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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 legitimate Hluttaw representatives according to the Constitution, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Rules and CRPH is not in conformity with the law and has committed the serious crimes, and people are urged not to work for this illegitimate committee directly or indirectly, and action will be taken against those who fail to follow.

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Effective rule of law to be enforced for benefit of the State, people : Myanmar Police Force

AS the Government is striving for the stability and security of the State, security forces continue to make effort to effectively enforce the rule of law for the benefit of the state and the people by taking effective action against anti-state activists supporting one person, one-party organization, according to the statement of the Myanmar Police Force.

According to the statement, anti-government activists are using various methods to spread rumors in the media under the headline “Peaceful protest” in the country and are putting the young people to the forefront, as per the organizer behind it.

Most people who do not want to see instability in the country have called the hotlines in their respective regions and states and requested to control the public universities and hospitals and to take action ef-



Police are clearing havoc on the road left by the protesters.

fectively for the benefit of the people.

Therefore, the security forces have been maintaining the universities and hospitals in

various places and, depending on the situation while clearing the havoc placed by protesters in the neighbourhoods, riot control agents and tear gas were

used as necessary to disperse the crowd and detain the leaders of the riot. A total of 39 men and 2 women were detained in Sangyaung, Ahlon, Mayangon,

Kyauktada, Insein, Thakayta, Dagon Myothit (North), Taik-kyi an Thanlyin townships in Yangon Region; Patheingyi, SEE PAGE-5

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Announcement of Union Election Commission

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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 Mahaaungmye Township in Mandalay Region, together with the

respective township election sub-commission, head of police force, Immigration and Population and administrator according to the Hluttaw Election Law Section 53. According to inspection on the ground, a total of 84 poll stations in 18 wards of Mahaaungmye Township

in Mandalay Region took out 175,796 ballot papers. It used 127,360 ballot receipts, and the remaining ballots were 47,447 instead of 48,436. The extra/shortage ballots were found at respective poll stations. The findings are as follows:

On the ground inspections on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election of Mahaaungmye Township

Sr	Subject	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the ground	Difference	
						Shortage	Extra
1	Ward/Village tract	174,480	126,495	47,985	39,280	8,705	-
2	Township ballots	1,316	865	451	8,167	-	7,716
Total		175,796	127,360	48,436	47,447	8,705	7,716

A total of 8705 ballots at 84 poll stations in 18 wards of Mahaaungmye were found missing. The exact remaining ballots must be 451 but found 8167 ballots on the

ground inspection. Among these ballots, 7716 ballots were unused and the numbers of ballot papers were higher than the numbers of ballots issued by UEC. The

township election sub-commission did not mention the names of voters, poll station, ward/village tracts on 332 ballot receipts out of 865.

The findings on the ground inspections on ballot papers of poll station-wise of wards for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Mahaaungmye Township are as follows:

Sr	Ward	Poll station	Issued	Used	Exact Remaining	Remaining on the ground	Missing	Extra
1	Ye Mon Taung	6	12,050	6,643	5,407	4,622	785	
2	Maha Myaing (1)	5	14,280	10,128	4,152	3,172	980	
3	Maha Myaing (2)	5	9,650	5,106	4,544	2,746	1,798	
4	Thatkatho	2	2,800	1,824	976	926	50	
5	Maha Nwe Sin	5	12,650	7,258	5,392	3,342	2,050	
6	Set Kyar Nwe Sin	4	7,950	6,215	1,699	1,355	344	
7	Hay Ma Malar South Ward	2	4,550	3,250	1,300	1,200	100	
8	Hay Ma Malar North Ward	3	5,750	4,373	1,377	1,283	94	
9	Chanmyathazi	3	7,200	5,447	1,753	1,599	154	
10	Mahaaungmye East Ward	3	5,100	3,851	1,249	1,204	45	
11	Mahaaungmye West Ward	3	4,400	3,601	799	603	196	
12	Yadana Bonmi East Ward	3	4,650	3,365	1,285	987	298	
13	Shwe Bone Shane	3	6,000	4,716	1,284	1,238	46	
14	Yadana Bonmi West Ward	3	4,800	3,790	1,010	963	47	
15	Than Hlat Hmaw Ward	11	25,200	18,966	6,234	5,876	358	
16	Than Hlat Hmaw West Ward	10	22,900	18,321	4,579	4,019	560	
17	Day Wun East Ward	6	10,350	8,246	2,104	2,004	100	
18	Sein Pan	7	14,200	11,359	2,841	2,141	700	
Total ward		84	174,480	126,495	47,985	39,280	8,705	
Township remaining ballots			1,316	865	451	8,167		7,716
Total township			175,796	127,360	48,436	47,447	8,705	7,716

Union Election Commission

Announcement for CRPH that commits high treason and its organizations

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2. Currently, the CRPH formed government and illegal organizations like public administrative organizations. Such doings are not in conformity with the Constitution, and it is a violation of the Penal Code Section 122 for high treason and a crime to be punished with death or life sentence or 22 years of imprisonment. Moreover, those who 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 intimidation 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 work with CRPH, which commits high treason to affect the stability of the State, and other CRPH's organizations directly or indirectly.

State Administration Council

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, illegally intimidating 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 participated in the CDM, to contact not later than midnight on 7 March to join 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.

No	Township/Department	Numbers of staff	Rate per person (Kyat)	Remark
1	Toungoo	1,520	30,000	
2	Wundwin	50	50,000	

3	Natmauk	8	25,000	
4	Phakant	73	100,000	
5	Sagaing	1,300	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

Announcement for taking legal actions in accord with law

A file 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 investigation 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

Ex.Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture charged with corruption

THE Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has formed an investigation team into a complaint to take action against former Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko for accepting money and property in connection with the awarding of titles to individuals by the state during his tenure as Union Minister.

According to a statement from the Anti-Corruption Commission, a case has been filed against Thura U Aung Ko under Section 55 of the Anti-Corruption Law since the corruption has been investigated.

Similarly, some people who served at the state and national levels have also been found to be corrupt, and action is being taken in accordance with the Anti-Corruption Law.—MNA

Announcement to health workers

The medical expert U Zaw Wai Soe, who served duties at the University of Medicine (1), colludes with the “Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH)” formed by the unofficial Hluttaw MPs committing high treason, and he also conducts various incitements to health workers to join with him.

Regarding the crimes committed by U Zaw Wai Soe, the Ministry of Home Affairs has opened files and further action will be taken against him for committing high treason. Therefore, the health workers should not support him, and if they make such activity they will face legal action.

Ministry of Health and Sports

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Myanmar's traditional martial art

THE State Administration Council has adopted five future programmes. Production must be boosted to improve the economic sector. The region, state, district and township councils must encourage regional production. Agriculture can be less affected by the COVID-19 outbreak, and it is a business that earns money easily. So, local farmers need to be encouraged to work hard on agricultural undertakings. Political, social and economic objectives have also been adopted. The social objectives include an objective such as enhancement of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation. To contribute towards public health, nationwide outdoors sports and games must be held again. Myanmar's traditional martial art should be among national sports. It is a kind of self-defence sport without the need for spare part equipment in training. Therefore, traditional sports should also be encouraged.

(Excerpt from the speech to the 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 2 March 2021)

Hotels & Tourism Ministry takes steps to re-open hotels in PyinOoLwin

UNION MINISTER for Hotels and Tourism U Maung Maung Ohn has called on hospitality associations and businesses to cooperate with the ministry with full trust and understanding as the ministry is planning to speed up the recovery of hotels and tourism sector.

He made the remark at the coordination meeting with personnel from the hospitality sector in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Region, on 6 March.

In his remarks, the Union Minister said the meeting was a part of his tour of the Mandalay Region to speed up efforts for recovery of the hospitality sector which needs to be remedied urgently.

