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Announcement for visitors to Union Territory, Nay Pyi Taw, and for those who will return to Nay Pyi Taw from other regions/states

1. The confirmed cases of COVID-19, assumed to be local transmission, were reported in Rakhine State in the second week of August 2020, and some secondary case-patients who were infected from the primary case-patients have reached other regions and states. Therefore, to prevent the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), those who come to Nay Pyi Taw from other areas, or those who returned to Nay Pyi Taw from other areas are being systematically investigated.

2. To prevent the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the Union Territory, Nay Pyi Taw, the announcement is made to conduct the following investigations to those who come to Nay Pyi Taw from other areas, or those who returned to Nay Pyi Taw from other areas.

(a) Visitors from other areas to Nay Pyi Taw—

(1) They need to show resident document of respective town/ward/village when they come to Nay Pyi Taw for any reason.

(2) Those who are from the townships with stay-at-home order due to positive cases coming to Nay Pyi Taw without official approval, or without invitation document to Nay Pyi Taw will have to stay at the community-based facility quarantine of Nay Pyi Taw Council for 14 days. During this quarantine period, their swabs will be tested at the laboratory two times. If they tested negative, they need to stay-at-home quarantine or at community-based facility quarantine for 7 days before they are allowed for entering Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

(3) Those who come to Nay Pyi Taw with invitation letter, despite living in the townships under stay-at-home order due to positive cases, for doing works with Union-level organizations and ministries, will need to stay at the community-based facility quarantine designated by the Nay Pyi Taw Council for 7 days, and their swabs will be taken for laboratory tests on the 2nd day and the 5th day after the community-based facility quarantine. Only if they tested negative, they would be allowed for going to the respective organizations/departments.

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(4) Despite living in the townships under stay-at-home order, foreign diplomats and employees of the UN agencies and the international organizations based in Myanmar will need to stay the community-based facility quarantine designated by the Nay Pyi Taw Council for 7 days. Their swabs will be taken for laboratory tests on the 2nd day and the 5th day after the community-based facility quarantine. Only if they tested negative, they would be allowed for going to the respective organizations/departments.

(5) Staff members of organizations and companies which have been allowed for works outside the respective townships under stay-at-home order need to stay at the community-based facility quarantine designated by the Nay Pyi Taw Council for 7 days. Their swabs will be taken for laboratory tests on the 2nd day and the 5th day after the community-based facility quarantine. Only if they tested negative, they would be allowed for going to the respective organizations/departments.

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143 Myanmar nationals return home from Japan

AN All Nippon Airways (ANA) relief flight brought 143 Myanmar citizens from Narita International Airport in Japan and landed at Yangon International Airport yesterday evening.

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, the 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 for-

eign countries by relief flights and chartered flights in accordance with the instructions of National-Level Central Committee on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs cooperated with the relevant ministries and Myanmar embassies from respective countries.

A total of 6 relief flights have been organized between Myanmar and Japan to date.—MNA

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)



Myanmar nationals conducting their immigration processes at Yangon International Airport on 3 September, 2020. PHOTO: MNA

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(6) Those who come to Nay Pyi Taw from the township with no infection despite its Region/State with positive case, and those who come from Region/State with no positive case to Nay Pyi Taw would need to stay at the community-based facility quarantine designated by the Nay Pyi Taw Council, and the swabs will be tested taken on the 2nd day of the quarantine. Only they tested negative, they would be allowed for going to the respective organizations/departments.

(7) Those with suspected symptoms will be taken to a hospital immediately for medical treatment.

(b) For residents in Nay Pyi Taw

- (1) Evidence on visited areas of Regions/States must be shown on their return to Nay Pyi Taw.
- (2) Those who failed to show concrete evidence on the visited areas, or concrete evidence on the return from the areas under stay-at-home order must stay

at the community-based facility quarantine for 14 days. During this quarantine period, they will need to undergo laboratory tests two times. Only they tested negative, they will have to stay at home quarantine for 7 days before they will be allowed for entering Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

(3) Those who returned from the area with no confirmed cases, but its Region/State with infection, and those who returned from Region/State with no infection, need to stay at the community based facility quarantine designate by the Nay Pyi Taw Council. On the 2nd day of this quarantine, their swabs will be examined. Only if they tested negative, they will be allowed for entering Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

(4) Those with suspected symptoms will be taken to a hospital for medical treatment.

3. Either from the townships under the stay-at-home order in Region/State with positive cases, or from the townships with no positive cases despite its Region/State with positive case, or from the Region/

State with no positive cases, any person , except with invitation document to Nay Pyi Taw for works with Union-level organizations and ministries, will have to pay for the cost of laboratory tests.

4. Those from Region/State need to manage their return from Nay Pyi Taw after they finished their works.

5. People need to follow abovementioned guidelines, and those who refused to report on their visited area, who made false statements on the address or the visited place, or who failed to cooperate in investigation will be filed under the Article 25 of Natural Disaster Management Law.

6. This announcement will take effect commencing 2 September 2020, and it will be restored until it is substituted with another one.

Dr Myo Aung
Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council
(Unofficial Translation)

Terumo Singapore donates infusion pumps to MoHS

TERUMO Singapore Pte, Ltd (Yangon Branch) officially donated 5 medical infusion pumps (worth US\$5,000) to the Ministry of Health and Sports yesterday afternoon.

At the donation ceremony held at the Department of Medical Research in Yangon, Director-General of Department of Medical Research Dr Zaw Than Tun delivered speeches before the company’s sales and mar-

keting manager Dr Nay Myat Htut explained the reason of the donation. The infusion pumps will be used in providing medical treatments for COVID-19.—Zaw Min Latt (MNA) (Translated by Maung Maung Swe)

Terumo Singapore Pte, Ltd Manager Dr Nay Myat Htut donating US\$5,000 to the Ministry of Health and Sports on 3 September 2020. PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT (MNA)



116 more new cases of COVID-19 reported on 3 September, total figure rises to 1,111

MYANMAR’S COVID-19 positive cases rise to 1,111 after 116 new cases were reported on 3 September according to Ministry of Health and Sports.

Out of the 116 new cases, 55 from Yangon Region, 31 are from Rakhine State, 24 from Bago Region, 2 from Mon State, 2 from Shan State (South), 1 from Mandalay Region and 1 from Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

Among these 1,111 confirmed cases, six died, 359 have recovered, 356 have been discharged from hospitals and 82 were held under investigation.—MNA

Updated at 8 pm, 3 September 2020



Recovery Update on 3 September 2020 after two consecutive tests



New PUIs

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New Cases in State/Region

3 September 2020

Yangon	55	Shan (South)	2
Rakhine	31	Mandalay	1
Bago	24	Nay Pyi Taw	1
Mon	2		

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2020 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION

The General Election will be held on 8 November 2020.

- Union Election Commission has announced the first edition of eligible voter lists at local offices of the commission in respective wards/village-tracts, in the villages from 25 July 2020 to 7 November 2020.
- If the name of any eligible voter is not included in the list, voter registration can be requested by filling in Form 3.
- Objection can be filed against any ineligible voter in the list by using Form 4.
- Correction for voter list can be requested by using Form 4 (c).
- Voters can cast their votes only if their names are included in the voters list.
- Cooperation is requested for at least one member of each family to check their names without fail to ensure a complete and correct voters list.
- Check the voters lists not to lose voting rights by filling up discrepancies, deleting and making corrections.

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MSWRR hands over cash assistance to vulnerable women

THE Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement handed over cash assistance yesterday morning to relevant officials to give the money to vulnerable women including disabled women amid the COVID-19 crisis.

The lists of the vulnerable women were compiled by Myanmar Women and Children Development Foundation (MWCDF) and the Emergency Response Joint Committee on COVID-19.

The event held via video conferencing was participated by Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye, Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, and the directors-general of the ministry, MWCDF Joint Secretary Daw Khin Mya Win, Myanmar Federation of Persons with Disabilities (MFPD) General Secretary U Myat Thu Win, other relevant officials and vulnerable women

including disabled women.

During the event, the Union Minister said that the ministry is conducting the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan (CERP), which also focuses on providing financial assistance to members of vulnerable group: women, children, elderly people and the disabled. He pointed out that women could not earn enough money during the COVID-19 crisis, and that's why the government has provided financial support to them.

The Union Minister said that the MWCDF has been providing vocational training to vulnerable women and creating jobs for them. He said that the ministry is also working for the welfare of the disabled, and the Emergency Response Joint Committee on COVID-19 compiled the list of disabled women who need financial support. He said that the budget



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye joins cash donation ceremony online on 3 September. PHOTO: MNA

of CERP is limited, and urged relevant organizations and departments to take efforts in order to spend the money effectively for those who are eligible for the financial supports.

MWCDF Joint Secretary Daw Khin Mya Win and MFPD General Secretary U Myat Thu Win expressed thanks for the financial support.

The Department of Rehabilitation Deputy Director-General handed over a total of K11.2 million to officials of the MWCDF for 224 vulnerable women in conflict-hit areas and far-flung villages. The Yangon Region Department of Social Welfare Director handed over a total of K15 million to an official of MFPD for 300 disabled women.—MNA

(Translated by Maung Maung Swe)



MoFA official signs book of condolences for former Indian President

DIRECTOR-General U Aung Myint from the Strategic Studies and Training Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs yesterday afternoon signed the book of condolences at the Indian Embassy in Yangon for the demise of former Indian President Shri Pranab Mukherjee.

The 13th President of India, who took office from 2012 to 2017, died on 31 August 2020 at aged 84.—Zaw Min Latt (MNA)

(Translated by Maung Maung Swe)

Director-General U Aung Myint signs book of condolences at Indian Embassy in Yangon. PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT (MNA)

Elections are the foundation of democracy.

