to the data released by the Ministry of Commerce.

The value of imports in the consumer, capital, intermediate goods, and CMP businesses groups rose significantly in the current fiscal.

During half of the current fiscal, capital goods, such as auto parts, vehicles, machines, steel, and aeroplane parts were brought into the country. Their import value was estimated at $5.7 billion. The figure was $1.4 billion higher compared to the same period in the previous FY.

Meanwhile, Myanmar imported consumer products worth $2.6 billion, including pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and palm oil. The imports of consumer products showed an increase of $122.7 million compared with the same period in the previous FY.

Intermediate goods make up a large share of Myanmar's imports, with petroleum products and plastic raw materials being the main import items. In the current fiscal, imports of raw materials jumped to $5 billion from $5.17 billion registered during the year-ago period.

During the same period, raw materials worth $1.68 billion were also imported for the Cut-Make-Pack (CMP) garment sector, showing a decrease of $122 million compared with last fiscal year. The top 10 import countries to Myanmar are China, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Viet Nam, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the US, as per data of the Ministry of Commerce. — GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Import value of capital goods was estimated at $5.7 billion during half of the current fiscal. **PHOTO : PHOE KHWAR**

Actions to be taken against fraudulent company registration under Myanmar Companies Law

By Nyein Nyein

ANY scams and frauds by scammers using fake company registration certificate can face legal actions under Myanmar Companies Law, said Director-General U Thant Sin Lwin of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Most of them are microfinance businesses which have close contact with the people, using a fake ID, he continued.

In recent days, a scammer mimicked the legitimate company (Ngwe Marlar Microfinance Co., Ltd) which has been registered on DICA's online registry system MyCO and scams are reported on social networks, the DICA notified.

"The common scams are found in microfinance businesses which can draw public interests. The people were warned to beware of frauds by scammers with fake registration. Firstly, we have notified the public of scams at the soonest.

"Later, we will take actions against the scammers under Myanmar Companies Law. This is the first time we experienced a financial scam using a fake certificate. Sure, we can take legal action under the law," he added.

The scammer mimicked the authorized company Ngwe Mar Lar using fake registration No 111405220, bearing certified date 10 August 2011. They are reported financial scams with microfinance business.

"At present, the online registry system brings the incorporation process easier and the status of company registration can be seen online easily. They take advantage of this and made a fake certificate. Ngwe Marlar Company is a legitimate company which was incorporated under the law. We have notified the people of fake and genuine certificates on the DICA's official website regarding this scam. The company registration number and certified date of the genuine company have been covered, yet we have unveiled them on the fake certificate, he added.

People are advised to look up the company name in the search bar on DICA's website, www.myco.dica.gov.mm, to check whether the company is genuine or fake with registration number and registration date.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting and 22nd ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting held via videoconference

U SOE HAN, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs participated in the ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting and 22nd ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting which were held via videoconference yesterday at 7:30 am from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

The ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting was chaired by Mr Nguyen Quoc Dzung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, ASEAN Chair of the year 2020 and attended by ASEAN Senior Officials and the Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN. During the Meeting, the Senior Officials discussed and exchanged views on deliverables of Viet Nam's ASEAN Chairmanship 2020, follow up to the Special ASEAN Summits on COVID-19 and Special ASEAN plus Three Summit on COVID-19, applications of external partners to accede to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC) and ASEAN's external relations as well as preparations for the 53rd ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting and related Ministerial Meetings and the 37th ASEAN Summit and related Summits.

Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs joins the ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting and 22nd ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting on 16 July. **PHOTO:MNA**

The 22nd ASEAN-India Senior Officials' Meeting was held in the afternoon on the same day. It was co-chaired by Mdm Busaya Mathelin, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand, Country Coordinator of the ASEAN-India Dialogue Relations and Mdm Vijay Thakur Singh, Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs of India. The Meeting was attended by ASEAN Senior Officials and the Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN. During the Meeting, the Senior Officials discussed and exchanged views on ASEAN and India's responses to COVID-19, ASEAN-India cooperation and future direction of ASEAN-India relations and regional and international issues. Under the agenda on ASEAN-India cooperation, Permanent Secretary U Soe Han led the discussion on maritime cooperation. He highlighted the importance of strengthening ASEAN-India maritime cooperation including maritime security, counter piracy and search and rescue cooperation through existing ASEAN-led mechanisms. Referring maritime cooperation as one of the prioritized areas under the ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific, he emphasized the need to strengthen maritime cooperation particularly in the areas of maritime connectivity, combatting marine debris, preservation and protection of marine environment and biodiversity.

