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Maha Mingala ceremonies to lay cornerstones for building Maravizara Buddha Image



State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is making a donation of the gold casket and gem casket for sacred Buddha relics yesterday.

A CEREMONY to lay gem cornerstones for the construction of Maravizara Buddha image in Buddha Park in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory took place in the precinct of the Buddha Park yesterday morning.

The ceremony was attended by members of the Sangha led by State Ovadacariya Pyinmana Maha Withutayama Zaygon Monastery Presiding Nayaka Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Dr Bhaddanta Kavisara and Sayadaw of Pali Takatho Mingala Zeyon Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vimalabuddhi, Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Vice-Chairman of the Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Council members and their wives, the Secretary of the Council and wife, the Joint-Secretary of the Council and wife, the Chief Justice of the Union, Union ministers and wives, the Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council and wife, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers and guests.

First, the Senior General and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla offered alms in the emerald alms bowl, fruits, flowers, water and oil lights to the Buddha image in the Mingala pavilion.

The congregation opened the ceremony with a three-time recitation of Namo Tassa and took the Nine Precepts from Zaygon Sayadaw. Disciples offered Paritta flowers, water, thread, sand and stones to members of the Sangha. The Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and wife and the Vice-Chairman of the Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) and wife donated the gem casket, the gold casket for sacred Buddha relics, the gold casket for holy relics of Arhat, the gold casket for soil from the victorious land, treatises of Tri Pitakat,

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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.

Military personnel comfort patients at military hospitals in Buthidaung Township

LT-GEN Phone Myat of the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Htin Latt Oo, and party comforted and provided food aids to the monks, officers, their family members and Myanmar Police Force members who receive medical treatment at the military hospital in Buthidaung Township of Rakhine State. — MNA

Tatmadaw donates food rations to monks in Yangon



Offertories of foodstuffs are being presented.

FAMILIES of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) provided four types of food rations –rice, salt, cooking oil and gram to the monasteries and nunneries in their respective military command areas.

The Tatmadaw personnel also donated alms and offertories to the monks and nuns and conducted medical check-ups.

The Yangon Command donated food rations, COVID-19 protective gear and offertories to the monks of Thathana Beikman Monastery in Myaing Thaya Village of Hmawby Township and Dhamma Rekkhita Monastery in No (2) Ward of Botahtaung Township yesterday. — MNA

Tatmadaw continue providing healthcare services to civilians

MILITARY hospitals in the townships of regions and states are giving medical treatments to the people to solve their difficulties in healthcare services. A total of 162,807 outpatients and 4,191 inpatients reached these hospitals from 5 February to date. Senior medical experts, medics and nurses have conducted 7,635 major operations and 3,901 minor operations. The senior doctors treat the severe cases.

These hospitals managed for the birth of 10,118 babies to date. Of those, 3,968 cases were done in caesarean section and 6,150 cases in standard delivery.

In addition to providing medical care to patients in need of hospitalization, Tatmadaw is making arrangements for the well-being of hospitalized patients and caregivers. — MNA

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Arrangements are being made to open the universities in early May and basic education schools in early June

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.

(Excerpt from the speech to the Management Committee meeting made by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 23 April 2021)

Maha Mingala ceremonies to lay cornerstones ...





Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and congregation are taking Nine Precept from the Venerable Monks yesterday.

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gold leaves for Jaya Mangala Gatha and Mingala Mawgun inscription, the gold alms-bowl, stone inscription, gems cornerstones and offerings to Zaygon Sayadaw and Pali Takatho Sayadaw.

Disciples conveyed the gold casket for sacred Buddha relics, the gold casket for sacred relics of Arhat, the gold leaves for treatises of Tri Pitakat, gold leaves for Jaya Mangala Gatha and Mingala Mawgun inscription, the gold alms-bowl, stone inscription, gems cornerstones, the gold alms-bowl, the gold cornerstone decorated with pieces of ruby, the gold cornerstone and Mawgun inscription respectively to round the precinct of the Buddha image clockwise and then to the centre of the cornerstone.

Leader well-wisher for the image, the Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services placed the soil from seven sites of Bodh Gaya and from famous pagodas from Myanmar. At the auspicious time, the gem casket, the gold casket for sacred Buddha relics, the gold casket for holy relics of Arhat, the gold leaves for treatises of Tri Pitakat, gold leaves for Jaya Mangala Gatha and Mingala Mawgun inscriptions, the gold alms-bowl, the gold cornerstone decorated with pieces of ruby and stone inscription of Mawgun at the designated places and sprinkled scented Paritta water on it.

In accord with the traditions mentioned in the treatises, they all took the designated places. Then, the Vice-Chairman of the Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) placed the cornerstone decorated with pieces of pearl, General Mya Tun Oo, the sapphire cornerstone, Admiral Tin Aung San, the garnet cornerstone, General Maung Maung Kyaw, the emerald cornerstone, Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe, the coral cornerstone, U Win Shein, opal cornerstone, Lt-Gen Kyaw Swa Lin, the topaz cornerstone and Lt-Gen Kan Myint Than, the diamond cornerstone. They then sprinkled scented Paritta water on the cornerstones and scattered various kinds of jewellery on the central foundation.

Likewise, a ceremony to convey part-2 and part-3 of the marble rocks for the Buddha image followed. Led by Zaygon Sayadaw and Pali Takatho Sayadaw, the Senior General, the Vice-Senior General, and officials sprinkled scented Paritta water on the parts of the marble rocks and recited Jaya Mangala victorious verses. At the auspicious time, part-2 and part-3 of the marble rocks for the Buddha image were conveyed to the venue to take paying homage.

"Maravizara Buddha Image" is defined as the Lord Buddha significantly conquering overall disturbances and dangers committed by Marn celestial being. Construction of the Buddha image aims to show the firm flourishing of Theravada Buddhism in Myanmar to the world, to ensure peace and tranquillity in the country, contribute visits of local and foreign travellers to the regional development as well as the development of the State. The Buddha image will be carved in line with 32 major characteristics and 80 minor ones of the Lord Buddha in Bhumi Phassa Mudra. The throne will be 18 feet high and the Buddha image, 63 feet high, totalling 81 feet tall. Upon completion, the Maravizara Buddha Image will be the most prominent and highest image made of marble in Myanmar and worldwide. —MNA



Vice-Senior General Soe Win is seen sprinkling scented Paritta water on the marble stone for Buddha image.

Announcement of Union Election Commission
24 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 Kyauktaga, Shwegyin and Thanatpin townships of Bago Region.
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	211 polling stations in Kyauktaga Township of Bago Region	202,408	173,510	46,925	1,704	20,970
2	74 polling stations in Shwegyin Township of Bago Region	77,137	65,469	14,138	512	7,292
3	91 polling stations in Thanatpin Township of Bago Region	123,572	105,811	33,890	721	10,534

3. The Union Election Commission has inspected the withdrawal/receipt/use/remaining of ballot papers used for Pyithu Hluttaw Election of Kyauktaga, Shwegyin and Thanatpin townships of Bago Region together with the respective township election sub-commission, head of police force, Immigration and Population and administrators in accordance with the Hluttaw Election Law Section 53.
4. According to the inspection, a total of 376 polling stations in these three townships took out 451,206 ballots and used 255,492 ballots. It left 182,530 ballots instead of 195,714 ballots. The difference was 15,181 ballots and it found 1,997 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	Kyauktaga,	211	228,902	126,040	102,862	95,788	8,598	1,524
2	Shwegyin	74	86,503	54,133	32,370	30,455	2,164	249
3	Thanatpin	91	135,801	75,319	60,482	56,287	4,419	224
	Total	376	451,206	255,492	195,714	182,530	15,181	1,997

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Kyauktaga Township

5. A total of 211 polling stations in 18 Wards and 46 Village-tracts of Kyauktaga Township in Bago Region took out 228,902 ballots and used 126,040ballots. It left 95,788 ballots instead of 102,862. 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	223,750	125,223	98,527	91,455	8,596	1,524
2	Township advance ballots	817	817				
3	Township Remaining ballots	4,335		4,335	4,333	2	
Total		228,902	126,040	102,862	95,788	8,598	1,524

