Myanmar nationals can grab the rights of citizens: Pankhin project

UNION MINISTER for Labour, Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing presided over a co-ordination meeting on granting cards based on the population for Myanmar ethnic nationals and in-law citizens yesterday.

During the meeting, the Union Minister briefed them on the aim of the meeting regarding Pankhin project conducted by the ministry under the directives of the State Administration Council.

Every national and every person born of parents, both of whom are nationals, are inborn citizens. Therefore, the ministry always grants household lists and a certain card to citizen/ associate citizen/ naturalized citizen under the law. Although the officials keep conducting such operations, there are still people without any household lists and cards. It found more than 4.6 million people without any cards were included on voter lists in the 2020 General Election.

According to the inspection, there are about 2 million people on the voter lists—some of the people have CSC, but it stated blank numbers after (C) on the voter lists, ineligible voters and others without any cards. Therefore, the SAC Chairman gave instruction to grant CRC to every citizen to be able to cast a vote in the coming election. So the ministry drafted the Pankhin project.

The Union Minister also said it should carry out to grant the cards to more than 3.8 million people across the nation during the Pankhin project period. The ministry has drafted the exact numbers of people in the respective region/state, and so the officials of relevant ministries should cooperate in implementing the project.

Fifty tonnes of coffee projected to export to France this month

Coffee beans are dried under the sun.

MYANMAR Coffee Association stated that over 50 tonnes of coffee produced in Hopong city, Shan State, under poppy substitute project are planned to ship to France this month.

Myanmar’s coffee export has dropped by half last year on the weak demand triggered by the coronavirus. Typically, Myanmar exports about 500-600 tonnes of coffee to external markets. The volume plummeted to 300 tonnes last year, said an official of the Myanmar Coffee Association.

The impacts of coronavirus hurt the coffee industry as the lockdown, and physical distance causing a reduction in consumption.

“Myanmar primarily produces Arabica coffee. Speciality coffee fetches as much as US$4,500-10,000 per tonne. Myanmar speciality coffee beans are highly demanded because of their high quality and organic production,” said Chair U Myo Aye of the Myanmar Coffee Association.

“Myanmar’s coffee has already earned a good reputation. It has penetrated markets in Asia such as Hong Kong and Singapore, and European countries and the US. It has a good potential in the global market,” said an official from the Agriculture Department.

Myanmar’s coffee has grabbed a market share in the US with the contribution of US-AID and WinRock International NGO. Efforts are being made to penetrate markets in Japan, the Republic of Korea, and Canada. At present, the export volume of coffee is extremely low; tracking the negative impacts of the coronavirus.

In response to the COVID-19 in the coffee sector, innovative trade offer and a digital market are required to adapt to a new normal, coupled with client-oriented supply. Moreover, the coffee growers and producers need to increase quality to enter competitive markets. As a result of this, a government-backed loan is needed to help the stakeholders survive in the crisis.

There are 40,000 acres of highland coffee plantations and about 10,000 acres under lowland coffee in Myanmar, totalling 50,000 acres. Shan State is the leading producer of coffee beans.

Coffee beans are harvested between December and February. They are distributed and exported throughout the year after harvest time. Myanmar yearly exports around 400 tonnes of coffee. In 2019, it shipped about 500 tonnes of coffee to foreign markets.—KK/GNLM
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**Republic of the Union of Myanmar**

**State Administration Council**

**Nine Objectives**

1. **Political affairs**
   (a) To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, through a disciplined and genuine multiparty democratic system that is fair and just.
   (b) To emphasize the achievement of enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).
   (c) To continue implementing the principle of peaceful co-existence among countries through an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy.

2. **Economic affairs**
   (a) To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.

3. **Social affairs**
   (a) To ensure a strong and dynamic Union spirit, the genuine spirit of patriotism.
   (b) To respect and promote the customs and traditions of all National peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics.
   (c) To enhance the health, fitness and education quality of the entire nation.

**Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council**

1. The Union Election Commission will be reconstituted and its mandated tasks, including the scrutiny of voter lists, shall be implemented in accordance with the law.
2. Effective measures will be taken with added momentum to prevent and manage the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Actions will be taken to ensure the speedy recovery of businesses from the impact of COVID-19.
4. Emphasis will be placed on achieving enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.
5. Upon accomplishing the provisions of the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held in line with the 2008 Constitution, and further work will be undertaken to hand over State duties to the winning party in accordance with democratic standards.

**Myanmar Railways operates Yangon circular train in two shifts**

ACCORDING to Myanmar Railways, the Ministry of Transport and Communications has increased the numbers of operation of Yangon circular train starting 7 May.

The train passengers increase on all trips like on the circular train and for long trips. Therefore, the officials increase the numbers of Yangon circular trains in two shifts—morning and evening. Almost all businesses in Yangon resumed in Yangon, and the upgrade of railways for circular trains is also completed, and so there are no difficulties in such operation,” said an official of MR. The ticket fee is K100 and only K200 for a round trip.

“It is very convenient for running in two shifts. I go to work daily from Insein. And so, only the circular train is the most convenient transportation mode for me. It does not cost a lot and take much time,” said commuter Ko Thet Lwin.

