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Health and education personnel from CDM are warmly welcomed to return to their workplaces as quickly as possible for the State to have good results: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presides over the 5/2021 meeting of the SAC Management Committee in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

A government is a key player in carrying out the development of the country, adding that it is necessary to restore peace and stability on the political and security grounds because of existing ethnic armed organizations and varieties of political attitudes, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting 5/2021 of the Management Committee of the Council at the Council Chairman's Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

The Senior General stressed the need to unite the strengths of ethnic nationals and ethnic groups. He urged relevant committees formed for ensuring peace and stability, development and unity to forge the unity. Only when the economy,

health, fitness, and education meet improvement will the country develop.

The Senior General called for producing systematic productions as it is necessary to export quality products for the booming economy. Moreover, chains of selling products should be reduced as much as possible. Only when producers and farmers sell products at correct prices will commodity prices be controlled, contributing to the growth of the economy. Likewise, declining in transport charge will contribute to decreasing in commodity prices. The Senior General pointed out that ministries need to consider real situations of the State in managing their respective sectors to prevent waste of the State finance. As such, it is sure to develop the State economy.

The government is encour-

aging the enrichment of fish resources in rivers and creeks and agricultural and livestock tasks for uplifting the living standard of rural people, 70 % of total population. Officials concerned need to make field trips for managing food sufficiency and urge subordinates to carry out the tasks successfully.

The country needs healthy and fit human resources in development undertakings. As such, it is necessary to control the use of liquor, cigarette, betel quid and narcotic drugs, harmful to the health of humans. Arrangements should be made for the people to consume nutritious feeds depending on their incomes. Encouragement should be given to the people to take physical exercises for their healthiness. Myanmar's expected lifespan is about 66 years, which is less than

those of other countries. Priority must be given to uplift the health sector for ensuring the health and fitness of the people. As the infectious rate of COVID-19 is high in some countries, including India, Myanmar needs to emphasize preventive measures

of COVID-19. The government needs to fulfil the requirements of the people for their health and fitness. Moreover, public awareness for the health sector must be undertaken persistently.

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Nine Objectives

- 1. Political affairs**

 - (a) Building of a Union based on democracy and federalism in practising genuine disciplined multiparty democracy in a full fairness manner
 - (B) Emphasizing of restoration of eternal peace for the entire nation in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA)
 - (c) Continuous practising of the “principle” of peaceful co-existence among countries by holding up the independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy
- 2. Economic affairs**

 - (a) Further development of production based on agriculture and livestock breeding through modern techniques and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- (b) Stability of market economy and inviting international investments to develop the economy of entire ethnic people
 - (c) Encouragement of local businesses to create employment opportunities to be able to produce many products of the State
- 3. Social affairs**

 - (a) For ensuring of dynamism of Union spirit which is genuine patriotic spirit
 - (b) Following customs and traditions of all ethnic nationalities and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national characters
 - (c) Enhancement of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Five future programmes of State Administration Council

- 1. The Union Election Commission will be reconstituted to carry out tasks that should be done, including inspection of voting lists in accordance with the law.
- 2. Effective measures will be taken for the prevention of current infectious COVID-19 with added momentum.
- 3. Efforts will be made to recover businesses that faced loss caused by COVID-19 in various ways as quickly as possible.
- 4. Emphasis will be placed on restoring eternal peace in the entire nation in line with agreements from the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) as much as possible.
- 5. When missions will be accomplished in accord with provisions of the state of emergency, a free and fair multiparty democracy election will be held in accordance with the Constitution (2008), and further tasks will be undertaken to hand over State duty to the winning party meeting the standards of democracy.

Maha Pathana recitation ceremony held at Upatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw



The Maha Pathana recitation ceremony will take place from 22 to 26 April.

THE opening ceremony of the 129th Maha Pathana recitation was held at Upatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning

The Ovada Cariya of pagoda Presiding Sayadaw of Pauk Myaing Monastery Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Janinda, Deputy Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Colonel Kyaw Soe Oo, Director-General for Religious Affairs Department U Myint Oo and members of Pagoda Board of Trustees attended the ceremony.

The ceremony was opened by reciting Namo Tassa three times. The attendees took five precepts from Pauk Myaing Sayadaw Bhaddanta Janinda. Then the officials donated the Pathana books and Paritta water-pots to the monks.

The Sayadaws recited Pathana three times, and the ceremony ended with a three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ciram Thitthatu. Next, the officials offered alms to the Sayadaws.

The Maha Pathana recitation ceremony will take place from 22 to 26 April. — MNA

Military hospitals continue providing healthcare to civilians

MILITARY hospitals in the townships of regions and states keep providing medical treatments to the people to solve their healthcare services difficulties. A total of 155,353 outpatients and 4,220 inpatients reached these hospitals from 5 February to date.

Senior medical experts, medics and nurses have conducted 7,285 major operations and 3,753 minor operations. The senior doctors treat severe cases. These hospitals managed for the birth of 9,743 babies while bringing 9,743 pregnant women to the respective military hospitals. Of those, 3,820 cases are done in caesarean section and 5,923 cases in ordinary delivery.

Officials from the respective commands also provided the patients with foods, and medical workers were provided with cash assistance. — MNA



The Northern Command Commander is comforting a local patient.

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THE Senior General said the current government needs to take lessons from the past events of two democratic governments. The Senior General stressed the need for cabinet members and officials to avoid indulgence and urged them to do all tasks according to the law. They need to carry out the tasks with satisfaction. The Senior General stressed the need to narrow the gap between the rich and the poor in developing the socio-economy of the entire nation, undertaking equal development of regions and states and reducing the gap between urban and rural areas.

(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)

Press Release

MYANMAR was selected as a member of the Executive Board of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) for the term of 2022-2024, during the Management Meeting of the ECOSOC which was held in New York on 20 April 2021. Under the name of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Unity Government (NUG) which was declared as an unlawful association, released a Statement on Myanmar’s election to the Executive Board. U Kyaw Moe Tun who was dismissed as the Permanent Representative of the United Nations in New York also posted the said news on the Facebook of Myanmar Mission.

The State Administrative Council of Myanmar has declared the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH) and the organizations formed by the committee as unlawful associations with Notification No. (2/2021) of the Ministry of Home Affairs on 21 March 2021. Consequently, the National Unity Government (NUG) and its members are announced as illegal association and illegitimate association members on 20 April 2021. Furthermore, U Kyaw Moe Tun was dismissed from his position since the morning of 27 February 2021 and was filed lawsuit of a high treason in accordance with the existing law of the land, at present.

Therefore, any announcement of the “National Unity Government (NUG)” and U Kyaw Moe Tun by using the national emblem of the Government of Myanmar or manipulation of the former position of Permanent Representative through the Facebook page of the Permanent Representative office of the Government of Myanmar in New York will not officially or legally represent the Government and the people of Myanmar.

Myanmar submitted its candidature under the ECOSOC for the member of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS for three-year-term of 2022-2024 on 18 July 2017 and earned “clean slate” status with the endorsements of the Asia- Pacific Region on 28 April 2021. Subsequently, Myanmar will assume its responsibilities as a member of the Executive Board and fulfil its obligations to the missions of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw
Dated, 22 April 2021

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The Senior General noted that relevant ministries must strive for improvement of the sports sector. Plans are underway to fulfil the needs for the betterment of sports grounds which plays a crucial role in holding the sports competitions. It is necessary to seek ways and means for teachers to enjoy entitlements in conformity with their education qualification. Arrangements are being made to open the universities in early May and basic education schools in early June. So, teaching aid courses are conducted for basic education teachers. Local administrative

bodies need to fulfil the needs of respective sectors. The Senior General urged them to insert law subjects into the universities’ syllabus to increase legal scholars and create chances for university students to learn business subjects for contributing to the development of the State in all aspects. The Senior General stressed the need to organize health and educational staff from CDM activities to re-join the workplaces. **Some personnel continue their absence due to the frightening of social punishment if they failed to participate in the CDM and face their lack of duty. Just**

appropriate action will be taken against those staff who did not lead the CDM under the rules and disciplines of service personnel, and they will not be dismissed from jobs. Telephone numbers have been released for dialling them to inform the authorities about threatening against staff to join CDM. Those who threaten the staff will be taken severe action. The Senior General warmly welcomes health and education personnel from CDM to return to their workplaces as quickly as possible for the State to have good results. The meeting approved the 4/2021 meeting minute of the

Management Committee. Union ministers who attended the meeting sought approval for undertakings in respective sectors. Then, the Senior General stressed the need to issue citizenship scrutiny cards to eligible citizens and ethnic nationals within the period of the Pankhin project. **It was scrutinized that a total of 4.6 million voters cast votes in the previous election without holding the citizenship scrutiny cards. Priority must be given to the issuance of CSC to eligible voter citizens to cast votes in the forthcoming election.** Pankhin project will last 18 months for

issuance of the CSC to over 3.8 million citizens. The Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Health and Sports are to cooperate with each other in identifying the blood groups of those citizens. Ministries need to clarify the interests of the State and the people on running of businesses with loans, cash assistance and foreign investments to relevant countries and organizations in the meetings. **Respective ministries need to give a helping hand to reopening schools for students’ learning and turning out of educated persons in the future.** — MNA

Second-month performance of the State Administration Council

By Kanaung

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The Directorate of Road Transport Administration resumed operations after six months of shutdown for the second time due to COVID-19. The Directorate (Ka Nya Na) reopened its mid-year renewal vehicle registration services at a total of 52 region/state and district offices nationwide beginning from 22 March 2021.

Electricity subsidies for the public are an effective remedy for alleviating the socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on the poor. Accordingly, the government has extended the exemption from payment of the first 150 units of electricity from 1 March to 31 March 2021.

