Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
Press Release

1. The Ministry of Home Affairs declared an illegally-formed Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw-CRPH and the organizations formed by the committee as unlawful associations under Notification No. 2/2021 on 21 March 2021.

2. Hence, the information was released that National Unity Government-NUG formed by the unlawful association Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw-CRPH and participants in the NUG as an illegal association and illegitimate association members.

Ministry of Home Affairs

Sal Eain Tan beach, ideal spot to go on mini-breaks

SAL EAIN TAN BEACH, the closest beach to Yangon, is alive and crowded during the Thingyan holidays.

“I also went there on the third day of Thingyan (Akyat) with my friends,” said a traveller.

“Although I went there two years ago during the Thingyan period, I didn't have a chance to go there for the COVID-19 pandemic. But, during this year I made a plan to pay a visit to the beach. I arrived at Dala Township at 10 am on Thingyan Akyat. I found only three passenger buses to other townships at the bus terminal and did not find the bus to Sal Eain Tan Beach. According to the suggestion of one resident, I hired a Probox taxi with my friends at K4,000 each to Kawt Dune Village and reached the beach by motorbike at about 11 am,” she recounted.

“We can see more entry and exit of vehicles at about 2 pm at Sal Eain Tan beach. It’s located in Sal Eain Tan Village of Kanyin Kone Village-tract in Kungyangon Township, Yangon Region,” she added.

Visitors and swimmers throng the place, and the restaurants are open in line with COVID-19 health rules.

The beach became famous in early 2017. When the water covers the beach’s sand, the visitors go around the beach by car or motorcycle. When there is no tide, the people play on the sand.

On Thingyan Akyat, the beach offered a picturesque sunset view, and the visitors took photos of such beautiful scenes. The youths ride horses, speedboats and four-wheel cycles. The people take commemorative photos with the statues of male mermaid and female mermaid near the beach.

More than 50 food stalls at the beach provide famous curries like Nga Tha Lauk Oh Hmauk, crab and prawns.

It is also an excellent place for movie shooting and is always crowded with people, according to the locals.

“There are very few visitors from Yangon to here during this year, Thingyan. Most of the visitors are from Dala and Kungyangon townships. There are only about 50 food stalls this year. The people do not take food so much compared to the previous years. Most of the people play water. The food stalls had good transactions on the weekends and the days of religious significance. We received about K50,000 per table. But now, the people eat only Kyauk Pwint and pickled tea leaf salads. We expect there would be many visitors this year. Due to some travel restrictions of the COVID-19 outbreak, the people mostly go to Khayu beach. It can be supposed as a rival to us. But, the beach is crowded more year by year,” said an owner of the restaurant.

The government also implements development programmes for Sal Eain Tan beach, and so the visitors should not miss that beach.—Pwint Thitsa/GNLM
MORE than 142 million global people are suffering from COVID-19 till the morning of 20 April 2021, over three million of whom died of infection of the pandemic, and now, the pandemic continues infection with momentum.

Root causes of pandemic infection are gene mutation of COVID-19 virus, causing crowds for various reasons, easing restrictions by the countries which face declining of disease infection, weakness of the majority of the people in following ways to prevent the pandemic and deficiency of the already vaccinated people in continuously abiding by preventative measures of the pandemic.

According to the data collected till the morning of 20 April, more than 15 million were infected people in India, the neighbour of Myanmar, and over 180,000 people died in the infection. It was the second-largest amount in the world. People of India are facing the disease of the COVID-19 third wave. On 18 April alone, a record was set that the pandemic infected 275,306 people. Meanwhile, UK Variant (B.1.1.7) with 70% higher infection rate and South Africa Variant (B.1.351) with increased infection rate and declining effectiveness of some drugs were found. Likewise, more than 700,000 people were infected by the pandemic. Over 10,000 people were dead in the outbreak of COVID-19 in Bangladesh, suffering from the third wave of disease. On 7 April alone, 7,626 people were infected by the pandemic with a high infection rate. There are more than 40,000 infected people and over 100 dead people in the outbreak of COVID-19 in Thailand. As of early April 2021, the number of infected persons remarkably increased as the third wave of the pandemic. On 18 April alone, 1,767 people were infected, and daily infected persons reach more than 1,900.

USD vs MMK exchange rate rises up to K1,600 per dollar

THE US dollar exchange rate against Myanmar Kyat has risen to K1,600 per dollar in the local exchange market.

Although the dollar exchange rate hit only around K1,500 per dollar in the local market on 31 March, the rate jumped to K1,605 per dollar on 20 April with a rise of about K100 per dollar within three weeks. Though the dollar exchange rate stood at around K1,330 per dollar at the local market at the end of January, the rate jumped to over K1,465 per dollar in February. The exchange rate skipped by K130 per dollar in a few days. Consequently, the CBM sold US$6.6 million on 3 February at a foreign currency auction system to stabilize the exchange rate. Since the beginning of the year, the bank has been purchasing and selling the US dollar in the auction market to control the rise and fall of the exchange rate.

