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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.

War veterans need to make utmost efforts for successfully implementing five sectors and seven future tasks, Senior General says

State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the second-day session of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Conference 2021 in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 November 2021.

THE Tatmadaw is striving for ethnic armed organizations to totally reach the path of peace and building a political system, we all unitedly aspire, with goodwill, said Patron of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the second-day session of MWVO Conference 2021 at the headquarters of the MWVO in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday morning.

In his speech, the Senior General said the Myanmar War Veterans Organization was formed with the aim of participating in the tasks of Our Three Main National Causes and socio-economic development of the ethnic people, serving as the reserve force of the Tatmadaw in national defence and security measures, helping war veteran members each other in unison and joining in the State welfare tasks.

The MWVO is constituted of region and state war veterans' organizations and township level organizations. Those war veterans had served the duties assigned by the State for the nation and the people with the sacrifice of life and limb. As the organization is formed with those who served as disciplined Tatmadaw members, it is a reliable one for the State and the Tatmadaw.

The Tatmadaw which emerged in the demand of the history in the independence struggle is a single patriotic Tatmadaw. The emergence of the Burma Independence Army (BIA) led by General Aung San together with 30 comrades was to open the independence door of Myanmar.

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47-member 8th State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee holds Ninth Plenary Meeting

The Union minister for Religious Affairs and Culture presents the supplication of religious matters at the ninth plenary meeting of 47-member eighth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee yesterday.

THE Ninth Plenary Session of the eighth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Group of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was held at Maha Pasana Cave, Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hill, in Yangon yesterday morning.

Members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee headed by Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Bhamo Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa, Union minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko, the Director-General of the Religious Affairs Department and officials attended the ceremony.

The MoRAC Union minister meets the departmental personnel and Nay Pyi Taw and state/ region officials yesterday.

Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Bhamo Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa chaired the meeting, while Joint Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Silacara Bhivamsa served as the master of ceremonies.

First of all, Bhamo Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa opened the ceremony followed by Union minister U Ko Ko supplicating the religious matters.

After that, Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sihanada, a member of the eighth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee (Third Subcommittee), submitted a summary report on the activities during the third term; Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Tezawthara Bhivamsa submitted a summary report on the activities of the eighth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Group (First Subcommittee).

Then, a brief report on the activities of the Eighth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee (Second Subcommittee) during its third term was submitted by Sayadaw Bhaddanta Candanathara.

Next, State Sangha Maha Nayaka Sayadaws submitted a brief sector-wise report on the activities of the eighth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Group (Third Subcommittee) during the third term.

The meeting was adjourned in the afternoon after discussing special religious affairs.

Donors Senior General Than Shwe (Retd.) and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family members donated 'Soon' (day-meals) to the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Sayadaws who attended the ceremony yesterday.

Then, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko met directors and officials from the Department of Religious Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw and religious affairs offices from different regions and states at the meeting room of the Yangon Region Branch Office of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture.

In the evening, the Union minister met the Board of Trustees of the Shwedagon Pagoda at the meeting hall of the Pagoda and instructed them to ensure systematic convenience for worshippers.—MNA

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

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 products were imported by three companies and transported using seven vehicles yesterday.

A total of 19 tonnes of liquid oxygen carried by one bowser, six oxygen plants, and 47 tonnes of masks were imported via the Myawady and Chinshwehaw trading zones and Yangon international seaports, officials said.

One bowser transported liquid oxygen to Yangon via the Myawady land border and six oxygen plants to Yangon via seaports, 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

Lorries are seen transporting liquid oxygen and medical equipment to states and regions.

Political maturity

POLITICAL maturity and unity of stakeholders and the entire people play a crucial role in building the Union based on democracy and federalism. It is necessary to take lessons that Myanmar could not achieve the deserved development due to requirements in political maturity in successive eras. We must try hard to overcome such challenges. We need to build political maturity and unity with wise mental faculty for ensuring the peace of the nation.

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

War veterans need to make utmost efforts for successfully implementing five sectors and seven future tasks, Senior General says

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Hence, the current Tatmadaw took the lessons from the weakness in the past of Myanmar history and is shaping a modern patriotic, powerful capable Tatmadaw. In so doing war veterans from the organization since their establishment have been serving the assigned duties under the leadership of the Tatmadaw.

Nowadays, the Tatmadaw took the State responsibilities in time by politically declaring the state of emergency due to the fact that those who forcibly grasped the State power with committing voting frauds in the 2020 multiparty democracy general election. During the period, the Tatmadaw is implementing the Five-Point Road Map step by step.

Turning a blind eye to the realities of the Tatmadaw taking the responsibilities under the Constitution, local and external saboteurs commit instigations to wedge the Tatmadaw and the people and incitement to break the country up with the weakness of the Tatmadaw. Hence, it is necessary to fight against them under the law.

At present, the war veterans' organization which is the reserve force of the Tatmadaw are conscientiously serving the national defence and security measures of the country. It can be seen that some persons with different attitudes in some areas commit incitements to hate the Tatmadaw and terror attacks on the retired Tatmadaw members. It is necessary to prevent these acts under security awareness and conscience and public cooperation. The Senior General expressed his acknowledgement and condolences for the death and injuries of war veterans in the events of terrorist attacks.

Chairman of Myanmar War Veterans Central Executive Committee Lt-Gen Sein Win (Retd) presents cash assistance for disabled war veterans, offspring of war veterans and offspring of war veterans learning at defence services academies.

The reserve force law was enacted for a military servant enjoying the rights of resignation from the military service term or retirement to join the reserve force. If necessary, arrangements will be made for exercising these laws.

War veterans need to cooperate with relevant township level organizations, social organizations and the people in carrying out the practical organizational tasks. They have to participate in the nation-building tasks with the spirit of Once a Soldier, Always a Soldier.

The Tatmadaw is providing aid to the Tatmadaw members who lost limbs in discharging the State and the Tatmadaw duties and families of the Tatmadaw members who sacrificed their lives. Retired Tatmadaw members and families are settled at Karuna Gabar Home for the Aged and advanced housings for war veterans in regions and states. More buildings are underway. After retirement, the Tatmadaw members who lost their limbs in discharging the State and the Tatmadaw duties are under training at the Tatmadaw vocational training schools. Emphasis is being placed on the education of the families of the Tatmadaw members as well as enhance of educational qualification of the Tatmadaw members. National reconciliation is essential for the peace and stability of the country. The Tatmadaw is striving for ethnic armed organizations to totally reach the path of peace and building a political system, we all unitedly aspire, with goodwill.

The Senior General cordially greets the war veterans at the event yesterday.

The Tatmadaw free from impunities is serving the national political duty deemed to the State demand. War veterans need to make utmost efforts to successfully implement five sectors and seven future tasks. They have to uphold the Our Three Main National Causes and firmly stand as a reserve force of the Tatmadaw in national defence and security measures.

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Then, the Senior General cordially greeted the war veterans after posing for documentary photos with Myanmar War Veterans Central Executive Committee members. — MNA

DNR Degree College (Yangon), A.G.T.I. diploma course 18 hold graduation

The MoBA Union minister gives a graduation ceremony remark for DNR Degree College (Yangon) arts and science degree and AGTI diploma course 18 yesterday.

GRADUATION ceremony of arts and science degree and A.G.T.I. diploma course 18 and a ceremony to present job appointment letters were held at two designated sites of the Development of National Races (DNR) Degree College (Yangon) convocation hall yesterday in accordance with the COVID-19 health rules.

First, Union minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung talked about the four policies of ministry, free basic education system at 45 ethnic youth development training schools, free higher education services for those who complete the basic high school education at the University for the Development of the National Races of the Union and DNR Degree Colleges (Yangon, Sagaing), opening of 9 industrial training schools and 46 women's vocational schools in order to create the job opportunities and improve the socio-economic status.

He then said the degree college (Yangon) has produced a total of 2,501 degree-holders – 498 arts degrees, 1,213 science degrees, 135 B.Tech and 655 engineer diplomas so far. Moreover, there are also 14 PhD holders, 65 M.A, 122 M.Sc., 326 B.Tech, 301 B.E and 15 M.E.

He then stressed the need to follow the Civil Service Laws and rules in serving the duties at ministries concerned and cooperate in agriculture and livestock breeding sectors to ensure stable commodity prices.

The Union minister and Yangon Region Chief minister presented prizes to outstanding graduates. Then, representatives of 17 ministerial departments presented appointment letters to 213 graduates.