Reviving the travel and tourism sector

The travel sector is being expanded to help revive tourism and contribute to Myanmar's economic development. The government has been able to ease travel restrictions related to the pandemic by reopening the travel sector in accordance with COVID-19 rules and regulations. This is expected to alleviate the economic hardship due to the pandemic.

The Sitway-Yathedaung-Buthidaung ferry service, which had been suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic, has resumed regular operations since early March to facilitate public transportation in Rakhine State. The Mandalay-Bhamo ferry service was reopened on 13 March 2021 and resumed normal operations on 24 March 2021. The MV Pyadar Pyan, carrying passengers and cargo, departed from Gaw-wain Port in Mandalay and stopped at Kyaukmyaung, Tagaung, Htigyaing, Katha and Shwegu.

Myanma Railways also commenced its Mandalay-Nay Pyi Taw-Ywarthagyi No 924 down container train on 17 March 2021. However, unscrupulous terrorists sabotaged the lines at one place, removing the rails and connecting clips. Military personnel and members of the Myanmar Police Force repaired the damages, and the train successfully reached Ywarthagyi Inland Port. The Nay Pyi Taw-Thazi-Mandalay railway recommenced on 23 March 2021 with two rail-bus engine (RBE) trains to facilitate travel between Nay Pyi Taw and



The Tatmadaw has been providing COVID-19 vaccines to people over 65 years of age, civil service personnel, and the venerable monks in the respective military command regions.

Healthcare services

The Tatmadaw has been constantly providing comprehensive healthcare services at military hospitals and temporary hospitals to civilians who have difficulties in obtaining the necessary medical treatment due to the participation of public sector doctors in the civil disobedience movement.

Religious Affairs

Parts 2 and 1/2 of the throne of the Bhumi Phassa Mudra sitting marble Buddha Image were ceremonially transported on 14 March 2021, while the fifth ceremony of welcome for the Buddha Image was successfully held on 26 March 2021.

On 15 March 2021, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture held the 60th Graduation Ceremony to confer certificates and degrees to venerable monks and nuns, who had passed the exams with honours. The event was held in the Maha Pasana Great Cave at the Thirimingala-Kaba Aye Pagoda grounds in Yangon.

On 27 March 2021, the ceremony for conferring religious titles for 2021 was held at the Sasana Maha Beikmandaw Building on the Upatasanti Pagoda grounds, Nay Pyi Taw. The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and his wife attended the ceremony. Religious titles were conferred on 20 Venerable Sayadaws, among whom seven were unable to attend the ceremony due to age or ill health. State officials travelled to the respective regions to confer the titles to the seven Sayadaws who

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Mandalay.

Sea transport re-commenced for the Yangon-Cocogyun route on 28 March 2021 with the MV Charities, managed by the Yangon Region Administration Council and supervised by the Yangon Region Transport Authority.

Hotels have commenced re-opening, while new tour itineraries are being developed to attract more tourists during tour season to famous tourist destinations such as Bagan, NyaungU, Ngapali Beach, and Chaungtha Beach.

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Maung Maung Ohn met with hoteliers on 4 March 2021 to promote the revitalization of tourism in the national heritage sites of Bagan and NyaungU. New itineraries and travel arrangements are being planned. On 6 March 2021,

the Union Minister guided the development of measures to promote hotels and tourism in PyinOoLwin. In mid-March, the Union Minister met with hotel and tourism business owners with a view to developing recreational areas around Yangon. Zoological gardens in Nay Pyi

Taw, Mandalay and Yangon, the Safari park and planetarium in Nay Pyi Taw have been reopened since 24 February. The National Kandawgyi Gardens, National Landmark Park and Hlawga Park were reopened on 2 March 2021. All these parks were reopened in accordance with health regulations related to COVID-19 control.

Plans are underway to further develop tourism in Chin State, including the acceleration of plans to designate Kyiyeeyan Mountain, Thantlang Township as a national park. Domestic tourism is being promoted with new tour itineraries in Tiddim, Falam, Haka and Thantlang townships. Protected forests and nature conservation programmes are also being promoted.

COVID-19 vaccination programmes

The second dose of COVID-19 vaccination was administered to the Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee since 19 March 2021.



A total of 42 upper-class/ordinary class passengers boarded the train from the Nay Pyi Taw station and the stations along the route following the COVID-19 rules.

could not travel. The State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services himself travelled to eastern Shan State to confer the title of Abhidhaja Maha Ratha Guru on the Chief Sayadaw Venerable Dr Bhaddanta Dhammasari of Naga Hnakaung Monastery in Tachilek Township.

From 18 to 27 March 2021, the 2609th Buddha Pujaniya Festival Maha Pathana Sermon Recitation was successfully held at the Shwedagon Pagoda. The 128th Pathana sermon recitation ceremony of the Uppatasanti Pagoda was held from 21 to 25 March 2021. Religious schools, buildings and pagodas all over the country, including Shwedagon Pagoda, were reopened fully in March.

On 25 March 2021, a ceremony to hear the sermons of the State Sangha Maha Committee Nayaka Sayadaws regarding the construction work for the Bhumi Phassa Mudra Buddha Image was held in the Buddha Gardens at Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw. At the ceremony, the State Administration Council Chairman presented the aim of constructing the 81-foot Buddha Image. The Buddha Image will demonstrate to the world that Theravada Buddhism is brightly shining in Myanmar. It also aims to bring peace to the country, make the region prosperous by attracting local and

vessel MV Tabinshwehti under the command of Navy Captain Kyaw Lin Zaw collected 70 Myanmar fishermen who had been stranded in the Andaman Islands, India. The Indian officials handed over the fishermen and the navy vessel departed from Port Blair, India, arriving at the number 3 Navy Port on 10 March 2021 in Yangon.

Ensuring correct information for the public

On 26 March 2021, the State Administration Council Chairman received Pavel Gusev, Chairman of the Presidential Council for Civil Society of the



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Administration Council led by Team Leader Major-General Zaw Min Tun held a press conference. The Information Team met with local and foreign news agencies and answered their questions. At the conference, the team leader explained in detail the state of the investigation of former government officials for corruption, the discrepancies between the announced election results and findings of the new Union Election Commission with documentary proof on these findings. On 23 March 2021, the Information Team of the State Administration Council held another press conference at the Ministry of Information.

On 27 March 2021, at the Grand Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi

aw had requested the NLD-led government several times to resolve the voting frauds in accordance with the law and to find negotiated solutions in line with democratic practice, the NLD-led government had consistently ignored these repeated requests by the Tatmadaw. Yet, only now, various interest groups were issuing calls for negotiation. Certain instigators and groups had changed the situation from peaceful protests to anarchic mobs, which had then escalated to armed insurrection and terrorism, involving the blowing up of roads and bridges, and the destruction of public offices, police stations, schools and industrial workplaces through arson, bombing, assaults.

Since 8 March 2021, the Ministry of Information has revoked the broadcasting and publishing rights of such media agencies as Mizzima, DVB, Khit Thit Media, Myanmar Now, and 7 Day News. These media agencies were broadcasting and publishing content detrimental to State security, the rule of law and community peace and tranquillity, and the content abetted those committing crimes.

From March 2021 towards national goals

Working in the interests of the State and citizens, and after only two full months in office, the State Administration Council has accomplished a great deal. The State Administration Council Members have a wealth of experience and are highly seasoned individuals representing a broad range of ethnicities, sectors and skills. Under the guidance set by the Chairman, the State Administration Council expects to fully achieve its Five-Point Road Map and accelerate Myanmar's progress towards the Nine Objectives on political, economic and social affairs.



Myanmar returnees from India are seen undergoing healthcare services and COVID-19 rules yesterday.

foreign pilgrims, and support the country's development. The marble blocks for the Buddha Image were transported all the way from Sagyin Hill in Madaya Township near Mandalay.

Bringing home Myanmar citizens

On 6 March 2021, following instructions from the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the Tatmadaw navy

Russian Federation and Information Advisor to the President of the Russian Federation, and news agencies from Russia separately in Nay Pyi Taw. At the meetings, the State Administration Council Chairman explained the current situation in Myanmar and the country's future plans.

On 10 March 2021, the Myanmar delegation led by Director-General U Ye Naing of the

Myanma Radio and Television attended the online 18th Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials Responsible for Information, chaired by Thailand. Discussions focused on digital awareness among ASEAN peoples and cooperation work with dialogue partners, including cooperation in the film sector between ASEAN and the Republic of Korea.

