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Overseas Employment Supervisory Committee discusses migrant workers issues



Union Minister U Myint Kyaing chairs the coordination meeting 1/2021 of the Overseas Employment Supervisory Committee on 27 April 2021.

THE Overseas Employment Supervisory Committee held its (1/2021) coordination meeting at the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population yesterday.

During the meeting, Committee Chairman Union Minister U Myint Kyaing discussed the establishment of a committee to ensure the safe sending of Myanmar migrant workers to foreign countries and protection for the rights of those working

in foreign countries.

The committee was reorganized with 18 members with Notification No (87/2021) of the State Administration Council on 1-4-2021.

The ministry grants permit to the overseas employment agencies according to the 1999 Overseas Employment Law. The agencies mainly send the Myanmar workers to Thailand, Malaysia, Korea, Japan, Singapore, the UAE, Qatar,

Macau and Jordan. The government sent 1,320,914 Myanmar migrant workers to foreign countries from 1990 to March 2021. Although the processes of overseas employment were suspended on 18 March 2020 due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the government sent 4,169 workers to Japan and 225 workers to Korea, depending on their demand.

Moreover, Singapore sent Demand Letters. The officials permitted 25 workers to work

abroad on 11 April 2021 in line with the health rules.

The overseas employment training courses were conducted at Skills Training Centre (Yangon) and (Mandalay) starting 9 January 2017 for those who want to work in foreign countries to be able to know about the countries where they go to, labour law and occupational safety. But these pieces of training were temporarily closed on 1 September 2020.

The Union Minister said the ministry increased the agencies fees to K25 million from K5 million to be licenced overseas employment agencies full of responsibilities and accountabilities starting 4 February 2020 and eliminating the substandard agencies.

He also highlighted the repatriation of 1,086 Myanmar nationals from Malaysia in three military vessels on 23 February 2021

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Central Bank of Myanmar Press Release

27 April 2021

1. As some riots and terror acts happen in some areas of the country, people are worried about the safety of cash in hand.
2. If the people wish to entrust their cash to the banks, they will be allowed to open new bank accounts at the banks as of 3 May 2021 to authorize their money. If they wish to take out the cash from the new bank accounts, they will be allowed to take out cash from the entrusted amount without limit.
3. Those who opened the accounts at the banks before 3 May 2021 will be allowed to take out cash in line with the original restrictions adopted by the Central Bank of Myanmar. Arrangements are underway to ease such restrictions.

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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

3. Social affairs

(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

(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.

Admiral Moe Aung meets Tatmadaw members, families of Thanlyin Station

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (NAVY) Admiral Moe Aung met officers, other ranks and families of Thanlyin Station at the station hall yesterday morning.

At the meeting, the Admiral explained the implementation of a five-point road map by the State Administration Coun-

cil for the emergence of the genuine, disciplined and firm democracy the people aspire, participation of the Tatmadaw in the nation-building tasks, the readiness of the war vessels of the Tatmadaw (Navy) to assist whenever natural disasters hit, conveyance of Myanmar citizens



Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Moe Aung is cordially greeting Tatmadaw members and families at the Thanlyin Station yesterday.

by war vessel of the Tatmadaw (Navy) from Malaysia and India to Myanmar as part of humanitarian aid, joint patrol and sea rescue works with neighbouring countries along the sea boundary line for ensuring the security of Myanmar seas, ocean military exercises of the Tatmadaw (Navy) for upgrading itself to

keep abreast of international navies, and continuous undertakings for capacity enhancement in four sectors of the Tatmadaw (Navy).

The Admiral presented fiction and non-fiction books, sports gear and foodstuffs to the commanders from Thanlyin station. The Admiral’s wife presented

cash assistance to the Thanlyin Station Maternal and Child Welfare Association through the wife of Thanlyin Station commander.

After the meeting, the Admiral proceeded to No 1 Naval Flotilla, where he gave instructions to officers and other ranks and presented personal goods to them. — MNA

Statement for civil service personnel taken action for participation in CDM activity for various reasons

1. Civil service personnel are well operating the whole State machinery. However, political and economic systems and governments were changed, and civil service personnel have to manage the State machinery alive constantly. Some of them were taken action under the provisions of the Civil Service Personnel Law and rules for failures in service personnel code of conduct, breaking disciplines and absence in duty, and some personnel were taken action under the law for their acts or criminal commitments based on their lack of responsibility.

2. Some service personnel of those taken actions participated in the CDM activities intending to undermine the
- State. Some service personnel were also taken action to participate in the CDM activity for utilizing their emotional moods, pressure, threats and coercion by those from their environs, worries for suffering social punishment that can discredit the human prestige and concerns for unexpected situations.

3. Some civil service personnel taken action for participation in the CDM activities did not take part in the riots and terrorist acts. If they submit the report to re-discharge duty as civil service personnel as they participated in the activities for one of the above-mentioned reasons, taking action against them will be lifted under the criminal process based on the following facts.
- (a) recommendations of the heads of relevant service organizations that those service personnel were satisfied with their past duty assignments and they would be appropriate for more assignments

(b) remarks and recommendations of relevant region administrative bodies and prosecution organizations for whether educating and warning those service personnel for writing and expression on the social networks can be controlled continuously or not and whether they participated in the riots and terror acts

(c) the promise of those service personnel
4. By reviewing the action taken against those service personnel, arrangements will be made as follows:-

(a) as those departmental personnel taken action under the Civil Service Personnel Law have the rights to appeal their cases within six months, they will be allowed to discharge State duty by easing the punishment depending on further scrutiny because they can continuously contribute to nation-building tasks

(b) Action taken against the personnel under Section 505 (a) or 505-a of the Criminal Procedure for their activities
- and absence amounting to crime will be withdrawn, and punishment will be eased under the Civil Service Personnel Rules so as to allow them to discharge State duties

5. As such, information was released that it is necessary to consider the civil service personnel who were taken action for participation in the CDM activities due to suffering from utilization over sensitive emotion, pressure, threats and coercion from environs, worries for facing social punishment and other unexpected situation to be able to re-discharge State duties.
- Information Team
State Administration Council

Handover ceremony of COVID Fund held in Nay Pyi Taw

THE handover ceremony of the COVID Fund took place at the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Chairman of Fund Management Subcommittee on the Purchase of COVID-19 Vaccines Union Minister U Win Shein, subcommittee members, deputy ministers, department heads, five K100 million and above and two K10 million donors attended the ceremony.

One of the well-wishers explained the donations.

Then, the Union Minister talked about establishing Fund Management Subcommittee on 30 December 2020 that opened COVID-19 Vaccination Fund at Myanma Economic Bank (Nay Pyi Taw) with Myanmar Currency and Foreign Currency Accounts. The purpose of fund-raising is to purchase adequate COVID-19 vaccines and to use them effectively for all entire people.

The government set up the fund with an initial sum of K1 billion and \$250 million. It also drafted the financial management procedures to use the fund



Union Minister U Win Shein is addressing the handover ceremony of COVID Fund in Nay Pyi Taw on 27 April 2021.

systematically. Currently, the processes are being carried out in line with these procedures.

The Union minister also highlighted the methods for cash contribution announced on 10 and 18 January issues of state-run newspapers, broadcasting programmes of received cash donation at Myanmar Currency and Foreign Currency accounts via MRTV and state-run news-

papers.

It received K29,784,250,115.39 and \$3,140,149.53 between 6 January and 23 April and so there is a total of K30,784,250,115.39 and \$253,140,149.53 including the state-funding.

The government used \$75 million to purchase 30 million units of Indian made Covishield on 7 January 2021, and so it left \$178,140,149.53 in Foreign

Currency Account. There are a total of 10,093 donors between 6 January and 23 April, and the certificates of honour are given to the well-wishers who donate K100,000 and above according to their desires.

The first handover ceremony was held on 22 January, and certificates of honour were presented to eight well-wishers who donated K10 million and above.

The Union Minister also added the places to issue the certificates of honour, effective use of COVID-19 fund and plan to inspect expenditure.

The Union Minister then expressed words of thanks to the local and foreign donors and subcommittee on behalf of the Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19. — MNA

30 MoI staff join English proficiency course conducted by MoI, MoE



THE English proficiency course jointly conducted by the Ministry of Information and Ministry of Education was held yesterday.

During the ceremony, Union Minister U Chit Naing stressed the need to have more practices and a great passion for English language study like writing, reading and speaking.

Then, Deputy Minister Dr Zaw Myint said the first English language course was opened at MRTV in Tatkon, and it is the second course. Such doing to improve the quality of staff is a good move. He also expressed thanks to the Ministry of Information to open courses by cooperating with the Ministry of Education.