The MR conducted upgrading of the railway on 21 February 2018.—Maung Sein Lwin (Myanmar Alinn)/GNLM

**Security measures conducted to ensure community peace**

TATMDAW, 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 take security measures at night in Nay Pyi Taw.
MIC greenlights 15 new investment proposals including US$2.5 billion power generation project

MYANMAR Investment Commission (MIC) held its 3/2021 meeting yesterday morning at the Office of the State Administration Council Office at office No 18 in Nay Pyi Taw. Member of the State Administration Council Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission Lieutenant-General Moe Myint Tun and members of the Myanmar Investment Commission participated in the meeting.

The meeting approved fifteen new projects for electricity generation, livestock, manufacturing and other services sectors, and it also approved the increase in capital of two existing projects. The approved projects amounted to US$2,783,822 million and K153.67 billion to create 2,473 job opportunities for the local labour.

In today’s meeting, the project to generate electricity from LNG with a large capital intensive investment amount of US$2.5 billion is included in the approved projects. The electricity generated by the power plant will be sold cent per cent at home, and it is expected to support the goal of 100% nationwide electrification from the National Grid by 2030.

By the end of April 2021, the countries with the largest investment out of 51 countries/regions investing in Myanmar were Singapore, China, and Thailand. The electric power sector leads the list of most invested sectors out of 12 business sectors with 26.57% of total investment. It was followed by the oil and gas sector; accounting for 23.72% and the manufacturing industry, accounting for 14.61%. — MNA

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The regional authorities also should help the people in giving their personal data like photo and blood types. It needs the recommendation of a township-level five-member committee in granting household lists and prioritized sectors based on the climate and region.

The Union Minister also discussed the places to conduct the operation. It starts in the rainy season, and field study to be completed in the open season. The officials should report to the relevant region/state administration councils in addition to the officials of headquarters in a timely manner.

He then urged the staff to make concerted efforts in implementing the Pankhin project, which brings various chances for Myanmar nationals to grab the rights of citizens.

It also should follow the law, procedures and instructions. The department staff need to serve their duties in addition to the responsibilities like granting household lists and cards.

Kyaw Soe clarified the operation. The officials should present the work plans regarding the Pankhin project, and the Director-General for the Department of National Registration and Citizenship U Aung Kyaw Soe clarified the operations of the Pankhin project in details.

Then, the Union Minister and Deputy Minister coordinated the discussion and concluded the meeting. — MNA

Tatmadaw provides treatments to over 190,000 outpatients

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 190,236 outpatients and 59,110 inpatients reached these hospitals from 5 February to date.

Senior medical experts, medics and nurses have conducted 8,876 major operations and 4,533 minor operations. The senior doctors gave intensive treatment to the severe cases.

These hospitals managed for the birth of 11,479 babies to date. Of those, 4,574 cases are done in the caesarean section and 6,905 cases in ordinary delivery.

Moreover, Lieutenant-General Thet Pen of Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and party comforted the monks and locals who took treatments at the military hospital (500-bed) in Dagon Township, Yangon Region.

Similarly, Commanders of respective Commands comforted and offered words of encouragement to the monks, officers and other ranks who had treatments at the military hospitals in Kholan Town, Kengtung Town, Shan State (South), military orthopaedic specialty hospital (500-Bed) in Mingala don Township, Yangon Region and military hospital in Toungoo, Bago Region and the Commanders provided them with foodstuff.

Next, the Commanders and parties looked around the hospitals and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

For the State to have good results

SOME personnel continue their absence due to the frightening of social punishment if they failed to participate in the CDM and face their lack of duty. Just appropriate action will be taken against those staff who did not lead the CDM under the rules and disciplines of service personnel, and they will not be dismissed from jobs. Telephone numbers have been released for dialling them to inform the authorities about threatening against staff to join CDM. Those who threaten the staff will be taken severe action. The Senior General warmly welcomes health and education personnel from CDM to return to their workplaces as quickly as possible for the State to have good results.

(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)
MoRAC Union Minister pays homage to Sayadaws of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee

UNION Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko paid homage to State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Sayadaw Abhidhajha Maha Rattha Guru Abhidha Agga Maha Sad-dhamma Jotika Dr Bhaddaduta Kumarana Bhivamsa, Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Suddhamma Jotikadajha Dr Candauna Bhivam-sa and the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee members Sayadaws at the Maha Nayaka Hall on Thiri Mingalar Kaba Aye Hill yesterday.

During his visit to Sayadaws, the Union Minister presented the successful holding of the 73rd Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida (written) test, government Dhamma Cariya and Pali Pathama Pyan exam.

He said the State Administration Council would follow the advice of the Venerable Sayadaws and make efforts to propagate Sasana.

The Union Minister then discussed the Pariyatti-Paripat- ti Sasana and the importance of Pariyatti exams for the monks and people and successive holding of Pariyatti exams according to the words of former venerable Sayadaws.

The second session of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee (first sub-committee) held on 28 April in which Chairman and Secretary Sayadaw of the committee allowed to hold the 73rd Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida (written) test, 2021 government Dhamma Cariya and Pali Pathama Pyan tests and so the officials will make efforts to hold these exams successfully.