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**Termination of duties of
Kayah State Chief Minister**

In accordance with the provisions stated in the article 263 (e) sub-section (2) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the section 80 of Union Government and the article 55 of Region or State Government Law, Kayah State Chief Minister U L Phaung Sho, has been terminated from his office.

Sd/ Win Myint
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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of Myanmar
Office of the President
Order 25/2020

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3rd September 2020

**Appointment of judge for
High Court of Shan State**

In accordance with the provisions stated in article 308 (b), sub-section (4) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and article 82 (d) of the Union Government Law and article 45 of the Union Judiciary Law and article 18 (d) of the Region or State Government Law, Daw Sandar Aung has been appointed as the Judge for the High Court of Shan State.

Sd/Win Myint
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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of Myanmar
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**Appointment of judge for
High Court of Shan State**

In accordance with the provisions stated in article 308 (b) , sub-section (4) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and article 82 (d) of the Union Government Law and article 45 of the Union Judiciary Law and article 18 (d) of the Region or State Government Law, U Aung Thein has been appointed as the Judge for the High Court of Shan State.

Sd/Win Myint
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

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**Announcement for civil service personnel who will come
to Union Territory, Nay Pyi Taw, and for those who will
return to Nay Pyi Taw from other regions/states**

1. The confirmed cases of COVID-19, assumed to be local transmission, were reported in Rakhine State in the second week of August 2020, and some secondary case-patients who were infected from the primary case-patients have reached other regions and states. Therefore, to prevent the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), travels of civil service staff are being systematically investigated.

2. Therefore, if the civil service personnel based in Nay Pyi Taw will need to follow the COVID-19 guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Sports when making trips to other areas for duty or social affairs, they need to follow the COVID-19 guidelines of Ministry of Health and Sports, and their re-entry will be allowed only after the following inspections to them to prevent transmission of disease.

(a) Travel order/approval document issued by the Union-level organizations and the Union ministries must be brought, and the signature of person concerned will be required to confirm the meeting.

(b) Travel order/approval document must be shown on the way or at the destination place for official inspection, and it must be returned to the relevant department when the personnel arrived back to Nay Pyi Taw.

(c) Those who return from duties of day trip or nights from the townships of Region/State with positive cases to Nay Pyi Taw need to stay at the community-based facility quarantine designated by the Nay Pyi Taw Council for 7 days. Their swabs will be taken on the 2nd and 5th days of quarantine for laboratory

tests. Only if they tested negative, they will be allowed for returning to the office duties.

(d) Those who return from duties of day trip or nights from the townships of Region/State with no positive cases to Nay Pyi Taw need to stay at the community-based facility quarantine designated by the Nay Pyi Taw Council. Their swabs will be taken on the 2nd day of quarantine for laboratory tests. Only if they tested negative, they will be allowed for returning to the office duties.

(e) If they are tested the suspected symptoms, they will be taken to the hospital for medical treatments.

3. The civil service personnel who make duty travel from Nay Pyi Taw need to allow for inspection at the Nay Pyi Taw checkpoint. If it is found that the personnel reached other places unrelated to the duty, they will be filed under Civil Service Personnel Law when tested negative, and under the Natural Disaster Management Law when tested positive. The civil service personnel who made any trip with the family members outside Nay Pyi Taw without approval of relevant department and organization will have to undergo laboratory tests. Those who led the trip will be filed under the Natural Disaster Management Law.

4. This announcement will be implemented commencing 2 September 020, and it will be restored until it is substituted with another one.

Dr Myo Aung
Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council
(Unofficial Translation)

**Volunteer medics arrive
in Sittway to enforce
COVID-19 fight**



Volunteer medical team arrives in Sittway on 3 September. **PHOTO: HTET HLAN**

A volunteer medical team including doctors and nurses to combat COVID-19 disease in Sittway, Pauktaw and Manaung townships arrived in Sittway Township by a special flight of Myanmar National Airlines yesterday morning.

They were welcomed by Head of Rakhine State Public Health and Medical Services Department Dr Sai Win Zaw Hlaing and the relevant officials at the airport.

The health workers group included 1 assistant doctors (medicine), two assistant doctors and 4 nurses.

Similarly, 128 volunteers are serving in COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities

in Sittway, Kyaukphyu, An, Pauktaw and Manaung townships.

According to the data of the Ministry of Health and Sports, the volunteer medical team including 2 Directors, 2 Deputy-Directors, 2 Heads of District Public Health, 1 Pathologist, 1 Assistant-Director, 46 assistant doctors, 1 dentist, 1 Charge Sister, 2 nurses, 8 medical assistants, 2 medical technicians grade -2 (radiology), 1 medical technician grade-2 (medicine), 2 departmental clerks, 20 staff nurses, 34 nurses and 3 midwives are serving their duties in respective townships from 17 August to 3 September.—Htet Hlan

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

To have the spirit of “the Union for Rakhine and Rakhine for the Union



It was important not to lose sight of the long term goals of the Union and the goals of all the children of the Union; there were conflicts based on race and religion in Rakhine State; there were those who were fanning the flames of hatred and those who were inciting conflicts among each other instead of promot-ing Metta; in the present fight against COVID in Rakhine State, we need to show in what way we can show goodwill to each other; at this time it would become clear who had genuine goodwill; it was very important to have the spirit of “the Union for Rakhine and Rakhine for the Union”.

(Excerpt from State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s discussions with stakeholders for prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19 in Rakhine State on 28 August 2020)

35 Myanmar seamen spend hotel quarantine in Kawthoung

A total of 35 Myanmar seamen who signed off from the ships anchored in the Andaman Sea arrived in Kawthoung on 2 September evening and are currently held under hotel quarantine.

Out of 35 seamen, 12 signed off from MV Wide Bravo of Malaysia while 10 from MT Chemroad Wing of Indonesia, 6 from MT Ocean Chemist of Bang-

ladesh and 7 from MT Global Venus of Indonesia.

These 35 Myanmar seafarers had swapped duties with 12 seafarers including Captain U Than Htike for MV Wide Bravo, with another 10 seafarers including Captain U Win Tun for MT Chemroad Wing, with 6 seafarers including Captain U Pyi Thin for MT Ocean Chemist and with 7 seafarers including

Captain Toe Toe Aung for MT Global Venus.

The local officials of jetty and health departments helped them with medical tests and other supplies and put under 21-day hotel quarantine, while their swabs will be sent to the National Health Laboratory of Yangon.

—Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)
(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)



Myanmar seamen are queuing for immigration services in Kawthoung on 2 September .
PHOTO : KYAW SOE (KAWTHOUNG)

26 Myanmar nationals enter Chinshwehaw border town in returning home



An official takes body temperature of Myanmar returnee at Chinshwehaw border crossing. **PHOTO : ZIN ZIN (IPRD)**

LOCAL authorities in Chinshwehaw border town of northern Shan State received 26 Myanmar returnees from China on 2 September.

Among 10 males and 16 females, 1 person was from Ayeyawady Region and 25 were from Shan State.

They will go back to respective areas through Lashio

with the arrangement from Chinshwehaw COVID-19 committee.

A total of 14,875 persons have returned to Myanmar from China through Chinshwehaw border crossing from 30 April to date.—Zin Zin (IPRD)

(Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)

Online capacity building training to open for SME businessmen

By Nyein Nyein

ONLINE capacity building training courses will be opened on 4 September for those who wish to start and for those who wish to extend their SME businesses, according to SME Development Department, the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry (MoPFI).

This online training course

will be opened free of charge jointly with the Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection (DISI) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). There are two types of training business idea stage for those who wish to start their businesses and early stage business for those who have already started their businesses.

These online capacity build-

ing training courses are aimed at developing of the capacity for better assessment of the business environment; improving of business capabilities; developing the ability to formulate and employ business planning techniques; providing of basic knowledge to develop the businesses and getting started with better business plans to do one's own business.

The online training courses will take 12 days. Upon completion of the training courses, the trainees will be able to develop the business plan and implement the best business. The first prize is K1 million while the second and third K500,000 and K300,000 respectively for early business stage training and the first prize is K500,000 while the second and the third K300,000 and K200,000

respectively for business idea stage.

Those who wish to attend the training course for the early business stage can register through <http://bit.ly/IdeastageBM> and business idea stage through <http://bit.ly/MSMEsB>. For further information, contact can be made to 09-973474141.

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KTVs in Yangon face crackdown amid COVID-19 outbreak

ACTIONING on the information that some KTVs/night clubs in Yangon still open despite the COVID-19 outbreak, Yangon Region police officers inspected the LAX KTV on Saya San Road, Sasana Yeiktha Ward, Bahan Township, Yangon and the Privacy KTV on Pyidaungsu Road, Ward 45, Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon on 2 September night.

The work committee of the National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19 has ordered all KTVs/night clubs to close during the COVID-19 crisis.

Police found that the two KTVs opened at that night. So, the two owners and the two managers of the KTVs have been charged under section 30 (A) of the Natural Disaster Management Law for violation of the order of the work committee.

Another COVID-19 relat-



Police officers inspecting the vehicle in Yangon on 2 September, 2020. PHOTO:GNLM

ed news said that 647 people (618 men and 29 women) in Yangon Region were arrested

on 2 September and charged under section 188 of the Penal Code for violation of 12:00-4:00

am curfew. —MNA

(Translated by Maung Maung Swe)

Six Japan DEMU coaches reach Yangon today

SIX Japan-made Diesel-Electric Multiple Units (DEMU) train coaches which will be operated on Yangon–Mandalay railway route reached Yangon on 4 September, according to Myanma Railways.

These DEMU coaches will be run for the first time in Myanmar upon completion of upgrading project on Yangon–Mandalay railway route.