In the domestic market in 2021, the highest and lowest exchange rate is currently fixed around K1,327-1,345 in January, K1,335-1,465 in February and K1,420-1,550 in March.

In 2020, the exchange rate moved in the range of K1,465-1,493 in January, K1,436-1,465 in February, K1,320-1,445 in March, K1,395-1,440 in April, K1,406-1,426 in May, K1,385-1,412 in June, K1,367-1,410 in July, K1,335-1,390 in August, K1,310-1,355 in September, K1,302-1,315 in October, K1,363-1,390 in November and K1,324-1,403 in December.

The retaining wall project started its construction with a spending of over K150 million from the regional government’s fund for the 2020-2021 financial year.

Not to infect the third wave of COVID-19 and variant COVID-19 from neighbours to Myanmar, all the entire people are urged to abide by preventive measures for COVID-19 without fail as follows:-

1. Systematically wear masks whenever goes out of the home and wear face shields while contacting the public.
2. Stay with each other in enough distance.
3. Systematically wash hands for 20 seconds.
4. Avoid tightly-closed rooms, air-conditioned rooms and badly-ventilated rooms as much as possible.
5. Those who often go out need to avoid close relations with older persons above 60 years old and patients with chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and heart.
6. Fully participate in the quarantine process.
7. Don’t buy goods from vendors who do not wear masks.
8. Inform each other about the pandemic.
9. Continuously follow preventive measures of COVID-19 after receiving the vaccination.
10. Immediately contact nearby health units and receive early treatment when you suffer from symptoms of fever, coughing, suffocation, exhaustion and sudden loss of smell and taste.

Ministry of Health and Sports
People are in troubles for the closure of hospitals

The Ministry of Education is striving for reopening schools as quickly as possible. NGOs and INGOs shaped service personnel in undisciplined democracy. Rioters hang pictures of Buddhist monks assaulting Buddhism. People are in troubles for the closure of hospitals. The Tatmadaw gives a helping hand to them.

(Excerpt from the speech to Union-level personnel, Union ministers, the chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council, chairpersons of Region and State Administration Councils and chairpersons of Self-Administered Zones and Division Administration Bodies made by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 7 April 2021)

MoALI holds meeting on the use of modern techniques in farming sector

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation organized a coordination meeting on the short-term project for significant development in farming sectors with modern techniques yesterday. During the meeting, Union Minister U Tin Htut Oo discussed food and nutrition security, job opportunities based on agriculture and livestock breeding, relief plans for businesses badly hit by COVID-19, the use of modern techniques in farming and technical assistance for the farmers. Deputy Minister Dr Aung Gyi briefed those present on the budget management system in line with the existing law. The Directors-General and Rectors discussed the plans for developing farming sectors, arrangements to set exam for the final year students of the agricultural university, and work schedules to extend livestock breeding diploma courses.

Then, the Union Minister stressed the need to emphasize the Union-level work plans and arrangements of officials of the relevant regions in implementing the co-operative and rural development programmes. He also instructed them to understand the policies, missions, visions, and directives of the ministry and assign duties systematically to cooperate with the relevant region administration councils. —MNA


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20 April 2021

Appointment and duty assignment of Judges of Region High Court

The following persons are appointed and assigned by the State Administration Council to the duties of Judges of Region High Courts shown against each of their Region High Courts according to Section 419 of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar:

1. Daw Su Su Win  
Sagaying Region High Court
2. Daw Aye Aye Than  
Taninthayi Region High Court

By Order,

Sd/ Aung Lin Dwe  
Lieutenant-General  
Secretary  
State Administration Council

Union Minister U Tin Htut Oo chairs the MoALI coordination meeting on 20 April 2021.
Military songs played by an army band filled the air as troops from the Anawrahta Column, Kyan-sitha Column, Bayintnaung Column, Aungyezwa Column, Hsinbyushin Column, Baudawdaw Column and Aung San Column took up positions on the parade ground. This was the tradition-rich Tatmadaw, commemorating the 76th Anniversary of the Armed Forces Day, an unforgettable scene for a citizen.

The troops assembled on the parade ground represented the Tatmadaw Army, Navy and Air forces, the Myanmar Police Force, Navy SEALS, members of female special operation task force, and mechanized and airborne divisions of the Tatmadaw. The magnificent scene was a reminder of the long and proud history of the Tatmadaw, established after the country’s hard-won independence from the British. Throughout Myanmar’s pre-independence periods into the present, the Tatmadaw had commemorated its Silver, Gold and diamond jubilees milestones. Tatmadaw and police forces are the ones who sacrifice their lives to protect the country so that all citizens may live in peace, tranquillity, law and order.

March 2021 is also the month that marks the second-month tenure of the State Administration Council. The State Administration Council is steadfastly carrying out its State duties in accordance with its Five-Point Road Map and Nine Objectives. In these endeavours, the 2008 Constitution provides the overarching framework for ensuring peace and stability, and for serving the country and people. This report provides an overview of the work of the State Administration Council in March, as obtained from media releases.