He also stressed the importance of enforcing the health guidelines and rules released by the Ministry of

Health and Sports when the hotels reopened.

The Union Minister has also stressed the need to explore new destinations and to upgrade the existing ones.

As a multiplier effect, the impacts from the tourism sector this fall has hit other related sectors such as restaurants, tourist guides, transportation and shops.

The participants of the meeting reported on arrangements for reopening of hotels, for attracting visitors and discovering new destinations.

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Following the meeting, the Union Minister visited the museums housing fossils, orchids



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn holds the meeting with representatives from hotel and tourism sector in PyinOoLwin. **PHOTO: MNA**

and butterflies in the Kandawgyi National Botanical Garden. During his tour of inspection, the Union Minister inspected the Hotel PyinOoLwin which will open in line with the COVID-19 health guidelines soon. — MNA

Union Attorney General attends 14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

THE Myanmar delegation led by Union Attorney General Dr Thida Oo and the Ministry of Home Affairs attended the 14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice held at the Kyoto International Convention Center via video conferencing. The convention was attended by UN member states, observers, international organizations, non-governmental organizations and experts and discussed challenges in criminal justice for socio-economic development and multi-pronged approach, efforts to improve the rule of law and cooperation between member states and technical assistance in transnational cases such as human trafficking and drug control and violent attack.—MNA



Effective rule of law to be enforced for benefit of the State, people

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Myingyan, Yamethin and NyaungU townships in Mandalay Region; Magway and Yenangyoung townships in Magway Region; Patheingyi and Mawlamyinegyun townships in Ayeyawady Region; Myeik and Pulaw townships in Tanintharyi Region; Loileik township in Kayah State; Ye township in Mon State and Taunggyi and Lashio townships in Shan State.

As the previous government repealed some essential security laws to undermine national security for various purposes under the human rights reason, the amendments of the fourth Ward or Village Tract Administration Law, which is needed today, was issued in 2021 on 13 February by the State Administration Council Law No. (3/2021).

Therefore, security forces will effectively carry out inspection in wards and villages in accordance with the amended laws to find those who are hiding and are being prosecuted for their anti-state activities and those who need to be searched and maintained for national security.—MNA



Protests turned into riots in parts of Myanmar.



Announcement on illegal arrest, torture, damaging human integrity, threats against civil servants, retirees, people

1. It is found that, rioted protestors, without following the law, orders and rules released by the State attacked, are carrying out anarchic activities such as detaining and beating some members of the Myanmar Police Force who are on duty for security. Similarly, they have threatened and put pressure on the civil service personnel and their relatives to join the CDM movement, accused the retired Tatmadaw men and retired po-

lice force members and some people of police informers and military informers and detained, threatened and beat, and also shaved their hair and eyebrows, and tattooed their faces for lifelong to cause to feel ashamed lifelong.

2. Prohibiting and threatening the civil service personal not to do their duty deserve to be charged under the Section 124-d, 186, 189 and 353 of the Penal Code. Detaining and beating the civil

service personal deserve to be charged under Section 332, 333 and 342 of the Penal Code; tattooing on face and hurting deserve to be charged under Section 325 and 326 of the Penal Code; shaving hair and eyebrows to cause to feel ashamed deserve under Section 352, 354 and 500 of the Penal Code, and threatening and putting pressure on civil servants to join CDM deserve under Section 124-d, 505 9a) and 506 and Section 66 9d) of the commu-

nication law, and can be sentenced up to 30 years in prison.

3. Hence, those civil servants who are on duty and their families are urged to contact and inform the following police stations if they assaulted with or are threatened with the above activities. If they inform the police stations in their respective regions, the police stations concerned will take effective actions against the abusers in accordance with the law.

1. Nay Pyi Taw Police Force		
Ottarathiri District Police Force	067 550 191, 067 550 192, 067 550 041	
Dekkhinathiri District Police Force	067 550 193, 067 550 388, 067 550 042	
2. Kachin State		
Myitkyina District Police Force	09 880 825 694, 09 880 825 695, 09 880 825 696	
Bhamo District Police Force	09 880 825 700, 09 880 825 701, 09 880 825 702	
Mohnyin District Police Force	09 880 825 697, 09 880 825 698, 09 880 825 699	
Putao District Police Force	09 880 825 675, 09 880 825 676, 09 880 825 677	
3. Kayah State		
Loikaw District Police Force	09 264 290 312, 09 264 903 347, 09 264 290 342	
Bawlake District Police Force	09 264 290 217, 09 264 290 266, 09 264 290 268	
4. Kayin State		
Hpa-an District Police Force	09 448 125 301, 09 880 474 883, 09 883 299 682	
Kawkareik District Police Force	09 260 532 203, 09 664 946 519, 09 774 383 759	
Myawady District Police Force	09 422 689 899, 09 664 857 785, 09 740 847 950	
Papun District Police Force	09 428 212 313, 09 692 955 557, 09 882 917 596	
5. Chin State		
Mindat District Police Force	09 448 125 301, 09 880 474 883, 09 883 299 682	
Matupi District Police Force	09 449 615 501, 09 449 615 618, 09 422 911 427	
Falam District Police Force	09 422 689 899, 09 427 985 091, 09 426 419 992	
Haka District Police Force	09 443 667 626, 09 443 408 100, 09 258 745 928	
6. Sagaing Region		
Sagaing District Police Force	09 680 151 099, 09 680 745 899, 09 680 374 974	
Shwebo District Police Force	09 258 466 668, 09 430 344 463, 09 793 177 931	
Kanbalu District Police Force	09 448 50328, 09 978 830 256, 09 759 698 783	
Monywa District Police Force	09 260 093 200, 09 230 0942, 09 402 547 139	
Yinmabin District Police Force	09 262 560 743, 071 73131, 071 73133	
Katha District Police Force	075 251 014, 09 259 851 581, 09 775 745 369	
Kalay District Police Force	09 420 720 535, 09 970 460 258, 09 686 804 901	
Khamti District Police Force	073 248 100, 09 120 741 198, 09 262 690 123	
Mawlaik District Police Force	09 519 0481, 09 421 599 995, 09 422 465 783	
Tamu District Police Force	073 40277, 09 974 832 183, 09 755 624 429	
7. Taninthayi Region		
Dawei District Police Force	09 251 138 577, 09 447 920 273, 09 669 905 281	
Myeik District Police Force	09 256 445 424, 09 896 999 684, 09 679 496 631	
Kawthoung District Police Force	09 895 912 169, 09 668 888 199, 09 253 583 509	
8. Bago Region		
Bago District Police Force	09 420 175 016, 09 447 282 774, 09 794 861 506	
Toungoo District Police Force	09 250 059 520, 09 254 033 393, 09 969 773 907	
Pyay District Police Force	09 423 664 294, 09 423 684 860, 09 425 551 736	
Thayawady District Police Force	09 430 81170, 09 430 71869, 09 254 290 385	
9. Magway Region		
Magway District Police Force	09 425 485 822, 09 261 017 175, 09 261 017 116	
Minbu District Police Force	09 261 017 445, 09 261 017 425, 09 261 017 105	