On 11 March 2021, the Information Team of the State

Taw, Myanmar officials presented the current situation of Myanmar to the Military Attachés from foreign countries that were attending the Armed Forces Day events. At this press conference, the Information Team explained the situation in which the military had to take the responsibility of the State due to massive electoral fraud throughout the country in the 2020 General Election. Although the Tatmad-

Announcement of Union Election Commission

21 April 2021

1. Regarding the Multiparty General Election held on 8 November 2020, the Union Election Commission has inspected the voter lists and the casting of votes of Myawady, Hlaingbwe and Thantaunggyi townships of Kayin State.
2. Findings in respective townships were as follows:

Findings on voter lists in each township						
Sr	Township and numbers of polling stations	Township sub-commission	List from Immigration department	Those involved in voting list without citizenship scrutiny cards	Those involved in voter list more than three times holding one CSC	Those involved in voter list more than two times holding one CS
1	83 polling stations Myawady townships of Kayin State	172,025	97,779	47,035	3,710	19,908
2	176 polling stations in , Hlaingbwe townships of Kayin State	239,620	210,407	52,688	1,434	20,968
3	95 polling stations in Thandaunggyi townships of Kayin State	62,289	50,353	7,805	997	7,578

3. The Union Election Commission has inspected the withdrawal/receipt/use/remaining of ballot papers used for Pyithu Hluttaw Election of Myawady, Hlaingbwe and Thantaunggyi townships of Kayin State together with the respective township election sub-commission, head of police force, Immigration and Population and administrators in accordance with Section 53 of the Hluttaw Election Law.
4. According to the inspection, a total of 354 polling stations in these three townships took out 517,969 ballots and used 235,944 ballots. It left 26,288 ballots instead of 282,025 ballots. The difference was 19,731 ballots and it found 594 extra ballots. The extra/shortage ballots were found at respective polling stations. Findings were as follows:

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in each township								
Sr	Subject	Total polling station	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
							Missing	Extra
1	Myawady	83	177,839	80,693	97,146	89,885	7,269	8
2	Hlaingbwe	176	268,093	114,997	153,096	142,864	10,410	178
3	Thandaunggyi	95	72,037	40,254	31,783	30,139	2,052	408
	Total	354	517,969	235,944	282,025	262,888	19,731	594

- Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Myawady Township
5. A total of 83 polling stations in 8 Wards and 12 Village-tracts of Myawady Township in Kayin State took out 177,839 ballots and used 80,693 ballots. It left 89,885 ballots instead of 97,146. The extra/shortage ballots and illegal extra ballots were found at respective poll stations. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Subject	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
						Missing	Extra
1	Ward/village -tract ballots	173,600	79,200	94,400	87,139	7,269	8
2	Township Advanced ballots	1,493	1,493				
3	Township Remaining ballots	2,746		2,746	2,746		
Total		177,839	80,693	97,146	89,885	7,269	8

6. According to the inspection, it found 7,269 missing ballots and 8 extra ballots at 83 polling stations in 8 Wards and 12 Village-tracts of Myawady Township. They used 1,493 township advance ballots.
7. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Ward/Village-Tracts	Total Polling Stations	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
							Missing	Extra
1	No (1) Ward	3	4,550	2,814	1,736	1,705	31	
2	No (2) Ward	3	6,850	3,547	3,303	1,953	1,350	
3	No (3) Ward	8	24,800	9,621	1,5179	14,378	801	
4	No (4) Ward	14	34,500	13,697	20,803	19,112	1,691	
5	No (5) Ward	12	31,700	12,566	19,134	17,431	1,703	
6	Mekane village-tract	5	8,500	3,660	4,840	4,490	350	
7	Thingyannyinaung village-tract	5	7,150	4,235	2,915	2,819	96	
8	Meipalei village-tract	4	6,900	3,888	3,012	2,962	50	
9	Hpakalu village-tract	2	3,150	1,501	1,649	1,653		4
10	Hteewapalow village-tract	1	2,000	1,225	775	775		
11	Pawlaw village-tract	1	900	650	250	250		
12	Hwaeshan village-tract	2	3,500	1,984	1,516	1,516		
13	Kwinkalay village-tract	2	24,00	1,152	1,248	1,248		
14	Puhlwepu village-tract	9	14,350	6,910	7,440	7,383	57	
15	Mehtawthalay village-tract	3	6,650	3,358	3,292	3,294		2
16	Phalu village-tract	5	9,350	5,028	4,322	3,188	1,134	
17	No(1) Ward Wawlaymyaing Town	1	2,000	1,084	916	910	6	
18	No(2) Ward Wawlaymyaing Town	1	500	301	199	201		2
19	No(1) Ward Sukali Town	1	950	468	482	482		
20	Mekalar (sonesimyaing) Sukali Town	1	2,900	1,511	1,389	1,389		
	Ward/village- tract ballots	83	173600	79,200	94,400	87,139	7,269	8
	Township Advanced ballots		1493	1,493				
	Township Remaining ballots		2746		2,746	2,746		
	Township Total	83	177839	80,693	97,146	89,885	7,269	8

- Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Hlaingbwe Township
8. A total of 176 polling stations in 13 Wards and 72 Village-tracts of Hlaingbwe Township in Kayin State took out 268,093 ballots and used 114,997 ballots. It left 142,864 ballots instead of 153,096. The extra/shortage ballots and illegal extra ballots were found at respective poll stations. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Subject	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
						Missing	Extra
1	Ward/village -tract ballots	226,400	112,898	113,502	103,270	10,410	178
2	Township Advanced ballots	2,099	2,099				
3	Township Remaining ballots	39,594		39,594	39,594		
Total		268,093	114,997	153,096	142,864	10,410	178

9. According to the inspection, it found 10,410 missing ballots and 178 extra ballots at 176 polling stations 13 Wards and 72 Village-tracts of Hlaingbwe Township. They used 2,099 township advance ballots and saved 39,594 township remaining ballots.
10. Findings were as follows:

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Sr	Ward/Vil-lage-Tract	Total Polling Stations	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remain-ing	Remaining on the Ground	Differ-ence	
							Missing	Extra
1	Kagyee Ward	2	3,800	2,236	1,564	1,554	10	
2	Khakway Ward	1	1,800	1,246	554	604		50
3	Gange Ward	2	2,750	1,457	1,293	1,297		4
4	Gagyee Ward	2	2,250	1,371	879	903		24
5	Kamawkachue village-tract	4	4,100	2,143	1,957	1,330	627	
6	Kawhlaing village-tract	1	1,150	575	575	575		
7	Kwambe village-tract	3	3,150	2,571	579	429	150	
8	Peinhnetaw village-tract	2	3,650	1,320	2,330	2,316	14	
9	Kwamtar village-tract	4	6,050	3,160	2,890	1,942	948	
10	Dinepya village-tract	3	4,200	2,278	1,922	1,917	5	
11	Sinku village-tract	2	2,950	1,332	1,618	1,617	1	
12	Thamban village-tract	1	650	434	216	216		
13	Naungthangei village-tract	1	650	353	297	297		
14	Thapuhto village-tract	1	1,600	725	875	875		
15	Kyarain village-tract	2	3,850	2,148	1,702	1,502	200	
16	Shwegon village-tract	5	7,400	3,466	3,934	3,138	796	
17	Komaung village-tract	3	4,950	2,355	2,595	2,395	200	
18	Myalay village-tract	2	3,000	1,441	1,559	1,560		1
19	Ainnoeitheikpan village-tract	4	5,950	2,941	3,009	3,009		
20	Tawonphanya village-tract	2	2,900	1,525	1,375	1,375		
21	Kyonepako village-tract	2	3,300	1,571	1,729	1,729		
22	Gyoechaung village-tract	2	2,400	1,398	1,002	904	98	
23	Udaung village-tract	2	2,950	1,702	1,248	1,248		
24	Takhinlon village-tract	1	1,000	559	441	441		
25	Thayagone village-tract	6	7,000	4,532	2,468	2,468		
26	Nawkaw village-tract	2	1,950	1,068	882	884		2
27	Htelon village-tract	4	4,300	2,605	1,695	1,734		39
28	Winsein village-tract	2	2,750	902	1,848	1,598	250	
29	Naungtine village-tract	3	4,350	2,050	2,300	2,300		
30	Htatheinkyoewine village-tract	1	350	157	193	193		
31	Patgyaw village-tract	3	3,450	1,951	1,499	1,495	4	
32	Ahtetyaypu village-tract	3	3,800	1,956	1,844	1,738	106	
33	Aukyaypu village-tract	4	5,300	2,422	2,878	1,978	900	
34	Paingkyone no (1) Ward	1	150	97	53	53		
35	Paingkyone no (2) Ward	1	650	353	297	297		
36	Paingkyone no (3) Ward	1	450	236	214	214		
37	Paingkyone no (4) Ward	1	1,050	558	492	42	450	
38	Paingkyone no (5) Ward	1	1,400	1,019	381	383		2
39	Kanazo village-tract	3	4,150	2,273	1,877	1,677	200	
40	Moenaing village-tract	2	2,400	1,050	1,350	1,350		
41	Naungkhalon village-tract	1	1,200	436	764	564	200	
42	Winphaya village-tract	2	2,300	1,290	1,010	1,010		

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Thandaunggyi Township

11. A total of 95 polling stations in 19 Wards and 51 Village-tracts of Thandaunggyi Township in Kayin State took out 72,037 ballots and used 40,254 ballots. It left 30,139 ballots instead of 31,783. The extra/shortage ballots and illegal extra ballots were found at respective poll stations. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Subject	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
						Missing	Extra
1	Ward/village -tract ballots	67,288	39,546	27,742	26,098	2,052	408
2	Township Advanced ballots	708	708				
3	Township Remaining ballots	4,041		4,041	4,041		
Total		72,037	40,254	31,783	30,139	2,052	408

12. According to the inspection, it found 2,052 missing ballots and 408 extra ballots at 95 polling stations in 19 Wards and 51 Village-tracts of Thantaunggyi Township. They used 708 township advance ballots.

13. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Ward/Village-Tract	Total Polling Stations	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Differ-ence	
							Missing	Extra
1	Ward (1) Thantaunggyi	2	2,000	1,106	894	894		
2	Ward (2) Thantaunggyi	1	938	537	401	411		10
3	Ward (3) Thantaunggyi	1	1,600	939	661	659	2	
4	Ward (4) Thantaunggyi	1	900	506	394	394		
5	Ward (5) Thantaunggyi	1	2,100	1,099	1,001	1,001		
6	Ward (1) Thantaung	2	1,550	773	777	831		54

43	Naungboegyi village-tract	2	3,200	2,208	992	992		
44	Ywakinekaung village-tract	2	2,300	1,292	1,008	1,010		2
45	Kawtnwet village-tract	2	2,450	1,281	1,169	1,019	150	
46	Naungmyalwe village-tract	1	1,900	1,042	858	808	50	
47	village-tract	1	1,850	1,091	759	759		
48	Kawtphamwet village-tract	3	3,550	1,674	1,876	1,526	350	
49	Dawlan village-tract	3	4,800	2,168	2,632	2,337	295	
50	Pata village-tract	3	3,650	1,952	1,698	1,698		
51	Yaypugyi village-tract	1	700	400	300	200	100	
52	Kyettuywe village-tract	2	2,100	1,253	847	847		
53	Pawlauk village-tract	1	1,700	939	761	761		
54	Paung village-tract	1	1,900	979	921	923		2
55	Htantapin village-tract	3	2,450	1,402	1,048	1,048		
56	Naungkhowei village-tract	2	2,100	789	1,311	1,261	50	
57	Beesakat village-tract	1	1,750	1,014	736	736		
58	Hteephokein village-tract	3	3,550	1,913	1,637	1,383	254	
59	Tarkayar village-tract	2	3,000	1,040	1,960	960	1,000	
60	Mepaya village-tract	2	2,200	993	1,207	1,207		
61	Nwetpyinyar village-tract	1	1,400	545	855	855		
62	Kadikan village-tract	1	1,000	555	445	445		
63	Kawtmyatgyi village-tract	1	2,200	1,033	1,167	1,217		50
64	Winsaw village-tract	2	2,800	655	2,145	845	1,300	
65	Lawkaw village-tract	2	2,200	1,156	1,044	993	51	
66	Mikyaung village-tract	1	1,250	469	781	781		
67	Thamo village-tract	2	3,050	828	2,222	2,222		
68	Tarle village-tract	2	3,050	407	2,643	2,093	550	
69	Tarpaung village-tract	3	4,300	2,238	2,062	1,914	148	
70	Tamawtle (mae)village-tract	2	2,100	1,173	927	929		2
71	Tamawtle (kyaung) vil-lage-tract	3	3,200	1,573	1,627	1,623	4	
72	Takhwetpho village-tract	10	17,950	7,982	9,968	9,272	696	
73	Shanywathit N0 (1) Ward	1	200	26	174	74	100	
74	Shanywathit N0 (2) Ward	1	250	202	48	48		
75	Shanywathit N0 (3) Ward	1	100	19	81	81		
76	Shanywathit N0 (4) Ward	1	100	26	74	74		
77	Melawkhee village-tract	1	1,250	383	867	867		
78	Methamu village-tract	2	2,050	927	1,123	1,119	4	
79	Sawlaw village-tract	1	600	157	443	443		
80	Pahtalarpa village-tract	1	450	104	346	346		
81	Poepalay village-tract	1	800	403	397	348	49	
82	Kweelay village-tract	2	2,700	1,414	1,286	1,286		
83	Yinbine village-tract	1	1,550	665	885	885		
84	Yaytakhon village-tract	1	900	606	294	294		
85	Melayaw village-tract	2	2,350	660	1,690	1,590	100	
	Ward/village tract ballots	176	226,400	112,898	113,502	103,270	10,410	178
	Township Advanced ballots		2,099	2,099				
	Township Remaining ballots		39,594		39,594	39,594		
	Township Total	176	268,093	114,997	153,096	142,864	10,410	178

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Unite strengths to overcome challenges of Covid-19 pandemic successfully

THE Ministry of Health and Sports has recently issued public information to raise awareness of people over infection and impacts of the pandemic's third wave, which breaks out in Myanmar's neighbouring countries.

The infection rate of the Covid-19 pandemic remarkably increases in India, Bangladesh and Thailand, with a high number of dead persons.

Experts found UK Variant (B.1.1.7) and South Africa Variant (B.1.351) of Covid-19 virus with speedy infection rate and declining drug effectiveness. Hence, Myanmar people need to have a broader scope of health knowledge about the pandemic.

State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing gave a message on Myanmar New Year Day, highlighting that the government constantly monitors and conducts Covid-19 prevention and treatment undertakings for the public. It now has a three-stage priority programme for giving the vaccine, produced in India, China and Russia, for over 15 million people in five groups.

Till now, 3.5 million doses of vaccine for Covid-19 have already arrived in the country, and 28 million more units will come soon. Priority will be given to the people in preventing and containing the virus, he added.

As vaccination programmes have been arranged, people themselves should follow preventive measures of the pandemic not to infect the third wave of disease in Myanmar.

In this regard, the Ministry of Health and Sports has already pointed out preventive measures of the disease such as wearing of masks and face shields, systematic washing of hands, needs to avoid tightly closed rooms, air-conditioned rooms and poorly ventilated rooms and close relations with older persons, the practice of social distancing, and receiving soonest medical treatment from nearby health units in suffering from symptoms of fever, coughing, suffocation, exhaustion and sudden loss of smell and taste.

All in all, this will be the part of the people for the continuation of abiding by the health guidelines for Covid-19 prevention. Moreover, people need to cooperate with the departments concerned in operating quarantine centres to provide healthcare services to the Covid-19 patients to enable the entire people to overcome the pandemic challenges successfully.

Thoughts and comments on the birth and death anniversaries of William Shakespeare

By Dr Myint Zan

23 April 2021 (using the historic present tense) is the 457th anniversary of the great playwright William Shakespeare's birth (apparently on or about 23 April 1564) and also the 405th anniversary of his passing on 23 April 1616. The occasion calls for a humble tribute. The writer's thoughts and comments regarding statements made by a contemporary literary critic on the legacy of the personage that was William Shakespeare constitute the main part of this article.

The First 'Introduction to William Shakespear' for all Matriculation students in Burma from academic years 1968-69 to 1972-73

At least tens of thousands of Burmese baby boomers who had, in the late 1960s to early 1970s, studied till the Matriculation (high school-leaving) exams would have to go through a small booklet entitled *Six Tales from Shakespeare* (retold by E.F. Dodd, abridged and simplified edition, first published January 1953) as a textbook for the compulsory subject of English for the academic years 1968-69 to 1972-73.

The 'retold' tales were (in order of sequence in the booklet) from *The Merchant of Venice*, *The Taming of the Shrew*, *The Tempest*, *Julius Caesar*, *King Lear* and *Macbeth* encapsulated in simple English, probably intended for about 8 to 11-year-old kids whose native language is English.

For the then Burmese high school students during those years when the booklet was a compulsory text, the average age would have been between the ages of 15 to 19. After all these years, yours truly has read (among the six above) the original plays (with annotations, explanations and commentaries) *The Merchant of Venice*, *Julius Caesar*, *King Lear* and *Macbeth*.

Genuflections and Obeisance of the 'Renown Sage' from a Burmese Poet

About 15 years before the first abridged and simplified *Six Tales from Shakespeare* was published, the Burmese poet Sayagyi ('revered teacher') Minthuwn (10 February 1909-15 August 2004) composed a poem in the Burmese language in tribute, in adulation, awe and admiration of 'The Renown Sage'. It reads

in the original : ကဝိမော် ဝင်းသုဝဏ် သမင်နိုးသည့် မုဆိုးအကျော်၊ ကဝိမော်ကို ကော်ရော် ရှိကု၍၊ ငါနိမိုးသည် နိုးသို့ငါ့ဉာဏ်၊ ကျယ်စေသော်။

In this writer's translation: The Renown Sage By Minthuwn Translated by Myint Zan stealer of deer, famed hunter renown sage

I worship, prostrate myself [before you] give my obeisance to thee: may my mind be as wide as the sky (reach up to the sky)

(composed in the year 1937) Apparently, the poet Minthuwn wrote this tribute poem during his visit or after visiting Shakespeare's birthplace of Stratford-upon-Avon in the year 1937. Though the name William Shakespeare is nowhere mentioned in the poem, there are clear pointers whom Minthuwn revered as the renowned sage.

Based on a few stories perhaps apocryphal (or not) that had seeped through the past centuries, Shakespeare was supposedly also (at times) a 'hunter' and more mischievously though not necessarily notoriously 'a stealer of deer'.

The Christian theologian Augustine (13 November 354-28 August 430) wrote in his *Confessions of a Sinner* that in his early days, among the quite a few more 'bawdy' indiscretions he had committed, he had also stolen apples just for the fun and thrill of the steal and not that he was so desirous of eating the apple. Can we the moderns take an indulgent view of the renowned sage's alleged 'stealing of deer' with those of the 'confessed apple stealer' Augustine who flourished more than 1,200 years before William Shakespeare?

Minthuwn used three different (though overlapping somewhat in meaning) phrases to describe his (virtually) unbounded admiration of the Bard. The Burmese phrase *kaw yaw* is roughly translatable as (among others) 'worship', one meaning of the phrase *yo kyoe* is to prostrate and humble oneself before those who are elders, who are wise and worthy of such respect and *shi*

khoe means given obeisance and this word is mainly used in the context of people paying respect to the Buddha, the *Dhamma* (the Doctrine), monks, parents and teachers. Minthuwn obviously considered Shakespeare to be in the same rank, deserving of the same adulation, which according to Buddhism, are endless or 'infinite' benefactors of the laity.

Myanmar historical person-ages who were contemporaries of Shakespeare and full translations of Shakespeare's plays into Burmese

During the time Shakespeare flourished (1564-1616) in England, the Kings of the Toungoo/Nyaung Yan dynasty were (1) King (or was he an Emperor ?) Bayinnaung (reigned 1550-1581), Nanda Bayin (reigned 1599-1605), Anaukphelun (1605-1628).

