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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID - 19) Public Announcement

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1. It is found that some people infected with COVID-19 from confirmed patients of local transmissions in Rakhine State went to other regions and states, so the National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has already issued a public announcement dated 26-8-2020 urging those from Rakhine State who made their visits to other regions and states for any reasons since 10-8-2020, or those who visited Rakhine State and went back to their regions and states, to inform their nearest health centres, and the departments and the organizations concerned.
2. According to the Ministry of Health and Sports, 5,409 people travelled from Rakhine State to Yangon Region by flights. Among those people, 2,622 were contacted by the ministry via phone, but only 1,574 people informed their nearest health centres, and the departments and the organizations concerned. The rest of those people could not be contacted and they failed to inform.
3. Therefore, those who travelled from Rakhine State to Nay Pyi Taw, or other regions or states for any reasons must inform their nearest health centres, and the departments and the organizations concerned by 11-9-2020. Under the Natural Disaster Management Law, actions will be taken against the travellers from Rakhine State who fail to inform by the deadline or those who know the travellers but conceal them.



Myanmar parliamentarians join 41st General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat participates in 41st General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly via videoconference on 8 September 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat led Myanmar parliamentary representatives in joining the virtual opening ceremony of 41st Gen-

eral Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA 41) hosted by Viet Nam yesterday.

The online AIPA 41 is the three-day event until 10 Sep-

tember, and is held under the theme 'Parliamentary Diplomacy for a Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN Community' in Ha Noi.

The ceremony was opened

with Vietnamese traditional songs and dances, as well as AIPA song.

The Vietnamese President, the Prime Minister and Chair of National Assembly Chair-

woman Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan, in her capacity as the rotating Chair of AIPA 41, extended greetings and delivered an opening remark.

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“People are the key”

Advice to people who returned from Rakhine State

- 1. The names of people who came back from Rakhine by air after 10 August 2020 have been published in the newspapers. Although they were informed to contact with relevant departments, about half of them have not made their report. Therefore, their names will be published again together with their addresses. And that, they would be known by their neighbours and friends. There will be a specific period for the report. If they failed to make the report voluntarily during this period, legal actions will be filed against them.
- 2. About half of those who travelled from Rakhine State have not made reports until now, and more than 4,500 people, still need to do so.
- 3. They need to make a voluntary report to the nearby health centres and administrative organizations out of consideration for themselves, their family members, their wards/villages, their townships and regions and their citizens.

MRTV hosts quiz competition to mark centenary of Myanmar film industry

THE Myanma Radio and Television commenced shooting of a quiz competition programme at its station in Yangon on 7 September.

The competition is jointly organized by the Ministry of Information, the MRTV, the Information and Public Relations Department, the National University of Arts and Culture (Yangon) and Myanmar Motion Picture Organization, to mark the 100th anniversary of Myanmar film industry.

The contesting teams are

taking part in the first and second-round levels of competition on 7 and 8 September, and the final level will be on 9 September.

The programme will be aired on MRTV and its partner ship channels. —Tin Ko Win (FDC) *(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)*

Myanma Radio and Television shoots a quiz competition to mark film industry centenary at its station in Yangon on 7 September 2020. **PHOTO: TIN KO WIN (FDC)**



Myanmar business woman wins 5th ASEAN Entrepreneur Award



Daw Nang Kham Noug.

Daw Nang Kham Noug, Deputy CEO of KBZ Bank Limited, Myanmar, was selected for 5th ASEAN Entrepreneur Award 2020 in empowering women category.

ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC), in co-operation with Maekyaung Media Group, established the award for outstanding businesspersons in ASEAN in 2016.

AKC invited Myanmar to compete in five categories of Regional Champion, Entrepreneurs 4.0, Empowering Women, Up-and-

Coming Startups and Scale-ups-The Next Unicorns at 21st World Knowledge Forum in September 2020.

Myanmar International Trade Centre (MITC) of Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization informed about the invitation to the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), Myanmar Computer Professionals Association, Myanmar Young Entrepreneurs Association and KBZ Bank Limited, and has been closely working with Myanmar Embassy in the Republic of Korea and ASEAN-Korea Centre. Myanmar competed in the categories of Regional Champion, Entrepreneurs 4.0, Empowering Women, and Up-and-Coming Startups. Three entrepreneurs from Myanmar, Indonesia and Viet Nam won the 5th ASEAN Entrepreneur Award.

A ceremony to present the awards will be held at Shilla Hotel in Seoul on 16 September, but the winners are not invited to the event because of COVID-19 restrictions. On behalf of them, embassies concerned will accept the awards.

The winners are requested to send video messages in advance and to join the event online, according to ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC).— MNA

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

Myanmar brings back 132 citizens from foreign countries

THE relief flight of MAI (Myanmar Airways International) landed at Yangon International Airport yesterday evening, bringing a total of 102 Myanmar nationals back home via Incheon International Airport.

Among these returnees, 1 Myanmar national is from Germany while another 1 is from South Africa, 2 from Brazil, 3 each from UK, Belgium, Canada and Indonesia, 4 from Norway, 11 from the US and 68 from the Republic of Korea.

Similarly, another charter flight of MNA (Myanmar National Airlines) also landed at Yangon International Airport at the same time, bringing 30 Myanmar seamen stranded in Singapore under the arrangement of Myanmar Embassy and their relevant cruise line companies.

As they arrived in

Yangon, officials from the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Health and Sports, and the Yangon Region government helped for their 21-day quarantine period in line with the regulations of immigration and medical checks.

For the repatriation of Myanmar citizens who were stranded in foreign countries by relief flights and chartered flights in accordance with the instructions from 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, and has organized 21 relief flights to pick up Myanmar nationals via the Republic of Korea to date. —MNA

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)



Myanmar nationals returned from foreign countries line up for immigration service at the Yangon International Airport on 8 September 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

2020 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION



Advance voting process for local voters outside their constituencies in 2020 General Election

- Heads of trainings, schools, hospitals and jails are to contact the sub-election commissions to get documents of Form 15.
- They must return these documents to sub-commission of respective townships by 26 August 2020 after the documents are filled by the voters.
- Sub-election commission of respective townships must send ballot papers and envelopes for advance voting to the trainings, schools, hospitals and jails by 7 October 2020.
- Advance voting must be organized at trainings, schools, hospitals and jails on their appropriate day from 8 October 2020 to 21 October 2020.
- The envelopes containing ballot papers must be sent back to sub-election commission of respective townships by 4 pm on 8 November 2020.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets with representatives of NDAA (Mongla)

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing held a meeting with representatives of the National Democratic Alliance Army (Mongla) at the Golden Triangle meeting hall of Triangle Region Command on 7 September.

At the meeting, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presented 20,000 surgical masks, 300 sets of PPE, 1,000 N95 masks, 250 face shields, 6 boxes of 15 litre Sodium Hypochloride, 1,000 examination gloves, 150 bottles of hand gel, 150 bottles of hand sanitizers, foodstuffs, food items produced from Tatmadaw factories, and medicines and medical items for the surgical unit of the Mongla hospital. These were received by U Soe Lin and members of the delegation.

The Senior General also held separate meetings with departmental officials, members of the Tatmadaw and the Myanmar Police Force, members of local people's militia unit and town elders at the meeting halls of Triangle Region Command and the Central East Command.

At the meetings, the Senior General gave cash awards to



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents medical supplies for the Mongla hospital at the Golden Triangle meeting hall of Triangle Region Command on 7 September 2020. PHOTO: OFFICE OF COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES

the members of security forces who effectively participated in narcotic drugs suppression activities and medical supplies for combatting COVID-19 in the respective townships.

Kengtung and Namsang townships received 20,000 surgical masks, 300 sets of PPE, 1,000

N95 masks, 250 face shields, 6 boxes of 15 litre Sodium Hypochloride, 1,000 examination gloves, 150 bottles of hand sanitizers, foodstuffs and household commodities produced by the Tatmadaw factories respectively.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing also presented cash

awards to members of the Myanmar Police Force who successfully participated in seizing narcotic drugs. These cash awards were received by Police Colonel Aye Thein, Deputy Commander of the state police force and Police Colonel Tint Zaw Oo, Commander of the Loilem Dis-

trict police force. According to the report of Office of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the Senior General and party visited the famous Naung Tung Lake of Kengtung Township.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Myanmar parliamentarians join 41st General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly

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In delivering his remark, the leader of Myanmar parliamentary representatives U T Khun Myat talked about the need of AIPA members for development of ASEAN region, promoting multilateralism, international connectivity and respect for law to ensure peace and prosperity of the region, and the importance

of all-inclusiveness in the accomplishment of ASEAN Community Vision 2025. He also highlighted that effective response to complicated changes under global and regional situations could create opportunities, and the AIPA also needs to cooperate with international parliaments more closely. The Women Parliamentarians of

AIPA (WAIPA) was also 'attended' by Amyotha Hluttaw representative Daw Shwe Shwe Sein Latt and Pyithu Hluttaw representative Dr Khin Soe Soe Kyi. The WAIPA approved the motion titled 'Promoting the role of women parliamentarians in securing jobs and income for women workers'. Pyithu Hluttaw representatives U

Naing Htoo Aung and Dr Soe Moe Thu also took part in the AIPA Young Parliamentarians for the topic 'The engagement of AIPA young parliamentarians in ASEAN Community Building'. The remaining AIPA committee meetings will be held today—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Advice to people in Yangon Region

1. About 6,000 people have been quarantined in Yangon. Within two days, quarantine spaces were arranged for 1,000 people who came back from Rakhine State. Now, the number of people who had contacts with COVID-19 patients has increased, so seven new quarantine centres have been established for 1,000 more people. The civil society organizations and volunteers are invited to help the persons at the quarantine centres.
2. People in Yangon need to send the persons who had contacts with confirmed cases in the contact tracing to the quarantine centres without making them worried.
3. People should adhere to the required rules and regulations in the quarantine centres. When sending food to people in quarantine centres, alcohol and cigarettes should not be included in the delivery.
4. People in Yangon have lots of difficulties, challenges and burdens. Therefore, they need to strictly follow the rules by staying at home in two to three weeks during this period. In going outside for necessary reasons, they must wear masks. As Yangon City has a large population, people are also advised to abide by the rules of Ministry of Health and Sports amidst the increasing number of confirmed cases.