Japan sent the new DEMU coaches to Myanmar

on 21 August 2020 through Niigata jetty. MR upgraded Yangon-Mandalay railway project spending JICA ODA loans. Upon completion of the project, the new DEMU coaches will be operated on Yangon-Mandalay railway route. MR has already bought 24 DEMU coaches from Japan.

At present, 32 coaches have arrived in Yangon region, and MR has planned to

operate them on Yangon circular railway. The new coaches bought with the Japan loans will also be operated on Yangon-Mandalay railway after trial.

The six upper-class coaches bought with Korea loans are being operated along Yangon-Mandalay railway route. Myanmar has bought 100 coaches, including upper-class coaches and ordinary class coaches, spending US\$ 45

million.

Myanma Railways (MR) has upgraded the Yangon-Mandalay railway spending JICA ODA loans and the national fund.

MR has targeted to complete 166-mile-long Yangon-Toungoo railway project in 2022 and 219-mile-long Toungoo-Mandalay project in 2023.—Zin Yaw Aye

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Nearly 45,000 tonnes of illegal timber confiscated in Sagaing in 5 years

NEARLY 45,000 tonnes of illegal timber were confiscated in Sagaing region in the past five years, according to an announcement of the Sagaing regional government.

From 2016 to July 2020, authorities confiscated teak, hardwood and other types of timbers in Kani township, Mawlaik township, Phaungpyin township, Kalewa township, Tamu township, Bamauk township, Katha township, Kyunhla township, Yinmabin township

and Pale township.

In 2016, authorities seized a total of 9,997.6317 tonnes of timber including 3,000.5889 tonnes of teak, 3,350.9963 tonnes of hardwood and 3,646.046 tonnes of other types of wood.

In 2017, a total of 9,622.5221 tonnes of timber were seized in Sagaing region including 2,383.1857 tonnes of teak, 2,755.0087 tonnes of hardwood and 4,484.3277 tonnes of other types of timber. In 2018, a total of 6,569.2034 tonnes of timber

were seized in Sagaing region including 1,572.9040 tonnes of teak, 1,461.3496 tonnes of hardwood and 3,534.9498 tonnes of other types of wood.

In 2019, a total of 9,791.7711 tonnes of timber were seized in Sagaing region including 2,722.4484 tonnes of teak, 1,964.1367 tonnes of hardwood and 5,105.186 tonnes of other types of wood. As of July 2020, a total of 7,223.3418 tonnes of timber were seized in Sagaing region including 1,864.619 tonnes

of teak, 1,440.2914 tonnes of hardwood and 3,918.4318 tonnes of other types of wood.

Officials have been making concerted effort to crack down on the illegal timber trade in the region. The deforestation rate of Myanmar has been ranked second among the South-east-Asian countries after Indonesia and third highest forest loss in the world after Brazil and Indonesia. —Aye Maung

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Myanmar depots in China move back to Muse

By Nyein Nyein

MYANMAR depots in China are being shifted to Muse town, said U Min Thein, vice-chair of Muse rice depot. This is followed up by China notification issued on 25 August that the depots will be closed to protect China self-interest unless Myanmar depots partner with China, he added.

“The depots are gradually moving inside Myanmar. There are over 100 depots that belong to Myanmar traders in Kyal Gaung, border checkpoint of China. As per the official notification, they must extend their licences within ten days. Earlier, Myanmar depots were solely owned by Myanmar traders. It is said that China will hold 50 per cent of shares from now on. Myanmar traders do not want to share with them. These prompted Myanmar traders slowly pull their depots back in Muse,” he said. The return of depots to Muse will bring about job opportunities for local people. However, it will surely slow the trade, he pointed out.

“Earlier, we could directly



There are over 100 depots that belong to Myanmar traders in Kyal Gaung, border checkpoint of China. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH

send China’s goods to Myanmar on our own. Now, the goods will be stopped in Kyal Gaung and then, transported to the Myanmar side with China’s trucks. This is the problem we are currently facing,” he stressed.

To tackle with this problem, relevant departments from Myanmar have been negotiating with Chinese authorities, said U Khin Maung Lwin, assistant secretary of the Ministry of Commerce.

“Having said that, Muse dis-

trict administrators led the depot operators and the related associations to hold the coordination meeting. They called for five facts, including suspension of the order. Myanmar’s officials are trying to negotiate those with Chinese authorities,” he said.

At present, building materials, CMP garment raw materials, pharmaceutical and food products are distributed through border depots in China.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Myanmar trade deficit widens in August to \$1.54 bln

MYANMAR trade gap has significantly surged to US\$1.54 billion as of 21 August in the current financial year 2019-2020 from over \$1 billion registered in the corresponding period of the 2018-2019FY, according to the data provided by the Ministry of Commerce.

Between 1 October and 21 August in the current FY, Myanmar’s external trade increased to over \$33 billion from \$31.2 billion recorded in the year-ago period.

While exports were estimated at \$15.7 billion, imports were valued at \$17.27 billion. Compared to the previous FY, exports showed an increase of \$637.69 million, while imports climbed up by \$1.165 billion.

Myanmar’s foreign trade has shown a 10-per-cent increase, year over year, under the incumbent government.

Myanmar exports agricultural products, animal products, minerals, forest products, and finished industrial goods,

while it imports capital goods, intermediate goods, CMP raw materials, and consumer goods.

The country’s export sector relies more on the agricultural and manufacturing sectors. While export earnings from the CMP (cut, make, and pack) garment businesses are rising, the country’s reliance on natural resources, such as natural gas and jade, is lessening.

The government is trying to cut the trade deficit by screening luxury import items and boosting exports.

Myanmar trade deficit was pegged at \$1.14 billion in the 2018-2019FY, \$1.3 billion in the previous mini-budget period (April-September, 2018), \$3.9 billion in the 2017-2018FY, \$5.3 billion in the 2016-2017FY, and \$5.4 billion in the 2015-2016FY, according to statistics released by the Central Statistical Organization. —Mon Mon

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Stock trading values on YSX drop to eight-month low in August

THE value of shares traded on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) in August sank to the lowest level of K747 million this year, according to YSX’s monthly report.

The trading volume also plunged to an eight-month low of 118,850 shares in August.

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

Moreover, Myanmar people like to invest in property, currency and gold market. Most of the local people are accustomed to investing in the gold market rather than the stock market. They will buy them if they have extra money. The cash out when they need, he added. In a bid to contain the spread of COVID-19 and promote the development of Myanmar capital market through the digital platform, the first Online Exhibition and Live Seminar YSX Expo 2020 will go live on 12 and 13 September 2020. Those interested can make registration

through <https://ysx.expo2020.online/>. The expo will include more than ten digital booths of listed companies and securities companies, live panel discussion to cover economic and investment situation, investors’ perspective amid the COVID-19 crisis and situation of foreigners’ participation in Myanmar capital market, interview talk with executives of the listed companies, lucky draw program and free online stock trading account opening, the YSX stated.

At present, 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) and the Ever Flow River Group Public Co. Ltd (EFR) are being traded on the exchange.

In January 2020, 196,836 shares worth K1.25 billion were traded on the exchange while 188,919 shares, with an estimated value of K1.48 billion, were traded on the exchange in February and 228,913 shares valued K1.42 billion were traded in March re-

spectively. It touched the lowest of K902 million with 173,808 shares in April. It rose to K1.2 billion with 200,416 shares being traded in May. The share volumes traded on the exchange surged to 221,682 in June, with an estimated value of K1.3 billion and then, it fell to \$1 billion with 125,137 shares in July. Last month, the exchange witnessed the lowest level of stock trading, the exchange’s monthly report showed. Next, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Myanmar (SECM) allowed foreigners to invest in the local equity market in March 2020. Foreigners have held 52,843 shares in the equity market as of 2 September. In August, the share prices of the listed companies on the exchange, except EFR, also showed a decrease compared with the previous months. The share prices of FMI were closed at K9,800 per unit, MTSH at K3,700, MCB at K7,800, FPB at K21,5000, TMH at K2,700 and EFR at K3,050.

The YSX was launched three years ago to improve the private business sector. It disseminates rules and regulations regarding



Shares traded on the Yangon Stock Exchange in August sank to the lowest level of K747 million this year. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH

the stock exchange and knowledge of share trading through stock investment seminars.

To boost the trading, the YSX had doubled its stock trade matching time from two to four per day last year. The exchange launched seven times matching per day on 26 March 2020.

Since 2017, it has held promotional events to attract new investors and encourage existing investors to trade more actively. 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.

A total of 2.4 million shares worth K13.39 billion were traded on the YSX in 2019, a significant increase compared to the previous year, according to the annual report released by the exchange. — Ko Htet

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Stand with vulnerable populations in fighting COVID-19

THE relief aid provided to the women who are facing hardships for livelihoods and disabled women yesterday under the Union Government's COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan is a good step towards alleviating the distress caused to vulnerable sections of the population amidst COVID-19.

Speaking at the virtual ceremony to handover financial assistance to the needy women and disabled women in communities, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye pledged that the Union Government would not leave behind vulnerable communities such as women, children, aged people, and people with disabilities.

It is worth noting that the relief offered by the government covers various sections of the communities affected by COVID-19 and the vulnerable sections are given priority. At yesterday's ceremony, over 220 women in post-conflict areas and far-flung areas and about 300 women with disabilities were provided with financial aid for their recovery. As the financial assistance under the CERP is limited and allocated from the public budget, all governmental departments are obliged to cooperate with each other to ensure that the financial assistance benefits the targeted people effectively. The scheme is managed in accordance with the human rights and democratic norms to ensure that all can enjoy equal benefits, especially in this time of COVID-19 crisis. We have empathy for many families which have much anxiety and pain in this time of crisis which will in turn slow down our recovery. We also understand that these people need more than financial aid to rebuild their

lives post-COVID-19. The measure taken to provide financial aid to the poor and vulnerable people in our country is feasible and urgently needed, while the pandemic is now spreading fast and people with low-income and vulnerable populations make a living through informal markets and cannot earn money if they are at home. They are also the ones hardest hit by this crisis. In response to the COVID-19 crisis, the government is doing everything it can to protect the people as much as possible and to keep the economy running smoothly. We do believe that the financial relief scheme is one tool in the toolbox that can be useful to stop the spread of the virus in our country.