Present at the Meetings were senior officials from the ASEAN Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA

IME Foundation, Foton International donate two ambulances to MoHS

THE IME Foundation and Foton International donated $43,000 worth of two Negative Pressure ambulances to the Ministry of Health and Sports yesterday.

Commercial Attaché Tan Shufu from Chinese Embassy and Director General of Medical Research Professor Dr Zaw Than Tun delivered speeches and Chief Operation Officer of IME International Co., Ltd Dr Nyi Nyi Latt expressed the donation.

Afterwards, the officials of IME Foundation and Foton International handed over the Negative Pressure ambulances to the Director General of Medical Research. — Min Thit (MNA)

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

IME Foundation and Foton International donate two Negative Pressure ambulances to Ministry of Health and Sports. **PHOTO:MNA**

165 Myanmar citizens fly back from Malaysia on 16 July

A relief flight of Myanmar Airways International (MAI) landed at the Yangon International Airport in the afternoon of 16 July, bringing back a total of 165 Myanmar citizens who were stranded in Malaysia.

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, Ministry of Health and Sports and local officials helped the returnees for health inspections and arranged for 21-day quarantine.

To bring back the Myanmar citizens who are stranded in foreign countries in relief flight and charter flight in accordance with the instructions from National-Level Central Committee for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs cooperated with the relevant ministries and Myanmar embassies from respective countries.

A total of 973 Myanmar citizens from Malaysia have been brought back by the seven relief flights to date.—MNA

(Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)

Myanmar returnees rom Malaysia queuing for immigration process at the Yangon International Airport on 16 July. **PHOTO : MNA**

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US 'deeply disappointed' over EU court scrapping data pact

US Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. **PHOTO: AFP**

WASHINGTON — Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said Thursday the United States was "deeply disappointed" that an EU court scrapped a crucial online data arrangement between Europe and the US.

The US will continue to work with the European Commission on the matter and is still studying the ruling, Ross said.

The US hopes, he said, "to be able to limit the negative consequences to the $7.1 trillion transatlantic economic relationship that is so vital to our respective citizens, companies, and governments."

"As our economies continue their post-COVID-19 recovery, it is critical that companies -- including the 5,300+ current Privacy Shield participants -- be able to transfer data without interruption," Ross said in a statement, using the name of the scheme allowing for data transfers between European and US servers. Reaction from industry was more scathing.

"Today's decision is nothing short of irresponsible" and threatens the operations of over 5,000 European and US companies, said Eline Chivot of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF).—AFP ■

Japan to launch travel campaign without Tokyo amid virus resurgence

TOKYO — The government plans to begin a contentious travel initiative next week as planned, despite a resurgence in new coronavirus cases, by excluding hardest-hit Tokyo from the campaign, the tourism minister said Thursday.

Trips by residents of Tokyo and journeys to and from the capital will be ineligible for the government's subsidy programme, which will begin on Wednesday in a bid to spur domestic travel, tourism minister Kazuyoshi Akaba told reporters. "We will commence the campaign, as we ask both the lodging industry and travellers to take measures to prevent the spread of the virus" in the remaining 46 prefectures, Akaba told reporters. The government planned to subsidize accommodation and transport fees nationwide under the Go To Travel Campaign to help rejuvenate the virus-stricken economy by sparking tourism.

Tourists view Mt. Fuji from under a torii gate in Fujikawaguchiko, Yamanashi Prefecture, eastern Japan, on Feb. 17, 2020. **PHOTO: (KYODO)**

But it has faced increasing calls for a review of the programme, due to growing concern that the travel promotion campaign could add to a resurgence of virus infections in Japan.

The number of new coronavirus infections in Japan rose by 454, the largest since a state of emergency was lifted in late May, to 22,982 on Wednesday, the day when Tokyo raised its infection alert to the highest level. —Kyodo ■

UK report into Russian Brexit 'meddling' due in days

LONDON — A long-awaited report into alleged Russian interference in the Brexit vote will be published within days, the British parliament's intelligence and security committee (ISC) said Thursday.

The 50-page report was completed last year but its publication was delayed by the general election in December, which caused all parliamentary committees to be disbanded.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson last week nominated new members to the committee, which oversees the intelligence agencies, and they held their first meeting on Thursday.