MoE organizes International Literacy Day 2020

A CEREMONY to mark International Literacy Day 2020 was held at the Ministry of Education in Nay Pyi Taw via videoconferencing yesterday morning.

The ceremony was opened with the music video entitled “Sustainable Education for Future”.

Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi, in his capacity as a patron of the organizing committee made an opening speech, saying that the day is the annual celebration of International Literacy Day in Myanmar, which has been celebrated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) since 1967. The COVID-19 is still spreading all over the world including Myanmar during this occasion and there are more challenges regarding with the opportunities for literacy, school educations, lifelong learning as the COVID-19 infection rate is quickly rising.

The reviews of UN educational organizations stated that most of the schools all over the world and other educational facilities were closed and it affected about 1.6 billion of students and about 63 million of teachers from more than 190 countries. So, it is the largest loss of learning op-



Ministry of Education observes International Literacy Day 2020 online from Nay Pyi Taw on 8 September 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

portunities in the history of the world, he said.

Meanwhile, 63 million of primary students from 165 countries also incurred losses in their education. The distance learning programme plays key role for children and youths and the people solve the problems by moving to proper learning activities such as online classes, online lessons, printings and broadcasting on TV and radio, he said.

He added if people cannot quickly respond to the impacts of losing opportunities to learn, it can threaten the future genera-

tions and also affect the balanced and sustainable development goals in a decade.

He continued that all the nations and education sectors created new learning models together with new normal lifestyle based on the ICT and media technology.

There should be innovative ways to achieve more opportunities to prioritize the children and youths who lose their rights to learn due to their difficulties following the goal –“Leave No One Behind” and to conduct training for the teachers regarding the changing teaching pedagogies

and to provide the needed technologies and infrastructure for continuous learning, he said.

The UN’s report also urges all stakeholders to cooperate to overcome the challenges to achieve more opportunities in learning and not to affect the new generations.

The officials adopted the new teaching methods not to lose learning opportunities like conducting classes in small group learning, online, offline and through TV and radios by following the health guidelines of the Ministry of Health and

Sports. The school hours were also changed by dividing the students into groups, so that different student-groups had different schedules, he said.

It also needs to train the teachers to perform in line with the changing pedagogies and to provide the technologies and infrastructure to the areas where most of aids are needed.

In accordance with UNESCO’s “Literacy teaching and learning in the COVID-19 crisis and beyond - The role of educators and changing pedagogies”, education officers need to offer training for literacy educators and to carry out collectively in implementing quality education system, he said.

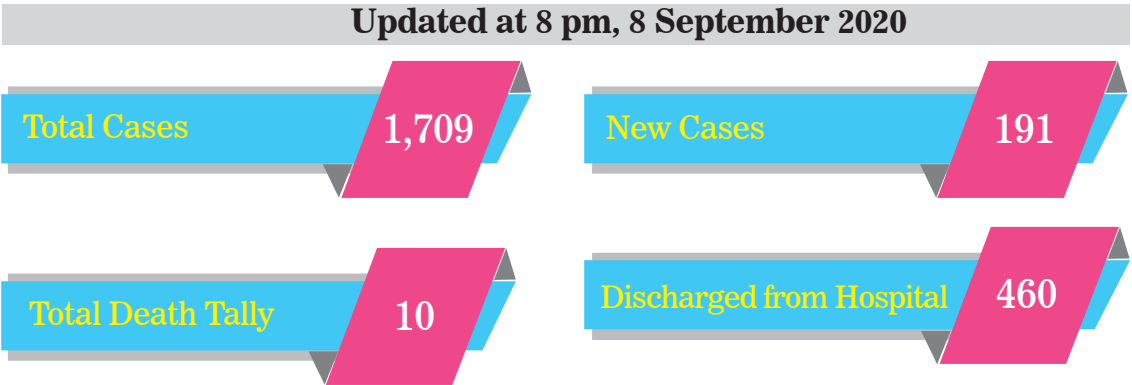
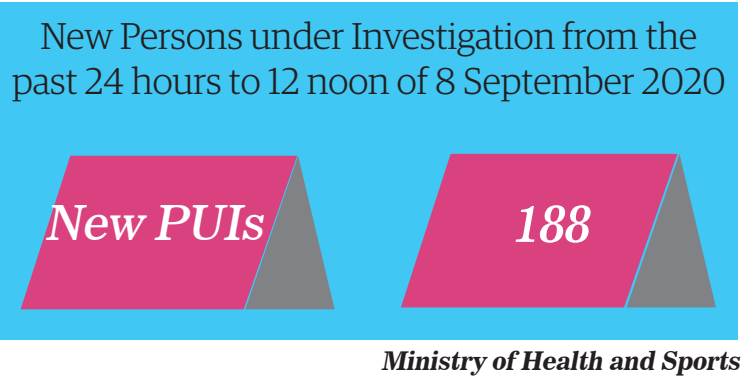
Then, Rector of Yangon University of Foreign Languages and Secretary General of Myanmar National Commission for UNESCO Dr Kyi Shwin read out the Concept Note for the 2020 International Literacy Day and the documentary video of literacy movement was shown.

The ceremony was concluded with the music video of “Saytana Pan Toh Lan Yar Myay” song.—MNA

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

191 more new cases of COVID-19 reported on 8 September, total figure rises to 1,709

MYANMAR’S COVID-19 positive cases rise to 1,709 after 191 new cases were reported on 8 September according to Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these 1,709 confirmed cases, 10 died, 460 have been discharged from hospitals and 188 were held under investigation.—MNA



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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offences up to 5 September 2020 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