Moreover, the SAC conducted measures to reopen the pagodas across the nation starting 8 February.

The 60th Graduation Ceremony and 2021 religious titles conferring ceremony were held in accordance with the COVID-19 health rules. It also carried out the needed things to open day-long meditation centres during the Thingyan holidays. As the Sayadaws make efforts to protect the Sasana by learning the Pariyatti-Paripat Buddhist literature, the government will keep providing the needed offerings in line with the words of Sayadaws.

The Union Minister and party then donated robes and K3.5 million to Sayadaws.

The Union Minister and party also inspected the renovation works on Maha Pasana Cave and preparations for 73rd Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida (written) exam.

The Union Minister attended the meeting held by the Pagoda Board of Trustees of Shwedagon pagoda. During the meeting, the Union Minister instructed the need to conduct renovation works on guest pavilions and religious halls on the pagoda platform to follow the COVID-19 health rules of the Ministry of Health and Sports.

He then stressed the necessary things to the pagoda board of trustee to hold Cetiyagamana Examination on the pagoda. — MNA

Financial management refresher course held for technological and computer universities

THE Higher Education Sector (Technological Universities and Computer Studies) Financial Management Refresher Course was held yesterday morning in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the course opening ceremony, Union Minister for Education Dr Nyunt Pe said the financial sector would be the biggest problem in the ministry if there were no skilled workers. Although people work with good intentions, they can be fired and often face dismissal if they do not comply with the financial regulations.

He also added it is necessary for civil servants to free from party politics, to coordinate the financial matters with the rectors and Pro-rectors and to effectively and efficiently spend the permitted fund in accordance with the financial regulations.

He also urged them to work together with each other unitedly to develop their universities, departments and the ministry.

Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Myint added effective financial management and anti-corruption.

The training was conducted in three subjects: Planning and Budgeting, Financial Management and Financial Rules and Regulations.

The ceremony was also attended by the Deputy Ministers, the Permanent Secretary, Directors-General, Deputy Permanent Secretary, Deputy Directors-General, trainee finance officers from the computer and technological universities, promoted Management/Finance Department and relevant officials. — MNA

Construction minister, Nay Pyi Taw council chairman inspect Sittoung bridge construction

UNION MINISTER for Construction U Shwe Lay and Chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Maung Maung Naing inspected Mya Sein Yaung Myitta bridge’s construction on Thaphanpin-Nyungpintha road and Kyotpintha-Paunglaung bridge over the Sittoung River yesterday morning in Lewe Township, Nay Pyi Taw.

During an inspection tour to the Mya Sein Yaung Myitta bridge, the Bridges Department Deputy Director-General explained that it would be easier and faster to travel to Shan and Kayah states and beneficial to the regions. The Union Minister instructed them to pay attention to the site’s safety and quality. The Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman called for taking measures to protect the nearby villages from river erosion and changes in river flow.

Afterwards, they arrived at the construction site of the Kyotpintha-Paunglaung bridge and inspected the construction works.

The Mya Sein Yaung Myitta bridge is 1,200 feet long and 20 feet wide. With a two-lane reinforced concrete type, the Department of Bridges, Bridge Task Force (6) constructs it with the Union capital fund. The Department of Rural Road Development is building the 600-foot-long and 20-foot wide Kyotpintha-Paunglaung bridge over the Sittoung River with the capital fund of the Nay Pyi Taw Council. — IPRD/GNLM
University, institutes under MoALI to be reopened

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Tin Htut Oo met the academic and management members of the ministry’s relevant universities and training schools yesterday.

During the meeting, the Union Minister discussed the impacts of COVID-19 in the learning sector, the gap between the rich and the poor and the opportunity to learn that directly reflect the development of the country and the duties of teachers in the education sector.

The meeting also focused on preparations for the reopening of university, college and institute under the ministry, security measures, researches for academic and learning, awareness programmes for farmers, communication with local and foreign universities in respective subjects, job opportunities for graduated youths, holding of exams, upgrade of libraries and internet access for the students in university compound.

The final year courses and PhD courses at the universities, colleges, and training schools under the ministry, which were closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will be reopened in May and June.—MNA

Money from the accounts of banks will never be lost for any reason: CBM Deputy Governor

THE Information Team of the State Administration Council held the weekly press conference through videoconferencing yesterday afternoon.

First, Major Kaung Htet San of the Information Team explained that as the Tatmadaw recognizes the media as the fourth estate by firmly granting the Union based on multiparty democracy and federalism, the media as the fourth pillar need to participate in the nation-building tasks with a constructive attitude.

He continued clarifications that the universities, colleges and institutes are reopened the final year courses, master’s studies and doctoral courses in line with the Covid-19 guidelines as of 5 May, and students are attending the classes. On 1 June, the basic education, secondary education, and academic years will be reopened.

The school enrolment week was set from 24 to 31 May to launch preparations for the reopening of university, college and institute under the ministry, security measures, researches for academic and learning, awareness programmes for farmers, communication with local and foreign universities in respective subjects, job opportunities for graduated youths, holding of exams, upgrade of libraries and internet access for the students in university compound.

