

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.

Sagu Yokesone Monastery with ancient artworks enchanting cultural tours



Over 100-year-old three-storey Sagu Yokesone Monastery in Sagu Town, Magway Region. PHOTO : U WIN NAING

SAGU is located in Minbu (Sagu) Township of Magway Region about 10 miles north of Minbu and 13 miles south of Pwintbyu. It was established by King Narapati Sithu. with 400 people and nine city gates. The name was changed to Sagu from Thakuna. Sagu Town boasts of more than 100 pagodas and it becomes a tourist attraction due to the famous mural paintings at Htaygyi pagoda, Bonanthu pagoda, Kywete pagoda and Sutaungpyae Yokesone pagoda. Among these sites, the three-storey monastery and Hmankin Yokesone monastery also have the best ancient artworks.

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Statement to appreciate teachers' efforts

TEACHERS are honoured as part of the Five Infinite Venerables, and the manner of paying respect to the teachers can be only seen in Myanmar as a tradition. The teachers teach their pupils based on their goodwill like their own children and dutifully serve a teacher's duties. They must train their pupils and students in the best discipline. They see that they grasp their lessons well. They instruct them in the arts and sciences, they provide for their safety in every quarter, and they introduce them to their friends and associates.

As the COVID-19 infection rate is controlled to a certain extent, the basic education high, middle and primary schools under the Department of Basic Education have reopened across nation for the 2021-2022 academic year starting 1 June.

Those who want to seek good sake of one party, political extremist NLD members and supporters, NUG, CRPH and PDF committed arson attacks at the schools using mines, homemade bombs and grenades to fail the teaching processes, and threatened the teachers in addition to the incitements, social punishment and threats against education staff to join CDM while the officials made preparations for the reopening of schools and during the current teaching period. Their doings left some casualties, and the State Administration Council has expressed its deepest condolences and sympathy to the victims' families.

The SAC also appreciates the concerted efforts of teachers, who understand two virtues, Hiri — shame at doing evil —and Otappa—fear of the results of doing evil —for teaching the new generations of the country amid such difficulties and challenges.

The security forces will take extraordinary measures to ensure the safety of teachers who are making efforts in the academic sector for the next generations in order to promote the education qualification. The people should keep security awareness and cooperate with the security members in community peace and peaceful learning of children.

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Mobile library team visits Myataung IDP camp weekly



Book-lovers are seen borrowing books from the IPRD mobile library. PHOTO : HLA KYAW (IPRD)

TO increase knowledge, habit of reading and studying literature for young people in their spare time, staff of the Township Information and Public Relations Department jointly conducted a weekly Mobile Library field visit at Myataung IDP, Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State at 1 pm yesterday.

Officials lent 60 books including readers' favourite books of agriculture, live-stock, general knowledge, fiction, cartoon, magazines, and journals among others to the youths and literary enthusiasts from Myataung IDP camp and people who participated in the reading programme.

The Buthidaung Township Information and Public Relations Department will conduct a Mobile Library field visit every Monday, and yesterday's field visit was carried out following the COVID-19 directives, officials said. —Hla Kyaw (IPRD)/GNLM

Palm oil distributed at reasonable prices nationwide

THE Ministry of Commerce and Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association imported the palm oil at the CBM reference rate of US\$12 million and sold it at K4,240 per viss at the wholesale price in different states and regions for the public beginning 9 November.

A total of 4,141,830 visses of palm oil equal to 6,767.69 tonnes have been sold in Yangon, Mandalay, Sagaing, Bago, Magway, and Taninthayi regions, Nay Pyi Taw, Shan State and Mon State to date.

Officials arrange oil tankers to sell in the wards of Yangon and also will provide trucks in regions and states.

The palm oil wholesalers will have to resell the oil not

more than 2 per cent of net profit at retail outlets and the wholesalers and retailers can contact Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association (No. 104/108, Strand Street, Lutlat Yay Quarter, Ahlon Township) at 09-444437295 and 09-401527049 and Department of Consumer Affairs, Yangon Region at 01-250270 and 09-43666668 to buy the palm oil. —MNA

Deadline extended for COVID-19 fund loans for journalists, artistes

JOURNALISTS and artistes affected by the COVID-19 pandemic may receive COVID-19 fund loans, said officials.

It has been announced that applications for the loan from the COVID-19 fund will be accepted from 25 October to 19 November, but applications will continue to be accepted during office hours until 3 December during government holidays. — MNA

Officials welcome Myanmar returnees at different land borders

MYANMAR nationals from abroad are being welcomed at various border crossings this month.

A total of 99 returnees – 63 males and 36 females—came back home through Chinshwehaw.

Similarly, one male returnee came back home through Laukkai and 188 returnees – 106 males and 82 females—returned to Myanmar through Tachilek, Shan State (East) respectively.

Healthcare officials from relevant public hospitals and members of the Tatmadaw Medical Corps conducted COVID-19 tests and provided quarantine entry documents for the returnees.

Next, instructions of the Ministry of Health were explained systematically and departmental officials provided necessary assistance.

The township administration then escorted them to their respective places in passenger vehicles, and the infected people were kept in separate places to facilitate necessary medical and administrative matters, officials said. — MNA



Returnees are welcomed back at Wampong port in Tachilek.

754 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 16 November, total figure rises to 514,716

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 514,716 after 754 new cases were reported on 16 November 2021 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, 486,126 have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll reached 18,963 after 17 died.—MNA

Cementing the Union Spirit

EVERYBODY needs to notice a saying that “If one does not know the past, one may commit mistakes again. Likewise if one is too eager to embrace the past, one may lose the road to the future”. The government has decided to further promote the process of cementing the Union Spirit and peace process before the forthcoming Diamond Jubilee Union Day and Independence Day.

(Excerpt from Message sent by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister
Chairman of the National Unity and Peacemaking Central Committee Senior General Min Aung Hlaing
to mark the Sixth Anniversary of signing the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA on 15 October 2021)

MoI deputy minister meets staff of Mawlamyine IPRD, Sub-Printing House, retransmission station

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Ye Tint inspected the Sub-Printing House (Mawlamyine) of the News and Periodicals Enterprise in Mawlamyine and gave instructions on the necessary things regarding the quality newspaper, timely delivery and robustness of the machines on 15 November.

Then, he checked preparations for the library and children’s reading room of Mawlamyine District IPRD and met with the state Deputy Director (assigned), District Assistant Director, township heads, staff, in charge of Sub-Printing House, including the head and staff of the retransmission station at the hall of the Community Centre. He also went to the Maw-



The MoI deputy minister meets departmental personnel from Hpa-an IPRD and MRTV retransmission station.

lamyine retransmission station and viewed the broadcasting programmes. He also visited the Hpa-an District IPRD office and met the township departmental head,

district departmental head and staff, including those in-charges of the retransmission stations from Myawady, Papun and Kaw-kareik districts, in charge of Hpa-an retransmission station and MRTV yesterday.

During the meeting, the deputy minister talked about the reopening of libraries as the COVID-19 infection rate declines, conducting educating programmes, resumption of public services, reading practices of employees to collect the knowledge via talks, plans to increase the numbers of readers and borrowers, duties of the government employee and other matters related to public awareness programmes and security. — MNA

Kengtung university signs MoU with Philippines’ Tarlac agricultural university

WITH the aim of enhancing educational cooperation, the Kengtung University of the Ministry of Education of the Repub-

lic of the Union of Myanmar, and the Tarlac Agricultural University of the Philippines signed a Memorandum of Understand-

ing (MoU) yesterday morning through videoconferencing.

The signing ceremony was attended by presidents, rectors, pro-rectors and professors of the ASEAN universities.

At the ceremony, Rector Dr San San Mar of the Kengtung University and President Mr Max P. Guillermo of the Tarlac Agricultural University addressed the ceremony and signed the MoU. The video records of both universities were also displayed at the ceremony.

The MoU between the two universities included areas for cooperation such as exchange



visits of students and faculty members, organization of conferences, seminars and meet-

ings, publications of research papers. — Maung Maung Naing (Kengtung) (IPRD)/GNLM



The MoU signing ceremony in progress. PHOTO: MAUNG MAUNG NAING (KENG TUNG).

Daily newspapers available online

FOR those who would like to read the Myanma Alinn, the Kyemon and the Global New Light of Myanmar, published daily by the Ministry of Information, please visit www.moi.gov.mm/mal, www.moi.gov.mm/km, www.moi.gov.mm/nlm and www.gnlm.com.mm/e-paper.

Shwedagon Pagoda to open from 5 am to 7 pm during Tazaungdine holidays



Devotees and worshippers are seen at the Shwedagon Pagoda. PHOTO : LINN YARMA

THE Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees said the visiting hour to the pagoda would be extended from 5 am to 7 pm on 17 and 18 November due to a large number of devotees during the Tazaungdine holiday season. Local and foreign pilgrims

are visiting Shwedagon Pagoda, located in Dagon Township, Yangon.

