



President U Win Myint hear report presented by UEC Chairman U Hla Thein about the process of a free and fair 2020 General Elections (2020 GE) at Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

President meets UEC for free and fair 2020 General Elections, gives instructions on work processes

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The meeting was attended by Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government U Min Thu, UEC Chairman U Hla Thein, UEC members U Aung Myint, U Soe Rae, U Tun Khin, U Hla Tint, U Myint Naing, U Than Htay, U Nyunt Sein, U Thet Tun, U Myint Aung, U Saw Daniel Kyi, U Aung Soe Win, U Than Aung, U Min Swe and U Swe Tint Lwin. — MNA (Translated by Zaw Min)

Meeting held on mechanism for resolving complaints on forced labour



Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe addresses the High Level Working Group-HLWG Committee's coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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At a High Level Working Group meeting, held on 4 March, the concerned government departments discussed the Action Plan, the National Complaints Mechanism, and processes for resolving complaints before the National Complaints Mechanism proposed by the ILO, and sent their remarks to the

working group. In accordance with the suggestions and remarks of the departments, the Labour Affairs Cooperation Work Committee drafted the National Complaints Mechanism, said the Union Minister.

Union Minister U Thein Swe urged the participants of the meeting to openly discuss the draft mechanism and to give suggestions to the committee.

Afterwards, Permanent Secretary U Myo Aung presented a report on remarks and action plans forwarded by the ministries, and processes for resolving complaints before the National Complaints Mechanism was established.

Members of the committee discussed the issues and approved the processes. —MNA (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

UN High Commissioner for Refugees visits Maungtaw, Buthidaung Tsps

UN High Commissioner for Refugees, (UNHCR) Chief Mr. Filippo Grandi, and entourage toured around Ywar Ma Village and Ywar Ma Gone Nar Village in Buthidaung Township, yesterday morning.

He then asked the locals about their necessity and saw progress of drinking water reservoir renovation in Ywar Ma Gone Nar Village. Afterwards, he and the entourage went over to Yan Aung Myain Monastery to meet with IDPs. During the meeting, he said that he represents humanitarian work there

and that they are ready to help any place in need of help. Then he visited Phar Wut Chaung village in Maungtaw Township and interviewed some locals.

Afterwards, the High Commissioner and entourage met with Muslims in Pan Taw Pyin (middle) Village and inquired their needs. They also visited places where a school and salt water dyke are to be built. He, then, visited Pan Taw Pyin Village to see new housing donated by Yangon Region Government. —MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)



UN High Commissioner for Refugees Chief Mr. Filippo Grandi meets with local residents in Pan Taw Pyin Village in Maungtaw Township. **PHOTO: MNA**

Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

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Two women were seized with 120000 stimulant tablets on Yangon-Muse road. Police seized 8510000 stimulant tablets and 44000 g of heroin on the Dong Feng 12-wheel vehicle on Lashio-Mandalay road. Two men and one woman were arrested with 4000 stimulant tablets and two motorbikes in Tabeikkyin Township. A man was arrested with 1350 stimulant tablets and 21 g of ICE in Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region. Three men were arrested with 119 stimulant tablets, 8 g of marijuana and one motor vehicle in Yuzana 2nd Street, Ward 2, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region. A man was arrested with 7000 stimulant tablets in Yuzana 2nd Street, Ward 2, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region. Two men were arrested with 900 g of marijuana in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region. A woman was arrested with 32 stimulant tablets in Hinthada Township, Ayeyawady Region. A woman was arrested with a seizure of 274 stimulant tablets.

There has been one arrest involving foreigners. An illegal Chinese woman was arrested with 25 stimulant tablets in Tachilek Town, Shan State.

There have been 228 cases being opened between 12-5-2019 and 18-5-2019. A total of 305 people, including 265 men and 40 women, were seized with 9083158 stimulant tablets, 500 g of crushed stimulant tablets, 44907.5 g of heroin, 24 g of ICE, 8245 g of opium, 1349 g of opium blocks, 70 g of low-quality opium, 560 g of speciosa powder, 2500.3 g of speciosa, 3980.83 g of marijuana, 30 Tramadol Capsules, 2750000 g of Acetic Acid (Solid), 960 liters of Acetic Acid (liquid), 1440 liters of Saffrole, 49000 g of Sodium Cyanide, 148139 g of Ketamine, 3400 liters of Acetone and 10200 liters of Ethyl Ether.