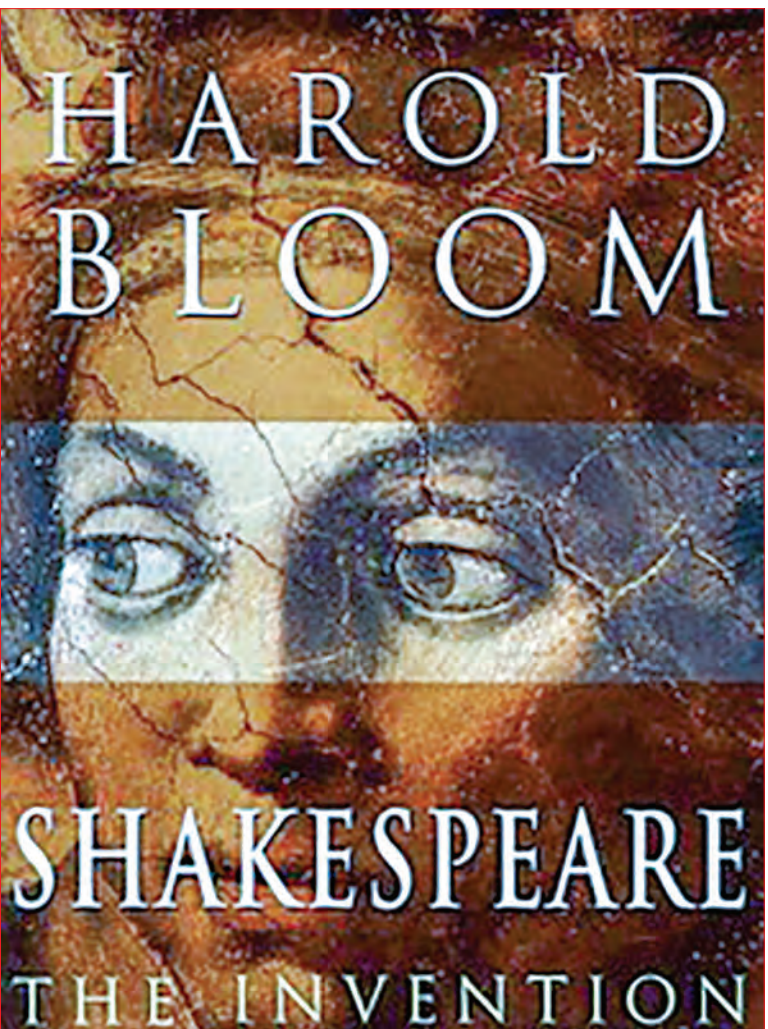
More notably, the king-poet Natshinnaung (1587-9 April 1613) was a younger contemporary of William Shakespeare. Harold Bloom stated that the eminent Spanish literary figure Miguel de Cervantes (author of *Don Quixote* novel) (29? September 1547-22 April 1616) who died a day before Shakespeare on 22 April 1616 and Shakespeare never knew of each other's existence, so to speak albeit they were contemporaries. Likewise, the Burmese kings of the mid-17th to early 17th century, including the poet-king Natshinnaung and Shakespeare, flourished contemporaneously in different parts of the planet, not knowing the existence of each other.

Perhaps as early as the late 19th century, a few of the plays of the Bard became known to the Burmese elites, and a few of them were translated perhaps only in summary and in excerpts into the vernacular. As far as this writer is aware (and he is subject to correction with details) complete translations of only two plays of Shakespeare *Julius Caesar* (by the late Mahn Tin which won the national literary prize, translation category, in 1965) and *King Lear* (by the late Minthuwn which won the national literary award, translation category, in 1984) have been published.

Bloom Brontosaurus Bardolator and being 'un-Shakespearean'

Minthuwn composed the poem in great admiration and praise of Shakespeare in the year 1937. In that year, a 7-year-old kid in the Bronx, New York in the United States by the name of Harold Bloom (11 July 1930-14 October 2019) was growing up and started to 'devour' the books in nearby public libraries including (later on) the plays and sonnets of William Shakespeare. By the late 1970s, Professor Harold Bloom had become Sterling Professor of Humanities at Yale University in the United States.

In his 1994 *The Western Canon: The Books and School of the Ages*, Bloom puts Shakespeare at the centre of the Canon with Dante Alighieri (circa May/June 1265 -13 September 1321) perhaps as a 'close second' among 24 writers in the (Western) canon.



In 1998 Bloom published a tome of about 760 pages titled *Shakespeare The Invention of the Human* where the praise, the adulation, yes the worship of the Bard that was William Shakespeare reached superhuman dimensions. Bloom proudly, self-consciously, profligately (if one has to adopt a somewhat critical tone) announced himself to be a (or rather 'the') 'Bardolator' (the one who unabashedly worship the Bard - his idol, his 'God' - more on that later).

In subsequent books, Bloom elaborated and 'waxed eloquent' further by saying he was Bloom Brontosaurus Bardolator: Brontosaurus was one of the biggest in size among the Dinosaurs. Bloom seemed to acknowledge that he was metaphorically a 'Dinosaur' and a big one at that since his literary views are to most 'Marxists, postmodernists, feminists, multiculturalists' and also neo-conservatives 'outdated', among others. (Bloom had deemed to consider them as 'The School of Resentment'. Bloom might also have felt pessimistic - or is it realistically? - that the literary views and values of himself the Bardolator, would become extinct.)

The above are mere snippets of the Bardolator's 'bardolatry'. This writer recalls reading in a review of one of Bloom's book in *The Australian newspaper* around 1995 that such Bardolatry is 'un-Shakespearean'.

A few critiques of Shakespeare: a brief glimpse

A verse in the Dhammapada reads: 'there never was, there never will be nor does there exists now a man [sic as it is written in most English translations going back perhaps to the 19th century; nowadays it may be politically correct to state 'a person'] who is wholly praised or wholly blamed'.

There have been critiques, for example, of Shakespeare's depiction of Shylock 'the greedy Jew' in *The Merchant of Venice*. It has been critiqued that the depiction of Shylock is, if not racist, then politically incorrect and ethically questionable. Likewise, the description of Caliban in *The Tempest* and of 'Kate' (Katherine) in *The Taming of the Shrew* has been alleged by some critics (including but not limited to multiculturalists and feminists) as stereotyping and indeed denigrating by class, race and gender 'the Other'.

(Super) (literary) genius that Shakespeare is, (to use the historic present tense again) he was, to a certain extent, the product of his times. An even more prominent (and at least in past centuries) more influential personage than Shakespeare is the Greek philosopher cum scientist and versatile genius Aristotle (384 - 322 Before the Current Era, BCE). From his extant (not extinct!) works it can be seen that Aristotle had made statements (say regarding the legal and perhaps moral necessity of slavery and his views regarding women) which is contrary to modern norms.

In the article 'Should We Cancel Aristotle?' published in the *New York Times* on 21 July 2020, philosophy teacher Agnes Callard noted Aristotle's defence (if not almost praise) of slavery and his condescending, if not degrading attitude towards women. Nevertheless, she argued in effect (and this writer would add rightly) that Aristotle should not be 'cancelled'.

One sentence in Callard's article, though, displeased me. She wrote, and I quote: 'I am, like Aristotle, a philosopher'. As a great admirer (though not an 'Aristotle-lator', so to speak) of Aristotle I would state that almost all philosophy teachers in the contemporary era are not pucca philosophers - certainly, they do not reach or even approach the 'status' of the philosopher as the great Aristotle. What would the reaction be even by admirers of Harold Bloom and his works if (IF) the Bardolator has written with extreme immodesty and outrageously QUOTE I, like Shakespeare, am a literary figure UNQUOTE?

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MYANMAR GAZETTE

Transfer and Appointment of Head of Service Organization

Dr Tha Tun Maung, Rector of Kalay University of the Higher Education Department under the Ministry of Education, is transferred and appointed by the State Administration Council as Rector of Dagon University of the Higher Education Department of the same ministry from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

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 works without a permit and provides assistance, according to the existing law.

Ministry of Information

Public information

Yangon Region Administration Council is working with relevant departments to help the businesses in the region. People are informed to contact the following phone numbers to get assistance for their small and medium-scaled businesses and investments which are facing some delays and working to do new businesses.

Phone numbers: 01 830 1975, 01 830 2175

Yangon Region Administration Council

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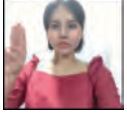
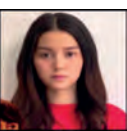
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Those spreading false news to affect State stability charged under Section 505-A

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

Sr	Account name	Profile	Address	Section of Penal Code	Photo	Sr	Account name	Profile	Address	Section of Penal Code	Photo
1	Kyaw Kyaw Htay Lwin https://www.facebook.com/KrReturn	Kyaw Kyaw Htay Lwin (a) Min Maw Gun 	Bahan Township, Yangon Region	505-a		11	May Zune Win https://www.facebook.com/mayzunewin3	May Zune Win 	Tamway Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
2	Paing Phyoe Thu https://www.facebook.com/victoria.win1	Paing Phyoe Thu 	Yankin Township, Yangon Region	505-a		12	Yan Naing Bo https://www.facebook.com/yan.bo.9	Yan Naing Bo 	Kamayut Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
3	Khin Wint Wah https://www.facebook.com/ActressKhinWintWah	Khin Wint Wah 	Ahlon Township, Yangon Region	505-a		13	Zin Zae Lwin https://www.facebook.com/zin.zae	Zin Myo Lwin 	Tamway Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
4	Novem Htoo https://www.facebook.com/novemscreamer	Novem Htoo 	Hmawby Township, Yangon Region	505-a		14	Naing Zay Min https://www.facebook.com/naing.zay.52	Naing Zay Min 	Pobbathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area	505-a	
5	The Khit Nay https://www.facebook.com/su.s.win.969	Thet Paing Win 	South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region	505-a		15	Ye Wint Thu https://www.facebook.com/ye.wintthudvb	Ye Wint Thu 	Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
6	Mya Hnin Yee Lwin (Einge) https://www.facebook.com/myahnin.lwin	Mya Hnin Yee Lwin 	Kungyangon Township, Yangon Region	505-a		16	Aung Nyein Kyaw https://www.facebook.com/de-suukyaw29	Aung Nyein Kyaw 	Thakayta Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
7	Mratt Kyaw Thu https://www.facebook.com/mrattkthu	Mratt Kyaw Thu 	Pyay Town, Bago Region	505-a		17	Myo Win https://www.facebook.com/myowin84	Myo Win 	Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
8	Thurein Hlaing Win https://www.facebook.com/thurein.hlaing-win	Dr. Thurein Hlaing Win 	Sangyoung Township, Yangon Region	505-a		18	Phyo Thu Kha https://www.facebook.com/100016422935728	Phyo Thu Kha 	Kamayut Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
9	May Oo https://www.facebook.com/MayOoOfficial	May Oo 	Kamayut Township, Yangon Region	505-a		19	Khin Nant Thar https://www.facebook.com/KNT26	Khin Nant Thar 	Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
10	Travel by Naw Htike https://www.facebook.com/travelbynawhtike	Naw Htike Htike Tun 	Insein Township, Yangon Region	505-a		20	Ni Ni Moe https://www.facebook.com/ama.moe.73932	Ni Ni Moe 	Nyaung-don Town, Ayeyawady Region	505-a	

Files opened against medical doctors who participated in CDM activity with attempts to deteriorate peace and stability of the State

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.

