

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.

Media and periodicals should serve the national and State interests but represent a group of persons or an organization, Senior General says



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing poses for the documentary photograph with the SAC members and MPC members at the oath-taking ceremony of the Myanmar Press Council in Nay Pyi Taw on 24 November 2021.

THE media is a primary estate for turning out the educated generations with correct attitudes and ideologies to be able to lead the State's future as part of efforts for ensuring peace, stability and development of the future country, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony of the affirmation of the members of the Myanmar Press Council, at the office of the SAC Chairman yesterday morning.

First, the chairman, the vice-chairpersons and members of the MPC, the secretary and the joint secretary took affirmation in the presence of the Senior General.

In his speech, the Senior General said that today is a significant day not only for the news and media arena but for the State as those elected as the members of the Myanmar Press Council took affirmations.

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State Administration Council's
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THE Information Team of the State Administration Council will hold a press conference 10/2021 at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw at 1:00 pm on 26 November. Local and foreign media personnel are invited to the press conference. — MNA

Press conference 10/2021 of Information
Team to be broadcast live

THE press conference 10/2021 of the Information Team of the State Administration Council will be broadcast live on MRTV and MWD HD, MWD Variety, MITV, MOI Website, MOI YouTube, MRTV Website and aired live on Radio Myanmar, Thazin FM, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Shwe FM, Padamyar FM, Cherry FM and FM Bagan starting from 1:00 pm on 26 November, at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information. — MNA

Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Health
Order No 522/2021

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THE Ministry of Health hereby announced the order by exercising the authority stipulated in Sub-Section (b) of Section 21 of the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law.

1. The Ministry of Health has taken preventive measures against Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in real-time. Therefore, the orders were issued for the people from some townships of Nay Pyi Taw, regions and states to stay at home in order to more effectively control the infection of the pandemic.

2. However, as the people from these townships exactly abide by the disciplines of preventing the COVID-19, further finding of decreasing confirmed patients within 14 days, declining of group-wise infection among the patients, the emphasis of the relevant governments, organizations and people in raising health awareness during the stay-at-home periods, further finding of decreasing confirmed patients and contact persons in laboratory tests within 14 days, and active participation of township administration bodies, health staff, those from relevant departments and organizations and volunteers as well as the people in the prevention and control of the pandemic were seen.
3. Hence, the people residing in the following townships of the respective regions and states were removed from the list of the Stay-at-Home programmes as of 4 am on 25-11-2021:-

(a) **Union Territory, Nay Pyi Taw**

(1) Zabuthiri Township

(2) Pyinmana Township

(3) Lewe Township

(4) Tatkon Township

(b) **Kachin State**

(1) Shwegu Township

(2) Mogaung Township

(3) Myitkyina Township

(4) Waingmaw Township

(c) **Kayah State**

(1) Loikaw Township

(d) **Kayin State**

(1) Myawady Township

(e) **Chin State**

(1) Tiddim Township

(f) **Magway Region**

(1) Natmauk Township

(g) **Mandalay Region**

(1) Myittha Township

(2) Madaya Township

(3) Thabeikkyin Township

(4) Meiktila Township

(5) Ngazun Township

(6) Taungtha Township

(h) **Mon State**

(1) Chaungzon Township

(i) **Shan State**

(1) Nawngkhio Township

(2) Hsipaw Township

(3) Kengtung Township

(4) Nyaungshwe Township

(5) Taunggyi Township

(6) Yaksawk Township

(7) Muse Township

(8) Lashio Township

(9) Laukkai Township

4. The people must strictly abide by the disciplines related to the prevention and control of the COVID-19 issued by the Ministry of Health after removing these townships from the list of the stay-at-home programmes.

Dr Thet Khaing Win
Union Minister

MoC conducts daily import processes for
anti-COVID-19 equipment

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 Op-

erating Procedures (SOPs). Anti-COVID-19 products were imported by two companies and transported by four vehicles yesterday. A total of 300 empty oxygen cylinders, two oxygen plants, and 25 tonnes of masks were imported via the Chinshwehaw trading zone and Yangon international seaports, officials said.

Two oxygen plants were transported to Yangon, officials added. Officials from the relevant departments are cooperating to facilitate and expedite the Standard Operating Procedures, including online registration for the import process. It is reported that the Ministry of Commerce is coordinating



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

629 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 24 November, total figure rises to 519,731

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 519,731 after 629 new cases were reported on 24 November 2021 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, 493,399 have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll reached 19,049 after 8 died.—MNA

Media and periodicals should serve the national and State interests ...

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The press council can be seen in various forms in most democratic countries. It is a character for the development of the media arena as well as press freedom.

In reviewing the aim to form the MPC, everybody generally understands that the council shall protect the press freedom and rights and interests of the media personnel. Actually, the theme of forming the MPC is to protect the freedom of media and the interests and rights of media personnel and the people. On the other hand, the Myanmar Press Council **needs to help media personnel cover and publish the information in a free manner and is responsible for disseminating the correct and accurate information to the people.**

For the citizens from the independent and sovereign country, the legislature, executive and judicial estates need to righteously focus on serving the interests of the entire people. Qualified and righteous media shall monitor three estates to perpetually straighten these three estates and support these estates by pointing out, criticizing and suggesting with goodwill. It is the primary duty of the media which is the fourth estate. Hence, the Senior General, since he has served as the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services, expressed his recognition over the media as the fourth estate of the State.

It can be reviewed that the Senior General's meetings with the Myanmar Press Council showed his keenness to develop



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the affirmation ceremony of the Myanmar Press Council yesterday.



the media arena while emphasizing the role of the Myanmar Press Council. In retrospect, the Senior General met with the Myanmar Press Council two times in 2014, three times in 2015, two times in 2016 and two times in 2018 to enhance the relations between the Tatmadaw and the media personnel.

As Myanmar is building the Union based on democracy and federalism, emphasis is being placed on the role of the media. The News Media Law was enacted for the development of the media arena and its role in 2014 when the first term of the democratic government was elected by the people. The theme of the law openly expresses **“for ensuring the media to clearly stand tall as the fourth estate”**. It showed the respect and trust of the State over the media arena.

The Senior General said that he himself is very interested in the role of media and fulfilled the

needs for the development of the media arena as much as possible. The Senior General affirmed that he would try to continuously fulfil the needs of the Myanmar media arena to contribute to the improvement of socio-economic

ologies meeting the international standards and ethics.

The media, the fourth estate of a country, plays a crucial role in the enhancement of the rights of expression for the democracy and can improve the transparen-

derstand all situations of the country and global issues including the religions, literature, culture and history, these will contribute much to their profession. Hence, they need to always do reading and studies for having the capability to share their knowledge with people. In this regard, they should stand in accord with the media ethics to be free from racism, dogmatism, party attachment, personal cult and political influence. As such, they can stand tall with prestige as reliable media personnel of the government and the people.

Currently, some media personnel commit fuelling the conflicts and diverse attitudes without easing the tensions. Such situations can be seen in the countries in transition of democracy and developing countries.

Veteran journalist U Tun Pe said that **media personnel are “shoulders and eyes” of the State, serving the heavy-duty of the country.** At present, the Myanmar Press Council needs to necessarily steer the media arena as many media personnel are committing bias in news writing, without media ethics setting aside the State and the people's interests.

Although global countries are implementing various forms of democratization processes, Myanmar's democratization process is based on the actual situation of the country, socio-economic development, and political progress along with the history and the multiparty democratic system in conformity with the actual situation of the country, the people aspire, was realized in accord with the provisions of the 2008 Constitution.

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life of the people in accord with the media ethics, to improve the news and media technologies on a wider scale and to be able to grasp the opportunities for pursuing the modern media technol-

ogy of the government by disseminating the deserved knowledge to each people, showing the importance of the knowledge accumulation of media personnel.

If media personnel un-



Members of the Myanmar Press Council take the oath in the presence of SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing yesterday.

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All stakeholders in politics know the 2008 constitution is the life-blood in Myanmar's democratization process.

The Tatmadaw is shaping the nation to have fairness, peace and development. The Senior General urged all to peacefully participate in the internal political events under the law for staying away from external disturbances. It is necessary to oppose the destruction of the country through riots and terrorism.