A total of 30 MoI staff joined the 8-week English proficiency course with two sessions per week. — MNA

Union Minister U Chit Naing makes the speech at the event of English proficiency course for the MoI staff yesterday.

Myanmar delegation participates in 77th Session of UNESCAP

A MYANMAR delegation led by U Than Aung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations virtually participated on the occasion of the 77th Session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) which is being held from 26 to 29 April, 2021.

The theme topic of the session is “Building back better from crises through regional cooperation in the Asia and the Pacific”.

The opening session was held on 26th April. Heads of respective organizations from United Nations, ECOSOC and UNESCAP made opening addresses and the leaders and heads of governments from member countries in Asia-Pacific Region gave the policy statements for building back better from the crises.

On 27th April, the Deputy Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations delivered the Country Statement under the Country statement session. Deputy Minister

highlighted the implementation of the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) towards SDGs achievement, implementation of COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan (CERP) and formulation of Myanmar Economic Recovery Plan (MERP) as transitional plan. He also informed the implementation of five future programmes of State Administration Council (SAC), participation of ASEAN Comprehensive Recovery Framework (ACRF) and Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) as the regional cooperation and reiterated Myanmar’s commitment to honouring existing bilateral and multilateral cooperation agreements and other international obligations based on the principle of inclusive and leaving no-one behind.

Moreover, Deputy Minister highlighted that the incessant relationship and support of all development partners including UN and international organizations are substantial in order to achieve successful implemen-



The deputy minister-led Myanmar delegation attends the virtual 77th UNESCAP Session from 26 to 29 April 2021.

tation of SDG goals and for national agendas of MSDP, CERP and MERP as well. He urged for continuation of all development activities in Myanmar, particularly on the areas of humanitarian assistance, health, education, rural development, gender equality and infrastructure development.

According to the agenda, the meeting will be continued to 29 April. The COVID-19 response initiatives in regional and subregional countries, efforts of solving to COVID-19 pandemic and its unprecedented socio-economic impacts on least developed, landlocked developing and Pacific Island developing countries will be discussed, and the implementation of 2030 Agenda in Asia-Pacific and the subsidiary structure of UNESCAP to its member countries will also be reviewed.

The meeting was attended by 270 delegates from member states, associates members, donor countries and organizations and non-governmental organizations. The meeting was attended virtually by the Deputy Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and Senior Officials from Foreign Economic Relations Department.

UNESCAP provides the technical assistance to member countries in Asia-Pacific region to strengthen institutional capacities in the areas of macro-economic policy and financing for development, trade, investment and innovation, transport, statistics, social development, environment and development, ICT and disaster risk reduction and energy.

Myanmar is a member of UNESCAP on April 19, 1948 and Myanmar delegation participates in the annual session of the commission.—MNA

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and 70 citizens from India in the military vessel on 10 March.

The government currently negotiates with the Thai government to establish five stations for Myanmar migrant

workers working in Thailand under MoU to renew their visa for the next five years if their stay past the earlier four-year permit, to grant Certificate of Identity (CI) and OWIC.

The Myanmar-Thailand labour experts meeting will

be held virtually by the end of April.

Then, he urged the attendees to discuss openly during the meeting.

The Secretary of Committee Deputy Minister U Win Shein reported on the com-

mittee’s formation, and other departmental heads clarified the performance, budget status and inventory of the committee.

Vice-Chairman of Committee Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung also dis-

cussed effective work plans of the committee, cooperation with relevant ministries for job opportunities of Myanmar workers and then Committee Chairman Union Minister U Myint Kyaing remarked the necessary things. —MNA

MoC holds weekly coordination meeting

THE Ministry of Commerce held the weekly coordination meeting on trade promotion, consumer protection, copyright law enforcement and domestic trade flow conditions. Union Minister Dr Pwint San addressed the meeting yesterday morning.

Directors-General and Deputy Directors-General discussed the current and continued implementation processes by the respective departments and the rules and law administered by the ministry, and staffing issues.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and the Deputy Minister instructed officials to establish a time frame for staff to abide by the set law, rules and regulation, work to be carried out in a timely manner, and inform the staff under the departments the matters carried out by the ministry.

The Permanent Secretary, Directors-General, the Deputy Permanent Secretary and Deputy Directors-General attended the meeting. — MNA



Union Minister Dr Pwint San chairs the MoC weekly coordination meeting yesterday.

Union Minister U Shwe Lay makes inspection tour to road and bridge constructions in Shan State



Union Minister U Shwe Lay is making an inspection tour on roads in Monghsat on 26 April.

UNION Minister for Construction U Shwe Lay, accompanied by commander of the Military Operations Command Colonel Thaw Zin Oo, inspected roads

in Monghsat town and the current condition of the Monghsat-Tachilek section and the paved section of the concrete roadway on 26 April.

During the inspection tour, the Union Minister said the Monghsat-Tachilek road is an important connecting road to the border towns. The roads and bridges

must be in good condition for the active flow of goods. He instructed them to widen the curves to make it safer for vehicles and erect directional warning signs according to the regulations as it is a winding mountain road and to provide roadside drainage systematically to prevent water from flowing into the road.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and party arrived at Tachilek and, along with the Tachilek District Administration Body's Chairman, inspected the No (2) Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge. The officials from the Bridge Task Force (12) of the Department of Bridge explained the construction of bridges on the Tachilek detour, the availability of funds for each financial

year and future plans, paving of the detour according to the financial year and coordination of land issues encountered in carrying out the work and projects for further coordination with landowners.

The Union Minister said the construction work of the bridge on the detour road in Tachilek needs to focus on the timely completion and quality of the part of the bridge. He urged them to submit to the Shan State Administration Council and to coordinate regarding the land compensation issues and the remaining works to be carried out as per the specified road features. He also inspected the construction of the bridge and the condition of the detour. — MNA

Nationwide case management supervision unit (NCMSU) holds meeting

THE Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement held a Nationwide Case Management Supervision Unit (NCMSU) coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine, Directors General and Deputy Directors-General from the departments and Social Welfare Department officials from the Nay Pyi Taw Council, regions and states joined the meeting virtually.

At the meeting, Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine said it is necessary to continue to produce more case managers to cover the whole country. The Department must provide the support needed for the case managers as

the case management is giving service to each and every person.

The Standard Operations Guidelines were introduced for the first time in 2015 to enable case managers to be more systematic in their implementation. In 2019, a working guide was issued to address not only child issues but also gender-based violence.

The Union Minister said 3,360 cases of children had been solved in the six years since the case management was started, including 1,466 cases of children facing lawsuit and 1,168 cases of sexual abuse.

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is also liaising with other relevant



Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine chairs the NCMSU coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

ministries depending on the child cases as per the responsibilities of the National Committee on the Rights of the Child (NCRC) under the Ministry's policy and liaison

with other relevant ministries.

The NCMSU was formed on 28 October 2020 in order to be able to quickly and easily collect information on operations by the

modern changing system and to be able to manage under the working mechanism of the Union Government.

The Union Minister urged to openly discuss the business needs and challenges encountered in order to make joint plans to strengthen the implementation activities. The meeting discussed the implementation done by the NCMSU, coordination with relevant departments and organizations and future plans to integrate into the Social Welfare Management Information System (SMIS) to be implemented by the Department in order to organize information together and future implementation plans. — MNA

Announcement of Union Election Commission

26 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 Mohnyin, Moegaung and Mansi townships of Kachin 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-commis-sion	List from Immi-gration depart-ment	Those involved in vot-ing list without citizen-ship 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	106 polling stations Mohnyin townships of Kachin State	160,823	110,409	13,488	1,348	16,818
2	70 polling stations Moegaung townships of Kachin State	104,535	76,066	60,996	39	1,890
3	39 polling stations Mansi townships of Kachin State	42,581	63,633	3,565	202	3,094

3. The Union Election Commission has inspected the withdrawal/receipt/use/remaining of ballot papers used for Pyithu Hluttaw Election of Mohnyin, Moegaung and Mansi townships of Kachin 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 215 polling stations in these three townships took out 344,352 ballots and used 214,456ballots. It left 1298,90 ballots instead of 129,896 ballots. The difference was 3,526 ballots and it found 3,520 extra ballots. The extra/shortage ballots were found at respective polling stations. Findings in respective town-ships 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	Mohnyin	106	179,741	113,095	66,646	66,715	3,386	3,455
2	Moegaung	70	117,101	70,272	46,829	46,782	87	40
3	Mansi	39	47,510	31,089	16,421	16,393	53	25
	Total	215	344,352	214,456	129,896	129,890	3,526	3,520

- Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Mohnyin Township
5. According to the inspection, 106 polling stations in 22 Wards and 38 Village-tracts of Mohnyin Township in Kachin State took out 164,350 ballots and used 112,195 ballots. It left 51,828 ballots instead of 52,155. 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	164,350	112,195	52,155	51,828	3,386	3,059
2	Township ballots	15,391	900	14,491	14,887	-	396
Total		179,741	113,095	66,646	66,715	3,386	3,455

6. There were 3,386 missing ballots and 3,059 extra ballots at 106 polling stations in 22 Wards and 38 Village-tracts of Mohnyin Township. The township election sub com-mission have 14,491 remaining ballots but it found 14,887 remaining ballots and so there were 396 extra ballots.
7. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Ward/Village-Tracts	Total Polling Stations	Withdrawal	Used	Exact re-maining	Remaining on the Ground	Difference	
							Missing	Extra
1	Nantkha Ward	2	5,900	4,415	1,485	1,737		252
2	Myoma Ward	2	4,700	3,232	1,468	819	649	
3	Oakekyin Ward	2	4,250	2,606	1,644	1,645		1
4	Ashaesu Ward	2	5,400	3,646	1,754	1,752	2	
5	Aungthapyay Ward	2	6,500	2,777	3,723	1,873	1,850	
6	Pinlon Village-tract	4	3,250	2,376	874	924		50
7	Mawhan Village-tract	3	5,450	3,754	1,696	1,446	250	
8	Nyaungkine Village-tract	1	1,600	1,197	403	407		4
9	Katu Village-tract	1	1,150	848	302	353		51
10	Selmine Village-tract	1	2,300	1,807	493	1,193		700
11	Nantpoke Village-tract	1	2,500	1,632	868	873		5
12	Ywathitgone Village-tract	1	2,800	1,949	851	851		
13	Aingyingone Village-tract	2	1,800	1,290	510	510		
14	Nyaunggone Village-tract	1	1,800	1,172	628	632		4
15	Pinhe Village-tract	2	3,400	2,413	987	1,041		54
16	Belue Village-tract	4	5,950	4,059	1,891	1,437	454	
17	Helon Village-tract	3	4,450	3,127	1,323	1,313	10	
18	Nyaunggone Ward	1	2,150	1,631	519	717		198
19	Myomayanaung Ward	1	1,850	1,280	570	614		44
20	Shansu Ward	1	1,450	1,156	294	294		
21	Nanthaya Ward	1	2,500	1,805	695	751		56
22	Chaungtha Ward	1	1,050	679	371	369	2	
23	Letpantan Village-tract	1	750	567	183	183		
24	Aletaw Village-tract	1	1,200	848	352	355		3
25	Taungain Village-tract	1	800	564	236	234	2	
26	Nantsawlaw Village-tract	1	1,450	1,083	367	421		54
27	Ainkone Village-tract	2	4,000	2,806	1,194	1,144	50	
28	Lehmee Village-tract	4	4,650	3,356	1,294	1,295		1
29	Myama north Ward	2	5,450	2,741	2,709	2,709		
30	Myoma south Ward	2	4,450	2,872	1,578	1,578		
31	Myazayya Ward	2	5,350	2,870	2,480	2,480		
32	Myathida Ward	2	4,200	3,013	1,187	1,243		56
33	Nantyin Village-tract	1	2,800	1,775	1,025	1,017	8	
34	Takwin Village-tract	3	5,100	2,973	2,127	2,120	7	
35	Kyargyikwin Village-tract	2	2,600	1,964	636	644		8
36	Ywathitgyi Village-tract	2	3,600	2,290	1,310	1,362		52
37	Zawtigone Village-tract	1	1,000	699	301	301		
38	Khonhnitmai Village-tract	2	1,500	1,140	360	510		150
39	Myothitkalay Village-tract	3	3,150	2,288	862	962		100
40	Ainlay Village-tract	1	1,150	907	243	298		55
41	Ward (1) (Nantmoon town)	1	1,850	1,396	454	454		
42	Ward (2) (Nantmoon town)	1	2,650	1,924	726	776		50
43	Ward (3) (Nantmoon town)	1	1,750	1,276	474	474		
44	Ward (4) (Nantmoon town)	1	1,500	805	695	795		100
45	Sanwingone Village-tract	1	1,600	1,370	230	280		50
46	Shweletpan Village-tract	1	700	550	150	150		
47	Mamonekine Village-tract	3	5,800	3,960	1,840	1,740	100	
48	Shweaintha Ward	1	450	398	52	57		5
49	Shwepyitha Ward	1	300	206	94	94		
50	Shwechaungtha Ward	1	350	210	140	140		
51	Taungtantha Ward	1	500	363	137	197		60
52	Konemana Village-tract	1	1,250	988	262	262		
53	Lwemon Village-tract	3	3,000	2,192	808	906		98
54	Nyaungpin Village-tract	3	3,300	2,668	632	980		348
55	Lonesant Village-tract	2	2,250	1,627	623	623		
56	Chaungwa Village-tract	1	1,450	1,096	354	352	2	
57	Mapyin Village-tract	3	2,550	1,820	730	730		
58	Panlar Village-tract	3	2,750	2,096	654	804		150
59	Hepu Village-tract	3	3,650	2,841	809	1007		198
60	Maipoke Village-tract	2	1,300	802	498	600		102
	Ward/village -tract ballots	106	164,350	112,195	52,155	51,828	3,386	3,059
	Township Remaining ballots		15,391	900	14,491	14,887		396
	Township Total	106	179,741	113,095	66,646	66,715	3,386	3,455

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in MogaungTownship

8. According to the inspection, 70 polling stations in 14 Wards and 36 Village-tracts of Moegaung Township in Kachin State took out 107,850 ballots and used 69,492 ballots. It left 38,311 ballots instead of 38,358. 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	107,850	69,492	38,358	38,311	87	40
2	Township ballots	9,251	780	8,471	8,471		
Total		117,101	70,272	46,829	46,782	87	40

9. There were 87 missing ballots and 40 extra ballots at 70 polling stations in 14 Wards and 36 Village-tracts of Moegaung Township. The numbers of remaining ballots at township election sub-commission and the findings of inspection team were conformity with 8,471 ballots.

10. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Ward/Village-Tract	Total Polling Stations	Withdrawal	Used	Exact remain- ing	Remaining on the Ground	Differ- ence	
							Missing	Extra
1	NantyinWard	1	1,750	1,176	574	576		2
2	Aleyat Ward	1	1,050	652	398	398		
3	Ashaeyat Ward	1	900	594	306	308		2
4	Natgyigone Ward	2	4,150	2,777	1,373	1,367	6	
5	Naungkaingtaw Ward	2	4,500	2,920	1,580	1,575	5	
6	Pinkhar Village-tract	1	500	218	282	282		
7	Kyarain Village-tract	1	900	581	319	319		
8	Kyunpintha Village-tract	2	3,400	1,929	1,471	1,463	8	
9	Yayshin Village-tract	3	3,300	1,927	1,373	1,373		
10	Lweleyan Village-tract	2	1,450	713	737	739		2
11	Nyaunggone Village-tract	1	550	313	237	237		
12	MyoU Ward (Namati)	1	1,950	1,210	740	740		
13	Myoma Ward (Namati)	2	4,450	2,502	1,948	1,898	50	
14	Myohla Ward (Namati)	1	2,550	1,606	944	946		2
15	Myothaya Ward (Namati)	2	4,450	2,692	1,758	1,756	2	
16	Thuhtaygone Village-tract	1	2,500	1,804	696	692	4	
17	Myadaung Village-tract	1	1,650	1,199	451	451		
18	Kanhla Village-tract	1	2,600	1,647	953	955		2
19	Lamkhwa Village-tract	2	4,750	2,587	2,163	2,163		
20	Myothitgyi Village-tract	1	1,500	1,081	419	417	2	
21	Nyaungtaw Village-tract	1	1,300	812	488	488		
22	Mayan Village-tract	1	2,700	1,446	1,254	1,253	1	
23	Sedinyan Village-tract	1	200	116	84	84		
24	Ohetan Ward	1	1,450	1,106	344	344		