"In the past, we used to weave the robe all night. This year, we will not offer the robe to the pagoda on the morning of the full moon," said U Bo Thin, a member of the Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees.

"We did not celebrate last year because of COVID-19. There are no plans to hold it this year either. On the full moon day, we will have a brief alms-giving ceremony with the staff in the morning.

Then, at 5:30 am, the Shwekyar robe offering ceremony will take place at Padanya Myetshin Buddha image on upper terrace of the pagoda. Pilgrimages will be extended from 5 am to 7 pm on 17 and 18 November, the full moon day of the festival.

In the coming days, the worship time will be rescheduled from 6 am to 6 pm, "

Shwedagon Pagoda Treasurer U Bo Thin added.

The number of domestic and foreign pilgrims is increasing slightly, and the number of daily pilgrims is between 5,000 and 10,000 per day.

Around 30,000 and 50,000 pilgrims visited the pagoda on government holidays, and weekends.

In addition, the number of local and foreign pilgrims who came to pay homage to the Shwedagon Pagoda on the full moon day of Thadingyut (Abhidhamma Day) this year is 127,793, according to the Shwedagon Pagoda Treasurer.

Pilgrims were asked to strictly follow the COVID-19 prevention measures and enter the Disinfection Chamber when they arrived at the pagoda. Hand washing and body temperature measurements are carried out by the Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees. — Pwint Thitsar/ GNLM

MNA to extend Yangon-BKK flight for convenience of passengers

MYANMAR National Airlines (MNA) is planning to extend their Yangon-Bangkok flight for the passengers who wish to travel to Bangkok, Thailand, according to a statement from MNA.

MNA will launch the Yangon-Bangkok-Yangon flight on Friday, 26 November. Then, the airlines fly their relief flights en route to Singapore and Bangkok and charter flights heading to Dubai and Kuala Lumpur in November.

MNA, a state-owned airlines, will launch relief flights to Singapore and Bangkok in

November 2021 and charter flights to Yangon-Dubai trip and Yangon- Kuala Lumpur one.

Related to the COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment, the suspension will be applied to the entry of all travellers, the issuance of all types of visas and visa exemption services until 30 November.

Myanmar has extended the restriction on entry of travellers until 31 October to prevent the spread of COVID-19. All of these restrictions were extended until 30 September 2021 earlier, but the restriction has now been extended until 31 October.

Just like the previous announcements, foreign nationals, including diplomats and UN officials, who wish to travel to Myanmar by relief or special flights due to urgent official missions or compelling reasons, are asked to contact the nearest Myanmar mission for possible exceptions to certain visa restrictions.

Myanmar has received US\$69.2 million as revenue from e-Visa and over 1.7 million tourists applied for e-Visa from 2016 to August 2020, according to the official data of the Ministry of Immigration and Population.

The Ministry's data showed



that revenue from e-Visa stood at \$10.8 million from 289,205 foreign nationals in 2016, \$14.3 million from 377,310 in 2017, \$16.3

million from 417,523 in 2018, \$21.5 million from 531,998 in 2019 and \$6.3 million from 138,277 as of August, 2020. — ACM/GNLM

Hseaindan Beach revives with visitors, holidaymakers



PHOTO : SOE MYINT AUNG

AS the nearest beach to Yangon, Hseaindan Beach has become busy again with visitors and holidaymakers. It is located in Kanyingon village-tract, Kungyangon Township, Yangon Region.

Most visitors come from Dala Township and Yangon. As this month is the Kathina Robes donation month for Buddhists, people from Yangon donated Kathina robes this year to the

monasteries in Kanyingon village and they also enjoyed the beauty of Hseaindan Beach, according to a resident of Kungyangon Town.

"As the tide was up at around 10 am yesterday, visitors were seen swimming until the afternoon, and the donors of the Kathina Robes also visited the beach," he said. At present, authorities are carrying out road repair work along the road from

Lekkhokkon village to Hseaindan Beach, and when it is completed, the beach would be alive as before, he added.

With over 50 restaurants offering special seafood menus, horse-riding, speedboat and motorbike rentals, and the statues of mermaids, and exquisite sunset, Hseaindan Beach has been popular among lovers of beach, seafood, nature and sunset since 2017. — Pwint Thitsar/GNLM



PHOTOS : U WIN NAING



Sagu Yokesone Monastery with ancient artworks ...

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The Sagu Yokesone Monastery, Hmankin Yokesone Monastery and Kan Oo Monastery were constructed by U Thaik, son of Sagu Mayor U Saing and Daw Ngwe, and wife Ma Yoe and daughter Ma Wat on 6th waning of Nayon, 1266 Myanmar era, according to Sayadaw U Osadha.

The three-storey Sagu Yokesone Monastery is more than 100 years old and constructed with 172 posts, and is 136 feet in length and 72 feet in width.

Each of the pillars outside the monastery is

curved with the sculptural works depicting Buddhological works as well as the life-style of locals in the Bagan era.

Among many monasteries in Myanmar, the ones with wooden sculptures depicting 550 Jataka stories are called Yokesone monastery.

Of them, Mandalay Shweinpin Yokesone Monastery, Sagaing Yokesone Monastery, Salin Yokesone Monastery and Panpu Yokesone Monastery in Salay and Sagu three-storey Yokesone Monastery and Hmankin Yokesone Monastery in Minbu (Sagu) Township are the most famous places. — Zeyar Htet (Minbu)/GNLM

Terrorist groups kill 12 monks without any reasons

SECTION 361 of the 2008 Constitution states the Union recognizes the special position of Buddhism as the faith professed by the great majority of the citizens of the Union and the people revere the monks according to the cultural tradition of Myanmar.

The country is also standing based on the way of life raised by the teachings of the monks and due to the missions of the monks, it is recognized as the most prosperous country in Theravada Buddhism among the Buddhist countries.

Currently, the wrongdoings of terrorist groups CRPH, NUG and PDFs tarnish the image of the country. They intentionally killed organization members, civilians and monks, who do not support them. A total of 12 monks were killed due to terrorists between 3 May and 11 November.

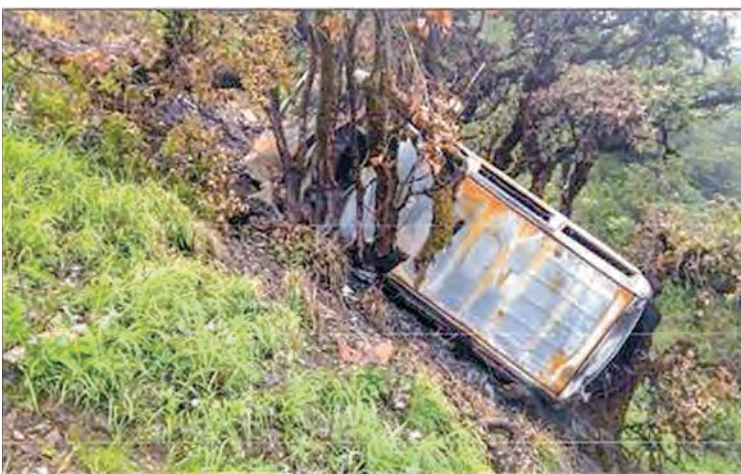
Sr	Township	Date/time	Name/age/monkhood	remark
1	Momauk	3-5-2021	U Kesara, 45, (16)vasa	Reasonless
2	Mohnyin	7-11-2021	U Sujata, 54	Shot to death
3	Mindat	4-6-2021	Bhaddanta Pannajota, 52, (16)vasa	Burned to death
4	Kani	5-5-2021	U Pannasami, 30	Alleged informer
5	Pale	15-6-2021	U Nanita, 42	Alleged informer
6	Mingin	16-6-2021	U Sumangala, 63	Alleged informer

7	Kawlin	18-7-2021	U Kumara, 49	Reasonless
8	Mingin	18-8-2021	U Kovamsa, 74	Alleged informer
9	Kani	6-9-2021	U Kela, 32	Reasonless
10	Kalay	20-10-2021	Ashin Naninda, 43	Reasonless
11	Monywa	14-11-2021	Monk Deindaung, 50	Reasonless
12	Wundwin	11-11-2021	U Somana,48, (28)vasa	Reasonless

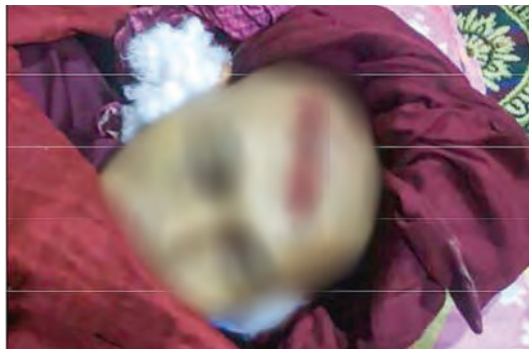
The entire people should cooperate with the security forces to protect the mass killings of monks and report on any movements of terrorists to the nearest security forces.— MNA



U Somana in Wundwin on 11 November 2021.