Thayet District Police Force	09 261 017 238, 09 261 017 040, 09 261 017 288
Pakokku District Police Force	09 261 017 548, 09 261 017 317, 09 261 017 257
Gangaw District Police Force	09 425 485 818, 09 425 485 813,09 425 485 834
10. Mandalay Region	
Mandalay District Police Force	09 973 715 438, 09 889 846 464, 09 889 858 788
PyinOoLwin District Police Force	09 777 847 278, 09 794 195 683, 09 967 629 828
Myingyan District Police Force	09 400 103 369, 09 400 103 374, 09 400 104 933
Meiktila District Police Force	09 757 182 238, 09 400 004 611, 09 400 000 024
Yamethin District Police Force	09 400 3699, 09 400 2899, 09 400 002800
Kyaukse District Police Force	09 881 114 112, 09 794 208 960, 09 792 444 892
NyaungU District Police Force	09 400 103 328, 09 400 103 348, 09 400 103 386
11. Mon State	
Mawlamyine District Police Force	09 756 253 892, 09 684 738 395, 09 6820 787 882
Thaton District Police Force	09 423 332 744, 09 423 332 745, 09 423 332 746
12. Rakhine State	
Sittway District Police Force	09 686 294 525, 09 689 318 427, 09 688 900 787
MraukU District Police Force	09 699 508 884, 09 6701 005 671, 09 683 972 093
Maungtaw District Police Force	09 662 441 336, 09 690 875 480, 09 694 359 402
Kyaukpyu District Police Force	09 423 239 966, 09 423 239 967, 09 423 239 968
Thandwe District Police Force	09 678 443 713, 09 672 937 348, 09 969 179 661
13. Yangon Region	
Eastern District Police Force	09 426 182 966, 09 426 183 227, 09 426 183 245
Western District Police Force	09 426 183 228, 09 426 183 339, 09 426 183 293
Southern District Police Force	09 426 183 193, 09 426 183 237, 09 426 183 238
Northern District Police Force	09 426 183 277, 09 426 183. 282, 09 426 183 264
14. Shan State	
Lashio District Police Force	09 346 112 8550, 09 346 112 8510, 09 346 113 2710
Kyaukme District Police Force	09 346 112 8593, 09 346 112 8569, 09 346 113 2645
Taunggyi District Police Force	09 346 113 2777, 09 346 112 8999, 09 346 112 8684
Langkho District Police Force	09 346 112 8668, 09 346 113 2603, 09 346 113 2595
Loilem District Police Force	09 346 113 2744, 09 346 113 2819, 09 346 112 8924
Kengtung District Police Force	09 346 113 2587, 09 346 113 2579, 09 346 112 8643
Tachilek District Police Force	09 346 113 2801, 09 346 113 2785, 09 346 112 8965
Monghsat District Police Force	09 346 112 8940, 09 346 113 2728, 09 346 113 2504
Muse District Police Force	09 346 113 3072, 09 346 113 2967, 09 346 112 8742
Hopan District Police Force	09 346 113 2959, 09 346 113 3023, 09 346 113 2975
Momeik District Police Force	09 346 113 2942, 09 346 113 3155, 09 346 112 8841
15. Ayeyawady Region	
Pathein District Police Force	09 420 098 306, 09 685 194 866, 09 451 236 070
Hinthada District Police Force	09 421 713 344, 09 447 374 150, 09 959 591 097
Myaungmya District Police Force	09 682 055 975, 09 264 836 809, 09 459 293 345
Labutta District Police Force	09 950 977 176, 09 456 699 968, 09 403 722 601
Maubin District Police Force	09 791 190 519, 09 688 624 135, 09 450 183 526
Pyapon District Police Force	09 779 929 629, 09 400 021 386, 09 666 974 212

Manufacturing exports plunge to \$2.9 bln as of 19 Feb

EXPORTS of finished industrial goods drastically fell to US\$2.9 billion between 1 October and 19 February in the current financial year 2020-2021, a severe drop of \$977 million compared with the corresponding period of the previous FY, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

As per figures provided by the ministry, the exports of finished industrial goods totalled \$3.88 billion during the same period in the 2019-2020FY.

Myanmar's manufacturing sector is largely concentrated in garment and textiles produced on the Cutting, Making, and Packing basis, and it contributes to the country's GDP to a certain extent.

Myanmar's garment export dropped by over 25 per cent as of the first quarter of the current FY compared with a year-ago period on the back of a slump in demand by the European Union market, the Ministry of Commerce stated.

Myanmar's garment industry has been facing challenges such as raw material supply disruption and cancellation of orders amid the pandemic. Additionally, the current political conditions would drag down the sector; a market observer shared his opinion. At present, over 100 CMP garment factories temporarily shut down the reason for the lack of raw materials and a slump in demand due to the coronavirus negative impacts, leaving thou-

sands of workers unemployed. Sixty-four factories have been permanently closed down during the pandemic, compensating about 25,000 workers. The data does not include those factories that have not resolved worker payments, the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population stated.

The labour-intensive enterprises are badly battered by the coronavirus impacts, the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration stated.

Under the EU Myan Ku Fund, we have now distributed K5.2 billion in support across 67,810 payments to unemployed garment factory workers as of 12 October 2020. Workers in all the states and regions of Myanmar have received this financial assistance.

Next, foreign direct investments flow into many types of businesses including garment enterprises, the Myanmar Investment Commission stated.

Of the investment proposals, the manufacturing and labour-intensive businesses are prioritized by the commission. Myanmar mainly exports CMP garments to markets in Japan and Europe, along with the Republic of Korea, China, and the US.

"The garment sector is among the prioritized sectors driving up exports. The CMP garment industry has emerged as a promising one, with preferential



Myanmar garment industry is transforming CMP into FoB system. PHOTO: GNLM/FILE

trade from Western countries. Yet, the current political situations in the country are likely to aggravate the garment industry," traders stressed.

Myanmar's garment factories operate under the CMP system, and those engaged in this industry are striving to transform CMP into the free-on-board (FoB) system. As the factories cannot enter into a contract for FoB, Own Design Manufacturing (ODM) and Own Business Manufacturing (OBM), the income is limited, according to the MGMA.

Exports of garments manufactured under the cut-make-pack (CMP) system were valued at US\$4.798 billion in the last fi-

nancial year 2019-2020, according to data from the Ministry of Commerce.

Although the sector is struggling owing to the cancellation of the order from the European countries and suspension of the trade by western countries amid the pandemic, export values rose in the previous FY (1 Oct 2019-30 Sep 2020). The export value of CMP garments was only \$850 million in the 2015-2016 FY, but it has tripled over the past two FYs. In the 2016-2017FY, about \$2 billion was earned from exports of CMP garments. The figure increased to an estimated \$2.5 billion in the 2017-2018FY and \$2.2 billion in the 2018 mini-budget pe-

riod (from April to September). It tremendously grew to \$4.6 billion in the 2018-2019FY, according to the Commerce Ministry.

Since an outbreak like COVID-19 might happen in the future it is necessary to prepare for a sufficient supply of raw materials. The public and private sectors will cooperate in setting up the supply chain on our own sources, including weaving, knitting, dyeing, and sewing factories.

The MGMA has more than 500 members, and garment factories in Myanmar, employing more than 400,000 workers. Investors prefer to invest in countries with inexpensive labour, such as Myanmar. — KK/GNLM

India issues 400,000 tonnes of quota on black beans for next FY

INDIA has notified the annual quota of black beans (400,000 tonnes) imports for its financial year 2021-2022 which will start on 1 April, traders said.

India will grant the licence to their companies later. However, the exports of black bean will take time during the meantime, said an official from Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association.

At present, the domestic bean market is positively related to the law of supply and demand. The black bean price depends on the buyers and sellers. There is no official set price, the traders stressed. The black bean is priced around K27,000 per basket in other cities than Yangon and Mandalay in March 2021.

The black bean was worth K967,500-11.57 million per tonne

in early February, Bayintnaung Commodity depot's statistics showed.

On 22 May 2020, India rapidly changed the import period of black bean (400,000 tonnes) to three months by August-end 2020 from the earlier set deadline of March 2021, prompting Myanmar's bean body to call for an extension of the deadline, as per its official notice.

Although the bean body asked to extend the August-end deadline, India still has not responded to the request. Myanmar exported only 100,000 tonnes of black beans then, the association stated. Nevertheless, India issued a notification on 1 October 2020 to purchase 150,000 tonnes of black beans instead, and the import deadline is March 2021. The licence is

equally granted for India's companies. At present, about 50,000 tonnes of black beans are stuck in the ports.