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Union Minister U Tin Htut Oo holds talks with the MoALI teaching and management personnel to reopen the ministry’s universities and institutes yesterday.

The weekly press conference of the SAC’s Information Team is held online 7 May 2021.

Union Minister U Tin Htut Oo meets with the MoALI teaching and management personnel to reopen the ministry’s universities and institutes yesterday.

Up to 6 May, the Tatmadaw hospitals and health centres gave treatment to 187,924 outpatients and 58,392 inpatients, major operations to 8,766 patients and minor operations to 4,176 patients. Moreover, surgical operations were performed on 4,530 pregnant women. A total of 6,819 patients were given birth to babies, totalling 11,379 babies.

With regard to drug eradication, 1,819 kilos of heroin, 50,016 kilos of raw opium, 27.85 kilos of opium, 2.75 kilos of marijuana, 8,506,949 stimulant tablets, 1,512 kilos of ICE and 446 kilos of other accessories were seized from 7 April to 4 May 2021. The seized drugs were valued at more than K13.641 billion of street price. From 1 January to 4 May, narcotic drugs worth K164.603 billion at the street price were seized.

Moreover, he continued opening Moe Kaung Treasure Maternal and Child Hospital, meeting the international standard. The patient people received medical treatment abroad for bad health, but they faced language and social barriers. In addition, the expenditure on medical treatment as well as travel charges and food charges was high. There are 1,115 hospitals of the government and 187 private sectors in the country. According to the census, 72 per cent of patients received medical treatment at private hospitals and clinics. So, the newly-inaugurated Moe Kaung hospital aims to provide healthcare services to the people at home.

The Myawady Media Centre was established to enable the international community to know the image of Myanmar and penetrate the business related to the media into the international community. The seven-storey Myawady Media Centre is formed with cinema, theatre, TV studios, other relevant studios, library and media training hall. He further explained efforts to enhance Myanmar motion picture arena and a plan to build an outdoor studio for the improvement of Myanmar’s motion picture and media arenas by practically implementing the motto: “Film is for the sake of the people”, “Uplifting the literature to improve the national”, and “musical capability to develop the nation”.

Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Win Thaw explained the restriction for taking out the cash was announced to restore the stability of the banking system. People with worries take out their money, while some people do not entrust their money to the banks. So, the Central Bank of Myanmar announced a statement on 27 April to ease the said issues. According to the statement, people were allowed to entrust their money at the banks in new bank accounts as a special issue as of 3 May. They will be allowed to take out the money from the new accounts without limit. Those who entrusted money to the banks before 3 May will be allowed to take out the cash from their accounts under the original restrictions of the CBM. Such a process will be eased later.

The State Administration Council firmly manages the banking services, which plays a crucial role in the economic sector. The CBM has no plan to dissolve any banks. The deputy governor pledged that the money from the accounts of banks would never be lost for any reason. If the people cooperate in trustfully operating the banking system of the State, the difficulties the people are facing will be solved in a short time.

Major Kaung Htet San replied to queries raised by the media. The video conferencing press conference was attended by reporters from local news agencies, daily newspapers, journals, local TV broadcasting stations and local-based foreign news agencies.—MNA
Announcement of Union Election Commission
6 May 2021

1. Regarding the Multi-party General Election held on 8 November 2020, the Union Election Commission has inspected the voter lists and the casting of votes of Dawei and Taninthayi townships of Taninthayi Region.

2. Findings in respective townships were as follows:

Findings on voter lists in each township

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3. The Union Election Commission has inspected the withdrawal/receipt/use/remaining of ballot papers used for Pyithu Hluttaw Election of Dawei and Taninthayi townships of Taninthayi Region 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 201 polling stations in these two townships took out 237,258 ballots and used 145,541 ballots. It left 84,924 ballots instead of 91,717 ballots. The difference was 11,263 ballots, and it found 4,470 extra ballots. The extra/shortage ballots were found at respective polling stations. Findings in respective townships were as follows:

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5. According to the inspection, 104 polling stations in 18 Wards and 25 Village-tracts of Dawei Township in the Taninthayi Region took out 141,551 ballots and used 85,188 ballots. It left 53,325 ballots instead of 56,363. The extra/shortage ballots were found at respective poll stations. Findings were as follows:

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Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Taninthayi Township

7. According to the inspection, 97 polling stations in Dawei Township of Taninthayi Region took out 95,707 ballots for Pyithu Hluttaw Election and distributed 84,808 ballots forward/village-tract 220 ballots for township advance ballots and 10,687 ballots as township remaining (reserve). The extra/shortage ballots were found at respective polling stations. Findings were as follows:

Findings on ballot papers for Pyithu Hluttaw Election in Taninthayi Township

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Plans are underway to stabilize rice prices to prevent domestic rice shortages

ACCORDING to the president of the Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Rice Federation is making efforts to stabilize rice prices, prevent domestic rice shortages, and sell rice in the areas where rice is needed.

“Current priority is to stabilize rice prices for domestic consumption in order to ensure there is no shortage of rice and transport, store and sell rice in the areas where rice is needed. We are coordinating with rice traders and private companies,” said MRF president U Ye Min Aung.