Bhaddanta Pannajota in Mindat on 4 June 2021.



Ashin Naninda in Kalay on 20 October 2021.



U Kumara in Kawlin on 18 July 2021.

Primary foods sold at fairer prices by mobile markets in Kawhmu

UNDER the guidance of the Yangon Region Government and the collaboration of the Myanmar Rice Traders Association and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, residents of Kawhmu Township were provided with the sale of primary foods, rice and meat at fairer prices since 15 November.

The foods were exhibited on mobile markets in front of the

Department of Information and Public Relations, and it is reported that one pyi of Emahta rice was sold for K1,000, one pyi of Pawsan rice was sold for K1,700, half viss of cooking oil was sold for K1,850, ten kyatthar (ticals) of beef for K1,200, and ten kyatthar of mutton for K1,700. A total of 400 bags of rice containing five pyi each, 400 bottles of half-viss cooking oil, 15 visses of beef and 20 visses of mutton were sold

yesterday

It is learned that residents are expressing words of appreciation for the mobile market. Daw Khin Moe, a resident of Kawhmu, said, “It is very convenient for the residents that primary foods are sold at fairer prices during the COVID-19 period. The quality is also good and the prices are cheaper; I wish there will be more sales like this in the future.”



Consumers are seen buying foodstuffs from mobile markets.

Officials and police provided necessary assistance for the people who come and buy fol-

lowing the COVID-19 prevention guidelines. — Township IPRD/ GNLM

Daily imports of anti-COVID-19 equipment, medical products continue

THE Ministry of Commerce is making efforts to ensure people have access to the essential medical supplies that are critical to the COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities, including liquid oxygen and oxygen cylinders, by arranging continuous importation through trading posts, international airports and seaports with the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

Anti-COVID-19 equipment and medical products, including oxygen plants and masks, were imported by two companies using five vehicles.

A total of 20 tonnes of liquid oxygen carried by one

bowser, six oxygen plants, and 37 tonnes of masks were imported via Myawady, and Chinshwehaw trading posts, and Yangon International Seaports. One bowser transported liquid oxygen to Yangon via the Myawady trading post and six oxygen plants to Yangon via the seaport, officials said.

Officials from the relevant departments are cooperating to facilitate and expedite the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs), including on-line registration for the import process.

It is reported that the Ministry of Commerce is co-ordinating with relevant de-



partments, treatment of COVID-19, as well as contact persons for inquiries can be reached through the Ministry's Website—www.commerce.gov.mm. — MNA

17,245 elderly people vaccinated against COVID-19 in Singaing



TO date, a total of 17,245 elderly people aged 55 and above have been vaccinated against COVID-19 in Singaing Township, Kyaukse District in Mandalay Region, healthcare officials said.

Health workers, Township Staff from the General Administration Department, members of the fire brigade, Township Red Cross members, members of charity organizations, ward and village administrators participated in the vaccination programme.

Awareness raising and disinfection are being carried out to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection in Singaing Township, officials said.

Up to 15 November, 5,885 people have been vaccinated for the first dose and the township Public Health Department will give the vaccines to the remaining people in the township, according to the Township Public Health Department officials. – Win Win Than (Singaing)/GNLM

A Singaing local gets inoculated against COVID-19. **PHOTO : WIN WIN THAN (SINGAING)**

Medical services provided to COVID-19 patients at quarantine centres

THE Tatmadaw hospitals, training depots, Tatmadaw Transit Centre offer medical services to COVID-19 patients and suspected patients. Moreover, Tatmadaw works together with the officials of the Ministry of Health and department

concerned, Parahita organizations and dutiful citizens to establish quarantine centres at the respective townships.

There was a total of 174 people — 93 males and 81 females—under observation at Tatmadaw Transit Centre in

Nay Pyi Taw until yesterday.

Moreover, the Tatmadaw medics of respective commands provided the necessary things for the accommodation and medical services for the patients. — MNA



Prices list of medicines commonly used against COVID-19 till 16-11-2021

No	Product Name	Pack Size	Price in Kyats (Retail)	Company Name
Antiviral				
1	Injection - Remdesivir	Vial	70,000	GHI
Anti thrombosis				
2	Injection Enoxaprim 40 mg	1 Pre-Filled Syringe	7,000	Nyi Lay Naing
3	Injection Enoxaprim 60 mg	1 Pre-Filled Syringe	9,000	Nyi Lay Naing
Symptomatic				
4	PO Paracetamol 500 mg	10x10's tablets/ Box	1,500	AA Medical

5	PO Dextromethophan	10x10's	1450	AA Medical
6	PO Bromhexine	10x10's tablets/ Box	1,000	Medi Myanmar
7	PO Cetirizine	10x10's / Box	2,200	AA Medical
Supportive				
8	PO Multivitamin with/ without zinc	3x10's / Box	5,600	OLIVE
9	PO Vitamin C	10x10's / Box	700	Pai Brother
10	PO - Pantocid	10x10's / Box	7,000	PL

Please visit the Website (www.mccpmd.org) and Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/32330252139_2189/posts/1720802588308835/ to know the prices of other medicines. —MNA

Let's build the peaceful, pleasant and prosperous society

EVERYBODY is struggling for the standing of their lives as well as for their survival by working their relevant livelihoods in order to fulfil the needs of their families on a daily basis but their daily acts should be the right way of earning a living.

They should not step stone for their life standing over anyone. Those practising the acts and behaviours against the right way of living are filled with their brains and souls can be defined as the inhumanity of a despicable person.

Everybody needs to build a peaceful and prosperous society but they should change their mindsets by avoiding the acts of bullying over others just for their survival. If so, society would be pleasant for all.

of thinking, the right way of saying things, doing what is right or proper, the right way of living, exertion in the right direction, right attention and right abstraction of the mind.

The property everybody tries to possess the need to be kept away from malpractice, guilt and sins of relevant religions. Everybody should set aside the mind to take the property of others in unfair and inappropriate ways. They all need to seek the best ways and means for possessing the property in society while discarding the minds of opportunists.

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Austria to put millions of unvaccinated people in COVID-19 lockdown

Under current rules, unvaccinated are already banned from restaurants, hotels and cultural venues unless they can show they have recently recovered from the disease.

AUSTRIA will begin a lockdown for people not vaccinated against COVID-19, a first in the EU as the Alpine member fights a record surge in cases, Chancellor Alexander Schallenberg said on Sunday.

About 65 per cent of Austria's almost nine million people are vaccinated, below the EU average of 67 per cent, while daily increases in infections have hit records this week.

Other European governments are also eyeing unpopular COVID curbs, with the Netherlands opting for Western Europe's first partial lockdown of the winter.

Austria's lockdown means people over 12 who are not vaccinated or cannot show that they have recently recovered from COVID will not be allowed to leave the house except for reasons such as buying essential supplies, exercise or seeking medical care.

"The situation is serious... We don't take this step with a light heart but unfortunately it is necessary," Schallenberg told reporters in a televised press conference.

Random spot checks

The lockdowns are to be enforced with random spot checks for the next 10 days with police patrols being stepped up. It will then be reviewed, according to the government.

Those who break the rules risk a 500-euro (\$570) fine; those who refuse to show proof that they are vaccinated or have recently recovered can be fined three times as much.

The main committee of parliament approved the lockdown late on Sunday.

In his news conference, Schallenberg called again on those who have not yet been vaccinated to get jabbed.

'Fight back now'

Hundreds gathered outside the chancellery for his announcement in a noisy protest, waving banners that read "No to mandatory vaccination" and "Our body, our freedom to decide".

"I'm here to set a sign. We must fight back now... We want to work, we want to help people, but we don't want to vaccinate our-

selves because this is simply our decision," Sarah Hein, an unvaccinated 30-year-old hospital worker, told AFP.

The government on Friday announced vaccinations would become mandatory for health workers.

Under current rules, unvaccinated are already banned from restaurants, hotels and cultural venues unless they can show they have recently recovered from the disease.

"Healthy people are being locked up," another demonstrator told AFP, declining to give her name.

Toughening rules

Vienna is further toughening rules, requiring PCR tests on top of being vaccinated or recovered to attend events of more than 25 people or go to bars and restaurants in the evening.

Also from Monday, the capital is becoming the first region in the EU to offer jabs to children from the age of five to 11 at a vaccination centre.

Appointments were booked



People stand in line to get vaccinated against COVID-19 in Salzburg, Austria on 15 November 2021. Austria began a lockdown for unvaccinated people on 15 November a first in the EU as Austria fights a record surge in cases. **PHOTO: AFP**

for more than 5,000 children when registration opened on Saturday, the city said.