6. It found 8,596 missing ballots and 1,524 extra ballots at 211 polling stations in 18 Wards and 46 Village-tracts of Kyauktaga Township. The withdrawals and used ballots numbers were in conformity with 817. But the remaining ballots of township election sub-commission must be 43,35 and it found 4,333 ballots in the inspection and two ballots were found missing.
7. A total of 847 ballots from Taung Khin village-tract, Thanpaya Khone Village-tract and Aung Myin Village-tract of Kyauktaga Township were returned on 9-11-2021 by the secretaries of respective village-tract election commission. Of these returned ballots, 500 were left in the ballot boxes.
8. The remaining used ballots, remaining advance ballot receipts and remaining ballots of No (3) polling station in Zayet Khin Village-tract and No (6) polling station of Pyu Su Village-tract out of 211 polling stations of Kyauktaga were found missing.
9. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Ward/Village-Tracts	Total Polling Stations	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
							Missing	Extra
1	Kwinnout Ward	2	5,200	2,970	2,230	2,230		
2	Sartite Ward	1	2,250	1,363	887	837	50	
3	Zaypine Ward	1	2,550	1,516	1,034	1,033	1	
4	Kwintaung Ward	1	2,750	1,534	1,216	1,216		
5	Kwinmyout Ward	1	3,200	1,861	1,339	1,339		
6	Dapinshwehti Ward	2	3,700	1,948	1,752	1,752		
7	Gontaw Ward	1	800	646	154	254		100
8	Pyitawtha Ward	1	1,800	987	813	813		
9	Thadipahtan Ward	1	2,850	1,582	1,268	1,268		
10	Myoma Ward	1	650	372	278	278		
11	Thanmani Ward	1	2,650	1,520	1,130	830	300	
12	Aungmyay Ward	2	1,900	1,130	770	772		2
13	Kambawza Ward	1	2,000	1,252	748	748		
14	Boopeiksan 1 Ward	1	2,500	1,405	1,095	1,095		
15	Boopeiksan 2 Ward	2	3,800	2,045	1,755	1,757		2
16	Boopeiksan 3 Ward	1	2,950	1,394	1,556	1,556		
17	Boopeiksan 4 Ward	1	2,850	1,449	1,401	101	1,300	
18	Boopeiksan 5 Ward	1	3,050	1,556	1,494	1,492	2	
19	Aungmyin Village-tract	6	13,700	7,149	6,551	6,168	383	
20	Yinteikkon Village-tract	5	4,700	2,951	1,749	1,749		
21	Sayyoekhin Village-tract	1	3,050	1,484	1,566	1,566		
22	Kwetma Village-tract	1	1,500	790	710	710		
23	Thametinnkon Village-tract	5	6,750	4,023	2,727	2,427	300	
24	Taungkhin Village-tract	4	4,100	2,471	1,629	1,129	500	
25	Kyaungsoe Village-tract	4	4,900	2,156	2,744	1,744	1,000	
26	Kyeinkhakon Village-tract	7	4,550	2,603	1,947	1,947		
27	Bawdikwin Village-tract	4	2,450	1,723	727	777		50
28	Ahnanbaw Village-tract	6	4,300	2,468	1,832	1,832		
29	Kahnyingon Village-tract	4	3,550	1,990	1,560	1,524	36	
30	Hsinzalote Village-tract	5	3,700	2,165	1,535	1,535		
31	Khininngyi Village-tract	3	2,750	1,173	1,577	827	750	
32	Kyarinngon Village-tract	4	3,850	1,903	1,947	1,947		
33	Kinmoninn Village-tract	4	5,000	2,762	2,238	2,238		
34	Tumaung Village-tract	1	1,900	937	963	963		
35	Kankalay Village-tract	5	2,750	1,733	1,017	1,017		
36	Kyayyoe Village-tract	4	3,650	2,082	1,568	1,418	150	
37	Meetaingtaw Village-tract	4	3,400	2,009	1,391	1,331	60	
38	Ganet Village-tract	7	5,600	3,499	2,101	2,101		
39	Haryee Village-tract	7	6,800	3,621	3,179	2,479	700	
40	Gwaygon Village-tract	3	2,100	1,246	854	852	2	

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41	Innpatlae Village-tract	4	4,000	2,422	1,578	1,578		
42	Bwekhin Village-tract	4	3,000	1,560	1,440	1,440		
43	Htilat Village-tract	4	3,350	2,138	1,212	1,212		
44	Kin Village-tract	4	5,050	2,923	2,127	2,130		3
45	Hsisonegon Village-tract	3	5,750	2,899	2,851	2,851		
46	Latkhan Village-tract	4	2,200	1,540	660	458	202	
47	Nanza Village-tract	4	2,500	1,622	878	878		
48	Magyipin Village-tract	2	3,800	2,088	1,712	1,712		
49	Paenwegon Ywama Village-tract	5	4,250	2,097	2,153	1,453	700	
50	Zayatkhin Village-tract	5	2,450	1,335	1,115	915	200	
51	Khingyi Shansu Village-tract	4	3,700	2,217	1,483	1,493		10
52	Wainggyi Village-tract	1	1,250	606	644	534	110	
53	Taungpawsu Village-tract	2	1,750	875	875	875		
54	Shandoetan Village-tract	3	3,500	2,081	1,419	1,419		
55	Gyochaung Village-tract	5	3,000	1,667	1,333	1,183	150	
56	Thapuyarkhon Village-tract	4	3,200	1,694	1,506	1,256	250	
57	Myochaung Village-tract	5	5,250	3,026	2,224	1,474	750	
58	Konlaeyoe Village-tract	3	4,000	2,287	1,713	1,723		10
59	Kyunchaung Village-tract	4	2,350	1,442	908	908		
60	Thahtaygyi Ywathit Village-tract	5	3,800	1,861	1,939	1,589	350	
61	Phyusu Village-tract	8	4,750	2,660	2,090	1,740	350	
62	Gonminkwin Village-tract	9	5,150	2,998	2,152	2,152		
63	Sarpyin Village-tract	2	600	384	216	216		
64	Saetlay Village-tract	1	2,600	1,333	1,267	1,267		
	Ward/village -tract separately handover ballots					1,347		1,347
	Ward/village -tract ballots	211	223,750	125,223	98,527	91,455	8,596	1,524
	Township Advanced ballots		817	817				
	Township Remaining ballots		4,335		4,335	4,333	2	
	Total	211	228,902	126,040	102,862	95,788	8,598	211

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Shwegyin Township

10. A total of 74 polling stations in 8 Wards and 30 Village-tracts of Shwegyin Township in Bago Region took out 86,503 ballots and used 54,133 ballots. It left 30,455 ballots instead of 32,370. 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	82,500	53,414	29,086	26,976	2,164	54
2	Township advance ballots	719	719				
3	Township remaining ballots	3,284		3,284	3,479		195
Total		86,503	54,133	32,370	30,455	2,164	249

11. It found 2,164 missing ballots and 54 extra ballots at polling stations in 8 Wards and 30 Village-tracts of Shwegyin Township. The withdrawals and used township advance ballots were in conformity with 714. The township election sub-commission must have 3,284 remaining ballots but it found only 3,479 ballots in the inspection and so the extra ballots were 195.

12. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Ward/Village-Tracts	Total Polling Stations	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
							Missing	Extra
1	Makyeetan Ward	1	1,350	958	392	394		2
2	Pwekone Ward	1	2,100	1,380	720	718	2	
3	Pyinmapin Ward	1	2,050	1,207	843	843		
4	Gangawwaine Ward	1	1,750	1,306	444	444		
5	Pambedan Ward	1	1,050	768	282	282		
6	Shankon/kyaynantan Ward	3	6,350	3,820	2,530	2,482	48	
7	Nyaungwain Tayoketan Ward	1	2,350	1,702	648	648		
8	Kywetae Ward	2	3,200	2,180	1,020	1,020		
9	Zalotekyee Village-tract	2	1,750	1,112	638	638		
10	Nyaungchaehtauk Village-tract	1	850	400	450	450		
11	Kwunseik Village-tract	3	4,550	2,479	2,071	1,981	90	
12	Donzayit Village-tract	3	3,800	2,371	1,429	1,431		2
13	Sonekone Village-tract	3	1,950	1,253	697	697		
14	Dagondaine Village-tract	4	3,600	2,237	1,363	1,213	150	
15	Taungbat Village-tract	3	5,000	3,228	1,772	1,072	700	
16	Winkhaname Village-tract	4	3,150	1,839	1,311	1,261	50	
17	Kanbayai Village-tract	2	2,000	1,289	711	711		
18	Ahnautbat Village-tract	3	3,350	2,395	955	955		
19	Htaunglaung Village-tract	1	750	475	275	275		
20	Aungmaezaung Village-tract	1	300	179	121	121		
21	Saluchaung Village-tract	1	1,100	763	337	333	4	
22	Kyonepanga-Kyauktan Village-tract	1	950	603	347	347		
23	Kyarchaung Village-tract	1	350	232	118	118		
24	Chaetawyar Village-tract	1	2,100	1,519	581	581		
25	Tahyetchaung Village-tract	3	1,800	1,136	664	314	350	
26	Ingani Village-tract	2	2,500	1,538	962	962		
27	Thanseik Village-tract	3	2,950	1,859	1,091	921	170	
28	Maupin Village-tract	1	850	582	268	268		
29	Padekaw Village-tract	3	3,900	2,834	1,066	1,116		50
30	Mabee Village-tract	1	1,000	712	288	288		
31	Hinthawe Village-tract	2	2,450	1,477	973	823	150	
32	Dalaseik Village-tract	2	2,300	1,376	924	624	300	
33	Innbalar Village-tract	2	1,550	1,085	465	465		
34	Waingpyinyay Village-tract	3	3,000	1,971	1,029	979	50	
35	Nyaungpingyi Village-tract	2	1,350	855	495	445	50	
36	Thetkyegon Village-tract	3	1,800	1,434	366	366		
37	Bouthtar Village-tract	1	850	569	281	231	50	
38	Ahtet Maezaung Village-tract	1	450	291	159	159		
	Ward/village -tract ballots	74	82,500	53,414	29,086	26,976	2,164	54
	Township Advance ballots		719	719				
	Township Remaining ballots		3,284		3,284	3,479		195
	Total	74	86,503	54,133	32,370	30,455	2,164	249

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Thanatpin Township

13. A total of 91 polling stations in 6 Wards and 60 Village-tracts of Thanatpin Township in Bago Region took out 135,801 ballots and used 75,319 ballots. It left 56,287 ballots instead of 60,482. 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	12,8800	74,528	54,272	50,044	4,399	171
2	Township advance ballots	797	791	6	59		53
3	Township remaining ballots	6,204		6,204	6,184	20	
Total		135,801	75,319	60,482	56,287	4,419	224

14. It found 4,399 missing ballots and 171 extra ballots at 91 polling stations in 6 Wards and 60 Village-tracts of Thanatpin Township. The withdrawals of township advance ballots were 797 and used 791. The remaining must be 6 ballots and it found 59remaining ballots and so there were 53 extra ballots. The township election sub-commission must have 6,204 remaining ballots but it found 6,184 ballots in the inspection and so 20 ballots were found missing.