25	Zaygone Ward	1	2,650	1,552	1,098	1,100		2
26	Ywathit Ward	1	1,850	1,305	545	545		
27	MyoU Ward	1	1,800	1,311	489	488	1	
28	Kyuntaw Ward	2	5,850	3,267	2,583	2,583		
29	Lwelaw Village-tract	1	900	660	240	242		2
30	Oakekyin Village-tract	1	400	320	80	80		
31	Manywet Village-tract	1	2,800	1,977	823	823		
32	Saungkha Village-tract	1	400	267	133	133		
33	Nanthai Village-tract	3	1,900	1,031	869	882		13
34	Htoopu Village-tract	1	500	390	110	112		2
35	Shweain Village-tract	1	700	545	155	156		1
36	Aungtha Village-tract	1	500	407	93	93		
37	Ainbaung Village-tract	1	550	473	77	77		
38	Sarhmaw Village-tract	3	6,650	4,045	2,605	2,605		
39	Kanyinmyaing Village-tract	1	2,450	1,711	739	735	4	
40	Kawayan Village-tract	1	350	212	138	138		
41	Taungni Village-tract	2	3,050	2,060	990	990		
42	Nanmana Village-tract	1	2,200	1,400	800	804		4
43	Pinthta Village-tract	1	1,100	684	416	416		
44	Ohnebaung Village-tract	1	1,300	821	479	479		
45	Thaikewagone Village-tract	1	1,400	1,082	318	318		
46	Aingyingone Village-tract	1	1,250	937	313	311	2	
47	Pinbaw Village-tract	5	6,650	4,927	1,723	1,721	2	
48	Konetangyi Village-tract	1	2,100	1,573	527	533		6
49	Htoneyappauk Village-tract	2	1,900	1,386	514	514		
50	Nantkhwin Village-tract	1	2,150	1,541	609	609		
	Ward/village tract ballots	70	107,850	69,492	38,358	38,311	87	40
	Township Remaining ballots		9,251	780	8,471	8,471		
	Township Total	70	117,101	70,272	46,829	46,782	87	40

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Mansi Township

11. According to the inspection, 39 polling stations in 4 Wards and 18 Village-tracts of Mansi Township in Kachin State took out 43,150 ballots and used 30,865 ballots. It left 12,257 ballots instead of 12,285. 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	43,150	30,865	12,285	12,257	53	25
2	Township ballots	4,360	224	4,136	4,136		
Total		47,510	31,089	16,421	16,393	53	25

12. There were 53missing ballots and 25 extra ballots at 39 polling stations in 4 Wards and 18 Village-tracts of Mansi Township. The numbers of remaining ballots at township election sub-commission and the findings of inspection team were conformity with 4,136 ballots.

13. Findings were as follows:

Sr	Ward/Village-Tract	Total Polling Stations	Withdrawal	Used	Exact re- maining	Remaining on the Ground	Differ- ence	
							Missing	Extra
1	Jamephawmyay Ward	1	800	610	190	190		
2	Kaungya Ward	3	3,350	2,443	907	882	26	1
3	Nantmaphwe Village-tract	2	1,050	899	151	155		4
4	Mankhanyaykhu Village-tract	1	550	366	184	184		
5	Konetein Village-tract	2	1,650	1,316	334	334		
6	Hanhtet Village-tract	2	2,600	2,224	376	374	2	
7	Mantha Village-tract	3	3,600	2,942	658	658		
8	Thantada Village-tract	2	1,400	1,066	334	334		
9	Sikaw Village-tract	1	750	610	140	140		
10	Sikhamgyi Village-tract	2	1,700	1,463	237	237		

11	Kaunglwin Village-tract	2	1,400	1,140	260	261	1	2
12	SiU Village-tract	2	1,450	1,161	289	286	3	
13	Maikhaung Village-tract	3	4,700	3,028	1,672	1,670	2	
14	Mongdeinpa Village-tract	1	550	472	78	78		
15	Mawyawadi Ward	1						
16	Pyinoolwin Ward		1,250	963	287	287		
17	Chaunghtauk Village-tract	1	850	559	291	298		7
18	Manweingyi Village-tract	1	450	373	77	77		
19	Manmon Village-tract	3	7,800	3,688	4,112	4,109	3	
20	Naungloke Village-tract	1	1,300	838	462	457	5	
21	Naungswan Village-tract	1	1,300	1,045	255	253	2	
22	Pankham Village-tract	2	1,950	1,775	175	169	6	
	Ward/village tract ballots	39	43,150	30,865	12,285	12,257	53	25
	Township Remaining ballots		4,360	224	4,136	4,136		
	Township Total	39	47,510	31,089	16,421	16,393	53	25

Students need to have legal and business knowledge for their lives

AS Myanmar is on the track of democracy, every citizen needs to understand the legal affairs. So, it is necessary to provide teaching on law subjects to university students widely. Likewise, the development of the State needs a booming economy. So, the economic sector needs to have plentiful educated persons with business knowledge. As such, efforts are being made to teach economics and law subjects essential for State development at all universities.

Universities are hubs for turning out capable human resources in respective subjects. They have to apply knowledge from the learning at the universities in the practical fields for enhancement of socio-economic life. Using the knowledge from the subjects learnt at the universities can secure benefit in the practical fields.

The learning system of basic education is different from that of university education. Students from day courses and distance ones have some differences in forms of learning and environs at the university level. They have to pursue education as well as practical exercises and learning.

The teaching of the law subject is of importance at universities to enable every citizen to know how to live under laws and disciplines in democracy. As such, those who have business knowledge can better manage the State economy and increase productivity.

Mismanagement of the economy caused a decline of the State economy in the past. By taking lessons from past events not to commit similar mistakes any more, new generation students need to accumulate legal affairs and business knowledge

for improving their capacity.

A new learning environment is under construction for university students. At the same time, efforts are being made to develop the basic education sector. Students at both levels should choose the best ways of their own accord without attachment. They should assess the benevolence of creating the learning opportunities, and they have to analyze knowledge obtained from the university education.

All in all, while the government is creating good learning environs, students should grasp the learning opportunity without fail in order to be able to shape a peaceful and prosperous country.



New UN-led global immunization push aims to save more than 50 million lives

A UN-led global immunization strategy was unveiled on Monday to reach more than 50 million children who have missed lifesaving jabs against diseases such as measles, yellow fever and diphtheria, in large part because of COVID-19 disruption.

“EVEN before the pandemic, there were worrying signs that we were beginning to lose ground in the fight against preventable child illness, with 20 million children already missing out on critical vaccinations”, said Henrietta Fore, UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Executive Director.

According to UNICEF, disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic at the beginning of 2020 meant that vaccine deliveries fell from 2.29 billion in 2019, to just over two billion vaccine doses last year.

“The pandemic has made a bad situation worse, causing millions more children to go unimmunized”, Ms Fore maintained. “Now that vaccines are at the forefront of everyone’s minds, we must sustain this energy to help every child catch up on their measles, polio and other vaccines. We have no



A Venezuelan woman is vaccinated against measles in Cucuta, Colombia, at the Simon Bolivar International Bridge on the border with Venezuela. PHOTO: AFP

time to waste. Lost ground means lost lives.”

Echoing that message, World Health Organization (WHO) Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus along with partner GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, urged universal access to immunization and far greater investment

in primary health care to support mass jab drives.

“Vaccines will help us end the COVID-19 pandemic but only if we ensure fair access for all countries, and build strong systems to deliver them”, he said.

According to the UN health agency, immunization services

have started to recover from the disruption caused by COVID-19 restrictions in 2020.

But a WHO survey indicated that more than one-third of respondent countries still report problems delivering routine jabs.

228 million at risk

Today, 60 lifesaving mass

vaccination campaigns have been postponed in 50 countries, putting around 228 million people - mostly children - at risk for diseases such as measles, yellow fever and polio, WHO warned.

More than half of the 50 affected countries are in Africa, while measles campaigns have seen most disruption, accounting for 23 postponed vaccination drives, affecting an estimated 140 million people.

“Many of these (measles) campaigns have been delayed for over a year”, WHO noted, warning that failure to protect against this highly contagious disease risks large outbreaks wherever people are unvaccinated.

Serious measles outbreaks have already been reported in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Pakistan and Yemen as a result of gaps in vaccination coverage, WHO said, at the start of World

Immunization Week 2021.

These outbreaks are happening in places already grappling with conflict situations as well as service disruptions due to ongoing response measures to COVID-19.

Lifesaving resource
The world has vaccines to prevent more than 20 life-threatening diseases, helping people of all ages live longer, healthier lives - as is their right - according to the Immunization Agenda 2030 strategy to support recovery from COVID-19 disruptions. “Strong immunization systems will be needed to ensure that people everywhere are protected against COVID-19 and other diseases” over the next decade, the campaign’s website explained, underscoring the savings and economic returns made by investing in vaccination programmes for individuals, communities and countries.

SOURCE: UN

COVID-19 situation in India ‘beyond heartbreaking’: WHO chief

The World Health Organization chief voiced alarm on Monday (Apr 26) at India’s record-breaking wave of COVID-19 cases and deaths, saying the organisation was rushing to help address the crisis.

“THE situation in India is beyond heartbreaking,” Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters.

He spoke as India battles a catastrophic coronavirus wave that has overwhelmed hospitals, with crematoriums working at full capacity.

A surge in recent days has seen patients’ families taking to social media to beg for oxygen supplies and locations of available hospital beds, and has forced the capital New Delhi to extend a week-long lockdown.