The European Medicines Agency (EMA) has not yet issued an authorization for any of the vaccines to be used for this age group though member states have the

right to do so in a public health emergency.

So far, about 11,700 people infected with the coronavirus have died in Austria. Daily cases hit a record high of more than 13,000 new infections on Saturday.

In the Netherlands, Dutch

premier Mark Rutte announced on Friday at least three weeks of lockdown measures targeting restaurants, shops and sporting events to curb a record spike in coronavirus infections.

SOURCE: AFP

Cruise ships in Japan back on track with COVID safety measures



High school students perform in a marching band to send off the Asuka II cruise ship at a port in Hitachinaka, Ibaraki Prefecture, on 3 November 2021. **PHOTO: KYODO**

THE cruise business in Japan is getting back on track as vessels gradually resume sailing with COVID-19 safety measures in place after numerous cancelled trips due to the pandemic.

Major cruise ships Asuka II and Nippon Maru had operated a total of 21 trips by Monday, after restarting operations shortly before or after the government ended in September a coronavirus state of emergency that covered Tokyo and several other prefectures.

In early November, the 50,444-tonne Asuka II with about 300 people onboard entered a port in Hitachinaka, Ibaraki Prefecture, becoming the first cruise ship to stop at the eastern Japan port in about two years.

"I haven't been able to travel any-

where lately, but I joined this cruise because I heard it was going to sail nearby," said a man in his 70s from Suzaka, Nagano Prefecture, who went on the trip with his wife.

Worried about the coronavirus

While the man admitted he was worried about the coronavirus, he said passengers must follow strict protocols to be allowed onboard, including testing negative for the coronavirus.

In order to prevent the spread of infections, the Ibaraki prefectural government also restricted people from welcoming the ship from the dock.

"It is quite difficult to strike a balance between coronavirus countermeasures and economic activities. We have finally come this far," said Hiroetsu Aoyama, a

senior prefectural official.

Since resuming operations in October, the Asuka II has made several voyages including a trip from Yokohama, near Tokyo, to Nagasaki in the southwest, with an Asuka official saying that demand for such trips has increased.

Anti-virus protocols

The anti-virus protocols implemented by operators also include reduced capacity. The operator of Asuka II, which can hold about 870 passengers, only allows half of the ship's capacity, while Nippon Maru also allows about 65 per cent of its capacity of some 530 people.

The operators will conduct COVID-19 tests for passengers before and on the day they board the ships.

SOURCE: Kyodo



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 16 November 2021)

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at (17:30) hrs M.S.T today, the low pressure area over Southeast Bay of Bengal still persists. It is likely continuous to move Westwards and reach to West central Bay and adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal (off South Andhra Pradesh- North Tamilnadu coasts) around (18.11.2021). Weather is a few cloud over the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 17 November 2021: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Northern Shan State, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Taninthayi Regions and (Southern and Eastern)Shan, Chin States, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay Region and Kachin State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30-35) m.p.h. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (7-9) feet in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts and about (4-7) feet off and along Rakhine Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin, Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 17 November 2021: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 17 November 2021: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

FORECAST FOR Mandalay AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 17 November 2021: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Low Pressure Area Condition

Issued at (19:00) hours M.S.T on 16-11-2021

ACCORDING to the observations at (17:30)hrs M.S.T today, the low pressure area over Southeast Bay of Bengal still persists. It is likely continuous to move Westwards and reach to Westcentral Bay and adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal (off South Andhra Pradesh- North Tamilnadu coasts) around (18.11.2021).

General caution

DUE to the lowpressure area, rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin, Mon States during (16.11.2021) to (18.11.2021). Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30-35) m.p.h. Wave height will be about (7-9) feet in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

Advisory

DUE to the lowpressure area, people should be aware rain or thundershowers with strong wind and domestic flight, trawlers, vessels and ships in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Working Committee to Address Economic Impacts of COVID-19

Notification No 5/2021

16 November 2021

1. ACCORDING to the decision of the Working Committee to Address the Economic Impacts of COVID-19 at the meeting (8/2021) of the companies/enterprises that have applied for loans to the livestock sector, including fish and prawn farming owned by Myanmar citizens, the following 114 companies are permitted to take out loans from the COVID-19 Fund.
2. Loan applications will continue to be scrutinized. Those who are allowed to withdraw loans will be screened and disbursed according to bank rules and regulations, however, loans will not be issued if the business has been sued by a bank.

Working Committee to Address the Economic Impacts of COVID-19

List of companies/enterprises approved for the first loan from the third COVID-19 fund

No.	Company/Enterprise	Address
1	U Htein Lin (Fish Farming)	Yaykyaw village, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region
2	U Nyein Myaing (Fish Farming)	Innma village, Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Region
3	Crystal Diamond Livestock Co., Ltd	No (47/48/53), Ayeyawady Road, Shwe Thanlwin Industrial Zone, Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Region
4	Kaung Htet Myo (Chicken Farming)	Khayaung road, Khayaung village, Hlegu Township, Yangon Region
5	Ngwe Sin Palae (Cow Farming and Milk Industry)	No (36), Hninsi (5)street, Laydauntkan Sanpya village, Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region
6	Aung San Kaung Trading Company Limited (Fish Farming)	No (26), Mya Yamone San Housing, Dagon Myothit (South),Yangon Region
7	U Tin Tun (Fish Farming)	Phayakon village, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region
8	U Myint Than (Prawn Farming)	Chaungwa village, Hainggyikyun Town, Ayeyawady Region
9	Daw Seint Seint Phyo (Prawn Farming)	Warkone village, Hainggyikyun Town, Ayeyawady Region
10	U Soe Naing (Fish, Prawn Farming)	Kan Kalay village, Kyaunggon Township, Ayeyawady Region
11	U Nyunt Hlaing (Fish, Prawn Farming)	Htanee Village, Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Region
12	U Myint Oo (Fish Farming)	Aung San road, (2) ward, Kyaunggon Township, Ayeyawady Region
13	U Myint Naing Oo (Fish, Prawn Farming)	Kamarmat village, Kayan Township, Yangon Region
14	U Zaw Min Than (Fish Farming)	Kyuntainggyi village, Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Region
15	U Aung Swe Myint (Fish Farming)	No (10+11+N) (464/A+467/A), Kyanepinse, Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Region
16	U Soe Lwin (Fish Farming)	Gyonegyonekya village, Kayan Township, Yangon Region
17	U Win Shein (Fish Farming)	Nyaungbokwin, Singu Ywathit, Letpadan Township, Bago Region
18	U Ye Aung (Fish Farming)	Kazinngu village, Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Region
19	Daw Tin Nu (Freshwater Fish Farming)	Nyaungbokwin village, Singu Ywathit village-tract, Thayawady Township, Bago Region
20	Aye Chan Aung Brothers Company Limited (Livestock)	No (138/B), Gandamar road, Khayaypin Yatemon (2), Mingaladon Township, Yangon Region
21	U Ohn Myaing (Fish Farming)	Bot Ae village, Thonegwa village, Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Region
22	Thwal Thwal Gyi Family (Fish Farming)	Patote village, Thasinyaykyaw tract, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region
23	U Kyaw Zay Hla (Fish Farming)	Mazeli Aoutsu village-tract, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region
24	U Min Thein (Fish Farming)	Hngetpyawkyun village, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region
25	U Zaw Moe Aung (Fish Farming)	Nyaungywa village-tract, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region
26	U Kyaw Zeya (Fish Farming)	Mazeli Aoutsu village-tract, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region
27	U Kyaw Lwin Oo (Fish Farming)	Kyeinchaung village-tract, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region
28	U Tun Kyi (Fish Farming)	Shan Su village, Taikkyi Township, Yangon Region
29	U Tin Shein (Fish Farming)	Kanyin Ngu village, Kawhmu Township, Yangon Region
30	U Nyi Nyi (Seawater Fish Farming)	No 19/4, Seikkanthar road, Pazunkan Yaytwinseik village-tract, Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Region
31	Daw Zin Myo Nwe (Prawn Farming)	Warkone village, Hainggyikyun Town, Ayeyawady Region
32	U Khin Zaw Win (Fish Farming)	Kamarmat village, Kayan Township, Yangon Region
33	Daw San Myaing (Fish Farming)	Sonekya village, Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Region
34	U Nyein Chan (Livestock)	No 119, D/4 street, Nyaung Hnapiin Special Zone (1), Hlegu Township, Yangon Region
35	U Saw Ba Chit (Cow, Buffalo Farming)	Union Territory, Ottara District, Aein Kyal village, Tatkon Township,
36	U Maung Maung Oo (Poultry Farming)	Hteinpin Kawat village, Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Region
37	U Kyaw Win (Fish Farming)	Tuu Chaung Gyi village, Twantay Township, Yangon Region
38	U Kyaw Kyaw (Fish Farming)	Phayarkone village, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region
39	U Tin Shwe (a) U Kyin Shwe (Seawater Prawn Farming)	Chaungwa village, Hainggyikyun Town, Ayeyawady Region
40	U Tin Hla (Fish Farming)	Sin Lan Gyi village, Danubyu Township, Ayeyawady Region
41	U Thein Zaw (Fish Farming)	Kyonetonegyi village-tract, Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Region
42	U Ye Yan Naing Swe (Lwin Phyo Fish, Prawn Farming)	Field (1154,1158) Gwaytanshay village, Bago Township, Bago Region
43	U Han Thein (Fish Farming)	Kanar village, Thasinyaykyaw tract, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region
44	U Win Myint (Fish Farming)	Myagae village, Htantabin Township, Yangon Region
45	U San Thwe (Fish Farming)	Thasinyaykyaw tract, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region
46	U Myo Min Aung (Fish Farming)	Kalay village, Wakema Township, Ayeyawady Region
47	U Moe Kyaw (Fish Farming)	Thasin village, Thasinyaykyaw tract, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region
48	U Hla Sein (Fish Farming)	Thasinyaykyaw tract, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region
49	U Soe Nyunt (Fish Farming)	Shwelaung village, Wakema Township, Ayeyawady Region
50	U Nyan Lin (Fish Farming)	Kanyingon village, Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Region