According to the increase in rice prices, he said the price of some types of rice went up during this period. The main reason for that is the difficulty in remittances from banks, which has led to a slight increase in commodity prices and transport disruptions.

Myanmar’s rice exports are currently declining, about 40 per cent of average rice exports. They are expected to pick up again this summer, he added.

According to the rice federation, about 80 per cent of Myanmar’s rice is consumed domestically, and only 20 per cent is exported.

“Paddy prices are also declining. Rice mill owners and traders cannot afford to buy paddy as they have financial difficulties due to weak cash flow, leading to decreased price. We need cash flow to buy from the relevant traders and companies so that it does not fall below the base price set by the government,” he elaborated.

In Myanmar, monsoon paddy is planted in June, and the agricultural inputs needed for monsoon paddy cultivation need to be imported in a timely manner as in the current situation, it is necessary to take measures not to affect monsoon paddy cultivation as the price of agricultural inputs may increase, the MRF president stressed.

Fertilizers and agricultural inputs are imported domestically due to low domestic production. Importing should be done from now on since the monsoon paddy production is related to the country’s food security. He pointed out that the government and its associations should work together to make farming more manageable and regular during the monsoon season. —Lin Latt/GNLML

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That is why all fishermen and fishing entrepreneurs need to follow the prescribed sanctions, without fail, to improve the fishing sector.

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A 5 part of efforts to raise aquaculture, the government set the period of the three-month non-fishery season from May to July this year instead of the period from June to August in recent years. It aims to conserve not only finny but also prawn and eel at the seas with the evocation of a chance for them to hatch. The Department of Fisheries set the non-fishery season for the regeneration of various species of fish.

According to the restrictions, all fishermen and fishing entrepreneurs need to totally avoid the fishery tasks from May to July at the seas. It is because the pregnant fish before the hatching period needs conservation for further regeneration, and the finny need an adequate time for adaptation to their environments as their habitats.

That is thanks to the non-fishery season, fish deposits in the seas have a chance to live in their environments naturally. Consequently, they can successfully return to the shores when the non-fishery season ends. If not, the authorities will take action against those who returned to the shores earlier than July as it might cause them to be severely punished if they put the seas illegally.

Several monitoring systems have been installed at all fishing trawlers not to break the disciplines of non-fishery season. Such kind of disciplines should be restricted. As such, all fishermen need to strictly follow their work-process, but fishermen can do onshore fishing tasks in Tanintharyi Region.

The Department of Fisheries adopted its future plans, including food security, production of fish, and improvement of the production of value-added fisheries products.

For the sake of the country and the people, authorities concerned and relevant bodies should enforce restricted disciplines for the non-fishery season while pouring out the utmost efforts in order to extend the benefits of the marine product market with the exportation of the value-added marine products.

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1. Some student youths, State service personnel and citizens, evaded to areas of EAOs and foreign countries with worries because of incitement and intimidation of NLD members, the extremists who support that party, CRPH unlawful association, incitement of CDM and persons and organizations at home and abroad not wishing to restore peace and stability of the State since after 1 February 2021 when the Tatmadaw assumed the State responsibility.

2. They are further worried about the dictatorship statement and speeches of CRPH unlawful association and some relevant persons. As they face no security guarantee and difficulties in socio-economic life in their areas, they wish to return to their native lands.

3. As those who evaded from their native areas are also citizens, the State Administration Council will arrange their returns from evaded areas to various regions of Myanmar.

4. Information was released that if those who evaded to various areas except the persons who committed any kinds of crime wish to return to their native lands in Myanmar of their own accord, the citizens abroad are to contact nearby ward, village, township and district administration bodies and relevant embassies, military attaché offices and consulates without facing action taken in accord with the law.

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State Administration Council
Press Release

Re-invitation to Myanmar citizens who arrive in various regions for many reasons

1. TERRORISTS have committed acts of sabotage such as bomb attacks at education offices, basic education high schools and universities that are preparing to provide annual education.

On 6 May, a bomb attack happened in the staff housing of the University of Medicine in Mandalay; Yazadirit housing in Yangon; in front of the Central provost unit in Mingaladon and in Hayman village in Lewe, Nay Pyi Taw.

Yesterday, terrorists attacked with a grenade in Lethit village in Myingyan Township; Thazi ward in Bhamo Township; the Myanmar Agriculture Development Bank, ward administration offices, No (2) Basic Education High School, in Kayan Township, office of the Director of Rural Development in Kayan Township; Office of the Labour, Immigration and Population Department and the township legal office in Pyigyitagon Township; between 64th and 65th streets, 30th and 31st streets and at the regional officer’s office of Myanmar Insurance on 63rd street between 34th and 35th streets in Chanayethazan Township; at the Township Development office in Myittha Township, Mandalay Region; at the Township Police Station in ChaungU Township, Sagaing Region; ward administration office in the ward (2) and the Township Education Office in Kawkareik Township in Kayin State.

Similarly, security forces had to deactivate the homemade mines set up at the public places and university compounds and the township education offices in Shwebo, Mawlamyine, Nay Pyi Taw Council Territory, Tamway, Thakaya townships on 6 May.

It is reported that investigations are underway to identify and take actions against the perpetrators under the law. — MNA

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Thein Moe Naing (injured)
One injured in terrorist attack with homemade mine in Bilin

Zarni Tun (injured).