Duty and functions of the Myanmar Press Council stipulated in the News Media Law are to arrange the rights on freedom of expressions under the law, scrutinize the media personnel who do not abide by the obligations, ethics, disciplines and procedures under

the duty and functions set by the conflict and complaint co-ordination committee, compile the annual meeting report, submit the report to the Head of State after coordinating the financial affairs and hold the plenary meetings at least once two months.

Media and periodicals should serve the national and State interests but represent a group of persons or an organization. It is necessary to transform the soul of each media person from subjectivity into objectivity.

The media is of great importance in the dissemination of knowledge and critical thinking about democracy to the people and paving the way for education for all youths to become educated youths. **Now is very important for the State to en-**



The Senior General cordially greets the Myanmar Press Council members.

able all the youths to become educated ones.

The role of media is a prima-

ry pillar for peace and stability of the State and socio-economic development of the people for Myanmar. Moreover, **the media is a primary estate for turning out the educated generations with correct attitudes and ideologies to be able to lead the State's future as part of efforts for ensuring peace, stability and development of the future country.**

The Myanmar Press Council needs to protect the rights and interests of the media personnel as well as the people while striving for the emergence of a media arena upholding the

State and the public interests by adhering to ethics. It must serve the media arena without reliance and attachment and colours. The media personnel need to oppose the attempts to broadcast fake news, misinformation, hate speeches and rumours to destabilize the country with incitement. And, the council needs to supervise the media personnel in order to adhere to the ethics, disciplines and laws.

Later, the Senior General hosted a tea party to members of the Myanmar Press Council.—MNA

If media personnel understand all situations of the country and global issues including the religions, literature, culture and history, these will contribute much to their profession. Hence, they need to always do reading and studies for having the capability to share their knowledge with people.

MoC organizes 2nd-day meeting with commercial attaches, WTO counsellor

THE Ministry of Commerce organized the second-day meeting with the Myanmar Commercial Attaches serving in 13 foreign countries and the counsellor to the World Trade Organization to boost trade volumes and expand exports yesterday afternoon in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, the Myanmar Commercial Attaches in South Korea, Japan, Switzerland, Australia, South Africa, Belgium, Germany and India and the counsellor to the World Trade Organization presented the possibility of boosting bilateral trade between the respective countries and Myanmar; to expand new exports, Myanmar's participation in the World Trade Organization and further plans.

Union Minister Dr Pwint San said he was pleased to see that the capacity of the attaches had improved during their

tenure and that they had been able to work smartly to promote trade and investment. He urged them to make effort as Myanmar is a major exporter of agricultural products, and exporting value-added products instead of agricultural raw materials would profit more, in addition, to creating job opportunities for the people.

He underlined the need to study the exports of other countries in the markets of the respective countries and try to emulate the market for the products of Myanmar. He also instructed them to study and report on other forms of operation, including payment matters, in order to successfully implement the normal trade through land borders.

Deputy Minister U Nyunt Aung urged the commercial attaches to submit information



about policy changes, rules and regulations to be followed in bilateral trade, other rules and regulations issued from time to time in the respective countries

as soon as possible so that the Myanmar government, organizations, entrepreneurs have time to prepare. He also instructed the commercial attaches serv-

ing in the bordering countries to liaise with the relevant departments in order to ensure a smooth flow of goods and open the border checkpoints. — MNA

MoI Union minister hosts dinner to Myanmar Press Council members

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn hosted a dinner for the Myanmar Press Council members at Horizon Lakeview Resort in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday (photo on the right).

The event was also attended by Union ministers U Chitt Naing, U Aung Naing Oo, Dr Thida Oo, U Ko Ko, U Hla Moe, Dr Thet Khaing Win, Dr Thet Thet Khine, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr Maung Maung Naing, Deputy Ministers Maj-Gen Soe Tint Naing, U Kyaw Myo Htut, U San Lwin, U Ye Tint and U Zaw Aye Maung and other officials, including Myanmar Press Council Chairman U Ohn Maung (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe) and council members.

In his speech, the Union minister said the Myanmar Press Council, which was or-

ganized under the News Media Law enacted in 2014, was elected for a third term and it also made pledges in the presence

of the Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister. He then talked about the organizing of the Myanmar Journalist Council with 20 members in 2012, Myanmar Journalist Council (temporary) and Myanmar Press Council in 2015, and the second term of the Myanmar Press Council in 2018 and the emergence of the Myanmar Press Council in its 3rd term in 2021.

He added that the council is responsible for ensuring the rights of journalists and protecting the freedom of media. On the other hand, it also should protect the interests of the public who seeks the news. As the media is the fourth estate of the country, it is absolutely essential to stand as the real fourth estate without any favour between the media and



training courses to develop the media sector and train the media personnel to follow the law, rules and media ethics, the holding of workshops regarding media-related ethics, regulations and standards.

He said that media can bring benefits as well as disadvantages and so it needs to

control the proper use of social media, and if it is effectively prevented, there would not be a huge impact on the country.

Accurate information plays a key role in the media sector and the government, people and council members should cooperate to improve media-related techniques. The media and information literacy can improve the media and news-related knowledge of people and it can prevent misinformation and disinformation.

He then underlined the need to provide real-time information and the dangers of misusing social media. All the citizens should have the proper knowledge to build a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system and only the media can bring such knowledge to the people.

In such doing, the media personnel must have the right attitude and be fair, have the courage to speak the truth and it is also necessary to act selflessly under the law. The Myanmar Press Council is an organization that will strengthen the path to democracy impartially.

Currently, the Myanmar

Press Council, which emerges under the News Media Law, reaches its third term. The council is also responsible to protect the rights of the journalists and provide the right, accurate and quality information to the people, maintaining journalism ethics and other responsibilities under the enacted laws and rules.

Finally, he urged the council members to value the freedom of media considering the media ethics, freedom and responsibilities under respective laws and regulations, work hard for the emergence of journalists with full of dignity who follow the media ethics and cooperate for the development of the country and building of a genuine, disciplined democratic system.

Then, Myanmar Press Council Chairman U Ohn Maung (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe) expressed the words of thanks.

Afterwards, the attendees to the event posed for the commemorative photo and enjoyed the dinner together. — MNA



The MoI Union Minister poses for the documentary photo with the members of the Myanmar Press Council yesterday.

14th ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development, Poverty Eradication held

THE 14th ASEAN Plus Three Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication was chaired by the Philippines yesterday by the videoconferencing system.

A delegation led by Director General of the Department of Rural Development of Myanmar U Thein Lwin and senior officials from 10 ASEAN member countries and ASEAN + 3 partner countries: China, Japan and the Republic of Korea and officials from the ASEAN Secretariat attended the virtual

meeting.

Senior officials from the Philippines, China, Japan and South Korea delivered speeches during the meeting.

Afterwards, senior officials from the ASEAN Member States discussed the theme of the meeting: “Accelerating Recovery and Strengthening Resiliency of ASEAN for Sustainable Rural Development and Poverty Eradication” and also focused on the future plan.

The Director-General of the Department of Rural De-

velopment said that Myanmar is making great efforts to achieve rural development goals by implementing poverty alleviation measures to achieve Sustainable Development Goals.

“Emphasis is being placed on narrowing the development gap between regions and states, and at the same time prioritizing national development strategies for balanced economic development and accelerating poverty alleviation is essential,” the Director-General said.

“Myanmar’s economy was

affected by COVID-19 epidemic and the Myanmar Economic Recovery Plan (MERP) is being drawn up to revitalize society and create a viable business environment for the long-term development of the people as a whole.

“The ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) is committed to the inclusion of women and youths in the inclusive digital economy and digital transformation pathways in developing resilient strategic plans for sustainable economic develop-

ment,” the Director-General added.

It was also discussed that Myanmar will fully participate in the ASEAN Regional Response and Sustainable Process.

After that, senior officials from three ASEAN regional partners: China, Japan and the Republic of Korea discussed further cooperation on projects proposed by ASEAN countries in the ASEAN Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation Framework Plan (2021-2025). — MNA

MoSWRR hands over youth policy, related activities to MoSYA

THE Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement held the handover ceremony of youth policy and related activities to the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs yesterday morning in Nay Pyi Taw. The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Thet Thet Khine, Deputy Ministers U Myo Hlaing, U Aung Tun Khaing and departmental officials.

At the meeting, Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine said her ministry has formulated and

approved the Youth Policy and the National Strategic Plan for Youth Policy (2020-2024) for the development of young people. The Ministry, in collaboration with the international community including ASEAN, has participated in youth activities, meetings, seminars, she said.