Deliberations of the State Administration Council

On 1 March 2021, at the 4/2021 meeting of the State Administration Council, the State Administration Council Chairman noted the instigating role of social media posts in spreading unrest and fueling violence and emphasized that the security forces would continue to exercise utmost restraint and the lowest level of response possible in every situation, in line with international norms for peace and order.

A democratic system provides for people to express their likes or dislikes within the rule of law. However, civil servants need to carry out the duties conferred on them by their positions in accordance with rules and regulations. Township administrative officers need to be free from party politics in order to restore order and stability.

Moreover, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services discussed the Five-Point Road Map, emphasizing the need for States and Regions to increase productivity and enhance agriculture. Measures should also be taken to revive sports competitions, including Myanmar martial arts, and reinvigorate the tourism and industrial sectors, in accordance with COVID-19 health protocols.

On 8 March 2021, at the 5/2021 meeting of the State Administration Council, the issue of stability and order was highlighted. The State Administration Council Chairman said although the security forces had used internationally accepted means of crowd control and had not used forcible or violent means against protesters, the protests had turned into riots and violence from 28 February. In attempting to restore human security and rule of law, the security forces had employed the lowest level of response possible in the specific situation, in line with international norms for peace and order.

The doctors in public hospitals who had joined the CDM were only harming the patients – the sick and the poor who can only afford to use public hospitals. Similarly, banks need to open as soon as possible to serve the public. In all cases, the media should act responsibly by providing balanced and neutral coverage of events.
mander-in-Chief of Defence Services also toured the remote locations of Myanmar to meet with the military personnel and family members serving in those locations. These included the Myeik, Kyunsu and Cocoeyun military stations on 20 March, the Tachileik military station on 28 March, and the Kengtung military station and the Triangle Region Command on 29 March 2021. During his visits, the Chairman explained the current situation of responsibility for State duties and on the plans and activities being implemented to advance the country’s development. The Chairman brought gifts of food for the troops, met and encouraged their families, and made appropriate arrangements to meet the requirements in those military stations.

From 11 to 14 March 2021, Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win met with military personnel, family members and military cadets in Kalaw, Aungban, Bahan and PyinOoLwin military stations. He explained the current situation and made appropriate arrangements to address their various needs. On 29 March 2021, the Vice-Chairman met with personnel serving in the Mandalay Station and the Mandalay Region Police Force.

On 30 March 2021, at the 8/2021 meeting of the State Administration Council, the Chairman emphasized that collective leadership was being exercised on the path to achieve the democracy to which people aspired. The Tatmadaw was only supporting the civilian administration bodies who are undertaking State duties. Despite the desire of the people for genuine multiparty democracy, the massive electoral fraud in 2020 had made a mockery of the democratic process. The Tatmadaw had taken a firm decision on helping the country achieve genuine multiparty democracy. The State Administration Council Members then deliberated on issues concerning national security, the rule of law, religious and social affairs, and regional development programmes. These included the peace process, the review of the law on child rights, the establishment of special courts in areas of the critical need for such justice, the amendment of income taxes to alleviate the public’s tax burden, control of rumours on social media, and reforms of news media.

76th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day

The Parade of the 76th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day was successfully held on 27 March 2021 and live-streamed on national television. State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing took the salute of the Assembled Columns of military forces and would always stand by the Myanmar people and, through rain or shine, strive to ensure peace and security for all citizens. The Tatmadaw would work towards securing a peaceful and developed Union based on democracy and federalism, for the Myanmar nation and people to stand tall on the world stage.

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National Unity and Peace Restoration

The State Administration Council’s Central Committee on National Unity and Peace Resolutions held its first meeting on 3 March 2021. In this meeting, the Central Committee Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing re-emphasized one of the key components in the State Administration Council Five-Point Road Map, that the clauses in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement would be implemented as a priority to achieve durable peace. The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services summarized the events that had led to the current situation. He had requested the previous government in person many times to hold the National Defence and Security Council meeting, as stipulated by the 2008 Constitution, with the wish to improve civil-military relations. But the previous government had repeatedly ignored the request. More recently, the previous government had also rejected the Tatmadaw’s repeated calls for dialogue between the Union Election Commission and political parties and for a meeting of the National Defence and Security Council to resolve the problem of vote-rigging. Therefore, the Tatmadaw had no choice but to assume the duties entrusted to it by the nation.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and Central Committee Chairman highlighted that given the diverse views on democracy and federalism in building a Union based on the principles of democracy and federalism, it would be necessary to choose a system suitable for the country. He emphasized that while there were different interpretations and standards regarding the term federalism, one could say that its main essence lay in Union and harmony. There is no State or Region in Myanmar that has only one ethnic race. Rather, States and Regions have many ethnic races living together, and a given ethnic group is also spread across more than a single State or Region. Therefore, all National peoples living in each State or Region are equal stakeholders for that State or Region, with equal ownership. It would benefit national unity immensely if each State or Region could be named to reflect the ownership of all National peoples living in that State or Region.