15. At No (1) polling station in Auk Thaung Village-tract in Thanatpin Township, 463 voters cast their votes with just making a mark (√) without registering their signs or fingerprints of left hand thumb in Form (1).

16. The inspection team did not find the ballot receipts used at No (2) polling station in Kyar Khaung Village-tract and also the used ballots and remaining ballot receipts used at No (3) polling station of Kalar Chaung Gyi Village-tract.

17. Findings were as follows:

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Sr	Ward/Village-Tracts	Total Polling Stations	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remaining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
							Missing	Extra
1	Zaypine Ward	1	2,400	1,601	799	799		
2	Outsupine Ward	1	1,500	993	507	507		
3	Payargyipine Ward	1	2,850	1,955	895	895		
4	Butarpine Ward	1	2,100	1,306	794	794		
5	Setkonepine Ward	2	3,900	2,593	1,307	1,017	290	
6	Ywarthitpine Ward	2	1,800	977	823	673	150	
7	Yaygyaw Village-tract	2	5,050	2,897	2,153	1,552	601	
8	Makyetsu Village-tract	2	2,700	1,893	807	817		10
9	Kaline Village-tract	1	2,000	1,403	597	597		
10	Sunnpi Village-tract	1	1,050	768	282	432		150
11	Kamarphayan Village-tract	1	1,300	960	340	340		
12	Phayae Village-tract	1	2,200	1,711	489	489		
13	Ngargyiwin Village-tract	1	750	547	203	203		
14	Htaungmin Village-tract	2	2,350	1,195	1,155	1,006	149	
15	Tarwayaytangar Village-tract	1	1,800	1,201	599	599		
16	Kathaekon Village-tract	2	3,000	1,605	1,395	1,245	150	
17	Kyainpadinegyi Village-tract	1	2,600	1,880	720	720		
18	Kyaikpadinelay Village-tract	1	1,500	1,072	428	428		
19	Sintohebo Village-tract	1	650	463	187	187		
20	Dagondaing Village-tract	1	950	686	264	214	50	
21	Kyaikmae Village-tract	1	1,350	910	440	438	2	
22	Moekhinegyi Village-tract	1	1,900	859	1,041	991	50	
23	Moekhinelay Village-tract	1	700	493	207	207		
24	Ahpine Village-tract	2	1,400	900	500	500		
25	Zipin Village-tract	1	1,800	960	840	840		
26	Kayan Village-tract	1	1,600	965	635	385	250	
27	Kayannyaungpin Village-tract	1	1,300	740	560	560		
28	Minywatarwa Village-tract	2	2,900	1,753	1,147	1,147		
29	Minn Village-tract	2	4,250	2,576	1,674	1,674		
30	Minywakyaungsu Village-tract	2	2,600	1,614	986	986		
31	Kyuchaung Village-tract	2	1,200	670	530	443	87	
32	Outtakhe Village-tract	2	1,850	1,093	757	707	50	
33	Kyungyi Village-tract	3	3,050	1,764	1,286	1,226	60	
34	Kyonepar Village-tract	2	3,450	1,759	1,691	1,691		
35	Waepyan Village-tract	1	1,600	846	754	754		
36	Nyaungpinsu Village-tract	1	850	465	385	385		
37	Outthaung Village-tract	2	1,550	723	827	727	100	
38	Kyeepinsu Village-tract	2	3,200	1,522	1,678	1678		
39	Thanattan Village-tract	1	2,000	1,054	946	946		
40	Shwehlaysu Village-tract	1	1,600	864	736	736		
41	Kamarsu Village-tract	2	4,200	2,704	1,496	1,496		
42	Hlapakit Village-tract	1	700	506	194	194		
43	Htetkhanein Village-tract	1	1,400	977	423	423		
44	Ahneekite Village-tract	1	800	521	279	229	50	
45	Kyargaung Village-tract	2	1,650	946	704	704		
46	Yitkanlay Village-tract	2	2,700	1,598	1,102	952	150	
47	Tawbotesu Village-tract	1	950	549	401	401		
48	Khalet Village-tract	1	1,500	868	632	632		
49	Nyankyun Village-tract	1	2,950	1,830	1,120	1,120		
50	Kathitwaine Village-tract	3	2,800	1,598	1,202	1,202		
51	Ywarhaung Village-tract	1	1,450	851	599	589	10	
52	Kyeepin Village-tract	1	600	304	296	296		
53	Hlwanpyay Village-tract	1	600	305	295	245	50	
54	Kalarchaunggyi Village-tract	3	5,400	1,973	3,427	1,527	1900	
55	Dagondine Village-tract	1	1,850	1,003	847	848		1
56	Natyaykan Village-tract	1	3,600	1,625	1,975	1,975		
57	Kawetae Village-tract	1	800	400	400	400		
58	Kanphyo Village-tract	1	450	209	241	241		
59	Kwinyarshae Village-tract	1	1,800	787	1,013	1,013		
60	Khalatsu Village-tract	1	1,500	747	753	753		
61	Kokkoe Village-tract	2	2,850	1,398	1,452	1,462		10
62	Kywephyuchaung Village-tract	1	1,300	741	559	559		
63	Shweohe Village-tract	1	300	180	120	120		
64	Kathitkhone Village-tract	1	750	390	360	360		
65	Kapin Village-tract	1	2,000	717	1,283	1,033	250	
66	Aungbongyi Village-tract	1	1,300	565	735	735		
	Ward/village -tract ballots	91	128,800	74,528	54,272	50,044	4,399	171
	Township Advance ballots		797	791	6	59		53
	Township Remaining ballots		6,204		6,204	6,184	20	
	Total	91	135,801	75,319	60,482	56,287	4,419	224

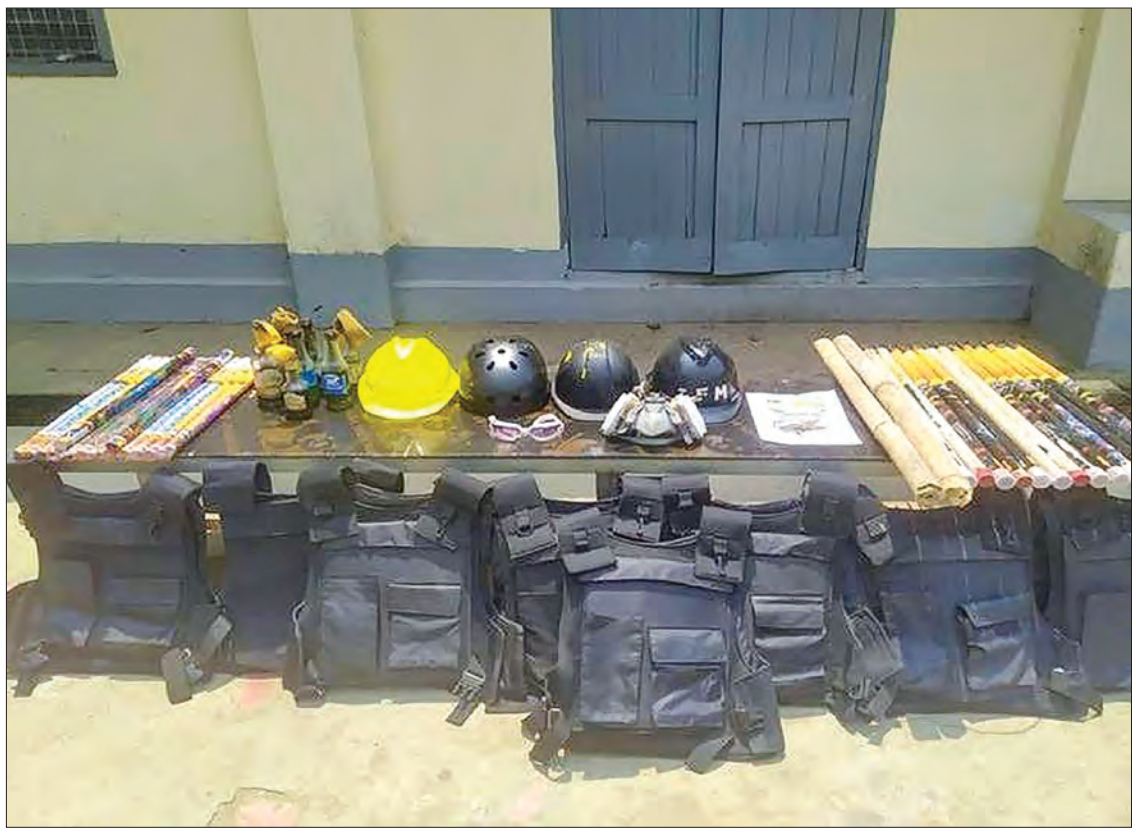
Union Election Commission

Suspects arrested with their firearms

THE security forces arrested Win Min Tun, Naing Lin Htet, Pyae Phyo Maung, Ma Nan Ohnmar Oo, Ma Hnin Hnin Oo and Ma Ei Kham together with their homemade weapons used in riots in Kaung Naung Ward in Muse Township on 24 April.