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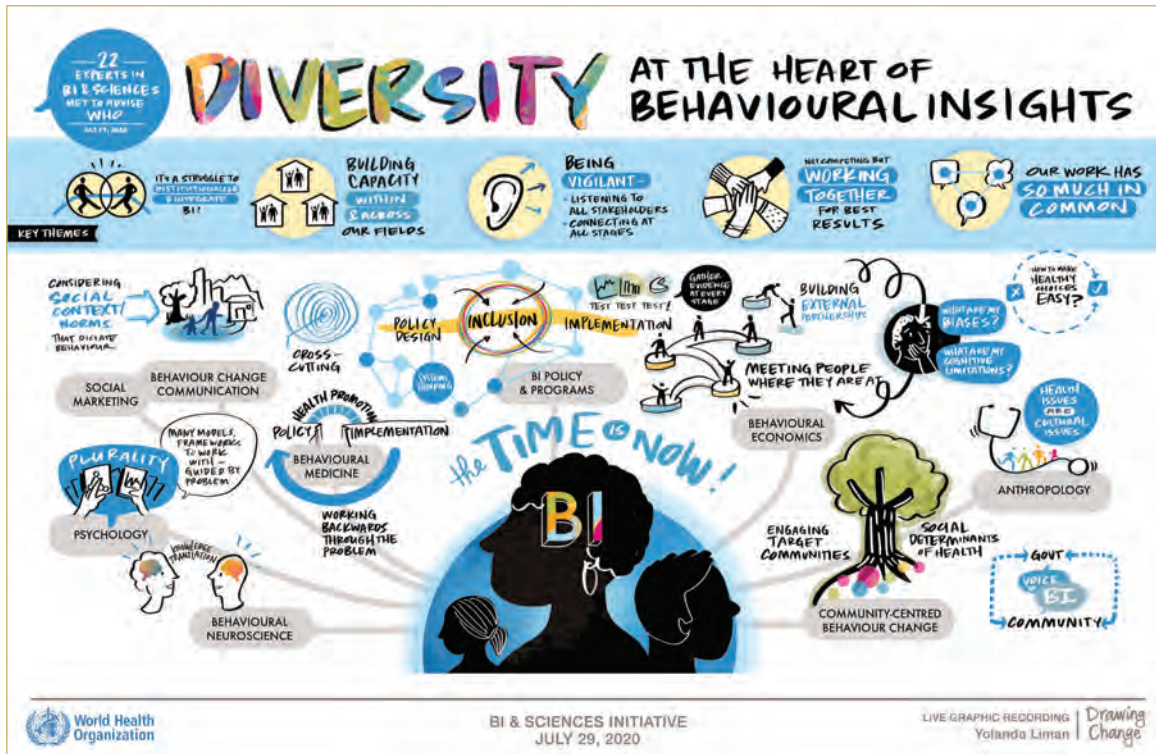
A NEW BEHAVIOURAL INSIGHTS AND SCIENCES INITIATIVE

WHO convenes expert group for behaviour change

THE World Health Organization convened its first Technical Advisory Group on Behavioural Insights and Sciences for Health.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has taught the world that public health agencies and experts need a better understanding of how people and societies behave and make decisions in relation to their health," said Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of WHO, to whom the Technical Advisory Group will report. "WHO wants to ensure that such understanding and evidence inform every policy, guideline and programme."

Following a global call which attracted over 200 applications from 47 countries, some 21 advisers have been selected to represent a variety of countries and expertise in related disciplines, to design and implement policies and programmes – not only in terms of COVID-19, but on public



The image above captures the diversity of disciplines and areas of work that contributes to understanding human behaviour to improve health policies and programmes. The contributions were discussed by the members of the Technical Advisory Group during the introductory meeting on July 20, 2020. **IMAGE COURTESY: WHO**

health in general. Psychology, anthropology, health promotion, social and behavioural sciences, neuroscience, behavioural economics, social marketing, design thinking and

epidemiology are some of the areas of expertise of the members that come from government agencies, academia, international organizations and civil society – and are now to provide advice to WHO on a range of topics.

While behavioural and social sciences have for decades studied human behaviour, decision making and social and cultural drivers, past years have seen a growing integration into policies and programmes - ultimately translating into increased efficiency and better health.

"Providing evidence-based advice is central to WHO's mission, but for that advice to produce results and save lives, we need to better understand the biases and triggers that affect whether or not people act on it," Dr Tedros said.

The creation of the technical advisory group is part of a new behavioural insights and sciences initiative, expected to give a

more prominent role and louder voice to disciplines that have social and behavioural sciences in common – in the context of health. In addition to supporting the design of global policies, other outcomes of this sharpened focus are more defined methods, tools and mechanisms to support how WHO's regional and country offices gather local and contextual evidence for a better understanding of individual and community behaviour.

The establishment of the Advisory Group is in line with WHO's 13th Global Programme of Work for the 2019-2023 period which aims at 1 billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage; 1 billion more people better protected from health emergencies; and 1 billion more people enjoying better health and well-being.

SOURCE: WHO
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FACING AN INCREASE IN THE DAILY NUMBER OF CASES AND DEATHS SINCE AUGUST

Coronavirus death toll in Asia tops 100,000

ASIA has registered more than 100,000 deaths linked to the new coronavirus since it first emerged in December, according to an AFP tally based on official sources at 0800 GMT on Thursday. A total of 100,667 deaths have been attributed to the coronavirus in the region out of 5,420,803 officially declared cases, with 4,255,760 people considered to have recovered.

In terms of fatalities, India is the most affected country with nearly three-quarters of total deaths in the region—67,376 deaths from 3,853,406 cases.

It is followed by Indonesia with 7,616 deaths from 180,646 cases and Pakistan (6,328 deaths, 297,014 cases).

The continent, which had successfully contained the virus after its discovery in the Chinese city of Wuhan in December, has faced an increase in the daily number of cases and deaths since August. Nearly 90,000 infections and 1,200 fatalities have been reported

on average every day for the past week.

This represents an 11 per cent increase in the number of cases and a six per cent rise in the number of deaths over the previous week.

The region also had the most cases in one week at 618,000 and the second highest number of deaths at 8,600, a figure topped only by Latin America, which still records more than 16,000 deaths weekly.

As well as being the worst-hit country in Asia, India has also reported the biggest surge in the world in a week, with more than half a million new cases (up 15 per cent in seven days) and more than 6,800 new deaths (up five percent).

India's COVID-19 tally rose to 3,853,406, as the death toll mounted to 67,376 on Thursday, showed the latest data released by the federal health ministry.

As many as 83,883 new cases and 1,043 deaths were recorded over the past 24 hours across the country. This is the highest single-day spike of new COVID-19 cases in the country so far.

Meanwhile, the Department of Health (DOH) of the Philippines reported 1,987 new cases of COVID-19 on Thursday, the lowest daily increase in more than one month in the Southeast Asian country. Thailand on Thursday reported its first case of community transmission of the novel coronavirus after 100 days with no detected local cases.

Health authorities said the case was detected in a recently jailed 37-year-old man, who tested positive during his 14-day quarantine period at the prison. They said there was no record of his ever having travelled out of the country.

His close contacts considered to be at high risk, including family members, other inmates and Corrections Department staff, have been tested, but so far all results have been negative. Thailand has had 3,427 cumulative cases, with 58 deaths. Wednesday marked Thai-



People wearing masks shop for fresh food at a market in Manila on Aug. 6, 2020. **PHOTO: AFP**

land's 100th day free from local infection.

The total number of COVID-19 cases surpassed 1,000 in Myanmar on Thursday, doubling in less than 10 days, according to the Health Ministry.

Of 2,552 tests done through late Wednesday evening, a total of 120 new cases came back positive for the novel coronavirus, bringing the country's confirmed infection figure to 1,058.

Meanwhile, the death toll had remained unchanged at six, since late April.

The total figure of cases had stood at 504 on the evening of Aug. 25.

Of the new cases, 22 are imported ones.

Over 400 cases have been detected in both the Yangon Region and in the western state of Rakhine, where authorities have imposed a lockdown, while the

rest are spread across the other 12 different places, including 11 states and regions, in a single- and double-digit figures.

Myanmar reported its first two COVID-19 cases on March 23 when two local men who returned from United States and Britain were tested positive upon arrival in Yangon.

The country had been holding the numbers low until mid-August at just over 300 in total.

In terms of deaths, Asia is the fourth most affected region in the world, behind Latin America and the Caribbean (282,979 deaths, 7,514,473 cases), Europe (216,596 deaths, 4,049,902 cases), the United States and Canada (194,915 deaths, 6,244,459 cases).

It is ahead of the Middle East (37,004 deaths, 1,524,773 cases), Africa (30,260 deaths, 1,267,343 cases), and Oceania (707 deaths, 29,320 cases).