Regarding the position of the Tatmadaw, the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services emphasized that after measures were taken to assure the required peace and stability, elections would be held, and the Tatmadaw would ensure the smooth transition of power to the winners and the formation of a new government. During this period, when the Tatmadaw had taken the reins of State power, ongoing processes, including the peace process, and various initiatives in the respective regions, would continue without losing momentum. Moreover, activities and systems not in accordance with the Constitution and activities detrimental to national solidarity and national security would be addressed in accordance with the Constitution and prevailing law. Such undertakings underscore the important role of the Tatmadaw in always safeguarding the national interest.

The peace process

In the process, it was necessary to continually engage in dialogue along four fronts: informal discussions, formal dialogue, bilateral meetings to stabilize ceasefire arrangements, and formal essential conferences mandated by the NCA.

TO BE CONTINUED.
Announcement of Union Election Commission
19 April 2021

1. Regarding the Multiarty General Election held on 8 November 2020, the Union Election Commission has inspected the voter lists and the casting of votes of Thabeikgyi and Ngazun townships of Mandalay Region.

2. Findings in respective townships were as follows:

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3. The Union Election Commission has inspected the withdrawal/receipt/use/remaining of ballot papers used for Pyithu Hluttaw Election of Thabeikgyi and Ngazun townships of Mandalay Region together with the respective township election sub-committee, head of police force, Immigration and Population and administrators under the Hluttaw Election Law Section 53.

4. According to the inspection, a total of 243 polling stations in these two townships took out 246,845 ballots and used 166,380 ballots. It left 65,465 ballots instead of 80,465 ballots. The difference was 16,046 ballots, and it found 1,270 extra ballots. The extra/shortage ballots and extra illegal ballots were found at respective polling stations. Findings were as follows:

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5. A total of 101 polling stations in 5 Wards and 22 Village-tracts of Ngazun Township in Mandalay Region took out 118,996 ballots and used 81,115 ballots. It left 35,117 ballots instead of 37,880. The extra/shortage ballots and extra illegal ballots were found at respective polling stations. Findings were as follows:

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7. The inspection team examined only the ballot papers as it did not find the ballot receipts used at No (3) polling station in Myaing Thaya of Inn Net Village-tract of Thabeikkyin Township. Therefore, the exact numbers of advance ballots and remaining ballots were not known.

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The Tatmadaw medical teams comprising Tatmadaw doctors, specialists, and nurses have been providing necessary medical treatments to the patients in military hospitals and general hospitals.

The Tatmadaw medical team continued to provide healthcare services such as surgery, dental and oral healthcare, osteopathy, obstetrics and gynaecology, otorhinolaryngology, hypertension and heart disease to the patients in healthcare services difficulties in Thazi Township Hospital, Hmada Station Hospital, Yinmabin Station Hospital, Nyanugyan Station Hospital, Pintale Station Hospital in Wundwin Township, Tagauk Station Hospital in Thayawady Township, Madaya Hospital, Sone clinic on Minn Street Ward 10 of Maubin led the residents to participate in CDM activity and leading riots, Htaw Wai clinic and Moe Pyae Sone clinic, which admitted Dr Wai Yan Oo and Dr Naing Htoo, will be revoked of their work licences under the Law Relating to Private Health Care Services.

Moreover, medical doctors from people’s hospitals participating in CDM activities, not in line with the medical doctor ethics and codes of conduct of civil service personnel, private hospitals and clinics which admitted those medical doctors and private hospitals and clinics of the medical doctors taken action under the law for inciting CDM activity and participating in riots would also be revoked of their licences.

— MNA
Global people should make strenuous efforts to shape all the parts of the world under trees and forests as a long-term benefit for greening the envi- rons. That can reduce the heat of summer and change the climate to normalcy as much as possible.

CO2 emissions set to surge, IEA warns

The IEA sees a 4.5-per cent jump in coal demand, surpassing the 2019 level and approaching its all-time peak of 2014, as the biggest reason behind the rise in CO2 emissions.

Announcement

The Molotov journal is not signed on the list of books and periodicals allowed by the Ministry of Information for legal publishing under the Printing and Publishing Law 2014. The Molotov journal is illegally published. It is announced that action will be taken against anyone who operates the journal without a permit and provides assistance, according to the existing law.

SOURCE: AFP

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Those spreading false news to affect State stability charged under Section 505-A

THE following celebrities and people have been charged under Section 505-A of the Penal Code for intentionally committing incitements to the government employees to join CDM to affect government mechanism and for spreading information showing their support for unlawful CRPH including fake news and other information to unrest riots and threaten the public on the social media.

The list of people charged under Section 505-A of the Penal Code

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Action will be taken against those who admit the offenders, and list of remaining offenders will be released. —MNA
Files opened against medical doctors who participated in CDM activity with attempts to deteriorate peace and stability of the State

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Among them, Dr Kyaw Min Thet (Specialist) of Patheingyi Township Hospital, Dr Zaw Tun (Assistant Surgeon) of Amarapura Township, Talingyi Station Hospital, Dr Win Htu Lin Mawlamyine People’s Hospital, Dr Aye Tun (Assistant Surgeon) of Pakokku People’s Hospital and Dr Min Lwin (Township Medical Officer) of Phakant People’s Hospital participated in CDM activities without performing medical treatments at assigned hospitals but gave medical treatments at private hospitals/clinics according to the documentary photos.