Afterwards, the Union minister cordially greeted the graduates and family members and then met with outstanding graduates and their family members in the convocation guest hall.

During the ceremony, a total of 213 ethnic people – 47 completed arts degrees, while the science degree by 78 and A.G.T.I degree by 88, respectively at 18th course of DNR Degree College (Yangon). On the evening of 25 November, the Union minister hosted a dinner in honour of the graduating students on behalf of the Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister. — MNA

Myanmar attends 12th ASEAN ministers meeting on rural development and poverty eradication

THE 12th ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication chaired by the Philippines was held through videoconferencing yesterday morning. A delegation led by Union minister for Co-operatives and Rural Development U Hla Moe, Ministers from the ASEAN member countries and the ASEAN Secretary-General attended the meeting.

At the meeting, Union Minister U Hla Moe, the current chair of the ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication, said Myanmar convened a special ASEAN ministerial meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication on COVID-19 and set six agendas during its chairmanship. In addition, the ASEAN Rural Development and Poverty Eradication Action Plan (2021-2025) was finalized and policy guidelines and strategic processes were set for the mid-year evaluation of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Basic Map, he added.

Afterwards, he handed over the chairmanship to the Philippines. Ministers from the ASEAN member countries discussed their policies, ongoing projects and further programmes. Union minister U Hla Moe said the government of Myanmar always emphasize the socio-economic development of the underprivileged and vulnerable people, with a focus on narrowing the development gap between regions and states. At the same time, the national development strategy is giving priority to balanced economic development and accelerating poverty alleviation activities, he continued.

He discussed that the Myanmar Economic Recovery Plan is being drawn up to restore Myanmar's economy affected by COVID-19 and to create a long-term and prosperous business environment for the benefit of the people. Myanmar is also implementing the SMART village project for the inclusive and sustainable development of rural socio-economic development.

He highlighted the importance to build the capacity to achieve sustainable development goals, to eradicate poverty, and for the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters. He affirmed that Myanmar will work together with all ASEAN member states.

ASEAN Ministers discussed national-level and regional-level policy initiatives to create a responsive, sustainable, and inclusive ASEAN community; activities to strengthen rural-urban connectivity; government-private-public cooperation; incorporating climate change and disaster risk reduction and response into rural development and poverty alleviation; inclusiveness of all vulnerable groups; progress on the implementation of the ASEAN Framework for Action for Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (2021-2025); joint efforts of ASEAN countries in the preparation of the ASEAN Rural Development Master Plan. — MNA

493 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 26 November, total figure rises to 520,706

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 520,706 after 493 new cases were reported on 26 November 2021 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, 494,748 have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll reached 19,067 after 9 died.—MNA

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MoI Union minister inspects construction of community centre in Taunggyi

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn inspected the construction of the community centre (Taunggyi), implemented by the Department of Information and Public Relations under the BOT system, yesterday morning in Taunggyi.

Officials presented the status of the construction, and the Union minister said community centres have been implemented since 2015 by the Ministry of Information. The Department of Information and Public Relations were able to implement only ordinary libraries in the past that rented books, he added.

The MoI Union minister inspects the construction of the Taunggyi Community Centre yesterday.

Community centres are intended not only for raising public awareness but also to address issues directly related to economic, health, social development. He said that activities of the community centres in developing countries are found to be highly beneficial to the respective associations. They are the places where people come to study, to get information, and to discuss the development of the community, he said.

The Prime Minister has instructed to educate the youth and correct their ideology, and therefore, it is necessary to prioritize activities aimed at youth development in community centres, he marked. He highlighted the need to systematically upgrade library services as the necessary expenditures for the transfer of digital libraries have been allowed, and to prioritize the purchase of books and periodicals that support youth development. He called on the staff to improve the work with good intentions as it is time to change the work of the Ministry of Information.

After the inspection tour, the Union minister, together with the minister for Social Affairs of the Shan state government, paid homage to the Shwephonepwint pagoda and observed the beauty and developments of Taunggyi. Taunggyi is a beautiful city with clean air located at 4,712 feet above sea level and is home to many ethnic nationalities. — MNA

13th Executive Board Meeting of Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and Pacific (FEIAP) held online

Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and Pacific (FEIAP) online meeting in progress.

UNION minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than, in his capacity as Vice-President of Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and Pacific and Patron of Myanmar Engineering Council joined the 13th Executive Board Meeting of Federation of Engineering Institutions of Asia and Pacific (FEIAP) which was virtually organized in Malaysia yesterday.

First, President of FEIAP Professor Dr Huang Wei clarified the work processes for the development of engineering sectors.

The meeting also focused on the meeting minutes of the 12th FEIAP Exco Meeting held on 28 November 2020 and the 29th general assembly held on 15 July 2020, implementations based on the outcomes of the assembly, and the respective committees clarified the progress, submission of nominees for engineering awards of FEIAP 2022 and organization of awarding committee, holding of 2nd FEIAP Convention 2022 and 30th General Assembly. — MNA

MoHT Union minister attends Virtual PATA Destination Marketing Forum-2021

IN collaboration with the Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture Sarawak and Sarawak Tourism Board, and led by Pacific-Asia Tourism Association (PATA), the Virtual PATA Destination Marketing Forum-2021 was held from 25 to 26 November (PATA) in Kuching, Sarawak Province, Malaysia.

Union minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Htay Aung, the Director-General of the Ministry and officials in charge attended the video conference.

The second day of the forum was held yesterday at 7:30 am Myanmar Standard Time.

CEO of Sarawak Tourism Board Mr Datu Aloysius Dris, Director of Communications & External Affairs of Pacific-Asia Tourism Board Mr Paul Pruangkarn and Co-founder and Executive Director of "The Rainforest World Music Festival" Mr Robert Basiuk gave talks on "The Rainforest World Music Festival" and PATA Sustainability & Social Responsibility Advisor Mr. Graham Harper discussed "ways to revitalize and sustain tourism".

After that, the "Tellian, The Soul of MUKAN" Virtual Tour was shown and the "Quizzes and Prizes" competition was held.

At the competition, Daw Zay Nyein Tun of Myanmar from Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory won the second prize.

Next, Minister of Tourism of Maldives, Dr Abdulla Mausoom, officials from Thailand and BBC television discussed priorities for post-COVID-19 tourism recovery.

After the discussion, the second-day programmes were concluded.

Next, the Union minister attended a meeting on hotel and tourism development in Nay Pyi Taw Council held at Mingala Thiri Hotel Conference Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

Director-General of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Deputy Director-General, department officials Vice-Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Hoteliers Association, officials from PNPT Sports Farm, hoteliers, general managers and managers attended the meeting.

At the meeting, the Union minister said that it is necessary to enhance the image of the Myanmar tourism industry by implementing tourism services as COVID Safe Services.

"Hotels need to cooperate to apply for national certification on the website. It is necessary to pay special attention to safety and security for the safety and security of hotel guests.

It is also necessary to maintain the hotel environment and the land environment clean and beautiful", the Union minister said.

The Union minister urged hoteliers to renew expired hotel licenses as soon as possible.

Afterwards, the Vice-Chairman and Hotel Managers of Nay Pyi Taw Hoteliers Association discussed the status of Health and Safety Protocol training in the Nay Pyi Taw Council area and the need to facilitate the relaxation of tourist entry to Nay Pyi Taw. It is reported that the Union minister made concluding remarks. —MNA

Virtual PATA Destination Marketing Forum-2021 in progress.