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement has been providing services for care and protection of vulnerable groups such as children, women, the elderly, and persons with disabilities, with the Life Cycle Approach. As the youth sector, she said, the Ministry has opened



child care centres and youth training schools for children in need of care and behavioural reform since a long time ago.

Union Minister U Min Thein Zan said he will work together

with relevant ministries and organizations to develop disciplined and qualified future leaders as the youth development sector is a cross-cutting issue and young people at present are facing challenges such as technology, economy, job opportunities and drugs. He said he will make efforts to build the nation by bringing together the next generations who can promote the interests of the community and the State.

Afterwards, officials discussed the activities carried out concerning youth affairs, ongoing processes and future activities. — MNA

ASEAN Plus Three Tourism Training, Education Network Forum held



ASEAN Plus Three Tourism Training and Education Network-APTTTEN Forum 2021 was hosted by Indonesia on 23 and 24 November through a videoconference system.

Chinese, Japanese and Ko-

rean tourism authorities, representatives from the ASEAN Member States, representatives from Hospitality and Tourism Universities and Vocational Training Schools and some 710 representatives from private

tourism organizations and tourism operators joined the virtual conference.

Director-General of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism of Myanmar and officials from the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, faculty members from Mandalay University (Mandalay) and National Management Degree College (Yangon), representatives from the Tourism Development Center (Yangon) and the Myanmar Tourism Federation and fraternities also attended the conference.

On the first day of the forum, Indonesian Minister for Tourism Dr H. Sandianga Salahuddin Uno delivered the keynote speech and launched APTTTEN Directory Website.

Officials discussed tourism

matters under the theme of the forum named “The Strategic Partnership Collaboration: Link and Match with Industry and Scholar Community”.

ASEAN tourism authorities focused on strategic cooperation between tourism and training organizations, difficulties and obstacles encountered, and the development of sustainable tourism in the region with qualified human resources.

ASEAN Tourism Training and Education Network (ATTEN) to be implemented by ASEAN countries plus China, South Korea and Japan, collaboration with tourism private sector and universities and vocational schools of Tourism is essential, according to the

forum.

Proposals to increase cooperation with the tourism private sector and universities and vocational schools were made and Roundtable meetings were held over two days to discuss the current activities of 25 universities and vocational schools in the ASEAN.

On the second day of the forum, ASEAN, China, Japan and South Korea Tourism Authorities discussed drawing up and implementing Action Plan.

APTTTEN Future Strategic Planning, implementation and monitoring issues were also discussed and the results of the forum will be presented to the ASEAN Tourism Authority meeting in December 2021. —MNA

Fisheries Dept takes action against 83 offshore fishing vessels for rule breaching

THOSE 83 offshore and inshore fishing vessels in Myanmar waters, that have a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) not installed, have been found to remove the VMS and so, vessel companies and operators have been taken action for a breach of rules.

In a bid to conduct surveillance of the offshore fishing vessels in Kawthoung District, the VMS devices have been located in Myeik, Taninthayi Region, Yangon Region, Rakhine State and Mon State and Nay Pyi Taw.

“The staff keep monitoring the fishing vessels for 24 hours at the VMS control centres in four coastal areas and Nay Pyi Taw

to check if they violate the rules. This move aims for sustainable marine resources and increasing revenue.

The international market, including the European Union, estimates illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU) for fishery products. The fishing vessels have been monitored with the VMS devices and the vessel operators will receive a certificate for legitimate fishing. A total of 83 vessel operators faced legal actions for violating the rules in the past financial year 2020-2021.

The fisheries department, in the exercise of the power conferred by the Myanmar

Marine Fisheries Law, took action against the fishing vessels for a breach of law. Some offshore vessels were found fishing in inshore areas after removing a VMS device.

During the 2020-2021FY, the companies and operators running 83 offshore vessels for fishing in areas close to the shore where only small boats are allowed, stopping the VMS device for more than four hours and not returning in the harbour, stopping the VMS device and fishing in offshore areas, and removing it without the approval of the department were taken legal actions. Furthermore, during the fishing banned season



In a bid to conduct surveillance of the offshore fishing vessels in Kawthoung District, the VMS devices have been located in Myeik, Taninthayi Region, Yangon Region, Rakhine State and Mon State and Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: KANU**

(May-July), 12 vessels operators and one company were taken action as their vessels were found illegally docking for a reason of machine failure. — Nyein Thu-MNA/GNLM

Terrorists destroy 397 roads, bridges across Myanmar

TERRORISTS from the CRPH, NUG, and PDF terrorist groups are destroying schools, hospitals, government offices, public buildings, houses, roads and bridges, in addition to brutal killings of Buddhist monks, teachers, civil servants and innocent civilians across the country.

From 1 February up to 20 November, a total of 397 roads and bridges have been blown up or destroyed by fire by the terrorists.



A handmade mine blast in Pyinmana.



Ravages are seen in the aftermath of the attack in Pruhsa Township.



A handmade mine blast in Hpa-an Township.



Disruption to rail services in Lewe.



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Damaged Roads and Bridges in states and regions blown up by terrorists from 1-2-2021 to 20-11-2021

Sr	Region/ State	Township	Damage Roads /Bridges	Remark
1	Nay Pyi Taw	5		
2	Kachin	10	20	
3	Kayah	2	4	
4	Kayin	6	10	
5	Chin	1	2	
6	Sagaing	30	94	
7	Taninthayi	3	6	
8	Bago	7	16	
9	Magway	10	22	
10	Mandalay	17	55	
11	Mon	8	30	
12	Yangon	38	109	
13	Shan	8	14	
14	Ayeyawady	5		
Total		150	397	

The people are requested to secretly report to the nearest security forces if they found any movements made by terrorists and to cooperate with the authority for the peace and stability of the whole country. – MNA



A mine blast in Indaw Township.



A handmade mine blast in Nyaunglebin Township.

Analyze, scrutinize and rationalize statuses on social media

SOCIAL media are gradually occupying parts of the lives of the youths and swallowing the times of those youths on a daily basis.

The advancement of social media based on digital technologies can create an abundance of opportunities as well as terrible dangers to the youths. Currently, the youths fall under intentional and unintentional manipulation and persuasion of social media with the

influence of fake news and misinformation in their lives.

On the other hand, the youths can seek help such as data, figures and press releases from social media for learning and conducting research free of charge. Especially, not only sources of learning but general knowledge about various affairs such as religion, history, politics, literature and so on are available on social media. But the youths should have the basic knowledge to analyze whether all things posted on social media are correct or not.

For the time being, most users are applying social media for their interests. For example, the earliest status posted on social media can influence overall later statuses whatever it is right or wrong. Hence, the users particularly the youths need to scrutinize any statuses and information posted on social media. They should not hurriedly make conclusions over any statuses without browsing other sources of information so as to adjust both items and to pick out the best one.

However, the youths learning education need to avoid the malpractices such as copying the outcomes for their practical works in learning with the use of social media and plagiarizing data and information from the sources of the social media without expressing credits for the original compilers and without requesting the authors to use their works.

Thanks to social media, learners can cut their precious time and study time as well as cost. In fact, social media is a bridge between experienced persons and new generations in learning society for sharing their knowledge with each other. As such, the user youths need to take the advantage of social media for their lives by discarding the disadvantage.

Nonetheless, user youths should have efficient knowledge to criticize and analyze all items on social media without too much using it for losing their valuable time and must have the rationality over the statuses to be applied in practical life.

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A spiritual movement and Germany's low vaccination rate

An explosion of coronavirus infections at a German Waldorf school has put a spotlight on “anthroposophy”, the spiritual movement behind the education system, and raised questions over how it may be contributing to stagnating vaccinations.

AFTER a turbo-charged inoculation campaign in the spring, Germany's jab rate has struggled since the summer to climb to the 70-per-cent mark.

Likewise, neighbouring Austria and German-speaking parts of Switzerland have seen their vaccine curve flatten.

For Spiegel writer Tobias Rapp, who went to a Waldorf school, among the reasons is “the vaccination scepticism of a special middle-class group which has its centre in southern Germany and Switzerland”.

In particular, Rapp wrote, the group is made up of adherents to anthroposophy, a philosophy developed by Austrian educator Rudolf Steiner in the early 20th century.

Beliefs in karma

Centred on beliefs in karma, reincarnation and connections to the spiritual world, anthroposophy teaches that illnesses are a necessary challenge that must be overcome naturally.