Moreover, the police detained Wai Yan, Ma Sandi Nyunt Win and Ma Aye Thandar Aung for distributing anti-government papers in Thingangyun township at Myitta Nyunt Ward of Tamway Township, and they found a handmade mine in Ottha Myo Thit of Bago Township and arrested three men near Kanpetlet junction in Mindat Township, 14 men and 2 women including Myint Soe, security of rubber plantation near Yangon-Mandalay expressway road in Hlawga Village of Bago Township together with their weapons used in riots.

The police raided the house of Nay Min Min located in Mayangon Township of Yangon Region and did not find the suspect but the firearms.



Seized materials used in riots in North Okkalapa Township.

The security forces also raided the house of Zaw Zaw Aung located in Myingyan Township of Mandalay Region and the house of Myo Kyaw Kyaw located in the same ward and the security members arrested them together with their materials used in riots.

Moreover, the police arrested Than Soe from Pathein in Ayeyawady Region and seized the weapons at "Shwe Min Tha Mee" building and "Tun Shwe Yaung" teashop located in Shwepyitha Township.

The security forces detained Daw Thandar Aung from Pyay Township of Bago Region, Kyaw Min Thu from Pyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw and Kyaw San Oo from Meiktila Township of Mandalay Region together with their firearms used in riots.

On 25 April, the security forces found a handmade mine between Kyi Taung Kan railway station and Phyat Khwal railway station in Tabin Shwe Htee Ward of Pobbathiri Township.

The police confiscated the weapons used in riots in No (14) B.E.P.S compound in North Okkalapa Township of Yangon Region.

The security members also arrested Kyi Htwe from Dawei Township of Taninthayi Region together with the firearms.

Those arrested will face effective legal actions, and investigations are underway to capture the rest of the suspects. — MNA

Shan State emphasizes food sufficiency, enhancement of people's living standard

A coordination meeting to manage systematic learning of vocational courses took place at the office of Shan State Administration Council on 23 April, attended by Union Minister for Agriculture, Livest-ock and Irrigation U Tin Htut Oo.

The meeting focused on job opportunities for local people, enhancement of living standard, the emergence of modern oil mills, encouragement to the establishment of the wholesale market, change of quality crops and pedigree animals suitable for the region, assistance of necessary techniques, pest control over agricultural and livestock export products, the potential for feedstuffs, renovation of Heho Agricultural Institute and undertaking of preliminary tasks, an extension of agricultural and livestock breeding technical courses in Shan State (South, North and East), an invitation to agricultural service providers, use of agricultural machinery by farmers and formation of cooperative societies.



The Union Minister and officials are looking into the coffee plantation.

Shan State has 88 per cent of rice sufficiency, 66 per cent of cooking oil and more than 200 per cent of beans and pulses. As such, Union level officials and local authorities will join hands in undertaking local food sufficiency, change of growing crops suitable for the region, modern techniques and formation of cooperative societies.

The Union Minister inspected Namkhwi Dam in Hopong Township and Hsegyi Dam in Taunggyi Township.

Namkhwi Dam irrigates 1,690 acres of farmlands, and Hsegyi Dam, 3,000 acres of land. There are more than 290,000 acres of irrigated farmlands in Shan State.

In the Holi and Lonhay villages of Hopong Township, the Union Minister discussed the supply of water from springs, livelihoods of local people, cultivation of coffee plants, market potential and utilization of cultivable lands under the law. — MNA

All faculty members urged to join the workplaces not later than 3 May 2021



Union Minister Dr Nyunt Pe chairs the education coordination meeting yesterday.

FACULTY members of universities, degree colleges and colleges under the Department of Higher Education were allowed to enjoy the long vacation till 2 May 2021. All faculty members from the academic sector were urged to join the workplaces with might and main, not later than 3 May 2021, said Union Minister for Education Dr Nyunt Pe yesterday at a coordination meeting.

At the coordination meeting to reopen final year courses, master's courses (written) and preliminary doctoral courses under the restrictions of Covid-19 prevention held at the Ministry of Education, Dr Nyunt Pe instructed officials concerned to systematically send reports on absentees to workplaces on 3 May and urged educational staff to pave the way for new generation students for enhancement of their education quality.

He noted that not losing learning opportunity for students is very important for those students and the State. The Ministry of Education will reopen final year courses, master's courses (written) and preliminary doctoral courses of universities, degree colleges and colleges in the higher education sector under the Covid-19 prevention restrictions on 5 May with the aim of not delaying learning opportunities of students in the outbreak of Covid-19, enabling the students to finish final year courses of 2019-20 academic year and turning out graduates for workplaces, the Union Minister added.

The deputy minister, the permanent secretary and the director-general of the Higher Education Department reported on the number of the courses to be opened on 5 May and the number of students, facts about the training courses, academic and management matters, arrangements for student hostels, and more plans to open first to third years' courses ad distance education courses.

The Union minister attended to the needs of rectors and principals of universities, degree colleges and colleges. — MNA

Tatmadaw provides food aids to locals of Hlinethaya, Shwepyitha, Aungmyaythazan



Locals are provided with foodstuffs in Shwepyitha.

TATMADAW provides food aids to the public for some travel restrictions. At the same time, the COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities are being conducted.

The Yangon Command yesterday provided rice, cooking oil and gram to 15,075 households in Nyaung village, No (7) ward, No (13) ward, No (14) ward, No (19) ward and Kasin village of Hlinethaya Township and No (12) ward and No (14) ward of Shwepyitha Township, respectively.

Similarly, the official of Central Command provided food aids for 400 households in the Nyaung Kwal ward of Aungmyaythazan Township of Mandalay Region. — MNA

10 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 25 April, total figure rises to 142,722

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **142,722** **after 10 new cases** were reported on 25 April 2021 according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these confirmed cases, **131,932** have been discharged from hospitals.—MNA

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Systematically use fertilizer and pesticide in cultivation without chemical residues

AGRICULTURAL inputs, particularly fertilizers and pesticides, are useful for the cultivation of crops, including paddy all over the country.

As 670,000 tonnes of urea fertilizers and 16,000 tonnes of pesticide were imported from October 2020 to April 2021 for domestic use, businesspersons need to distribute such kind of agricultural inputs to farmers at fair prices, without focusing on self-interests only.

State-owned and private-run plants produce fertilizers and pesticides for agricultural purpose. However, they cannot still meet the domestic demand. Hence, businesspersons import such kinds of agricultural inputs to be met the demand.

Emphasizing the use of quality agricultural inputs by farmers at fair prices, only when fair profits can be created for the companies which operate trading of those inputs on a commercial scale can an economical chain be sustained. Businesspersons are allowed to apply for the import of agricultural inputs through the Myanmar Agricultural Inputs Registration System (MAIRS) online.

Hence, farmers need to receive laboratory tests over agricultural products before exportation. Simultaneously, people should check packages of crops with the technical assistance of authorized organizations before consumption for staying away from possibly hazardous nutrition.

As the number of fertilizers and pesticide are of variety, users need to take care of efficient use of them in farmlands. It is because fertilizer and pesticide are generally made of chemical elements.

Being an agro-based country, Myanmar can enjoy fruitful results from the agricultural sector by earning income from trading and exportation of agricultural products. In this regard, these products need to be free from chemical residue. As such, farmers should especially take care of using fertilizers, pesticides and other chemicals fed to their farmlands with the aim of increasing the per-acre yield of crops.

Chemical residues in crops do not benefit both consumers and producers. Content of chemical residues is like betting between users and consumers. Such betting may ruin businesses of users as well as cause losing lives of consumers.

Such a chemical residue can bring side effects to consumers, causing serious health hazards. On the one hand, no one country accepts the import of agricultural products containing chemical residues. The exporters, therefore, may face unexpected loss in the export of products.