Information Team of the State Administration Council holds press conference 10/2021

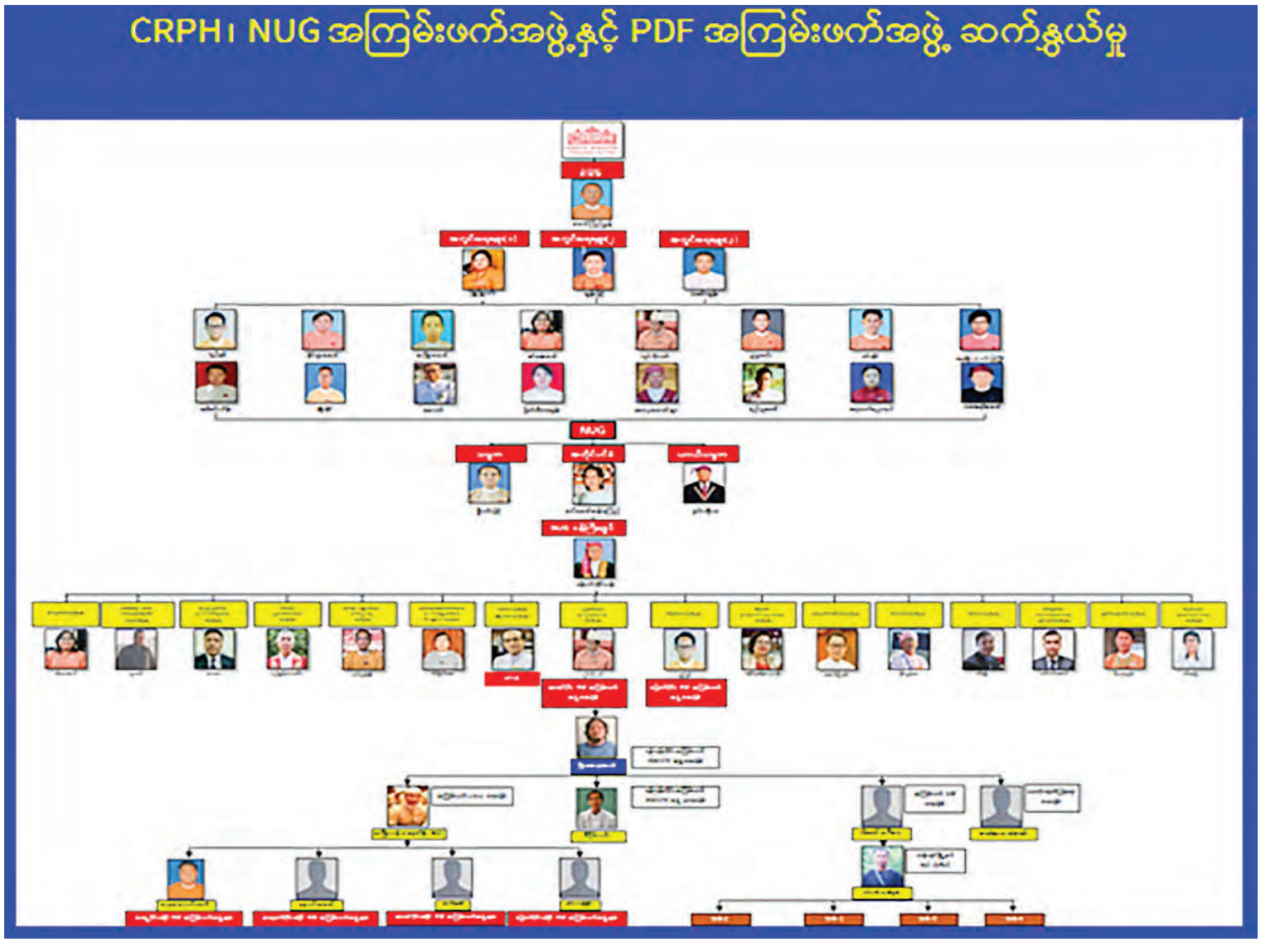
THE Information Team of the State Administration Council held the press conference No 10/2021 at the Ministry of Information yesterday afternoon.

Leader of the Information Team Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun, member of the Union Election Commission U Khin Maung Oo, spokespersons of departments and representatives of departmental information teams replied to queries raised by media.

First, Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun explained the adherence to the five principles of peaceful coexistence of foreign policy, ASEAN Charter, ASEAN spirit and ASEAN ways, cooperation works with member countries in implementing the ASEAN Political and Security Community APSC, ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community ASCC and ASEAN Economic Community AEC when the country served the rotating ASEAN Chairmanship position in 2014, press release that states Myanmar has objected to the actions of some ASEAN member countries on matters of representation, including the participation in the ASEAN Summit, which are inconsistent with the ASEAN Charter and Principles and against the purpose of ASEAN, important role of geographical structure of Myanmar and international relations to be effective on such situation, reopening of basic education schools across the nation except 46 townships starting 1 November, work plans regarding lesson plans and tests, COVID-19 vaccine arrivals and vaccination processes for 24 targeted groups, vaccination coverage of the country, efforts of government, people, social welfare organizations and Tatmadaw in the third wave of COVID-19 and engagements with some ethnic armed groups.

Schools reopening in states/ regions.

India-donated Covishield vaccines arrive in Yangon.



Link between CRPH, NUG terrorists and PDF terrorists.

Then, a video clip and PowerPoint presentation covering the threats of terrorist groups NUG and PDF such as their Hit List, deaths of monks, education staff, government employees and innocent people due to their terrorist attacks, bomb and arson attacks on government-owned and privately-owned buildings, roads and bridges, organizing terrorist groups by NUG and CRPH, terrorist attacks launched by Phyo Zeyar Thaw, NLD member in Yangon, seizure of weapons, ammunitions and other materials and confessions of suspects were also played.

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Then, UEC Member U Khin Maung Oo made another PowerPoint presentation on the inspection of existing political party lists, discussion about the use of PR, action taken against those who participated in conducting voting frauds and lawless actions in the 2020 multiparty democracy general election and other work plans including compiling of voter lists and reviewing of law and rules.

Then, Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun, UEC Member U Khin Maung Oo and officials replied to queries raised by media.

The press conference was also attended by representatives of Myanmar-based foreign embassies, members of the Information Team of the State Administration Council, officials of the Tatmadaw Information Team, guests and reporters from local news agencies, daily newspapers, local TV channels and local-based foreign news agencies.—MNA

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Hail 101st Anniversary of National Day with nationalistic spirit

THE nationalistic spirit is crucial for the perpetual existence of the country and the national. In fact, the nationalistic spirit is not totally concerned with the chauvinism among national brethren.

However, scrupulous persons accuse some national races of holding up chauvinism with attempts to undermine the nationalistic spirit through the wicked conspiracy. That is why all the national races need to beware of the conspiracy of those scrupulous persons all the time.

The spirit and behaviours of loving the country and the national races need to be nurtured and enhanced. All generations are responsible for discharging the inborn duty to develop the nation and nationals and safeguard the perpetual existence of sovereignty of the nation by firmly upholding the nationalistic spirit.

> The 101st Anniversary of National Day which is one of the significant days of the nation will fall soon on 28 November 2021. Everybody needs to keep the nationalistic spirit in their minds without fail in marching towards the Union based on democracy and federalism.

The nationalistic spirit was conceived in the student boycott on the 10th waning of Tazaungmon, 1282 Myanmar Era. It was a defiance of the students of Yangon University against the Yangon University Act enacted by the colonialist government. It was a spark to develop the national education, nationalistic spirit and national spirit leading to the independence struggle.

The education system implemented by the British colonialists was not intended to modernize the country and Myanmar people but to support the colonialist administrative mechanism. Such a kind of education was just for those who were loyal to the colonialist government.

Educated Myanmar citizens and university students wished to uplift the education standard of the people in addition to political, social and economic affairs. It was because the colonialist government intentionally suppressed the nationalistic spirit of Myanmar national races by degrading Myanmar's education standard although the monastic education could improve the national culture and education qualification in the past.

After regaining independence, the successive governments have been focusing on the promotion of educational qualification of the people for many years while fostering the nationalistic spirit by taking lessons from the past events of the colonial era. Not to forget the national endeavours in independence struggle based on the nationalistic spirit, efforts are being made for marking the national day yearly.

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Vaccines reduce Covid transmission by 40%: WHO

Covid vaccines reduce transmission of the dominant Delta variant by about 40 per cent, the WHO said Wednesday, warning that people were falling into a false sense of security concerning jabs.

THE World Health Organization's director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said many vaccinated people were wrongly thinking the jab meant they no longer needed to take any other precautions.

Fully-immunised people must stick with measures to avoid catching the virus and passing it on, Tedros insisted, spelling out how the more contagious Delta meant the vaccines were not as effective against transmission.

"We're concerned about the false sense of security that vaccines have ended the pandemic and people who are vaccinated do not need to take any other precautions," Tedros told reporters.

"Vaccines save lives but they do not fully prevent transmission.

"Data suggests that before the arrival of the Delta variant, vaccines reduced transmission by about 60 per cent. With Delta, that has dropped to about 40 per cent."

The more transmissible Delta variant is now overwhelmingly dominant around the world, having all but out-competed other strains. "If you are vaccinated, you have a much lower risk of severe disease and death but you are still at risk of being infected and infecting others," said Tedros.