SOURCE: AFP/Xinhua/Kyodo
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MYANMAR GAZETTE

Heads of service organizations appointed

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(1) U Thint Myat Thu Deputy Director-General Department of Transport Planning Ministry of Transport and Communications	Director-General Department of Transport Planning Ministry of Transport and Communications
(2) Dr Aung Swe Tun Deputy Director-General Department of Monitoring and Evaluation (Education) Ministry of Education	Director-General Department of Monitoring and Evaluation (Education) Ministry of Education
(3) Dr Thet Lwin Deputy Rector University of Pakkoku Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education	Rector University of Pakkoku Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education
(4) Dr Aung Aung Min Deputy Rector Yandanabon University Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education	Rector Yandanabon University Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education

Appointment of Sweden Ambassador to Myanmar agreed on

THE Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Mr Jon Åström Gröndahl as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Sweden to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, with residence in Bangkok, in succession to Mr Staffan Herrström.

Mr Jon Åström Gröndahl was born in July 1975. He earned Master of Law from the Lund University in 2003. From 2002 to 2020 August, he has served in various capacities at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Embassy of Sweden in Islamabad and the Swedish Military Intelligence and Security Directorate, at the Armed Forces Headquarters. He speaks Swedish, English and German.

He is married and has one daughter.—MNA

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QUARTER OF A BILLION TONNES OF CO₂

Record CO₂ emissions for Arctic wildfires: EU



In this handout video grab released by the Aerial Forest Protection Service, Aerial Forest Protection Service employees try to extinguish forest fires in Russia. Uncontrolled forest fires across eastern Russia have sent more than half a billion tonnes of CO₂ spiralling into the atmosphere since January, a record. **PHOTO: AFP**

THIS year's Arctic Circle wildfires, still ablaze, have already surpassed the record set in 2019

for CO₂ emissions, adding to the carbon pollution humanity needs to curtail, the European Union's

Earth observation programme said Thursday.

Uncontrolled forest fires

across one of the planet's coldest regions has sent a quarter of a billion tonnes of CO₂ spiralling into the atmosphere since January this year, topping by more than a third the total for 2019, according to satellite data.

The Arctic Circle includes latitudes upwards of 66 degrees North.

Almost all of the fires are in Russia, the EU's Copernicus Atmosphere Monitoring Service (CAMS) and the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts jointly reported.

Russia's Eastern Federal District, which includes parts of the Arctic Circle, emitted more than half-a-billion tonnes of CO₂ from June to August 2020, also the highest amount to date.

"The Arctic fires burning since mid-June with high activity have already beaten 2019's record in terms of scale and intensity," said CAMS senior scientist Mark Parrington.

While satellite images do not reveal how these fires start, many of the blazes early in the summer are thought to have been caused by "zombie" fires that smoulder through the winter and then reignite, he said.

Freakishly warm weather across large swathes of Siberia since January combined with low soil moisture -- likely a consequence of global warming -- have fuelled the flames.

Arctic warming

Siberia and the Arctic Circle are prone to large year-on-year temperature fluctuations, but the persistence of this year's warm spell is unusual, Carlo Buontempo, director of the EU's Copernicus Climate Change Service noted last month.

"What is worrisome is that the Arctic is warming faster than the rest of the world," he said.

SOURCE: AFP

UNINHABITED ISLAND ACTS AS MARKER

Bering Sea ice at lowest levels in 5,500 years: study

WINTER ice in the Bering Sea, in the northern Pacific Ocean between Alaska and Russia, is at its lowest levels for 5,500 years, according to a study released Wednesday.

Researchers analyzed vegetation that accumulated on the uninhabited island of St Matthew over the last five millennia.

They looked at variations in peat layers of oxygen atoms called isotopes 16 and 18, whose proportions over time correlate with atmospheric and oceanic changes and precipitation.

"It's a small island in the middle of the Bering Sea, and it's essentially been recording what's happening in the ocean and atmosphere around it," said Miriam Jones, the researcher who conducted the study at the University of Alaska and then at the US Geological Survey.

The scientists studied a single 1.45-meter (4.7-foot) peat core, taken from St Matthew in 2012, which represented 5,500 years of accumulation.

"What we've seen most recently is unprecedented in the last 5,500 years," writes Matthew

Wooler, director of the Alaska Stable Isotope Facility, who participated in the analysis.

The ice in the Arctic and Bering Seas melts in summer and freezes anew in winter, but satellite observations only date back to 1979. For the Arctic, the reduction of winter ice in recent decades is clear and rapid, in parallel with global warming and the increasing concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. But the Bering Sea in recent decades has seemed stable, the authors of the study say -- with the exception of 2018 and 2019, when a strong reduction was observed.

The advantage of the new analysis, published in the journal *Science Advances*, is that it goes back much further in time, allowing researchers to establish whether the current levels are an anomaly or a trend.

At this rate, conditions are now favorable for a completely "ice-free" Bering Sea, the authors conclude, setting in motion a domino effect of consequences on the ecosystem.

SOURCE: AFP

"WHOLE NEW WORLD"

Scientists detect mysterious 'intermediate mass' black hole

SCIENTISTS announced Wednesday the discovery of a black hole -- the oldest ever detected -- that shouldn't even exist according to the current understanding of cosmic monsters so dense not even light can escape their gravitational pull.

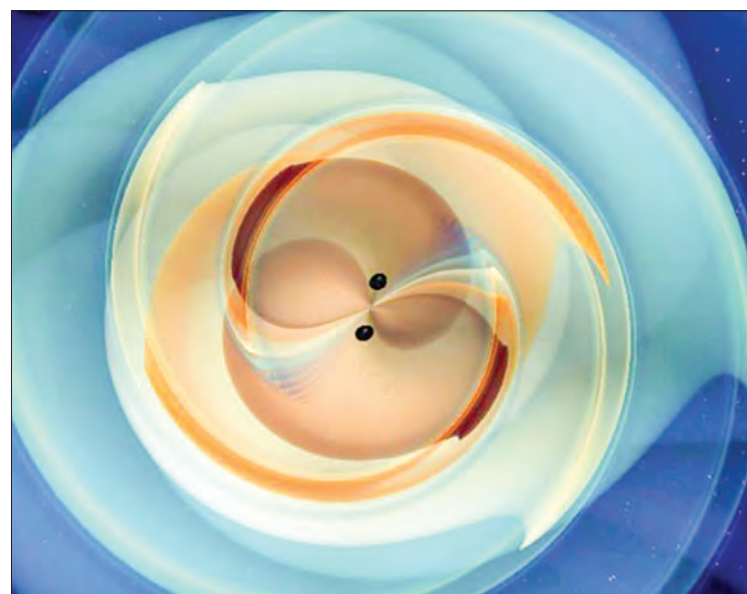
Born of a merger between two other black holes, GW190521 weighs in at 142 times the mass of our Sun and is the first "intermediate mass" black hole ever observed, two consortiums of some 1,500 scientists reported in a pair of studies.

"This event is a door opening into the cosmic process for the formation of black holes," co-author Stavros Katsanevas, an astrophysicist at the European Gravitational Observatory, said in an online press conference.

"It is a whole new world."

A so-called stellar-class black hole forms when a dying star collapses, and is typically three to ten solar masses in size.

Supermassive black holes found at the centre of most galaxies, including the Milky Way,



Simulation of Binary black hole merger GW190521. Up to now, black holes with mass 100 to 1,000 times that of our Sun had never been found. **PHOTO: MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR GRAVITATIONAL PHYSICS/AFP/FILE**

range from millions to billions of solar masses.

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"This is the first evidence of a black hole in this mass range," said co-author Michaela, an astrophysicist at the University of Padova and a member of the Eu-

rope-based Virgo Collaboration.

"It may lead to a paradigm shift in the astrophysics of black holes."

The findings, she added, support the idea that supermassive black holes could be formed through the repeated merger of these mid-sized bodies.

SOURCE: AFP



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We are Looking For The Agile Executive
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Myanmar Employer Awards (MEA)2019 winner, Best Companies to work in Myanmar 2020 (BCIM) award winner and 18 years old Global Technology Group (GTG), Home of award winning fastest ISP 5BB Broadband, Lalakyi online entertainment and enterprise ICT solutions provider GlobalNet, a leading business group which is managed and supervised by three young entrepreneurs, focusing in Technology, Media and Telecommunications(TMT sector), is expanding in ICT businesses with high market demand. Due to pandemic Covid-19, daily ICT usage in Myanmar is increasing and existing house members of GTG is expecting to meet new family members who are motivated to work day and night, dynamic to adapt agile environment culture, active life style like athletes and ready to accept challenges as the vacancies mentioned below.

All of positions must have as following competencies- (1) Easy to understand-(2)Drive for result according to Job Description - (3)Having adequate Skill and professional experience-(4)Having ICT skill for management positions-(5)Good Communication with People-(6)Ready to work under Covid-19 situation and similar situation in future.