Sr	Name	Hospital	Address	Sec- tion of Penal Code	Photo
1	Dr Min Khine (Assistant Surgeon)	Penwegon Sta- tion Hospital	Dabayin Township, Sagaing Region	505-a	
2	Dr Thiha Aung (Assistant Surgeon)	Tawkywein Station Hospital	Toungoo Town, Bago Region	505-a	
3	Dr Pyae Phyo Aung (Assistant Surgeon)	Myochaung Station Hospital	Bago Town, Bago Region	505-a	
4	Dr Myat Thida Shwe (Assistant Surgeon)	Muse People's Hospital	Taunggyi Town, Shan State (South)	505-a	
5	Dr Myo Thet Oo (Assistant Surgeon)	Lashio People's Hospital	Mogok Town, Mandalay Region	505-a	
6	Dr Aung Maw (Assistant Surgeon)	Tiddim People's Hospital	Lanmadaw Township, Yangon Region	505-a	
7	Dr May Thu Aung (Assistant Surgeon)	Mindat People's Hospital	Shwebo Town, Sagaing Region	505-a	
8	Dr Win Naing Tun (Assistant Surgeon)	Homalin People's Hospital	Shwebo Town, Sagaing Region	505-a	
9	Dr Shine Htet Wai Aung Zaw (Assistant Surgeon)	Pakokku Gen- eral Hospital	Pakokku Town, Magway Region	505-a	
10	Dr Aung Soe Min (Assistant Surgeon)	Pakokku General Hospital	Pakokku Town, Magway Region	505-a	
11	Dr Ni Ni Nay Oo (Assistant Surgeon)	Pakokku Gen- eral Hospital	Pakokku Town, Magway Region	505-a	
12	Dr Aung Myint Thu (Assistant Surgeon)	Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1000-Bed)	Zabuthiri Town- ship, Nay Pyi Taw	505-a	
13	Dr Khun Min Maw (Assistant Surgeon)	Myawady People's Hospital	Myawady Town, Kayin State	505-a	
14	Dr Zar Ni oo (Assistant Surgeon)	Myawady People's Hospital	Myawady Town, Kayin State	505-a	
15	Dr Naing Wai Aung (Assistant Surgeon)	Hpa-an People's Hospital	Hpa-an Town, Kayin State	505-a	
16	Dr Than Lwin Tun (Township Medical Officer)	Madaya Town- ship People's Hospital	Mogok Town, Mandalay Re- gion	505-a	
17	Dr Thurein Soe (Specialist)	Bhamo People's Hospital	Katha Town, Sagaing Region	505-a	
18	Dr Yazar Tun (Assistant Surgeon)	Tangyan People's Hospital	Tangyan Town, Shan State (North)	505-a	
19	Dr Mya Thae Phyu (Specialist)	Lashio General Hospital	Lashio Town, Shan State (North)	505-a	
20	Dr Aung Lin Phyo (Assistant Surgeon)	Nawngkhio People's Hospital	Nawngkhio Town, Shan State (North)	505-a	

Among them, Dr Than Lwin Tun (Township Medical Officer) of Madaya Township People's Hospital, Dr Thurein Soe (Specialist) of Bhamo People's Hospital, Dr Yazar Tun (Assistant Surgeon) of Tangyan People's Hospital, Dr Mya Thae Phyu (Specialist) of Lashio General Hospital and Dr Aung Lin Phyo (Assistant Surgeon) of Nawngkhio 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 work licences of the private hospitals/clinics which allowed them to give medical treatments will be closed. Deterrent action will be taken against owners of these hospitals/clinics under the law. Action will be taken against any health staff under the law for taking charges of providing healthcare services to the people and giving assistance to private hospitals/clinics with participation in CDM activities without discharging assigned duty. Severe action will be taken against owners of private hospitals/clinics which admit those medical doctors and health staff for supporting the CDM participants.—MNA

Meeting on import and distribution of high-quality, affordable agricultural inputs before planting season held

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Tin Htut Oo attended the coordination meeting on importing and distributing agricultural inputs with high quality and low cost before the planting season yesterday morning in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, the Union Minister said Myanmar has many potentials and opportunities for further import and distribution of pesticides, fertilizer and seeds, adding that a sustainable economic chain can only be built by creating fair profits for companies that are doing business on agricultural inputs, with a focus on good quality and affordable price

for farmers.

He also added the consumption of fertilizers, pesticides and high-quality seeds by Myanmar, which is very low compared to neighbouring countries. According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO-Stat website), more than 3,000 tonnes of pesticides were used in Myanmar in 2018. Thailand received more than 30,000 tonnes and Vietnam consumed more than 20,000 tons.

More than 180,000 tonnes of fertilizer urea were used in Myanmar, while more than 1.8 million tonnes in Thailand and 1.4 million tonnes were used in Vietnam.

Regarding the consumption of seeds, the cost of seeds in Myanmar is only \$ 16 per hectare, while in Thailand, it is \$ 117 per hectare. And Viet Nam is spending \$ 59, according to the findings. According to the facts, the Union Minister said Myanmar has many potentials and opportunities to import and distribute seeds, pesticides, and fertilizer.

He also added that the registration and certificates for export-import of agricultural inputs can now be easily applied online through the Myanmar Agricultural Inputs Registration System (MAIRS).

The attendees discussed

preparation to import and distribute good quality and affordable agricultural inputs; Government's assistance for the timely exchange of foreign currency for import of raw materials for domestic production and to reduce the rapidly changing exchange rate; coordination matters among the relevant departments, associations and business persons; experience of using MAIRS online system.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister Dr Aung Gyi, the Permanent Secretary and Directors-General, officials from UMFCCI, the Ministry of Commerce and 38 rep-

resentatives from the Myanmar Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Entrepreneurs Association and Agricultural Inputs Companies.

From October 2020 to April 2021, Myanmar imports 670,000 tonnes of urea, 16,000 tonnes of pesticides and 5,000 tonnes of seeds.

Myanmar has 377 registered pesticide companies, five pesticide companies with 100% foreign investment, and 222 companies producing and selling pesticides locally. Four companies are re-selling pesticides locally. A total of 637 has registered as fertilizer companies, and there are eight fertilizer companies with 100% foreign investment in Myanmar. — MNA

Thoughts and comments on the birth and death.....

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Difficult task of 'lifting the veil' regarding Shakespeare's political, religious, philosophical views

Harold Bloom stated that relatively very little is known about Shakespeare's personal life and his 'views on life and the world' (or in German) Weltanschauung. In this writer's opinion, this is not the case with Aristotle, whose discourses discernible in his extant writings are attributable to Aristotle himself.

In contrast, can we attribute to Shakespeare the views of his characters Juliet (in Romeo and Juliet), Iago (in Othello), Hamlet (in Hamlet), Edmund (in King Lear), Rosalind (in As You Like It) or not? Notwithstanding this, and as stated above, the writer acknowledges that there has been justified or at least justifiable critiques from the 'progressive perspective' based on the ethical and political standpoints of later centuries of a select few of Shakespeare's depictions of his literary characters.

Still, this writer agrees with the late Harold Bloom that 'lifting the veil' to discern Shakespeare's attitudes towards life and the world is not an easy task. And perhaps that enigma adds to rather than detracts from the value, in terms of literary brilliance and philosophical depth, discernible at least in some if not most of the works of William Shakespeare.

Shakespeare as 'God' and future centuries not seeing the 'likes of William Shakespeare.'

In a book that he edited for the 450th anniversary of Shake-

speare's birth in 2014, Harold Bloom wrote perhaps quoting, paraphrasing or expanding the German poet Heinrich Heine (13 December 1797-17 February 1856) QUOTE 'There is no God but God, and his name is William Shakespeare. Yahweh is not God; William Shakespeare is God' UNQUOTE. Traditionalists and neo-conservatives (they are also among Bloom's detractors), not to say some adherents of the Abrahamic religions may take umbrage (especially if they are literalists) with Heine's and Bloom's (metaphorical) 'representation' of the mortal Shakespeare as 'God'.

Bloom also made a less metaphorical but more future-oriented assertion or prediction regarding Shakespeare. He wrote that 'future centuries will (rather than 'may') not see the likes of William Shakespeare'. This prediction comes not from an astrologer but from a literary critic whose literary output spanned from the mid-20th century to the first two decades of the 21st century. Perhaps Bloom made that statement in a more literal sense than the attribution of 'Godhood' to Shakespeare.