"We cannot say this clearly enough: even if you are vaccinated, continue to take precautions to prevent becoming infected yourself, and infecting someone else who could die."

That meant wearing a facemask, maintaining distance, avoiding crowds and meeting others outside or only in a well-ventilated indoor space, he said.

Delta dominance

Of 845,000 sequences uploaded to the GISAID global science initiative with specimens collected in the last 60 days, 99.8 per cent were Delta, according to the WHO's weekly epidemiological report.

Maria Van Kerkhove, the UN health agency's technical lead on Covid, said the Delta variant itself was evolving and the WHO was trying to track circulation and changes in the virus.

"We're making plans here, looking through future scenarios about how much more this virus will change in terms of transmissibility or if there will be potential future immune escape, which will render some of our counter-measures less effective," she said.

The WHO has long stressed that the currently-available Covid-19 vaccines are primarily aimed at reducing the risk of severe illness, hospitalisation and death, rather than transmission.

WHO chief scientist Soumya Swaminathan said that while vaccine protection against infection was not as high with Delta as with the variants it has overtaken, the level of prevention it gives against severe disease was "still above 80 percent in the majority of cases".

Social mixing in Europe

Europe's return as the pandemic's epicentre has been blamed on Delta, sluggish vaccine uptake in some nations, colder weather moving people indoors again and the easing of restrictions.

A medical staff member (L) receives a booster shot of the Sinopharm Covid-19 coronavirus vaccine at a hospital in Wuhan in China's central Hubei province on 25 November 2021. **PHOTO: AFP**

Last week, more than 60 percent of all reported Covid-19 infections and deaths were in Europe, with the sheer number of cases translating into unsustainable pressure on health systems and exhausted health workers, said Tedros.

Europe recorded more than 2.4 million new cases last week -- an 11-per cent rise on the week before. Infections were up 31 per cent in Germany.

SOURCE: AFP

Europe rushes to bolster virus defences as South Africa detects new strain

GOVERNMENTS across Europe rushed on Friday to bolster their defences against a fresh coronavirus spike, as South Africa announced it had detected a new Covid-19 strain that scientists fear could torpedo efforts to beat the pandemic.

In recent weeks the continent has been in the throes of surging cases and violent riots, wrestling with booster programmes and dramatic lockdowns to stem the tide as its death toll surpassed 1.5 million and it once again became the global epicentre of an unceasing pandemic.

Scientists are now racing to understand the impact of the new, heavily mutated strain, feared to be more infectious than Delta, which brought the world back to its knees a year after the virus first surfaced in central China.

"This is the most significant variant we have encountered to date and urgent research is under way to learn more about its transmissibility, severity and vaccine-susceptibility," Britain's health agency chief Jennie Harries said in a statement.

In the first international move to protect against the variant's spread, Britain said it would ban travel from six southern African countries. **PHOTO: DANIEL LEAL /AFP/FILE**

Dutch riot fears

Ahead of Thursday's announcement by scientists in South Africa, countries across Europe were already accelerating booster campaigns, enforcing stricter curbs and targeting the unvaccinated as cases multiplied to record levels.

Authorities in the Netherlands were preparing for new riots ahead of an expected announcement Friday by Prime Minister Mark Rutte to tighten a partial lockdown as it faces a critical hospital bed shortage with infections reaching record levels.

The country has suffered four straight days of anti-lockdown unrest, led by people Rutte described as "idiots", the worst in the port city of Rotterdam where police opened fire on rioters, injuring five.

"We are keeping our eyes and ears open and we are prepared," Rotterdam police spokesman Gijs van Nimwegen told AFP.

Germany, the Czech Republic and Portugal — which has one of the world's highest vaccination rates — all announced new measures in recent days to stem the tide of infections that has been worse than feared.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel issued an urgent warning to the country's incoming government on Thursday, saying "every day counts" as the country's death toll passed 100,000.

Europe is stepping up its vaccination drive to beat back rising cases ahead of the encroaching winter.

On Thursday, France made booster shots available to all adults and the European Union's medicines agency has approved jabs for five- to 11-year-olds.

'Many mutations'

Scientists and health officials in Britain and South Africa expressed alarm that the new variant — expected to be code-named by the WHO on Friday — could undo much of the hard-won gains against the virus over the summer.

The WHO said it is "closely monitoring" the reported variant and is expected to determine if it should be designated a variant of "interest" or of "concern".

Scientists have said the new B.1.1.529 variant has at least 10 mutations, compared to two for Delta or three for Beta.

"The concern is that when you have so many mutations, it can have an impact on how the virus behaves," Maria Van Kerkhove, the WHO's technical lead on Covid-19, said at a virtual press briefing.

South African Health Minister Joe Phaahla described the strain as "a major threat".

The finding has left British scientists "deeply concerned", Health Minister Sajid Javid said, because it could render current vaccines less effective.

In the first international move to protect against its spread, Britain said it would ban travel from six southern African countries.

The news of the variant's discovery spooked investors in early afternoon trade, with Tokyo stocks diving three per cent.

SOURCE: AFP

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Friday 26 November 2021)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF THE 27 November, 2021: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Eastern Shan State, scattered in Kayah State and isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, (Northern and Southern)Shan, Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudyin the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4 –7) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperature in Sagaing Region and Kachin, Shan, Chin, Kayah States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27 November, 2021: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27 November, 2021: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27 November, 2021: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKED: Weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Region.Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Yangon Region.

EARTHQUAKE NEWS

A moderate earthquake of magnitude (6.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about (5) miles northeast of Thantlang), latitude 22.74°N, longitude 93.48°E, depth (46) kilometers, about (10) miles northwest of Hakha seismological observatory was recorded at (06)hr (15)min (42)sec M.S.T on 26th November, 2021.

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NLD party member Phyo Zeyar Thaw's support on weapons/ammunition supply to commit terrorist acts in Yangon continues to be recovered

THE arrest of 50 terrorists who perpetrated terrorist acts in Yangon under the instruction of CRPH and NUG terrorist groups, including NLD party member and leader of the terrorist activities Maung Kyaw (a) Phyo Zeyar Thaw, together with weapons, ammunition and related explosive items, was published on 20 November. His support on weapons/ammunition supplies to commit acts of violence in Yangon was published on 22 November.

According to his statement, PDF terrorists, named Aung Ko Latt, Thet Paing Htwe, Aung Ko Ko, Chit Ko Ko Thant, Wai Yan Tun, Shein Wai Moe, Saw Vital Ko Ko, Lwin Lwin Tun, Tay Zar Lin (a) Ote Kyi, Soe Myat Shwe, Sa Zin Aung, Zin Min Tun (a) Sati, Shin Thant Hein, Nay Myo Tun, Hein Min Latt, Win Thinzar, were arrested on 18, 19 and 20 November respectively.

Perpetrator Maung Kyaw (a) Phyo Zeyar Thaw was born on 26 March 1981 in Yangon. He got his bachelor degree in English from the Yadanabon University in 2003 and worked as an artist (singer). He was sentenced to six years in prison for forming an illegal association and holding illegal money but was released on State pardon in 2011.

He joined the NLD party in 2012 and in the by-election, he contested as the Pyithu Hluttaw Representative for Zabuthiri Township from the NLD party and won. He served as a confidant of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and was closely involved in her domestic and international travels and in campaigns.

According to his statement, he has been leading violent protests in Yangon since February 2021. Since April, he has connected with Ye Mon, Zaw Wai Soe, Lwin Ko Latt from the NUG and acted as the in-charge of Yangon Region and cooperated with De Nyein Linn (a) Day Wa, Wai Phyo Han (a) Naung Yoe. He organized Zoom meetings and discussed matters related to attending explosive and terrorist training in the KNLA Brigade Area (6), supporting weapons and ammunition, acts of terror and attacking security forces, setting a D-Day to fight against the Government, and funding.

It was revealed that Naing Htoo Aung funded Yan Naing, a commander of the KNLA Brigade Area (6), and had him organized terrorist training to extremist young people who supported NLD party near Kawkareik Township and Phayathonezu. Short-term trainees were recruited as STF terrorist group; Long-term trainees became PDF terrorists, and those who attended refresher course were formed as SOF terrorist group. Terrorist acts were committed in Yangon with these groups and township terrorist groups which were formed with strong NLD party supporters.

