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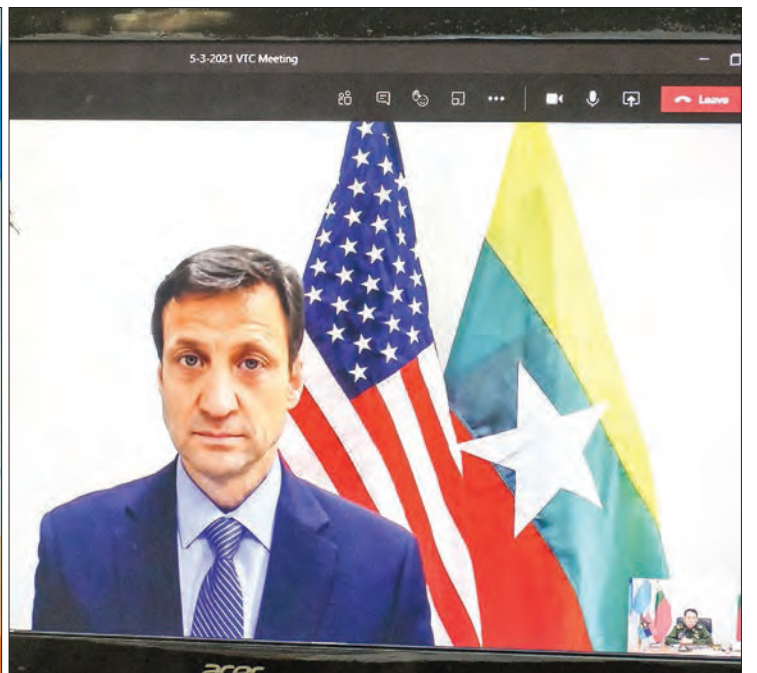
## Vice-Chairman of State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win holds talks with US Ambassador to Republic of the Union of Myanmar through videoconferencing

VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win yesterday morning received Mr Thomas L. Vajda, Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, through videoconferencing.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed efforts to hold negotiation with relevant officials and organizations on many issues, including the gigantic error of voter list before the state of emergency on 1 February 2021, mobs dispersal procedure being practised by security forces in accord with the manuals of riot crackdown of the government of the Union



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Soe Win holds online talks with US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Thomas L. Vajda on 5 March 2021.



of Myanmar and provisions of the relevant laws on controlling the crowds over the current anarchic mob incidents, adopting and implementing five future programmes and nine objectives of the State Administration Council.—MNA

## Notice to civil service personnel not to drown in CDM

MEDICAL expert U Zaw Wai Soe, who has been self-appointed as the minister for three ministries, issued an illegal statement on social media, intimidating illegally to good civil service personnel not included in the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) on 4 March, 2021.

The statement said to the employees who have not yet included in the CDM, to contact not later than midnight on 7 March to participate in the CDM and if not, they will be fired starting from 8 March.

Since the launch of CDM in February, various illegal organizations, including medical expert Zaw Wai Soe, have been persuading the civil servants by saying the salary will be provided to those who participate in the CDM; they will be hired when they are fired and if they are evicted from government housing, they will be provided one, through social media.

Initially, about 30 per cent of civil servants were involved in the CDM; however, since the third week of February, some of the staff in the CDM

have become aware of their wrongdoing; disillusionment with CDM leaders' inconsistencies; and they were able to resume their original duties on time after reading the reminders to return to the office by the State Administration Council on TV and newspapers.

On 26 February, the payday of civil servants, those who continued to participate in the CDM asked about their salaries promised at the time of the original persuasion by contacting the relevant phone numbers and illegal organizations.

Employees involved in the CDM due to the persuasive incentives of various organizations including U Zaw Wai Soe, although some employees were paid as mentioned, some of the fundraising organizations for CDM staff and illegal organizations are also abusing support for CDM sent by various donors.

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# Announcement of Union Election Commission

## 5 March 2021

REGARDING the Multiparty General Election held on 8 November 2020, the Union Election Commission has inspected the withdrawal/receipt/use/remaining of ballot papers used for Pyithu Hluttaw Election of Tamway Township in Yangon Region, together with the respective township election sub-commission,

head of police, Immigration and Population and administrators according to the Hluttaw Election Law Section 53.

According to inspection on the ground, a total of 123 poll stations of Tamway Township in Yangon Region took out 140,314 ballot papers. It used 78,758

ballot receipts, and the remaining ballots were 55,804 instead of 61,556. The extra/shortage ballots were found at respective poll stations, and the missing ballots were 11,745, which is lesser than the actual numbers of remaining ballots and illegal extra-used ballots were 5,993.

The findings are as follows:

Sr	Subject	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the ground	Difference		Remark
						Missing	Extra-used	
1	Wards/Village-tracts	127,050	76,572	50,478	44,726	11,745	5,993	
2	Township advance ballots	2,186	2,186	-	-	-	-	
3	Township remaining ballots	11,078	-	11,078	11,078	-	-	
Total		140,314	78,758	61,556	55,804	11,745	5,993	

### On the ground inspections over ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election of Tamway Township

Although the ballot papers used in poll stations of Tamway townships were sealed and returned, the ward election sub-commission later returned the 153 used ballot receipts and, 2,849 unused ballot papers remained at poll heads. These ballot receipts and ballots papers were found as separate ballots kept at the township election sub-commission.

According to the respective Hluttaw Election Rules and Rule 66(h), “The poll heads must pack the under-mentioned and must print his seal on the packs. The poll heads must express the pack’s content, names of wards or village-tracts and poll station number. He can also allow the poll stations’ representative for Hluttaw MPs or other election agents to print their seals and make a large bundle. –

1. Unused ballot papers, receipts and Form (16-1)
2. Voting lists of the polling station

3. Receipts for advance ballot papers
4. Invalid votes Form (17).

The Rules also instructed the poll head, deputy poll head, and members to carry out according to the stipulations mentioned above.

It was found that the number of ballots used was higher than the number of ballot papers issued in 37 polling stations. The use of extra ballots in these polling stations are as follows, and it is suspected that more ballots were printed.

### List of extra-used ballot papers for poll station-wise of Wards in Tamway Township

Sr	Ward	Poll Station	Issued	Used	Extra Ballot papers
1	Maugone	4	1,700	1,750	50
2	Maugone	5	1,600	1,650	50
3	Punna Gone	2	1,350	1,448	98
4	Ayoe Gone	3	700	708	8
5	Ayoe Gone	4	800	852	52
6	Ayoe Gone	7	600	650	50
7	Natmauk	1	700	750	50
8	Natmauk	2	800	850	50
9	Kyauk Myaung(east)	4	950	960	10
10	Kyauk Myaung(east)	5	700	749	49
11	Byaing Yay Oh Sin Kwat Thit	1	1,150	1,200	50
12	Byaing Yay Oh Sin Kwat Thit	3	750	803	53
13	Byaing Yay Oh Sin Kwat Thit	4	500	700	200
14	Byaing Yay Oh Sin Ywar Ma	1	1,000	1,073	73
15	Byaing Yay Oh Sin Ywar Ma	4	1,400	1,463	63
16	Ma Hlwa Gone Htay Kywal (a)	4	750	1485	735
17	Tamway Gyi(b)	5	800	809	9
18	Tamway Gyi (b)	6	750	865	115
19	Tamway Gyi (b)	7	1,050	1,150	100

20	Tamway Gyi (b)	8	1,000	1,053	53
21	Tamway Gyi (b)	9	1,300	1,512	212
22	Tamway Gyi (a+c)	8	700	750	50
23	Myitta Nyunt	1	950	1,014	64
24	Myitta Nyunt	6	450	463	13
25	Myitta Nyunt	7	1,450	1,500	50
26	Myitta Nyunt	9	700	752	52
27	Myitta Nyunt	10	1,100	1,200	100
28	Myitta Nyunt	11	500	550	50
29	Myitta Nyunt	12	1,350	1,400	50
30	Myitta Nyunt	14	1,050	1,100	50
31	Myitta Nyunt	15	500	550	50
32	Myitta Nyunt	16	1,100	1,155	55
33	Myitta Nyunt	17	1,500	1,600	100
34	Nat Chaung	4	1,050	1,125	75
35	Tamway Lay	1	300	350	50
36	Tamway Lay	6	450	500	50
37	Man Aung	1	800	802	2
	Returns of ward/village poll head				3,002
Total			34,300	37,291	5,993



Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
State Administration Council  
Announcement for CRPH that commits high treason, and its organizations  
7<sup>th</sup> Waning of Tabodwe 1382ME  
(5 March 2021)

1. The Information Team of the State Administration Council has already released a statement that the formation of “Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH)” by the ones who have no rights to stand as official Hluttaw representatives according to the Constitution, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Rules does not conform to the Law and seems to violate the serious crimes, and not to cooperate with this unofficial committee directly or indirectly, and action will be taken against those who fail to follow.
2. Currently, the CRPH formed government and illegal organizations like public administrative organizations. Such doings do not conform to the Constitution, and it is a violation of the Penal Code section 122 for high treason and just a crime to be punished with death or transportation for life or 22 years of imprisonment. Moreover, those who do not directly communicate with CRPH, or other CRPH’s organizations can face 7 years imprisonment under the Penal Code Section 124-d for supporting CRPH by committing incitements and threats to the civil service personnel to fail in their duties.
3. Therefore, it is here announced that effective actions will be taken against those who directly or indirectly collude with CRPH, which commits high treason to affect the stability of the State, and other organizations formed by CRPH, and also against those who support the CRPH and other groups formed by CRPH. It is announced again not to collude with CRPH, which commits high treason to affect the stability of the State, and other CRPH’s organizations directly or indirectly.