A man was injured in an explosion while planting a homemade mine on 6 May in Bilin Township, Mon State.

The incident took place at around 2:45 pm at the passenger lounge on Myothit road in Bogyoke Aung San ward in Taungzun town, Bilin Township. According to the report, the security forces searched and found Zar Ni Tun, 23, son of U Win Myint, wounded in his left eye, hands and abdomen, with a piece of a plastic bottle wrapped in red tape and scraps of metal. While the injured person was being taken to the hospital, security forces confiscated two 3.7 volt batteries, one lighter, one phone charger and one Bluetooth earphone. He is being charged for allegedly planting a homemade mine while carrying out a terrorist attack on the passenger lounge. — MNA

Violent people set fire to state-owned buildings

THE rioters committed arson attack and threw fire bottles into state-owned buildings in some townships.

The unscrupulous persons set the first floor of Ottara (two-storey) building of Co-operative University on fire in Thanlyin Township of Yangon Region on 6 May. The security forces and fire brigade members extinguished the fire. The ceiling and six old chairs in the classroom were destroyed.

Similarly, the two men (under scrutiny) riding a motorcycle threw fire bottles into Myanmar Economic Bank in Potan Ward of Sagaing Township in the Sagaing region. The security members rushed to the scene and found that the fire bottle exploded in the bush near the front of the bank building. There were no injuries and damages to the building.

Moreover, the terrorists (under scrutiny) set the tires on fire in the front and rare doors of Myanmar Economic bank in Monywa Taung Ward of Monywa Township in Sagaing Region yesterday morning. The security forces and fire brigade members put out the fire. Two rare wooden doors of the bank and wires were damaged in the fire.

The security members investigate to take action against those committing such terrorist attacks under the law. — MNA

Security forces arrest owners of weapons to be used in terrorist attacks

SECURITY forces have been arresting owners of the weapons and equipment to be used in terrorist attacks across the country.

On 6 May, two men were arrested together with two homemade guns, six knives and materials used in riots in Delpote village, Ingapu Township, Ayeawady Region. One man was also arrested with one air gun, two bows, seven arrows and bullets, shells, homemade mines and related equipment in Nirlun village in Haka Township, Chin State. Another person was also detained with one knife in Channayathazi Township, Mandalay Region.

Similarly, a total of five men were arrested with four homemade guns, one homemade gas gun, one smoke bomb and materials used in riots in Shweypitha ward in Kawthoung Township, Taninthayi Region yesterday morning.

The security forces also found and confiscated 61 plastic shields, 45 iron shields, 7 shields and 6 fibre helmet from the warehouse beside the Mahamayamuni chamber in Myeik. It is reported that actions will be taken against the owners of the weapons to be used in terrorist attacks and those who transport them under the law. — MNA

Mandalay-Bhamo ferry boat attacked by armed terrorists

THE “Paut Tan” Mandalay-Bhamo ferry boat was shot, and two crew members injured on 6 May.

The armed terrorists attacked the ferry boat carrying ten passengers and 199 tonnes of goods from Katha between Thayargone and Kyaukgyi villages. The armed attack took 15 minutes, causing injuries to the two crew members.

The boat was driven to Shwegu and arrived at 11:15 pm. The injured personnel were given medical treatment, and no passenger was reportedly injured.

The Ministry of Transport and Communications has planned to assign the police as an escort on board the vessel. The public is requested to report any suspicious situations promptly. — 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.

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6. Among them, Dr Kyaw Maung Maung (Specialist), Dr Than Zaw (Specialist) and Dr Aye Mya Naing (Assistant Surgeon) of Kengtung Hospital participated in CDM activities without performing medical treatments at assigned hospitals but gave medical treatments at private hospitals/clinics according to the documentary photos.

As tasks are being carried out to arrest those medical doctors charged, action will be taken against the persons under the law for admitting those medical doctors and health staff without performing medical treatments at assigned hospitals but giving medical treatments at private hospitals/clinics which admitted them according to the documentary photos.

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

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

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As tasks are being carried out to arrest those education staff charged, people are urged to inform nearby police stations about those education staff and action will be taken against the persons under the law for admitting those education staff. —MNA
Japan Airlines logs $2.6 billion loss over pandemic

JAPAN Airlines posted an annual net loss of $2.6 billion Friday but did not release a forecast for the current financial year, citing uncertainty around the coronavirus pandemic.

The carrier, Japan's second-largest by market share, suffered a net loss of 286.7 billion yen for the year through March -- its first full-year result in the current financial year, citing the Tokyo Olympics were due to be held.

The company last week revised its projection for 2020-21 net loss to 287 billion yen from a 300 billion yen forecast in February.

JAL said it had decided not to release an outlook for the year ending March 2022, warning "it is difficult to foresee the recovery of demand while the global spread of Covid-19 shows no sign of slowdown". Sales plunged 65.3 per cent compared to the previous year to 481.2 billion yen. Last month, Japan's top airline ANA reported its worst ever annual loss of 404.6 billion yen, which was smaller than the firm's earlier projection.