According to the statement of Maung Kyaw (a) Phyo Zeyar Thaw, NUG terrorist group formed PDF terrorist groups in July. Ye Mon has become the in-charge of the North PDF terrorist group and East PDF terrorist group. Lwin Ko Latt has become the in-charge of the South PDF terrorist group and Nay Myo has become the in-charge of the Middle PDF terrorist group. They all perpetrated terrorist acts to disrupt the governance of the State Government and to intimidate the public.

Under the instruction of Lwin Ko Latt and Kun Min, Maung Kyaw (a) Phyo Zeyar Thaw and De Nyein Lin (a) Day Wa has become the joint heads of the STF and PDF terrorist groups. Wai Phyo Han (a) Naung Yoe became the in-charge of the Yangon Region Pa-Ka-Pha terrorist group. PK became the in-charge of SOF terrorist group. Kyaw Swar (a) Ant Kyaw became the in-charge of the Information Team.

According to the statement of Maung Kyaw (a) Phyo Zeyar Thaw, members of NUG terrorist group Ye Mon and Lwin Ko Latt connected Naing Htoo Aung, PK, Wai Phyo Han (a) Naung Yoe with the KNU group and transported weapons and ammunition and explosives from Theinzayat-Waw-Thanatpin-Tarwa through Bago River and from Thayatpin Chaung to Yangon. The weapons, ammunition and explosives were then transported through Myawady-Theinzayat-Yangon by vehicles. In Yangon, Zin Oo Maung (a) Nay La and Tay Zar

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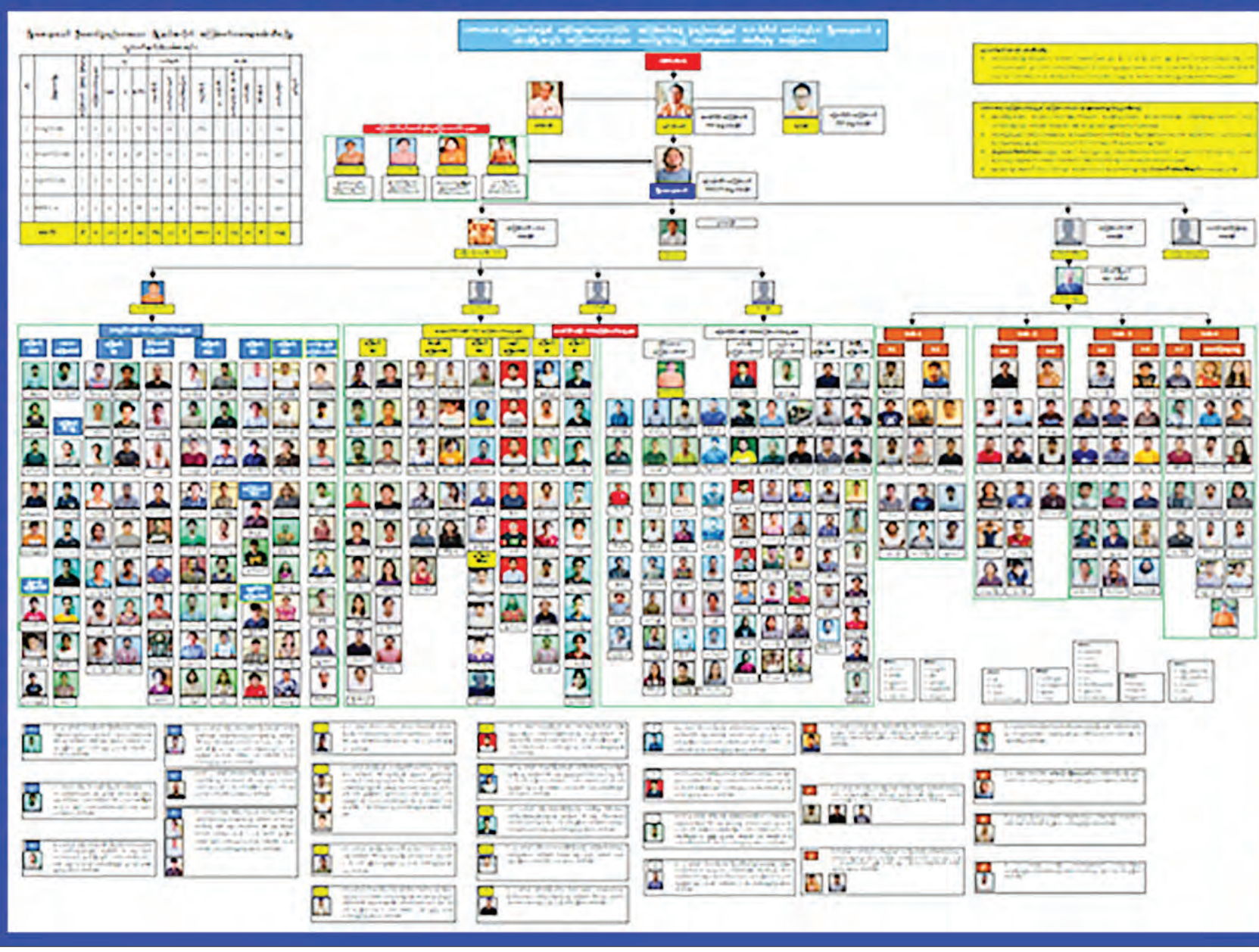

NLD party member Phyo Zeyar Thaw's support on weapons/ammunition supply to commit terrorist acts in Yangon continues to be recovered

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Lin (a) Ote Kyi received them and stored them separately at No 67, Thukhita street, 29 ward, Thingangyun and at No 142, Ngwe Tite Soe Compound, Phyi Thar Yar lane (2), (Za) North ward.

Hit list was made to kill ward/village administrators, civil servants, members of USDP party and other opposing party members, and innocent civilians, and the lists were submitted to the NUG. Weapons/ammunition were issued to assassination groups according to the missions given by the NUG. A total of 30 explosions at government offices, 32 explosions at ward administration offices, nine explosions near the electricity office, nine explosions near Ka-Nya-Na office, 12 explosions at traffic control rooms, five explosions on CCTV Control Box, 60 explosions in public areas, two bombings near religious buildings, three bombings in schools, altogether 178 explosions and 36 assassinations have been executed by them under the NUG.

According to the statement of perpetrator Maung Kyaw (a) Phyo Zeyar Thaw, Phyu Phyu Thin, Naing Htoo Aung, Win Myat Aye, Lwin Ko Latt collected funds in various ways and transfer them via illegal ways to him. He spent those funds in purchasing weapons/ammunition, explosives, unlicenced vehicles, renting safe houses for terrorists, bombings and assassinations, rewards to terrorists depends on the success of the mission, and some for his personal use.

It was revealed that under the instruction of NUG, SOF in-charge PK will commit "Pyan Hlwar Aung Mission", which aims to attack security forces, bombings in public areas and schools, killing teachers and exploding COVID-19 check-points, and Maung Kyaw (a) Phyo Zeyar Thaw was arrested while accelerating this mission.

According to his confession, Commander Yan Naing and a colonel of the KNU/KNLA Brigade Area (6) provided necessary consultation for the bombings and killings. On 31 October, terrorists tried to use M-79 bomb launcher for the first time to shoot Hline police station, however, it didn't work properly. Finally, after the instruction of the KNU commander and the colonel, three shots were done. It was also revealed that Yan Naing asked to contact to him in mentioning military activities in the area (6).

In addition, the Hanthawady military plan is being drawn up to perpetrate terrorist acts in Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady regions, and the plan also includes to ambush small security outposts and loot weapons/ammunition.

The following suspects were arrested for committing terrorists acts under the instruction of Maung Kyaw (a) Phyo Zeyar Thaw.