Sr	Nature of report	Detail on seizure and legal action taken
1.	Information received of Kyaw Lwin who lives in Sinbokone Village in Mohnyin Township, Kachin State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 31 August 2020, police searched the house of Kyaw Lwin, 41, son of U Ba Nyan, who lives in Sinbokone Village, Mohnyin Township and arrested him together with “88/1”stimulant tablets and heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Mohnyin)MaYa(pa)147/2020 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2.	Information received of Than Moe who lives in Kinn Sann Village in Ye U Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 30 August 2020, police stopped the motorbike of Than Moe, 39, son of U Sein Maung, who lives in Kinn Sann Village in Ye U Township, on the village road of Aout Kae Zin Village and Latmahtaung Village and arrested him together with WY stimulant tablets and heroin. A case has been opened against him with NaMaSa (Tin Tein Yan) MaYa(Pa)2/2020 under Section 16 (c) and 20(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3.	Information received of Khin Maung Lwin who lives in Tha Ngar Village in Phaungpyin Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 4 September 2020, police searched the house of Khin Maung Lwin, 41, son of U Maung Sein, who lives in Tha Ngar Village in Phaungpyin Township and did not find him and instead arrested his wife Ma Aye Aye Thin, 41, daughter of U San Aung, together with heroin. A case has been opened against her with MaMaSa (Phaungpyin) MaYa(Pa) 160/2020 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4.	Information received of Daw Htay Myint who lives in Gyone Gyone Kya Village in Indaw Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 4 September 2020, police searched the house of Daw Htay Myint, 42, daughter of U Aung, who lives in Gyone Gyone Kya Village in Indaw Township, and arrested her together with heroin. A case has been opened against her with MaMaSa (Indaw) MaYa(pa)156/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5.	Information received of many people from Aung Thu Kha Ward in Kawthoung Town, Taninthayi Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	There were 24 cases opened against 28 people (24 males and 4 females) who were arrested together with stimulant tablets, ICEs and speciose previous weeks. On 30 August 2020, according to a series of previous arrests, police searched the house of Ye Min Oo, 30, son of U Than Zaw Oo, who lives on Anawyahtar Road, Aung Thu Kha Ward in Kawthoung and arrested him together with WY stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Kawthoung) MaYa (Pa) 178/2020 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6.	Information received of Ko Myo who lives in Ma Pu Tay Village in Kawthoung, Taninthayi Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 4 September 2020, police searched the house of Ko Myo (a) Thant Zaw Moe, 33, son of U Khin Hlaing and arrested him and Chit San Maung, 21, son of U Zaw Myo, Khin Maung Latt, 24, son of U Than Soe and Nay Lin Htun(a) Armin, 24, son of U Min Htun who all live in the same village, together with WY stimulant tablets. The cases have been opened against them with MaMaSa (Kawthoung) MaYa (Pa) 180/2020 under Section 19(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7.	Information received of distribution and selling in Tha Byay Pin gold mining block in Yame-thin Township, Mandalay Region.	On 5 September 2020, police searched the house of Ma Wint Nandar Aung, 22, daughter of U Lu Chaw, who lives in Shwe Mine Myo Village (Tha Byay Pin gold mining block) in Yamethin Township and arrested her together with “88/1” stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against her with MaMaSa (Yamethin) MaYa(Pa)32/2020 under Section 19(a) and 20(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
8.	Information received of many people who are distributing, selling and using illegal drugs under the Aung Ze Ya bridge in Kan Nar (west) Ward, Insein Township, Yangon Region.	On 4 September 2020, police searched the house of Myo Hlaing, 52, son of U Sein Hlaing, who lives under the Aung Ze Ya bridge in Kan Nar (west) Ward, Insein Township, and arrested him with WY stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Innsein) MaYa(Pa) 152/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
9.	Information received of Kyi Kyi Maw who lives in Hmaw Sat Ward in Dala Township, Yangon Region, selling and distributing illegal drugs.	On 4 September 2020, police searched the house of Ma Kyi Kyi Maw (a) San San Kyi, 28, daughter of U Kyi Lay, who lives in Hmaw Sat Ward in Dala Township and arrested her with her husband Thet Naung (a) Naung Naung, 29, son of U Saw Naung, together with WY stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Dala) MaYa(Pa) 34/2020 under Section 19(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
10	Information received of Kaung Khant Kyaw (a) Kaung Kaung who lives in No.18 Ward, in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon, using, distributing and selling the illegal drugs.	On 4 September 2020, police searched the house of Kaung Khant Kyaw (a) Kaung Kaung, 22, son of U Kyaw Soe, who lives in No.18 Ward, in Hlinethaya Township (West) and arrested him and Lin Lin Htun, 21, son of U Soe Lay together with WY stimulant tablets. The police continued searching the house of Ma Yamin Soe, 22, daughter of U Soe Min Khaing, who lives in the same ward. Although there were anything related with the drugs, the cases have been opened against them with NaMaSa(Thaungyi) MaYa(Pa) 79/2020 under Section 19(a), 22(b) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
11	Information received of Ma Aye who lives in San Laung Village, Hsipaw Township in Nothern Shan State, selling and distributing illegal drugs.	On 2 September 2020, police searched the house of Ma Aye who lives in San Laung Village in Hsipaw Township and didn't find her but arrested Aaik Mum, 22, son of U Aaik Hta, who lives in the same village and Saing Phay, 27, son of U Aaik Htun, who lives in Khainglon Village, together with WY stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa(Hsipaw) MaYa(Pa) 57/2020 under Section 19 (a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

3. Out of the information sent to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department, so far a total of 1,320 cases have been opened files as of 5 September 2020. A total of 2,022 people, including 1,688 men and 334 women had been arrested with 10,408.4194 g of heroin, 1,435.42 g of ICE, 47,187.22886 g of opium, 1,367.96 g of low-quality opium, 53,363.76 g of speciosa powder; 51,097.32 g of speciosa, 2.5 litres of liquid speciosa, 668,401 stimulant tablets, 14713.48 g of marijuana, 0.1 litres of opium tincture, 630.28 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 60.15 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 27 firearms, different kinds of 609 cartridges and one grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the department will report on further exposed cases.

4. To seize further drugs and to arrest drugs dealers, people are urged to inform the Ministry of Home Affairs, region and state governments and to inform huge cases of drug trafficking and other suspicious cases directly to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department of the Office of the President via following contact numbers:

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Mandalay targets to grow over 580,000 acres of monsoon paddy this year

MANDALAY Region has targeted to grow over 580,249 acres of monsoon paddy this year. Currently, a total of 413,287 acres of monsoon paddy have been already cultivated this year, according to the figure released by the Mandalay Region Agriculture Department.

Myanmar is an agricultural country, and the agriculture sector is playing an essential role in the economy sector.

There are over 700,000 acres of paddy field including over 580,000 acres of monsoon paddy and over 120,000 acres of summer paddy in Mandalay region. At present, over 410,000 acres of paddy have been grown. Therefore, the departmental authorities are making an effort to meet the paddy growing target,” said an official from the Mandalay Region Agriculture Department.

Mandalay region grows Ayeyarmin, Pawsanyin, Manaw-



Monsoon paddy field in Mandalay is seen on 27 August 2020. PHOTO: THAN ZAW MIN (IPRD)

thuka, Hsinthuka and 100 days’ paddy species mostly. The region also produces Shwetheyin, Superhnankauk and Shweyinaye species. “Our region grows mostly the monsoon paddy special as Ayeyarmin (aka) Ashittaw majantaw. This special is already

popular in the region. We also grow other species of monsoon paddy. Our region grows the paddy with the use of irrigated water system. So, we have grown nearly all the monsoon paddy,” said a local grower from Ywarshe village, Patheingyi Township.

Under COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan (CERP), the regional authorities are providing financial assistance to the local farmers who come and take out the monsoon paddy seeds. —Than Zaw Min (IPRD) ■
(Translated by Hay Mar)

Yangon airport reopens Gate 4 of Terminal 3

YANGON International Airport (YIA) has reopened Terminal 3, Gate 4 which was temporarily closed during the construction work, according to an announcement of YIA.

The Terminal 3, Gate 4 has been temporarily closed starting from 4 August 2020 to extend the airport terminal arrival and departure gates for convenience of the domestic travellers.

During this period, the pas-

sengers must use Gates 1, 2 and 3 as the entrance gates. For the convenience of the airport users, Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited (YACL) is arranging for temporarily building up the roof between the car parking area and Terminal 3 Platforms, according to YACL.

If it is inconvenient for the flight users, the airport authorities have also announced to request the passengers to be pa-

tient and obey the health rules and regulations adopted by the airport authorities.
To be able to prevent the spreading of COVID-19 to the travellers via air route, the authorities have extended the suspension of scheduled international flights until 30 September 2020.
Although the airport authorities suspended the scheduled international flights in

Terminal 1, the domestic flights are still operating regularly in Terminal 3.
As YACL prioritizes the health and safety of airport users, travellers, and staff while keeping the operational efficiency at YIA, airport authorities advise all to observe the health prevention measures at all times at the airport. — Zin Yaw Aye ■
(Translated by Hay Mar)

MoC builds over 520 bridges during incumbent govt period

The construction of over 520 bridges has been completed during the incumbent government period, according to an announcement released by the Ministry of Construction.

Among 520 bridges, more than 160 bridges are over 180 feet long while about 360 are under 180 feet long. The government spent K1,170 billion with K850 billion from the Union Government fund whereas K 320 billion from the state and region governments’ fund, according to the official announcement of the Bridge Department under the Ministry of Construction.

“The Bridge Department has made an effort to construct 24-foot-long two-lane RC bridges, PC bridges and iron bridges. The department will construct more bridges with the final target being 2030,” said Director-General U Nay Aung Ye Myint of the Bridge Department.
“We have constructed the bridges under the quality management system and with the use of technology for quality control. So, the bridges have great sustainability, thereby reducing maintenance costs in the long run,” the DG added.
No.3 Bago River crossing Bridge, Myanmar-Korea

Friendship (Dala) Bridge, Gyine (Kawkareik) Bridge, Gyine (Zathapyin) Bridge and Attayan Bridge are still being constructed with ODA loans. Moreover, there are also plans to build a new Kunlun Bridge with international assistance, according to the Bridge Department.
The department also constructed a total of 199 bridges of above 180-foot length and 422 bridges of under 180-foot span across the country from 2011-2012 to 2015-2016 financial year (FY). The Bridge Department constructed over 600 bridges and pipelines including 199 bridges of above 180-foot

length and 422 bridges of under 180-foot span and the pipelines in the previous government period, according to the announcement of the Bridge Department. Constructing the bridges across the country can help enhance the connectivity and effectuate the development of the social and economic well-being of the local dwellers from states and regions.
The department is making continuous effort to promote the maintaining process for completed bridges and construction work across the country. —Shin Min ■
(Translated by Hay Mar)

Not to discriminate

We had already drawn up emergency plans with respect to Rakhine State; these plans came into action immediately when the outbreak occurred; in taking such actions the most important thing was to prevent the spread of the infection; the reason we have to tell the people in Rakhine State not to go out of their homes is not to give them punishment; if the infection spread to the whole country it would be very difficult to provide effective treatment and care to everyone; it is easier to provide effective treatment and care in one place; we can provide effective treatment with the available resources; that is why the restrictions imposed on people not to leave Rakhine State is not to discriminate against those who have been infected; the reason is to provide healthcare services and for administrative purposes.