1. Assistant General Manager - Sales	M/F	(1)Post
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5. Assistant General Manager - Procurement	M/F	(1)Post
6. Assistant General Manager - Admin & HR	M/F	(1)Post
7. Assistant General Manager - Media & PR	M/F	(1)post
8. Assistant General Manager - Billing	M/F	(1)Post
9. Manager - Sales	M/F	(3)Posts
10. Manager - Marketing	M/F	(3)Posts
11. Manager - Customer Service	M/F	(1)Post
12. Manager - Human Resources	M/F	(1)Post
13. Manager - Site Acquisition	M/F	(1)Post
14. Manager - Procurement	M/F	(1)Post
15. Manager - Media & PR	M/F	(1)Post
16. Manager - Billing	M/F	(1)Post
17. Manager - System Integration	M/F	(1)Post
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19. Chief Engineer - Metro & Long Distance	M/F	(1)Post
20. Chief Engineer - IT & Internet	M/F	(1)Post
21. Chief Engineer - Fiber Network	M/F	(1)Post
22. Chief Engineer - Radio & Wireless	M/F	(1)Post
23. Chief Engineer - Last Mile & Customer Site	M/F	(1)Post
24. Chief Engineer - Research & Development	M/F	(1)Post
25. Deputy Chief Engineer - Core Network	M/F	(1)Post
26. Deputy Chief Engineer - Metro & Long Distance	M/F	(1)Post
27. Deputy Chief Engineer - IT & Internet	M/F	(1)Post
28. Deputy Chief Engineer - Fiber Network	M/F	(1)Post
29. Deputy Chief Engineer - Radio & Wireless	M/F	(1)Post
30. Deputy Chief Engineer - Last Mile & Customer Site	M/F	(1)Post
31. Deputy Chief Engineer - Research & Development	M/F	(1)Post
32. Senior Engineer	M/F	(1)Post
33. Executive Engineer	M/F	(1)Post
34. Assistant Engineer	M/F	(1)Post
35. Systems Engineer	M/F	(1)Post
36. Cloud Engineer	M/F	(1)Post
37. Wi-Fi Assistant Engineer	M/F	(20)Posts
38. Pre-Sales Engineer	M/F	(3)Posts
39. E- Commerce and Website Developer	M/F	(1)Post
40. Corporate Lawyer	M/F	(1)post
41. Admin Executive	M/F	(4)Posts
42. Customer Service	M/F	(5)Posts
43. Sales Executive – (YGN/BGO/MLM/PYAY/NPT)	M/F	(10)Posts
44. Project Sales – (YGN /MDY/BGO/PYAY)	M/F	(4)Posts
45. Fiber Technician – (YGN/MDY/BGO/MLM)	M	(5)Posts
46. Assistant Fiber Technician– (YGN/MDY/BGO/MLM)	M	(25)Posts
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- Group (A) – Assistant General Manager Level (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)**
- Bachelor's degree in business, any Master's degree related with applied position.
 - 3 to 5 years experiences in similar position and 8 to 10 years in related fields.
 - Previous Experiences and success story is essential to present.
- Group (B) _ Manager Level (9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17)**
- Bachelor's degree related with applied position. (Master's degree preferable)
 - 3 to 5 years experiences in similar position and 5 to 8 years in related fields.
 - Previous Experiences and success story is essential to present.
- Group (C) _ Chief Engineer Level (18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24)**
- Bachelor or Master of Engineering degree / Computer Science.
 - Microsoft, AWS, VMWARE, Cisco (highest certified certificate holder are more preferable)
 - Experiences - 3 to 5 years in similar position and 8 to 10 years in related fields.
 - Experiences and track record in related field is essential.
- Group (D) _ Deputy Chief Engineer Level (25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31)**
- Bachelor's degree in the relevant engineering field, Computer Science (Master of Engineering degree preferable)
 - Microsoft, AWS, VMWARE, Cisco (highest certified certificate holder are more preferable)
 - Experiences - 3 to 5 years in similar position and 5 to 8 years in related fields.
 - Experiences and proven track record in the related field is essential.
- Group (E) _ Engineer Level (32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38)**
- Bachelor's Degree in Electronics/ Communication/ Electrical / Computer Science or other relevant IT degree.
 - Experiences - 2 to 3 years in similar position and 3 to 5 years in related fields.
 - Experiences and proven track record in the related field is essential.
- Group (F) _ Other Level (39, 40, 41, 42, 43)**
- Bachelor's degree holder/ relevant degree holder
 - Experiences – 2 to 3 years in related fields.
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El Al's airliner, carrying a U.S.-Israeli delegation, lands on the tarmac at the Abu Dhabi International Airport, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, Aug. 31, 2020. **PHOTO: AFP**

Israel's El Al announces cargo flight to Dubai

JERUSALEM — Israel's national carrier El Al on Thursday announced a first cargo flight to Dubai, days after its groundbreaking commercial passenger trip to the United Arab Emirates.

Following on the heels of a deal to normalize Israel-UAE ties, the cargo flight is scheduled to take

off from Ben Gurion airport near Tel Aviv on September 16, the airline said in a statement.

Unlike the direct passenger flight, the cargo service will fly via Liege in Belgium before continuing to Dubai, El Al said, without explaining the roundabout route.

The Boeing 747 air-

craft will be carrying "agricultural and high-tech equipment" from Israel to the Emirates, El Al said, with the route set to become a regular Wednesday fixture in the future.

"The weekly El Al cargo flight to Dubai will enable Israeli companies connectivity in import and export from and to

Dubai, as well as Asia in transfer from Dubai," El Al said.

On Monday an El Al flight from Ben Gurion took a delegation of US and Israeli officials to the UAE capital Abu Dhabi, to draft agreements after a surprise diplomatic breakthrough last month. —AFP ■

US growth, job gains slowing, Fed reports

WASHINGTON — Economic growth and job gains continued in most of the United States but the pace has slowed in many areas while spending remains far below pre-pandemic levels, the Federal Reserve said Wednesday. The Fed's beige book

survey of economic conditions highlighted "rising instances of furloughed workers being laid off permanently as demand remained soft," especially in the hard-hit services industries.

As monetary policymakers prepare for their

next meeting later this month, the report shows the economy has not seen the sharp bounce-back some had predicted, and which President Donald Trump has been betting on as the November presidential elections approach.—AFP ■

Tourism establishments in Cambodia gradually reopen as COVID-19 situation eases

PHNOM PENH — Tourism businesses in Cambodia have gradually reopened after the situation of COVID-19 in the kingdom has eased, Tourism Ministry's secretary of state Tith Chantha said on Thursday. Some 3,135 tourism establishments such as hotels, guesthouses, restaurants, massage-spa parlors, karaoke clubs, nightclubs, beer gardens, and tour and travel operators had been either closed or suspended between March and July due to the impact of COVID-19 pandemic, affecting over 110,000 workers. "To date, about 30 per cent of the closed or suspended tourism establishments have been reopened thanks to the demand of domestic tourists, as the number of foreign visitors to the kingdom is still very few," Chantha said during a press conference here. —Xinhua ■

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ALS SUZURAN VOY. NO. (034W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ALS SUZURAN VOY. NO. (034W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **4-9-2020** 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.

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THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ELECTRICTY AND ENERGY MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE (INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER) (3/2020-2021)

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

Sr No.	Tender No.	Description	Remarks
(a)	DMP/L-037(20-21)	Mud Testing Equipment (9) Items	Ks
(b)	DMP/L-038(20-21)	Portable Drilling Rig Complete Sets (Drilling Bit 3 1/2") (6) Nos	Ks
(c)	DMP/L-039(20-21)	Net Data Sever Machine & Seismic Interpretation Workstation (2) Items	Ks
(d)	DMP/L-040(20-21)	Steel Ball Valves & Pipe Fittings (2) Groups	Ks
(e)	DMP/L-041(20-21)	Fuel Bowser (2800 Gal Capacity) (7) Units	Ks
(f)	DMP/L-042(20-21)	850 KW Alternator for Rig Engine (2) Sets	Ks
(g)	DMP/L-043(20-21)	Pipe Bending Machine (1) No	Ks
(h)	DMP/L-044(20-21)	Pumping Unit (5) Items	Ks
(i)	DMP/L-045(20-21)	VHF Transceiver (Synthesized) (25W), VHF FM Transceiver Walkie Talkie (Synthesized) (5W) & Telephone Cable (3) Groups	Ks
(j)	DMP/L-046(20-21)	Heat Shrinkable Sleeve and Closure Patches (4) Items	Ks
(k)	DMP/L-047(20-21)	10 Ton Truck with Crane, 30 Ton Hydraulic Mobile Crane & 55 Ton Crawler Crane (3) Items	Ks
(l)	DMP/L-048(20-21)	50 Ton Tractor with Low Bed Trailer & High Bed Trailer (2) Items	Ks
(m)	DMP/L-049(20-21)	Accomodation Container (2) Items	Ks
(n)	DMP/L-050(20-21)	Skid Mounted Engine Driven Air Compressor (2) Sets	Ks
(o)	DMP/L-051(20-21)	33KV Current Transformer, 33/0.4 KV, 500 KVA Transformer & 11-6.6/0.4KV, 500 KVA Transformer (2) Items	Ks
(p)	DMP/L-052(20-21)	Water Analysis Laboratory Kit, Chiller Instrument, Gerharch Recirculation Cooler, Laboratory Centrifuge, Analytical Balance, Polarizing Petrographic Microscope (6) Items	Ks
(q)	DMP/L-053(20-21)	Welding Machine with Accessories & Transformer Welding Set with Accessories (2) Items	Ks
(r)	DMP/L-054(20-21)	Skid Mounted Water Transfer Pump with Engine (3) Items	Ks
(s)	DMP/L-055(20-21)	Skid Mounted Water Transfer Pump with Motor (3) Items	Ks
(t)	DMP/L-056(20-21)	5 Ton Truck Crane (2) Items	Ks
(u)	DMP/L-057(20-21)	Fuel Bowser (1200 Gals) (4 x 4) (2) Units	Ks
(v)	DMP/L-058(20-21)	Welding Electrode (3) Items	Ks
(w)	DMP/L-059(20-21)	10", 8", 6", 4" HFERW API 5L Grade X-42 MS 3 Layer PE Coated Line Pipe (4) Items	Ks
(x)	DMP/L-060(20-21)	14" HFERW API 5L Grade X-46 3LPE Coated Steel Line Pipe (49900) MTR	Ks
(y)	DMP/L-061(20-21)	20" LSAW API 5L Grade X-46 3LPE Coated Steel Line Pipe (40250) MTR	Ks
(z)	DMP/L-062(20-21)	သာကေတကမ်းလွန်ရေနံအခြေစိုက်စခန်းတွင် ၂၀၀' x ၁၀၀' x ၂၆' x ၃" Store Godown (Steel Structure) တည်ဆောက်ခြင်း လုပ်ငန်း	Ks
(aa)	DMP/L-063(20-21)	ရန်ကုန်-ရွှေပြည်သာပိုက်လိုင်းပြုပြင်ထိန်းသိမ်းရေးစခန်းတွင် (၄) ခန်းတွဲ(၄)ထပ် ဝန်ထမ်းအိမ်ယာတည်ဆောက်ခြင်း (၇၉' x ၅၁' x ၄၄') RCC Building	Ks