Michael Blume, who specialises in political and religious sciences, also points to geography for providing a breeding ground for such esoteric ideas

to thrive.

Vaccine scepticism is particularly high in mountainous regions across southern Germany, Switzerland and Austria, he said, as an anti-authoritarian streak stoked by federalism and the proximity to nature provide further ingredients for ideas like anthroposophy to thrive.

“Many anthroposophists believe in the rule of karma, which is that illnesses can help atone for misdeeds in previous lives and bring about spiritual development,” he told AFP.

“That's why there are unfortunately in some Waldorf schools many sceptics with regards to vaccines. Some also subscribe to conspiracy theories,” he said.

Before the pandemic, Waldorf or Steiner schools — 200 in Germany and popular for their alternative method allowing children to learn at their own pace — often found themselves in the spotlight for measles outbreaks.

Even if not all parents who send their children to Waldorf institutions are corona-sceptics or anti-vaxxers, over the last 20 months of the raging pandemic, the schools have been repeatedly linked to rows over Covid

vaccines and mask-wearing.

At the school in Freiburg where 117 infections were recorded in late October, investigators found that of 55 medical certificates exempting students and teachers from wearing masks, only two or three were valid.

Meteorite iron

While Germany counts only 12,000 anthroposophists among its 83-million-strong population, the influence of the movement is far more pervasive in society.

Besides the schools, anthroposophy is also at the root of the Weleda cosmetic group, also created by Steiner. A major organic supermarket chain Alnatura and drugstore giant DM were also both founded by self-professed anthroposophists.

There is also a federation of doctors who subscribe to the philosophy.

A network of anthroposophist clinics includes a hospital in Berlin which deploys ginger compresses and iron from meteorites as part of its medicinal toolbox on Covid patients.

“Meteorite iron is a medicine that we use in phase 2 of a Covid illness — when the first symptoms of sickness are show-



After a turbo-charged inoculation campaign in the spring, Germany's jab rate has struggled since the summer to climb to the 70-per-cent mark. PHOTO: CHRISTOF STACHE/ AFP

ing, we also use it in post-Covid syndrome — when tiredness and weakness set in in the convalescence stage,” said Harald Matthes, who heads the Havelhoehe hospital, in an interview with the daily Tagesspiegel.

But some anthroposophist doctors reject the charge linking them to Germany's anti-vaxxers.

Empirical data

“We are not aware of any empirical data showing that

anthroposophists have more concerns than others about vaccinations,” Stefan Schmidt-Troschke of the umbrella federation of anthroposophist medicine in Germany DAMiD told broadcaster ZDF.

He also said the federation had “from the beginning welcomed vaccination for the fight against the pandemic” and prioritized jabs for the elderly and the most vulnerable.

But for children, that's a different story, he argued, because

“their risk of developing serious illness is extremely low, we also view the vaccination with great caution — as do many other medical societies”.

Covid vaccines are considered safe for children, and countries such as the United States and Israel have already been giving the jabs to five-to 11-year-olds.

Germany is also expected to approve them for children in the coming weeks.

SOURCE: AFP

Pfizer says Covid shot 100% effective in adolescents after 4 months



The United States (US) on 29 October authorized the Pfizer COVID vaccine for children aged five-to-11, paving the way for 28 million young Americans to soon get immunised. A child is inoculated with the first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine against COVID-19 at the Vasconcelos Library in Mexico City on 25 October 2021. PHOTO: AFP

PFIZER and BioNTech said Monday their Covid-19 vaccine remained 100 per cent effective in children 12 to 15 years old, four months after the second dose.

The companies said that the new data, which involved 2,228 trial participants, will help support their applications for full approval in the United States and worldwide.

No serious safety concerns were observed in individuals with at least six months of follow-up after the second dose.

“As the global health community works to increase the number of vaccinated people around the world, these additional data provide further confidence in our vaccine's safety

and effectiveness profile in adolescents,” said Pfizer CEO Albert Bourla in a statement.

“This is especially important as we see rates of COVID-19 climbing in this age group in some regions, while vaccine uptake has slowed. We look forward to sharing these data with the FDA and other regulators.”

Emergency use

The vaccine was granted “emergency use authorization” for adolescents by the US in May and the companies plan to soon seek full approval. The vaccine is currently only fully approved in people aged 16 and older.

Among the 2,228 partici-

pants, there were 30 confirmed symptomatic Covid cases without evidence of prior infection, all in the placebo group.

This corresponds to a vaccine efficacy of 100 per cent. Efficacy was consistently high across gender, race, obesity levels and comorbidity status.

The main safety concern among this age group is vaccine-linked myocarditis (heart inflammation) in males.

But such cases are very rare, and the benefits of vaccination continue to strongly outweigh the risks, data has shown. Covid itself can cause myocarditis, both more often and a more severe form.

SOURCE: AFP



Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Wednesday 24 November 2021)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and a few cloud elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 25 November 2021: Weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay, and Magway regions and Kachin, Chin, Kay-in and Mon states. Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Eastern Shan State and isolated in the remaining regions and states. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4 –8) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi regions and Shan and Kayah states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25 November 2021: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25 November 2021: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

FORECAST FOR Mandalay AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 25 November 2021: Partly cloudy.

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Due to terrorist attacks from 1-2-2021 to 16- 11-2021, ward administrators, 100-household leaders and ward clerks were killed and injured