“WHO is doing everything we can, providing critical equipment and supplies,” Tedros said.

He said the UN health agency was among other things sending “thousands of oxygen concentrators, prefabricated mobile field hospitals and laboratory supplies”.

The WHO also said it had transferred more than 2,600 of its experts from various programmes, including polio and tuberculosis, to work with Indian

health authorities to help respond to the pandemic.

The country of 1.3 billion has become the latest hotspot of a pandemic that has killed more than 3 million people worldwide, even as richer countries take steps towards normality with accelerating vaccination programmes.

The US and Britain rushed ventilators and vaccine materials to help India weather the crisis, while a range of other countries also pledged support.

GLOBAL SURGE

Since the virus that causes COVID-19 first surfaced in China in late 2019, the disease has killed more than 3.1 million people out of at least 147 million infected, according to a tally from official sources compiled by AFP.

Tedros on Monday lamented that global new case numbers have been rising for the past nine weeks straight.

“To put it in perspective,” he said, “there were almost as many cases globally last week as in the

first five months of the pandemic.”

The United States remains the worst-affected country, with some 572,200 deaths and over 32 million infections, followed by Brazil and Mexico.

But India, in fourth place, has in recent days been driving the global caseload.

The country, which has recorded over 195,000 deaths, registered 2,812 new deaths and 352,991 new infections on Monday alone - its highest tolls since the start of the pandemic.

“The exponential growth that we’ve seen in case numbers is really, truly astonishing,” Maria Van Kerkhove, the WHO’s technical lead on COVID-19, told reporters.

She warned that India was not unique, pointing out that a number of countries had seen “similar trajectories of increases in transmission”.

“This can happen in a number of countries ... if we let our guard down,” she said.

“We’re in a fragile situation.”

COVAX HIT

Meanwhile, the Indian crisis has taken a toll on the Covax programme aimed at providing equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines, with a particular focus on 92 poorer nations.

Prior to the surge, India was exporting tens of millions of AstraZeneca shots made domestically by the Serum Institute through Covax, which is co-run by the WHO, the Gavi vaccine alliance and the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI).

But once cases started surging, New Delhi froze exports - including to Covax - to prioritise India.

This has left Covax short 90 million doses that had been intended for 60 low-income countries in March and April, the WHO and Gavi said.

“Those have not been made available given the crisis in India. Now they’re being used domestically,” Gavi chief Seth Berkley told the briefing.

Covax, he said, was “looking at other options” while waiting for the supplies to resume.

Among other things, the Covax partners have appealed to countries that have excess vaccine doses to share them with the programme.

Berkley said that it was “early

SOURCE: AFP



Police personnel patrol in Amritsar, India, on Sunday during the lockdown imposed by the state government as a preventive measure against the spread of the coronavirus. PHOTO: AFP

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

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MoHS discusses COVID-19 preventive measures



Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win chairs the virtual coordination meeting on COVID prevention yesterday.

THE Union Minister for Health and Sports presided over a virtual coordination meeting on COVID-19 prevention yesterday.

The Union Minister discussed the preparations to be conducted in the country as the infection rate creeps up in neighbouring countries, preventive measures based on the findings on those entering the country from abroad, arrangement of Medical Research Department to test the gene of virus from confirmed cases and other prevention and control activities.

The Union Minister said the hospitals in Yangon Region resume the services as usual. The clinical management committee, hospital management committee and subcommittee will be systematically formed again. The government allowed private hospitals and clinics to conduct lab tests and medical treatment for COVID-19.

He also added the cooperation work with the official Parahitas in transferring the COVID-19 patients to relevant hospitals and health centre, contact tracing, COVID-19 vaccination programmes across the nation and public awareness campaigns.

Then, the heads of relevant departments presented their COVID-19 preventive measures, ongoing vaccination programmes and future work plans. — MNA

Lawsuit filed against former Yangon region minister for energy, industry, transport and communications under anti-corruption law

ACCORDING to the complaint, the Anti-Corruption Commission set up an investigation team to investigate the alleged misconduct of Daw Nilar Kyaw, former Yangon Region minister for Energy, Industry, transport and Communications and take necessary action under the Anti-Corruption Law.

According to the finding of the investigation team, it was found that she used her authority during her tenure as the chairperson of the Quality Controller Company Selection Committee to issue a certificate to a company close to her as a quality controller company and assigned work to carry out quality inspection work. At the same time, she was the Yangon Region Minister for Energy, Industry, transport and Communications.

From March 2017 to January 2021, she was found to have received over K1,660 million from a total of 1,577 businesses for the quality inspection work. The investigation revealed that the receipt of a total of K364.360 million from that company was a violation of the authority given to her by her position.

According to the Anti-Corruption Commission yesterday, the first complaint was reportedly lodged at the Kamayut Township Police Station to take action against her in accordance with Section 55 of the Anti-Corruption Law. — MNA

Security measures conducted to ensure community peace

TATMADAW, Police Force and Fire Brigade jointly conducted security measures to ensure the State's stability, security of people, the rule of law and community peace starting 14 February night.

Tatmadaw, police and fire brigade members also jointly conduct security measures for the peaceful night and community peace in respective regions and states and keep serving security measures the whole day. — MNA



Tatmadaw, police and fire brigade members in security convoy at night.

Military hospitals continue providing healthcare to civilians



A local patient and her baby are receiving treatment at the military hospital in Toungoo.

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 166,875, outpatients and 4,427 inpatients reached these hospitals from 5 February to date.

Senior medical experts, medics and nurses have conducted 7,811 major operations and 3,999 minor operations. The senior doctors treat serious cases. These hospitals managed for the birth of 10,354 babies while bringing 10,354 pregnant women to the respective military hospitals. Of those 4,071 cases are done in caesarean section and 6,283 cases in ordinary delivery.

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

Brigade-5 of KNU attacks camps of Tatmadaw with lesser strengths by breaking NCA agreements

BRIGADE-5 of KNU attacked Htimuhta camp, a border security outpost of Myanmar on 27 March, by breaking the facts mentioned in the NCA without obeying the order of the KNU Central Leading Committee. Hence, information was released that necessary measures will be taken against the attacks on 28 April for the event and security measures.

At about 5 am yesterday, Brigade-5 of KNU attacked and set fire to Thawlehta and Uthuta camps that are Thaungyin River security camps of the Tatmadaw with superior strengths. Without obeying the order of the KNU Central Leading Committee, Brigade-5 of KNU is continuously committing acts undermining the peace process by breaking the NCA with planting mines against Tatmadaw columns, attacking as a disturbance at the construction of the routes contributing to regional development and firing at military headquarters with the use of heavy weapons from a far distance.

As Brigade-5 of KNU is breaking the NCA and undermining the peace process without obeying the order of the KNU Central Leading Committee, the Tatmadaw, on its part, will continue the border region security and necessary anti-insurgency operations. — MNA

Anti-government vinyl, poster holders arrested

SOME unscrupulous persons keep conducting destructive elements, and some rioters intentionally draw anti-government letters on public roads, government and public buildings, hang and scatter the vinyl or posters in the streets to affect the stability of the State.

The security forces crackdown the riots and violence in line with the law to ensure the stability of the State and community peace and detain those distributing anti-government slogans or letters.

On 26 April, acting on a tip-off, the combined team comprising security members patrolled in front of No (5) B.E.H.S on Hledan road in No (3) Ward of Kamayut Township of Yangon Region. They arrested Kyein Mon Kein (aka) Cherry from No (8) Ward in “Aung Kaung San” tea shop together with 160 A4 papers bearing anti-government letters and other materials.

Similarly, the security forces arrested Aung Thein Oo for drawing an anti-government letter on Mar Gha road of Bago Su Ward in Thanlyin Township during their patrol at 9:30 am on 27 April. Those arrested will face serious actions under the law. — MNA

Terrorists burn state-owned and public buildings



Ravages are seen after arson attack by terrorists.

TERRORISTS threw burning sticks into the traffic light control rooms located at the corner of Insein road and Parami road and the corner of Parami road and Mindamma road on 26 April.

The fire was not spread to the control rooms as the security forces put out the fire.

Similarly, two terrorists set fire to the warehouse in the “Kyunfoo” wine production company compound in Uthamyothit (9) ward in Bago Town, Bago Region, at around 3 am yesterday. Due to the arson attack, one TV, one generator and 30 cement bags were burnt and destroyed. The fire was extinguished at around 5 am by the security forces and fire brigades. The investigations are reportedly underway to identify and take actions against those perpetrators. — MNA

Security forces continue arresting illegal weapon manufacturers, owners



Arrestees are seen with weapons they are making to be used in riots.

SECURITY forces have identified and arrested manufacturers and owners of weapons and ammunition to be used in riots.