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qtty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from **4 September 2020** at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the **Technical Specifications with Original Bid Bond and Commercial Quotation in each separate sealed envelopes** on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than **12:00 pm on 5 October 2020**.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time – **5-10-2020, 12:00 pm.**

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ph No. + 95 67 – 411206

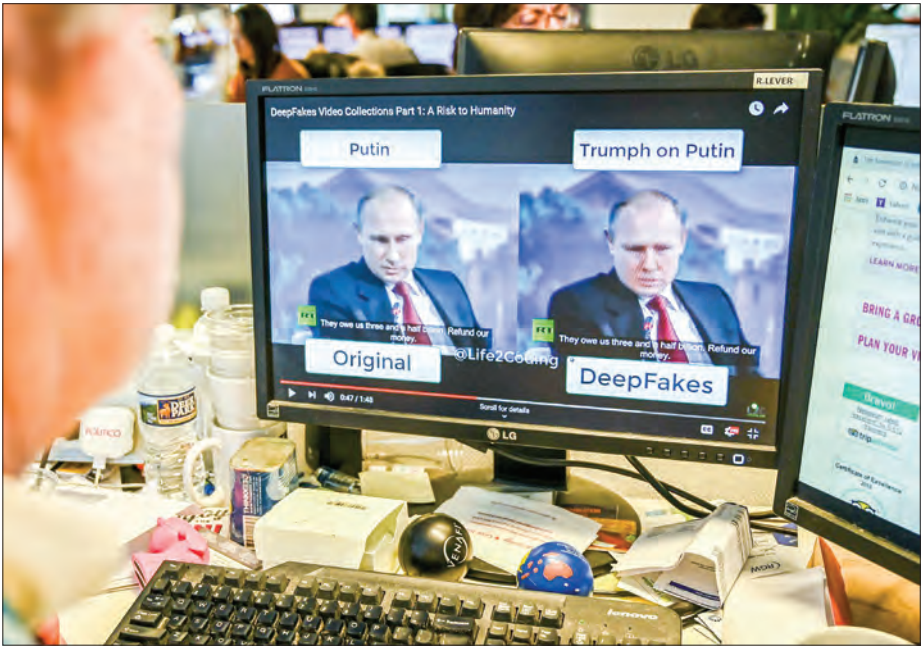
Microsoft unveils ‘deepfake’ detector ahead of US vote

ALBUQUERQUE — Microsoft has unveiled software that can help spot “deepfake” photos or videos, adding to the list of programs designed to fight the hard-to-detect images ahead of the US presidential election.

The Video Authenticator software analyzes an image or each frame of a video, looking for evidence of manipulation that could even be invisible to the naked eye.

Deepfakes are photos, videos or audio clips altered using artificial intelligence to appear authentic and are already targeted by initiatives on Facebook and Twitter.

“They could appear to make people say things they didn’t or to be places they weren’t,” said a company blog post on Tuesday.



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PHOTO: AFP / ALEXANDRA ROBINSON

Microsoft said it has partnered with the AI Foundation in San Francisco to make the video authentication tool available to political campaigns, news outlets and others involved in the democratic process.

Deepfakes are part of

the world of online disinformation, which experts have warned can carry misleading or completely false messages.—AFP ■

S.Korea’s imported car sale posts double-digit growth in August

SEOUL — South Korea’s imported car sale posted a double-digit growth in August thanks to strong demand for European luxury brands, industry data showed Thursday.

The number of imported vehicles sold here was 21,894 in August, up 20.8 per cent from a year earlier, according to the Korea Automobile Importers & Distributors Association (KAIDA).

Demand for European brands remained solid.

German automaker BMW ranked first in terms of vehicle sale here by selling 7,252 units, followed by German carmaker Mercedes-Benz with the sale of 6,030 units.

The number of European vehicles sold here was 18,937 in August, taking up 86.5 per cent of the total. It was trailed by U.S. brands with a market share of 7.1 per cent and Japanese models with 6.4 per cent each.

— Xinhua ■

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Notice of Intention to Call Shareholders Meeting

Pursuant to Section 116 (e) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017 (“MCL 2017”) regarding a proposed reduction of share capital, ZICOLaw Myanmar Limited, Company Registration no. 105606680, having registered office at Unit #6-#7, Level 4, Uniteam Marine Training Building, No.84, Pan Hlaing Street, Sanchaung Township, Yangon proposes to send a notice of a Shareholders’ Meeting for the reduction of share capital to be considered and approved. The notice to convene the Shareholders’ Meeting in relation to the proposed capital reduction and the summary of explanation (draft) together with associated documents have been filed with the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration on 2 September 2020 for review and determination.

For and On Behalf of ZICOLaw Myanmar Limited

Daw Thuzar Tin

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Dated: 4 September 2020

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International flights to Beijing resume after five months

BEIJING — The first international flight in more than five months landed in China's capital Thursday with passengers greeted by airport staff in full hazmat suits as a ban on foreign arrivals in Beijing eased.

Chinese aviation authorities are allowing arrivals in Beijing under intense Covid-19 safety rules from Thailand, Cambodia, Pakistan, Greece, Denmark, Austria, Sweden and Canada — countries deemed low-risk for cross-border infections.

Footage from state broadcaster CCTV showed an Air China plane taxiing at the Beijing Capital International Airport after landing from the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh.

Passengers disembarked wearing masks and dragging luggage — some appeared to be in full protective suits — before going past customs officials and police wearing visors and protective gear. Travellers arriving in China need to show a negative coronavirus test before boarding, and are subject to centralized



Passengers in full protective suits make their way to a boarding gate in Beijing's Capital International Airport. **PHOTO: AFP**

quarantine on arrival for 14 days, along with two more tests, officials said this week.

The number of passengers on direct international flights to Beijing is capped at 500 per day

during a trial period, CCTV said.

Since late March, Beijing-bound international flights have been diverted to other Chinese cities, where passengers are screened for the coronavirus and

quarantine.

Eleven cases were reported Thursday in China, where the coronavirus first emerged late last year. Health officials said they were all imported.—AFP ■

Hong Kong media boss Jimmy Lai found not guilty of intimidation

HONG KONG — Hong Kong media mogul Jimmy Lai walked free from a criminal intimidation trial Thursday as the court ruled in his favour against a reporter of a rival newspaper.

Lai, an outspoken China critic and owner of Next Digital Ltd., which publishes the Apple Daily, was found not guilty of bullying a reporter of rival newspaper Oriental Daily during a demonstration in 2017.

The reporter, whose identi-

ty was concealed in court, had accused Lai of cursing at him, uttering threats and causing him to fear for his own safety following the confrontation, the court has heard.

Magistrate May Chung said in the ruling that the reporter was not an "honest and reliable" witness as he was "evasive" when cross-examined, and the reporter's smiles following the confrontation made his "fear" claims unconvincing.—Kyodo ■



Hong Kong media mogul Jimmy Lai walked free from a criminal intimidation trial on Sept. 3, 2020 as the West Kowloon Magistracy ruled in his favour against a reporter of a rival newspaper. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Desperate search for crew of ship sunk in typhoon off Japan

TOKYO — Japanese coast guard rescuers searched Thursday for the remaining 42 crew of a ship believed to have sunk in a typhoon, after a lone survivor was found bobbing in a lifejacket.

The Gulf Livestock 1, which was carrying a cargo of nearly 6,000 cows, issued a distress call in the early hours of Wednesday from a position 185 kilometres (115 miles) west of Japan's Amami Oshima island.

Japan's coast guard dis-

patched planes and rescue boats to hunt for the ship and late Wednesday found a sole survivor — the ship's 45-year-old Filipino chief officer.

Dramatic photos and video released by the coast guard showed the man floating in the darkness in an orange life jacket and being pulled onto a boat with a rope as rescuers battled violent, rolling waves. He was quickly brought to a large vessel, where coast guard personnel with sur-

gical masks and gloves wrapped him with blankets.

"Water," said the man, who identified himself as a Filipino in the video. "Thank you, thank you very much."

"I am the only one? No other one?" he asked.

Japanese officials said he was the first crew member to be rescued from the ship.

The man told rescuers that he had put on a life jacket and dived into the sea after a warn-

ing announcement on board on Wednesday, when powerful Typhoon Maysak was passing through the area.

He said one of the boat's engines had stalled and a wave then overturned the ship, which later sank, the coast guard said in a statement.

There were no details on when and where the ship sank, but the man said he had not seen other crew members while waiting to be rescued.—AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

China celebrates 75th anniv. of WWII end as ties with Japan on mend

BEIJING — China on Thursday celebrated the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II in a low-key manner, apparently taking care not to provoke Japan, a close U.S. ally, as tensions between Beijing and Washington have been escalating.

President Xi Jinping attended a ceremony held at the Museum of the War of Chinese People's Resistance Against Japanese Aggression near the Marco Polo Bridge, where a skirmish on July 7, 1937, marked the start of the second Sino-Japanese War, state-run media reported.

Xi, along with other top political leaders, participated in the event on the outskirts of Beijing for the first time since 2015, when China staged a massive military parade commemorating the 70th anniversary of Japan's defeat in World War II.

The official China Central Television aired footage showing Xi laying flowers at the ceremony, but his remarks were not reported.—Kyodo ■

10 killed, dozens missing in landslides in Nepal

KATHMANDU — At least 10 people were killed, and an estimated 40 people are missing after landslides swept away dozens of homes in western Nepal, police said Thursday.