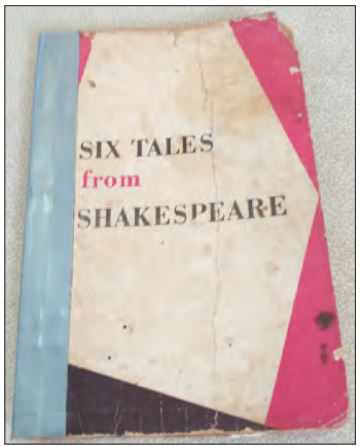
In 2010, a few months before he passed away, I mentioned to Professor U Tha Hto (9 June 1919-4 February 2011), a Burmese economist, the above assertion of Bloom. As an economist, U Tha Hto replied to the effect that Adam Smith's The Wealth of Nations (first published 1776) set the standards that cannot be surpassed in the field of classical economics. Likewise, Uncle U Tha Hto inferred by analogy that Shakespeare's sterling literary

achievements (I would add that they are legion vis-à-vis the past and according to Bloom as regards future centuries as well) cannot be 'matched'.

With respect, I am of the view that the juxtapositions of Adam Smith with William Shakespeare (both Britons) do have some relevance but only to a certain extent. Adam Smith's economic theories have been (in a sense) expanded, commented on, contradicted though of course, The Wealth of Nations remains both a classic and a landmark text. Not only Bloom but many contemporary literati would probably argue that in the four centuries since Shakespeare's passing, there may be works of English and Western literature in the form of drama that (nearly) or almost but not fully 'matched' the excellence and literary qualities of a few of Shakespeare's eminent plays. If there are dissenters, they would be hard-pressed to unequivocally persuade Shakespeare's admirers that post-Shakespeare, there were dramatists who wrote plays which 'equalled' (far less surpassed) at least a few of the great plays of Shakespeare.

Aristotle's and Shakespeare's Uniqueness Juxtaposed (and briefly compared)

Perhaps briefly, cursorily, the uniqueness of Aristotle and Shakespeare can be juxtaposed here. Michael H Hart, in his book The Hundred: A Ranking of the Most Influential Persons in History (first publication 1978, revised edition 1992), recounted the variegated endeavours and researches in numerous fields of knowledge that Aristotle made



2300 years ago. Michael H. Hart opined that a person like Aristotle could not emerge in the future (centuries?). This is so, not only due to Aristotle's versatility but human knowledge in the fields that were covered by Aristotle's fertile mind and his pioneering spirit have, unlike 23 centuries ago, become so vast. Hence research in and mastery of multifaceted fields of knowledge by a single individual qua Aristotle in the contemporary era is well-nigh impossible.

Can the statements of Michael H. Hart and Harold Bloom regarding two different personages who flourished about 1800 years apart be compared rather than merely juxtaposed? It needs to be stated that for about a thousand years in Arab, Christian and general European scientific culture, till about the 17th century, Aristotle was metaphorically 'worshipped' by scientists and other scholars of those centuries. Aristotle's discourses and writings were almost literally considered as 'gospel' or 'scriptural authority'. In the words of the Burmese writer Bhamo Tin Aung (9 June 1920-23 October 1978), Aristotle was treated as a 'minor

god' (pahya nge ta hsu) (with a small 'g' and not the 'God' of Heinrich Heine and Harold Bloom; Aristotle had his own 'God' in the form of 'The Unmoved Mover').

A thought comes to the writer's mind: Christian theologians Augustine, Aquinas (1225-7 March 1274) and the Islamic philosopher Averroes (1126-1198), who flourished from over 700 years ago to 1600 years ago, were great admirers of and were also greatly influenced by the the 'great Greek sage'. Had they stated, during their times, that 'future centuries' 'would not see the likes of Aristotle'? In their own ways, Michael H. Hart and Harold Bloom had expressed their views, in effect, that personages like Aristotle and Shakespeare respectively will not emerge in future centuries.

But starting from about the 16th century, quite a few of Aristotle's theories, from biology to cosmology to mechanics, were debunked and were proven wrong. A few of Aristotle's ethical views are being seriously challenged nowadays. Also, one does not have to wait for the 'future centuries' to discern some critiques of Shakespeare's depictions and literary creations - they are available right now.

Still, Harold Bloom's categorical assertion that there will be 'no more literary figures like Shakespeare in future centuries' perhaps stands in a somewhat different genre from those of the hypothesised statements concerning Aristotle of past centuries and that of 'no future Aristotle(s)' made by Michael H Hart a few decades ago.

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Lawsuit filed against unlawful CRPH for forming parallel government



Duwa Lashi La Mahn Win Khaing Than Daw Zin Mar Aung U Lwin Ko Latt U Yee Mon Dr Lian Hmung Sakhong U Tin Tun Naing



Dr Win Myat Aye Dr Sa Sa Dr Zaw Wai Soe Dr Tu Khoung Naw Susanna Hla Hla Soe U Moe Zaw Oo Khu The Bu



Daw Khin Ma Ma Myo Naing Kao Rot U Chit Tun Maing Win Htoo Min Zayar Oo Naw Htoo Phaw Ja Htoi Pan

THE unlawful CRPH (Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw) illegally formed the National Unity Government comprised of 14 members and 12 deputy ministers on 16 April 2021.

On the same day, the NUG members and deputy ministers held the oaths of the office via video conferencing, which was led by Patron U Aung Kyi Nyunt, former Amyotha Hluttaw MP of Constituency 6 in Magway Region, and Dr Wai Pyo Aung, former Pyithu Hluttaw MP for Thakayta Township served as MC at the ceremony.

Such formation of illegal parallel government by CRPH is an attempt to affect the State Administration Council-led government, which stands under the Constitution.

The cases are opened against those taking part or making efforts in forming the parallel government for committing High Treason under Section 122 of the Penal Code while those



Dr Shwe Pon Khun Bedu Daw Ei Thinzar Maung U Aung Kyi Nyunt Dr Wai Phyto Aung

- who join the activities or organizations set by the CRPH under Section 17(1) of the Unlawful Associations Act at the respective courts and police stations.
- Therefore, the lawsuits against the following persons— unlawful parallel government members, deputy ministers, and those participating in forming the parallel government were launched.
- (1) Duwa Lashi La

(2) Mahn Win Khaing Than

(3) Daw Zin Mar Aung

(4) U Lwin Ko Latt

(5) U Yee Mon

(6) Dr Lian Hmung Sakhong

(7) U Tin Tun Naing

(8) Dr Win Myat Aye

(9) Dr Sa Sa

(10) Dr Zaw Wai Soe

(11) Dr Tu Khoung

(12) Naw Susanna Hla Hla Soe

(13) U Moe Zaw Oo

(14) Khu The Bu

(15) Daw Khin Ma Ma Myo

(16) Naing Kao Rot

(17) U Chit Tun

(18) Maing Win Htoo

(19) Min Zayar Oo

(20) Naw Htoo Phaw

(21) Ja Htoi Pan

(22) Dr Shwe Pon

(23) Khun Bedu

(24) Daw Ei Thinzar Maung

(25) U Aung Kyi Nyunt

(26) Dr Wai Phyto Aung

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Anti-State slogan holders, riot leaders arrested in Loikaw, Mandalay

PROTESTERS holding anti-state slogans posters were arrested in Loikaw township yesterday.

Three women were arrested together with anti-state slogans and 13 balloons yesterday in Loikaw Township, Kayah State. They were arrested while the security forces were inspecting Shanpine ward. A group of 15 people were putting anti-State slogans on the bridge piers and between the traffic lights. During the inspection, a man attacked the members of the security forces with a knife and escaped.

Similarly, on 21 April, a coalition of security forces arrested 6 riot leaders, including Sein Htay, 52, son of U Kan Nyunt, who lives in Taungtha Township and Ma Zar Chi Soe, 40, daughter of U Soe Myint, who lives in Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay Region.

It is reported that legal action will be taken against those arrested people.—MNA

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Record of Press Conference (4/2021) held on 9 April 2021 by the State Administration Council's Information Team

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44. Dr Soe Myint Oo, editor-in-charge of the Myanmar Public Press New Agency, asked if it is possible to compile a list of people who should not have died due to CDM by ward/township and nation. He suggested doing so because the consequences will be even more pronounced by doing so. He said he has experienced in his environment the people who lost their lives because they were not allowed to go to hospital or clinic on time. He hoped that the public would be more considerate if they were allowed to know these facts.

45. Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun said he would try to do so.

46. Dr Soe Myint Oo, editor-in-charge of the Myanmar Public Press New Agency, asked the Ministry of Education. He said under the previous government, there were differences of opinion in some cases due to various reasons. There are education staff who have been punished.

According to the anonymous complaint letter to the headmistress of Zeyawaddy High School, Daw Thida Mya Swe, 5,000 kyats was collected on the transfer certificate. There were investigations with different opinions and personal issues. However, the Ministry of Education disabled her, and no appeal could be lodged. The Union Supreme Court filed a suit against the Ministry of Education, and the headmistress won



Some employees are participating in the CDM campaign. Employees of government ministries are in the CDM campaign to attack the government. But it is not a professional life. The practice of CDM by employees of private banks is, in fact, only the owners and chairpersons of private banks are affected. He said efforts are still being made to resolve these issues.

the case, and she was re-employed. Shortly afterwards, it was announced that only 25% of gratuity would be allowed to enjoy the removal. This is a situation that should not be allowed at all.

Like teacher Daw Thida Mya Swe, there are more than 80 other education staff. There is a real need for education staff. He said that he thinks some people will be able to return to work as they should be. He asked if it is possible to allow them to return to work as soon as possible.

47. A spokesperson from the Ministry of Education said the complaint is scrutinized, and the Direct Enquiry takes action if it is an anonymous complaint.