State Administration Council

Working Committee to address impact of  
COVID-19 on the country’s economy meets

THE meeting (2/2021) of the Working Committee to address the impact of COVID-19 on the country’s economy was held this afternoon.

The meeting was chaired by U Aung Naing Oo, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations. Members of the working committee Deputy Ministers, from Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry and Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, and representatives of the Ministries concerned joined the meeting. In the meeting, the Union Minister highlighted that among 5 future programmes of the State Administration Council, “efforts



Union Minister U Aung Naing Oo presides over the Working Committee meeting 2/2021 to address the impact of COVID on the country’s economy yesterday.

will be made to recover businesses that faced less caused by COVID-19 in various ways included. According to health security restrictions, the business will also encounter the hardships and it needs to write-up Committee’s functions in order to do relief measures for the business. In addition, the Committee will draw up necessary action plan, reorganize COVID-19 Task Force and establish Monitoring Team in every State and Region respectively.

The meeting discussed matters relating to measures to address the negative impacts of the COVID-19 and current situation on the country’s economy and other related matters reported to the Working Committee.

The meeting focus further measures and matters submitted to the Working Committee were also discussed.—MNA

Lawsuit filed against former union minister Thura U Aung Ko

THE Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has set up a commission of inquiry to investigate allegations that Thura U Aung Ko received money and property connected with the annual awarding of religious titles to the people during his tenure as Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture.

According to the investigation team, Thura U Aung Ko, during his tenure as the Union Minister for Religion Affairs and Culture, received K10 million on 21 July 2020 and a bank

cheque worth K30 million from the respective people and withdrew the cash on 21 March. He also received a Ford Everest Titanium car worth K 105 million from a businessperson for long-term business convenience on 16 July, 2020.

According to the Anti-Corruption Commission, the first complaint against Thura U Aung Ko was lodged at the Mayangon and Mingaladon police stations yesterday, and it is taking actions to charge him.—MNA

Announcement of Fund Management Subcommittee on COVID-19 Vaccination

THE local and foreign donors contributed a total of K3.717million at Myanmar Currency Account No OA 013733 to COVID-19 Vaccination Fund of Myanmar Economic Bank (Nay Pyi Taw) between 26 Feburay and 4 March. The fund status until 4 March is as follows:

COVID-19 Vaccination fund at OA-013733	
Kyats	
Account on 26-2-2021	30,115,107,115.39
(+) fund between 26-2-2021 and 4-3-2021	3,717,000.00
Balance on 4-3-2021	30,118,824,115.39

COVID-19 Vaccination Fund at EDC 600012	
USD	
Account on 26-2-2021	178,140,149.53
(+) Fund between 26-2-2021 and 4-3-2021	—
Balance on 4-3-2021	178,140,149.53



# For urgent completion of Yangon-Mandalay railway project

To reduce fuel requirement in the country, with manufacturing electric cars by the relevant ministries for the urban public transport, the need for urgent completion of Yangon-Mandalay railway project jointly implemented by Japan

*(Excerpt from the speech to the coordination meeting of the State Administration Council made by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 16 February 2021)*

## Union Minister U Ko Ko clarifies speech of State Administration Council Chairman

UNION Minister for Religious Affairs U Ko Ko further clarified to the staff of the Ministry the speech delivered by the Chairman of the State Administration Council to the public on 8 February, yesterday morning via Zoom Meeting.

The ceremony was attended by the Permanent Secretary, Directors-General, Rectors, Deputy Permanent Secretaries, Deputy Directors-General, Deputy Rectors and officials from respective districts, states and regions.

The Union Minister said the Tatmadaw has always been concerned about the people with the motto of ‘People are the Father as well as People are the Mother’. It is an institution that stands firmly for the role of the national political leadership



Union Minister U Ko Ko clarifies the speech of the State Administration Council Chairman to the staff yesterday.

of the country and respects the provisions of the 2008 State Constitution.

The Tatmadaw has steadily and peacefully transformed into the “multiparty democracy” desired by the people, and the State

held elections in 2010, 2012, 2015 and 2020, including by-elections and a series of disputes erupted after the 2020 election.

The Union Minister said although political parties repeatedly asked a free and fair

election to the Union Election Commission since before the election, the Union Election Commission did not take any action and the Tatmadaw was asked for help.

He added the Tatmadaw

called on the UEC, the parliament and the president to resolve the voter list, in accordance with the provisions of the 2008 Constitution but the responsible persons failed to fulfil their responsibilities, and the country has to fulfil its responsibilities in accordance with the 2008 Constitution in order to maintain a genuine and disciplined democracy.

He clarified in detail that five roadmaps had been announced and the work is being carried out in accordance with these five goals.

Afterwards, the Union Minister urged his staff to explain the details of the speech delivered by the Chairman of the State Administration Council and the five roadmaps to their staff and to strive for the nine objectives. —MNA

## MoE Union Minister meets department heads

UNION Minister for Education Dr Nyunt Pe met with the Directors-General, Deputy Directors-General and officials of education departments yesterday.

The Union Minister in-

structed to re-explain the excerpts from the speech of State Administration Council Chairman made on 8 February, five future programmes and nine objectives of SAC to relevant levels of departments

and schools.

Then, the Union Minister appreciated the efforts of education staff for serving duties and stressed the need to loyal to the country and follow the Civil Services Law, Rules and

ethics.

He also highlighted plans for researches, the establishment of Nay Pyi Taw into an educational city and local and foreign investment for higher education sectors.

He urged the departmental officials to cooperate in implementing these plans.

The attendees then presented their respective sectors, and the Union Minister coordinated the meeting.—MNA

## Announcement for taking legal actions in accord with law

A case was opened against medical expert U Zaw Wai Soe, who served duties at the University of Medicine (1), under Penal Code section 505-a for committing incitement to his colleagues and fellows for CDM on the social network at Latha Myoma police station on 2 March 2021.

He intentionally cooperates with the organizations formed by CRPH,

which commits high treason, to affect the stability of the State and so arrangements are being made to take action against him under high treason.

Moreover, Deputy Director for the Department of Human Resources for Health of the Ministry of Health and Sports Dr Win Ko Ko Thein (aka) Thakka Moe Nyo posted news that affect the security and the rule of law of the

country on his Facebook page and so he was charged with the Telecommunication Law Section 33(a) at Pattar police station in Pobbathiri on 3 February 2021 in addition to the Penal Code Section 505-a for committing incitements for CDM movement at No(1) Myoma police station in Zabuthiri township on 17 February 2021.

The officials are conducting inves-

tigation to arrest U Zaw Wai Soe and Dr Win Ko Ko Thein (aka) Thakka Moe Nyo, and the people can report to the nearest police stations in Nay Pyi Taw, regions and states by contacting the announced phone numbers, and action will be taken against those keep the suspects in accordance with the law, according to the statement of Myanmar Police Force. —MNA



# MoC discusses rice procurement for 2020-2021FY

THE Ministry of Commerce organized a virtual coordination meeting over rice purchasing for 2020-2021FY yesterday.

During the meeting, Union Minister Dr Pwint San discussed the paddy purchasing processes based on annual reference prices for paddy, set of the reference price for 100 baskets of paddy at K520,000 this year, purchase of more than 290,000 baskets of monsoon paddy in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions in the last October and November and fur-

ther work plans of paddy and rice purchasing supervisory committees of regions and states for summer paddy. Then, the attendees to the meeting coordinated the discussion regarding the streamlined processes in purchasing rice and paddy, effective costs for farmers and other plans according to the Law of Protection of the Farmer Rights and Enhancement of their Benefits. The Union Minister instructed the necessary things and concluded the meeting.—MNA



Union Minister Dr Pwint San chairs the online coordination meeting on rice purchasing for 2020-2021FY yesterday.