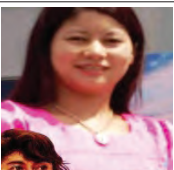
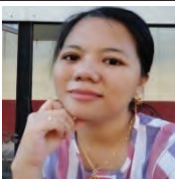
On 26 April, the security forces confiscated 20 iron shields, two bullet proof vests, eight fire bottles and a piece of a homemade gun in Tamu, Sagaing Region; one homemade gun, one steel barrel, 30 balls in Htantaw village, Amarapura Township, Mandalay Region; five diesel bottles, 2.5 viss of gunpowder, 18 homemade bombs, four bags of iron bolts, 0.5 viss of iron nails and other related items in Tabinshwehti ward, Dala Township, Yangon Region.

Yesterday morning, 55 smoke bombs, 50 fibre helmets, 34 pairs of smoke goggles, 1 bow, 2 bowstrings, 18 arrows, 13 bullet proof vests and other related items were confiscated in the ward (15), South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region.

It is reported that investigations are underway to take actions against those arrested and those illegal weapons to be used in riots. — 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	11	Dr Theint Theint Lin (Assistant Surgeon)	Thanbyu-zayat Hos-pital	Thanbyuzayat Town, Mon State	505-a	
1	Dr Kyaw Hling Soe (Assistant Surgeon)	Kengtung General Hos-pital	Kengtung Town, Shan State (East)	505-a		12	Dr Min Zaw Aye (Specialist)	Bhamo Gen-eral Hospital	Myitkyina Town, Kachin State	505-a	
2	Dr Aye Mya Thu (Assistant Surgeon)	Kengtung General Hos-pital	Kengtung Town, Shan State (East)	505-a		13	Dr Myat Thida Aye (Assistant Surgeon)	Bhamo Gen-eral Hospital	Bhamo Town, Kachin State	505-a	
3	Dr Than Htut Aung (Assistant Surgeon)	Kengtung General Hos-pital	Kengtung Town, Shan State (East)	505-a		14	Dr Shwe Sin Thein Tan (Assistant Surgeon)	Bhamo Gen-eral Hospital	Bhamo Town, Kachin State	505-a	
4	Dr Min Khant (Assistant Surgeon)	Kengtung General Hos-pital	Kengtung Town, Shan State(East)	505-a		15	Dr Thu Htin (Assistant Surgeon)	Bhamo Gen-eral Hospital	Bhamo Town, Kachin State	505-a	
5	Dr Sai Sai (Assistant Surgeon)	Kengtung General Hos-pital	Kengtung Town, Shan State (East)	505-a		16	Dr Htet Aung (Assistant Surgeon)	Kengtung Hospital	Kengtung Town, Shan State(East)	505-a	
6	Dr Chan Myae Aung (Assistant Surgeon)	Hpa-an Hospital	Hpa-an Town, Kayin State	505-a		17	Dr Aung Kyaw (Assistant Surgeon)	Kengtung Hospital	Kengtung Town, Shan State(East)	505-a	
7	Dr Shine Htet Aung (Assistant Surgeon)	Kadaingti Station Hos-pital	Kadaingti Town, Kayin State	505-a		18	Dr Ye Naing Win (Specialist)	Myingyan-Hospital	Myingyan Town, Manda-lay Region	505-a	
8	Dr Soe Win Htut (Assistant Surgeon)	Wawlay Sta-tion Hospital	Wawlay Town, Kayin State	505-a		19	Dr Khin Maung Soe (Specialist)	Myingyan-Hospital	Myingyan Town, Manda-lay Region	505-a	
9	Dr Than Htay Aung (Assistant Surgeon)	Kyaikkhami-Station Hospital	Kyaikkhami Town, Mon State	505-a		20	Dr Maung Maung Oo (Specialist)	Mandalay-General Hospital	Chanayethaz-an Township, Mandalay	505-a	
10	Dr Noe Noe Aung (Assistant Surgeon)	Kyaikkhami-Station Hospital	Kyaikkhami Town, Mon State	505-a							

Among them, Dr Htet Aung (Assistant Surgeon) and Dr Aung Kyaw (Assistant Surgeon) of Kengtung General Hospital, Dr Ye Naing Win (Specialist)and Dr Khin Maung Soe (Specialist) of Myingyan Hospital and Dr Maung Maung Oo (Specialist) of Mandalay General 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

Germany eyes stronger 2021 growth as vaccines offer hope

GERMANY is poised to upgrade its growth forecast for 2021 on Tuesday, offering a glimpse of light at the end of the coronavirus pandemic tunnel as vaccinations finally begin to gather pace in Europe's biggest economy.

"There are reasons to be optimistic," Economy Minister Peter Altmaier said.

"In January, we forecast growth of 3.0 per cent. Current data show that it will even be slightly higher," Altmaier said in an interview with the Funke media group.

Europe's biggest economy contracted by 4.9 per cent in 2020 as the pan-

demic idled entire sectors and upended hundreds of thousands of businesses.

With Germany still firmly in the clutches of a third wave of the pandemic, the country is expected to report weak data for the first three months of the year.

But the rhythm of vaccinations is accelerating after a stuttering start, with hundreds of thousands of jabs being administered daily in recent days.

The mass inoculations could help accelerate a return to some normalcy after more than a year of open and close swings to halt Covid-19.



German industry will help lead an economic recovery thanks to a rebound of export orders. PHOTO: AFP

Major economic think tanks have already delivered a more optimistic forecast than the government, having already predicted growth of 3.7 per cent for the year.

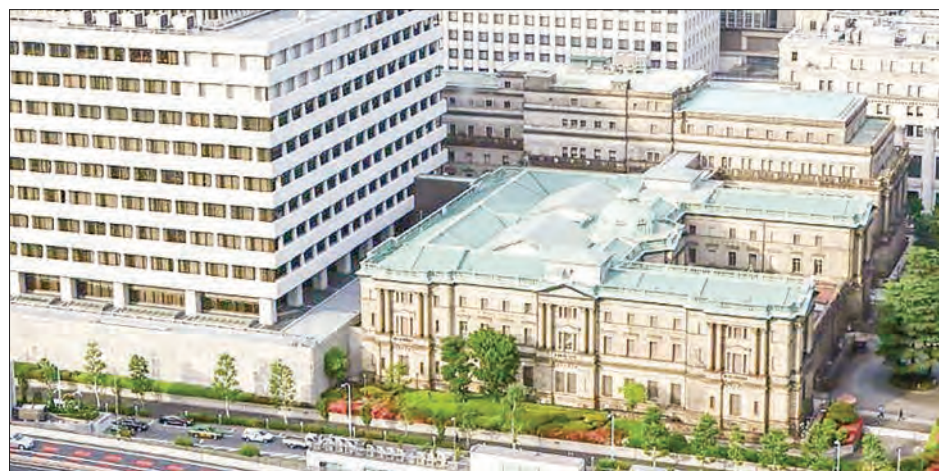
"Once the risk of infections is removed, the economy will show a strong re-

covery," they said.

- 'Still booming' -

Germany came through the first wave of the pandemic relatively unscathed, but authorities have struggled for months to put in place concerted action to stop the current wave. —AFP ■

Bank of Japan lifts growth forecast, keeps policy unchanged



The Bank of Japan has consistently fallen short of hitting the two-percent inflation target it considers key to turbocharging the stuttering economy. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

JAPAN'S central bank on Tuesday raised its growth forecasts for the world's third-largest economy, citing expected stronger demand, and left its ultra-loose monetary policy in place.

But it acknowledged that the outlook remains "highly unclear" and could change depending on how the still-raging coronavirus pandemic evolves and affects the domestic and interna-

tional economy. Still, it revised up its forecast for the 2020-2021 fiscal year that ended on March 31, projecting the economy would shrink 4.9 per cent, compared with the 5.6 per cent contraction

it predicted in January. For the current fiscal year, it now expects 4.0 per cent growth, against its January forecast of 3.9 per cent, while it lifted its expectations for the fiscal year ending in March 2023 to 2.4 per cent, from 1.8 per cent previously.

"The projected growth rates are higher, mainly for fiscal 2022, on the back of stronger domestic and external demand," the Bank of Japan explained. It said while Japan's economic activity was expected to stay lower than pre-pandemic levels "for the time being", it expects to see the virus's impact "waning gradually". —AFP ■

European Parliament to wave through Brexit trade deal

THE European Parliament will vote to ratify the EU trade deal with Britain Tuesday, turning the page on a difficult Brexit chapter but with little hope of smoothing relations with London.

The 705-member Brussels chamber is expected to overwhelmingly back the bare bones trade deal that was sealed last Christmas Eve after nine

months of bad tempered negotiation.