As tasks are being carried out to arrest those medical doctors charged, action will be taken against the persons under the law for admitting those medical doctors and health staff for supporting the CDM participants.

The actions are carried out to address the medical doctors and health staff for supporting the CDM participants and to deter them from participating in CDM activities with the aim of deteriorating the State administrative machinery. The action is taken against the persons under the law for admitting those medical doctors, and health staff for supporting the CDM participants.

According to the information provided, the following medical doctors have been charged under Section 505-A of the Penal Code for inciting State service personnel and health staff to participate in CDM activities, themselves participating in it, supporting CDM activities and CRPH unlawful association with the aim of deteriorating the State administrative machinery.

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Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win discusses medical services of hospitals in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Ministry of Health and Sports presided over the meetings to discuss treatment sectors of Nay Pyi Taw 1000-bed hospital and other people’s general hospitals in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meetings, Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win said the patients rely on the people’s hospitals in Nay Pyi Taw, and so Nay Pyi Taw 1000-bed hospital should be an ideal one for being located in the capital city of Myanmar. It is vital to provide proper medical services as usual, and health workers should fill the healthcare needs of people.

As the hospitals do not provide treatment now, the people face difficulties in the healthcare sectors. They have to go to private hospitals or clinics or go to remote areas. Although the government allocates the budget, the hospitals do not operate in full. So the people have to spend their money on medical treatment.

He then highlighted the ethics of medics for the public and efforts to run the hospitals as usual.

He continued that the estimated budget for the procurement of medicines is K300 billion, and arrangements will be made to apply human resources with a contract system in treatment sectors. The Ministry also makes plans to provide financial assistance to the healthcare workers, and the meal allowances will be provided to night-shift workers soon. Cash awards will also be provided based on the degrees they achieved.

Moreover, arrangements are being made to present cash awards as Risk Allowance for those who conduct diagnosis and treatment services. It can be seen the resurgent COVID-19 across the world in March 2021. Although the country is provided with the needed labs, it is difficult to estimate the infection rate due to the low numbers of healthcare workers.

The Ministry keeps carrying out the COVID-19 preventive measures and releasing the new confirmed cases daily. It also lifts stay-at-home order. It is crucial for the people to follow the health rules as the government eases the restrictions to run the operations as usual.

Moreover, one million and seven hundred thousand people received the COVID vaccine first jab. According to the research, the vaccine can prevent severe condition. Then he coordinated the discussions of the professors and specialists. — MNA

MoSWRR discusses 5th and 6th joint report for UNCRC implementation

THE Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement organized a presentation on the draft version of the 5th and 6th joint report of the country to implement the Convention on the Rights of the Child yesterday.

During the meeting, Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine talked about the reports submitted to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC), plans to submit the 5th and 6th combined report, the crucial role of the reports and recommendations of UNCRC.

She also discussed holding meetings with the committee on the child’s rights, including the National Committee on the Rights of the Child.

She also said the Child Rights Law was enacted on 23 July 2019, adding that further rules being drafted now will be submitted to the national committee.

Then, the Deputy Minister stressed the need to study the reports of NGOs in arranging the 5th and 6th combined report.

The director in-charge explained four core principles of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, five facts to be followed, formation of the National Committee on the Rights of the Child in Nay Pyi Taw Council, Regions and States including the plans to organize committees in districts and townships, the implementation of four rights for the child, and followup monitoring and assessment.

Then, the Union Minister instructed them to express the difficulties in operations, including budget status and recommendations. However, the reports are prepared as per the Reporting Guideline of UNCRC.

Next, the coordination meeting on the national procedures for receiving trafficked victims, reintegration and rehabilitation was held in the morning.

During the event, the Union Minister highlighted the public services of the ministry being conducted across the nation, rehabilitation programmes for the disabled, those who quit using drugs and trafficked victims, proper support of families for the reintegration of these people and further work plans of the ministry.

Then the Deputy Minister discussed the receiving of trafficked victims, reintegration and rehabilitation programmes, the target of human traffickers, trafficked victims including men to work on the floating fishing rafts while the women faced forced marriage.

The Deputy Minister simulated the need to conduct counselling with the trafficked victims, including their family members, to create job opportunities and raise public awareness.

Then, the attendees to the meeting coordinated the discussion.—MNA
China tech stampede into electric cars sparks auto sector buzz

THOUGHT Big Tech was taking over your life through smartphones? It may be coming for your car next as Chinese firms lead a stampede into auto manufacturing in their battle for more consumers. Cars are the next major prize in the battle for digital territory, industry insiders say, and the deep pockets and data muscle of Chinese electric vehicles are great accelerators of innovation, William Li, founder, chairman and CEO of Chinese electric vehicle (EV) producer NIO, told AFP in an interview just ahead of the Shanghai Auto Show.