# MoHT discusses tourism development activities

UNION Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Maung Maung Ohn held the coordination meeting for tourism development with the Chairman of the NyaungU District Administration Council, the Vice-Chairman of the Bagan Zone Hotelier Association, the Chairman of the Bagan Zone Tourism Entrepreneur Association and with the Hotel General Managers, in accordance with the COVID-19 health guidelines set by the Ministry of Health and Sports yesterday morning in Heritage Bagan Hotel, NyaungU, Mandalay Region.

At the coordination meeting, the Union Minister said the development of the hotel and tourism sector would be accelerated and effective in accordance with the rules and regulations and policy set by the Ministry for the benefit of the country, people and entrepreneurs. He said the tourism sector is the symbol of the State and the hotel and tourism sector is a small ambassador of the State, as well as the Chair-



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn chairs the MoHT coordination meeting for tourism development yesterday.

man of the State Administration Council, also pays special attention to the sector.

Hotels in the regions and states have been allowed to reopen in accordance with the COVID-19 infection control regulations. The Ministry provides training courses under the Enchanting Myanmar Health and

Safety Protocols and issued certificates to the hotel staff. The Union Minister urged to work together as the hotels have been inspected and allowed to reopen in accordance with the regulations. He continued as the resumption of tourism will give priority to domestic tourism, entrepreneurs need to find markets to reduce

accommodation rates with mutual trust in cooperation. He called on the hoteliers to openly report on the difficulties encountered in doing business.

Director-General for the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism U Maung Maung discussed the status of tourism promotion, reduction of the rental fees of

State-owned hotels, inspections for the reopening of hotels and the possibility of opening training courses. The meeting participants briefed on the current situation of the hotel business, including matters related to the tax reduction, the provision of loans for the tourism sector and the Union Minister coordinated the necessary matters.

The Union Minister and party also inspected the Heritage Bagan Hotel, which was opened in accordance with the rules and regulations of the COVID-19 prevention and Aureum Palace Hotel and Tharabar Hotel and visited Shwezigon, Htee Lo Min Lo, Ananda pagodas and donated money to the Board of Trustees.

Afterwards, the Union Minister cordially greeted the pilgrims and visited the newly-developed Kyauk Myat Hmaw Tourism Development Zone in Bagan and instructed the requirements for the systemic travel to the members of the Destination Management Organization.—MNA

## Notice to civil service personnel not to drown in CDM

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No	Township/Department	Numbers of staff	Rate per person (Kyat)	Remark
1	Toungoo	1520	30,000	
2	Wundwin	50	50,000	
3	Natmaut	8	25,000	
4	Phakant	73	100,000	
5	Sagaing	1300	200,000	
6	Tachilek	87	100,000	
7	Nyaungshwe	32	70,000	
8	Taungdwingyi	9	200,000	
9	Yangon East University (Thanlyin)	180	7,000	
10	Magway University	134	7,000	
11	Yangon Distance University	63	8,000	

The minimum wage for each civil servant is 140,000 and the rest of the employees are paid according to their rank. The minimum allowance in the table above is about 30,000 per CDM staff.

Compared to the daily wage set by the State at the rate of 4,800 kyats per day, it was found that the living conditions of the families of those who participated in the CDM were very unfortunate.

The CDM staff has to fill out various forms, and documents relating to their identity are being collected so that they can prevent them from going to work.

Therefore, it is essential for civil servants not to be intimidated by the illegal intimidation and coercion to join the CDM by an illegally self-appointed person.

In case of harassment or intimidation, we would like to remind you to inform the relevant office and the security guards in the respective offices and to the designated telephone numbers to complain.

Information Team  
State Administration Council



Various organizations commit incitements to affect peace and tranquillity of state

ACCORDING to the statement of Myanmar Police Forces, various groups are committing incitements in many places like network system in order to occur instability in the State.

Although it is being carried out for the peace, tranquillity and security of the State, various groups are conducting incitements in many places at a large amount of money to affect the stability of State by showing loyalty to someone or party or organization without thinking of the truths, it read.

It is carried out to show the peaceful protest to international countries with news media, the destructive elements seem to lead to riots according to the current situation, and those who love the truths, peace, and tranquillity understand and know such situation.

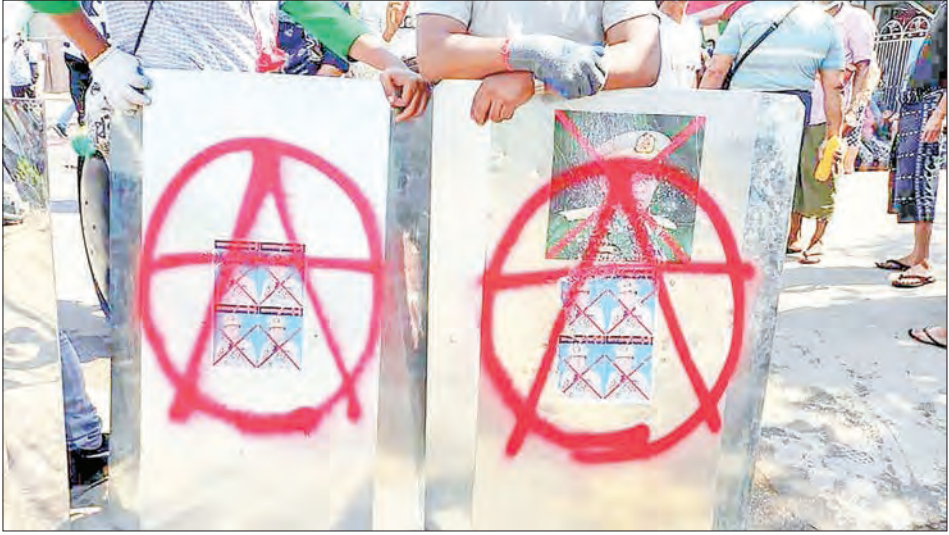
During the protest on 5 March, the protest crowds committed violence, house-breaking, and destroyed the buildings and so the security forces dispersed the crowds in accordance with the crowd dispersal methods.

The security forces dispersed the protest crowds in Mayangon, Ahlon, Sanchoung and Thakayta of Yangon Region, Meiktila of Mandalay Region, Pakokku of Magway Region, Nattalin of Bago Region and Dawei of Taninthayi Region yesterday.

Some of the people hiding in a safe place are urging the youths and also committing incitement by threats, force or rumours to escalate the youths' feelings by providing financial assistance and the parents of youths are also worrying for their children, the statement said.—MNA



Former peaceful protests were incited into riots by destructive elements. Most of the politicians are hiding in safe places forcing the youths to take to the streets and to confront the security forces.





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The missing ballot papers at 72 ward poll stations are as follows:  
List of missing ballot papers for poll station-wise of ward in Tamway Township

Sr	Ward	Poll Station	Issued	Used	Missing ballot papers
1	Maugone	1	1,700	1,149	551
2	Maugone	2	1,850	1,700	150
3	Maugone	3	1,750	1,654	96
4	Punna Gone	1	1,700	1,500	200
5	Ayoe Gone	1	650	635	15
6	Ayoe Gone	2	800	749	51
7	Ayoe Gone	5	850	849	1
8	Ayoe Gone	6	1,050	931	119
9	Ayoe Gone	9	650	626	24
10	Natmauk	3	700	698	2
11	Bo Lane Aung Mingalar	1	1,200	938	262
12	Bo Lane Aung Mingalar	2	1,500	1,300	200
13	Bo Lane Aung Mingalar	3	500	450	50
14	Kyauk Myaung Gyi	1	700	595	105
15	Kyauk Myaung Gyi	2	1,100	1,098	2
16	Kyauk Myaung Gyi	3	1,300	1,200	100
17	Kyauk Myaung Gyi	4	1,350	1,200	150
18	Kyauk Myaung Gyi	5	1,600	1,350	250
19	Kyauk Myaung Gyi	7	1,150	1,100	50
20	Kyauk Myaung Gyi	9	850	600	250
21	Kyauk Myaung Gyi	10	800	600	200
22	Upper Kyaung Myaung	1	1,100	950	150
23	Upper Kyaung Myaung	2	1,450	1,150	300
24	Upper Kyaung Myaung	3	1,100	1,049	51
25	Kyauk Myaung (east)	1	850	650	200
26	Kyauk Myaung (east)	2	950	948	2
27	Pathein Nyunt	1	1,100	900	200
28	Pathein Nyunt	2	1,000	751	249
29	Pathein Nyunt	3	1,150	948	202
30	Pathein Nyunt	4	600	395	205
31	Pathein Nyunt	5	950	651	299
32	Pathein Nyunt	6	1,000	450	550
33	Pathein Nyunt	7	750	600	150
34	Pathein Nyunt	8	950	752	198
35	Kyar Kwet Thit	1	800	789	11