- 6 suspects including Nay Lin who were involved in 10 bombings in Dagon Myothit Township were arrested with ammunition within April and June.
- 8 suspects including Shwe Ye Nyunt who involved in the assassination of an innocent civilian in Tamway Township on 8 June, were arrested with weapons and ammunition.
- 13 suspects including Zaw Htike (a) Zaw Thura from SRU terrorist group were arrested after returning back from the terrorist training course in KNLA Brigade (6) on 10 June,
- 5 suspects including Khant Sithu who were involved in the shooting to a security guard in front of the Myanma Economic Bank in Tamway Township on 29 June were arrested with weapons and ammunition.
- Aung Myo Min who was involved in the shooting of one civilian in Dagon Myothit (East) on 7 July, was arrested with weapons and ammunition.
- 35 suspects including Kyaw Zaw Hein who were involved in robbing jewels from Shwe Nan Daw gold shop in Lanmadaw Township on 8 July were arrested with weapons and ammunition.
- Five including Kaung Pyisone Oo who were involved in shooting incident by shotguns to police members onboard the circular train.
- 31 suspects including Nyi Nyi Tun who were involved in the killing of an innocent civilian on 17 August were arrested with weapons and ammunition.
- 16 suspects including Hein Kyaw Lwin who were involved in the explosion of homemade mine under the bridge and Thunanda traffic lights in North Okkalapa Township on 6 and 7 September were arrested with weapons and ammunition and stimulant tablets.
- 11 suspects including Aung Nyein Chan who were involved in the attack to patrolling security forces in Sangyoung Township on 9 September were arrested with weapons and ammunition.
- 12 suspects including Zin Min Tun who were involved in the shooting to security forces on the bridge in North Okkalapa Township on 10 September were arrested with weapons and ammunition.
- 9 suspects including Hein Htet Aung (a) Zan Ye who were involved in the killing of U Naing Lin in Dagon Myothit (North) Township on 13 September were arrested.
- 7 suspects including Win Ko Oo (a) Thura Lwin (a) Wai Gyi who were involved in the killing of an innocent civilian near King tea shop in Kamayut Township on 18 September were arrested with weapons and ammunition.
- 18 suspects including Zwe Wai Yan Htet (a) Edison from Hlegu PDF group who were involved in the killing of an innocent civilian near Thiri Myaing train station in Hline Township on 20 October were arrested with weapons and ammunition.
- 13 suspects from STF terrorist group including Han Win Htut who were involved in the bank robbery of KBZ bank in Botahtaung Township on 22 October were arrested with weapons and ammunition and the cash.
- 14 suspects including Saw Bel Zin Htoo who were involved in the shooting to security forces at Bargayar traffic lights in Kyimyindine Township on 23 October were arrested with weapons and ammunition.
- 11 suspects including Aung Kaung San who were involved in the bombing in Insein Township on 23 October were arrested with weapons and ammunition.
- 23 suspects from 44 st UG terrorist group including Min Hein Khant who were involved in killing of an innocent civilian in Pazundaung Township on 26 October, bombings to schools, and in public places were arrested with weapons and ammunition.
- Four suspects including Sitt Zaw Kan (a) Han Thar Tun from SRU group who were involved in the assassination of Mytel GM U Thein Aung in Mayangon Township on 4 November were arrested.
- 7 suspects including Than Naing (a) BaeOo who were involved in the small armed attack to the township administration office in Mingaladon Township on 7 November were arrested with weapons and ammunition.
- 4 suspects including Shan Satt (a) Steven from Octopus terrorist groups who committed terrorist acts in Hline Township on 9 November were arrested with homemade mines.
- 11 suspects including Myat Thu (a) Nat Soe who were involved in the bombing near the administration office in Dagon Myothit (South) on 14 November were arrested.
- 13 suspects including Aung Ko Oo and Yan Naing Tun who attacked the security forces in Thakayta Township on 15 November were arrested with weapons and ammunition.

According to the statements of the arrested suspects, they didn't want to do such things because of the racism of the KNU forces during the training, poor living conditions in the camp and that the people do not want violence. However, they were threatened to perpetrate terrorist acts with the fact that they registered their family backgrounds while being trained in the KNU area.

A total of 293 terrorists (247 men and 46 women), including NLD party member Maung Kyaw (a) Phyo Zeyar Thaw, have been arrested together with 169 weapons, 231 homemade guns, 6 blowpipes, 312 magazines, 18,819 rounds of ammunition, 43 40-mm bombs, 16 mines, 48 grenades, 1,099 homemade mine, 175 homemade blowpipes, 61 smoke bombs, 5 visses of gunpowder, 28 strong, 11 weak, 43 bags of homemade gunpowder, 896 detonators, 4 detonator, 163 rounds of TNT ammunition, 9 rounds of C4 (1.25) pounds, 14 transistors, 20 keypad phones, 16 walkie-talkies, 5 radios, 2 binoculars, 16 satellite phones, 2 laptops, 1 hard disk, ATM cards, 1 passport, lists of places to be exploded, lists of people to be killed, stimulant tablets and other related items.

In addition, apartments and houses involved in the violence will be held as witnesses under the Anti-Terrorism Law and will be confiscated. The landlords who rent them out to accommodate the members of the terrorist PDF group will continue to be prosecuted under the existing law.

The people are requested to report any movement of terrorist groups to the relevant authority secretly and they will be rewarded, and to work together for peace and stability in the towns and villages as soon as possible.—MNA

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Terrorist groups destroy 565 government offices

THE State Administration Council has set out a plan for the stability and development of the country and for cooperating with the ethnic peoples, officials said.

Terrorists are trying to block the implementation of the future activities of the State Administration Council and to overthrow the government's administrative machinery.

From 1 February to 20 November 2021, a total of 565 government offices were destroyed by terrorist groups.

List of government offices set on fire by terrorists from 1-2-2021 to 20-11-2021

No	Region/State	Township	No. of destroyed offices	Remark
1	Nay Pyi Taw	7	13	
2	Kachin	12	18	
3	Kayah	6	10	
4	Kayin	8	13	
5	Chin	7	11	
6	Sagaing	31	68	
7	Taninthayi	7	12	
8	Bago	19	31	
9	Magway	23	44	
10	Mandalay	27	118	
11	Mon	8	30	
12	Rakhine	1	1	
13	Yangon	34	158	
14	Shan	13	24	
15	Ayeyawady	9	14	
Total		212	565	

The public is urged to work together to protect the terrorists, and if they receive information about the terrorist activities, they should contact the nearest security forces and cooperate with them until the terrorists can no longer stand, officials stated.—MNA

Arson on train and in train personnel quarter Pyinmana on 29 June 2021.

A handmade mine blast at Tiddin Township Education Office on 27 May 2021.

Kya-in-Seikkyi.

Dabayin.

Monywa.

Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay.

Loikaw.

Taunggyi.

Singapore's manufacturing output surges 16.9 pct on year in October

THE Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) announced on Friday that the country's manufacturing output increased 16.9 per cent year on year in October, from the revised 2.2 per cent decline in September.

Excluding biomedical manufacturing, the output grew 9.7 per cent year on year this October, compared to the revised 11 per cent growth in the previous month.

On a seasonally adjusted month-on-month basis, Singapore's manufacturing output increased 2.4 per cent in October. Excluding biomedical manufacturing, output rose 1.5 per cent.

The Singapore Economic Development Board (EDB) announced on Friday that the country's manufacturing output increased 16.9 per cent year on year in October, from the revised 2.2 per cent decline in September. **PHOTO: AFP**

According to EDB, the output of the biomedical manufacturing industry increased 56.1 per cent year on year in October, compared to the 35.9 per cent decrease in September. In a breakdown, the pharmaceuticals segment expanded 93.4 per cent from a low production base last year. Conversely, the medical technology segment declined 3 per cent with lower demand for medical devices in some export markets. —Xinhua ■

Cars of the future await clearance for takeoff

TRAFFIC jams are a common problem in cities around the world, be it Beijing, Tokyo or New York, with some frustrated drivers wishing they could fly over vehicles blocking their path.

Such ambitions may be fulfilled sooner than many expect, with "flying cars", commonly known as electric vertical takeoff and landing vehicles, or eVTOLs, fast becoming a reality.

HT Aero, an affiliate of Chinese electric vehicle maker Xpeng, demonstrated a flying car late last month, saying it plans to introduce these vehicles in 2024.

The X2 flying car produced by Chinese company XPeng is displayed at the China International Aviation and Aerospace Exhibition in Zhuhai, Guangdong province, in September. **PHOTO: LONG WEI/ CHINA DAILY/XINHUA**

The cars will feature a lightweight design and rotors that fold away, so that the vehicles can be driven on roads before and after flight. With a number of safety features, including parachutes, each vehicle will cost less than 1 million yuan ($156,400), the company said.

Globally, some 250 companies are developing and producing flying vehicles, and the list is growing, according to a report by consultancy McKinsey.

Robin Riedel, a McKinsey partner, said the flying cars sector has existed for more than a decade, and the "convergence of several trends "has led to increased interest in it.