Hence, farmers need to receive laboratory tests over agricultural products before exportation. Simultaneously, people should check packages of crops with the technical assistance of authorized organizations before consumption for staying away from possibly hazardous nutrition.

One billion COVID vaccine doses administered globally

On December 8, 90-year-old British woman Margaret Keenan, resplendent in her Christmas T-shirt, received the Western world's first COVID vaccination - a chink of light at the end of the tunnel for humanity after a devastating pandemic year.

SIX months on, nearly one billion COVID jabs — both first and second shots - have been administered globally, according to AFP's database.

The unprecedented inoculation drive is seen as the world's ticket out of the coronavirus disaster, despite concerns about rare side effects, worries over supply, and a glaring inequality between rich and poor.

With new COVID variants sparking a worrying fresh spike of cases and uncertainty over the vaccines' effectiveness against them, the planet is now racing to inoculate as many people as possible before being overwhelmed by yet another wave of a pandemic that has already killed three million people.



Medical staff from the Bahcesaray public hospital arrive in the remote village of Guneyyamac in eastern Turkey to vaccinate residents aged 65 or over. **PHOTO: AFP**

"A year ago I felt myself a young man, now I am an old man," said Laszlo Cservak, a 75-year-old Hungarian, after his first jab near the River Danube.

"I horribly miss not going to the pool or gym, and travelling, so I came here to get liberated and my old life back," added Cservak, reflecting the COVID weariness felt by billions worldwide.

In the darkest days of the pandemic, the idea of rapidly creating, manufacturing and authorizing even one effective vaccine against COVID looked far off.

But the world's scientists, aided by billions in public funding, worked around the clock to develop several viable vaccines - the first ones using cutting-edge mRNA technology that hacks into human cells and effectively turns them into vaccine-making factories.

"Normally, it takes five to 10 years to produce a new vaccine," European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen told the European Parliament in February.

"We did it in 10 months. This is a huge scientific success."

'Jabs army'

With clinical trials showing efficacy of up to 95 per cent, attention turned to the logistical nightmare of producing, storing, delivering and administering the vaccine - in theory to everyone on Earth who wanted it.

Rollout was sluggish in many countries, but faced with a life-or-death race against time, some deployed creative logistical solutions, turning cathedrals, iconic sports stadiums, and theme parks into emergency vaccination centres.

France turned a velodrome into a vaccino-drome. Venice created the vaccination vaporetto. Hard-hit Britain deployed tens of thousands of vaccine volunteers, dubbed the "jabs army".

World leaders from US President Joe Biden, Britain's Queen Elizabeth and Pope Francis rolled up their sleeves to take the shot - although not always in front of the cameras - in a bid to counter public scepticism.

Biden told the world "there's nothing to worry about" as he received his shot live on TV.

The few countries that rolled out a vaccine quickly have seen cases and deaths fall, with a return to something of a normal life.

In Israel, where more than half of the population is fully vaccinated, cases dropped to around 13 per 100,000 people compared to around 650 in January. Deaths fell by a factor of 10.

British pubs have reopened their beer gardens, Israel dropped mask wearing outdoors, and theme parks and theatres have restarted in the United States.

Nekia Griffin, a 46-year-old medical administrator and Harry Potter fan, told AFP her trip to Universal Studios in California was her "first real outing" since last spring.

"To get a piece of that magic is just, it's indescribable. It's just so wonderful to be back."

'Shocking' disparity

But it has been far from plain sailing. The scramble for vaccines has seen ugly political spats, with China and Russia accused of "vaccine diplomacy" by offering homemade jabs to strategic allies.

Britain and the EU became embroiled in an unseemly post-Brexit row over access to vaccines and the bloc came under fire for a shambolic start to the vaccine rollout.

"Getting these vaccines into the arms of billions of people is now the most pressing challenge for the international community. This is, in a manner of speaking, the 'new arms race'," according to The Soufan Centre, a research body.

And with World Health Organization officials stressing that "no one is safe until everyone is safe", there has been outrage over the gap between the rich world and poorer countries - a "shocking and expanding disparity," according to WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

Around half of the doses administered so far have been in high-income countries accounting for 16 per cent of the population. The 29 lowest-income nations have received 0.1 per cent, according to an AFP count.

Recently, very rare but occasionally fatal side effects including blood clots have hit the headlines, afflicting particularly the vaccine produced by AstraZeneca.

Despite authorities stressing the benefits far outweigh the risks, the negative press threatens to weigh on vaccine take-up, with a flood of misinformation on social media fuelling the anti-vax drive.

Some have resorted to bribing the reluctant: California-based firm Bolthouse Farms gave workers $500 to get the jab. One Beijing district handed out boxes of eggs and free trips to popular tourist attractions as an incentive.

'Long tunnel'

What does the future hold? Already stirring controversy are 'vaccine passports', likely to be required in some form for international travel and entrance to public events, despite campaigners crying foul over data protection.

SOURCE: AFP

3rd COVID-19 emergency launched in Tokyo, Osaka area amid virus surge

Tougher measures against the novel coronavirus were introduced in Tokyo and the western Japan prefectures of Osaka, Kyoto and Hyogo on Sunday under a third state of emergency amid a surge in coronavirus cases across the country.

UNDER the new restrictions, operators of restaurants serving alcohol and movie theatres are required to close temporarily and sports events will be held without spectators. The emergency declaration will be effective for 17 days through May 11 in a bid to curb infections during the upcoming Golden Week holidays from late April to early May.

While the state of emergency does not entail a hard lockdown of the kind some other countries have imposed and largely relies on the cooperation of the public and businesses, the measures have more teeth than the previous declaration in January.

Authorities are also asking the operators of karaoke establishments as well as tourism spots such as Tokyo Sky Tree and Universal Studios Japan in Osaka to close.

Department stores in the designated areas are only selling food and other daily essentials.

Public transport operators such as train and bus companies have been asked to end operations earlier on weeknights, with reduced services on weekends and holidays.

While a quasi-state of emergency was designated in the major cities of Tokyo, Osaka and Kyoto as well as in Hyogo and six other prefectures earlier this month, the measures have been unsuccessful in bringing down coronavirus cases.

SOURCE: KYODO



A pedestrian crossing is quiet in Tokyo's Ginza area on April 24, 2021, a day before a fresh coronavirus state of emergency comes into force in the capital amid a resurgence in infections. **PHOTO: KYODO**

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







Union Construction Minister makes inspection of bridges in Shan State (East)

UNION Minister for Construction U Shwe Lay on 24 April inspected local roads in Kengtung, maintenance of the Kengtung-Mongphyat-Tachilek road and the Tahley-Pahlyo-Kenglek road.

He instructed officials to prioritize the expansion of the asphalt road width from 12 feet to 18 feet between the 12 km to 55 km section of Tahley-Pahlyo-Kenglek road and urged officials to carry out regular maintenance of the road section for smooth transport of cargo trucks. He said if commodity flow is much better, the width of the road will be expanded to 24 feet.

The Union Minister inspected maintenance of the 691.6 metres long wMyanmar-Lao friendship bridge on the Myanmar side and waterway conditions at the bridge.

At the work site for construction of the 580-foot Namlin Creek bridge being built by Bridge Special Team (12) of the Department of Bridge on Tahley detour, the Union Minister heard reports on the construction of the bridge, spending of Union budget on the tasks and future plans by officials.

The Union Minister also inspected the construction of Nahailon Bridge on Tahley detour and left instructions on the construction of bored piles meeting set standards, and coordination with mining entrepreneurs not to harm waterway of the bridge and piers due to operation of mining.



Union Minister U Shwe Lay makes an inspection tour in Shan State on 24 April 2021.

The Union Minister also viewed maintenance of the 293 feet long No 1 Myanmar-Thailand friendship bridge in Tachilek. — MNA

MoSWRR provides social pension to elderly, cash assistance to storm victims, disabled, Parahita, CSOs in Magway Region



Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine is presenting cash assistance for storm victimes, disabled, Parahita, CSOs in Magway Pegoin yesterday.

THE ceremony to provide social pension, and cash assistance to storm victims, the people with disabilities, Parahita and social welfare teams was held in Pwintbyu Township of Mandalay Region on 24 April.

In the event, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Thet Thet Khine said the State Administration Council reached its third month for serving the State duties in line with the 2008 Constitution. As the former UEC failed to resolve the voting frauds, the SAC serves as interim government according to the provisions of the state of emergency.

The SAC Chairman also instructed all to resume the suspended businesses.

She also talked about the storm that occurred in Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago and Magway regions. Of these regions, the storm seriously hit Pwintbyu township of Magway Region. She then briefed her visit to Pwintbyu township to assist the storm victims.

The ministry will provide more than K30.1million for 2,072 victims in Pwintbyu Township. The officials keep making efforts to conduct social awareness campaign and responses to natural disasters by cooperating with the public and civil society organizations.

The ministry also provides K107,040,000 for 19 homes/Yeiktha in Magway Region in 2020-2021FY. The ministry also provides K10,000 per senior citizen for about 250,000 older adults once every three month across the nation as per the National Social Protection Strategy stipulated in 2015. Therefore, it will provide for 25,375 older people above 85 years old during this ceremony.