36	Kyar Kwet Thit	2	1,100	1,027	73
37	Kyar Kwet Thit	3	1,300	1,231	69
38	Kyar Kwet Thit	4	1,100	1,072	28
39	Kyar Kwet Thit	5	800	700	100
40	Kyar Kwet Thit	6	1,400	834	566
41	Kyar Kwet Thit	7	1,350	1,052	298
42	Kyar Kwet Thit	8	800	760	40
43	Byaing Yay Oh Sin Kwet Thit	2	800	700	100
44	Byaing Yay Oh Sin Kwet Thit	5	600	550	50
45	Byaing Yay Oh Sin Ywar Ma	2	750	694	56
46	Byaing Yay Oh Sin Ywar Ma	5	1,000	970	30
47	Ma Hlwa Gone Htay Kywal(a)	1	1,150	750	400
48	Ma Hlwa Gone Htay Kywal(a)	2	1,050	750	300
49	Ma Hlwa Gone Htay Kywal(a)	3	1,050	450	300
50	Ma Hlwa Gone Htay Kywal(a)	5	850	750	100
51	Ma Hlwa Gone Htay Kywal(a)	6	1,300	750	550
52	Ma Hlwa Gone Htay Kywal(a)	7	1,150	950	200
53	Tamway Gyi(b)	1	1,650	1,500	150
54	Tamway Gyi(b)	2	1,300	957	343
55	Tamway Gyi(b)	3	1,200	1,160	40
56	Tamway Gyi(b)	4	1,650	1,535	115
57	Tamway Gyi(a+c)	1	1,350	1,149	201
58	Tamway Gyi(a+c)	2	1,250	1,100	150
59	Tamway Gyi(a+c)	3	1,800	1,750	50
60	Tamway Gyi(a+c)	4	1,900	1,399	501
61	Tamway Gyi(a+c)	5	1,950	1,700	250
62	Tamway Gyi(a+c)	7	850	802	48
63	Myitta Nyunt	3	1,150	1,000	150
64	Myitta Nyunt	4	650	600	50
65	Myitta Nyunt	8	1,300	1,053	247
66	Myitta Nyunt	13	1,200	1,050	150
67	Nat Chaung	1	1,200	1,129	71
68	Nat Chaung	2	750	663	87
69	Nat Chaung	3	1,300	1,152	148
70	Tamway Lay	3	650	611	39
71	Tamway Lay	4	500	402	98
72	Man Aung	2	950	948	2
Total			79,600	67,855	11,745



# Making vaccines availability at open market is possible

Our country kicked-start the COVID-19 vaccination programme on 27 January 2021. The programme has prioritized the elderly persons, people with underlying diseases and those who are vulnerable to the diseases living in the townships under the stay-at-home measures.

Among these townships, the programme has also given priority to people in townships and areas with a higher rate of infection in relation to the availability of doses for the vaccine.

The following vaccines will be used for the remaining persons in prioritized order:

With the vaccination moving forward, we will see fewer hospitalizations and deaths through the end of the pandemic.

This move is expected to speed up the vaccination programme with sufficient availability of vaccines.

The expansion of the drive and the involvement of the private sector is a welcome move. Now is the time to think about opening up vaccination for all with the availability of vaccines.

With the vaccination moving forward, we will see fewer hospitalizations and deaths through the end of the pandemic.

Making vaccines availability at the open market and community-wide vaccination becomes possible, and we can truly put the coronavirus behind us.

In a crisis such as this, there are no silver bullets. Today, tomorrow, and for many more months to come, we must continue to implement the basic public health measures that we know work and which have defined our “new normal”. Wash your hands. Wear a mask. Maintain physical distance and avoid the three Cs – crowded places, close-contact settings, and confined and enclosed spaces.

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## Mental health alert for 332 million children linked to COVID-19 lockdown policies

The UN Children’s Fund, UNICEF, says the mental health of millions of children worldwide has been put at risk, with at least one in seven forced to remain at home under nationwide public health orders – or recommendations – during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Children wait for COVID-19 coronavirus test at Hoan Kiem district medical centre in Hanoi. PHOTO: AFP

Based on new research, it said on Thursday that more than 330 million youngsters have been stuck at home for at least nine months, since the virus spread uncontrollably this time last year.

This has left them feeling isolated and anxious about their future, said UNICEF spokesperson James Elder: “Tens and tens of millions of youngsters have been left feeling isolated and afraid and lonely and anxious because of these enforced lockdowns and isolations that have become as a result of this pandemic.”

He said countries needed to emerge from this pandemic “with a better approach, a better

approach to child and adolescent mental health, and that probably starts just by giving the issue the attention it deserves.”

### Mental vulnerabilities

Half of all mental disorders develop before the age of 15, according to UNICEF and the majority of the 800,000 people who die by suicide annually, are under 18s.

The UN agency also said that the pandemic has disrupted or halted critical mental health services in 93 per cent of countries worldwide.

UNICEF Executive Director, Henrietta Fore, said that when day after day “you are away from your friends and distant loved ones, and perhaps even stuck at home with an abuser, the impact is significant.

“Many children are left feeling afraid, lonely, anxious, and concerned for their future. We must emerge from this pandemic with a better approach to child and adolescent mental health, and that starts by giving the is-

sue the attention it deserves.”

For children experiencing violence, neglect or abuse at home, lockdowns have left many stranded with abusers. Children in vulnerable population groups – like those living and working on the streets, children with disabilities, and children living in conflict settings – risk having their mental health needs overlooked entirely.

According to WHO, the COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted or halted critical mental health services in 93 per cent of countries worldwide, while the demand for mental health support is increasing.

### UNICEF responding

To respond to growing needs, the agency has offered support to Governments and partners to prioritize services for children.

In Kazakhstan, this has led to the launch of a UNICEF platform for individual online counselling services, alongside distance training in schools for

mental health specialists.

In China, the agency has also worked with social media company Kuaishou, to produce an online challenge to help reduce anxiety in children.

Later this year, UNICEF will dedicate its biennial flagship report on the state of the world’s children, to child and adolescent mental health, in a bid to increase awareness of the global challenge, exacerbated profoundly by the coronavirus.

### Boost investment

“If we did not fully appreciate the urgency prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, surely we do now”, said Ms Fore.

Countries must dramatically invest in expanded mental health services and support for young people and their caregivers in communities and schools. We also need scaled-up parenting programmes to ensure that children from vulnerable families get the support and protection they need at home.”

SOURCE: UNICEF

## AstraZeneca Vaccine Effective In Over-80s: Study

The AstraZeneca/Oxford COVID-19 vaccine appears to be more than 80 per cent effective at preventing severe illness among elderly, at-risk individuals after a single dose, according to preliminary research published Wednesday.

The results, which have yet to be peer-reviewed, added to the growing body of evidence that the vaccine – which several countries have advised against giving to over-65s – is both safe and effective in older people.

Researchers at the University of Bristol analysed patients aged over 80 admitted to hospital in Britain with respiratory illness.

All the patients were tested for COVID-19, and the positive and negative cases were separated into two data groups.

The researchers then looked

at how many people in each of the groups had received one dose of either the AstraZeneca vaccine, or one developed by Pfizer.

They found that nine of the 36 (25 per cent) COVID-19 positive patients had received the AstraZeneca jab.

Among the COVID-19 negative patients, 53 out of 90 (58.9 per cent) had received the jab.

The difference between the proportion of positive and negative cases who had received a single vaccine dose represented an 80.4 per cent efficacy in reducing severe COVID-19, the researchers said. For the Pfizer vaccine, 18 out of 245 COVID-19 positive patients had received a single dose, compared to 90 of the 269 COVID-19 negative patients.

This corresponded to efficacy of 71.4 per cent.

“A single dose of either (Pfizer) or (AstraZeneca) vaccine resulted in substantial reductions in the risk of COVID-19-related hospitalization in elderly, frail patients with extensive co-morbid disease,” the authors said.

Stephen Evans, professor of Pharmacoepidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said the results “provide further evidence that the vaccines are effective both in an older age group less studied in the trials”.

Both vaccines were developed and clinically trialled to be administered in the form of two separate doses a few weeks apart.

### Both Effective

Although developers AstraZeneca and the University of Oxford – as well as the World Health Organization – have insisted since

the results of Phase-III clinical trials that their vaccine is safe and effective among people aged over 65, several countries currently advise against administering it to that age group.

The medicines agencies of both France and Germany limited the AstraZeneca jab to people aged under 65.

Spain last month said it would not give the AstraZeneca vaccine to people aged over 55.