Since 2017, India has been setting import quota on beans including black bean and pigeon peas. Therefore, the growers face difficulties to export their beans to the India market.

Myanmar has to export black bean and pigeon peas under a quota system and limit period. Consequently, there is no guarantee that we could get the prevailing market price next year, the market observers shared their opinions.

Following the uncertainty in markets of black bean and pigeon peas, the association suggested, in October-end, that the growers cultivate black-eyed bean more. — GNLM

MOC grants temporary tariff exemption for export, import items

THE Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce notified on 3 March that exporters and importers do not require to seek licences for 37 HS code lines for exports and 72 lines for imports between 8 March and 9 April 2021 to facilitate the trade.

Export items with licence exemption include onion, garlic, rice, broken rice, raw sugar, refined sugar, natural rubber and cotton, while the exemption covers the following import goods; sliced fish (salmon and tuna), flour, soybean seed, palm oil, food commodity, cement, gasoline, diesel, pharmaceuticals, fertilizer and lubricant.

Additionally, a two per

cent withholding tax on exports and imports will be exempted until March-end 2021, owing to the difficulties to pay for tax amid the closure of private banks.

Moreover, international trade transactions also cannot be done in the meantime.

However, tax cut and licence exemption will not tackle the trade slowdown amid the current political conditions, an exporter shared his opinion.

Regardless of maritime trade disruption, border trade with China and Thailand remained strong. Withholding tax exemption will help smooth border trade businesses, a trader from Muse said. — HH/GNLM

Be careful hazard of UV rays in summer months

With daytime temperatures increasing, the UV index level will also be rising day by day.

Remember, summer in Myanmar, which lasts from March to May, is now entering its hottest weeks.

Most parts of Myanmar usually see summertime UV readings that reach dangerous levels in March, April and May.

March, April and May are the hottest months in Myanmar. During this time, the country experiences a high ultraviolet (UV) index and unfavorable weather conditions for a period of three months, until the rainy season in mid-June.

UV indexes between 10 and 11 can be harmful and pose health risks. A UV index reading between 8 to 10 means there is a very high risk of harm from unprotected sun exposure. Take extra precautions because unprotected skin and eyes will be damaged and can burn quickly.

Experts suggest liberal use of sunscreen, sunglasses and protective clothing. People should also avoid direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. by seeking shade and wearing headwear and long-sleeved clothing at all times.

We would like to urge the people to pay heed to the advice of experts to use sunblock and apply it every four hours.

People are also urged to avoid working in the sun. Experts urge residents to remember that clothing and cover is essential to shade yourself from the sun.

Experts say "thanaka", the ancient traditional cosmetic paste made from the bark of the "thanaka" tree can also be used, as it can act as a barrier from the sun, absorb oil and cool the skin.

The country sees an increase in sun-related skin conditions and other heat-related health problems in the summer as temperatures rise.

At high levels, UV radiation can damage the skin and eyes over time. Worldwide, some 12 to 15 million people become blind annually from cataracts, of which up to 20 per cent may be caused or exacerbated by exposure to the sun, according to the WHO.

People are urged not to forget that UV levels of 3 or above can damage your skin, even if you do not become burnt.

Please pay attention to our advice and wear proper hats, long sleeves and use sunscreen, and stay in the shade at those times when UV ratings are high.

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Kyoto Crime Congress opens with declaration to tackle growing crime threats, promote inclusive COVID-19 recovery

Held in an innovative hybrid format amid COVID-19 restrictions, the 14th UN Congress on criminal justice opened on Sunday in Kyoto with calls for renewing global cooperation against crime to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and recover from the pandemic.

“Crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law have a key role in renewing the social contract between states and their populations,” UN Secretary-General António Guterres said in his address, delivered live from New York.

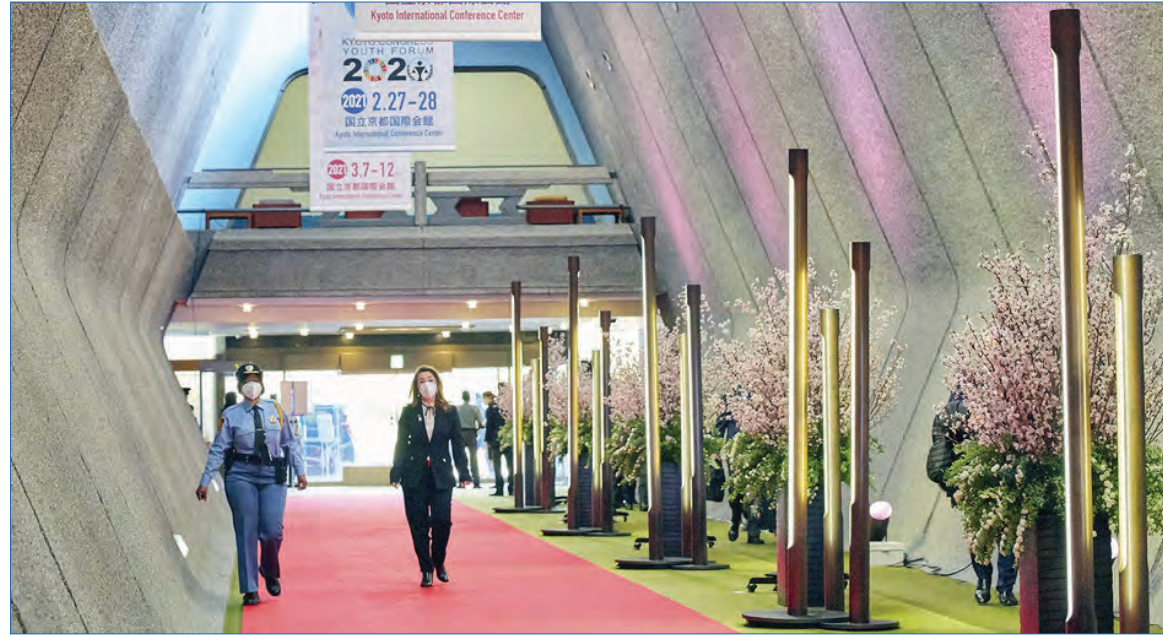
Highlighting the importance of the 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in tackling challenges arising from the global pandemic, the UN chief said the forum’s agenda this year targets the responses needed to strengthen crime prevention and criminal justice in the current crisis.

These included comprehensive crime prevention strategies to underpin social and economic development; integrated responses to shore up criminal justice systems, and revitalized international cooperation and technical assistance to prevent and address all forms of crime.

Crime and the coronavirus

Mr. Guterres stressed that the disruption caused by ongoing coronavirus pandemic was presenting criminals with new opportunities to exploit the marginalized and at risk.

“We face profound choices. Recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic presents an opportunity to address the grave injustices and inequalities that have plagued so-



Ghada Waly (centre), Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) arrives at the 14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. PHOTO: UN

cieties for generations,” he said.

Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga said that a “safe and secure” society is a precondition for achieving social and economic recovery.

“The international community need to work together to strengthen efforts in crime prevention and ensure a criminal justice system that is fully functional even amidst the COVID-19 crisis,” he stressed, adding that Japan valued multilateralism and was determined to demonstrate its strong leadership in building a post-COVID-19 international

order.

The Congress opening also featured statements from Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado, Justice Minister Yoko Kamikawa and Prosecutor-General Makoto Hayashi, as well as from the President of the UN General Assembly Volkan Bozkir, the President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), Munir Akram and the Executive Director of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Ghada Waly.

Mr. Bozkir, in a pre-recorded statement, said: “Make no

mistake. We will not achieve the targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development if we do not take action on the rule of law, crime prevention and criminal justice.”