51	U Myint Swe (Fish Farming)	Patote village, Thasinyaykyaw tract, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region
52	U Saw Naung (Fish Farming)	Mya Yoe Lay village, Wakema Township, Ayeyawady Region
53	U Myo Myint Zaw, Ma Yamone Oo (Fish Farming)	Htanee village, Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Region
54	U Win Aung (Fish Farming)	Thasin village, Thasinyaykyaw tract, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region
55	U Tin Soe Lwin (Fish Farming)	Mogok village, Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Region
56	U Htay Win (Fish Farming)	Panseik village, Thasinyaykyaw tract, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region
57	U Sai Chit Phe (Fish Farming)	Htein Hnapin village, Htantabin Township, Yangon Region
58	U Mya Soe (Fish Farming)	Htanee village, Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Region
59	U Win Myint (Fish Farming)	Thazin village, Thasinyaykyaw tract, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Region
60	Aung (Livestock)	No 17, Pyay Road, Ohtan ward, Taikkyi Township, Yangon Region
61	U Tin Maung Zaw (Shrimp Farming)	Chaung Wa Village, Hainggyikyun Town, Ayeyawady Region
62	New Green World Co., Ltd.	Star City Housing, B-2, Room No. (406), Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region
63	Daw Zar Lei Yi (Livestock)	No. (80), Natmauk Street, Pabedan Ward, Hinthada Township, Ayeyawady Region
64	U San Thein (Fish Farming)	Wartaw village, Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Region
65	U Maung Lwin (Fish Farming)	Htaungmin village, Thanatpin Township, Bago Region
66	U Sein Win (Fish Farming)	Htanee village, Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Region
67	U Tin Oo (Fish Farming)	Htanee village, Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Region
68	U Soe Lwin Kyaw (Livestock)	No (79), Natmauk Street, Pabedan ward, Hinthada Township, Ayeyawady Region
69	Daw Phyint Sai (Poultry and Fish Farming)	Bo Dawna Kone village-tract, Thayatnyopin road, Yaythoe village, Hmawby Township, Yangon Region
70	U Than Htay (Fish Farming)	No 51, Phayagyi Paing (1) street, Thanatpin Township, Bago Region
71	Daw Kyi Htay (Poultry Farming)	Myohaung ward, Aungban, Kalaw Township, Shan State
72	U Yarzar Shein (Local Cow Farming)	Nyaungpinhtaung ward, Aungban, Kalaw Township, Shan State
73	Daw Mya Swe (Chicken Farming)	Thanatpyin village, Hlegu Township, Yangon Region
74	U Kyaw Myo Thu (Chicken Farming)	Nyaungpinthar village, Yintitekone village-tract, Kwinmyaut ward, Kyaukdagar Township, Bago Region
75	Daw Wai Mar Hnin (Chicken Farming)	Kyaikpaw village-tract, Shansugyikone village, Bago Township, Bago Region
76	U Thoung Myint Oo (Duck Farming)	Daminseikkyi village, Ye Township, Mon State
77	U Saw Kyawt Khine (Fish Farming)	Htaraw Naungwinegyi village, Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Region
78	U Myint Soe (Fish Farming)	Mogok village, Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Region
79	U Aung Than Zaw (Fish Farming)	Paukpin village, Kayan Township, Yangon Region
80	U Zaw Min (Hog Farming)	Baukthapyaykan village, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region
81	U Kan Myint (Poultry Farming)	Shwe Phone Shein road, 4 ward, Thegon, Bagon Region (West)
82	U Htay (Fish Farming)	Kalay village, Wakema Township, Ayeyawady Region

83	U Tin Maung Soe (Fish Farming)	Zayat Hla Gyi village, Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Region
84	U Tint Lwin (Fish Farming)	Moegaung village, Kyone Tone Kyi village-tract, Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Region
85	U Myint Naing Oo (Fish Farming)	Nyaungpin village, Kawa Township, Bago Region
86	U Pan Hlaing (Cow Farming)	No (3) Waso ward, Phaaungwe road, DaikU, Bago Region
87	Daw Aye Aye Mu (Chicken Farming)	Koemine village, Ye, Mon State
88	Myanmar Livestock Society Developer Co., Ltd.	Building (3), No 201, Waizayandar road, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region
89	U Zaw Min (Chicken farming)	Lathar Aye village, Bago Township, Bago Region
90	U Myint Oo (Hog Farming)	Baukthapyaykan village, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region
91	U Hla Thu (Fish Farming)	Okpo village, Kayan Township, Yangon Region
92	U Myat Soe (Hog Farming)	Theinkone village, Okkan Kankone tract, Taikkyi Township, Yangon Region
93	Daw Khin Khin Oo (Poultry Farming)	Myohaung ward, Aungban, Kalaw Township, Shan State
94	Daw Nyo Thwe Oo (Hog Farming)	Myohaung ward, Aungban, Kalaw Township, Shan State
95	U Zaw Win (Hog Farming)	Htanshitpin village, Nwartekone tract, Zigon, Thayawady District, Bago Region
96	U Shine Min Maung (Hog Farming)	Htanshitpin village, Nwartekone tract, Zigon, Thayawady District, Bago Region
97	U Win Htay (Fish Farming)	Kamarse village, Thanatpin Township, Bago Region
98	U Sein Min Thu (Fish Farming)	Htanee village, Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Region
99	U Naing (Fish, Prawn Farming)	Yaykyaw village, Kayan Township, Yangon Region
100	U Thet Aung (Fish Farming)	Yetoe Nyaungwine village-tract, Einme Township, Ayeyawady Region
101	U Than Soe (Fish Farming)	Okpo village, Kayan Township, Yangon Region
102	U Kyaw Zin Aung (Poultry and Cow Farming)	Nawin road, Wathtee Kan, Pyay Township, Bago Region
103	U Than Lwin (Livestock)	Field Number 37,38,40,41, Livestock zone, Kyaukme, Shan State
104	Daw Khin Bone Myint (Duck Farming)	Shwetaung road, Minkwat (3) ward, Paungde, Bago Region
105	U Tun Thein (Chicken Farming)	Chanthar village, Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Region
106	U Thein Tun (Poultry Farming)	Pawritha village, Telaw Sakhangyi village-tract, Nyaungshwe, Shan State
107	Daw Ohn Myint (Prawn Farming)	Makyeepin village-tract, Ngaputaw Township, Ayeyawady Region
108	U Tun Tun Win (Fish, Prawn Farming)	Kanyin Chaung village, Hainggyikyun Town, Ayeyawady Region
109	U Myo Zay Zay Thein (Seawater Prawn Farming)	Kanseik village, Chaungwa village-tract, Hainggyikyun Town, Ayeyawady Region
110	Maha Hein Htet Zaw Company Limited	Ward (3), Heho, Kalaw Township, Shan State
111	U Nyunt Win (Livestock)	No 40, Nathmaw village, Pyinponegyi village-tract, Paungde Township, Bago Region
112	U Khin Maung Win (Cow Farming)	Natpay village-tract, Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Region
113	Maha Hein Brother Company Limited (Buffalo, Cow Farming)	Ward (3), Heho, Kalaw Township, Shan State
114	Daw Thin Thin Wah (Hog Farming and Trading)	Minse tract, Kaleinaung ward, Pantanaw Township, Ayeyawady Region

Biden signs into law \$1 trillion infrastructure investment bill

U.S. President Joe Biden on Monday signed into law a \$1 trillion infrastructure investment bill, a key victory for the president as he seeks to deliver on his promise to create millions of jobs and to position the country to compete with a rising China.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which includes \$550 billion in new federal funding over five years, took months to pass the narrowly divided Congress amid infighting among moderates and progressives within Biden's Democratic Party.