She then highlighted equal human rights, rehabilitation and development programmes for the disabled and elderly.

She also added that the ministry provided K30,000 each to 200,000 persons with disabilities during the COVID-19 outbreak, and arrangements are also being made to provide further cash assistance to those who do not receive any aid.

There were 8,918 persons with disabilities who did not receive cash assistance in Magway Region. Therefore, a total of K14,100,000 will be provided to 470 persons with disabilities out of 8,918 disabled.

In her concluding remark, she discussed the social welfare programmes of the Social Welfare Department, disaster resilience of the community, assistance for vulnerable community and cooperating works with the CSOs across the nation.

Then, Deputy Minister U Aung Tun Khine clarified the preparations to resume the suspended businesses and reopening of kindergartens of the ministry.

The Union Minister also met the staff of Social Welfare and Natural Disaster Management Departments of Magway in the afternoon. The officials clarified their respective work plans, and the Union Minister gave instructions the necessary things.

The Union Minister visited the office of Natural Disaster Management and instructed officials to follow the ways stated in the handbook of conserving the warehouse and storage of enough protective gear for various disasters. — MNA

Markets, banks, hospitals, bus lines resume normal operations; people peacefully visit pagodas

THE pagodas, including buildings or temples of other religions, were reopened to the public starting 8 February following the COVID-19 health rules.

The pilgrims and visitors, including monks and nuns, peacefully visited the pagodas.

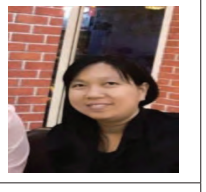
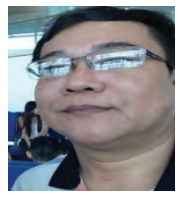
Similarly, the people of other religions peacefully do their religious affairs at their respective religious buildings.

Moreover, the public parks and playgrounds in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and other regions and states are reopened as usual.

The markets are alive with the vendors and sellers. Simultaneously, the banks, hospitals, airlines, train services, boat services and bus services also resume their operations. ——MNA

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	Section of Penal Code	Photo
1	Dr Yan Naing Lin (Assistant Surgeon)	Hpa-an People's Hospital	Hpa-an Town, Kayin State	505-a	
2	Dr Su Hlaing (Assistant Surgeon)	Hpa-an People's Hospital	Hpa-an Town, Kayin State	505-a	
3	Dr May Oo Khin (Assistant Surgeon)	Hpa-an People's Hospital	Hpa-an Town, Kayin State	505-a	
4	Dr Khun Than Aung Soe (Assistant Surgeon)	Hpa-an People's Hospital	Hpa-an Town, Kayin State	505-a	
5	Dr Aung Hset Naung (Assistant Surgeon)	Hpa-an People's Hospital	Hpa-an Town, Kayin State	505-a	
6	Dr Phyu Pyar Min (Deputy Head of District Public Health Department)	Katha District Public Health Department	Katha Town, Sagaing Region	505-a	
7	Dr Sai Wun Phan Hsaing (Specialist)	Kengtung General Hospital	Kengtung Town, Shan State (East)	505-a	
8	Dr Moe Zaw Lat (Assistant Surgeon)	Kengtung General Hospital	Kengtung Town, Shan State (East)	505-a	
9	Dr Thein Thein Nwe (Assistant Surgeon)	Kengtung General Hospital	Kengtung Town, Shan State (East)	505-a	
10	Dr Khine Zar Yu Shein (Assistant Surgeon)	Kengtung General Hospital	Kengtung Town, Shan State (East)	505-a	
11	Dr Theik Tun Aung (Assistant Surgeon)	Kengtung General Hospital	Kengtung Town, Shan State (East)	505-a	
12	Dr Nyein Wai Tun (Assistant Surgeon)	Kengtung General Hospital	Kengtung Town, Shan State (East)	505-a	
13	Dr Myo Zay Oo (Assistant Surgeon)	Hlaingbwe General Hospital	Hlaingbwe Town, Kayin State	505-a	
14	Dr Htet Linn Naing (Assistant Surgeon)	Myawady General Hospital	Myawady Town, Kayin State	505-a	
15	Dr Pyae Phyo Aung (Assistant Surgeon)	Myawady General Hospital	Myawady Town, Kayin State	505-a	
16	Dr Kyin Kyin (Assistant Surgeon)	Tangyan General Hospital	Tangyan Town, Shan State (North)	505-a	
17	Dr Soe Than Htaik (Assistant Surgeon)	Tangyan People's Hospital	Tangyan Town, Shan State (North)	505-a	
18	Dr Thant Zaw (Specialist)	Yangon Eastern District General Hospital	Botahtaung Town, Yangon Region	505-a	
19	Dr Ko Ko Naing (Assistant Surgeon)	Hpa-an People's Hospital	Hpa-an Town, Kayin State	505-a	
20	Dr Kyaw Lin (Specialist)	Yangon Childern's Hospital	Dagon Township, Yangon Region	505-a	

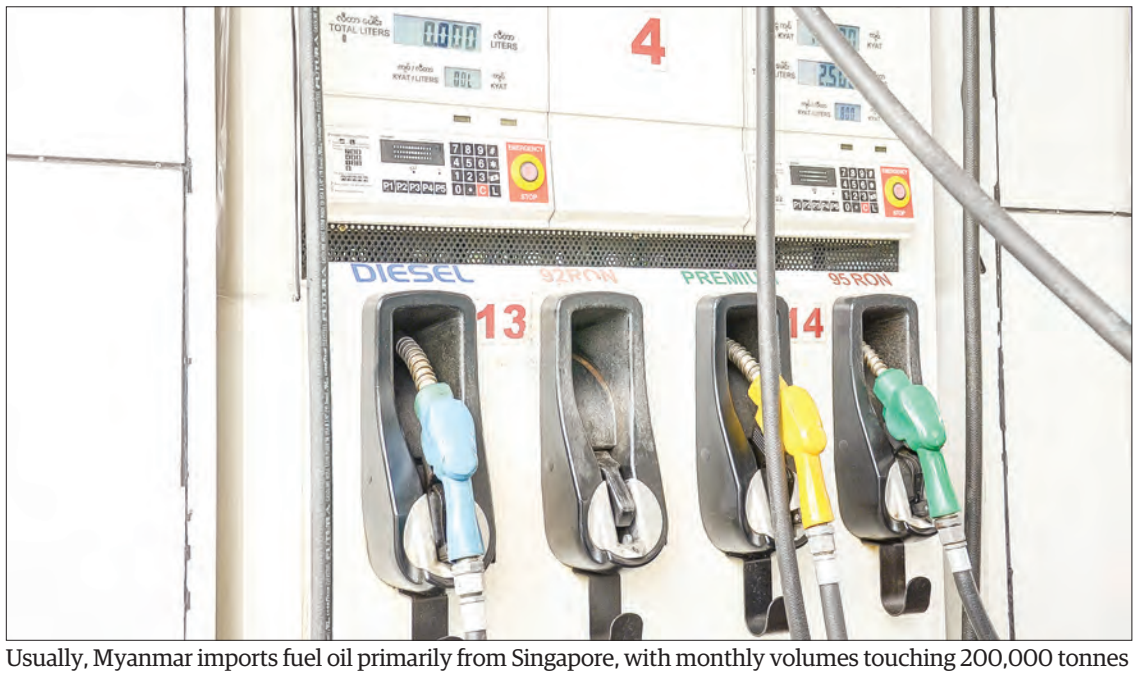
Among them, Dr Kyin Kyin (Assistant Surgeon) and Dr Soe Than Htaik (Assistant Surgeon) of Tangyan Township People's Hospital, Dr Thant Zaw (Specialist) of Yangon Eastern District General Hospital, Dr Ko Ko Naing (Assistant Surgeon) of Hpa-an People's Hospital and Dr Kyaw Lin (Specialist) of Yangon Childern's 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

Fuel oil price up by 55 per cent in three months

THE domestic fuel oil price has now risen above 50 per cent per litre in three months, as the heightened coronavirus restriction and possible lockdown in Asia sparked oil demand concerns, coupled with a strong dollar exchange rate.

The fuel oil was pegged at around K590 per litre for Octane 92, K610 for Octane 95, K590 for diesel and K605 for premium diesel in early February 2021 in the domestic retail market. Then, it remarkably rose to K920 for Octane 92, K1,005 for Octane 95, K920 for diesel and K930 for premium diesel on 25 April 2021, according to the local fuel oil market.



Usually, Myanmar imports fuel oil primarily from Singapore, with monthly volumes touching 200,000 tonnes for gasoline and 400,000 tonnes for diesel.

Domestic oil price is positively related to the global market. Oil price inched higher in the global market at US$62.14 per barrel for WTI crude and $66.11 for Brent crude on 24 April.

Additionally, the foreign exchange rate also affects the petroleum price. The US dollar is gaining against Kyat in the local forex market in April, rising above K1,600 per dollar. In mid-February, a dollar was worth K1,430.