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Sr	Date	Region/State	Township	Name	Occupation	Brief Event	Remark
124/	7.4.2021	Magway	Minhla	U Thaung Htike	administrator	Injured	
125/	3.5.2021	Magway	Magway	U Maung Htay	administrator	Dead	
126/	3.5.2021	Magway	Gangaw	U Maung Myint	administrator	Injured	
127/	4.5.2021	Magway	Gangaw	U Min Soe	administrator	Dead	
128/	31.5.2021	Magway	Gangaw	U Tharlu, U Sein Oo	administrator	Dead	
129/	18.6.2021	Magway	Aunglan	U Naing Win Aung	administrator	Injured	
130/	7.7.2021	Magway	Myothit	U Than Zaw Oo	ward administrator	Injured	
131/	10.7.2021	Magway	Magway	U Htay Lwin, U Win Naing	administrator, 10-household leader	Injured	
132/	23.7.2021	Magway	Myaing	U San Aung	ward administrator	Dead	
133/	26.7.2021	Magway	Pakokku	U Tin Ko	ward administrator	Injured	
134/	21.8.2021	Magway	Taungdwingyi	U Zaw Latt	ward administrator	Dead	
135/	22.8.2021	Magway	Myothit	U Tun Tun Oo	ward administrator	Injured	
136/	1.9.2021	Magway	Myothit	U Aung Soe Min	ward administrator	Dead	
137/	7.9.2021	Magway	Myaing	U Kyaw Swe	ward administrator	Dead	
138/	14.9.2021	Magway	Yesagyo	U Zaw Htay Naing	ward administrator	Injured	
139/	1.10.2021	Magway	Yesagyo	U San Lin	100-household leader	Dead	
140/	4.10.2021	Magway	Yesagyo	U Hla Min Myo Aung (a) Mazada	in-charge of sub-village	Dead	
141/	13.10.2021	Magway	Myothit	U Win Soe	ward administrator	Dead	
142/	26.10.2021	Magway	Magway	U Zaw Tun Lin	ward administrator	Injured	
143/	29.10.2021	Magway	Htilin	U Ba Ngwe	ward administrator	Dead	
144/	1.11.2021	Magway	Myothit	U Nyan Myint	ward administrator	Dead	
145/	1.11.2021	Magway	Natmawk	U Than Sint	ward administrator	Dead	
146/	3.11.2021	Magway	Yesagyo	U Soe Tint	clerk of ward administrator office	Dead	
147/	4.11.2021	Magway	Natmawk	U Aung Myaing	in-charge of sub-village	Dead	
148/	10.11.2021	Magway	Yesagyo	U Thein Swe Myint	ward administrator	Injured	
149/	6.4.2021	Mandalay	Myingyan	U Kyaw Soe	administrator	Injured	
150/	6.4.2021	Mandalay	Amarapura	U Tun Wai	administrator	Injured	
151/	16.4.2021	Mandalay	Ngazun	U Aung Than Zaw	administrator	Injured	
152/	18.4.2021	Mandalay	Yamethin	U Kyaw Hlaing	administrator	Injured	
153/	6.5.2021	Mandalay	Chanmyathazi	U Aung Moe	administrator	Injured	
154/	14.5.2021	Mandalay	Myingyan	U Than Naing	administrator	Dead	
155/	18.5.2021	Mandalay	Kyaukpadaung	U Moe Zaw Myint	ward administrator	Injured	
156/	19.4.2021	Mandalay	NyaungU	U Nyein Maung	administrator	Dead	
157/	24.5.2021	Mandalay	Yamethin	U Myint Naing, U Tin Zaw Win	ward administrator, 100-household leader	Injured	
158/	31.5.2021	Mandalay	Myingyan	U Myint Aung	administrator	Dead	
159/	31.5.2021	Mandalay	Ngazun	U Win Naing	administrator	Dead	
160/	1.6.2021	Mandalay	Mahaaungmyay	U Kyaw Kyaw Maung	ward administrator	Injured	
161/	3.6.2021	Mandalay	Yamethin	U Moe Win	ward administrator	Injured	
162/	6.6.2021	Mandalay	Myingyan	U Han Swe	administrator	Dead	
163/	9.6.2021	Mandalay	Myingyan	U Phoe Soon	administrator	Dead	
164/	17.6.2021	Mandalay	Pyigyidagun	U Soe Nyein Han	administrator	Injured	
165/	18.6.2021	Mandalay	Chanmyathazi	U Kyaw Sein	ward administrator	Injured	
166/	18.6.2021	Mandalay	Taungtha	U Thein Tun Htay	administrator	Dead	
167/	19.6.2021	Mandalay	Aungmyaythazan	U Tun Tun Oo	100-household leader	Injured	
168/	25.6.2021	Mandalay	Chanmyathazi	U Kyaw Kyaw Min	100-household leader	Injured	
169/	26.6.2021	Mandalay	Pyigyidagun	U Nyo Aye	100-household leader	Injured	
170/	27.6.2021	Mandalay	Myingyan	U Myint Htay	administrator	Dead	
171/	29.6.2021	Mandalay	Myingyan	U Kyaw Win	ward administrator	Injured	
172/	29.6.2021	Mandalay	Taungtha	U Lu Maw	clerk of ward administrator office	Injured	
173/	4.7.2021	Mandalay	Myingyan	U Aung Myo Thant	ward administrator	Injured	
174/	6.7.2021	Mandalay	Natogyi	U Win Myint	administrator	Dead	
175/	14.7.2021	Mandalay	Pyigyidagun	U Ko Oo	ward administrator	Injured	
176/	14.7.2021	Mandalay	Amarapura	Daw Thet Thet Cho, U Zaw Lay	administrator, 100-household leader	Dead Injured	
177/	21.7.2021	Mandalay	Mogok	U San Lwin	ward administrator	Injured	
178/	26.7.2021	Mandalay	Madaya	U Win Swe	administrator	Dead	
179/	27.7.2021	Mandalay	Aungmyaythazan	U Naing Lin	administrator	Dead	
180/	4.8.2021	Mandalay	Patheingyi	U Tin Maung Win	ward administrator	Injured	
181/	7.8.2021	Mandalay	Kyaukse	U Kyaw Htin Aung	administrator	Injured	
182/	24.5.2021	Mandalay	Yamethin	U Myint Naing, U Tin Zaw Win	ward administrator, 100-household leader	Injured	

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183/	10.8.2021	Mandalay	Natogyi	U Sein Tun, U Paw Sein	100-household leader 100-household leader	Dead Injured	
184/	16.8.2021	Mandalay	Myingyan	U Aung Myint	administrator	Dead	
185/	17.8.2021	Mandalay	Taungtha	U Khin Maung Kyi	incharge of sub-village	Dead	
186/	18.8.2021	Mandalay	Chanayethazan	U Aung Swe Tun	ward administrator	Dead	
187/	19.8.2021	Mandalay	Singu	U Thaung Shein	ward administrator	Dead	
188/	29.8.2021	Mandalay	Chanmyathazi	U Nyan Tun	100-household leader	Dead	
189/	29.8.2021	Mandalay	Myingyan	U Myat Soe	ward administrator	Dead	
190/	30.8.2021	Mandalay	Taungtha	U Myint New	ward administrator	Dead	
191/	31.8.2021	Mandalay	Patheingyi	U Khin Zaw	ward administrator	Injured	
192/	7.9.2021	Mandalay	Natogyi	U Tun Tint	ward administrator	Dead	
193/	7.9.2021	Mandalay	Singu	U Too Maung	ward administrator	Dead	
194/	8.9.2021	Mandalay	Mahaaungmyay	U Pauksi	100-household leader	Dead	
195/	13.9.2021	Mandalay	Aungmyaythazan	U Hla Than, U Aung Tin	100-household leader; 100-household leader	Dead Injured	
196/	13.9.2021	Mandalay	Singu	U Tin Soe	100-household leader	Dead	
197/	23.9.2021	Mandalay	Chanmyathazi	U Win Naing, U Thet Ko	ward administrator; 100-household leader	Injured	
198/	25.9.2021	Mandalay	Aungmyaythazan	U Htay Win	100-household leader	Dead	
199/	26.9.2021	Mandalay	Chanmyathazi	U Kyaw Kyaw Min	100-household leader	Injured	
200/	30.9.2021	Mandalay	Taungtha	U Kyaw San, Daw Yin Htay	ward administrator, wife	Dead	
201/	30.9.2021	Mandalay	Madaya	U Myint Oo, Maung San Myaing	ward administrator, son	Dead	
202/	3.10.2021	Mandalay	Chanmyathazi	U Moe (a) Soe Moe Aung	block leader	Dead	
203/	8.10.2021	Mandalay	Chanmyathazi	U Tin Win	100-household leader	Injured	
204/	11.10.2021	Mandalay	Taungtha	U Tun Tun Win (a) Htay Hlaing	administrator, 10-household leader	Dead	
205/	12.10.2021	Mandalay	Myingyan	U Hla Toe, Maung Maung Htet	ward administrator, son	Dead	
206/	21.10.2021	Mandalay	TadaU	U Myo Min Aung	ward administrator	Injured	
207/	21.10.2021	Mandalay	Wundwin	U Maung Lwin	ward administrator	Injured	
208/	24.10.2021	Mandalay	Kyaukpadaung	U Thaung Aye	ward administrator	Injured	
209/	25.10.2021	Mandalay	Patheingyi	U Myint Naing	ward administrator	Dead	
210/	26.10.2021	Mandalay	Patheingyi	U Tin Soe	ward administrator	Dead	
211/	26.10.2021	Mandalay	Kyaukpadaung	U Htay Hlaing	ward administrator	Dead	
212/	26.10.2021	Mandalay	Chanmyatharzi	U Kyaw Kyaw	100-household leader	Injured	
213/	27.10.2021	Mandalay	Taungtha	U Hmat Tin	ward administrator	Dead	
214/	27.10.2021	Mandalay	Wundwin	U Kyaw Shein	ward administrator	Injured	
215/	28.10.2021	Mandalay	Singaing	U Aung Myint	ward administrator	Dead	
216/	28.10.2021	Mandalay	Patheinggyi	U Aung Kyi	ward administrator	Dead	
217/	29.10.2021	Mandalay	Natogyi	U Khaing Oo	100-household leader	Dead	
218/	30.10.2021	Mandalay	Natogyi	U Than Saung	100-household leader	Dead	
219/	30.10.2021	Mandalay	Mahaaungmyay	U Thet Naing	100-household leader	Dead	
220/	1.11.2021	Mandalay	Kyaukse	U Myint Thein Htay	ward administrator	Dead	
221/	2.11.2021	Mandalay	NyaungU	U Lin Aung	ward administrator	Dead	
222/	3.11.2021	Mandalay	Mahaaungmyay	U Myo Naing	100-household leader	Dead	
223/	5.11.2021	Mandalay	Chanmyathazi	U Thein Win	100-household leader	Dead	
224/	7.11.2021	Mandalay	Singu	U Khin Maung Than	ward administrator	Dead	
225/	7.11.2021	Mandalay	Natogyi	U Maung Aye	100-household leader	Injured	
226/	8.11.2021	Mandalay	Mahaaungmyay	U Tun Tun	block leader	Dead	
227/	8.11.2021	Mandalay	Singu	U Maung Nge (a) Mya Than Htoo	100-household leader	Injured	
228/	9.11.2021	Mandalay	PyinOoLwin	U Soe Win	100-household leader	Injured	
229/	11.11.2021	Mandalay	Chanmyatharzi	U San Win , U Kyan Kyaung (a) U Min Min Tun	100-household leader 100-household leader	Injured	
230/	21.6.2021	Mon	Thaton	U Soe Thein	ward administrator	Dead	
231/	27.6.2021	Mon	Ye	U Win Soe Myint	ward administrator	Dead	
232/	23.7.2021	Mon	Thaton	U Hla Min	ward administrator	Dead	
233/	31.7.2021	Mon	Mudon	U Mhan	ward administrator	Dead	
234/	19.5.2021	Mon	Ye	U Shwe Zin	ward administrator	Injured	
235/	4.6.2021	Mon	Mawlamyine	U Myint Zaw	ward administrator	Dead	
236/	14.6.2021	Mon	Ye	U Kyaw Aung, U Myint Maung	ward administrator ward administrator	Injured Dead	
237/	23.6.2021	Mon	Bilin	U Aung Moe Tun	ward administrator	Injured	
238/	21.6.2021	Mon	Thaton	U Soe Thein	ward administrator	Dead	
239/	16.8.2021	Mon	Ye	U Ko Ko	100-household leader	Dead	
240/	15.9.2021	Mon	Ye	U Mote (a) U Hla Aye	100-household leader	Injured	
241/	19.9.2021	Mon	Kyaikto	U Chit Than	100-household leader	Dead	
242/	24.9.2021	Mon	Ye	U Kyaw Thu Tun	100-household leader	Injured	
243/	27.9.2021	Mon	Thaton	U Than Saing	ward administrator	Dead	
244/	8.10.2021	Mon	Mawlamyine	U Hla Win	100-household leader	Dead	