The first major auto industry gathering of the year opens to the public Wednesday with the global total — but are rapidly recovering thanks to the expanding popularity of electric cars. — AFP

Asian markets fall after overnight Wall Street retreat

TOKYO led a sell-off in Asian markets on Tuesday after Wall Street pulled back from record levels in overnight trade and with Japan fearing a renewed Covid surge. Both the Dow and S&P finished last week at new peaks and also posted their fourth consecutive weekly gains, following on the heels of strong data for American housing starts, employment and retail sales. But analysts said that a combination of dollar weakness and a pull in fresh data ahead of upcoming corporate results had conspired to dampen enthusiasm. “It seems like the arrival of autonomous cars. In recent weeks, Chinese smartphone giants Huawei and Xiaomi, e-commerce leader Alibaba, and even DJI, the world’s top drone manufacturer, have thrown their hats into the ring. “This sort of competition is a good thing and will greatly accelerate innovation,” William Li, founder, chairman and CEO of Chinese electric vehicle (EV) producer NIO, told AFP in an interview just ahead of the Shanghai Auto Show. The first major auto industry gathering of the year opens to the public Wednesday with the global total — but are rapidly recovering thanks to the expanding popularity of electric cars. — AFP

People smugglers reap billions selling American dream

THE tide of migrants sweeping across Mexico to the US border is not just a humanitarian crisis — it is also a highly organized, multibillion-dollar trafficking business dominated by the drug cartels. The新的 population of migrants is also a highly organized, multibillion-dollar trafficking business dominated by the drug cartels. THE Nikkei was down nearly two percent at the break after investors took in calls for new states of emergency in the Osaka region and possibly Tokyo. PHOTO: KYODO "Along with increased new coronavirus infections, the possibility of a state of emergency declaration is growing, which is turning on an amber light for economic recovery," Okasan Online Securities said in a commentary.—AFP

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Claim Day Notice

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M/V HANSA COBURG VOY. NO. ((114S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V HANSA COBURG VOY. NO. ((114S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21-4-2021 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of HPT where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V IAL 001 VOY. NO. (098N) are hereby notified that the vessel will arrive at the Port of Yangon on 19-4-2021 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of HPT where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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According to statistics released by the exchange, foreign investors have purchased 4,456,136 shares of four listed companies on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) as of 9 March 2021. The Securities and Exchange Commission of Myanmar (SECM) has allowed foreigners to invest in the local equity market from 20 March 2020. At present, shares of six listed companies — First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co. Ltd, and Ever Flow River Group Public Co. Ltd (EFR) — are available for local investors for trading. Consequently, the status of buy order acceptance is suspended on 1 December 2020. As of 9 March 2021, foreigners hold 4,456,136 shares of FMI, 32,654 shares of MTSH, 5,445 shares of TMH and 7,125 shares of EFR.

The SECM, under the Ministry of Planning and Finance, issued a notice on 12 July 2019, announcing that foreign investors are about to receive investment qualifications to the YSX. After opening bank and securities accounts, an investor can send buying/selling orders under the stock trading rules stipulated in the Trading Business Regulations, the SECM notified. Last year, the senior executive manager of the Yangon Stock Exchange highlighted how foreign participation would entail better capital inflows and a long term and sustainable investment. It would also encourage good corporate governance and support market orientation, he added. Regarding share trading, the foreign investors must strictly comply with the rules stipulated by the Central Bank of Myanmar.

The security companies will monitor the daily trades of foreigners in keeping with the rules and regulations so that they do not exceed the limit set for each listed company. The YSX has launched four years ago to improve the private business sector. It disseminates rules and regulations regarding the stock exchange and knowledge of share trading through stock investment seminars. The stock exchange has also sought the government’s support to get more public companies to participate in the market and help more institutional investors, such as financing companies, investment banks, and insurance companies, to emerge. Amid the COVID-19 crisis, Myanmar’s securities market has been able to continue operating without stopping trading.

Gold bull market predicted to continue in 2021

The gold bull market is predicted to continue in 2021 and likely to reach K1.5 million per tical (0.578 ounces, or 0.016 kilograms) sooner or later as gold is the best safe-haven asset, an investment observer shared his opinion. The price of precious pure gold metal remarkably soared to K1,444,000 per tical in the third week of April 2021, following the hike in international gold prices.

The price of domestic yellow metal reached K1,440,000 per tical tracking the positive international trends. The global gold prices were hovering around US$1,745-1,787 per ounce in recent days. The price stood at only K1,302,000 per tical on 4 March, and then, it rose above K1,385,000 per tical on 23 March. According to the domestic market, the price has now increased by around K60,000 per tical within a month. The gold price was ranged between the minimum of K1,316,000 per tical (28 January) and the maximum of K1,336,000 per tical (6 January). It reached an all-time high of K1,410,000 per tical on 3 February and hit the minimum of K1,340,000 per tical on 2 February. The rate fluctuated between the highest of K1,391,000 (25 March) and the lowest of K1,302,000 (4 March), the gold traders said.

According to gold traders, the local gold reached the lowest level at K1,310,500 (2 September) and the highest level of K1,314,000 (1 September). In October, the rate ranged between K1,307,500 (30 October) and K1,316,500 (21 October). The rate fluctuated between the highest of K1,317,000 (9 November) and the lowest of K1,270,000 (30 November). In December, the pure yellow metal price moved in the range of K1,280,000 (1 December) and K1,332,000 (28 December).