(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)



COVID-19 control supplies reach IDP camps



An MoSWRR official (L) provides relief items to a local in Kachin State on 8 September 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is providing medical and relief items to the IDP camps in Kachin and Rakhine states for prevention of COVID-19 transmission.

The ministry provided 50 bags of lime powder and 2,512 soap bars to the 5 IDP camps in Momauk and Mogaung townships of Kachin State yesterday.

On the same day, people affected by conflicts in 22 temporary shelters in Sittway

Township, Rakhine State, also received 4,408 soap bars and 410 lime powder bags .

On 7 September, 110 lime powder bags and 3,926 soap bars were presented to the 6 shelters in Chipwe, Kamine, Mohnyin, Hpakant and Tanai townships in Kachin State.

The ministry is also conducting COVID-19 responses, awareness campaigns and motivations across the country. —MNA

MoSWRR provides CERP cash assistance to IDPs in MraukU, Rakhine

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement held a virtual meeting with the Rakhine State government on 21 August to present cash assistance for the internally displaced persons in Rakhine State under the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan (CERP).

Under this plan, each family received K40,000 to be able to purchase five basic foodstuffs. MraukU district authorities handed over K184,600,000 for 4,615 families in temporary IDP camps at the township office of General Administration Department on 7 September.



An MoSWRR official (L) provides CERP cash assistance for IDPs in MraukU, Rakhine State on 7 September 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

Plans are underway to give cash relief to the IDPs in Sittway, Pauktaw, Yathedaung, Ponnag-

yun, Minbya, Myebon and An townships.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

311 Myanmar migrant workers come back home via Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge 2

A total of 311 Myanmar migrant workers—180 men and 131 women—returned home from Thailand through the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge No 2 in Myawady border yesterday amid COVID-19 crisis.

The returnees were welcomed by District Adminis-

trator U Tayza Aung, Deputy District Administrator U Aung Chan Nyein and other relevant officials. The returnees were given medical examinations and had other necessary arrangements by the District/ Township officials. They have been sent to relevant quaran-

tine centres.

A total of 75,670 Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand have returned home via the bridge since 1 May.—MNA

Htein Lin Aung (IPRD)

(Translated by Maung Maung Swe)

Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo to assist national students in Japan



Myanmar Ambassador to Japan U Myint Thu received Daw May Yamone Khaing from Myanmar Youth and Student Association-Japan (MYSA) and executive committee members of the association at the Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo on 6 September.

During the meeting, they discussed

how the Embassy can help Myanmar students encountering difficulties in Japan amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo will cooperate with MYSA in providing assistance to Myanmar students in Japan.—MNA

(Translated by Maung Maung Swe)

Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo and Myanmar Youth and Student Association-Japan (MYSA) discuss providing assistance for Myanmar students in Japan on 6 September 2020. **PHOTO: AUNG THURA**

It is about respect

THOSE who returned from Rakhine State after 10 August might have been infected with the coronavirus and they are now in many parts of the country.

The authorities have warned them in the state-media to contact respective local health authorities.

From 10 to 27 August, over 5,700 people had travel history to Rakhine State by air, and of them, some might have been infected with the coronavirus. The government has announced their names in the state-run newspapers.

However, just nearly 1,600 people have contacted the health authorities. It is inexcusable that some who have returned from the COVID-19 hit areas are flouting COVID-19 rules including quarantine and contact tracing processes.

To contain the fast-spreading coronavirus infection in the country, no one should be allowed to continue to knowingly do the wrong thing, and put people's lives at risk.

The Union Government has issued an ultimatum: Those people who returned from Rakhine State after 10th August, and are now to be found in various parts of the country, must contact the local authorities by 11th, September, 2020 or face the consequences of violating the disaster management law.

Besides, the government has a no-tolerance stance towards those who do not follow the mandatory orders amidst the COVID-19 crisis.

Over 13,900 people have been sent to the prosecutors under the communicable diseases law since 26th March, 2020 on charges of obstructing epidemiological investigations, violating quarantine rules and defying bans on gathering.

Meanwhile, over 280 have been charged under the Natural Disaster Management Law in the same period for flouting

COVID-19 health rules when they were under stay-at-home orders, for causing disturbances at the quarantine centres, for staging protests and organizing religious ceremonies and distributing false news.

Over 5,570 people have been charged under the Criminal Act 188 for breaking curfew.

The virus is an unprecedented threat to the world.

Our leaders, health authorities, volunteers and frontline health workers are struggling to keep the virus under control. We need to show respect to them by following the COVID-19 health rules to those who are laying down their lives every single day for us.

Nobody on this Earth is perfect. However some rules, like the COVID-19 prevention best practices, are just too important to ignore.

Let's all remember that You nor I are at the centre of the universe. Let's come together and show some respect to those who need our support and respect most by following COVID-19 rules.



THE ONE HEALTH APPROACH

From promise to action: Sustainability at the heart of COVID-19 recovery

In fact, COVID-19 is only the latest zoonotic disease. Sixty per cent of known infectious diseases and 75 per cent of emerging infectious diseases are zoonotic.

By Inger Andersen
Executive Director, UNEP

WE have, over the last decade and longer, indeed seen sustainability move closer to the centre of political and economic decision-making. The Council on Energy, Environment and Water, and many bodies like it, have played a big part in this process.

But much more work lies ahead of us than lies behind.

Sustainability

The international community has agreed on what we need to do on sustainability and how to do it – through the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement and so many more agreements.

India, like many nations, is onboard with the global plans and has shown some progress.

- UNEP's Emissions Gap Report shows that India is among the six G20 economies that are projected to meet their unconditional Paris targets with current policies.

- Prime Minister Modi at the 14th Conference of Parties to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) announced that India would raise its target for restoring degraded land from 21 million hectares to 26 million hectares by 2030.

- Forest and tree cover have increased in India, reaching just over 80 million hectares, which is around a quarter of the geographical area of the country.

India should be congratulated for its efforts in these and other areas.

But let me blunt. Action in many countries has yet to catch up with the promises made under our global blueprint for sustainability. And here India is no exception. As we move towards the delayed COP26 UN Conference on Climate Change, we are calling for all countries, including India, to take earnest efforts to make real the promise of Paris and to also stretch their commitments in the new Nationally



Bhadla Solar Park is the world's largest solar park located in India which is spread over a total area of 14,000 acres in Bhadla, Phalodi tehsil, Jodhpur district, Rajasthan, India. The park has total capacity of 2,245 MW.

PHOTO/AFP/FILE

Determined Contributions

Nature loss

I will start with the loss of nature, which is one of the main drivers of the COVID-19 pandemic that has caused so much misery. COVID-19 is a zoonotic disease – transmitted from animal to human. Human expansion into wild spaces and increasing exploitation of species is bringing us closer to animals and the diseases they harbour.

In fact, COVID-19 is only the latest zoonotic disease. Sixty per cent of known infectious diseases and 75 per cent of emerging infectious diseases are zoonotic. Think Ebola, SARS, HIV, Lyme disease and Lassa fever, to name a few. Meanwhile, two million people in low- and middle-income countries die each year from neglected endemic zoonotic diseases.

We are worsening the risks of pandemics by cutting into nature, but this is not the only impact. Loss of biodiversity and ecosystem integrity will under-

mine efforts on 80 per cent of assessed SDG targets. This means slower progress on poverty, hunger, health, water, cities and climate.

India, as one of the 17 megadiverse countries in the world, is hugely important in this regard. The country harbours 7 to 8 per cent of globally recorded species.

India's own assessment shows that about 96 million hectares, almost one-third of its total geographic area, was undergoing land degradation between 2011 and 2013 – making the commitment on reversing land degradation I mentioned above even more important.

Climate change

Looking at climate change, problems are mounting globally. Forest fires, extreme heatwaves, devastating droughts and terrifying floods are commonplace in many too many countries.

India alone has faced a series of crises: Northwest and Cen-

This is unfortunately only the beginning, for India and the world. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change estimates that global warming will reach 1.5°C between 2030 and 2052, unless we dramatically step up action.

The common thread

These three crises are closely linked, and driven in large part by unsustainable production and consumption. The International Resource Panel has consistently reminded us that our relentless extraction of resources is devastating the natural world.

- We have intensified agriculture, expanded infrastructure and extracted resources – altering 75 per cent of the planet's ice-free surface.

- Travel and transport have erased distances while emitting huge amounts of carbon dioxide and particulate matter.

To address the triple crisis Frankly, none of this information is revelatory. We already knew we had to change. But the impacts of COVID-19 – the deaths, illnesses, economic damage and poverty – have told us that we can delay no longer.

We must – now and forever

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Amphan battered the Eastern coast, causing an estimated 13 billion US dollars in damage and devastating the fragile Sunderban mangroves.

As we speak, devastating floods in Southern and Western India have displaced hundreds of thousands.

– redefine the relationship between people and the earth. To do this, we must embed sustainability into COVID-19 economic recovery.