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Over 940 poultry, hog farms ensure meat sufficiency in Yangon Region

YANGON, a commercial hub of Myanmar, is home to about eight million people. In a bid to meet the growing demand of the urban population, more than 940 livestock farms are raising 7.5 million heads of pigs and chickens in Yangon Region.

In addition to commercial farming, those engaged in manageable skill are also helping supply the market, with over 6,600 pigs from 202 farms, 300,000 layers from 284 layer farms and 4.5 million broilers from 656 poultry farms. Over 940 livestock farms having 7.5 million heads of pigs and chickens are providing the domestic meat market every three or four months.

Myanmar livestock sector plays a pivotal role in nutrition efficiency and food security of the people. There are discrepancies



Yangon Region has self-sufficiency in meat production, accounting for 70 per cent of the overall meat production in the country. PHOTO: KANU

between the urban population and meat consumption. This being so, the State is making concerted efforts to enhance the livestock sector to meet the growing appetite for meat. Also, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD)

under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation is continuously providing health care assistance and farming technology to the industry. The livestock industry must strictly take preventive measures for biosecurity measures to control

the viral disease of animals in winter, such as African Swine Flu and Bird Flu, keeping in line with the health protocols issued by the LBVD. Those preventive measures will mitigate the harm to the well-being of the breeders and the economic benefits.

Yangon Region has self-sufficiency in meat production, accounting for 70 per cent of the overall meat production in the country.

“It is usual that African swine flu and other bird flu outbreaks occur in winter. Although they are highly contagious viral diseases of pigs and birds, they cannot be transmitted to humans through contact with infected pigs or birds. It however resulted in losses for the businesses. Therefore, the awareness campaigns of the diseases are being raised through state-

run newspapers or broadcasting media. So far, there is no outbreak found in the country yet. The LBVD is coordinating with the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and other member countries. The department is calling for the breeders to bolster the hog farming sector,” said Dr Toe Min Tun, head of the Yangon Region LBVD.

The department is taking preventative measures for the cross-border viral disease of livestock including foot and mouth disease, swine flu and bird flu. The slaughterhouses also do not accept that livestock which does not bear the certificate of the department. A certificate that guarantees that the livestock is free from diseases is required as well before they are delivered from place to place. — Nyein Thu-MNA/GNLM

Three million more doses of Sinovac vaccines from China arrive

THREE million doses of Sinovac vaccines donated from China arrived in Myanmar on 21 November, it is learnt.

The country has managed to vaccinate students aged 12 and above and, considered prioritized groups, according to the Ministry of Health.

Those vaccines arrived in the country, including one million doses on 12 November, one more million doses on 20 November and one million an-

other doses on 21 November, according to the Ministry of Health.

The vaccines will be conveyed to the regions and states across the country where necessary.

The ministry reported that Myanmar has already received over 40 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines in total, including three million doses were purchased and over nine million doses were donated.

The country has been administering vaccinations since January 2021, using the China-made Sinopharm and Sinovac vaccines across the country. The Ministry also urged people should receive the full dose of the vaccine and those who have received the first dose to visit the nearest immunization location or near the scheduled date for the second dose. — Aye Maung/GNLM

Palm oil distributed at reasonable prices in different states, regions

THE Ministry of Commerce and Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers’ Association imported the palm oil at the CBM reference rate of USD12 million and sold it at K4,240 per viss at wholesale price in different states and regions for the public beginning 9 November.

A total of 5,545,980 visses of palm oil equal to 9,062.05 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

Pwintbyu farmers cultivate long beans on larger scale



After cultivating for a month, the marketable long bean crops could be harvested.

THE local farmers from villages in Pwintbyu township, Magway region are growing vegetables on a commercial scale using the Mone creek water and underground water.

Easier to grow and a good price are what keep the local farmers motivated to cultivate long beans on a larger scale, said the local farmers from Phalen Taw village, Pwintbyu township.

After cultivating for a month, the marketable long bean crops could be harvested. The pillar work must be carried out before the long beans are cultivated. The long bean plant is a favourite plant of leaf beetles and pods. So, the growers need to take care of them and spray the pesticide if it is necessary. The two packs of long bean seed are good enough for the manageable scale grower. The cultivation cost of the long bean is not very high and the crops can be sold for many years.

“The local farmers from

our township are working on the farming business in every season. The farmers there are growing the crop on a larger scale every year. Among the crops, the long bean is one of the successful cultivation because it has become one of their main cash crops today. There are at least 700 or 800 plants and these crops are yielded over 100 visses in every two days. The prevailing price of the long bean is ranging K1,400-K1,500 per viss. The crops can be harvested for at least 3 months per tree depending on the cultivation of the plant. We are increasing the production every year as it fetches a better price than other crops, said a local farmer from Phalen Taw village in Pwintbyu township.

The long bean is a necessary crop not for the housewife but for the Myanmar noodle soup (locally called Monthinga) sellers. So, the local growers are happy for making a profit by selling them. — Ye Win Naing (NyaungU)/GNLM

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Japan to release oil reserves to reduce oil prices

JAPANESE Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said on Wednesday that Japan will release oil, which would be the first time for the resource-poor country, to try reducing prices by tapping oil reserves.

“Japan has decided to act in tandem with the United States and sell a portion of the state-owned stockpiles in a manner that does not violate the oil stockpiling law,” said Kishida.

The oil stockpiling law limits the release to purposes such as responding to disasters and overseas

political turmoil.

In order not to violate the law, Tokyo plans to release oil reserves that exceed its target of storage in value of 160 days of consumption. The amount of oil to be initially released is expected to be equivalent to consumption in several days, according to a government official.

The White House announced Tuesday that the United States will release 50 million barrels of oil from its emergency reserves in coordination with other major energy-consuming countries

to address rising prices. Some other countries are also expected to take similar actions.

However, oil prices continued to rise in New York overnight and in Tokyo, with doubts appearing about the effectiveness of the move as the amount of oil to be released is only worth several days of consumption.

In Japan, the decision to develop reserves in the past was to solve supply problems after natural disasters and overseas political turmoil. So far, the country has implemented

five releases, including after the Gulf War in the early 1990s and the March 2011 earthquake and tsunami in northeastern Japan. —Xinhua ■



File photo taken in January 2019 shows the Shibushi national petroleum stockpiling base in Kagoshima Prefecture. PHOTO: KYODO

Samsung to build \$17 bn chip plant in Texas



File photo of a Samsung semiconductor manufacturing facility. PHOTO: SAMSUNG/AFP

SAMSUNG said on Tuesday it will build a microchip factory in Texas, a \$17 billion investment that comes as semiconductor shortages are causing supply chain delays across many industries.