With global gold prices on the uptick, the domestic price hit fresh highs last year, reaching K1,300,000 per tical between 17 January and 21 February, crossing K1,100,000 (22 June to 5 August), climbing to over K1,200,000 (7 August-4 September), and then reaching a record high of K1,300,000 on 5 September 2019.

Heightened coronavirus measures in China hurts watermelon exporters

As China is stepping up the coronavirus containment measures in the border areas, watermelon exporters are suffering. Some watermelon trucks are returning from the Myanmar-China North-East border checkpoint as the watermelon is not traded, and the truck drivers no longer bear the cost and tariff on the Chinese border.

Additionally, starting from 20 April 2021, the coronavirus test is mandatory for cross-border traders. Following the coronavirus cases on the border in Ruili of China to restrict border access at the Mang Weing checkpoint.

Ruili-Kyalaung river crossing is also closed. Furthermore, China imposed the lockdowns on Kyalaung and Ruili cities. Kyninsankyaw and Wan Ding posts also restricted trading, truck drivers said.

Around 400 trucks of watermelon and muskmelon previously entered China via Kyninsankyaw and Wan Ding posts. For now, only a handful trucks loaded with other goods are seen in the border area.

Watermelon and muskmelon will be harvested up to May-end across the country, except Kayah and Chin states. Therefore, the cross-border fruit depots suggest that the growers harvest the watermelon depending on the market condition.

As border post is sluggish amid the coronavirus resurgence, many watermelon trucks are stranded in Muse.

Consequently, watermelon supply exceeds the demand, leading to possible market failure, Khwar Nyo, Fruit Depot warned.

A truckload of watermelon (0.455 variety) fetches 45,000-50,000 yuan in mid-March. At present, watermelon price is drastically plunging, and it does not even cover the truck freight rate.

Myanmar’s watermelon market earlier relied only on China. Myanmar shipped 45 tonnes of seedless watermelon to the Dubai market in December 2020 and January 2021. After the country achieves success in the Dubai market, Myanmar plans to expand its market to Hong Kong SAR, the UAE and Qatar; the association stated.

On 5 January 2021, 105th kilometer Wholesale Centre released a statement that the number of watermelon and muskmelon trucks for exports is to be set to govern the market.

During the previous financial year, the growers and the traders suffered the loss due to the price instability and transportation difficulties triggered by the COVID-19.

Myanmar yearly exports over 800,000 tonnes of watermelon and about 150,000 tonnes of muskmelons to China, the association stated.

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Massive increase of migrant children at Mexico-US border: UNICEF

THE number of migrant children trying to reach the United States from Mexico has increased ninefold since the beginning of the year, UNICEF said on Monday.

The rise from 380 to 3,500 youngsters registered at reception centers at the southern side of the border has overwhelmed the facilities, the UN children’s agency said.

“It breaks my heart to see the suffering of so many young children, even babies, on the Mexican border with the United States,” said Jean Gough, the fund’s director for Latin America and the Caribbean, who is based in Panama.

“Most of the shelters I visited in Mexico are already overpopulated and cannot accommodate the growing number of children, adolescents and families migrating northwards,” added Gough, following a five-day visit to the border.

Mexican authorities are recording an average of 275 new migrant children a day waiting to cross into the United States or having been sent back from the northern side of the border, according to UNICEF.

Mostly coming from Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Mexico, minors make up 39 per cent of total migrants — the highest such figure ever registered for children.—AFP

Venezuelan newspaper boss decries $13 mn damages ruling

THE president of a Venezuelan newspaper once employed 1,100 people but is now down to a skeleton staff of 100 working on an online edition, accused the state of “expropriation.”

The Supreme Court of Justice (TSJ) on Friday ordered El Nacional to pay Diosdado Cabello — the second most powerful person in Venezuela after president Nicolas Maduro — $13.4 million as a punishment in a defamation case. In 2015, Cabello, second in command of the governing Socialist Party, took the newspaper to court for reproducing a report by Spanish newspaper ABC that accused the politician of having links to drug trafficking.

The court said Cabello had been the “victim” of “very serious moral damage”. “With this sentence they are going to charge $13 million, we’re going to tell them we can’t pay ... so they will seize the building, the equipment, everything there is here ... and give it as compensation to Diosdado Cabello,” said Miguel Henrique Otero, also the newspaper’s director who is highly critical of the governing party. “It’s a cover expropriation... which is making a lot of noise at a world level,” Otero added in a video conference call with foreign media. Otero said El Nacional’s infrastructure, including its headquarters in the wealthy eastern part of the capital Caracas, is worth “no less than $20 million” under “normal” circumstances.—AFP

Lebanon’s crisis-hit farmers turn to growing hashish

FOR three decades Abu Ali planted potatoes to provide for his family, but Lebanon’s economic crisis has driven up production costs and forced him to swap the crop for cannabis.