"First, on-demand services have changed the way we think about mobility. Second, there's a focus on sustainability, which these vehicles support. Third, there's a lot of funding available from investors who want to be a part of the next big thing," Riedel said.—Xinhua ■

Honda turns to AI-powered tech to make roads safer

HONDA Motor Co. is integrating artificial intelligence into its vehicles to warn drivers of imminent traffic hazards and help them avoid accidents caused by human error, as the Japanese car and motorcycle maker aims to meet its target of zero fatalities by 2050.

Honda's AI-powered driver assistance technology — unveiled Thursday by the automaker in what it says is a world-first — checks a driver's movements and health using a monitoring camera and sensors. The No. 2 Japanese automaker by volume said it is planning to put the technology, including functionality that alerts against risks by tightening the driver's seatbelt or emitting audible warnings, into its vehicles in the latter half of the 2020s.

Japan's automakers are stepping up their development of safety technologies, such as automatic braking systems, at a time when the country's population is rapidly aging. The auto industry has also seen increased competition to develop internet-connected cars.— Kyodo ■

Supplied photo shows a seatbelt that automatically tightens to alert the driver of safety risks ahead of the car. **PHOTO: KYODO**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Why are so many UK energy providers going bust?

BRITAIN'S domestic energy providers suffered a string of bankruptcies in recent months, with Bulb the latest to see the lights go out this week.

The number of UK suppliers has almost halved since August, ravaged by sky-high global wholesale costs -- and local factors like the so-called energy cap.

Soaring fuel bills are also translating into surging inflation, which makes it increasingly hard to pass on spiralling costs to consumers as the cold winter approaches.

What is UK sector impact?

A total of 25 British suppliers have gone bust since August, plagued by surging wholesale prices for gas and electricity.

The dramatic collapse has left just 28 providers still standing, according to regulator Ofgem.

The nation's seventh-biggest supplier, Bulb, went bust on Monday, triggering special intervention to protect the near 1.7 million households it serves.

The government has set aside nearly £1.7 billion ($2.3 billion, 2.0 billion euros) to ensure Bulb stays on.

Under a separate bankruptcy process, customers from other smaller failing suppliers have been taken on by larger rivals. Analysts fear consumers will ultimately pay via even higher fuel bills -- hurting the poorest households the most.—AFP ■

Italy hits Apple, Google with antitrust fine

ITALY'S antitrust watchdog imposed 20 million euros ($22.5 million) in fines on Apple and Google on Friday, the second time the regulator has sanctioned US tech giants this week.

European countries have cracked down on the business practices of Big Tech in recent years, while the EU is moving forward with legislation to tighten regulation.

The Italian competition authority said it fined Apple and Google 10 million euros each for violations of the consumer code, including failing to provide enough information to customers and resorting to "aggressive methods" in the use of their data for commercial ends.

"Neither Apple nor Google provided clear and immediate information on the acquisition and use of user data for commercial ends," the statement said.

Google said in a statement that it would appeal the fine and its practices were "transparent" to offer customers useful services, according to Italian news agencies.

Apple said it has long been committed to protecting the privacy of its users, adding that the regulator's opinion was wrong and would also appeal it.—AFP ■

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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
298/	26.10.2021	Yangon	Mingaladon	U Wai Lin Aung	Ward administrator	Dead	
299/	26.10.2021	Yangon	Thingangyun	U Myo Win Nyunt	100-household leader	Injured	
300/	26.10.2021	Yangon	Hlinethaya (West)	U Boni	100-household leader	Injured	
301/	28.10.2021	Yangon	Mingaladon	U Phoe Cho	100-household leader	Dead	
302/	1.11.2021	Yangon	Kyimyindine	Daw Hnin Hnin Hlaing	100-household leader	Dead	
303/	1.11.2021	Yangon	Thakayta	U Aung Gyi (a) Aung Aung Lwin	10-household leader	Injured	
304/	4.11.2021	Yangon	Twantay	U Chit Win U Sein Kyaing	Ward administrator 100-household leader	Injured	
305/	7.11.2021	Yangon	Mayangon	U Kyaw Soe Win	100-household leader	Dead	
306/	10.11.2021	Yangon	Dagon Myothit(Seikkan)	U Thein Zaw U Thein Zan U Than Myint	Ward administrator 100-household leader 100-household leader	Injured	
307/	13.11.2021	Yangon	Shwepyitha	U Sein Myint	100-household leader	Injured	
308/	13.11.2021	Yangon	Hlinethaya (East)	U Thaung Hlaing Soe(a) Ko Htet	Ward administrator	Injured	
309/	13.11.2021	Yangon	Hlinethaya (West)	U Tin Soe	100-household leader	Injured	
310/	14.11.2021	Yangon	Shwepyitha	U Kyaw Thaung	100-household leader	Dead	
311/	15.11.2021	Yangon	Mingaladon	Daw Aung Nandar Win (a) Pusu	100-household leader	Injured	
312/	27.4.2021	Shan	Phekon	U Tun Paw	administrator	Injured	
313/	19.6.2021	Shan	Theinni	U Sai Shwe Ba	Ward administrator	Injured	
314/	25.9.2021	Shan	Mabein	U Myint Oo	10-household leader	Dead	
315/	9.5.2021	Ayeyawady	Kyankhinn	U Maung Maung Oo	Ward administrator	Injured	
316/	14.3.2021	Ayeyawady	Myanaung	U Thet Soe Aung	administrator	Injured	
317/	2.5.2021	Ayeyawady	Nyaungdon	U Aung Mya Oo	administrator	Injured	
318/	29.6.2021	Ayeyawady	Kyaiklat	U Kyaw San U Myo Nyunt U Zaw Myo Oo Ma Myo Myo Aye Maung Myo Khaing	Ward administrator 100-household leader 100-household leader Health staff Motorcycle carry	Injured	
319/	23.8.2021	Ayeyawady	Laputta	U Myint Aye Daw Moe Moe Mg Chit Nyi Nyi	100-household leader wife son	Injured Dead Dead	
320/	22.10.2021	Ayeyawady	Maubin	Mg Oo (a) Khin Maung oo	100-household leader	Dead	
321/	25.10.2021	Ayeyawady	Pathein	U Kyaw Htay (a) Kyaw Gyi	Ward administrator	Dead	

Trade with China begins through Muse, Chinshwehaw

DUE to the COVID-19 pandemic, China has suspended the import and export of goods from the Myanmar-China border since July 2021 and exports from the Chinshwehaw trading post have been suspended since April 2021.

Now that the incidence of COVID-19 has dropped, the two countries have agreed to resume trade.

As of 26 November, 70 tonnes of rubber from Asia Sun Trading Co., Ltd, 26 tonnes of Thiho seeds from Aung Naing Thitsar Co., Ltd, and 70 tonnes of broken rice from SNRPD Public Co., ltd were exported to China through the 105-mile trade zone of Muse.

The delegation led by the Director-General from the Myanmar side and the delegation led by Shweli Mayor of China held an online meeting and reached an agreement.

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A total of five export vehicles were also exported to China through the Kyinsankyawt checkpoint.

Next, KENBO Co., Ltd. Imported 285 motorcycles and motorcycle spare parts with five 40-foot containers, metal refining equipment such as Strontium carbonate, anode plate, fire brick for the stove, cabnode plates, tissue paper, glue water for paper mills and disposable plastic cups carried by five vehicles were imported.

On 26 November, two 12-wheeled vehicles carrying 3.929 tonnes of dry tea were transported by Shen Chunlong Production Co., Ltd. through the Chinshwehaw trading zones. A total of 7.858 tonnes of dry tea was exported to China and two vehicles will be imported next, the official said.

Myanmar-China trade was suspended from July 2021. As for now, officials from the two countries have resumed normal trade talks and departmental officials, business associations and companies are cooperating in the trade issues. —MNA

Imports of petroleum products exceed US$ 2.6 bln in FY2020-2021

MYANMAR imported more than US$2.6 billion worth of petroleum products in the financial year 2020-2021, as per the Myanmar Customs Department.

At present, the domestic fuel oil price is still bullish as the coronavirus negative impacts sparked oil demand concerns, coupled with Kyat depreciation.

The fuel oil was pegged at around K620 per litre for Octane 92, K750 for Octane 95, K660 for diesel and K670 for premium diesel in early February 2021 in the domestic retail market.

On 26 Nov, it rallied to K1,310-1,335 for Octane 92, K1,360-1,385 for Octane 95, K1,265-1,295 for diesel and K1,275-1,305 for premium diesel, according to local fuel oil market.