Usually, Myanmar imports fuel oil primarily from Singapore, with monthly volumes touching 200,000 tonnes for gasoline and 400,000 tonnes for diesel. There are about 2,000 fuel stations and over 50 oil importer companies in Myanmar, Myanmar Petroleum Trade Association stated.

A monthly oil import is estimated at $400 million, yet the oil importers face banking restrictions for maritime trade. Oil importers via land border can use informal payment Hundi system instead, said an importer.

The domestic oil prices have declined from 10 January 2020 owing to a fall in global oil prices. On 8 January 2020, oil prices were pegged at around K905 per litre for Octane 92, K995 for Octane 95, and K985 for diesel and premium diesel. Following the global market crashing, the domestic oil price plunged to more than 50 per cent in April against January's prices. In late April 2020, the oil prices touched a low of K290-330 per litre for Octane 92, K430-455 for Octane 95, K435-465 for diesel, and K445-475 for premium diesel, according to the domestic oil market. Ninety per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally. In the Q1 of the current financial year2020-2021, about $600 million worth of petroleum products were imported. The figure plunged by half compared to a year-ago period, the Ministry of Commerce stated. — KH/GNLM

Pigeon pea price in bull market


Myanmar's pigeon peas are primarily shipped to India and exported to Singapore, the US, Canada, Pakistan, the UK, and Malaysia.

THE pigeon pea (red gram) price continues rising from early April, and it surged to above K94,5000 per metric tonne in the fourth week of April.

The pigeon pea price was on the rise in March-end 2021 amid the low yield and the dollar gain. The pigeon peas market saw a slight upward trend in price along with the appreciation of US dollar against Kyat, according to the domestic market.

The gram fetched up only K837,500 per tonne in early February. The price in April-end showed a remarkable increase of K 100,000 per tonne as against February's rate.

The traders set the selling price at K 88,000-90,000 per three-basket bag in the Mandalay market. The majority of them accept only immediate cash payment. The pigeon pea market remains bullish even after the Thingyan holidays (13-19 April), a trader from the Mandalay market shared his opinion.

Myanmar's pigeon peas are primarily shipped to India and exported to Singapore, the US, Canada, Pakistan, the UK, and Malaysia. But, the export volume to other countries rather than to India is extremely small.

More than 249,245 tonnes of various pulses and beans were exported to foreign markets between 1 October and 4 December of the current financial year2020-2021, with an estimated value of US$217 million. Of them, the pigeon pea export accounted for 83,758 tonnes, generating an income of $57.94 million, the Commerce Ministry's data indicated.

The domestic bean market is positively related to the law of supply and demand, said an official of Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association.

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

India's move to restrict importation of pulses in August 2017 severely affected growers in Myanmar. The price of pulses also drastically plummeted.

In the 2017-2018 FY, over a million tons of black grams, pigeon peas, and green grams were shipped to foreign countries. Nevertheless, the earnings have registered at just $713 million owing to the price drop.

Myanmar shipped over 1.6 million tonnes of different varieties of pulses, especially black grams, with an estimated worth of US$1 billion, to other counties in the FY2018-2019. During last FY2019-2020 ended 30 September, the country delivered 1.6 million tonnes to the external market, generating an export value of $1.195 billion. — MM/GNLM

China tightens border security amid coronavirus resurgence

"CHINA has stepped up food safety measures on imported goods following the coronavirus resurgence in the border," U Min Thein, the vice-chair of Muse Rice Wholesale Centre, said.

Starting from 20 April, 30 samples from imported goods and packaging per truck have to be tested for the COVID-19. The test costs 60 Yuan per sample, totalling 1,800 Yuan per truck, the COVID-19 prevention and containment commission of Yunnan province released the notification on 19 April.

Traders must bear the cost. Only those traders and packaging tested negative will be allowed for cross-border trade.

The COVID-19 test is mandatory for all those truck drivers, brokers and workers who are executing the cross-border trade between Myanmar and China every day. The test is estimated at 60 Yuan for a person.

"The traders, goods and packaging are to be daily tested for the COVID-19. Consequently, the traders are facing an extra burden of expense (K400,000-500,000) per truck for now. They have to wait for another day for the test result, causing a delay in trading and discomfort for the drivers. The extra expense significantly hurts the trading to a large extent", said U Min Thein.

Additionally, the workers must strictly abide by the coronavirus containment measures to return to work.

The fever test, wearing masks and gloves, and test results are essential.

The staff and workers in the border point must stay at the designated place between 9 pm and 8 am. If they are found to violate the rules, they will be sent to their hometown.

Following the coronavirus resurgences, Myanmar's Muse border trade has come to the verge of a standstill. — NN/GNLM

Fed set to hold the line as US economy recovers

THE Federal Reserve finally has what it wants and predicted: signs of a US economic recovery that could undo some of the damage done by the Covid-19 pandemic.

But when the central bank's policy-setting Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) opens its two-day meeting on Tuesday, analysts do not expect officials to raise rates or otherwise signal any backing away from the easy money policies rolled out to aid the US bounceback, despite some fears of rising inflation. "No one is expecting any major policy changes in terms of rates or the Fed's asset purchases," Andrew Hunter, senior US economist at Capital Economics, told AFP.



Federal Reserve leaders have shown no signs of backing down from their policy of tolerating rising inflation to maximize employment as the US economy gets back on its feet. **PHOTO: AFP**

In fact, Fed officials have clearly stated that they will not be spooked by temporary price increases into reacting too quickly and pumping the brakes on stimulus measures. The government in recent weeks has reported the first signs that Covid-19 vaccines are bringing laid-off workers back to work and ending the suffering of businesses hard-hit by closures meant to stop the contagion. Labor Department data showed unemployment claims hit the lowest point since the pandemic began, while the economy regained 916,000 jobs in March, pushing the unemployment rate down slightly.

Retail sales surged in March to a level 27.7 per cent higher than the pre-pandemic rate a year earlier, while the Institute for Supply Management's services index hit an all-time high last month and new home sales hit a 15-year high. Yet even with signs hiring has picked up, more than 17 million people remain out of work and Fed Chair Jerome Powell has warned the economy will not achieve "maximum employment" this year. — AFP ■

New bloodletting hits Spanish banking sector

IN Spain where bank tellers were once legion, the sector is again reeling from thousands more job cuts as a 10-year trend gathers pace due to the ongoing pandemic.

Two more big banks announced thousands of layoffs last week with 8,300 jobs to be axed at CaixaBank, or one in five of its staff, and 3,800 at its smaller rival BBVA, accounting for 16 percent of the workforce.

The announcements drew an angry response from Spain's big unions, the UGT and the Workers' Union (CCOO), who denounced the cuts as "brutal" and "scandalous".

Late last year, Banco Santander, Spain's largest bank, said it would cut 3,500 jobs while Banco Sabadell moved to lay off 1,800 staff.

All of them have made the same argument: that in a context of low interest rates which is expected to continue, they have to cut costs by reducing the number of branches rendered unnecessary by the growth of online banking.

Online transactions at BBVA have grown by 87 percent over the past two years, while branch-based operations have fallen by 48 percent, the bank said on Thursday. —AFP ■

Shanghai looks to attract foreign investment in 'new cities'

SHANGHAI government is working to attract foreign investment for the five "new cities" in the city's suburbs — Songjiang, Jiading, Fengxian, Qingpu and Nanhui — by holding a series of diverse investment promotional events. The first event took place on Thursday in Sheshan, a beautiful scenic spot in Songjiang New City. Located in the city's southwest, Songjiang initiated the G60 Science and Technology Innovation Valley, an alliance of nine major cities in the Yangtze River Delta region which also includes Jiaxing, Hangzhou, Jinhua, Suzhou, Huzhou, Xuancheng, Wuhu and Hefei.

The Shanghai Commission of Commerce and Invest Shanghai co-organized the event, which attracted more than 100 people from the government, the consulates general in Shanghai of the United States, Canada, Japan, Singapore and South Korea, as well as key foreign-invested enterprises and professional service institutions.

"The commission will focus on further promoting the investment environment in the 'new cities' through diverse activities that make them more familiar to foreign enterprises," said Li Hong, deputy director-general of the Shanghai Commission of Commerce.

In 2020, Songjiang's industrial output reached 447.7 billion yuan (US$68.81 billion), the total value of imports and exports stood at 305.57 billion yuan and fixed-asset investment was 60.5 billion yuan, behind only the Pudong New Area in the three main economic indicators, according to Chen Rong, director of the Songjiang Commission of Commerce. — Xinhua ■



Aerial photo taken on Nov. 13, 2018 shows the Intercontinental Shanghai Wonderland, also known as Shimao Quarry Hotel, in Songjiang District of Shanghai, east China. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

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A journey to cluster of Tahkong Nwetaw pago

By Zai Hlaing Min
Translated by TTA

MYANMAR is the land of stupas and temples. Every stupa and temple is based on historical events, some of which are very interesting. Moreover, there are plentiful of ancient pagodas accessible to travel tours for taking a relaxation across the nation. Among them, clusters of Tahkong Mwetaw pagodas in Nyaungshwe Township of Shan State are attractive to travellers.