At this time most countries whose economies have been hit hard by the pandemic-induced economic slowdown look to re-

vive the economy and create jobs after the pandemic. Such economic revival will be critical. But let me be clear. This economic jump-start cannot and must not be done at the expense of the environment. It is imperative for all countries, including India to not only meet their current commitments – on plastic pollution, climate and land degradation – but to increase and stretch these.

In this context, I also call on the government to look closely at the new draft Environmental Impact Assessment Notification 2020 to ensure it provides adequate safeguards across the full spectrum of environmental impacts.

Given that a single zoonotic outbreak can incur trillions of US dollars in costs across the globe, economic recovery focused on climate action and a healthy natural world is the best means of long-term prosperity. There are ample opportunities for governments to simultaneously address environmental objectives and ensure that recovery leads to more sustainable outcomes overall.

One Health investments crucial

Another important piece of work – particularly for avoiding future pandemics – is adopting integrated human, animal and environmental health expertise and policy. This is known as the One Health approach.

Conservation experts monitoring great apes, for instance, can be a valuable part of zoonotic disease surveillance in communities living nearby. Experts monitoring habitats also have a role to play. For example, in 2018, livestock experts working closely with healthcare professionals in Kenya detected Rift Valley fever and deployed livestock vaccinations and other interventions to contain its spread.

As we look at recovery from the current pandemic and how to avoid another, One Health strategies should be front and centre.

SOURCE: UNEP



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Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 8 September 2020)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is weak to moderate over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 09 September 2020: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Upper Sagaing and Magway regions and Chin State, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing and Mandalay regions, Kachin, Northern Shan, Rakhine and Kayah states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of regionally heavy falls in Mandalay Region and isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Magway and Ayeyawady regions and Eastern Shan State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4-7) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Weak to moderate monsoon over the Andaman Sea and South Bay.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 09 September 2020: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 09 September 2020: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 09 September 2020: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

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National Unity Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

National Unity Party (NUP) Central Executive Committee Member U Myint Oo presented party's policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV on 8 September.



Esteemed people

We would like to greet with best wishes for you all. The 2020 General Election will be held on 8 November 2020. Our National Unity Party's candidates will contest in 384 constituencies in 175 townships for three Hluttaws. We have established our National Unity Party for over 30 years. We stand steadfast as a political party. Our party has a firm policy guideline based on 'for the wellbeing of the people'. We plan to work for a 'Myanma programme for serving the people' to implement this policy. We align our party's implementation by practising 'a middle path' not to go beyond extremes. We want to inform all voters that our party is systematically implementing our policy guideline, political ideology, roadmap, and rules of conduct, as a political party entity.

Esteemed people

We have informed you of our party's election manifesto that our party will perform responsibility for the people so much so that people can rely upon us after they have understood our doctrine, roadmap, rules of conduct and standpoints. Let me brief on salient points from our party's election manifesto. First, I'll present regarding the ethnic people. Our country is composed of a diversity of national races. There must be unity and reconciliation among ethnic people. Also, it is of an essential fact that the State is building eternal peace and Democratic Federal Union based on national unity. Our party will build 'national unity' based on the following four standpoints:

- 1) There must be equity among national races. In this regard, there must be no discrimination between the majority and the minority. There must be no privilege and no exploitation between one another.
- 2) There must be self-destiny and self-determination for every national race. Building a Democratic Federal Union should incorporate this fundamental principle.
- 3) Each national race should stand as an ethnic entity in our country. They should also have the right

to conserve and preserve their languages, literature, traits, faith, traditions and customs.

4) There must be even development for each ethnicity. There must be as a lesser gap as possible between one another. There must also be a fair share of distribution for wealth and natural resources between the Union and States/Regions.

These basic points are of essential and vital importance in building a Democratic Federal Union.

Esteemed people

Our country is geographically situated between two larger nations. Besides, ours is in the middle of the geo-political and strategical position of these superpowers. It is of crucial importance that they mustn't sandwich our country. It is necessary to handle the situation tactically for political and diplomatic affairs in the international arena. Therefore, the following foreign policies shall be employed successively:

- Active and independent foreign policy;
- This policy shall embody the five principles, including 'peaceful co-existence', determined by Heads of State;
- More interactive mutual relationship with international and regional organizations and institutions;
- Moreover, opposing the disruption of State sovereignty and territorial perpetuity.

I'll proceed to point out significant economic policies.

NUP shall serve the people to develop the production and to boost the nation's wealth by utilizing the private sector-specific market mechanism. We plan to enhance a fair share of distribution from the increasing wealth for the entire society based on the 'social harmony' principle.

- Developing the nation's wealth and considering the generations to come, we must make the best efficient use of the available natural resources;
- Due to the deficit in the State budget and expenditure, the larger volume of cash flow, the higher fluctuation rate of money, decreasing amount of export incomes, and rising commodities prices, the economy relies on credit-based one. We strive for the economy that will be free from the credit-based system.
- We shall plan to implement 'states/regions development plans which all ethnic people desire for since they wish to build a democratic federal system based on the foundation of the socio-economic development of states/regions.

Esteemed people

Successive eras have changed in our country. However, the majority of farmers are still in the former status. Up till now, they have to encounter a plethora of hardships such as the farmland problems, unstable

prices in farm produces, and a sea of debts in the lack of farm investment.

We shall need a farmland policy that can help the farmers own their farmlands. The existing Farmland Law should be amended. The market economy mechanism should be suitable for the farmland policy. That is why farmers should own their farmlands, and we shall see to it in political, legal, and economic ways and means.

- NUP shall systematically lay down and implement the use of farmland policy;
 - We shall plan to give medium and long-term loans to the farmers for their agricultural investment;
 - We shall carry out a system for the farmers to have insurance for their farm products;
 - We shall stop exporting the cattle that are primary dependence for the farmers.
- I will present our attitude on the workers who are essential politically and economically in our country. It's crystal clear that there are still breaches and abuses in the dignified roles and human rights of the workers. They are also still in the darkness that they can't fully enjoy any fundamental rights such as secure employment, minimum wages, claims of compensation, and social security etc.
- Full protection of workers' rights in accordance with the prevailing laws;
 - Creation of employment opportunities;
 - Schemes for the life security of the migrant workers who have returned from abroad;
 - Implementation of the systematic establishment of free trade unions and workers' organizations.

Esteemed people

We have now presented a brief account of our party's policy, stance and work programmes for the people to assess us (National Unity Party) who are going to contest in the 2020 Multiparty General Election. Here, we would like to present our slogan 'New Hope', which is the essence of our party's policy and attitude upon the people. Let's move forward with 'New Hope for the People'. With this 'New Hope', all national races, farmers, workers and the people are going to the polling stations to vote.

Creating self-destiny is the right for the voters in this democratic election. We would like to urge that voters can use this golden opportunity to choose our party's candidates with 'New Hope'.

We wish you voters physical and mental wellbeing!



Campaign speech of Democratic Party (Myanmar) to be published on 10 September

The state-owned newspapers— the Myanma Alinn, the Mirror and the Global New Light of Myanmar— will cover the campaign speech of Democratic Party (Myanmar) on 10 September for 2020 General Election.—MNA

Section 59 (g) in Hluttaw Election Law



IN accordance with section 59 (g) of the Hluttaw Election Law, no one is allowed to vote more than once in any election for a Hluttaw constituency in which he or she has the right to vote. Anyone who is found guilty of or abetting this act shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or with fine not exceeding K100,000 (one hundred thousand Kyats), or with both.

YGEA temporarily shuts down trading amid coronavirus resurgence



(FILES) Gold jewellery are displayed at a shop in Yangon on 11 April 2017. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

By Nyein Nyein

Yangon gold market has been temporarily closed down tracking the rising coronavirus cases starting from 5 September, Yangon Gold Entrepreneurs Association (YGEA).

The temporary shutdown by YGEA does not reflect on the gold retail shops in Yangon Region, said YGEA Chair U Myo Myint.

“The members of YGEA are still running the shops. More than 100 gold shops are available for trading in Theingyi mar-

ket and Bogyoke market. The retail shops are still open their doors for the buyers and sellers,” he added. “The reopening of YGEA’s gold trading depends on the coronavirus situations,” the YGEA stated.

At present, YGEA temporarily suspended its trading. But, its office is open, and the association is carefully taking the precautionary measures of the coronavirus, in line with the health guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports.

The association donated K1 million for the prevention activi-

ties of Pabedan Township, where YGEA is located.

Additionally, they contributed K20 million in cash and personal protective equipment-PPE (100 aprons) to Yangon Region government.

There are over 10,000 gold shops in Yangon Region, and about 50 visses (a viss equal to 1.6 kg) of gold are daily traded.

During the first outbreak of COVID-19 in Myanmar, Yangon gold market shut down on 29 March 2020, and it has reopened on 18 May. ■

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Myanmar FDI tops \$5 bln in 11 months; target needs \$500 mln

By Nyein Nyein

Myanmar has attracted foreign direct investments of more than US\$5.3 billion over the past 11 months, and about \$500 million is required in order to meet FDI target for the current financial year, said Director-General U Thant Sin Lwin of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) has set an FDI target of \$5.8 billion for the current FY, and the commission still has one meeting to clear the proposals before the end of the financial year.