Microsoft pledges to store European cloud data in Europe

US tech giant Microsoft on Thursday pledged to store all European cloud-based client data in Europe amid unease on the continent over the reach of US legislation on personal data collection.

Supporting its European customers, Microsoft is committed to protecting EU data from US authorities over which Europe has neither control nor right of redress.

The court found the mechanism did not adequately protect EU data from US authorities over which Europe has neither control nor right of redress. In a blog post on Thursday, Microsoft president Brad Smith said: "If you are a commercial or public sector customer in the EU, we will go beyond our existing data storage commitments and enable you to process and store all your data in the EU."

"In other words, "we will not need to move your data outside the EU."

PayPal earnings soar on e-commerce boom

PAYPAL on Wednesday reported record quarterly profit as the online financial transactions service benefited from an e-commerce trend boosted by the pandemic.

PayPal said it made a profit of $1.1 billion ($0.91bn) in the recently ended quarter, compared with $84 million in the same period last year.

“Our strong first quarter results demonstrate sustained momentum in our business as the world shifts into the digital economy," PayPal chief executive Dan Schulman said in an earnings release.

PayPal handled some 4.4 billion payment transactions in the quarter, with a total value of $285 billion, the Silicon Valley-based company said.

Revenue in what the company said was its best first-quarter financial performance ever was $6.03 billion, up 31 per cent from the same period last year.

PayPal-owned mobile payments service Venmo last month began letting users in the United States buy, hold or sell cryptocurrency using its app.

PayPal's mobile payments serviceVenmo was part of the West Coast "100-city tour" on Saturday).

The expansion into the hot digital money trend came on the heels of PayPal allowing people in the United States to use cryptocurrencies to make purchases, from millions of merchants that use the financial platform for online transactions.

US state sues Publicis subsidiary over role in opioid crisis

The state of Massachusetts sued a subsidiary of the French public relations firm Publicis on Thursday for its role promoting opioids in what became a major US health crisis.

That subsidiary, Publicis Health, is accused of helping Purdue Pharma urge doctors to prescribe its highly addictive painkiller OxyContin.

The lawsuit alleges that Publicis "engaged in myriad unfair and deceptive strategies that influenced OxyContin prescribing across the nation," a statement by Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey's office said.

Those strategies were carried out through dozens of contracts between 2010 and 2019, worth more than $50 million, it stated. Tactics included combing doctors' "hesitancy" to prescribe the medication, and persuading them to prescribe OxyContin over lower-dose, short-acting opioids, thus increasing the risk of addiction.

Massachusetts is asking that Publicis Health pay "compensatory damages" of an unspecified amount for having "created a public nuisance."
US expected to see hiring surge as vaccines resurrect ailing economy

THE US government is set to release data Friday that could show huge numbers of workers found new jobs last month, the latest sign Covid-19 vaccines are breathing new life into the economy more than a year after the pandemic caused its worst collapse in a generation.

Analysts are forecasting the Labour Department’s April employment report will show the economy added one million positions and the unemployment rate dropped to 5.8 per cent.

Those figures were unthinkable just months ago when hundreds of thousands of people were filing new applications for unemployment benefits each week. It would be the biggest gain since August of last year, which marked the end of the first wave of hiring helped by massive government aid.

“The labour market rebound likely retained its momentum in April as companies continued to hire in response to easing business restrictions and strengthening consumer demand,” Oxford Economics said in an analysis, though they cautioned the rehiring may not be as strong as expected.

Good news came on Thursday when the Labour Department reported that initial claims for jobless aid fell last week to 498,000, seasonally adjusted, a new pandemic low. And payroll services firm ADP on Wednesday reported the private sector added 742,000 new jobs last month, less than expected but nonetheless an improvement on the 565,000 gain in March.

Yet the pandemic is not over and the Labour Department said nearly 16.2 million people continued to receive some form of unemployment benefits as of mid-April. —AFP

Australia borders could be shut until late 2022: minister

Australia’s near blanket ban on arrivals will likely be retained until the middle to the second half of next year,” Australian Foreign Minister Dan Tehan said.

“Tourism minister said Friday, as another global coronavirus surge smashed hopes of a quick reopening. "The labour market is recovering and job openings continue to swell with the general easing of business restrictions. It is very encouraging to see the gains in jobs last month," Tehan said, adding the downward trend in new claims also sent a message of recovery. —AFP

China’s exports top forecasts, imports growth best in 10 years

Chinese exports have been boosted as global demand picks up with major markets emerging from lockdowns. PHOTO: AFP

US service sector sees long-awaited relief as economy reopens

US, sustained their demand for Chinese manufactured products,” Nomura chief China economist Lu Ting told AFP. —AFP

AFTER a year of layoffs and uncertainty, data released on Wednesday showed the US service sector adding jobs and expanding in April, as the world’s largest economy bounces back from the worst of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Payroll services firm ADP reported the private sector added 742,000 jobs last month, the overwhelming majority of which were in the services sector and in particular leisure and hospitality, one of the industries worst-affected by business restrictions meant to stop the virus. The Institute for Supply Management (ISM) said its index of service sector activity was at 62.7 per cent in April, well into expansionary territory but slightly lower than the month before as firms navigated supply chains that had grown overwhelmed by demand as major economies reopen.