These are carried out according to the meeting of the Administration Committee. Suppose the trial court fails to re-appoint as instructed by the Attorney-General's Office. In that case, it will be re-examined by the next court and submitted to the MOEC. Therefore, he said, these were examined correctly. Sometimes, there may be some same circumstances that happened in the past and the facts included in the complaint, and he said it was presented at the Management Committee of the Ministry of Education.

48. Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun further replied that if there is a victim according to the law, the victim can proceed to the end of the legal decision. If another case is filed after this case, the matter can be reported. He said he would like to advise the aggrieved party to continue to act in accordance with its rights.

49. U Khaing Htoo, a correspondent for General Life News Agency, said that the State Administration Council and officials are aware of the current situation of the banking industry. Currently, the withdrawal amount from ATMs and private banks is limited, affecting the financial operations of small and medium enterprises. When withdrawing money at ATMs, due to the senior/junior system, the people had to wait in queue for about two hours. After 15 people have withdrawn money, there is no money in the ATM, and they had to return without withdrawing. He asked how the



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government will do to normalize the financial system and make it more efficient.

50. Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun said it is learned that the reopening of the banks has not yet exceeded 10% of the number of branches allowed by the Central Bank and the difficulties encountered in withdrawing money from ATMs. Some banks have made it possible to make payments through ATMs without having to go to the branches. However, there are still problems with queuing tokens when withdrawing money at banks. It is

functional.

52. Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun said he assumes that the question is wrong. It is just an assumption that only Nay Pyi Taw is under control. He said he just meant the question is wrong and that he is not objecting. Riots break out mostly in Yangon, Mandalay and Monywa, and it can be seen on Facebook or on the news. He said he sees the people are gathered to take the photo. The situation of Yangon can be asked to the journalists come from Yangon. It is better to ask the difference between the situation of Yangon now and then. He said he could say the protests are decreasing, but terrorist attacks can happen, and he urged the public to be aware

knows all the things happening on the ground. He said on the TV, the pagodas are bustling, and the programmes are repeated every day. Therefore, there is a slight difference between the ground situation and the broadcast situation. He asked if the Chairman knows about the situation.

56. Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun said no leader knows 100% of the situation happening on the ground. He said he also does not know 100%, but he knows what he should know. However, he said, there are news agencies that are providing news to the leader of the country. In addition, there are many people who are eyes and ears of the Chairman, and he knows what

istration Council had detained those who are supposed to be detained. Those who need to be inspected are being investigated. They will not be detained if they are not prosecuted. He said the Deputy Governor is detained and being investigated. He added the rumour is fake and that some stories are intentionally spread. For Example: When Ko Aung Thura from BBC was detained, a journalist spread the rumour of his death one or two days later, and there were inquiries on the phone about that. He said there is a reason for spreading the rumour. When riots escalate, a celebrity or someone in the spotlight is pronounced dead, and riots erupt.



learned that there are restrictions on withdrawing money. This is not something that banks are doing, but because of difficulties in staffing. Some employees are participating in the CDM campaign. Employees of government ministries are in the CDM campaign to attack the government. But it is not a professional life. The practice of CDM by employees of private banks is, in fact, only the owners and chairpersons of private banks are affected. He said efforts are still being made to resolve these issues.

As a practical procedure, they are calculating the number of bank-related staff in each

central township or region. It is also figuring out which businesses will be replaced and how. Efforts are being made to close all the branches in one township and open a branch related to those banks in a safe place.

It is hoped that this will happen soon. He replied that it was certain that not all banks can be opened yet.

51. Voice of Myanmar (VOM) correspondent U Maung Maung Tun said the military had taken over power more than two months ago. Only Nay Pyi Taw can maintain the situation. Due to the situation, the State function is not fully operational yet. He asked when it would be fully

of those terrorist acts and to be careful.

53. U Maung Maung Tun, a correspondent for VOM, said that many working-class people are in trouble when it comes to banking. He asked how this will be resolved.

54. Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun said the first step is to unite the banks to open, and the second is that if the Myanmar Economic Bank can open, other banks can open their branches at the Myanmar Economic Bank. He said it would be successful soon.

55. Correspondent for VOM U Maung Maung Tun asked whether the Chairman of the State Administration Council

he should know. He added no one could know 100% and the reason for the opening of hospitals and banks are to know that it is not true what some media shows in the news that trading, markets, hospitals and banks are shut down.

57. Correspondent of VOM U Maung Maung Tun asked if there was any news about the death of Central Bank Deputy Governor U Bo Bo Nge.

58. Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun said he saw the news in the news media, and he doesn't know who spread the rumour. He said U Bo Bo Nge is in good health in a meditation centre, not in jail. He said the State Admin-

59. Correspondent of VOM U Maung Maung Tun asked if it is true that a helicopter was shot down in Wam Hai in Shan State.

60. Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun said a helicopter was shot down yesterday in Wam Hai in Shan State. It was the State Administration Council's peace delegation to meet the SSPP. He said the condition was good as the SSPP ambulance team was on the ground when the helicopter was lowered. As nobody knew about the peace delegation, the helicopter was shot when it flew lowered. They apologized for that, and peace talks were held, and it was also successful.

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ONE Championship: Lineker defeats Worthen via knockout



John Lineker celebrates the victory after beating Troy Worthen via knockout at Round one of ONE Championship Men's Bantamweight title fight in Singapore yesterday. **PHOTO: PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP**

BRAZILIAN MMA fighter John Lineker, "Hands of Stone", beat American fighter Troy Worthen "Pretty Boy" via knockout at 4:35 minutes of Round one in the main card of the Men's Bantamweight title fight of ONE Championship TNT III showdown at Singapore Indoor Stadium in Singapore yesterday.

Both fighters made brilliant tactics throughout the bout. However, Linker could finish the great fight with his solid chokes plus punches even at the 4:35 minutes mark of Round one.

Upon his victory, John Lineker spoke out of his heartfelt feeling.

"I came here to be a champ," Lineker said following his victory. "I want Bibiano. I know that I am better than him. I am the best, and

I will show all the world that I will be the best in the world."

Next in the Men's Flyweight Mixed Martial Arts fight, Yuya Wakamatsu "Little Piranha" defeats Reece McLaren "Lightning" via unanimous decision.

In the Lead Card or Men's Lightweight MMA Fight, Ok Rae Yoon made a win over Marat "Cobra" Gafurov via a unanimous decision.

Meanwhile, in the Men's Strawweight MMA Fight, Miao Li Tao beat Ryuto Sawada, "Dragon Boy", via a unanimous decision.

In the Catch Weight (80.8KG) Muay Thai bout, Nieky Holzken "The Natural" beat John Wayne Parr via Technical Knockout at 1:23 minutes of round two.—GNLM ■

IOC chief supports state of emergency in Tokyo, denies games link

INTERNATIONAL Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach on Wednesday expressed support for the Japanese government's plan to impose a fresh coronavirus state of emergency in Tokyo but said the decision is unrelated to the approaching games.

Speaking at a press conference after a meeting of the IOC executive board, Bach said the decision is a proactive response appropriate for the Golden Week holiday period which falls just three months from the July 23 Olympic opening ceremony.

"If this measure would be taken, I think it would be absolutely in line with the very diligent approach we see being taken by the Japanese government, the Tokyo metropolitan



International Olympic Committee chief Thomas Bach holds a press conference in Lausanne, Switzerland, on April 21, 2021. **PHOTO: KYODO**

government and all of the Japanese authorities," he said.

"It is a preventative measure, and for this limited time.

This is absolutely in line with the overall policy of the government, but it is not related to the Olympic Games." —AFP ■

Gritty Man City move closer to Premier League title

MANCHESTER City closed in on the Premier League title as the leaders fought back to win 2-1 at Aston Villa on Wednesday in their first match since withdrawing from the European Super League.

Pep Guardiola's side were rocked by John McGinn's opener for Villa after just 20 seconds.

But City recovered impressively as Phil Foden equalised before Rodri put the visitors ahead.

City defender John Stones threatened to derail his team's charge when he was sent off for a reckless foul on Jacob Ramsey just before half-time.

However, Villa were reduced to 10 men as well when Matty Cash earned a second

booking for chopping down Foden in the second half.

City are 11 points clear of second placed Manchester United and need a maximum of eight points from their remaining five games to clinch a third Premier League title in four seasons.

City's bid for an unprecedented quadruple was shattered in Saturday's FA Cup semi-final defeat against Chelsea.

That loss, coming a week after 10-man Leeds won at the Etihad Stadium, raised the possibility of a remarkable late-season collapse from a City side who led the table by 17 points just a few weeks ago.—AFP ■

Champions League semis likely to go ahead: UEFA president

THE Champions League semi-finals next week are expected to go ahead, UEFA president Aleksander Ceferin said, after a plan by some top clubs to create a Super League caused chaos.

"There is relatively little chance that next week's matches will not be played...," Ceferin told Slovenian television Pop TV late Wednesday.

"The key thing is that the season has already started. If we cancelled the matches, television stations would have compensation demands," added Ceferin, who is Slovenian.

Football's most powerful clubs faced mounting calls on Thursday for reprisals over the European Super League fiasco, as the rebel competition's boss insisted it was merely "on standby" despite nine of the 12 founding teams pulling out.

The breakaway league folded just 48 hours

after its unveiling following blanket opposition from fans and officials.

Just Barcelona and Real Madrid, along with Italian champions Juventus—who admitted the lucrative project could not now go ahead—were left after top British clubs and others withdrew.

"There is 244 clubs on our side out of the 247 in Europe... We expect they (Super League clubs) will realize their mistakes and suffer the consequences," Ceferin said.

"It's been a while since I last saw such a conspiracy... From time to time I would hear rumours that something was being prepared, but I naively could not believe that the people who were talking with me on a daily basis about our future were, in fact, preparing a different thing behind our backs," he said.—AFP ■



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