MIC ensures to approve the responsible businesses by assessing environmental and social impacts. The commission is working together with the relevant departments to screen the projects and grant further permits in the future meeting, he said.

The capital of the projects we are currently assessing and evaluating is estimated at \$1.3 billion. The investments are from Singapore, Thailand, Hong Kong SAR, China, UK, the

Republic of Korea, the Netherlands, India and the US, DICA stated.

“We have the pipeline of suitable investment, and many more enterprises are interested in entering the country. We are cooperating with the public and private sectors despite transport difficulties amid the coronavirus impacts. If the commission clears those project proposals, the FDI inflow will surpass its target,” the DICA DG continued.

Between 1 October and 4 September in the current FY, 234 foreign enterprises have obtained permits from the MIC and endorsements from regional and state Investment Committees under Myanmar Investment Law and brought in the capital of over \$5.157 billion, including the expansion of capital by existing enterprises, according to the DICA.

The total FDI figure reached \$5.3 billion in the current FY, adding the investments of \$160.277 million in the Special Economic Zones, under the Special Economic Zone Law. ■

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Myanmar-China border trade drops by \$188 mln as of 28 August

Myanmar border trade with China has registered a decrease of US\$188 million between 1 October and 28 August in the current financial year 2019-2020, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Data from the Ministry of Commerce show the value of Myanmar-China border trade in all five border areas touched over \$5.26 billion in the current financial year, which significantly plunged from over \$5.45 billion recorded in the year-ago period.

This FY, border trade values totalled \$4.35 billion through Muse border, \$128.6 million via Lweje, \$491.83 million via Chinshwehaw, \$279.86 million via Kampaiti, and over \$4.94 million via Kengtung. The Commerce Ministry’s data showed a drop in trade value through all those border areas between Myanmar and China, except Chinshwehaw.

The decline in trade is attributed to the trade suspension and trade delay amid the tight security measures of coronavirus. China has been stepping up border control measures to contain the spread of the coronavirus

infection.

Therefore, Chinese buyers do not come to Myanmar borders in light of pandemic fears, forcing Myanmar truck drivers to leave for Wanding area to sell the goods and causing long queue on border road. “Illegal trade is highly witnessed between Myanmar and China borders in the previous years. This year, traders sent the goods via legitimate trade route, and trading volume sharply fell,” said Vice President U Aung Than Oo Myanmar Rice Federation.

Additionally, Myanmar’s import surpassed export in bilateral trade with China.

Next, the export of agricultural products via border route is often halted, on account of China clamping down on illegal goods. Myanmar merchants are facing difficulties in exporting goods to China through the legitimate channel as they find the tax levied by China is too high.

In a bid to lower trade barriers and offer relief to Myanmar traders through the border trade channel, the Ministry of Commerce, the relevant departments

and Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry have been negotiating with China counterparts.

The two countries are making efforts to set up more border economic cooperation zones and promote border trade. Myanmar’s MOC is trying to boost exports of rice, broken rice, agro-products, fruits and fisheries to China through diplomatic negotiations. After a series of negotiation between Myanmar and China, the General Administration of Customs of the People’s Republic of China (GACC) granted licences to 43 Myanmar companies on 10 July 2020 to export the rice to China through a legitimate trade channel. Myanmar exports rice, sugar, pulses, sesame seeds, corn, dried tea leaves, fishery products, minerals, and animal products to China. At the same time, it imports agricultural machinery, electrical appliances, iron and steel-related materials, raw industrial goods, and consumer goods from the neighbouring country. —GNLM (Translated by Ei Myat Mon) ■



Lorries are seen at Muse 105th Mile Trade Zone. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

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Guns and trucks at Oregon protest to defend Trump’s America

OREGON CITY —Hundreds of Donald Trump’s supporters gathered for a large motorcade in support of the US president and police near Portland, where anti-racism activists have clashed continuously with law enforcement for more than 100 days.

Small groups of men loaded with paramilitary equipment, many of them armed militants from right-wing extremist groups, milled among the crowd that consisted mostly of families and older people.

About 300 cars, including many massive pickup trucks, then took to the roads surrounding Oregon City, some 30 miles (50 kilometres) from Portland, before dispersing. But 150 to 200 people, led by members of the far-right Proud Boys militia, which advocates white supremacy, decided



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to follow the road to Oregon’s capital, Salem, for a show of force on the steps of the state capitol building. Tensions in the Portland area heightened on August 29 when Aaron Danielson, 39, a supporter of the far-right group Patriot Prayer, was shot dead in the city.

He had had just participated in a pro-Trump motorcade like the one on Monday and left the parade to go into Portland with other attendees. A 48-year-old man named Michael Reinoehl, who claimed to be an “anti-fascist” on social media, was suspected of the shooting. He was shot

dead five days later by police looking for him. Reinoehl allegedly tried to escape and grabbed a gun when he was killed. On Monday, the Labour Day holiday in the US, rally organizers stressed their motorcade route would not go near Portland for safety reasons.—AFP ■

California fires burn record 2 million acres

SACRAMENTO—Wildfires in California have torched a record more than two million acres, the state fire department said Monday, as an uncontrolled blaze forced many residents to flee their homes.

The record was hit as the wildfire season still has roughly two months to go in the most populous US state and as thousands of firefighters were battling flames during a scorching heat wave.

“In the past 33 years we have not seen a single year go over two million acres until this year,” said California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire) spokeswoman Lynne Tolmachoff.

“This is definitely record-breaking and we have not even come close to the end of fire season yet.” At least seven people have died as a result of this year’s fires and some 3,800 structures have been damaged or destroyed, according to Cal Fire figures.

The last time the number of acres burned got close to two million was in 2018, the same year as the devastating Camp Fire, when a little more than 1.9 million acres (769,000 hectares) went up in flames.

More than 14,100 firefighters were battling 24 different wildfires as of Monday afternoon, the fire department said in a tweet.

Among those blazes was the Creek Fire, which started on Friday in steep and rugged terrain, has so far spread to 78,790 acres and is zero per cent contained, according to Cal Fire.—AFP ■

In crisis-hit Lebanon, Paris and Washington at odds over Hezbollah

BEIRUT—When it comes to Lebanon, the US and France have similar outlooks, but one major point of difference involves the Hezbollah movement --

shunned by Washington but tolerated by a pragmatic Parisian leadership. While the United States seeks to isolate and curb the influence of the

Iran-backed group it has designated a “terrorist” organization and punished with sanctions, France recognizes it as a key political actor whose cooperation is needed to lift Lebanon out of crisis. Lebanon’s government stepped down last month amid popular anger over a massive blast at Beirut’s port on August 4 that killed 191 people, wounded thousands and ravaged large parts of the capital. Both Western powers have agreed Lebanon needs a cabinet different from its predecessors to

tackle urgent reforms, but all consensus seems to end there. “France’s approach tends to be more realistic,” analyst Karim Bitar told AFP. “France views Lebanon as it is, while the (US President Donald) Trump administration tends to view Lebanon as it would like it to be.” The US view is that Hezbollah -- the only group not to have disarmed after the 1975-1990 civil war -- holds excessive influence in Lebanon, “which needs to be contained”, Bitar said.—AFP ■



Lebanese movement Hezbollah is a major political actor with a broad support base in the country’s Shiite community / © AFP/FILE

UN urges ‘independent’ Russian probe of Navalny poisoning

UNITED NATIONS —The UN rights chief called Tuesday on Moscow to conduct or cooperate with a “thorough, transparent, independent and impartial investigation” into the alleged nerve agent attack on Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny. Michelle Bachelet stressed the need to get to the bottom of the poisoning, after German specialists said they had “unequivocal proof” that the weapons-grade nerve agent Novichok

was used in the attack. “It is incumbent on the Russian authorities to fully investigate who was responsible for this crime, a very serious crime that was committed on Russian soil,” she said in a statement. The 44-year-old anti-corruption campaigner and one of President Vladimir Putin’s fiercest critics, fell ill on a domestic flight last month and was treated in a Siberian hospital before being evacuated to Berlin.—AFP ■

Myanma Port Authority “Notice of High Tide”

Exceptionally high spring from 20.18 feet to 21.52 feet high above the chart datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period of September 16th to September 22nd, 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.

CHANGING DISTRIBUTOR

The foreign manufacturer ZHEJIANG TIDE CROPSCIENCE CO., LTD. will import and distribute the following insecticides registered in Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board changing distributor form former Myanmar Golden Byter Co., Ltd. to Golden Key Co., Ltd.

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1	Extra Rice 15 WDG	Ethoxysulfuron 15% WDG	Provisional	P 2020 - 4858
2	Tide-Nova	Cholrothalonil 40% + Thiophanate-methyl 35% WP	Experimental	E 2019 - 4638

It is therefore announced to come and reject within two weeks to Joint Secretary, Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein in wishing to make any objection in respect of the said changing distributor.
Address : Myanmar Golden Byter Co., Ltd.
No (125-127), Kha 11 street, Myo Thit (A+B) Quarter, Insein Townships, Yangon.
Phone : 09 - 799 570 490.