A host of other nations have said they will not give the jab to older people, including the Netherlands, Norway, Denmark and Greece. French President Emmanuel Macron said in January that the AstraZeneca jab was “quasi-ineffective” among over-65s.

Only around a quarter of the 1.7 million AstraZeneca doses received by France had been



A nurse shows a package of the AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine at a doctor’s surgery in Senftenberg, Brandenburg, eastern Germany, on 3 March, 2021. PHOTO: AFP

administered by the end of last month, according to health ministry figures.

By comparison, in Britain, the vaccine has been a key pillar of the immunisation drive, even among the elderly. Paul Hunter, a professor in medicine at the University of East Anglia, said the study showed that “a single dose of either the Oxford AstraZeneca or the Pfizer

vaccine are both roughly equally effective at keeping elderly and frail people out of hospital and so reducing risk of death”.

Official data released Monday showed that both the AstraZeneca/Oxford and the Pfizer vaccine were “highly effective” in reducing infections and severe illness among elderly people.

SOURCE: AFP

### MYANMAR GAZETTE

## Heads of Service Organizations transferred and confirmed

The following persons are transferred and confirmed as Heads of Service Organizations shown against each of their names, after the one-year probation period.

Name	Appointment
1. Professor Dr Soe Win, Rector University of Economics (Monywa) Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education	Director-General Office of the Union Minister Ministry of Education
2. U Wai Lin Maung	Director-General Fisheries Department Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation

## Objectives of 76<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Armed Forces Day

FOR the Tatmadaw to join hands with the entire nation to safeguard democracy, which is the aspiration of all the nationalities of the country, from deviating from its path, in accord with the basic principles of the Constitution, while observing Our Three Main National Causes, which is the national policy;

To protect the people from all dangers including natural disasters at any time and in any situation and to provide all-round assistance for ensuring social security of the people;

To restore eternal peace based on NCA, without deviating from Our Three Main National Causes, as the cessation of armed conflicts is the principal requirement in realizing democracy;

To build a strong and compact Standard Army, which has the combat prowess and combat power, to effectively safeguard the State peace and stability and sovereignty.



## Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7: 00 pm Friday 5 March 2021)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the South Bay, a few cloud over the Andaman Sea and generally fair elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 6 March 2021:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Upper Sagaing, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin State. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing, Northern Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.

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

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of slight increase of day temperatures in Naypyitaw, Bago, Taninthayin Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Mon States.



# Understanding the civil servants' duties

By Min Pyae

I FELT something while reading a message, "Please CDM", sent by my childhood friend. He sent other messages via phone or messenger like "You won't go hungry even if you are not a staff." "Have you joined CDM? If not, you are no longer my friend. It's just kidding, but it's serious," with smile emoji.

I did not make any reply to him. We all complete education and graduated persons of our age and have reasoning skills for everything. So, I just said to him, "My friend, you are not mature enough," in my mind. I don't think my friend, who is not a government staff, will understand that it is not that easy for civil service personnel in serving the duties of the

ment, many teachers reach the retirement age of 60. They mostly spend their time for the students, and they nearly complete their duties at 60, so it is my duty to serve for them, especially for the receivable gratuities and pensions.

There is also the staff who have to retire for their health issues or other cases, so I have to do my duties for them. I have to say it is just "according to my duty". I perform my tasks with goodwill or cetana.

Because it is just for people like my retired parents, I am stuck with my parents' action on their pension payment day. They are active to meet with their old colleagues when the day is drawing near. So, I do not want to join CDM for my

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I don't think my friend, who is not a government staff, will understand that it is not that easy for civil service personnel in serving the duties of the country and public services.

country and public services. But I want to explain it to him well one day.

## Serving duties without fail

I go to the office daily now. I dutifully do my administrative matters assigned by my department. The management or administrative affairs do not complete just in a day, and they keep running just for one week or one month. At my department, it serves pensions for elderly staff and leaves for current staff. I cannot say like I will not do pensions-related matters for the civil service personnel during this government term, and I can do under other government terms after joining CDM.

At our education depart-

parents' sake, and I only want to serve my duties.

## Parts of the government mechanism

The civil services are the parts of government mechanism, whatever the government is. The whole mechanism will be perfect if every piece of mechanism does good things. It is the government staff who serve their duties no matter what the government is. They have to perform tasks according to the stipulated law or rules at government services organizations and the relevant departments.

The rules and regulations, including directives, are already stipulated. There is no need to mention the actions

taken against ministers and deputy minister for violating the law as you, the staff, have known about it. No matter what the situation may be, only the majority of staff remained in serving duties.

Whatever your stances or beliefs, you have to perform your duties when you become a civil servant. Therefore, I also serve my responsibilities at my best. I believe that I will get positive achievements as all of my efforts are intended for others' convenience.

Those who think only the CDM participants are loyal and love the country and people need to consider again. The staff serving the public service

es are in a dilemma among the disagreements. Although there is freedom of speech, most of them are unfair criticisms.

## Careful consideration

It is right to provide suggestions to those serving the duties of the country and public. But, it should be a piece of positive advice. Some people say something like we should do like that or other things, but they even don't know how to do it. So, the staff need to think of such words.

I also understand the feeling of staff with different desires or opinions.

The nature of democracy provides freedom of expression or speech. However, it is not good if one's right affects others. I don't want the people to think of making enemies.

I hope those who love the essence of democracy empathize with others. There is freedom of right to agree to disagreement and debate.

I do not want to express my love for the country and people online. I am no longer surprised at the people's exaggerations on Facebook, and I do not wish the fake friends who want me to show affection online. I can only pledge to serve my duties to my best for the sake of my country.

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Translated.



# I no longer drink the bitter rainwater

By Maung Moe Thauk

**W**E, people from almost all over the street, support mass protests. Some even took to the streets to support the protesters. Some even joined the protest. Every night, around 8 pm, the whole area was pounding loudly, and of course, I also had to participate.

In fact, our family is not interested in politics. Since we have nothing to do with the military or any other party, we have stayed peacefully since 1 February. After a few days, we found that our friends and neighbours seemed to have misread us.

With this thought, we strike pans every night like others, raise three fingers when meeting with people, applaud and encourage when the protesters come and have to participate in the protests.

There are people in the neighbourhood who do the same thing as us. Although different people have different beliefs, in this case, we have to have the same view. If not, it is not easy.

We agreed with the slogan, “We do not want a dictatorship, we want democracy”, as it is concerned by most of the public. But we do not agree with the slogans such as “Release our leaders”, “Don’t go to work, struggle to be free,” and the striking of pans at night because they are personal and physically and mentally disturbing the

people with different opinions. Although not accepted, we had to go along with the crowds due to various reasons.

Young people are most often involved in street protests on a daily basis. That includes educated young people as well as those without primary education.

Young people are less fearful and less able to think because they have lesser life experience. They are more likely to be free, active, happy and adventurous. We had to go through a difficult and isolated time due to a year-long outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country over the months.

## Use of political agenda

At that time, when a political change took place, it was immediately ignited as if it had caught fire. Instead of extinguishing the fire, the wind is blown, and the combustion is improved.

CDM is used as the best political platform in today’s political agenda. It is considered an effective block. As soon as someone signals on the social network, it is implemented.

There are mass protests, and many people are taking to the streets as if they were having a good time. With various demonstrations, it looks more like a democracy funfair than a protest. In any case, there is nothing wrong with them as



After nearly a month of mass protests, unruly protests have occurred. I was quite upset to see the undisciplined happenings. There will be other people like me who drink bitter water, too. In today’s democracy, it is difficult to reveal the truth, and it is better to drink the bitter water.

they are protesting peacefully. Besides, it was found that the CDM strike, the two-quintuple strike involved by the general public and the Myanmar Traditional Thanaka strike were included.

## Negative and violent consequences

While peaceful protests were conducted in a democratic manner by saying “Spring Revolution”, they were later turned into violent protests, which inevitably had unfortunate consequences.

Fighting on the front lines included young people from the area, and educated young people are mainly involved. At present, Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code is promulgated, and even peaceful protests are against the law. There were no significant problems during the peaceful demonstrations, but there were consequences when confrontational violence erupted.

The Buddha taught to do everything only when you think you are right with your own contemplation. No matter what the person says or whatever the case, true or false, good or bad, we have to accept which is right or wrong with our own thinking in order to have the best life.

No matter what the teacher says, no matter what the leader says, he or she must see things clearly, without personal prejudice. We need to accept what is right and not to do what is wrong. I do not prevent my fellow brothers and sisters to protest. However, I would like to say to participate after the consideration.

But right now, due to the push of politicians behind the scene, incitement of the people from abroad opposed the current government, there are some people who have involved emotionally with personal and emotional prejudices as well as there are also people like us who have to go along with the crowd. However, we are not associated with politic personally.