"The committee has unanimously agreed this morning that it will publish the report on Russia prepared by its predecessor before the House (of Commons) rises for the summer recess" on the evening of July 22, it said.—AFP ■

Myanma Port Authority "Notice of High Tide"

Exceptionally high spring from 20.31 feet to 20.67 feet high above the chart datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period of July 21st to 25th, 2020. Please be noted that it is not serious level of tide because the highest tide level have reached up to 22 feet above the chart datum in year 2014 and 2015, and this notice is normally issued whenever high tide of Yangon River is expected to reach over 20 feet high above the chart datum in order to take precautionary measures to the public living near river foreshore area of Yangon City.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (CONSULTING SERVICES– FIRMS SELECTION)

Project Name : Myanmar Power System Efficiency and Resilience Project
Country : The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
IDA Credit No : IDA 6631-MM
Assignment Title : Owner's Engineer of New 300 MW CCGT power plant at Ywama, Yangon Region, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Reference No. : EPGE-OE-2020

The Ministry of Electric Electricity and Energy has applied for financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Myanmar Power System Energy Efficiency and Resilience Project, intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.
The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment are attached to this request for expressions of interest.
The consulting services ("the Services") include on the following scopes:

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The Electric Power Generation Enterprise (EPGE) now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The **shortlisting criteria** are**:**

- General experience in power plant engineering and construction management, testing and commissioning for at least twenty (20) years;
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- Working in at least one CCGT project in the Client's similar country environment with minimum capacity of 200MW (net).

Key Experts will not be evaluated at the shortlisting stage.
The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2016, revised November 2017 and August 2018 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.
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Key ministers quit in Thailand, clearing way for Cabinet reshuffle

Thai Prime Minister, General Prayut Chan-O-Cha, takes part in an alms giving ceremony where 89 buddhist monks receive alms at sunrise on December 5, 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand. **PHOTO: KYODO**

BANGKOK — Key economic ministers resigned from the Thai Cabinet on Thursday, clearing the way for Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha to reshuffle his one-year-old Cabinet, likely in August.

The resignations of four Cabinet ministers, including Deputy Prime Minister Somkid Jatusripitak and Finance Minister Uttama Savanayana, followed a leadership change in the ruling Palang Pracharath Party in June amid intraparty feuding.

The two others who tendered their resignation were Energy Minister Sontirat Sontijirawong and Suvit Maesincee, minister of higher education, science, research and innovation.

Somkid oversaw economic policy in the Prayut government. The other ministers were widely known as part of his economic team.

Uttama was forced to step down as party leader in the recent leadership change. He, along with Sonthirat and Suwit, resigned from the party's executive board at the time. They announced last week that they had quit the party.

Uttama told a press conference on Thursday that their departure from the government could help ease the political pressure on Prayut, who is facing calls for a Cabinet reshuffle from within the party, and prevent a political vacuum in the country.

"It is an appropriate time for us to go," Uttama said. "It will pave the way for a Cabinet reshuffle."

Uttama added he and the others are ready to help the country under a different umbrella.

Prayut told reporters during a trip outside Bangkok that while the departure of Somkid and his team was regrettable, it was a feature of politics unfamiliar to him. The prime minister said the coming Cabinet reshuffle is likely to take place within August to avoid an interruption in governance.

Deputy Prime Minister Prawit Wongsuwon, a former army chief known in military circles as Prayut's big brother, has recently replaced Uttama as the new party leader.— Kyodo ■

Man nabbed for issuing thousands of fake negative Covid-19 test results

DHAKA — A Bangladesh hospital owner accused of issuing thousands of fake negative coronavirus test results to patients at his two clinics was arrested on Wednesday while trying to flee to India in a burqa, police said.

The arrest marked the end of a nine-day manhunt for Mohammad Shahed over allegations of giving fake certificates to patients saying they were virus-free without even testing them.

Shahed, 42, was one of more than a dozen people detained by authorities over the past few days in connection with the scam.

Experts warn the false documents has worsened the already dire virus situation in the country of 168 million people by casting doubt about the veracity of certificates issued by clinics.

"He was arrested from the bank of a border river as he was trying to flee to India. He was wearing a burqa," Rapid Action Battalion spokesman Colonel Ashique Billah told AFP.