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French economy set to bounce back as lockdown lifted



What if consumer spending fails to recover? PHOTO: AFP

PARIS—France’s economy, pushed into a bruising recession by the coronavirus crisis, is poised to bounce back now that lockdown measures are lifted but will still contract over the year as a whole, official data showed Tuesday. France’s gross domestic product, which shrunk by a record 13.8 per cent in the second quarter, is forecast to grow 17 per cent in the subsequent three months, the national statistics office Insee calculated. But the projected rebound is not quite as strong as expected, and Insee said it was sticking to its forecast for an overall economic contraction of 9.0 per cent for the year as a whole, while unemployment is projected to rise. Although the easing of lockdown measures “has enabled a relatively rapid rebound in parts of economic activity,” the economy is returning after the summer break “rather like an engine that is being cranked up and choked off at the same time,” Insee said. “The choking off is being done by the health situation and the virus that is still actively circulating,” Julien Pouget, head of Insee’s macro-economic division, told AFP.—AFP ■

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M.V CTP FORTUNE VOY. NO. (198W/E)
Consignees of cargo carried on M.V CTP FORTUNE VOY. NO. (198W/E) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9-9-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of HPT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
Phone No: 2301185
Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority
Agent For:
M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA SHIPPING

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(5/2020-2021)
1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats.
Sr No. Tender No. Description Remarks
(a) DMP/L-069(20-21) Seismic Blaster, VHF Radio, Walki-Talki, UP-Hole Unit, Digital Detonator Tester, Laser Distance Meter (6) Items Ks
(b) DMP/L-070(20-21) Rig Air Compressor (2) Items Ks
(c) DMP/L-071(20-21) Emission Tester (3) Nos Ks
(d) DMP/L-072(20-21) Safety Loader (6) Ton (1) Unit Ks
(e) DMP/L-073(20-21) Cement Hydration Analyzer, Positive Material Identification (2) Items Ks
(f) DMP/L-074(20-21) Model 3530 A Direct Indicating Viscometer with Software, 2-Scale Metal Mud Balance (2) Items Ks
(g) DMP/L-075(20-21) Wastewater Treatment (2) Units Ks
(h) DMP/L-076(20-21) 300 KW Diesel Engine Driven Generating Set / 315 KVA, 11/0.4 KV, Transformer / 80 KVA UPS Back Up Power Supply Unit (3) Items Ks
(i) DMP/L-077(20-21) Assorted Sizes of Seamless Steel Casings (10) Items Ks
(j) DMP/L-078(20-21) Assorted Size of PDC & Tri Cone Rock Bits (4) Items Ks
(k) DMP/L-079(20-21) Adaptor Spool and Double Studed Flange (2) Groups Ks
(l) DMP/L-080(20-21) 13 5/8" Casing Head Housing and Accessories (2) Groups Ks
(m) DMP/L-081(20-21) Assorted Size of Gate Valve and Accessories (1) Lot Ks
(n) DMP/L-082(20-21) 5" Drill Pipe 19.5# NC50 (1800) M Ks
(o) DMP/L-083(20-21) 2 7/8" and 2 3/8" Seamless EU Tubing (3) Items Ks
(p) DMP/L-084(20-21) 3" Line Pipe (ERW) (30,000) Meter Ks
(q) DMP/L-085(20-21) Casing and Tubing Swab Cup (2) Items Ks
(r) DMP/L-086(20-21) Insert Pump and Accessories (1) Lot Ks
(s) DMP/L-087(20-21) 4", 6" HFERW API 5L Grade X-42 3LPE Coated Steel Line Pipes (2) Items Ks
(t) DMP/L-088(20-21) Steel Ball Valves, Pipe Fitting, Insulation Gasket Kit and Foam Pig (4) Groups Ks
(u) DMP/L-089(20-21) Spares for L-Type CNG Compressor (20) Items Ks
(v) DMP/L-090(20-21) Spares for ZW-Type CNG Compressor (43) Items Ks
(w) DMP/L-091(20-21) Spares for SAFE CNG Compressor (HP) (27) Items Ks
(x) DMP/L-092(20-21) Spares for Intermech CNG Compressor (LP) (19) Items Ks
(y) DMP/L-093(20-21) Spares for Clean Energy (Mother & Daughter) CNG Compressor (IMW) (40) Items Ks
(z) DMP/L-094(20-21) Spares for Aspro CNG Compressor (13) Items Ks
(aa) DMP/L-095(20-21) Spares for Kwangshin CNG Compressor (46) Items Ks
(ab) DMP/L-096(20-21) Spares for CAT 3508B Marine Engine Ex Mann-4 River Craft (77) Items Ks
(ac) DMP/L-097(20-21) Spares for CAT C18 Marine Engine Ex MTBN-5 River Craft (20) Items Ks
(ad) DMP/L-098(20-21) Spares for Caterpillar 3508B Rig Engine Ex 55/6 Rig (64) Items Ks
(ae) DMP/L-099(20-21) Spares for CAT-C15 Engine Ex Kenworth Truck (57) Items Ks
(af) DMP/L-100(20-21) Spares for CAT 3512B Generating Set Engine Ex ZJ50D SR-1 Rig (70) Items Ks
(ag) DMP/L-101(20-21) Electrical Spares for YNG Oil Field (44) Items Ks
(ah) DMP/L-102(20-21) Electrical Spares for Oil Fields & Drilling Rigs (5) Items Ks
(ai) DMP/L-103(20-21) Electrical Spares for KLA Oil Field (38) Items Ks
(aj) DMP/L-104(20-21) Lubricant Oil (10) Items Ks
(ak) DMP/L-105(20-21) Fiber Optic Cable (FOC) Installation at Nay Pyi Taw Ks
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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 9 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 8 October 2020.
4. Tender Closing Date & Time - 8-10-2020, 12:00 pm
Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ph No. + 95 67 - 411206

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M.V OLIVIA VOY. NO. (036W)
Consignees of cargo carried on M.V OLIVIA VOY. NO. (036W) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9-9-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MITT/TMIT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority
Agent For:
M/S SEALAND MAERSK ASIA PTE LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V NEWSEAS CRYSTAL
Consignees of cargo carried on M.V NEWSEAS CRYSTAL VOY. NO. (5) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9-9-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of WILMAR where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
Phone No: 2301928
Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority
Agent For:
M/S BEN LINE AGENCIES (S'PORE) PTE LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V TAN BINH 257
Consignees of cargo carried on M.V TAN BINH 257 are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9-9-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of TMIT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
Phone No: 2301191/2301178
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Myanma Port Authority
Agent For:
M/S RK SHIPPING & TRADING PTE LTD



Myanmar consumers are interested in using technologies to enhance shopping experience - Visa Study

VISA, the world's leader in digital payments, revealed that more than half (51 per cent) of Myanmar consumers are interested in using zero checkout technology, one of the newest ways for retailers to enable a frictionless shopping experience by allowing consumers to make purchases using sensors or RFID technology, eliminating the need to go through physical checkout counters.

The finding is based on the Visa Consumer Payment Attitudes Study, which tracks payment habits, attitudes and explores emerging topics related to payments across Southeast Asia including Myanmar. The Study also found nearly half of Myanmar consumers (44 per cent) would adopt and interact through Virtual Reality (VR) technology if it was available in Myanmar.

Lillian Wang, Country Manager for Visa Myanmar, said: "The way consumers shop and pay continues to evolve at a great pace with the influx of technology and innovation. Consumers are the ones driving this change

WaveMoney unveils new WavePay tagline along with new TV commercial



ENTER a world of lifestyle possibilities with WavePay, Myanmar's trusted mobile wallet application. Powered by the country's leading mobile financial services provider Wave Money, WavePay unveils an exciting array of in-app services under its new tagline "Live Life Your Way." With over 60,000 agents and 89% geographic coverage of Myanmar, Wave Money takes its long-term commitment to financial inclusion to a new level with WavePay services that are designed to transform and improve lives. The WavePay mobile application delivers reliable, secure and instantaneous payments -anywhere, anytime. Its intuitive and simplified interface gives every smartphone user in Myanmar effortless access to a wide variety of financial services and solutions. Simply download the app, register and start living life your way. "Live Life Your Way reflects our promise to meet the needs and expectations of Myanmar's growing base of mobile

wallet users. With WavePay, they can pursue their passions and interests, enjoy what they love, and reap the benefits of secure, fast and convenient digital payment," said Brad

Jones, CEO of Wave Money. With a tap on the WavePay app, users can transfer money, top up mobile, pay utility bills and repay loans, buy travel and leisure tickets including game items for mobile games, and

make a difference by donating to causes and social impact programmes. WavePay also provides a secure and convenient way to pay at checkout counters or when shopping online. For those using WavePay



as they seek out experiences to provide greater convenience in their everyday lives. At Visa, we understand that this is a journey and we are focused on working with our clients and partners on making the payment experience more intelligent, intuitive, seamless and secure.