The law will pave the way for

what Biden calls a "once-in-a-generation investment" in infrastructure, including roads, bridges, high-speed internet access and towards building out a national network of electric-vehicle charging stations.

"Because of this law, next year will be the first year in 20 years American infrastructure investment will grow faster than China's," Biden said at the White House during a signing ceremony for the bipartisan infrastructure law. The president said he believes Monday will be recalled 50 years in the future as the moment "America began to win the



The infrastructure measure includes \$66 billion to invest in Amtrak and fund new rail lines and upgrades to existing ones. **PHOTO: AMTRAK/KYODO**

competition of the 21st century".

Biden is expected to pitch the infrastructure law, along with a \$1.75 trillion social-spending package that he also hopes to be enacted, as his major achievements ahead of next year's mid-term elections when control of Congress will be at stake.

The development comes as Biden has seen his job approval rating hit 42 per cent in October, its lowest point, after beginning his term with relatively solid ratings, ranging between 54 per cent and 57 per cent from January through June, according to a Gallup poll.—Kyodo ■

Solution to post-Brexit N. Ireland trade row 'still possible': PM



The Northern Ireland Protocol imposes checks on goods heading to the province from mainland Great Britain. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

BRITAIN'S prime minister said Monday that finding a solution with the European Union to Brexit agreement problems regarding Northern Ireland "still seems possible", but reiterated he was ready to trigger a suspension clause in the deal.

The Northern Ireland Protocol, the part of the Brexit deal that deals with the British province, was designed to keep an open

border between Northern Ireland and Ireland -- a key requirement of the 1998 peace deal that ended three decades of violence over British rule. It imposes checks on goods heading to the province from mainland Great Britain -- England, Wales and Scotland -- to prevent them travelling via EU member state Ireland into the rest of the bloc unchecked.

Unionists in Northern Ire-

land argue the checks effectively create a border in the Irish Sea, compromising the province's place in the wider UK.

Britain and the EU are at loggerheads over the rules, which London signed up to in 2019 but now says are unworkable, and which Brussels maintains are needed to protect the integrity of the EU single market.

Speaking at the Lord Mayor's Banquet in London, Prime Minister Boris Johnson insisted his government "would rather find a negotiated solution to the problems created by the Northern Ireland Protocol, and that still seems possible".

He added: "But if we do invoke Article 16 (the suspension clause) -- which by the way is a perfectly legitimate part of that Protocol -- we will do so reasonably and appropriately, because we believe it is the only way left to protect the territorial integrity of our country." — AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Biden eyes desert drilling ban at US tribal summit

PRESIDENT Joe Biden told a summit of Native American tribal leaders Monday that he intends to extend oil and gas drilling restrictions in a swath of New Mexico desert considered sacred.

Biden said that "taking action to protect the Greater Chaco Landscape... from future oil and gas leasing" was one of his priorities.

The toughening of regulations in the New Mexico region is Biden's latest push to protect wild and historic areas from energy companies, in a break with the aggressively pro-drilling policies of his predecessor Donald Trump.—AFP ■

Hong Kong leader defends US bank head quarantine exemption

HONG KONG'S leader on Tuesday defended allowing the head of JP Morgan Chase to skip a three-week Covid quarantine imposed on most other visitors, saying he worked for "a very big bank".

The comments came as Hong Kong also announced more than 100 cargo pilots had been ordered into mandatory quarantine and that the city was at risk of running out of air crew.

JP Morgan CEO Jamie Dimon landed on Monday for a 32-hour whirlwind tour without undergoing the usual 21-day hotel quarantine even as the international business hub tightens restrictions to adhere to China's "zero-Covid" strategy.

Earlier this year HSBC's boss was forced to undergo a full quarantine during a trip to the city.—AFP ■

BOJ chief Kuroda warns global chip shortage could drag on

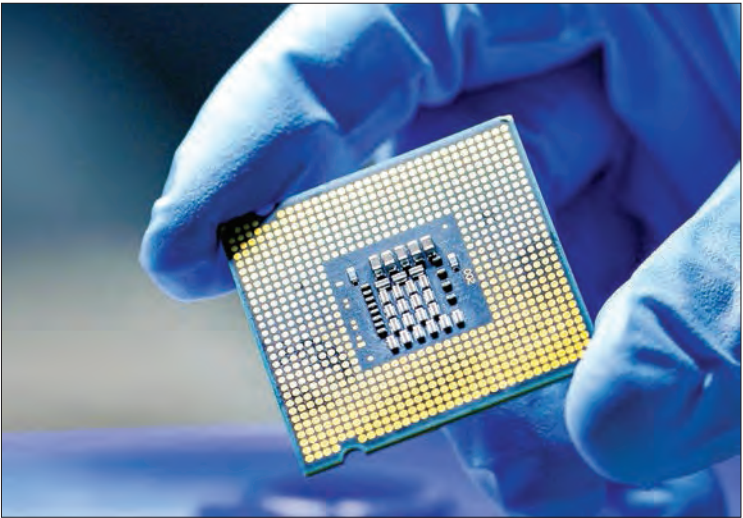
BANK of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda expressed concerns Monday that the global semiconductor shortage, which has hurt production in the country and exports, may be prolonged as the economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic revives demand. Kuroda also warned of a recent slowdown in the Chinese economy, saying the central bank needs to closely

monitor its potential effects on financial markets and the Japanese economy.

The chip shortage "could possibly drag on" as demand is expected to exceed supply for the time being, he said at a press conference in Nagoya after meeting with local business leaders.

While some analysts have said the recent weakness of the

yen against the U.S. dollar will raise import costs and in turn weigh on corporate earnings and household spending, Kuroda dispelled such concerns, saying, "We are not seeing the current depreciation of the yen as particularly negative." "It is most important that exchange rates remain stable," reflecting economic and financial fundamentals, he said.—Kyodo ■



Japan's Economy, Trade and Industry Ministry has made public an action plan to help revive the country's semiconductor industry. **PHOTO: SHUTTERSTOCK/KYODO**

Philippines lauds China’s ICT company for cultivating local young talents

PHILIPPINE Foreign Secretary Teodoro Locsin lauded China’s Huawei for cultivating young talents of information and communications technology (ICT) in the country at a scholarship programme launched here on Monday.

As the world be-

comes more digital, Locsin said Huawei has seen it fit not only to be a business for profit but also to build a better future.

“Seeds for the Future, apparently named as such, has been spreading and cultivating ICT expertise across the global expanse. Its ben-

eficiaries are able to acquire ICT Knowledge first hand while collectively building their network of ICT talents,” Locsin said.

Seeds for the Future is Huawei’s flagship global corporate social responsibility programme, aiming to develop skilled,

local ICT talent and bridge communication between countries and cultures. Since the programme reached the Philippines in 2015, more than 100 Filipinos have benefited and are now making contributions to the Philippines’ ICT industry.—Xinhua ■



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South Korea’s foreign currency deposit hit a fresh record high last month, topping 100 billion US dollars for the first time, central bank data showed on Tuesday. **PHOTO: BUSINESSKOREA.CO.KR/XINHUA**

S. Korea’s foreign currency deposit hits record high in October

SOUTH Korea’s foreign currency deposit hit a fresh record high last month, topping 100 billion US dollars for the first time, central bank data showed on Tuesday.

Foreign currency deposit reached a new high of 100.77 billion dollars

at the end of October, up 6.57 billion dollars from a month earlier, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK).

The deposit continued to grow for the third consecutive month amid rising expectations for the strong US dollar.

The US dollar deposit

gained 5.37 billion dollars to 87.52 billion dollars in the cited month, and those denominated in the Japanese yen and the European single currency increased to 5.19 billion dollars and 4.44 billion dollars respectively.

The Chinese yuan deposit added 0.13 billion dol-

lars to 1.75 billion dollars in the month.

The foreign currency deposit, owned by companies, rose 6.2 billion dollars to 81.96 billion dollars, while individuals-possessed deposit climbed 0.37 billion dollars to 18.81 billion dollars.—Xinhua ■

WeWork reports smaller loss, shares rise

OFFICE-SHARING company WeWork reported a smaller quarterly loss Monday and pointed to another gradual rise in occupancy levels, lifting shares.

WeWork, reporting earnings for the first time as a public company, said the third quarter “saw a continuation of the strong momentum seen in the second quarter of 2021” as more people return to office life and the worst of the pandemic recedes.

Total occupancy rose to 56 per cent in the third

quarter from 50 per cent in the prior period after bottoming out at 45 per cent late last year.

The trends have continued into October, with occupancy hitting 59 per cent, the company said.