5. To seize further drugs and to arrest drugs dealers, people are urged to inform the Ministry of Home Affairs, region and state governments and to inform huge cases of drug trafficking and other suspicious cases directly to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department of the Office of the President via following contact numbers:

Contacts

Auto Telephone No.	— 067-590200
Fax Phone No.	— 067-590233
Email Address	— antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin hosts dinner in honour of Philippines Foreign Affairs Secretary



Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin welcomes Philippines Secretary of Foreign Affairs Teodoro Locsin Jr. and wife at the dinner reception in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE delegation led by Philippines Secretary of Foreign Affairs Teodoro Locsin Jr. and wife arrived on official goodwill visit to attend the third meeting of the Myanmar-Philippines Joint Commission on Cooperation in Nay Pyi Taw.

Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin hosted a dinner for the Philippines' Secretary of Foreign Affairs and wife at the Mount Pleasant Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The dinner was attended

by Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Myat Thu, directors-general, officials and Philippines Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Eduardo R. Kapunan and officials.—MNA (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

Myanma Agricultural Development Bank Manager to be sued for corruption

IT was reported that a complaint was filed against Myaungmya Township Agricultural Development Bank manager, Daw Marlar Tin for corruption. In the complaint filed against her to Anti-Corruption Commission, she is accused of taking advantage of farmers's difficulties and taking bribes. This happen during provision of agricultural loans to farmers in Myaung Mya Township, Ay-

eyawady Region.

As ACC formed an investigation team to look into the case, it was found that she deposited 2016 agricultural loan of K18,970,560, which belongs to 14 farmers from Lay Eain Tan village-tract, to Myanma Economic Bank. On 21 July new loans were given to those farmers for 2017 rain crops. 11 farmers, who had yet to return loan, each returned K15,411,000

with 5% interest of K77,055. It was received by Daw Marlar Tin, and she abused her authority by taking 5% interest of K70,550.

ACC said that the first complaint has been filed against her at Myaung Mya Police station to sue her for corruption in accordance Anti-Corruption Law section 56.—MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)

AA men kill Rakhine resident for refusing to ferry them on boat

AA GROUP reportedly stabbed and shot a Rakhine resident in Kyarnyopyin Village of Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State, for refusing to take them to Buthidaung on his motorboat on 20 May.

Around 7 p.m. on 20 May, four AA members on two motorcycles went to the home of Soe Win Naing, 38, and asked him to take them to Buthidaung on his boat. When Soe Win Naing refused, saying it was late, a quarrel ensued and the AA

men shot him and stabbed him to death. Soe Win Naing died on the spot.

The four AA members reportedly drove off along the Buthidaung-Yathedaung road towards Phoneyoleik Village.

Following the incident, members of the Tatmadaw and the Border Guard Police Force carried out a security operation in the area, and a case was registered at a local police station.—MNA

(Translated by Tun Tun Naing)

Over 1,000 fire outbreaks reported across the country in 5 months, kill 50

BETWEEN 1 January and 7 May, 1,160 fire outbreaks were reported across the country, which resulted in the death of 50 people, according to the Myanmar Fire Services Department. The outbreaks of fire affected 3,700 people, and destroyed over 16,000 buildings, 16 factories, and 17 warehouses, it said.

About 387 cases of fire were caused by negligence, 310 due to short-circuiting, 222 cases started in the kitchen, 26 on their own, 117 due to arson, 95 due to forest fire, one due to arson, one by other means, and another due to unknown reasons. Most fire outbreaks were the result of negligence.

In the five months since January, 55 cases were reported

in Kachin State, eight in Kayah State, 19 in Kayin State, 15 in Chin State, 122 in Sagaing Region, 37 in Taninthayi Region, 57 in Nay Pyi Taw, 108 in Bago region, 146 in Magway region, 135 in Mandalay Region, 32 in Mon State, 63 in Rakhine State, 137 in Yangon Region, 107 in Shan State, and 116 in Ayeyawady Region.

Due to Myanmar's geographical location, natural disasters such as fires, floods, earthquakes, storms, landslides, and drought are common in the country. The changes caused by the development of hotels, motels, factories, and buildings are increasing the threat of man-made disasters.—Aye Cho

(Translated by Hay Mar)