“Welcome to Texas, Samsung!” tweeted Texas’ Republican governor Greg Abbott, who called the planned factory “the largest foreign direct investment in Texas EVER.”

The new plant, which is supposed to be operational by the end of 2024, is expected to create more than 2,000 skilled jobs and

“lay the groundwork for another important chapter in our future,” said Kinam Kim, CEO of the South Korean giant’s electronics division.

The chips manufactured on the site will have applications in mobile technologies, 5G or even artificial intelligence, the group said. The plant will be built in the town of Taylor, near the capital Austin.

The news was welcomed by the administration of President Joe Biden, whose economics and security advisors Brian Deese and Jake Sullivan said in a statement that the plant would go a long way to “helping protect our supply chains, revitalizing our manufacturing base, and creating good jobs right here at home.”

Samsung, the world’s biggest memory chipmaker, has aggressively stepped up its investment in its semiconductor business as the world battles shortages of chips that have hit everything from cars and home appliances to smartphones and gaming consoles.

Samsung joins its rivals TSMC from Taiwan and Intel of the US in expanding chip manufacturing capacity in the United States, which sees the sector as an area of strategic competition with China. TSMC and Intel are building such plants in Arizona. — AFP ■

Apple sues Israeli spyware maker for targeting its users

APPLE on Tuesday sued the Israeli spyware maker at the centre of the Pegasus surveillance scandal, seeking to block NSO Group from targeting the over one billion iPhones in circulation.

The suit from the Silicon Valley giant adds to the trouble facing embattled NSO, which was engulfed in controversy over reports that tens of thousands of activists, journalists and politicians were listed as potential targets of its Pegasus spyware.

US authorities just

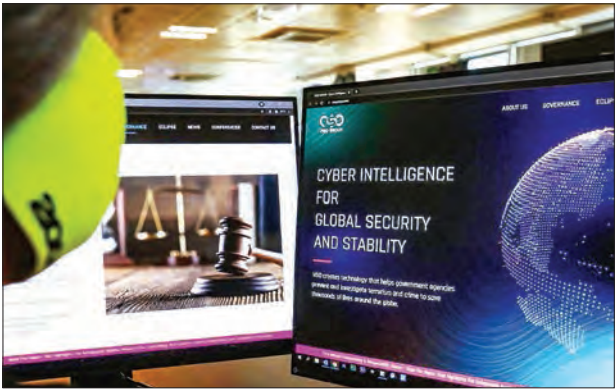
weeks ago blacklisted NSO to restrict exports from American groups over allegations the Israel firm “enabled foreign governments to conduct transnational repression.”

“To prevent further abuse and harm to its users, Apple is also seeking a permanent injunction to ban NSO Group from using any Apple software, services, or devices,” Apple said in a statement announcing the lawsuit filed in US federal court in California.

“Defendants are notorious hackers — amoral

21st century mercenaries who have created highly sophisticated cyber-surveillance machinery that

invites routine and flagrant abuse,” the iPhone maker wrote in its case. — AFP ■



A woman checks the website of Israel-made Pegasus spyware at an office in the Cypriot capital Nicosia on 21 July 2021. PHOTO: MARIO GOLDMAN/AFP

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M.V MAGIC STRIKER

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MAGIC STRIKER VOY.NO. (6)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **25-11-2021** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **WILMAR** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Border trade down more than \$607 mln

THE total border trade value exceeded US\$ 610 million as of 12 November in the mini-budget year of 2021-22, down more than \$607 million compared to the same period of last FY, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

In the transition period from October to March this year, the border trade value includes \$407 million in export and \$202 million in imports. Compared with the same period of last FY, the export earnings fell by \$529.6 million while the import value plunged by \$77.99 million.

Myawady topped the list of border checkpoints with the most trade value of \$293.28 million, followed by Hteekhee with \$141.89 million.

From 1 October to 12 November 2021, the country's foreign trade totalled over \$610.24 million, while its sea trade is



Myawady trading zone.

valued at over \$2.46 billion, according to the ministry.

The country handles border trade with neighbouring China through Muse, Lwejel, Kampaiti, Chinshwehaw and Kengtung with Thailand via Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Hteekhee, Mawtaung and Meisei crossings, with Bangladesh via Sittway and Maungtau and with India through Tamu and Reed border posts, respectively.

Myanmar's major export items are farm, animal, marine, forest, mining, CMP and other products. Myanmar mainly imports capital goods, industrial raw materials, personal goods and CMP raw materials.

— ACM/GNLM

Watermelon, muskmelon cultivated more this cold season in ChaungU



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WATERMELON and muskmelon are more cultivated in this cold season than monsoon in ChaungU township, Sagaing region.

“According to the news reports, Muse border post has already reopened. There is also less yield of watermelon because it has just been cultivated. The watermelon can be started conveying them after 20 days. For the muskmelon, it hasn't been sent yet,” said Ko Win Min Oo, a local grower from Minti village, ChaungU Township.

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“The watermelon and muskmelon are selling at the prevailing market price. The price of the fruit is not quite good this time, but it will get a better price later. The fruits are usually offered high prices in January and February. But the fruit price can get at an affordable price in March and April because there is a lot of trucks loaded with watermelon and muskmelon on the road and the truck were delayed due to the traffic. That's the reason the fruits are rotten and the price has dropped significantly,” said U Win Min Oo.

“Yearly, around 25 acres of melons are cultivated. This year, we have grown eight acres of muskmelon and five acres of watermelon. The cultivation of muskmelon is only 20 days old while watermelon has been grown for more than one month. After two and half

months, it can be sent directly to Muse,” he added.

Myanmar's watermelon market relies only on China. If China highly demands fruit, the price will go up. Although there is a high demand for fruits, they will be sold well only if the purchasing system is convenient. Now, the ongoing system takes at least 20 days to reach Wamding.

On account of COVID-19 impact on crossing posts, China imposed the restrictions that the trucks, entering China must change the Myanmar drivers with those living on China side. Earlier, about 300 trucks were entering China via the prescribed border crossing a day. After the introduction of the driver changing system, only a few trucks are daily crossing the China border,” said a local grower. — Lu Lay /GNLM

Singapore ranked Myanmar's second-largest importer in FY2020-2021

SINGAPORE is the second-largest importer of Myanmar in the financial year 2020-2021, with an estimated value of US\$2.6 billion, the Ministry of Commerce data showed.

During the previous FY, the value of Myanmar's bilateral trade with Singapore in normal trade and border trade topped \$2.8 billion.

The Ministry of Commerce reported that imports surpassed exports in trade with Singapore, with exports reaching \$207.4 million and imports valued at over \$2.6 billion. Myanmar trade deficit in goods with Singapore was estimated at \$2.39 billion.

Singapore is Myanmar's

second-largest trading partner in the region, after Thailand.

Myanmar exports agricultural products, footwear, textiles and clothing, minerals, and animal products to Singapore, while it imports plastics, fuel oil, capital goods, intermediate goods, consumer products, metals, and chemicals.

Myanmar's bilateral trade with Singapore has registered \$3.8 billion in the 2019-2020FY, \$3.5 billion in the 2018-2019FY, \$1.99 billion in the 2018 mini-budget period, \$3.83 billion in the 2017-2018FY, \$2.96 billion in the 2016-2017FY, and \$3.69 billion in the 2015-2016FY. — KK/ GNLM



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Sweden's parliament set to elect first woman PM

SWEDEN'S parliament looks set to elect Finance Minister Magdalena Andersson as the country's first woman prime minister on Wednesday, hours after she clinched a last-minute deal securing key support.

The 54-year-old, who took over as leader of the Social Democrats earlier this month, reached a deal with the Left Party late on Tuesday to raise pensions in exchange for its backing in Wednesday's vote in parliament.

"We have reached an agreement to strengthen the finances of the poorest pensioners," Andersson told public broadcaster SVT minutes after the deal was announced.

"We're not going to block Andersson," Left Party leader Nooshi Dadgostar told Swedish Radio.

Under Sweden's system, a prime ministerial candidate does not need the support of a majority in parliament – rather, they just need to not have a majority against them.

Andersson has already received the support of the Social Democrats' coalition partner the Greens, as well as the Centre Party.

However, political observers noted there was still a slight chance the Centre Party could thwart Andersson's bid.