The data bodes well for the United States, which is expected to see rapid growth this year as Covid-19 vaccinations allow businesses to return to normal after the pandemic caused widespread layoffs and business closures in 2020.

“The labor market is recovering and job growth is set to accelerate over coming months as the economy continues to move closer to a broader reopening,” Rubaeda Farooqi of High Frequency Economics said of the ADP data. —AFP
Death toll in Indonesian power plant landslide rises to 10

FORMER Maldives president and current parliamentary speaker Mohamed Nasheed was recovering in hospital Friday after an assassination attempt left him with shrapnel wounds.

The Indian Ocean archipelago’s first democratically elected leader was hurt when a device attached to a motorbike was detonated as he got into a car late Thursday, an official said. “Nasheed escaped an assassination attempt,” a Maldivian government official told AFP. “He is injured, but his condition is stable.” Images on social media showed a destroyed motorbike at the scene of the attack.

Armed police units and security forces cordoned off the area in the capital Male where the attack took place, and the Maldivian parliament, which was in recess, called an emergency meeting following the attack. President Ibrahim Mohamed Solih, a close ally of Nasheed, said on investigation was under way as officials rushed to denounce the targeted attack on the country’s second most powerful figure.

“Strongly condemn the attack on Speaker of Parliament, President Mohamed Nasheed this evening. Cowardly attacks like these have no place in our society,” Foreign Minister Abdullah Shahid said in a tweet. “My thoughts and prayers are with President Nasheed and others injured in this attack, as well as their families,” he tweeted. A family member said Nasheed had sustained several wounds.

“They have put him under anaesthesia. There is a deeper cut on one of his arms,” the family member told AFP, speaking on condition of anonymity. —AFP

Western allies urge Libya to start election preparations

FRANCE, Germany, Italy, the United States and Britain urged Libya to start preparations to meet a December deadline for holding elections, which it is hoped will help the country exit a decade of crisis.

Libya’s interim government, which came into being in March through a UN-backed inter-Libyan dialogue, is mandated to lead the country to elections on December 24, but formal preparations have not yet started.

“In addition to the political and security arrangements, the technical and logistical preparations will be critical,” a joint statement from the western allies’ embassies in Libya read, calling on the authorities to “agree the constitutional and legal basis for these elections by July 1” —AFP

Colombia calls for dialogue with protest leaders

COLOMBIA’s government on Thursday invited protest leaders to a dialogue in an attempt to calm tensions following more than a week of deadly demonstrations against President Ivan Duque.

At least 24 people have died in clashes between protesters and security forces while hundreds more have been injured.

Thousands of Colombians including indigenous people, unions and students have taken to the streets to express anger over the government’s policies on health, education and inequality. They have also denounced what they see as a heavy-handed and lethal response from security forces.

“We have to listen to all those not marching. Those not marching but also those marching,” presidential advisor Miguel Ceballos told Blu Radio. “That includes those matching but also those not matching” —AFP
ONE Championship: DANGAL Fights to be launched on 15 May

According to an official announcement of the One, a special event of the ONE Championship named “DANGAL” featuring bouts of world-class fighters will be held at Singapore Indoor Stadium in Singapore at 6:30 PM on 15 May Championship.

There will be a total of six fights: four men’s fights plus two women’s bouts.

In the main card of the event or Men’s Heavyweight World Championship, Brandon Vera of the Philippines will fight against Arjan Bhullar of India.

In the co-main event or Men’s Muay Thai Bantamweight fight, Tawanchai of Thailand will take on Sean Clancy of Ireland.

In the Women’s Atomweight Mixed Martial Arts Fight, Bi Nguyen of Viet Nam will face Ruth Phogat of India.

In the Women’s MMA Catchweight fight, Ayaka Miura of Japan will meet Rayane Bastos of Brazil. In the Men’s MMA Catchweight bout, Gurdasran Mangat of Canada will take on Roshan Mainam of India.

Next, in another men’s MMA Catchweight bout, Anthony Do, the United States will fight against Liang Hui of China.

The ONE Championship Fights will be broadcast live free on ONE Super Application and ONE Championship Facebook page, officials stated.

Crunch time for La Liga’s title race as contenders go head to head

Gerard Pique said in any normal season this weekend would decide La Liga’s champion but even he admitted this time there are no guarantees.

On Saturday afternoon, Barcelona face Atletico Madrid at Camp Nou and on Sunday, Real Madrid play Sevilla at Valdebebas, Spain’s frenzied title race coming to a head in a cross-over of first against third and second versus fourth. When it is all over, there will be three games left and Atletico could be five points clear or Real Madrid and Barca may be first and second, level on points, with Atletico just a single point behind.

Sevilla, presumed to have dropped out of the running after their surprise defeat by Athletic Bilbao on Monday, immediately have a chance to force their way back.

In terms of the table, only an Atletico victory might feel definitive, and even then only if it is followed by Sevilla winning away at Real Madrid, the two most unlikely results combining to leave Atletico’s chasers needing an incredible swing in the final three games.

Any other scenario will ensure the race is still open on Monday and if form is anything to go by, there will more surprises to come.