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Additionally, a foreign exchange rate also affects the petroleum price. Kyat is weakening in the local forex market, with around K1,800 per dollar on 26 November. In mid-February, a dollar was worth only K1,430.

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

In early June 2021, the Ministry of Electricity and Energy notified the private sector of keeping the oil storage above 35 per cent of the storage capacity of the tanks to avoid the possible discrepancy between demand and supply.

Last year, the domestic oil prices have declined to start from January owing to a fall in global oil prices. On 8 January 2020, oil prices were pegged at around K905 per litre for Octane 92, K995 for Octane 95, and K985 for diesel and premium diesel. Following the global market crashing, the domestic oil price plunged to more than 50 per cent in April against January's prices.

In late April 2020, the oil prices touched the lowest of K290-330 per litre for Octane 92, K430-455 for Octane 95, K435-465 for diesel, and K445-475 for premium diesel, according to the domestic oil market.

Ninety per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally. — KK/GNLM

Fresh black-eyed peas enter Mandalay market at high price

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"The bean is also known as Nadaw bean as it is usually harvested in the early Nadaw month (ninth month on the Myanmar Calendar). Some regard this as a gem as it allows the farmers to earn well every year. It is mostly delivered to external markets; India, China, Japan and European countries. European countries prefer black-eyed beans. Furthermore, the border post is going to resume its operations on a trial run soon. Consequently, Chinese buyers are going to purchase for sure", Soe Win Myint, an owner of the depot elaborated.

It is primarily produced in Kyaukse, Madaya, Singu, Wundwin, Thaedaw, Monywa, Pakokku, Salin, Sinphyukyun, Hinthada, Zalun and Kayan Thongwa townships.

Myanmar has shipped more than 48,336 tonnes of black-eyed peas to the international trade partners as of 20 August in the current financial year 2020-2021 since October 2020, generating a revenue of US$26.7 million, Myanmar Customs Department's statistics showed. — Min Htet Aung/ GNLM

Export charges of goods to China hike double this time

THE export charges of the goods to China have hiked double this time than earlier, said U Min Thein, vice-chair of Muse rice wholesale centre.

The goods were previously exported to China by truck, but now only the containers are allowed to transport to China for the COVID-19 reason.

"Earlier, China said that the number of COVID-19 infections in Myanmar has increased. That is the reason China has suspended their border checkpoints operation. If the gates are reopened again now, the drivers can be carried the viruses as well as the trucks and the goods from Myanmar. Therefore, the alternative driver changing system cannot be acceptable. The containers boxes, which are sprayed from companies and the drivers who have tested COVID-19 for the second time are only allowed," said U Min Thein.

Consequently, the transport of the goods to China earlier cost only around K800,000, but now the export charges have risen to K2 million.

"Earlier, the export charges of rice hit only K800 per bag. But now, it costs about K2,000 for charges of using container boxes. Each container box can load about 1,000 bags of rice. Each container weighing 50 tonnes will cost nearly K2 million for transportation. It is only two kilometres away and it will also cost spray charges, driver charges, entrance fees and container rental fees, U Min Thein elaborated.

Among the China-Myanmar border checkpoints, Kyinsankyawt point was closed starting from 8 July and it was reopened again on 26 November as a trial period.

During a trial period, a total of 10 container boxes have been conveyed between Myanmar and China. Those containers which are transported to China will contain rice, lower-quality rice, bean and great millet. If the trial period is successful, the border points will continue to open.

The Muse border, which is the mainstay of Myanmar-Chain border trade, is connected with Nandawphyu, Hsinphyu, Mang Wain, Kyinsankyawt- Wanding and Pansai-Wang Ding checkpoints.

Out of those border checkpoints, Nandaw and Hsinphyu checkpoints are closed starting from 1 April, while the Mang Wain checkpoint was halted on 30 March due to outbreak of COVID-19.—NN/GNLM

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Myanmar lose 1-4 to Indonesia in a friendly match

Myanmar player (red) vies for the ball against Indonesian players during their friendly match in Turkey on 25 November 2021. **PHOTO: PSSI**

THE Myanmar national team and the Indonesian national team, which are training for the 2020 ASEAN Suzuki Cup, played a friendly match in Turkey on 25 November at 9 pm Myanmar Standard Time, and the Indonesian national team beat team Myanmar 4-1.

Myanmar and Indonesia are training in Turkey in preparation for the ASEAN Suzuki Cup tournament.

Team Myanmar lined up with veteran players Maung Maung Lwin, Sum Laman, Yan Naing Oo, Hlaing Bo Bo, Maung Maung Win, Win Moe Kyaw, Zaw Ye Tun, David Htan, and Goalkeeper Pyae Phyo Aung and made substitutions in the second half.

The Myanmar team could not control the Indonesian attack and conceded three goals in the first half.

Team Myanmar was given chances due to many mistakes in controlling the Indonesian team's attacking line.

The squad will have a hard time getting a good result in the Suzuki Cup due to the ability of this match, the football expert predicted.

Winning goals for the Indonesian squad was scored by Ricky Kambuaya at 6 minutes, Irfan Jaya at 11 minutes, Witan Sulaeman at 33 minutes, and Ezra Walian at 55 minutes respectively. The single consolation goal for team Myanmar was scored by veteran player Hlaing Bo Bo at the 73-minute mark.

The Myanmar team played four friendly matches in the tour of Turkey and won two matches and have lost another two. —Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

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.

Covid cases force Nagelsmann into a reshuffle at Bayern Munich

BUNDESLIGA leaders Bayern Munich must reshuffle their starting side - with five players in quarantine - before hosting struggling Arminia Bielefeld on Saturday in a final tune-up ahead of their top-of-the-table clash at Dortmund.Bielefeld earned a 3-3 draw when the clubs met in Munich last February and have picked up four points from their last two league games. Yet even with a host of stars sidelined, Bayern head coach Julian Nageslmann still has plenty of talent available against second-from-bottom Bielefeld. "We are concentrating on the players who are there - the four World Cup winners and nine Champions League winners," Bielefeld coach Frank Kramer quipped drily.Bayern are missing midfielder Joshua Kimmich and back-up striker Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting, who also miss next weekend's clash at second-placed Dortmund after both tested positive for Covid-19.— AFP ■

Real Madrid target statement win over Sevilla in La Liga battle

REAL Madrid will need to capitalize on their excellent run of form to extend their lead at the top of La Liga when they face third-placed Sevilla on Sunday.

Madrid have won seven and drawn one of their last eight games in all competitions and look by far the most reliable team in Spain after a stop-start few weeks for their rivals.

Sevilla are only two points behind Carlo Ancelotti's side ahead of their visit to the Santiago Bernabeu but they are yet to establish the kind of solidity and consistency that kept them in the race at the top almost to the end of the last season.

Real Madrid have won seven of their last eight matches in all competitions. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Slip-ups against Alaves, Mallorca and Granada in recent weeks have cast doubt over Sevilla's ability to dispatch less glamourous opponents, a trait they have shown in the Champions League too. While Sevilla will need to win away away at Salzburg in the final round to make it to the last 16, Madrid are already through, the only thing to be settled in Group D whether they or Inter Milan finish first.

Ancelotti's hands-off style of management appears to be going down well with Madrid's players, with Toni Kroos the latest to excel against Sheriff in midweek.

Kroos, Casemiro, Luka Modric and Karim Benzema are ever-present in Ancelotti's starting line-up but perhaps more encouraging has been the emergence of others like Vinicius Junior and David Alaba as key players so far.— AFP ■

Thailand's Sadom Kaewkanjana shines in Asian Tour Phuket

THAILAND'S Sadom Kaewkanjana provided some unexpected home-turf razzle-dazzle on day two of the Blue Canyon Phuket Championship Friday, hitting an eight-under-par 64.

The 23-year-old, ranked 328th in the world, marched up the leaderboard, hitting eight birdies and claiming a one-shot clubhouse lead over America's John Catlin.

"Initially this week I was just focusing on making the cut, but I am changing my game plan for tomorrow and looking to go further," Kaewkanjana said.

The wet conditions and preferred lies rule meant Kaewkanjana's second-round effort does not count towards equalling Australian legend Greg Norman's course record of 64 in the 1994 Johnnie Walker Classic.

Catlin looked strong earlier, hitting a four-under-par 68 and was clubhouse leader on day one following a first-round 65, seven-under-par result.

"I played well today but need to go to the range and work on a few things," Catlin said.— AFP ■