“It’s not for the love of hashish,” the 57-year-old told AFP in the eastern Baalbek region, the heart of Lebanon’s illicit cannabis industry.

“It’s just less expensive than other crops... and allows you to live with dignity,” said Abu Ali, who is in the throes of a spiralling economic crisis compounded by the coronavirus pandemic.

As the value of the local currency plunges on the black market, the cost of imported fuel, seeds, fertilisers and pesticides priced in dollars has skyrocketed.

More and more small farmers, who were already in dire straits before the crisis, are deciding to grow cannabis instead.

“With agriculture, we were always losers,” said Abu Ali, who asked to use a pseudonym over security concerns.

After decades of neglect by the state, many of Abu Ali’s colleagues are now indebted to banks or loan sharks and have had to sell land or property to settle dues.—AFP

Former US Vice-President Walter Mondale dies at 93

FORMER US Vice-President Walter Mondale, a liberal icon who famously told voters to expect a tax increase should he win the presidency, died Monday, US media reported. He was 93 years old.

No cause was given for Mondale’s death, according to reports citing a statement from his family, Mondale served as vice-president under President Jimmy Carter, from 1977-1981.

“I mourn the passing of my dear friend Walter Mondale, who I consider the best vice president in our country’s history,” Carter said in a statement, extending his condolences to his former number two’s family.

“He was an invaluable partner and an able servant of the people of Minnesota, the United States, and the world.”

Prior to his stint at the White House, Mondale had served as attorney general to his home state of Minnesota from 1960-1964, and then as US senator from that state from 1964-1976.—AFP

Oriental lute makes comeback on Iran music scene

THE Oriental lute is making a comeback in Iran after decades in the shadows as musicians reconnect with an instrument integral to Arab and Turkish musical tradition in a fragmented region. Known as the oud in Arabic, it is commonly called the barbat in Persian, although some would argue the instruments differ slightly.

“The number of (oud) students has increased considerably over the past 15 years or so; before a known teacher would have had a dozen students whereas today they’ll be about 50,” said Majid Yahyanejad, a 55-year-old oud teacher in Tehran. Neoshin Pasdar, a 40-year-old musician in the Iranian capital, made the same observation. She started teaching the stringed instrument “about 23 years ago” after graduating from a professional arts school, known as honarestan in Persian.—AFP
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**THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR**

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**Qatar defies virus, presses on with major sport events**

QATAR has defied soaring coronavirus numbers to stage high-profile sporting events, serving as a test bed ahead of the Tokyo Olympics and the 2022 World Cup, but also suffering high-profile setbacks.

Doha, among the most controversial World Cup hosts of the modern era, has bucked the trend of more established sporting nations which have cancelled or postponed a slew of elite events.

Instead it has deployed multi-billion dollar venues, luxury hotels-turned-quarantine centres and formidable virus testing system to host football, golf, tennis, motorcycling, judo and beach volleyball events — some with spectators.

Simon Chadwick, professor of Eurasian Sport at EM Lyon University, said full-fledged tournaments complete with fans were key to Qatar’s strategy to diversify its economy away from gas and oil dependence.

"It is reckless to be staging events during times of rising infection, but... the inconvenient truth for Qatar is that the country has rolled the dice big on sporting events," he said. —AFP

**FIFA ‘strongly disapproves’ of Super League: Infantino**

FIFA boss Gianni Infantino on Tuesday blasted the proposed European Super League and warned that the clubs involved could face “consequences”. Twelve major clubs launched plans Monday for a new breakaway league which would drastically change the landscape of the world's most popular sport.

"At FIFA we can only and strongly disapprove the creation of the Super League, of a Super League which is a closed shop, a breakaway from the current institutions, from the leagues, from the associations, from UEFA, and from FIFA," Infantino told a UEFA congress in Switzerland.

"There is no doubt whatsoever of FIFA's disapproval for this." —GNLM

**Aung La N Sang ready to defend Light Heavyweight title against Bigdash**

AUNG LA N SANG “The Burmese Python” is now ready to defend his ONE Light Heavyweight World Championship title against Vitaly Bigdash at the “ONE on TNT IV” event, which will be held at Singapore Indoor Stadium in Singapore on 29 April, according to his interview with the ONE Championship.

The Burmese Python is now preparing his best ahead of the thrilling fight.

Axe throwing is one of Aung La’s hobbies, and he was playing with axes after his training, according to the ONE Championship.

Aung La has also expressed his feeling about his excellent opponent.

“His life is about five miles from me. He has a big big yard,” the Burmese Python said. “So one day, we just went over and threw some axes.”

“It’s just something fun to do besides training because that’s all we do – train, eat, sleep, repeat,” he explains. “It’s kind of cool to be able to throw a weapon in the air and land it (on a target).”

“Having a good aim and hitting the target. Hitting the mark,” Aung La N Sang says.

“By hitting the target, you hit it with your weapon. When you hit something, don’t hit with your forearms. Hit it with your elbows.”

“I don’t know how good Vitaly is,” Aung La N Sang adds. “But I’m assuming he hasn’t had much practice, so I should win that.” —GNLM

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