"His hospitals carried out 10,500 coronavirus tests, out of which 4,200 were genuine and the rest, 6,300 test reports, were given without conducting tests." Shahed is also accused of charging for the certificates and virus treatments even though he had agreed with the government that his hospitals in the capital Dhaka would provide free care. —AFP ■

Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) personnel escort Regent hospital Chairman Mohammad Shahed (C) allegedly accused of distributing fake COVID-19 coronavirus certificates, following his arrest, in Dhaka. **PHOTO: AFP**

Australian woman freed from jail for Bali police killing

JAKARTA — An Australian woman jailed with her British DJ boyfriend for beating a Bali policeman to death was freed Thursday after nearly four years in prison on the Indonesian holiday island.

Sara Connor, 49, left Kerobokan prison and was placed in the hands of immigration authorities to await deportation, Bali officials said.

Connor and David Taylor were convicted in 2017 of fatally assaulting officer Wayan Sudarsa, whose battered body was found in the popular tourist area of Kuta the previous year.

Sudarsa's blood-soaked body was covered with dozens of wounds on his neck, chest and head.

Connor was given early release from her five-year term for good behaviour, while Taylor is serving a six-year jail sentence for his role in the attack.

Taylor, whose stage name was DJ Nutzo, had admitted getting into a fight with Sudarsa on the beach after accusing the officer of stealing Connor's handbag, and admitted hitting him with items including binoculars and a beer bottle. —AFP ■

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Death toll in Indonesia's flash floods rises to 30

JAKARTA — The death toll from Monday's flash floods and mudslides that hit central Indonesia rose to 30, while 15 others remain missing, the country's National Search and Rescue Agency said Thursday.

Rescue and recovery personnel are continuing to search for those buried underneath mud that was carried by the flash floods in parts of South Sulawesi Province, agency spokesman Yusuf Latif said.

The flash floods hit following heavy rain, which caused three rivers in the province to overflow.—Kyodo ■

South Korean prosecutors open probe into North's Kim Yo Jong

SEOUL — Prosecutors have opened an unprecedented probe into North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's sister over Pyongyang's blowing up of a liaison office last month, officials said Thursday.

The move is likely to infuriate the nuclear-armed North, which has repeatedly condemned South Korea in recent months, including directing personal insults at President Moon Jae-in. Seoul Central District prosecutors received a criminal complaint against Kim Yo Jong from a Seoul-based lawyer and had started an investigation, a spokeswoman told AFP.

Last month, Pyongyang blew up an inter-Korean liaison office on its side of the border, days after Kim Yo Jong -- one of her brother's closest advisers -- had said the "useless" property would soon be seen "completely collapsed".

Before the demolition, it had issued a series of vitriolic condemnations of South Korea over anti-North leaflets that defectors send back across the heavily-militarized border -- usually attached to balloons or floated in bottles.

It raised pressure further by threatening military measures against Seoul, but later said it had suspended those plans in an apparent sudden dialling-down of tensions.—AFP ■

Germany readies tougher lockdowns to ward off second wave

Chancellor Angela Merkel had on Tuesday voiced support for travel bans on people from coronavirus hotspots imposed by local authorities. **PHOTO: AFP**

BERLIN — Germany plans to allow for tougher lockdown measures to contain local outbreaks and ward off the threat of a second coronavirus wave, according to a draft agreement between the federal and regional governments.

The new rules would include a ban on travel "in and out of the affected areas" to limit the spread of the virus, the document seen by AFP said.

The plan is set to be finalized later on Thursday and comes as countries across the world are reimposing curbs on public life in response to a surge in new infections.

Germany, which has been less affected by the pandemic than many of its neighbours, aims to respond to new clusters with hyper-local lockdowns and rapid contact tracing and testing, rather than blanket lockdowns of whole towns or districts.

The need for clear rules was highlighted last month when a COVID-19 outbreak at a slaughterhouse in the western state of North Rhine-Westphalia led to Germany's first renewed lockdowns, covering two neighbouring districts.

A local court later however ruled that the lockdown was too broad, and locals from the districts on holiday in neighbouring German states complained about being turned away from their accommodation.

Chancellor Angela Merkel had on Tuesday voiced support for travel bans on people from coronavirus hotspots imposed by local authorities.

"It's a proposal we should discuss and that I would back," she said, adding that it was "better for citizens" to have certainty rather than being denied entry to a hotel upon arrival.

The draft document states that the travel ban should be imposed "if the numbers continue to rise and there's no certainty that the chain of infection has been broken" in the affected area.