The landslides struck Dhorpatan town in Baglung district, located about 180 kilometres west of the capital Kathmandu, between 11 pm Wednesday and 1 am Thursday.

"Six women and four men died. An estimated 40 people are unaccounted for," said Deputy Superintendent of Police Rajendra Regmi.

The landslides and continued flooding has hampered rescue efforts. A police team dispatched at 2 am was not able to reach the affected area for five hours, as rescuers were forced to travel on foot.—Kyodo ■

Bulgaria ruling party defiant as protests turn violent

SOFIA — Bulgaria’s ruling party insisted Thursday Prime Minister Boyko Borisov’s government would not resign after two months of protests against his perceived tolerance of corruption erupted into the most violent day yet.

Several thousand demonstrators gathered outside parliament on Wednesday as it began its autumn session and the rally took a violent turn.

Over the course of the day there were scores of injuries and arrests in scenes unprecedented in Bulgaria in recent years, with police using stun grenades and tear gas to disperse the crowds while some protesters threw powerful smoke bombs.

Police say 126 people were arrested, among them more than 60 football “ultras” who



Hospital officials said 45 people, including at least 27 policemen and several journalists, were injured during clashes. **PHOTO: NIKOLAY DOYCHINOV/ AFP**

had previous criminal records. “We will not resign after these excesses,” MP Toma Bik-

ov from Borisov’s centre-right GERB party told parliament on Thursday.

“This would mean that every future government could be brought down by represent-

atives of the criminal contingent,” Bikov said.

The wave of protests was sparked in early July by several incidents revealing high-level corruption and perceived government protection of shadowy oligarchs.

The demonstrators want Borisov and chief prosecutor Ivan Geshev to resign.

They accuse Geshev of failing to punish real criminals and instead using his powers to attack the government’s political opponents.

Almost 200 hurt

On Wednesday powerful smoke bombs, firecrackers and other devices were thrown at police cordons encircling parliament prompting anti-riot forces to disperse the rally by force.—AFP ■

US slaps sanctions on war crimes court prosecutor

WASHINGTON — US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Wednesday slapped sanctions on the top prosecutor of the International Criminal Court – a move that The Hague-based tribunal called a “serious” attack against the rule of law.

The economic sanctions against Fatou Bensouda and another senior ICC official, Phakiso Mochochoko, after earlier visa bans on Bensouda and others

failed to head off the court’s war crimes probe into US military personnel in Afghanistan.

“Today we take the next step, because the ICC continues to target Americans, sadly,” Pompeo said.

The ICC quickly fired back. “These coercive acts, directed at an international judicial institution and its civil servants, are unprecedented and constitute serious attacks against the court,

the Rome Statute system of international criminal justice, and the rule of law more generally,” it said in a statement.

The sanctions freeze the US assets of the two officials, and bar any US individuals from doing business with them.

‘Kangaroo court’

President Donald Trump had authorized sanctions on the ICC on June 11 over its investigation of US troops.

Pompeo at the time referred to the ICC as a “kangaroo court” and warned that if US soldiers were targeted, those of US allies in Afghanistan risked the same treatment. Despite the new sanctions, the ICC appeared to give no ground on the issue, saying it “continues to stand firmly by its personnel and its mission of fighting impunity for the world’s most serious crimes.”— AFP ■



Representational Photo: AFP/FILE

Navalny case poisons ties between Germany, Russia

BERLIN — German Chancellor Angela Merkel faced mounting pressure Thursday to toughen her ambivalent stance toward Russia following her announcement that Berlin has “unequivocal” proof that Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny was poisoned with a deadly nerve agent.

The Navalny case is only the latest in what Berlin has seen as a series of bitter provocations by Russian President Vladimir Putin that have damaged ties and called future cooperation into question.

But German politicians and media said a line had been crossed with the use on Navalny of military-grade Novichok, a poison first developed by the Soviet Union towards the end

of the Cold War.

Merkel was confronted with insistent calls in particular to abandon the controversial German-Russian energy project Nord Stream 2, a multi-billion-euro gas pipeline nearing completion that has drawn the ire of US and European partners alike.

“Diplomatic rituals are no longer enough,” the head of the German parliament’s foreign affairs committee, Norbert Roettgen, tweeted.

“After the poisoning of Navalny we need a strong European answer which Putin understands: The EU should jointly decide to stop Nord Stream 2,” said Roettgen, a candidate to be the next leader of Merkel’s Christian Democratic Union party.— AFP ■

Slovak court acquits businessman of ordering journalist murder

BRATISLAVA — A Slovak court on Thursday acquitted a well-connected businessman of ordering the murder of an investigative journalist in a case that shocked the nation and exposed high-level political corruption, ultimately toppling the governing party.

Multi-millionaire Marian

Kocner and two suspected accomplices faced up to 25 years in prison for the double murder of Jan Kuciak and his fiancée Martina Kusnirova in February 2018.

“The crime was committed but it has not been proved that Marian Kocner and Alena Zsuzsova ordered the murder;”

Judge Ruzena Sabova said in her ruling.

“The court therefore acquits the defendants,” she said, only sentencing Kocner to a 5,000 euro (\$5,900) fine for illegal weapons possession as 60 bullets were found in his house.

The victims, both 27, were

gunned down at home after Kuciak wrote several stories on graft and the shady dealings of the high-powered entrepreneur who has ties to senior government politicians.

Prosecutors argued that Kocner ordered Kuciak’s murder in revenge for articles detailing

his various property crimes.

They had called for Kocner and his alleged accomplices Tomas Szabo and Alena Zsuzsova to be jailed for 25 years if convicted.

Kuciak’s father Jozef told journalists after the verdict that he was “left paralyzed”. — AFP ■

Ayeyawady thrashes Magway 5-0 in MNL Week-13

AYEYAWADY United made a big win over Magway FC 5-0 yesterday played at Padonmar Stadium in Yangon.

Ayeyawady United dominated the match from the start, exhibiting flawless defence and good tackling while Magway solely relied on their defence style play.

Ayeyawady United led the match with the first goal scored by Than Htet Aung at 21-minute mark.

After 1-0, Magway changed massive defence play plus counter-attack, and it made some difficulties for the Ayeyawady attackers to create goal chances.

The first half was ended with 1-0 lead by Ayeyawady.

The second half saw the new

tactic of Ayeyawady, resulting in a better play.

With fast action, Kaung Myat Thu scored the second goal at 74 minutes, and Ayeyawady foreign player Success scored the third goal at 80 minutes by taking an opportunity over defence line errors.

Next, the fourth goal came with Kaung Myat Thu's score at 82 minutes.

Before the final whistle, Ayeyawady United earned the fifth goal, and the goal was beautifully scored by local player Yar Zar Aung.

Other matches saw ISPE FC beat Yadanarbon FC 1-0 and Hantharwady United won Southern Myanmar FC with lone goal.

—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■



Ayeyawady United's Lwin Moe Aung (No.22) vies for a header during an MNL match against Magwe FC at Padonmar Stadium in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNL**

Myo Min Tun gets best coach award for March to August



Head coach Myo Min Tun receiving the trophy for best coach award of Myanmar National League at Yangon United Sports Complex on 3 September 2020. **PHOTO: MNL**

THE best coach award for March to August went to Hantharwady United head coach Myo Min Tun, according to the statement with the Myanmar National League yesterday.

Head Coach Myo Min Tun received a trophy for the best head coach plus K150,000 as prize yesterday at Yangon United Sports Complex afternoon before Hantharwady United vs Southern Myanmar FC match.

The awards were presented by Myanmar National League Chief Executive Officer U Soe Moe Kyaw and the prize was counted from Week-9 to Week-12 of the MNL matches.

Myo Min Tun garnered the prize within a year for the second time, and he also won the best coach award in January 2020.

Under the guidance of U Myo Min Tun, Bago-based Hantharwady United secured a no-loss result in the previous month.

—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Bale accuses Real Madrid of making it 'difficult' to leave

MADRID — Gareth Bale has accused Real Madrid of making it "very difficult" to leave the Spanish club as the Wales forward looks to end his Bernabeu exile.

Bale is out of favour with Real manager Zinedine Zidane and played just 48 minutes of Madrid's 12 games when the Spanish season resumed after the coronavirus lockdown.

Zidane, who has feuded with Bale throughout his two spells in charge, said the winger did not want to play in last season's Champions League last-16 second-leg tie at Manchester City.

Bale has two years left on his Real contract, but there appears little chance he will force his way into the manager's plans.

The 31-year-old almost joined Chinese Super League club Jiangsu Suning in 2019 before Real pulled the plug on the deal, a decision that still irks Bale.

"I think the club needs to answer that question because I tried to leave last year. They blocked everything at the last second," Bale told Sky Sports.

"It was a project I was excited for last year but it didn't materialize. There's been other

instances where we've tried to go but the club won't allow it or done something.

"So it's on the club, I can't really do anything. I have a contract. All I can do is carry on what I'm doing and hopefully something comes up.—AFP ■



Real Madrid and Wales forward Gareth Bale. **PHOTO: AFP**

Goalkeeper Henderson aims to oust De Gea from Man Utd No.1 spot

LONDON — Dean Henderson has set his sights on dislodging David de Gea as Manchester United's first-choice goalkeeper and becoming England's number one this season.

Henderson has returned to

Old Trafford after two impressive seasons on loan with Sheffield United.

The 23-year-old signed a new five-year contract with Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's side last week and believes he is capable

of unseating Spain's De Gea, who made a series of costly mistakes last term. Henderson's fine form also saw him drafted into Gareth Southgate's England squad for Nations League matches against Iceland and Denmark.—AFP ■