Tahkong Mwetaw is about 37 nautical miles sail of motor schooner from Inlay Lake of Nyaungshwe Township in Shan State. Motor schooners can take about three hours to drive a journey from Inlay Lake to cluster of Tahkhong Mwetaw pagodas located on the western bank of Bilu Creek. A route of waterway, and natural beauties from environs of Inlay Lake are attractive to travellers.

Travellers can enjoy significant views along both sides of Bilu Creek leading to Tahkong Mwetaw Pagodas and crop plantations of the local farmers with Shan mountain ranges in the background. Misty Shan mountain ranges give a taste of chill to souls of travellers. Environs of the pagodas are peaceful and tranquil except driving sound of motor schooners.

Every traveller can see ancient Tahkong Mwetaw Pagoads on the western bank of Bilu Creek. Some of pagodas are damaged and some are in good conditions. The history of these pagodas mentioned King Alaungsithu on his tour built the said pagodas.

There are 76 large pagodas and 54 small ones in the cluster of Tahkong Mwetaw pagodas, in addition to 106 damaged pagodas, according to its history. These pagodas are in small and long forms and lacqueware umbrellas atop the pagodas are of tip. Circular decorative bands of the pagodas are small.

Oldie Tahkong Mwetaw pagodas were affected by natural disasters as well as some of pagodas was burgled to take out the enshrined objects. Designs and forms of Tahkong Mwetaw pagodas are similar to that of Intein and Kakku. Similar pagodas can be seen in some areas of Shan State and environs of Inlay Lake.

Although the maintenance and renovation are being undertaken at Tahkong Mwetaw





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Pagodas damaged by impacts of natural disasters, historical value and images of archaeology has already lost there. These losses might be dissatisfactory for international travellers who wish to emphasize valuable observation for ancient historical events.

Some bells take positions in the venue of Tahkong Mwetaw Pagodas. Historians and researchers estimated these bells might be some 200 years old. Reclining Buddha images, statues of kings of celestial beings and Galon (mythical king of birds) can be seen in the precinct of pagodas. It is interesting that works of these statues and choice of locations were wonderful.

Historians and researchers analyzed that the location of Tahkong Mwetaw Pagodas built on both banks of Bilu Creek which originates at Inlay Lake might be based on farsightedness of King Alaungsithu on his waterway trip considering environments and locations as well as travelling.

Actually, it was an area of ancient Sankar City often flooded in the monsoon. As the area of Sankar City was inundated in monsoon as a large lake, it was called Sankar Lake. Some people said that such lake is four miles long from the east to the west and some seven miles from the south to the north with about 15 to 20 feet deep of water.

As such, some pagodas of the cluster are still facing flooding in monsoon. Even though, such situation of the pagoda can be attractive to the foreign tourists who wish to pay visits to these pagodas in any seasons. Natural beauties of that area being changed in seasons would win the hearts of local and foreign travellers.

Inlay Lake in southern Shan State is an eminent destination for local and foreign tourists but number of travellers bound for Tahkong Mwetaw Pagodas via Inlay Lake is still lesser. It is because tour operators didn't arrange a tour package heading to Tahkong Mwetaw Pagodas.

Architectural works of Tahkong Mwetwe Pagodas are similar to that of Intein and Kakku. However, travellers leading to these pagodas will have the chances to observe knowledgeable natural scenes, significant views of areas, lifestyle of local people and different forms of agricultural tasks.

At a time when tourism service will resume operations in the post-Covid-19 period, it is expected that larger number of local and foreign travellers will lead to Tahkong Mwetaw Pagodas in southern Shan State. It is sure that the tour of these pagodas would be interesting for travellers to observe historical documents. ■



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Myanmar star player included in AFC best midfielders' list

ACCORDING to the statement with the AFC, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) has recently announced 12 midfielder stars in the Asian region, and Myanmar star player Maung Maung Lwin also included in the list.

The midfielders AFC has picked are Bader Al-Mutawa of Kuwait, who has scored 30 AFC Cup goals, Maung Maung Lwin of Myanmar's Yangon United, who has scored eight AFC Cup goals, Boaz Solossa of Indonesia, who has scored 16 AFC goals, Nguyen Van Quyet of Vietnam, who has scored 16 AFC goals, Artur Gevorkyan of Turkmenistan, who has scored 4 AFC Cup goals, Hassan Maatouk of Lebanon, who has scored 17 AFC goals, Humam Tareq of Iraq who has achieved AFC Cup winner Awards in 2016 and 2017, Saif Al Hashan of Kuwait, who has scored six AFC Cup goals, Riko Simanjuntak of Indonesia, who has scored one AFC Cup goals, Khaled Saad of Jordan, who has scored six AFC Cup goals, Ali Fasir of Maldives, who has scored 11 AFC goals, and Fatkhullo Fatkhulloev of Tajikistan, who has scored seven AFC goals.

"We've picked out 12 superb options; some of them known for being prolific scorers, some for their work as providers, and others who are remembered for specific moments in the tournament – and it's up to you to choose your favourite," AFC officials said. —GNLM ■

Klopp admits Liverpool don't 'deserve' Champions League next season

JURGEN KLOPP admitted Liverpool are not playing like a side who "deserve" Champions League football next season after blowing the chance to move into the Premier League's top four with a 1-1 draw against Newcastle on Saturday. Mohamed Salah had opened the scoring after just three minutes, but Liverpool wasted a host of chances to extend their lead and paid in stoppage time.

The Reds even had a reprieve when Callum Wilson's equaliser was ruled out after a VAR review for handball, but still could not hold on as Willock's deflected strike secured a vital point in the Magpies' bid for top flight survival. Liverpool move up to sixth but are a point behind fourth-placed Chelsea and West Ham, who face off later on Saturday at the London Stadium.

Two more dropped points is a blow to Liverpool's chances of a place in next season's Champions League after their owners' plans for ensuring they have top level European football every season without having to earn it on the field collapsed this week. Liverpool were one of 12 clubs to initially sign up to proposals for a European Super League (ESL) last weekend, only to withdraw within 48 hours after a backlash from their own players and fans. "If you deserve it, you deserve it," said Klopp, echoing the critics of the ESL as a closed shop for Europe's big clubs. "I didn't see us today playing like we deserve Champions League next year. We have another five games and we will see. We learn or we don't play Champions League, that's it."

A protest outside Anfield on Saturday was more muted than the ones seen ahead of Chelsea and Arsenal's home matches in recent days, but a number of flags and banners were attached to the gates around the ground calling out the "greed" of the club's American owners Fenway Sports Group (FSG). —AFP ■



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Djokovic upset by Karatsev in Belgrade semi-finals

WORLD number one Novak Djokovic suffered a second surprise loss in as many weeks Saturday as he was knocked out by Russia's Aslan Karatsev in the Belgrade semi-finals.

The 28th-ranked Karatsev saved 23 of 28 break points to advance to his second final of the year following a 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 victory, gaining a measure of revenge for his defeat by Djokovic in the last four of the Australian Open.

Djokovic was also beaten in the last 16 of the Monte Carlo Masters last week by Britain's Dan Evans.

Djokovic, the 2009 and 2011 champion at the event which is played at a venue which carries his name, surrendered a 3-0 advantage in the opening set as he dropped serve three times.

The Serb then fell 4-2 behind in the second but summoned his well-documented powers of recovery to win four straight games and send the match to a deciding set.

Dubai champion Karatsev fended off eight break points in the third set before winning Djokovic's service game to move 4-3 ahead and leave the top seed on the brink. —AFP ■



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Henderson surges to victory in LPGA Los Angeles Open



Canada's Brooke Henderson hits off the second tee during the final round of the LA Open at Wilshire Country Club in Los Angeles. **PHOTO: AFP**

BROOKE Henderson fired a four-under par 67 to win the LPGA Los Angeles Open on Saturday, erasing a four-stroke deficit to edge Jessica Korda by one shot.

Canada's Henderson, 23 and ranked sixth in the world, finished with a 16-under par total of 268 to claim her 10th LPGA title and her first since the 2019 Meijer LPGA Classic in Michigan.

"I felt like I was playing really great golf," Henderson said. "It just wasn't my time. It's nice to get the win and get some confidence back."

Six birdies, including a chip-in at the par-three 12th propelled her past overnight leader Korda and world number one Ko Jin-young, who played alongside Henderson in the final group at Wilshire Country Club.

Two-under through the first nine holes, Henderson took the solo lead with a short birdie putt at the 11th, then pushed her advantage to two with her chip-in at 12.

"I was definitely disappointed that I missed the green there," she said. "But fortunately I had a lot of green to work with. To catch the hole there and make birdie was a huge momentum change – that's probably what won it for me today."

She added another birdie at 14 and was three-up with two to play.

Former major winner Henderson bogeyed 17, and Korda kept the pressure on hitting it close on the way to a birdie at the par-three 18th -- where Henderson's tee shot rolled off the green into a swale.

Henderson, of Smiths Falls, Ontario, chipped up to three feet and made the putt to seal the win. —AFP ■