Anyone wanting to leave a localized lockdown for another state must be able to show a negative coronavirus test that is less than 48 hours old, the draft agreement said. —AFP ■

Condolences

Our deepest sympathies and Heartfelt Condolences to the family of Mr. Po Yort (Managing Director, Myanmar Finance International Ltd.) on the demise of their beloved father (Mr. Vorn Po , age-86 years) who passed away peacefully on 13.07.2020.

From
Board of Directors, Management team & Staff
(Myanmar Finance International Ltd.)

7 dead in French Alps disasters on Bastille Day

LYON — Seven people, including two paragliders, died in a series of accidents in the French Alps as the country celebrated its Bastille Day holiday, rescue services said Wednesday (July 15).

The bodies of a 40-year-old Dutch man and a 30-year-old French woman were found on Tuesday afternoon near the Chapelle de la Gliere, a rocky ridge in the Chamonix valley, not far from the Mont Blanc.

The climbers plunged from the rocky face of the popular mountaineering route, though the cause of the accident was not immediately clear, authorities said.

Also on Tuesday, a 71-year-old hiker was killed after falling near the summit of the Mont de Grange, in the French Alps near the Swiss border.

Rescue services said the bodies of two Italian climbers were spotted by helicopter on Wednesday at the foot of the Mont Maudit, one of several peaks that emerge from the Mont Blanc chain, which forms the border with Italy.

The experienced climbers, aged 66 and 67, had travelled from Genoa to scale the summit from its Italian side, and were descending on the French side when the accident occurred.

"It was quite cloudy along the chain. They fell on the north face for an unknown reason and dropped at least 300 metres," Lieutenant-Colonel Stephane Bozon, head of the Chamonix mountain police, told AFP. —AFP ■

BBC job cuts add to UK media gloom as virus fallout bites

LONDON — The BBC said today it will go ahead with hundreds of newsroom staff cuts delayed during the coronavirus crisis, as UK media outlets reel from the pandemic's economic fallout.

The British broadcaster, which announced in January it planned to axe 450 newsroom jobs to meet changing audience needs and savings targets, said it now intended to implement 520 cuts. The redundancies, which were paused as the Covid-19 crisis hit Britain severely from March, will now be implemented "in stages", it said.

"If we don't make changes, we won't be sustainable," Director of BBC News and Current Affairs Fran Unsworth, who heads the department's workforce of around 6,000 people, said in a statement.

The Guardian job cuts

The Guardian newspaper said on Wednesday it plans to axe 180 jobs, the latest British publisher to announce cuts as the coronavirus crisis drives readers online and slashes advertising revenues.

The left-leaning newspaper said in a staff memo the redundancies would affect around 70 editorial roles, with the remainder in areas such as advertising, marketing and events.

Editor-in-chief Katharine Viner and Guardian Media Group chief executive Annette Thomas added revenues would be down by more than £25 million ($31.6 million, 27.6 million euros) this financial year, and the pandemic had created an "unsustainable financial outlook for the Guardian".

The move follows an announcement last week by Reach, which publishes national newspapers the Daily Mirror and Daily Express, and a string of local titles, to cut about 550 jobs. It also blamed the fallout from the coronavirus crisis, which had accelerated "structural change in the media sector", with increases in digital revenue not making up the shortfalls from lost advertising income. Reach's proposed reduction of 12 per cent of its workforce was part of plans to make annual cost savings of £35 million, it added.—AFP ■

A file photo of a man reading a copy of the Guardian newspaper in central London. **PHOTO: AFP**

Mark Rutte, the Dutch PM cycling into EU headwinds

THE HAGUE — Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte famously likes to cycle to work, but in Europe he is increasingly known for slamming on the brakes.

The lanky 53-year-old has been in power for a decade, thanks to a modest image that chimes with traditional values in the bike-mad Netherlands.

A bachelor, he lives in the same flat he bought after graduating, drives a second-hand Saab when not cycling, and volunteers as a teacher.

His cheery persona has meanwhile allowed the liberal leader to make friends and build coalitions across the fragmented Dutch political landscape.

But his frugal side will put Rutte on a collision course with EU leaders at a summit on Friday as he leads opposition to a 750 billion euro ($855 billion) coronavirus bailout. As they seek a deal, however, his counterparts in Brussels may find what opponents at home have found — he is harder to read than they think. "He's able to be a bit of a chameleon," Pepijn Bergsen, a research fellow in the Europe programme at Chatham House in London, told AFP.—AFP ■

Liverpool to lift Premier League trophy on the Kop

LONDON—Liverpool will lift the Premier League trophy on the famous Kop stand at Anfield after their final home game of the season against Chelsea on July 22.