The track to 2030 is already more difficult as the world contends with the socio-economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic, he explained, adding: “We cannot allow crime, to derail us further. In this Decade of Action, we need to improve governance, strengthen the rule of law, and promote effective and accountable institutions of crim-

inal justice.”

In his pre-recorded remarks, Mr. Akram said: “There is a compelling case for enhanced international action to combat and dismantle networks and platforms that perpetrate these crimes and undermine progress towards 2030 Agenda.”

As such, he hoped the Kyoto Congress could prioritize certain key issues: the bleeding of the resources of developing countries through illicit financial flows; environmental crimes and ever-growing illegal trade in wildlife; changes in labour and migration laws to cut demand for the services of human traffickers; and effective action against falsified and fake medical products, such as COVID-19 vaccines.

Crime Congress 101

Organized with the support of UNODC, the Crime Congress represents the world’s largest gathering of governments, international and regional organizations, civil society, experts and scholars focusing on crime prevention and criminal justice.

The Congresses have been held every five years since 1955 in different parts of the world, dealing with a vast array of topics. They have made considerable impact in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice and influenced national and interna-

tional policies and professional practices.

The Kyoto Congress was adapted to adhere to strict health and safety standards while enabling high-level and diverse participation, with a limited in-person component and most of the 5,600 participants joining virtually through a new, dedicated event platform.

New chapter in global cooperation

UNODC Executive Director Waly commended the efforts of Congress participants to “write the next chapter in global cooperation for the advancement of crime prevention and criminal justice, towards more peaceful and inclusive societies”.

“As our world suffers in this prolonged crisis, we are united in the urgency to protect people and leave no one behind. We are in a race against time, as organized crime has spared no efforts in taking advantage of the crisis, from selling falsified vaccines, to exploiting those who have lost their livelihoods, and diverting stimulus funds,” she said.

For his part, Mr. Hayashi, the Prosecutor-General of Japan, also stressed that in order to be able to meet the SDGs, it is important that the societies are stable and at peace.

SOURCE: AFP

Objectives of 76th 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 Sunday 7 March 2021)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Southeast Bay and a few cloud over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 8 March 2021: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in Taninthayi Region and Northern Shan, Chin, Kayin and 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 isolated light rain or thundershowers in Upper Sagaing, and Taninthayi regions and Kachin State.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 March 2021: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 March 2021: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 March 2021: Generally fair weather.

Global players brainstorm to boost Covid vaccine output

Global players are gathering online from Monday to brainstorm ways to rapidly boost vaccine production and fight a still-virulent coronavirus that has hobbled the world for 14 months.

Giving impetus to the meeting is a warning from the Geneva-based World Health Organization (WHO) that the pandemic will not end unless poor countries can keep up with accelerating mass vaccination campaigns in rich nations.

Meeting online Monday and Tuesday will be partners of the Covax vaccine distribution initiative, led by the Gavi vaccine alliance and backed by research

arm the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations as well as the WHO.

Government delegates, scientists and representatives of the pharmaceutical giants as well as smaller drug makers from developing countries will also participate.

The aim is "to shine the light on the gaps that we have currently in the supply chain, of reagents, of raw material, of products that you need to make vaccines", WHO's

chief scientist Soumya Swaminathan told a news conference on Friday.

The pharmaceutical industry aims to produce 10 billion Covid-19 vaccine doses this year, which is double the 2019 manufacturing capacity for all kinds of vaccines.

Manufacturing these jabs requires not just an unprecedented quantity of ingredients, but also items such as glass for the vials and plastic for their caps -- at a time when global supply chains

have been disrupted by the pandemic, Swaminathan said.

"So the summit is really focusing on that upstream area, the gaps, how they can be filled and for solutions to be found."

Such interventions "can make a difference in the short term" even as WHO and others are already eyeing the longer-term course of the pandemic, she added.

Setting rivalries aside

Pressure from governments

and public opinion has helped push the pharma groups, who usually jockey for a competitive advantage, into deals to produce more vaccine doses.

With its own vaccine development lagging, France's Sanofi will produce both the Pfizer-BioNTech and the Johnson & Johnson versions.

Merck will also turn out the J&J shots, Switzerland's Novartis will make doses of the Pfizer-BioN-

Tech and Curevac vaccine, while Germany's Bayer is also set to help Curevac.

Such deals are "very welcome", Swaminathan said.

"We would like to see more of this happening and in more parts of the world.

"We need to explore the fill-and-finish capacity in Asia, in Africa and Latin America and use those facilities to increase supply."

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I don't involve in CDM for the long-term benefits of the family

By Ko Myitta (Nay Pyi Taw)

"EMPLOYEES who involved in Civil Disobedience Movement (CDM) are being supported with the money in envelopes. Those who do not do CDM are also being provided with rice and oil. We have seen a lot of persuasive telling to provide monthly assistance but the sponsors are unknown. When asked, CDM staff have to report their names to the addresses shown on Facebook through messenger."

"This act is due to the misconception that the State will stop its mechanism by doing so. I would like to ask if this kind of supporting from behind is following the existing laws. Nevertheless, I want peace as soon as possible. I am against the CDM and I don't involve in this movement for the long-term benefits for the family. I go to work," said Ko Tun Tun (not his real name), a Deputy Head-level official.

I totally condemn the act of social bullying against the staff who do not involve in the CDM on social media and I think they should not do that. People have the right to freely disagree in democracy and I reject the act that insults the morals of others. It is seen that CDM staff insult the staff who goes to work. We must commend the civil servants who do not involve in the CDM for their tolerance. These moves do not accord with the demo-

cratic system but against it. What if those who have been insulted file the lawsuit for the truth?

Although it is not uncommon for extremists to be involved in the CDM with bad and stupid ideas, I believe the genuine public servants will not involve in it just like the story of two parrots that we have learnt at schools.

"Therefore, I don't want people to post anything that violates the rights of others on social media. I don't want them to imitate the actions of people who do not have a vision for the future," said Ma Moh Moh (not the real name), a Facebook user.

There are also retired civil service personnel who want those who participate in the current CDM activities to go to work peacefully, as opposed in comparison with the lessons learned from the 1988 uprising.

"I would like to compare the CDM movement with the 1988 uprising. The current CDM movement is not as severe as it was in 1988 and the other side doesn't suppress as it used to be. But if lawlessness and violence are committed, the rule of law and the peace and stability of the country must be taken into account. I would like to say to avoid harmful acts to those who don't have the same belief and incitements. The reason I

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say this is because I am now 61 years old and I have experienced the 1988 uprising and I have learnt a lot from the various scenes of the incident," said a retired official from a ministry.

"My wife is an employee in Nay Pyi Taw. I drive the motorbike to get her to work. When I was stopped and asked where to go by some CDM staffs on the way, I politely explained that I am retired and my wife worked currently. However, they persuaded us to involve in the CDM activities whether we are retired or currently working. I apologized that I couldn't do that and I get her to work. Anyhow, we do not want people to force others to join the CDM,

and also I do not want them to join the CDM, after reviewing past occurrences. I want peace for all and I want them to go to work as usual," he said.

Similarly, I want the CDM staff to hear the voices of retail sellers and staff living in the Nay Pyi Taw staff housing who want a peaceful life.

"Selling and buying are not as easy as it used to be in times of peace. I do shopping in Bawgathiri market in Pynmana early morning and sell them around the staff housing. I am worried until I returned home because I am afraid there will be persuasion to involve in the CDM, on the other hand, I have to work for a living. Due to the COVID-19 crisis, which makes it difficult to make a living, the CDM movement makes the sale more even difficult.

I usually arrived back home in the afternoon in the past, but now I can be home only around 5:30 pm. I want to be back home peacefully like before. I don't want to sell with worries. I want to get things done fast when it comes to home or office work. We do not want the public services to become slow due to the CDM.