The zero-tariffs, zero-quota arrangement has been provisionally applied since January 1 when an eleven-month post-Brexit transition period ended.

But MEPs demanded extra time to vet the pact, which also includes a deal on fishing that was especially difficult to clinch with EU fishing crews los-

ing much of their access to bountiful UK waters.

The European Parliament further delayed its vote in part to protest unilateral delays by London in implementing customs checks in Northern Ireland, one of the most contentious issues in the divorce.

Brussels has launched legal action against London over the Irish problem,

while a major row over the supply of UK-based AstraZeneca's Covid-19 vaccine has also embittered cross-Channel relations.

But, despite the acrimony, the European Commission, which handles ties with the UK for the Europeans, has asked MEPs to greenlight the pact, arguing that it will better help keep Britain in check. —AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Japan to regulate digital ads under law on IT giants

JAPAN plans to regulate online advertising as early as next April under the law requiring information technology giants to be more transparent following recommendations contained in a final government report on digital marketing released Tuesday.

The move could be the world's first legislation to regulate digital advertisements if measures aimed at securing transparency and fairness in the industry are added to the law that took effect in February.

The report compiled by the Digital Market Competition Council urged IT giants to create a scheme to accept third-party assessment of the effectiveness of online advertising and disclose information on wrongdoings such as illegal charges levied on advertisers.

The legislation to protect advertisers will come as Japan steps up efforts to toughen regulations on industry giants such as Apple Inc. and Amazon.com Inc. amid concerns that such companies are taking advantage of their market dominance to mistreat merchants who offer wares on their platforms. —Kyodo News ■

Dutch surprise rivals in race for Brexit spoils

IN the race for business lost by the City of London because of Brexit, Amsterdam's stock market has surprised European rivals by carving out the biggest slice so far.

The city of canals, cheese and cannabis overtook London in January as Europe's largest share trading centre, with more than nine billion euros of EU stocks exchanging hands every day.

Other European Union cities such as Paris, Dublin, Milan and Frankfurt have also benefited from the exodus from London, but none as much as Amsterdam to date.

"This trend is, I just want to insist on that point, really affecting in a very positive manner all the locations within the European Union," Stephane Boujnah, CEO of pan-European stock market operator Euronext, told AFP.

Euronext runs the Amsterdam stock market and those of Brussels, Dublin, Lisbon, Oslo and Paris. Last year it also agreed to buy the Milan bourse from the London Stock Exchange. "What's specific in Amsterdam is the consolidation of some players that used to be based in London" but who had offices already in the Dutch capital, he said. Amsterdam was also seen as "more international" than some other cities, with English virtually a second language and favourable tax conditions offered by the government, he said. —AFP ■

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Russia expels Italian diplomat in tit-for-tat move



Moscow announced Monday it was expelling an Italian diplomat in response to the “unfriendly” removal of two Russian officials from Italy in March over spying allegations. **PHOTO: AFP**

MOSCOW announced Monday it was expelling an Italian diplomat in response to the “unfriendly” removal of two Russian officials from Italy in March over spying allegations.

The foreign ministry said it had summoned Italy’s ambassador and that he was informed Russia was “declaring ‘persona-non-grata’” Rome’s naval attache in Moscow, who would have 24 hours to leave

the country.

Italy condemned Russia’s decision as “unfounded and unjust”.

The foreign ministry expressed its “deep regret” saying: “We consider the decision unfounded and unjust because it is in retaliation for a legitimate measure taking by the Italian authorities in defence of their own security.” —AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Libya PM first trip to Benghazi postponed after security team is turned back

THE Libyan government postponed the prime minister’s first visit to the east of the country late Sunday, hours after an advance security team was turned back from Benghazi airport, a source told AFP.

A cabinet meeting scheduled for Monday in the city would also have marked national unity government leader Abdulhamid Dbeibah’s first trip to Libya’s east, a bastion of military strongman Khalifa Haftar.

But on Sunday a spokesperson said preparations were underway to arrange another date, without giving a reason for the postponement.

The announcement came several hours after a government security team was turned away by local authorities at Benghazi airport, forcing them to get back on their plane and return to the capital Tripoli, a local security source told AFP. Dbeibah was selected earlier this year through a UN-backed inter-Libyan dialogue to lead the country to national elections in December 2021. —AFP ■

Bulgaria heads for new vote as main parties fail to form government

BULGARIA’S anti-establishment party There is Such a Nation (TSN) announced Monday it too had failed to build a stable coalition to run the country and called for a new election.

The centre-right GERB party of Bulgaria’s long-time premier Boyko Borisov, which came first in April 4 elections, had already admitted on Friday its efforts to form a government came to naught.

TSN leader Slavi Trifonov, a 54-year-old showman and TV presenter, took to Facebook to say the party had not been able to persuade “the required

number of deputies” to join a coalition.

“The best choice” would be to stage a new vote, added Trifonov, whose party garnered a surprise 17.7 per cent of the last vote.

Former world chess champion Antoaneta Stefanova, who would have become prime minister in a TSN coalition, would inform President Roumen Radev, he added.

GERB won just under 27 per cent in the election and Borisov said he would not seek a new term as premier of the EU’s poorest member.

He named ex-foreign min-



Bulgarians voted in a parliamentary election on April 4. **PHOTO: AFP**

ister Daniel Mitov to set up a new administration but that ended up with Mitov accusing other parties of behaving “arrogantly and irresponsibly”.

President Radev is now expected to mandate a third and final party of his choice to try to break the deadlock. —AFP ■

UN calls for urgent Yemeni port repairs to reduce food costs

THE United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) called Monday for the swift repair of two ports in southern Yemen to reduce the cost of imported food, as the war-torn country races against the threat of large-scale famine.

“The Ports of Aden and Mukalla represent critical and irreplaceable infrastructure that are essential to commercial and humanitarian activities in Yemen, particularly in relation to the overall food supply chain,” UNDP said in its report.

It stressed that Dutch experts from the Port of Rotterdam and Solid Port Solutions were deployed by UNDP between 22 November and 4 December 2020 to conduct an initial assessment to determine the minimum requirements to improve productivity and effective management of the ports.

Fixing the ports will



A handout picture released by the World Food Programme shows a UN aid ship docked in Yemen’s devastated port city of Aden on July 21, 2015. **PHOTO: AFP**

“reduce the cost of food in Yemen,” Auke Lootsma, the UNDP’s resident country representative, told AFP.

“The looming famine in

Yemen is a question of food affordability and not food availability.”

“For example, 50 per cent of a kilogramme price of wheat

is made up of transport costs, such as shipping, insurance and demurrage.”

Last month, UNDP warned that famine could become part of Yemen’s “reality” this year, after a donor conference sought to raise \$3.85 billion from more than 100 governments and donors, but only reached \$1.7 billion.

According to the UN agency, the damage and capacity assessment report found that an investment package of \$49,590,000 (\$21,560,000 for Aden and US\$28,030,000 for Mukalla) is needed to both maintain current operations and restore them to pre-war conditions.

The project’s priorities consist of maintaining current port operations, improving cargo handling at both ports and restoring safety and sustainability of the ports’ operations and assets. —AFP ■

Papua intelligence chief killed in rebel attack

An Indonesian regional intelligence chief has been killed in an ambush by rebels in restive Papua region, the military confirmed as the country’s president vowed to crush the separatists.

General I Gusti Putu Dany Karya Nugraha, who headed Papua’s intelligence agency, was killed during a shoot-out on Monday after rebels opened fire at a patrolling security forces unit in the Papuan highlands on Sunday.

“He was in the area as part of the operation to restore security and to boost the morale of locals in the region following a series of attacks by separatist and terrorist groups,” National Intelligence Agency spokesman Wawan Purwanto told AFP news agency. —AFP ■

Harris vows \$310 mn US relief as Central America tackles migration

VICE – President Kamala Harris told Guatemalan President Alejandro Giammattei during a virtual call Monday the US will give \$310 million in humanitarian relief to Central America, her office said, as the region tackles a wave of migration north.

Harris, who leads President Joe Biden’s efforts to address the influx of migrants from Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador to the US-Mexico border, met with Giammattei by videoconference, prior to her visit to Central America scheduled for June.

“In light of the dire situation and acute suffering faced by millions of people in El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras, Vice

–President Harris announced an additional \$310 million in US government support for humanitarian relief and to address food insecurity,” a statement from her office said after the meeting.

It said the two governments will also coordinate law enforcement efforts to tackle criminal organizations whose activities help drive migration, as well as open migrant resource centers to establish safe, legal migration.