As the saying goes, “We have to drink the bitter rainwater when most do so” we have to go along with the most people whether we like it or not so that we are not against the crowd.

Once upon a time, it rained the bitter water in a country. Almost everyone in the country went crazy as they drank the bitter rainwater. According to astrology, the wise men, who knew in advance that there would be heavy rain, kept pure water and drank it to

stay healthy. At that time, the people who drank the bitter water accused the wise men of being fools. Finally, the wise men decided to drink the bitter rainwater as most people did.

## Justice has been tarnished!

Because the majority has agreed, we have changed our beliefs. If not, it will be considered an enemy. Democracy is being manipulated in politics.

In fact, in a democracy, power is not the truth. Justice is the truth. Justice has been tarnished, just like the clear water in the glass immediately changes colour. When a group shouts, many shout after them. When a group of people beat, many people follow beating. If a group of people block it, many people block it.

After nearly a month of mass protests, unruly protests have occurred. I was quite upset to see the undisciplined happenings. There will be other people like me who drink bitter water, too. In today’s democracy, it is difficult to reveal the truth, and it is better to drink the bitter water. But starting today, I no longer drink the bitter rainwater that most people do.

*Translated.*

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## State Administration Council's endeavours for State peace and stability and rule of law in February 2021

**T**HERE were more than 39.2 million eligible voters at the general election held on 8 November 2020, but the initial checks showed that the margin of error exceeds 10.4 million. Hence, the political parties, the candidates and the Tatmadaw made demands to the UEC, the Hluttaw and the government to solve the matter in accord with the law. Although complaints were sent to the National Defence and Security Council for two times, they were ignored, and attempts were even made to summon the first regular session of the third Hluttaw to form a new government. The three organs of State power have been exercised in accord with Sections 417 and 418 of the Constitution since 1 February 2021. The State Administration Council was set up in accord with Section 419 of the Constitution.

Daily demonstrations were in a peaceful atmosphere in the earlier period, but the demonstrations turned to riots and then to anarchic mobs who committed vandalism in some major towns after 9 February. The State Administration Council tackled the issues in the softest ways without declaration of the martial law stipulated in Section 413 of the Constitution during the emergency period as declared in accord with Section 417 of the Constitution if necessary and restriction of the fundamental rights of citizens in accord with section 420 of the Constitution.

The State Administration Council has been established and assigned in accord with Sections 417 and 418 of the Constitution, without abolishing it. But till 3 February, the international community used the term as 'military coup'. But later, it started using the term 'State Emergency'.

While the State Administration Council is carrying out the management and administrative functions in accord with the law, certain groups that are against the national peace and stability made attempts with the intention of cutting off the currency flow by halting the banking services and stopping the transport services. In order to stop the office machinery, they also organized the civil servants, launched the Red Ribbon Cam-

paign, and later accelerated the momentum of the Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM). Till 7 February, the demonstrations were staged in a peaceful way. But later, the demonstrators become mobs applying coercion, intimidations and pressures through the attempts to accelerate the CDM. As a public warning to prevent the occurrence of any undesirable outcomes, Section 144 of the criminal procedure was imposed in some cities on 8 February.

On 9 February, mobs tried to block the ferries of the civil servants who did not take part in the CDM near the Thabyaygon roundabout in Nay Pyi Taw and block the rail tracks not to leave the train for Yangon in Mawlamyine through violent means. They also tried to attack the convoy of the chairman of Mon State Administration Council, attacked security forces from all directions with rods, stones, catapults and iron hooks on 38th street between 76th and 78th streets in Mahaaungmyay Township, Mandalay, captured and hit a policeman on duty to death for no reason. So, the security members had to do their work with minimum force at the least level in accord with the procedures. In Nay Pyi Taw, a woman died, some vandals were injured, and some were arrested when the security forces calmed down the situation. Some of the security members were seriously wounded in the incident.

On 17 February in Mandalay, mobs blocked the rail tracks with concrete blocks and old rails to halt public transport. They even placed the passengers in harm's way by making the points un-operational. When the security forces came to clear the blocks, the mobs attacked them with sticks and knives. On 20 February, crowds of riotous protesters from CDM have blocked security forces and violently attacked with sticks and knives with an attempt to abduct the security personnel not to leave two passenger vessels owned by Ayeyawady Branch of Inland Water Transport at Gawwein Jetty in Mandalay. Further, security forces, which reinforced to the blocked security forces, were also under siege with violent attacks of iron hooks, sticks, knives, harpoons and nuts committed by crowds of rioters. Hence,

the security forces unavoidably performed the violence crackdown procedure. In the event, 12 security personnel were seriously injured, five security vehicles damaged, and two rioters were dead. Likewise, civilians quarrelled with each other in Shwepyitha Township of Yangon Region, leaving the injured. Due to imposing the curfew order, the family of the injured person requested the local police force to send the injured to the hospital. While sending the injured to the hospital, rioters closely committed violent attacks on security forces with sticks and knives. So, security forces opened warning fires, leaving one rioter dead. At the same time, rioters violently blocked ward and village administrators not to go to the offices, severally locked some administrator offices, blocked the compounds of the administrator offices in various ways with attempts to deteriorate the necessary administration machinery of the State Administration Council. Moreover, a crowd of rioters attacked the administrator and some civilians in the ward administrator office of Shwepyitha Township with sticks and knives at night for reasonless. Although incitements in various ways and means through social networks were committed to blocking retired service personnel not to go to the banks and not to take out pensions from the banks on 22 February, as the State Administration Council issued warnings of announcements, retired service personnel could peacefully take out their pensions.

On 25 February, those who incited riotous and destructive acts of NLD members and stooges relying on foreign countries in various ways and means hindered and disturbed those who peacefully staged protests in support of the State Administration Council in Mingala Taungnyunt Township in Yangon Region, Taunggyi in Shan State (South), Myanaung and Ngaputaw townships in Ayeyawady Region, Taungup Township in Rakhine State, Thuwunnawady and Thanbyuzayat in Mon State and Kyunsu Township in Taninthayi Region. After the peaceful protests, individuals of the peaceful protesters and vehicles were closely attacked and damaged with sticks and knives. Moreover, rioters forcibly took

off the clothes of the peaceful protesters in crowds for discrediting and committed violent acts such as hitting without reason and shaving the heads of peaceful protesters. Hence, security forces solved the problems in areas of respective incidents.

NLD followers and stooges relying on foreign forces in various ways and means imposed pressure, threats and coercion to service personnel and people in order to participate in the CDM and public movements. Crowds of NLD followers and the stooges committed pressure, threats and public punishment with acts of losing individual rights and human rights to discredit those who did not participate in the CDM and public movements. International communities define although CDM is a non-violent movement in any government, department and business organization, it is an act that is not in line with the law. So, acts of those who incite CDM, those who put pressure on others and those who lawlessly attack the service personnel in the legal fold as offenders in the society are cases of deeply breaking the law. As such, all are urged not to accept incitements that deform the CDM as reality. In reviewing the current situations, protests were transformed into riots under the disguise of CDM and then into anarchic mob step by step. It was learnt that severe action would be taken against those who break the law in accord with the procedure of the rule of law.

Rumours on setting arson and putting poisons were spread to cause public panic in some major cities with the forms in the disarray of security machinery, showing that community and road security measures are being taken under the arrangement of respective communities similar to that of uprisings in some big countries. Peaceful protests were turned to lawlessly violent acts as riots in major cities. On 26 February, criminal measures and punishments for riots of Section 144 of Criminal Procedure were announced on MRTV and MWD TV channels and State-owned newspapers, with warnings to urge the people to abide by the prescribed laws, and if not, action will be inevitably taken against the offenders.

Although the warnings had

been issued, violent crowds, neglecting the warnings, committed violent acts, confronted security forces and threatened their lives by committing violence with cudgels, knives, arrow slingshots, iron fist rings and baseball bats in a lawless and anarchist manner; destroying some houses and shops of innocent people, state-owned vehicles and traffic police booths and pouring boiling water from upper floors of apartment buildings on security forces on 27 and 28 February. Security forces inevitably dispersed the crowds after warnings repeatedly by using riot control weapons in accordance with the rights to self-defence of the riot control procedures in accordance with the law. On 27 and 28 February, some rioters were detained while four persons from Dawei, two persons in Bago, one person in Magway, three persons in Yangon and one person in Mandalay died. One person detained in Mandalay died of COVID-19, and he was properly buried.