We do not want to waste our precious time as we have to make time for our living. Therefore, we do not want the CDM activities. I am against

the CDM movement," said a seller with a tricycle.

"My wife is an employee. She is not willing to involve in the CDM and I don't want to encourage her to do so, either because we have many future plans and we do not want to destroy them. Despite being persuaded to participate in the CDM, we replied clearly that we do not want to be involved in it.

We need to have awareness as we should not believe every statement lack confirmation. We need to have more knowledge and we need to deliberate which is right or wrong. As an employee, we must think realistically whether we should involve in the CDM or not. I don't support the CDM movement. I disagree with them," said a resident in Gangaw residence in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw.

We believe what we want and we must also respect others who have their own beliefs. We should think about our long-term development. Therefore, we should express our attitudes and beliefs peacefully in a democratic way without harming the morals and interests of others and by respecting the existing laws, rules and regulations.

Translated.

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Civil servants as civics say

By Ma Thitsar

THE public duties meant only the responsibilities of villagers or urban dwellers in the past. Being an independent sovereign state, the duties of the people of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar become wider than before. They also have to do to achieve their receivable rights.

The more freedom the citizen has, the greater their prosperity. There must be chances for freedom and they have to rely on the country for chances. In other words, freedom stands with the state in addition to the power and judiciary of the state. Freedom can only be achieved through the law of the country. Human beings need to be honest and to follow the laws and rules. The law doesn't go against freedom. Only the law protects freedom.

Equal rights

Everyone is equal in the face of the law. Everyone has equal rights to access the chances provided by the law. There is only one law for people from all walks of life. Only then, there might be fairness in every case. Myanmar's constitution also guarantees all persons' equal rights before the law. Therefore, all are living under the same one law and so all get fairness according to the law.

Moreover, there is a link

between right and responsibility. If there is a right, there must be a responsibility. The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat rice and the one who is unwilling to serve the duties shall not get the rights. Every citizen has the rights to be government staff at every department regardless of the poor or social status. Even the poorest person has a right to be the highest rank official like the richest persons.

The citizens have their rights as well as duties and responsibilities. Public duties are also as important as rights. The public duties are:

- abiding by the law and order
- allegiance to the State
- paying tax
- proper use of votes
- learning and
- participating in civil services.

People should take these civil services without delay. They should understand the duty is more important than responsibility. If the civil servant fails to serve his responsibility, it can affect only a few people including him, but if he fails to do his duties, it will affect the entire people and country.

Efforts only for the country

Every citizen should be visionary, and have self-control, interest in civil services,

and must sacrifice for the good deeds of people and nation. When it comes to the duties, they must do with full of truths without any fears. They must have allegiance to the State and follow the law and order of the country. They must make efforts only for the country regarding state security affairs. There are also some people who think the things or works of people are not associated with them and they are also not interested in these affairs. Such failures in serving duties of the public and country can make plenty of destructive elements.

Efforts for sake of the country

The citizens should understand the public services although their nature is broad. Allegiance to the State, serving for the public, abiding by the rule of law and casting votes honestly are the signs of understanding to the civil duties. Serving altruisms and paying taxes are good things they are doing for the country. The good citizens think before they do or speak out something.

The secure of body, oral and soul plays a key role for every citizen. The reckless words or doings of a person affect other people. They should notice that such one-sided thoughts or doings are not acceptable in the democracy era. The main duty of good civil service personnel is to abide by the existing laws and understand their duties and responsibilities.

Two objectives

Every citizen must follow the laws and orders of the country. Every citizen also has to respect the laws of the country in addition to directing other people to so do. Moreover, another duty related to all citizens is service personnel duties. There are two major objectives for the service personnel field.

They are as follows:

- serving the State duties for living
- serving the State duties with goodwill

The government staff, public officials and staff are in the first category and the volunteers are in the second one.

If the government employees and officials have goodwill, they will be recognized as real staff, and be honoured by the people, with dignity and pride. The volunteers are also full of dignity for serving the State duties without prioritizing for themselves. Therefore, every citizen should perform suitable State duties for the prosperity of the country.

The citizens have the right to perform in public duties, legislative, executive and judiciary sectors of the government and it is a right for

them to grab the opportunities depending on their qualifications in democratic nations.

Therefore, the government workers and volunteers should perform their duties for the country within the scope of stipulated laws and rules.

Translated.

Every citizen should be visionary, and have self-control, interest in civil services, and must sacrifice for the good deeds of people and nation. When it comes to the duties, they must do with full of truths without any fears.

Venerable Sayadaws receive COVID-19 vaccine



TATMADAW keeps launching COVID-19 vaccination programmes for elderly over the age of 65, departmental officials including Venerable Sayadaws in their respective military command areas.

A total of 142 monks including Maha Nayaka Sayadaws of Masoe Yein monastery in Mahaaungmye of Mandalay Region, Professors, Department Heads, Rector Sayadaws,

Presiding Sayadaws and other monks of State Pariyatti Sasana University in Aungmyethazan were vaccinated against COVID-19 by Tatmadaw medical teams yesterday.

Mandalay Region Administration Council Chairman U Maung Ko and officials of Central Command inspected the vaccination programmes and paid homage to Sayadaws.—MNA ■

A monk receives the vaccine against the COVID-19 coronavirus disease in Mahaaungmye Township, Mandalay Region.

Free Funeral Service Association (Yangon)'s chairman to face legal action for financing CDM

Daw Myint Myint Khin Pe (a) Daw Shwe Zi Gwat, Finance Officer of the Free Funeral Service Association (Yangon) located on Bohmu Bha Htoo Road in Dagon Myothit (North), Yangon Region, has been charged under the Section 505 (a) of the Penal Code at the Mayangon Myoma Police Station for her activities in the Civil Disobedience Movement.

Following the case, the security forces searched the office of the association on 3 March and seized some documents. But, Daw Myint Myint Khin Pe

(a) Daw Shwe Zi Gwat was not found in the search.

After the scrutinization, it was found that the association received K613,394,350 (over K613 million) and US\$20,670 donated by 498 people and organizations at home and abroad from 10 February to 3 March for providing cash assistance to those who are joining the CDM. Besides, it was also found six Fix Deposit Bank Accounts with K2000 million. With the use of the donated cash, the association has provided from K100,000 to K200,000 each to



about 2008 civil servants joining CDM until 2nd March in seven regions and states. The total cash provided to the CDM

reached K285,630,000 (over K285 million).

Besides, it is found that the association has provided cash

assistance to the container drivers and employees of the Myanmar Railways for taking part in the CDM movement.

A file has been opened U Kyaw Thu at the Mayangon Myoma Police Station under Section 505 (a) of the Penal Code for his main role in supporting those who are joining for CDM movement. Measures are being taken to arrest U Kyaw Thu and his wife Daw Shwe Zi Gwat who are at large after misusing cash assistance contributed by the donors for the free funeral service association.—MNA ■

Those not willing to work with CRPH can contact administration offices

STATE Administration Council announced on 5th March that those who are taking part in CRPH and institutions formed by CRPH directly or indirectly will face actions in accordance with the law as CRPH and its institutions are committing high treason with the intention of damaging the stability of the country.

Now, Union ministers, deputy ministers of the previous government and elected MPs of the 2020 General Election, physicians, civil servants and those who want to see stability of the country has informed the administration offices in regions and states

by mail and in person that they are not interested in the CRPH. They also said they are not members of CRPH nor support CRPH.

Those who do not want to work with CRPH and its institutions are urged to contact the administration officers in regions and states concerned.

Those who have contacted the officers are now living at peace with their families.