Kenny Dalglish, who was the Reds' manager the last time they won the English top flight 30 years ago, will hand out the medals to players and staff.

With no fans able to attend due to the coronavirus pandemic, Liverpool said the idea for the trophy lift was to honour the club's fans.

"With supporters unable to attend the behind-closed-doors fixture, the historic occasion will involve a unique presentation designed to acknowledge and celebrate Liverpool fans," Liverpool said in a statement.

"Reds players and staff will collect the Premier League trophy and their winner's medals on a special podium built at the centre of the Kop surrounded by fan banners."

The match will be broadcast on a free-to-air channel to encourage supporters to stay at home for the occasion rather than crowding around Anfield.

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp has urged fans to respect social distancing measures after thousands gathered around the club's stadium and in the city centre following their coronation as champions last month.—AFP ■

The Kop end at Anfield will host Liverpool's Premier League trophy presentation next week. **PHOTO: AFP**

Qatar to host Asian Champions League group matches

DOHA—Qatar, host of the next World Cup in 2022, will stage West region matches of this year's Asian Champions League, officials said on Thursday, following a drastic shake-up caused by the coronavirus.

The tiny, resource-rich country will host the group games through to the semi-finals in a condensed period from September 14 to October 3, the Asian Football Confederation said.

No host was announced for the competition's East zone, where member associations have until July 24 to submit bids.

Japan and Australia, which are battling renewed outbreaks, and China, where the coronavirus emerged last year, are all in the East region.

The continental club championship, featuring 32 teams stretching from Saudi Arabia in the west to Japan in the east, was suspended in March after just a handful of matches as travel restrictions kicked in across Asia to contain the pandemic.

Chinese clubs Shanghai SIPG, Shanghai Shenhua and Guangzhou Evergrande are yet to play any group matches after travel restrictions were imposed on teams from China.—AFP ■

A picture taken on May 18, 2017, shows a general view of the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha after it was refurbished ahead of the Qatar 2022 FIFA World Cup. **PHOTO: AFP**

Man Utd striker Rashford to receive honour for charity work

LONDON—Marcus Rashford is to become the youngest person to receive an honorary doctorate from the University of Manchester for his work campaigning against child poverty and his sporting achievements.

Manchester United and England footballer Marcus Rashford. **PHOTO: AFP**

The 22-year-old Manchester United and England forward will follow in the footsteps of United greats Alex Ferguson and Bobby Charlton in earning the accolade from the university, which is the highest honour it can bestow.

Last month he forced a government U-turn after he wrote an open letter to MPs asking for the reversal of a decision not to award free school meal vouchers to vulnerable children outside term time.

The striker said his family relied on free school meals when he was growing up.

During the coronavirus pandemic he has also teamed up with poverty and food waste charity FareShare to help raise millions to provide meals for vulnerable people.

Rashford said in a statement: "It's a proud day for myself and my family. When you look at the great names that have been awarded this doctorate in the past, it's humbling.

"We still have a long way to go in the fight to combat child poverty in this country, but receiving recognition from your city means we are heading in the right direction and that means a lot."—AFP ■

Stuttgart join cash-strapped Bundesliga clubs seeking state aid

BERLIN — Newly-promoted VfB Stuttgart are the latest cash-strapped Bundesliga club seeking financial aid because of lost matchday revenue due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Stuttgart finished runners-up in Germany's second division at the end of June to win promotion back to the Bundesliga a year after being relegated.

However, the 2007 German champions are among established names needing help balancing the books.

"During the lockdown phase, we examined all the possibilities for economic stabilisation and... applied for funding in order to secure our liquidity," the club's finance officer Stefan Heim told newspapers the Stuttgarter Nachrichten and Stuttgarter Zeitung.

"This was one of the measures we took to ensure VfB's economic survival at a time when nobody could predict when and how things would continue in football."

Heim said Stuttgart applied for aid through the state-owned KfW Bank, reportedly seeking a loan of around 15 million euros ($17 million).

They are not alone. Germany's top clubs are counting the cost of lost revenue as the last nine rounds of matches in the top two tiers were played behind closed doors due to the pandemic.

Werder Bremen, who just managed top stay in the Bundesliga after winning the relegation/promotion play-off, have confirmed that they want a loan from the state-owned KfW Bank.—AFP ■