Despite the declaration of section 144 of the Criminal Procedure in some cities for public peace and the rule of law, the State Administration Council watched peaceful protests patiently and issued some warnings until 8 February. After 22 February, due to violent protests that undermined public peace, threats and hindrances to the administrative and management mechanism of the State, gang violence that breached individual freedom, dignity and human rights, destruction and confrontation, security forces issued warnings step by step in accordance with rules and regulations and dispersed violent crowds with the use of minimum force to minimize the injuries. Since the declaration of the state of emergency, security forces handled dispersal of violent crowds with the use of minimum force inevitably and more leniently than some powerful countries did. The State Administration Council requests the public to conduct one's own livelihood peacefully and to abide by section 144 of the Criminal Procedure without accepting the instigations of NLD members, supporters and stooges that rely on external forces.





# China sets 6% GDP target for 2021, marks goal for 1<sup>st</sup> time in 2 years

CHINA on Friday set an annual gross domestic product target of “over 6 per cent,” marking such a goal for the first time in two years at its parliament after the country became the only major economy to post positive growth last year amid the novel coronavirus outbreak. Beijing underscored its confidence in the nation’s economic rebound from the impact of the virus’s spread, given that China’s economy has shown signs of a in Hong Kong and Chinese Taipei issues, China also said it will fulfill the “Chinese



Workers check a production line at Lianyungang Economic and Technological Development Area in Lianyungang, east China’s Jiangsu Province, July 16, 2020. PHOTO: AFP

dream of national rejuvenation” on the 100th anniversary of the founding of the ruling Communist Party this year.

Analysts say concern may mount that China’s nationalism will grow further at home, and the leadership of President Xi Jin-

ping will step up measures to boost its influence on the region and the world on the back of its economic clout.— Kyodo News ■

# Palm oil row fuels Swiss vote on Indonesia trade deal

SWITZERLAND votes Sunday on a free trade deal with Indonesia but the agreement, which opens up a vast potential market, could slip up over the issue of palm oil imports. Under the deal, tariffs would be gradually removed from almost all of Switzerland’s biggest exports to the world’s fourth most populous country, while the Swiss would abolish duties on Indonesian industrial products. Anyone importing Indonesian palm oil must prove that it meets

certain environmental and social standards. But controversy around palm oil and its sustainability fuelled enough concern in Switzerland to trigger a public vote. Two separate polls in February put support for the deal at 52 per cent, with 41 to 42 per cent against. The agreement was signed in 2018 and approved by the Swiss parliament in 2019, but opponents were especially critical of Bern’s move to reduce import duties on palm oil.—AFP ■

# Germany to compensate energy firms 2.4 bn euros for nuclear exit

GERMANY will pay top energy companies a total of 2.4 billion euros (\$2.9 billion) in compensation for its decision to exit nuclear energy in the wake of the 2011 Fukushima disaster, Berlin said Friday.

By the end of 2022, Germany will have achieved its goal of completely phasing out nuclear power, set by Chancellor Angela Merkel after a deadly earthquake and tsunami caused a devastating meltdown at Japan’s Fukushima plant. “The government has reached an agreement with EnBW, E.ON/PreussenElektra, RWE and Vattenfall,” Germany’s environment, finance and economy ministries said in a joint statement.

They said Berlin would pay 2.43 billion euros compensation to the four companies, all of which operate nuclear power plants in Germany.—AFP ■

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# Bago vs Maha Ceti

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**B**AGO, the royal palace of Hanthawady where King Bayintnaung reigned over, is an ancient city full of ancient heritages.

Bago City is located between 17° 14' and 17° 50' of north Latitude and between 96° 24' and 96° 41' of east longitude. The 1,121.66 square-mile area of Bago is close to Waw and Thanatpin townships in the east, Hlegu, Taikkyi and Thayawady townships in the west, Kawa Township in the south and DaikU and Letpadan townships in the north.

Among 78 temples and stupas, Shwemawdaw, Kyaikpun, Shwethalyaung, Seinthalyaung, Myathalyaung, Maha Ceti, Koethein Koethan and Daesunpa

pagodas are very famous in Bago Township. Likewise, Kanbawzathadi Palace, built in Nandawya Ward of Bago, is an eminent historical replica.

According to the archive papers in the Hanthawady era, a 312 years long period starting from king brothers Thamala and Wimala to King Teiktha was set as the First Hanthawady era, the 186 years period from King Byeenya Oo to King Thushintakaruppi as the second Hanthawady era and the 58 years period from King Tabinshwehti to King Nanda as the third Hanthawady era.

## Toungoo era and Bago

In Myanmar history, the Toungoo era was set from 1485 AD to 1600 AD when King Mingyi Nyo, King Tabinshwehti, King

Bayintaung and King Nanda reigned over, and historians named such period as the Second Myanmar Empire.

After deteriorating Pinya and Sagaing city-states which emerged after Bagan era, Upper Myanmar revitalized itself centring in Inwa while Lower Myanmar set Hanthawady as a focal point with strong power.

King Mingyi Nyo established Ketumati City on full moon day of Tazaungmone, 872 ME, and King Tabinshwehti reigned over the city from 6th waxing of Nadaw, 892 ME to 1st waning of Kason, 912 ME. After King Tabinshwehti, Bayintnaung became king who established Kanbawzathadi Palace where he came to the throne on 3rd waning of Tabaung 929 ME, according to the New Twinthin History.

## Maha Ceti

Among pagodas in Bago, Maha Ceti built by King Bayintnaung is the highest and largest apart from Shwemawdaw Pagoda.

Travellers who come from Yangon must turn left before the railway overpass of Bago. If they are beyond Shwethalyaung reclining Buddha image, they can see Maha Ceti in Mazin A Ward, west of Bago. The precinct of Ceti is on the 60 acres of land. The 333 feet high and 1,500 feet circumference of Maha Ceti is rounded by the square shape walls. Maha Ceti, Shwemawdaw and Hinthagon pagodas are stretching in a straight line.

The Glass Royal Palace History mentioned building of Maha Ceti by King Bayintnaung in 921 ME in detail. King Bayintnaung allotted funds of K400 to four Mon counsellors of the court namely Byeenya Law, Byeenya Dala, Byeenya Param and Byeenya Kyan Htaw and four Myanmar counsellors of the court namely Thiri Zeya Nawrahta, Thiri Zeya Kyawhtin, Naymyo Kyawhtin and Nanda Kyawhtin to carry out land preparations for construction of the pagoda.

While building the pagoda, King Bayintnaung taking a posi-

tion in the royal hall, west of the pagoda, controlled construction tasks. The foundation for the pagoda was launched on 5th waxing of Waso, 921 ME and cornerstones were laid on 2nd waning of Waso. The Ceti was surrounded by Zawtikayon Monastery and 40 encircled monasteries. (Prisons of war taken to Bago set fire to all monasteries in Nataw, 926 ME.)

Royal families conveyed sacred relics to be enshrined at the Ceti to Maha Ceti from the royal palace on 14 waxing of Nataw. On the day, Queen Rajadevi gave birth to Raja Dhatukalya prin-







cess. Two days later, the reliquary of the pagoda was closed.

According to the Glass Royal Palace History, a total of 21,194 sacred relics were kept in the ruby ceti at first and enveloped by the gold ceti, alloy of gold and copper ceti, silver ceti and bronze ceti. Other 63,380 pieces of sacred relics were also kept in golden, silver and alloy caskets. Moreover, first episode each of treatises of Abhidhamma, Suttanta and Vinaya were described on gold and silver leaves to be enshrined.

The gold statue and that of father, mother, queen, princess,

prince and grandprince were enshrined in the Ceti. The enshinment ceremony took place on 15 November 1559 AD. From then onward, enshrinements were held at the 100 elbows high Ceti six times within five months.

On 2nd waning of Pyatho, 922 ME, King Bayintnaung donated his headdress to the pagoda after holding the umbrella hoisting ceremony. A park was built in front of the Ceti with the name of Tavatimsa. The royal hall was dissolved and four Zetawun monasteries and 100 encircled monasteries were built

in the precinct of the Ceti. Four main monasteries were decorated with mural paintings on 550 plots of Jatakas. The king donated 53 viss and 5.25 ticals of gold to gilding Thudhamma public rest houses in the precinct of the Ceti. Three tier-roofed buildings were renovated as monasteries. The umbrella of the Ceti fell on the ground in the strong earthquake in 925 ME. So, four counsellors of the court were assigned to rehoist the umbrella atop the Ceti. Those counsellors of the court hoisted new umbrella atop on the Ceti on 29 January 1567 AD.

In 932 ME, King Bayintnaung donated cash equal to 35 viss and 30 ticals of his body weight to the fund of Maha Ceti as cost for gold. In 940 ME, the umbrella fell down again in shake of the earthquake, and three years later, King Bayintnaung passed away.