The company reported a loss of \$802 million, compared with a loss of \$941 million in the year-ago period. Revenues fell 18 per cent to \$661 million.

WeWork debuted on the Nasdaq last month following a merger with special-purpose acqui-



Office-sharing company WeWork reported a smaller quarterly loss Monday and pointed to another gradual rise in occupancy levels, lifting shares. **PHOTO: WEWORK/AFP**

sition company called Adam Neumann. Shares rose 2.4 per cent to \$9.40 in midday trading. — AFP ■

The New India Assurance Company Limited
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The Application under section 55(a) of Myanmar Companies Law is made to Directorate of Investment & Company Administration on 24th September, 2021. The matter has been duly communicated to Insurance Business Regulatory Board for suitable direction to this effect.

For and behalf of Narottam Kalsa, Chief Representative, Yangon Office

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Macklowe art collection brings in \$676 million at New York auction

AN auction at Sotheby’s in New York of the Macklowe modern and contemporary art collection brought in \$676 million on its first night Monday, including a painting by Mark Rothko that went for more than \$80 million, putting it on track to set a new record. Billed as the highlight of the 2021 Fall season in one of the world’s auction capitals, the sale lasted more than two hours, during which all 35 pieces were sold, four of them for more than \$50 million. Between 200 and

300 people were allowed to attend the sale at Sotheby’s headquarters, after several virtual seasons owing to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Two lots were tipped to be the most expensive items of the evening, but in the end it was a painting by the American expressionist Marc Rothko (1903-1970), entitled “N ° 7,” which won with a sales price of \$82.4 million, fees and commissions included, that nudged out “Le Nez” (“The Nose”), a bronze sculpture by

Alberto Giacometti (1901-1966).

Both works were purchased remotely by Asian collectors, Sotheby’s said. In New York, the sale of two paintings by the pop-art master Andy Warhol was also highly anticipated: his famous “Nine Marylins” (1962), a series of faces of the movie star Marilyn Monroe, in black and white, was sold for \$47.3 million, while a “Sixteen Jackies,” depicting Jackie Kennedy, found a buyer for \$ 33.8 million.— AFP ■

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IN BRIEFJapan's LDP to make
new lawmakers
donate 1 mil. yen
allowance

JAPAN'S ruling Liberal Democratic Party said Tuesday it will make new lower house members donate the 1 million yen (\$8,800) monthly transportation and communication allowance they received for October despite being elected on the last day of the month.

The policy comes amid growing criticism over the full amount paid out of the national coffers to those who won seats in the House of Representatives in the general election on 31 October and follows a similar move by an opposition party.

LDP Secretary-General Toshimitsu Motegi told a press conference that he thinks it is "strange" for lawmakers to receive such an amount for just one day of service.

"We would like to take an appropriate response to avoid a situation that raises questions among the people," Motegi added. He suggested the party will consider where to donate the money, which cannot be technically returned to the state coffers.

On Monday, Osaka Mayor Ichiro Matsui, who heads the Japan Innovation Party, criticized the payment and indicated the conservative opposition party will collect the allowance from its new Diet members and donate the money to disaster-hit areas among others. Tetsuro Fukuyama, secretary general of the main opposition Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan, said his party will seek to submit a bill that enables the allowance to be paid per day rather than monthly.—Kyodo ■

Chinese navy fleet
returns from Gulf of
Aden escort missions

A Chinese naval fleet Monday returned to a military port in Zhoushan, east China's Zhejiang Province, after concluding escort missions in the Gulf of Aden and the waters off Somalia.

The 38th naval escort fleet, comprised of missile destroyer Nanjing, missile frigate Yangzhou, and supply ship Gaoyouhu, weighed anchor on May 15 at a military port in Zhoushan.

The last 185 days saw the fleet escort 45 Chinese and foreign ships and sail more than 90,000 nautical miles.—Xinhua ■

Putin tells Macron US leading 'provocative'
exercises in Black Sea

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin told French counterpart Emmanuel Macron on Monday that "provocative" US-led exercises in the Black Sea were "increasing tensions" between Moscow and NATO, the Kremlin said.

Both leaders expressed "dissatisfaction" with what Moscow called a "worsening" situation in eastern Ukraine, the Kremlin statement said.

Putin "drew attention to the provocative nature of the large scale exercises led by the United States and its allies in the Black Sea which are increasing tensions between Russia and NATO," the Kremlin said.

Putin's comments came after Western countries raised



Russian President Vladimir Putin said US-led military exercises in the Black Sea were to blame for increased tensions in the region. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK/AFP**

alarm over Russian military activities near Ukraine.

According to the Elysee,

Macron told Putin that France was ready to defend Ukraine's territorial integrity.

Last week, Putin said the Kremlin considered recent Black Sea exercises by the US and other NATO ships as a serious challenge. He told state television that Russia's defence ministry "had a proposal to hold its own unplanned exercises in the same waters".

"But I believe that this is inappropriate and there is no need to further escalate the situation," he said.

Putin seemingly referred to several US warships taking part in exercises in the Black Sea which Moscow has said it was "monitoring." According to the Kremlin statement, Putin also criticized Ukraine for the "recent use" of drones in its conflict with pro-Russia rebels.—AFP ■

Libya elders urge boycott
over Kadhafi presidential bid

Seif al-Islam Kadhafi (L), son of slain Libyan dictator Moamer Kadhafi, registering to run in the country's December presidential polls. **PHOTO: AFP/STRINGER**

ELDERS from several cities called for a boycott of presidential elections and protesters shut voting stations in western Libya on Monday after former dictator Moamer Kadhafi's son registered to run.

Seif al-Islam Kadhafi, whose whereabouts have been secret for years, on Sunday became the first heavyweight candidate to sign up for the 24 December poll.

But an influential council of elders from Misrata, a city which played a key role in the 2011 uprising that toppled his father, called for an election boycott.

The council rejects "the candidacy of those who used excessive force against the Libyan people's uprising and who are the target of arrest

warrants from Libyan courts and the International Criminal Court", it said in a statement.

It urged "free patriots" to protest against the election taking place before a constitutional basis was agreed.

A member of the electoral commission, the HNEC, told AFP that "residents protesting at the candidacy of Seif al-Islam Kadhafi in presidential elections closed down several polling stations" in the west.

The official, who asked not to be named, said there had been no violence and voting stations had not been damaged.

Libya first ever direct presidential poll comes as the United Nations seeks to end a decade of violence since a revolt that toppled his father in 2011.—AFP ■

Five teens hurt in drive-by
shooting near US school: Police

A shooting near a US high school left five teenagers wounded on Monday, police said.

Officers in Aurora, Colorado were called to a park near Central High School where they found five people aged between 14 and 17 had been hurt, the Aurora Police Department said.

"Unknown suspect who is no longer on scene," the police said on Twitter. "5 total people have been transported to the hospital."

"Incident did not happen inside of the school but just north at Nome Park."

Local television stations broadcast aerial footage of the park, showing law enforcement officers walking around.

Also visible were nearby

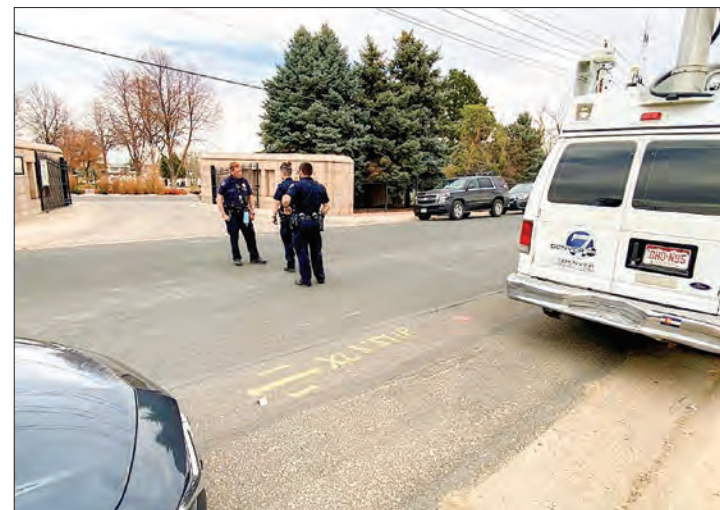
houses, one of which appeared to have incident tape around it.

The local CBS affiliate reported on its website that there were emergency vehicles in the car park of Aurora Central High School, and several adults had gathered outside the school, many of them talking on phones.

Colorado is no stranger to gun violence, having suffered two of the most infamous mass shootings in US history.

In 1999, two boys shot and killed 12 classmates and a teacher at Columbine High School.