The offices will provide assistance to those who will contact the administration officers to ensure that they live peacefully.—MNA

Village/ward reopen in Mandalay and Magway regions

FOR the proper implementation of administrative mechanisms, Security Forces and members of the township administration negotiated with the residents and elders of the community in Mayga Giri ward, Aungmyaythazan ward, Mintae Eekin ward, Thiri Marlar (west) ward, Pyilone Chanthar ward in Aungmyaythazan Township in Mandalay Region and Gwaykone ward in Myothit Township in Magway Region and opened the ward administration offices which were closed due to the illegal activities, yesterday.

With the aim of undermining community peace and the rule of law in the

villages and wards in states and regions, the ward/village administrator are being pressured and rioting in administration office, destroying the signboard of the administration office, writing malicious messages and hanging them in front of the office, locking the door by welding with iron rods in an anarchic manner by the unscrupulous persons.

As a result, the residents do not have the protection of the law and as it is found that the village administration mechanism may malfunction, legal action was taken against those who incited the riots and those involved in the riots, at the request of the residents.—MNA ■

China exports spike to highest in decades after Covid-19 hit

CHINA'S export growth jumped to the highest in over two decades, official data showed Sunday, with imports also surging in a sharp bounceback from the coronavirus outbreak that had brought activity to a near halt.

Electronics and textile exports such as masks contributed to the spike in outbound shipments, as demand for work-from-home supplies and protective gear against the virus outbreak soared during the pandemic.

Exports spiked 60.6 percent on-year in the January-February period, well above analysts' expectations, while imports rose 22.2 percent, official data showed Sunday.

The latest figures stand in stark contrast to last year's fall of around 17 percent in exports and 4 percent drop in imports. The country struggled to contain the spread of Covid-19 early on, with consumers staying home and businesses seeing a slow re-

turn to operations.

The customs administration said comparison to last year is also likely to have bolstered the latest figures, saying in a statement that the "low base is one of the reasons for the larger increase this year." On Sunday, official data showed that electronics exports rose 54.1 percent, while textiles including masks rose 50.2 percent. China's overall trade surplus came in at \$103.3 billion, its customs administration said. —AFP ■



Imports also surged in a sharp bounceback from the coronavirus outbreak that had brought activity to a near halt. PHOTO: AFP

Tunisia's debt-laden public firms edge toward ruin

TUNISIA'S state-owned firms are in dire straits, facing a perfect storm of debt, mismanagement, the coronavirus pandemic and a decade of political instability that could push some to bankruptcy, experts say.

Ten years since a revolution that overthrew the nepotistic regime of Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, the sweeping reforms economists say are needed to clean up state finances have yet to materialise.

The situation has pushed many of the cash-strapped North African country's 110 state-owned firms toward the edge.

"Today we're talking not about reforms but about rescue packages," Transport Minister Moez Chakchouk told journalists last week.

Economist Hakim Ben Hammouda has urged the government to "declare an economic state of emergency".

Among the public firms edging towards life support are national carrier Tunisair and a phosphate giant that is one of Tunisia's top employers. Overstaffing has left both with eye-watering wage bills. —AFP ■

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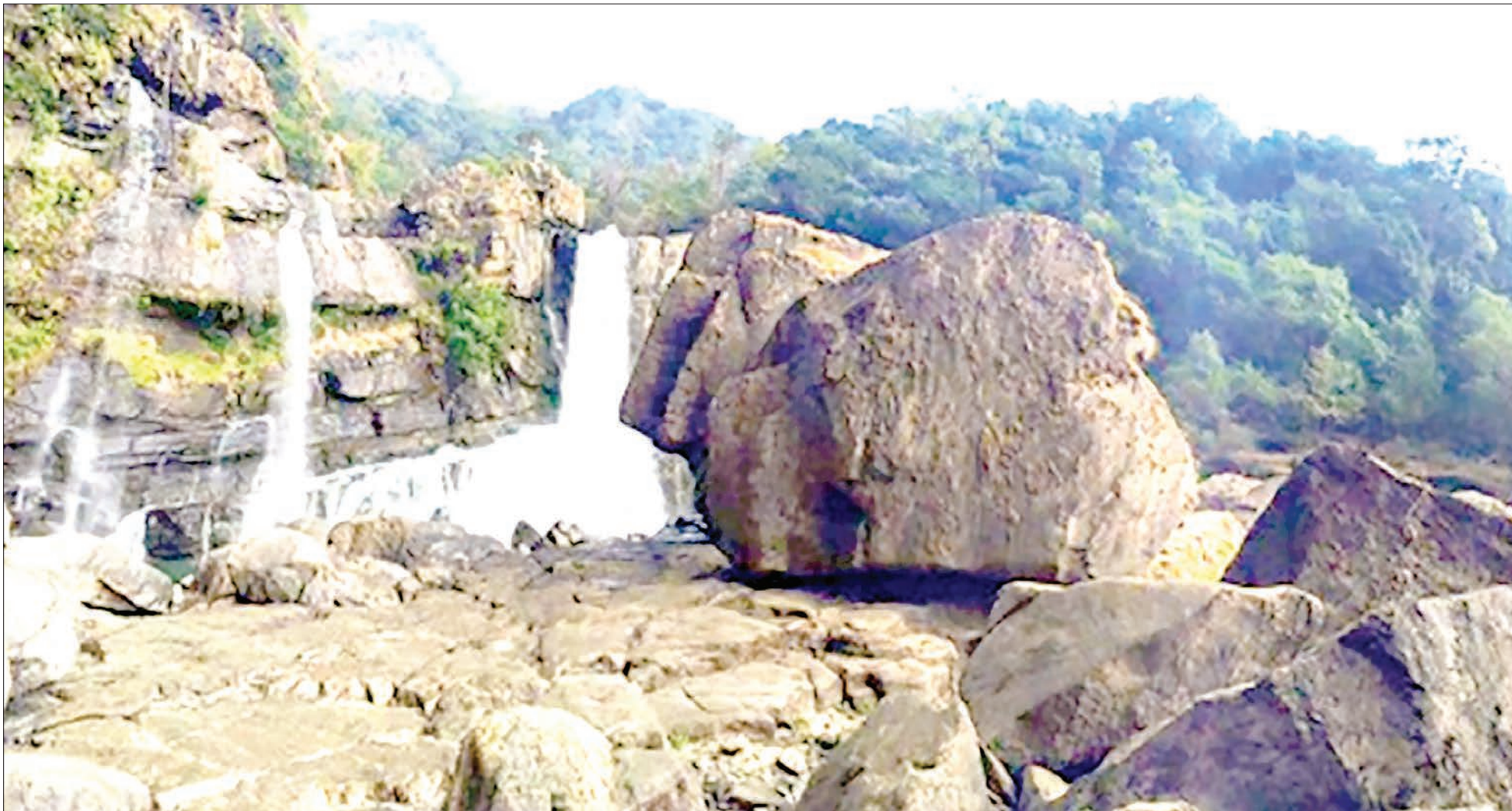
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Beauties in environs of eminent Bontalar waterfall

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HUSTLE and bustle of famous Bontalar waterfall taking a position near Htisaung Village in Matupi of Matupi District in Chin State starts alive with travellers as open season has come now. Seven-step Bontalar waterfall catches interest of local and foreign travellers on a yearly basis.

Flocks of visitor throng into the waterfall

Bontalar waterfall possesses wonderful beauty of nature giving excitement to travellers. Although number of travellers declines in monsoon due to poor transport facility, the open season including cold season and summer is an opportune time for travellers on a daily basis. Those travellers comprise foreigners and various kinds of ethnics from all over the country. As such, Bontalar waterfall is crowded with picnickers in groups, photographers, flocks of people, visits of departmental officials, tour guides, artistes to cover MTV series and taking photos on pre-wedding ceremonies. Even those who are difficult to meet again can gather each other at the waterfall.

Rare visitors reach third step of waterfall

The majority of travellers can reach the second step of Bontalar waterfall, some of whom can visit the third step of the

waterfall.