“The United States plans to increase relief to the region, strengthen our cooperation to manage migration in an effective, secure and humane manner,” Harris promised Giammattei.—AFP ■



Honduran migrants, part of a caravan heading to the United States, walk along a road in Camotan, Guatemala on January 16, 2021. PHOTO: JOHAN ORDONEZ / AFP

10 years after his death, Bin Laden still haunts Pakistan



The operation that killed Osama bin Laden had global repercussions and dented Pakistan’s international reputation, exposing contradictions in a country that had long served as a rear base for Al Qaeda. PHOTO: AFP

CHILDREN play cricket in a patch of scorched grass and scattered rubble in Abbottabad – all that remains of the final lair of the man who was once the most wanted person on the planet.

It was in this Pakistani city that Osama bin Laden was killed in the clandestine “Operation Geronimo” raid by US Navy Seals in the early hours of May 2, 2011.

The operation had global repercussions and dented Pakistan’s international reputation – exposing contradictions in a country that had long served as a rear base for Al Qaeda and its Taliban allies while suffering from the effects of terrorism.

Bin Laden had been living in seclusion for at least five years in Abbottabad, hidden behind the high walls of an imposing white building less than two kilometres from a renowned military academy.

“It was a very bad thing for this place and for the whole country,” said Altaf Hussain, a retired schoolteacher, walking down an alley alongside Bin Laden’s former residence. “By living here, Osama gave this city a bad reputation.”—AFP ■

US justice department probes Louisville police over abuse, racial discrimination

THE US Justice Department on Monday announced an investigation of systematic abuse by police in Louisville, Kentucky, 13 months after officers shot dead black medical technician Breonna Taylor in a raid on her home.

Just days after launching an investigation of Minneapolis police in the wake of the killing of George Floyd, Attorney-General Merrick Garland said the examination of Louisville will focus on

a pattern of unreasonable use of force, unlawful searches and seizures, and discrimination against African-Americans. Both investigations could lead to the police being legally bound by consent decrees to enact reforms.

After Donald Trump refused to use federal pressure to reform local police departments, the probes underscore the determination of President Joe Biden’s administration to hold the police

to account amid a series of unjustified shootings and killings of African-Americans. “All of these steps will be taken with one goal in mind: to ensure that policing policies and practices are constitutional and lawful,” Garland said.

The Louisville police came under particular scrutiny in the nationwide Black Lives Matter protests against police abuse last year because of the death of Taylor.—AFP ■

Somali opposition fighters cordon off parts of tense capital

HEAVILY armed Somali opposition fighters held positions in parts of Mogadishu on Monday, a day after clashes with government troops erupted over the president’s bid to extend his mandate, in the country’s worst political violence in years.

Fighters used mounds of earth to barricade roads, while armed men and vehicles mounted with machine guns were stationed in opposition strongholds after the fighting that left three dead.

“Both the Somali security forces and the pro-opposition fighters have taken positions along some key roads,” witness Abdullahi Mire told AFP.

The fragile nation has not had an effective central government since the collapse of a military regime in 1991 led to decades of civil war and lawless-

ness fuelled by clan conflicts.

For more than a decade, conflict has centred on an Islamist insurgency by the Al-Qaeda-linked Al-Shabaab.

The political clashes in the streets of Mogadishu mark a dangerous new phase in a dispute triggered by the failure to hold February’s planned elections.

President Mohamed Abdullahi Mohamed, best known by his nickname Farmajo, earlier this month signed a law approved by parliament that extended his mandate by two years.

On Sunday night, sporadic bursts of heavy gunfire rang out across the capital after fighting broke out between government forces and soldiers allied along clan lines to various opposition leaders.—AFP ■



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PFL Tournament 2021 to be launched in July

ACCORDING to a statement with the ASEAN Football Federation, the tournament of the Philippines Football League will start on 17 July 2021.

The PFL tourney was postponed during the previous outbreak of the COVID-19. However, football authorities have decided

to hold the tournament back in July.

Ahead of the tourney, the Philippines Football Federation President Mariano Araneta said, "The (Copa Paulino Alcantara) will not push through this year because of the current situation. We decided that we will proceed

with the league by 17 July when we have the vaccines rolled out already." "We understand the situation the clubs are facing during these challenging times. With a scheduled kickoff date of 17 July, the clubs will be able to plan accordingly for another exciting PFL season."

"The players are welcome to be vaccinated as it is protection for them. We're giving them a choice as PFF will be spending on the vaccines. I'm confident that they will accept these vaccines." "Last year, clubs were only able to play five matches in the bubble season. With the vaccine set

to roll out this year, we look forward to giving the clubs more competitive matches to keep the players physically fit, which will benefit our clubs participating at the domestic level, international competitions, and our national team," the PFL commissioner added. — GNLM

Liverpool report £46 million pre-tax loss



Supporters protest against Liverpool's US owner John W. Henry and the Fenway Sports Group. **PHOTO: AFP**

LIVERPOOL reported a £46 million (\$63 million) pre-tax loss for the financial year ending May 2020, figures that suggest why the club's owners were prepared to join the failed European Super League plan.

Just a week after Liverpool were forced to pull out of the controversial Super League following a furious public backlash, the reigning Premier League champions' revealed the financial impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

The loss of significant media revenue and match-day income at Anfield in the final quarter of the results amid the lockdown contributed to a £88 million negative swing in just over 12 months.

Liverpool reportedly estimate they will have suffered a financial hit of around £120 million by the time supporters are allowed back into matches.

In March 2020, Liverpool announced a profit of £42 million, but that surplus was wiped out after last season was suspended

in March and then restarted behind closed doors.

The pandemic fall-out convinced Liverpool's owners Fenway Sports Group to sell a 10 per cent share in the club last month for £543 million to private investment firm RedBird Capital.

Also included in their income for the year was about £3.4 million for winning the 2019 Champions League final as it fell just outside the previous financial reporting period.

Eight new partnerships were announced during this period while Carlsberg renewed their long-term association.

Commercial revenue rose by £29 million to £217 million, but that could not compensate for media revenue dropping by £59 million to £202 million and match-day revenue was down £13 million to £71 million.

Wages across the club also rose to £325 million from £310 million. "This financial reporting period was up to May 2020 so approaching a year ago now," Liverpool managing director Andy Hughes said. —AFP ■

Failed ESL hangs over Champions League as nouveaux riches take on Real Madrid



The cloud of a collapsed Super League project hangs over this week's Champions League semi-finals with three of the four clubs involved — Real Madrid, Manchester City and Chelsea — among the breakaway 12 that shook European football. **PHOTO: AFP**

THE cloud of a collapsed Super League project hangs over this week's Champions League semi-finals with three of the four clubs involved — Real Madrid, Manchester City and Chelsea — among the breakaway 12 that shook European football.

Paris Saint-Germain did not sign up to the proposals, which crumbled within 48 hours of being announced last week after a fierce backlash from fans, players, governments, national leagues, UEFA and FIFA.

However, the clash between PSG and City on Wednesday is illustrative of the forces which drove some of European football's more established powers, led by Madrid president Florentino Perez, to seek the financial reassurances of a closed league format.

Under the Super League proposals, 15 founding members would be guaranteed their place in a 20-team competition, split into two leagues of 10 with the top sides in each progressing to the quarter-finals.

On top of ensuring revenue

from TV rights and sponsorship of more games between the European elite, a key part of the breakaway plan concocted by the 'dirty dozen' was to control costs.

A much-criticised statement to launch the league last Sunday said: "The competition will be built on a sustainable financial foundation with all founding clubs signing up to a spending framework."

Hyper-inflated transfer market

Backed by the state wealth of Abu Dhabi and Qatar respectively, City and PSG have played leading roles in the inflated costs of player transfers and wages in recent years and been far less affected by the economic crunch of the coronavirus pandemic over the last 12 months.

City's spending power has blown away the competition even in the lucrative Premier League.

Pep Guardiola's men are closing in on a third league title in four years and on Sunday won a fourth consecutive League Cup. —AFP ■

Nagelsmann to coach Bayern Munich from next season: club

JULIAN Nagelsmann will take over as Bayern Munich coach from next season to replace Hansi Flick, the reigning German and European champions announced on Tuesday.

Nagelsmann, 33, will move from RB Leipzig on a five-year contract after Flick, whose relationship with the club's powerful sporting director Hasan Salihamidzic has deteriorated, asked to be released from his contract.

"FC Bayern agreed to current head coach Hansi Flick's request to have his contract terminated on 30 June 2021, two years earlier than its original expiry date," the club said in a statement.



Julian Nagelsmann will take over European champions Bayern Munich aged just 33. **PHOTO: AFP**

Nagelsmann has never hidden his desire to coach Bayern, especially as he comes from the Bavaria region.

Last season, he led Leipzig

to the semi-finals of the Champions League and this season his side has replaced Borussia Dortmund as Bayern's main title challengers. —AFP ■