Then in 2012, a heavily armed man entered a movie theatre in Aurora, murdering 12. The gunman is now serving a life sentence without the possibility of parole.—AFP ■



Police at the scene following a drive-by shooting at a park in Aurora. **PHOTO: TWITTER @DOUGHERTYKMGH/AFP**

Biden, Xi at loggerheads on Chinese Taipei in lengthy virtual summit



US President Joe Biden meets with China's President Xi Jinping during a virtual summit from the Roosevelt Room of the White House. **PHOTO: AFP**

US President Joe Biden and China's Xi Jinping traded strong warnings on the future of Chinese Taipei at a virtual summit meant to establish "guardrails" against conflict between their rival superpowers.

The video-link summit, which took place late Monday in Washington and early Tuesday in Beijing, lasted a "longer than expected" three and a half hours, a senior US official told reporters. "The conversation was respectful and straightforward."

While the goal was to settle an increasingly volatile relation-

ship between the giant economic and geopolitical competitors, tension over Chinese Taipei -- a self-governing democracy claimed by China -- loomed large.

Chinese state media reported after the summit that Xi cautioned Biden that encouraging Chinese Taipei independence would be "playing with fire."

"Some people in the US intend to 'use Chinese Taipei to control China.' This trend is very dangerous and is like playing with fire, and those who play with fire will get burned," he was quoted as saying by Xinhua news

agency.

The White House readout after the summit was considerably more measured, but between the lines, Biden's pushback against Beijing's increasingly aggressive posture toward Chinese Taipei was clear.

The statement reiterated longstanding US policy that does not recognize Chinese Taipei's independence but supports defence of the island. According to the US official, who asked not to be identified, there was "extended discussion of Chinese Taipei" during the summit.—AFP ■

Surprise election win could end Bulgaria's long political deadlock



Kiril Petkov (l) and Asen Vassilev, the founders of the We Continue the Change (PP) party, after Sunday's voting. **PHOTO: AFP**

HOPES were rising in Bulgaria Monday that a government can finally be formed, after the third general election in a year produced a surprise winner.

With over 93 per cent of the ballots counted from Sunday's elections, the centrist We Continue the Change (PP) formation, founded in September by

two Harvard-educated former entrepreneurs, was set for a surprise win with 25.46 per cent of the votes.

"I hope that they will be reasonable enough to form a government... These are the third elections in a year which is too much already," graphic designer Lyuba Yanchuleva, 67, told

AFP while walking her dog in Sofia on Monday morning.

A series of scandals about misuse of taxpayers money relegated the conservative GERB party of three-time premier Boyko Borisov to second place with some 22.78 per cent.

Elections in April and July had failed to produce a government, deepening voter apathy and pushing voter turnout to a historical low of under 40 per cent, as the fourth and most violent wave of the coronavirus raged in the EU's least vaccinated country.

Analysts were however more hopeful for a coalition this time, despite a very fractured legislature in which seven parties gained seats.

"This time we will have a government coalition of four parties," Alpha Research analyst Boryana Dimitrova commented Monday.—AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Duterte to run for senator, avoiding VP race against daughter

PHILIPPINE President Rodrigo Duterte will run for a senate seat in next year's elections, avoiding a potential faceoff with his daughter for the vice-presidency, representatives said Monday.

The 76-year-old president had previously said he would either retire from politics or run for the vice-presidency, as his daughter Davao City Mayor Sara Duterte-Carpio, 43, is now doing despite opinion polls that had earlier this year ranked her as the top presidential prospect.

Energy Secretary Alfonso Cusi, president of the PDP-Laban party, said Duterte filed his candidacy under the Pederalismo ng Dugong Dakilang Samahan, or PDDS, an allied party.

"President Duterte would be an excellent Senator and his leadership qualities and experience would no doubt be a welcome addition to the senate," he said in a statement. Long-time Duterte aide Sen. Bong Go, 47, is running for president under the same party despite being a PDP-Laban member, having earlier shifted his vice presidential candidacy to a presidential run.—Kyodo ■

Cuban dissidents arrested, mass protest thwarted as police swamp streets

CUBAN security forces foiled a planned mass protest on Monday, with police flooding Havana's streets and prominent dissidents arrested or confined to their homes to prevent them from staging the banned rights gathering. Friends and family members said those detained included opposition figure Manuel Cuesta Morua, 58, the leader of the Ladies in White rights movement Berta Soler, and her husband Angel Moya -- a former political prisoner.

Another government critic, Guillermo Farinas, has been detained since Friday, and numerous protest organizers and independent journalists have reportedly been confined to their homes by the security forces, with their internet cut. As Cubans observed a tense countdown to the planned 3:00 pm (2000 GMT) kickoff of rallies called in Havana and six provinces, police were deployed in large numbers on the streets of the capital. Along the city's seaside esplanade, armed police in uniform gathered on nearly every corner, while others in civilian dress patrolled the squares and parks.— AFP ■

Panama ex-president's son extradited to US on graft charges

THE son of Panama's ex-president Ricardo Martinelli was extradited Monday from Guatemala, where he was detained, to the United States to face charges of corruption involving Brazilian construction company Odebrecht, officials said.

Luis Enrique Martinelli Linares was flown out of Guatemala City, where he had been held in a military prison, on a private jet bound for New York.

Martinelli and his brother Ricardo Alberto were arrested at Guatemala Airport in 2020, at Washington's request, as they sought to board a flight to Panama.

Both are wanted by the American justice system for allegedly having allowed millions of dollars to be paid into secret bank accounts in the name of ghost companies.—AFP ■



Luis Enrique Martinelli (C) was extradited to the United States to face corruption charges. **PHOTO: GUATEMALAN MINISTRY OF INTERIOR/AFP**



Myanmar team players celebrate their victory after scoring the first goal against Burundi during their friendly match in Turkey on 13 November. **PHOTO: MFF**

Myanmar team to play more friendly matches in Turkey

IN preparation for the upcoming Suzuki Cup matches, Myanmar men's national football team will play more friendly matches in Turkey, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

The Myanmar squad has been training in Turkey since 28 October and has already played two friendlies and will play at least one more, football authorities said.

The Myanmar national team beat Turkish amateur club Manevgatspor 2-1 in their friendly match on 10 November but team Myanmar has lost 1-2 to the African team Burundi on 13 November.

The Myanmar national team has agreed to play a friendly match against Indonesia on 25 November and is trying to play another friendly

match before that match, officials said.

The Myanmar squad will train in Turkey until the end of this month and then travel directly to Singapore.

The ASEAN Suzuki Cup tournament, in which the Myanmar team participating, will be held in Singapore from 5 December 2021 to 1 January 2022. —Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

England qualify for World Cup with 10-goal rout of San Marino

ENGLAND qualified for the World Cup in record-breaking style as Harry Kane scored four times in a 10-0 demolition of San Marino that ranked as the Three Lions' biggest ever victory in a competitive match.

Needing a draw from their last Group I qualifier to reach next year's tournament in Qatar, England went goal crazy on Monday as they scored 10 in a single game for the first time since a 1964 friendly against the United States.

Harry Maguire put Gareth Southgate's side in front early on before Filippo Fabbri's own goal doubled England's lead.

England captain Kane took centre-stage after that, scoring four before the break to rewrite the record books.

Arsenal midfielder Emile Smith Rowe notched his first senior international goal in his



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maiden start.

Tyrone Mings headed his first England goal after San Marino's Dante Rossi was sent off, before Tammy Abraham and Bukayo Saka completed their country's record-breaking win.

Kane has scored 16 goals in 2021 for England, setting a calendar year record for the Three Lions as he surpassed the 12-goal tallies of George Hilsdon in 1908 and Dixie Dean in 1927. —AFP ■

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.
- (b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.
- (c) To promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.

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.

Italy in World Cup play-offs after Northern Ireland stalemate

ITALY will have to get through the play-offs if they are to return to the World Cup after a goalless draw at Northern Ireland on Monday allowed Switzerland to pip them on the final day of qualifying.

Roberto Mancini's European champions, who started the night top of Group C on goal difference, knew that they needed to match the Swiss' result against Bulgaria if they wanted to qualify directly for next year's tournament in Qatar.

However their uninspiring stalemate at Windsor Park and Switzerland's 4-0 win in Lucerne saw Italy give up first place and the group's sole guaranteed World Cup spot at the last.

That leaves the Azzurri in the November 26 draw for March's play-offs, from which they famously failed to qualify for the 2018 World Cup after a miserable aggregate defeat

to Sweden.

"Right now it is what it is, we struggle to score goals, we always have control of the play... It's a shame because the group should have been finished before this match," Mancini told RAI.

However Mancini insisted he was confident his team would be in Qatar despite a series of underwhelming displays in qualifying since winning Euro 2020.

Italy had won their first three games in March but followed that up with four draws and a thumping of minnows Lithuania — missing a penalty in both of their draws with the Swiss.

"We missed two penalties in the two key matches, that means that we had things under our control, but if you don't create chances you're going to find yourself in difficulty," added Mancini. —AFP ■