It has previously warned that it could withdraw its sup-



Andersson would replace Stefan Lofven (R), who resigned on November 10 after seven years as prime minister. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

port if she concedes too much ground to the Left Party.

Centre Party leader Annie Loof refused to comment late

Monday on the Left's deal with Andersson.

The vote will take place at 0800 GMT.—AFP ■

Canadian government vows faster indigenous reconciliation



Governor-General Mary Simon delivers the Throne Speech in a joint session of the House of Commons and the Senate in Ottawa, outlining the government's policy priorities. **PHOTO: POOL/AFP**

CANADA'S governor general opened parliament Tuesday in a speech partly delivered in her

native Inuktitut, highlighting the "deep wounds" reopened by the recent discovery of mass

graves at schools for indigenous children.

Governor-General Mary Simon, who was sworn in July to serve as the first indigenous representative of Queen Elizabeth II in Canada, said: "This is the moment to move faster on the path of reconciliation."

In the throne speech outlining Prime Minister Justice Trudeau's agenda, she said the discoveries in May of more than 1,300 unmarked graves at schools in British Columbia and Saskatchewan "horrified" Canadians and underscored how a past policy of assimilation caused "deep wounds."

Those finds, she said, "show how much the actions of governments and institutions of old have been devastating for indigenous peoples, who continue to suffer from it today."

Trudeau has made reconciliation with more than 600 tribes a priority for his government, which returned to power following a general election in September. Highlighting the plans of Trudeau's Liberals in her speech, Simon said the government plans to taper pandemic aid down to a Can\$7.4 billion (US\$5.8 billion) package targeting hardest-hit sectors through the spring.—AFP ■

US to remove Colombia's FARC from terror list

THE US government has notified Congress that it will remove the official terror group designation from former rebels of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), a congressional source told AFP Tuesday.

The decision comes on the eve of the fifth anniversary of the peace pact between the Colombian government and FARC, which led to their being disarmed and dissolved after decades of fighting.

Without confirming the actual action planned, State Department spokesman Ned Price said they had notified Congress of "upcoming actions" related

to FARC.

"The peace process and the signing of the peace accord five years ago is something that was a seminal turning point, in some ways, in the long-running Colombia conflict," Price said.

"It's something that we have sought at every step of the way to preserve," he added.

The United States officially designated FARC as a foreign terrorist organization in 1997, the halfway point of the rebels' six-decade conflict with the government.

On November 24, 2016, after negotiations in Cuba, the fearsome guerrilla group laid



Soldiers still patrol Marquetalia, birthplace of the now-defunct FARC guerilla group. **PHOTO: AFP**

down their arms and signed a peace deal with then Colombian president Juan Manuel Santos.

But the terror label has con-

tinued to weigh over its members, including those who have now transformed themselves into a political party.—AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Emirati general accused of torture up for Interpol top role

INTERPOL may on Thursday find itself with a new president, an Emirati general accused of torture, adding to concerns the global police agency risks being co-opted by repressive regimes.

General Ahmed Nasser Al-Raisi, head of the United Arab Emirates' security forces, has been seeking election to the largely ceremonial and voluntary role since last year.

That follows years of generous funding for the Lyon, France-based body by the Emirati regime and accusations that Interpol's system of so-called "red notices" for wanted suspects has been abused to persecute political dissidents.

Only the Czech Republic's Sarka Havrankova – a veteran officer overseeing the country's international cooperation in police matters – is standing against Raisi in elections at this year's Interpol General Assembly in Turkey for the four-year post.

"The election of General Al Raisi would undermine the mission and reputation of Interpol and severely affect the ability of the organization to carry out its mission effectively," three European Parliament members wrote in a letter dated 11 November to European Commission President Ursula Von der Leyen.—AFP ■

Australia lists Hezbollah as 'terrorist organization'

AUSTRALIA on Wednesday listed all of Hezbollah as a "terrorist organization", extending a ban on armed factions to the entire movement, which wields considerable power over Lebanon.

Home Affairs Minister Karen Andrews said that the Tehran-backed Shiite group "continues to threaten terrorist attacks and provide support to terrorist organizations" and poses a "real" and "credible" threat to Australia.

Hezbollah is part political party and part militia – the only group in Lebanon to have refused to disarm since the civil war ended in 1990.

The movement, which plays a pivotal role in Lebanese politics, has been accused of fuelling Syria's civil war by sending thousands of fighters across the border to prop up President Bashar al-Assad's regime.—AFP ■

Myanmar to play friendly match against Indonesia today



Myanmar's veteran defender David Htan (white jersey) poises to kick the ball against the African Burundi team players during their friendly match in Turkey on 13 November 2021. **PHOTO: MFF**

IN preparation for the upcoming ASEAN Suzuki Cup Tournament, the Myanmar men's national football team will play a friendly match against the Indonesian national team in Turkey today.

Both teams are currently preparing for in the Suzuki Cup in Turkey, and this test could be the last one for both teams before the tournament, football officials said.

The Myanmar national team has played three friendly matches in the tour of Turkey and won two matches and have lost one match.

This is the fourth test match in the last three matches.

Myanmar beat Turkey Amateur Club 2-1, Turkey professional football club by eight goals and lost to African Club Burundi 1-2 in the previous friendlies.

Myanmar and Indonesia

also played a friendly match in Mandalay in March 2019 and it was almost three years before the tournament resumed.

Myanmar is falling in Group A of the Suzuki Cup tourney along with Thailand, the Philippines, Singapore and Timor Leste.

Meanwhile, team Indonesia is in Group B with Viet Nam, Malaysia, Cambodia and Laos.

— Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Ronaldo sends Man United into last 16, Chelsea thrash Juventus



Cristiano Ronaldo scored his sixth Champions League goal of the season. **PHOTO: AFP**

MANCHESTER United booked their place in the Champions League last 16 as Cristiano Ronaldo scored in a 2-0 victory at Villarreal on Tuesday, while holders Chelsea also reached the knockout phase by thumping Juventus.

Three-time European champions United went into their first game since sacking Ole Gunnar

Solskjaer at the weekend needing a win to confirm a top-two finish in Group F.

But they were under massive pressure as defeat would have left their fate out of their own hands.

David de Gea made two crucial saves and United, with Michael Carrick in caretaker charge, took advantage through

Ronaldo's 78th-minute lob.

Jadon Sancho, so often a peripheral figure since his big-money move from Borussia Dortmund in the close-season, capped a fine individual display with his first goal for the club late on.

"It's not an important result for me personally. It's an important one for the players and the club," said Carrick.

Ronaldo's goal was the 799th of his career, his 140th in the Champions League and his sixth in the competition this season.

The other qualification spot in the group remains up for grabs after Young Boys and Atalanta played out a thrilling 3-3 draw in Bern.

Late goals from Vincent Sierro and Silvan Hefti gave the Swiss champions a 3-2 lead, but Luis Muriel struck in the 88th minute for the visitors. Atalanta face a winner-takes-all match against Villarreal in Bergamo next month.—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.

New-look European golf tour to host first tournament in Japan

THE new-look European Tour will make its first foray into the lucrative Japan golf market in 2022 after adding the ISPS Handa Championship to next year's recently announced schedule. The rebranded DP World Tour will make Japan the 51st country it has visited — with the tournament to be staged at Ishioka Golf Club in Omitama, north of Tokyo, from 21-24 April.

"The DP World Tour is a global tour and, as a result, we relish opportunities such as this to break new ground," said Keith Pelley, European Tour CEO in a statement released late on Tuesday. "Asia continues to be an important region for the DP World Tour and our first visit to Japan in April further underlines that," he added. Two weeks ago the tour was renamed after investment from new title sponsors DP World, which will see total prize money for next year's 47 tournaments exceed \$200 million.

The ISPS Handa Championship, with a purse of \$2 million, will be co-sanctioned with the Japan Golf Tour (JGTO) and the inaugural event will be



Japan's Hideki Matsuyama won the US PGA Tour's Zozo Championship last month. Now Europe's newly named DP World Tour is making its first foray into the Japan golf market with the ISPS Handa Championship next year. **PHOTO: AFP**

the first of a three-year deal. Japan great Isao Aoki, chairman of the JGTO, said it had been a "long-cherished desire" to host a European Tour event in the golf-mad country and "we can't wait to hold it".

The only event on Japanese soil to feature previously on the European Tour schedule was this year's Olympic men's tournament at Kasumigaseki Country Club in July, won by American Xander Schauffele.—AFP ■