After King Bayintnaung, umbrellas of Maha Ceti fell down four times in earthquakes. So, King Nanda hoisted new umbrella atop the Ceti in 950 ME, King Anaukphetlun in 977 ME, King Thalun in 995 ME and King Minye Kyawhtin in 1059 ME, according to the stone inscription on brief history of Maha Ceti in Bago.

**Disappeared Ceti**

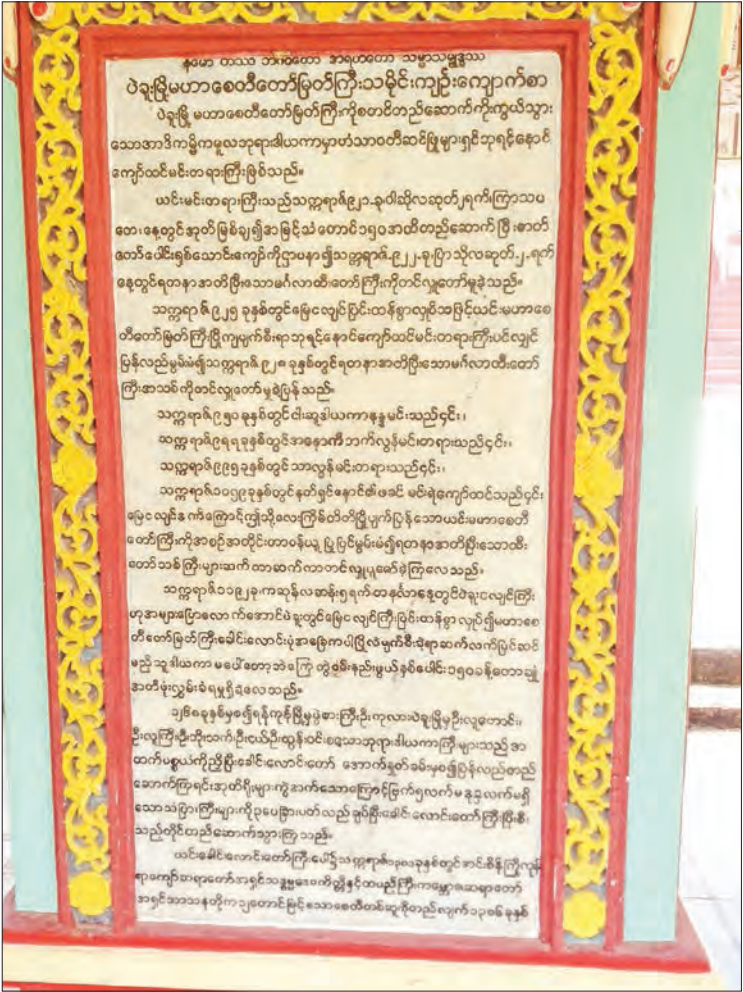
A strong Bago earthquake which shook on 5th waxing of Kason, 1192 ME caused collapse of Maha Ceti from the bell shape structure. Damaged Ceti remained unchanged under bushes for 150 years without repairing. One more earthquake in 1250 ME caused body structure of the Ceti

seen in right side at the entrance to the Ceti. Such plot is under preservation in successive eras with erecting signboard bearing the victorious land of King Bayintnaung. Maha Ananda laterite temple in replica of Bagan Ananda temple can be seen in northwest of the platform.

Historical Maha Ceti built more than 450 years ago suffered from impacts of natural disasters and destructions of invaders. In 962 ME, Ngazinka took the umbrella donated by King Nanda from the Ceti to Thanlyin.

In 1188 ME, rebel leader Nga Sap Nge persuaded more than 300 Mon, Shan and Yun people who came down from servants donated by King Anaukphetlun to Maha Ceti to Thanlyin. Then, more than 60 persons including old servants of the Ceti came to Bago from Thanlyin and took out jewellery items from the umbrella.

Thanks to maintenance and safeguarding of generous people,



again and the Ceti was set aside from the public scene.

Starting from 1268 ME, Maha Ceti reappeared in the public scene thanks to efforts of broker U Kalar from Yangon, U Lu Haung, U Lu Gyi, U Bo Thet, U Nge and U Tun Win from Bago together with Bago dwellers. In 12 February 1979, a new umbrella could be hoisted atop the Ceti.

Currently, Maha Ceti is one of tourist destinations in Bago. Not only local Buddhist people but also Buddhists from Thailand often pay homage to the Ceti.

The victorious land can be

historic stupas and temples can be seen now across Myanmar. Among them, Maha Ceti in Bago is an ancient, historic pagoda.

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# I.S.P.E player joins YUFC for two-year term

YANGON United recently stated that National Team midfielder and I.S.P.E star player Lwin Moe Aung has joined the football squad with a 2-year contract.

The youth star player expressed his hope upon joining the football club.

"I am very proud to join Yangon United and watch me how I will work for this club. You will see the best of me than previous Lwin Moe Aung. Yangon could not hold the trophy last year and I will work hard to be the Champions for this amazing club," said Lwin Moe

Aung.

Lwin Moe Aung studied at the Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Mandalay) from 2012 to 2015. Next he started his very first professional career with I.S.P.E (U-18) in 2016, and assisted the team winning the Champions Trophy

in the Myanmar National U-21 League.

During the U-21 League, he was awarded the Best Player Award of 2018.

The young midfielder moved to Ayeyawady United in 2019 and he was nominated as one of the top most assist play-

ers for the football league during the football seasons. Lwin Moe Aung, was also selected in the Myanmar National Team in 2018 and assisted the national team winning fourth place in 2017 AFF U-18, second in 2018 AFF U-19, and third place in SEA Games 2019. —GNLM ■

## Jurgen Klopp rues 'massive blow' as Liverpool suffer historic home defeat



Jurgen Klopp admitted Liverpool's 1-0 defeat against Chelsea was a "massive blow" as his troubled club lost five successive home games for the first time in their history. **PHOTO: AFP**

LIVERPOOL: JURGEN Klopp admitted Liverpool's 1-0 defeat against Chelsea was a "massive blow" as his troubled club lost five successive home games for the first time in their history.

Klopp's side were condemned to unprecedented misery at Anfield by Mason Mount's superb strike late in the first half on Thursday.

After storming to their first English title in 30 years last season, injury-hit Liverpool have endured a wretched defence of the crown and now face an uphill struggle just to finish in the top four.

With 11 games left, seventh-placed Liverpool are languishing four points behind Chelsea in fourth.

Reds boss Klopp conceded losing to a direct rival for the Champions League places was a big setback, especially as his team are mired in a miserable run of five defeats in their last six league games. "It is not about Anfield or whatever, it is in general, too often. In the decisive moments we have to improve," Klopp said. —AFP ■

## Alli return helps Tottenham hold off Fulham, Everton move into top four

LONDON: Dele Alli delivered on his first Premier League start since the opening day of the season as Tottenham edged out Fulham, while Everton moved into the top four as they were also 1-0 winners at West Brom on Thursday.

Alli was not credited with his first league goal for just short of a year as his effort deflected off Tosin Adarabioyo into his own net at Craven Cottage.

But his presence made the difference despite Spurs resorting to the bad habits that have seen them drop so many

points from winning positions this season as Fulham dominated the second-half.

Scott Parker's men had a goal harshly disallowed for a handball by Mario Lemina before Josh Maja fired home, but Tottenham held out to close to within four points of the top four, in eighth.

Gareth Bale and Alli have struggled for form and fitness this season and have largely been bystanders as Son Heung-min and Harry Kane kept Tottenham's chances of a place in the Champions League next season alive. —AFP ■



Half the fab four: Son Heung-min (left) and Dele Alli (right) combined for Tottenham's opening goal at Fulham. **PHOTO: AFP**

## McIlroy has five-birdie run to share PGA lead at Bay Hill



Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy plays a shot in the Arnold Palmer Invitational at the Bay Hill Club and Lodge, Orlando, Florida, March 04, 2021. **PHOTO: AFP**

MIAMI: Four-time major winner Rory McIlroy made five consecutive birdies in his self-declared best round of the year to share the lead after Thursday's start of the US PGA Arnold Palmer Invitational.

The 31-year-old from Northern Ireland fired a six-under par 66 at Bay Hill in Orlando to share the lead with Canada's Corey Connors, one stroke ahead of reigning US Open champion Bryson DeChambeau.

McIlroy, hoping to complete a career Grand Slam at next month's Masters, opened on the back

nine despite weeks of struggling with his swing birdied the second through sixth holes.

"It was good. The 66 is a great way to start the tournament," McIlroy said. "Hit some really good shots, some good drives.

"I saw a lot of really positive signs out there today, which was really encouraging."

Connors, another back-nine starter, had four birdies and an eagle in his first seven holes but closed the front and back nines with bogeys, the last from seven feet, to settle for a share of the lead. —AFP ■