Zero checkout in retail means no physical checkout is required. A customer is able to enter the store, pick up products from shelves and leave the store without waiting in line to pay. The main driver of interest in zero checkout among Myanmar consumers is curiosity and excitement about new technology (38 per cent), followed closely by benefits and convenience of skipping the checkout queue (37 per cent). Myanmar consumers also consider zero checkout to be an innovative and modern way to shop (29 per cent).

Wide-ranging applications

of VR in retail or ‘V-commerce’ are expected to redefine the future of shopping among Southeast Asian consumers. It enables consumers to visualize and compare a variety of items in the retail environment to letting them shop from the comfort of their homes through virtual showrooms.

While only 11 per cent among Myanmar consumers surveyed were aware of the concept of using VR to enhance shopping experiences, nearly half (44 per cent) indicated interest in trying out this new technology. The top drivers of interest in VR among Myanmar consumers are curiosity to try something new (33 per cent), desire to keep up with latest technology (27 per cent) and benefits of VR in helping them choose which items they want to purchase (22 per cent). —GNLM

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nados and young urbanites in cities such as Yangon and Mandalay, WavePay is a popular choice among Myanmar millennial and Generation Z that grew up and thrive in a mobile-first society. “Today’s younger generation are always connected to their smartphones and their daily lives are enriched, enabled and empowered by super apps such as WavePay,” Brad Jones added. Since launching in 2018, WavePay has been connecting people and businesses across Myanmar. It is also the payment platform of choice among many government and non-government organizations (NGO) mobilizing assistance during this COVID-19 pandemic. WavePay’s new slogan and refreshed logo are part of an integrated brand strategy which aims to bring the empowering WavePay experience to life. Wave Money is premiering the new tagline, logo and TV commercial on Saturday, 29 August via a virtual concert featuring the WaveKhit Band. Viewers can enjoy performances, lucky draws and surprise interactive engagement with celebrities. Catch the launch this Saturday at 8:00pm on the Wave Money official Facebook page.—GNLM

KBZ Bank donates infrared thermal detection units to the Yangon Regional Government for proactive temperature screenings in public areas



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein accepts the six infrared thermal detection units donated by KBZ Bank at the Yangon Region Government Office in Yangon on 4 September. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

AS Myanmar grapples with another surge of COVID-19 cases, KBZ Bank has supported the Yangon Regional Government with the donation of six infrared thermal detection units for proactive daily temperature screenings to be conducted in the densely-populated city. The donation, valued at MMK 120 million, will assist the Yangon Regional Government to take precautionary steps on the frontlines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The Yangon Regional Government initially commenced temperature screenings in May 2020 using four infrared thermal detection units which were installed in vehicles to serve as mobile screening stations. KBZ Bank heeded the Yangon Regional Government’s call for support and made a cash contribution to facilitate the purchase of six new infrared thermal detection units. With this donation, the Yangon Regional Government can now deploy a total of 10 mobile temperature screening stations in the city, including townships with high incidence of the virus.

The 10 mobile temperature screening stations will be operational from the second week of September 2020, with each station conducting temperature screenings for

an average of 3,000 people each day. With 10 stations in place, approximately 30,000 people in Yangon will undergo temperature screenings daily or 900,000 during a full month.

The infrared thermal detection unit utilizes infrared technology to detect radiating heat from the body - usually from the forehead - to estimate core body temperature. During the temperature screenings, persons who have an elevated temperature and who may potentially have fever, will be requested by the authorities to undergo further assessment. If a person is suspected of having the virus, a COVID-19 test will be conducted by the authorities.

A ceremony was held, 4 September 2020, at the office of the Yangon Regional Government during which U Myint Oo, General Manager of KBZ Bank, handed over the donation of six infrared thermal detection units to U Phyo Min Thein, Chief Minister of Yangon Region.

Said U Phyo Min Thein during the ceremony, “We would like to thank KBZ Bank and all other donors for their generous and valuable donations to support the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. Mobile temperature screenings will help identify persons who may

have COVID-19 symptoms and allow for more testing to be done. It will also support the authorities with contact tracing to prevent transmission among the public. Our temperature screening stations will be located in townships where there are higher numbers of confirmed cases.”

“KBZ Bank will continue to support Myanmar’s fight against COVID-19 alongside the authorities, medical and health professionals, community groups and volunteers. Our donation of infrared thermal detection units will support the implementation of early COVID-19 detection measures, and the wider aim of reducing transmission of the virus in the country”, said U Myint Oo, General Manager of KBZ Bank.

Since 26 February 2020, KBZ Bank has made donations valued at MMK 6.16 billion to support the containment, prevention, and treatment of COVID-19 across Myanmar. In addition, KBZ Bank has to date donated more than MMK 166 billion to the country and its people regardless of race, religion, location or background, and will continue to provide the necessary support when needed.—GNLM

Golf: Johnson wins Tour Championship and US\$15 million FedEx Cup playoff crown



World number one Dustin Johnson celebrates on the 18th green after winning the US PGA Tour Championship and the US\$15 million FedEx Cup playoff crown. **PHOTO: AFP/KEVIN C COX**

WASHINGTON—World number one Dustin Johnson capped a two-under-par 68 with a birdie at the last to seal a three-stroke victory in the US PGA Tour Championship and earn the US\$15 million FedEx Cup playoff title on Monday (Sep 7).

Johnson finished with a 21-under-par total at East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta - three shots clear of Americans Xander Schauffele and Justin Thomas.

"I hit the fairways when I needed to coming down the stretch," said Johnson, who started the day with a five-shot lead. He rolled in an 18-foot birdie putt at the third, a 10-footer at the fifth and a three-footer at the sixth.

But bogeys at the seventh and eighth - where he was in a fairway bunker - opened the door just a crack for Thomas and Schauffele.

Neither could do enough, never getting the deficit below two strokes as Johnson parred nine straight. That run included a 21-foot par-saving putt at the 13th, where he was in the left rough off the tee and right of the green and hit a poor chip but drained the putt to push his lead back to three over Schauffele.

"He made that putt, which I didn't," said Schauffele, who bogeyed the 13th. "That was a pinnacle moment, I think."—AFP ■

A Yadanarbon FC player (blue) makes a free-kick during the soccer match against Ayeyawady United at the Yangon United Sports Complex on 8 September 2020. **PHOTO: MNL**



Ayeyawady United beats Yadanarbon FC 3-2 in MNL Week-14

AYEYAWADY United won Yadanarbon FC 3-2 in Week-14 of MPT Myanmar National League (MNL) 2020 at the Yangon United Sports Complex yesterday.

The goals for Ayeyawady United were scored by Success

at 16th, 53rd and 72nd minutes, and the goals for Yadanarbon FC were scored by Win Naing Soe at 12th and 48th minute.

On the same day, ISPE FC tied with Southern Myanmar FC 0-0 at Thuwunna Stadium.

After yesterday's match-

es, Ayeyawady United is in the second place of standing table earning 30 points from nine wins, three draws and no loss.

Currently, Hantharwady United is at the top of the standing table with 30 points.

Ayeyawady United will play

against ISPE on 12 September, and Yadanarbon FC will compete against Rakhine United on 11 September.

Amid COVID-19, the MNL football matches are now being played behind closed doors.—Kyaw Khin

Mbappe to miss Croatia match after positive COVID-19 test

PARIS—Kylian Mbappe has been ruled out of France's Nations League game against World Cup runners-up Croatia on Tuesday (Sep 8) after testing positive for COVID-19, national team management said Monday.

Mbappe, who took part in Monday evening's

training session before learning the result of his test, is the seventh Paris Saint-Germain player to contract the virus. Neymar was among the first to test positive last week.

"He was set aside from the group after receiving the results at the end of training before returning to his home in the evening,"

French team management said.

"Like the rest of the squad, Mbappe had undergone a test prior to meeting up. The result was negative like the one on Wednesday" requested by UEFA ahead of the Sweden fixture on Saturday in Solna, management said.—AFP ■

Lionel Messi returns to Barcelona training ground

BARCELONA—Lionel Messi arrived at Barcelona's training ground on Monday as he begins to reintegrate with the team following his failed attempt to leave the club this summer.

Messi was seen driving into the Ciutat Esportiva in Sant Joan Despi at just after 4:00 pm (1400 GMT) on Monday, where he is expected to take part in training for the first time under new coach Ronald Koeman. If he has passed his coronavirus test, Messi could also begin by training alone before joining the rest of the group later in the week.

The Argentinian superstar said on Friday in his explosive interview with Goal that he would continue to give his best for

Barca, despite admitting defeat in his bid to depart for free.

The 33-year-old maintained he tried to go because he "wanted to live his last years of football happily" while also blaming the club's president Josep Maria Bartomeu for "breaking his word" and forcing him to stay.

The return of Barcelona's embittered captain and greatest ever player may not be an easy one, particularly given some of his closest team-mates are likely to be absent.

Luis Suarez, Messi's best friend and neighbour, as well as Arturo Vidal, are expected to join Juventus and Inter Milan respectively.—AFP ■



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