“Most of the visitors wonder around the second step of the waterfall. After enjoying views and taking photos, they go back. Some travellers don’t have practice of climbing the rocks leading to the third step. So, they don’t dare to go up and return,” said a local people.

Generally, women and older persons cannot continue their visit to the third step. In fact, each step of the waterfall is very far and high. Hence, those who don’t have endurance for rough route are difficult to reach the third step.

Need to take care of visit without too much joyfulness

As Bontalar waterfall is rounded by ravines, all the travellers need to take care of their visits. They may face slip on the route because of high distance of steps. Some visitors accidentally fell from the upper step. In crossing Bontalar creek to other bank for taking photos, stones underwater are very slippery, so travellers should take more care in crossing the water.

Natural beauties added to Bontalar waterfall

Bontalar waterfall is flanked by naturally rocky beehives, medicinal plants, water streaming between natural rocks and large rocks. A cricufix was built by youths from Htisaung Village in the centre of the



second step where the water from Bontalar and Reinsi Creek flows. If one goes up Reinsi Creek, one can see natural beauty of the drain. If one proceeds upstream of the natural drain, one can see beauties of



ties with natural barrier of water flowing from Reinsi Creek and large rocks. In fact, such step is the last one of beauties without any way beyond the waterfall.

One and a half drive to Bontalar waterfall from Matupi

Travellers from Matupi can take a motorcycle to the area beyond Htisaung

travellers pay visits to Bontalar waterfall by car but others take a hired motorcycle from Matupi or assistance of friends from Matupi. Regularly, the route from Matupi to the waterfall is one and a half drive. Most of the travellers visit the waterfall within a day.

Need to take adequate time for enjoy-

their visits on the second step after taking photos and only a few travellers pay visit to around the waterfall. In fact, the waterfall has a grand background history. As such, travellers can ask traditions and history of the waterfall from senior citizens residing around the waterfall and Htisaung Village as well as those from Matupi. If one continues observation along the route of



the waterfall again. Some visitors and local youths can pay visits to the natural drain easily but number of travellers going up to Bontalar waterfall declines. It is because the route to the waterfall is full of difficul-

Village passing Phanaing and Htisaung villages on their way to Bontalar waterfall. Vehicles can reach Htisaung Village. Hence, travellers need to use motorcycles or walking for remaining route. Some

ing natural beauties around Bontalar

Travellers should take a risk for visiting the natural drain upstream of Reinsi Creek and beautiful flowing of water over stone plaques. Most of the travellers stop

water streaming in Bontalar Creek, one can see more one-step waterfalls. Some local youths often reach there to do fishing and took photos on beautiful scenes.

Need to systematically litter at Bontalar waterfall

Water which flows down from Bontalar waterfall is drinking water for all local people. Hence, the water in Bontalar Creek needs to be clean. As people from various corners pay visits to Bontalar waterfall, they have to systematically dispose garbage there.

A diver who reached the first step of the waterfall said: “The bed of waterfall is full of plastics, polythylene bags, pieces of broken bottles and other garbage.”

Undisciplined disposing of garbage causes water pollution in Bontalar Creek, harming health of users as well as aqua animals. Pieces of broken bottles are the worst. Some youths bring bottles of beer. They break bottles of liquor without any reasons and other bottles systematically stockpiled. Broken bottles may cause injuries to travellers. Some piles of garbage can be seen around the waterfall but youths of Htisaung Village set fire to the piles sometimes. Scattering of garbage disturb happy minds of travellers. As such, every traveller bound for Bontalar waterfall needs to systematically dispose garbage. ■

AFF Suzuki Cup 2020 set to hold in December 2021

THE ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) has decided to hold the ASEAN Suzuki Cup in December 2021, according to the football federation.

The tournament is firstly scheduled to run from 11 April to 8 May 2021, but has been postponed again due to the health

concerns of the participating teams amidst the COVID-19 outbreak in the ASEAN region.

Therefore, the tournament will be held from 21 November to 2 December 2021, after the 31st Vietnam SEA Games.

The upcoming Suzuki Cup is planned to be held in the style

of 2018 version. The final round will be played by 10 teams. The five teams will be divided into two groups. Two away matches will be played.

The ASEAN Football Federation (AFC) has launched the tournament since 1996. The ASEAN Suzuki Cup was re-

named the ASEAN Suzuki Cup in 2008.

The tournament has been held 12 times, with the Thai team winning five times and the Singapore team four times. Vietnam has won twice and Malaysia once.

Myanmar team reached the

semi-finals in 2004 and 2016 with the highest achievement.

The last time the Myanmar team competed in the 2018 tournament was against Vietnam, Malaysia and Cambodia. Team Myanmar dropped out of the group stage with seven points in the tourney. —GNLM ■

Westwood grabs Bay Hill lead as DeChambeau, Connors lurk

MIAMI - Britain's Lee Westwood curled in a 28-foot closing birdie putt after an eagle at 16 to seize a one-stroke lead after Saturday's third round of the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

The 47-year-old Englishman made eight birdies and an eagle against three bogeys to shoot a seven-under

par 65 and stand on 11-under 205 after 54 holes at rain-softened Bay Hill.

"I'm not surprised," Westwood said. "I know I'm still capable of playing well when it matters.

"I haven't lost any of my length and I haven't lost any of my enthusiasm to go and work in the gym."—AFP ■



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Messi grabs two assists as Barcelona march on with victory at Osasuna



Barcelona's Ilaix Moriba celebrates scoring their second goal with Lionel Messi. **PHOTO: AFP**

PAMPLONA, Spain: Barcelona continued their rampant run of domestic form to beat Osasuna 2-0 away from home on Saturday and move to within two points of La Liga leaders Atletico Madrid, with Lionel Messi setting up goals scored by Jordi Alba and teenager Ilaix Moriba. Messi helped Barca take the lead on the half-hour mark when he carved open Osasuna's defence with a superb cross-field ball to Alba, who controlled before blasting into the roof of the net.

He then laid the ball off

when 18-year-old midfielder Ilaix struck in the 83rd minute, producing a confident finish inside the post from outside the area to score his first goal for the club in only his third league appearance.

The victory followed Barca's heroic second leg comeback win over Sevilla to reach the Copa del Rey final on Wednesday and notched a 13th league win in 16 games, while they are unbeaten since losing at Cadiz on Dec. 5. The Catalans stay second but moved on to 56 points after 26 games, two points behind Atlet-

ico Madrid who have played 24 matches and host third-placed Real Madrid on Sunday. Osasuna are 13th on 28.

"We just needed to keep on winning. It wasn't our best performance but we played well and we deserved the win," said Barca coach Ronald Koeman.

"We played with a lot of energy. We were tired, but we put in a professional performance and scored two great goals. I'm very happy, this is a very important run and I hope we stay on this path."—AFP ■

Djokovic takes Federer's world number one record, eyes Grand Slam history

NOVAK Djokovic will on Monday set a new landmark of 311 weeks as world number one, surpassing Roger Federer whose hold on a record-equalling 20 Grand Slam titles is now firmly in the Serb's sights.

The 33-year-old Djokovic, already the winner of 18 majors, has time on his side with Federer turning 40 in August.

He is also a year younger than Rafael Nadal who also has 20 majors.

"Now that I've become the historic No.1,

I'm relieved," said Djokovic after sweeping to a ninth Australian Open last month which guaranteed his extended stay at the top.

"Now, I'm going to be able to focus mainly on the Grand Slams."

Djokovic reclaimed the top ranking from Nadal in February 2020 and finished as year-end number one for the sixth time, tying the mark set by Pete Sampras.

He is currently in his fifth different spell atop the rankings. —AFP ■



On top of the world: Novak Djokovic. **PHOTO: AFP**