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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.

Youths must be strengthened with physical and mental health for ensuring the beauty of the nation in the future, Senior General stresses



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the meeting with students who would graduate No 4 five-year BEd course of the University for Development of National Races in Nay Pyi Taw on 19 November 2021.

"UNION SPIRIT" is a firm concept to recognize the whole Union as a family or a household, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with students who would graduate No 4 five-year BEd course of the University for Development of National Races under the Ministry of Border Affairs, at the office of the SAC Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

General said the UDNR has turned out 13,786 students in the MA, M Phil, BEd, diploma in teacher training, junior, primary and special primary teacher courses. Today's 272 students from the BEd course to be concluded come from 46 ethnic races.

Basic education schools in regions and states were reopened as of 1 November. Depending on the result of reopening these schools, universities will be reopened step by step.

At present, those who did not understand these issues are committing sabotages to disturb the education system and functioning of schools.

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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)

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Announcement No 4/2021

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Removal from the list of registered political parties and dissolving

- 1. The Union Election Commission allowed the National Development and Peace Party to register as the political party with registration No 42 under announcement No 95/2010 on 24-8-2010.
- 2. Regarding the report on dissolving the political party of National Development and Peace Party on 23-8-2021, the UEC approved to dissolve and remove from the list of registered political parties under the Political Party Registration Law's Section 19 (a) according to the decision made at Union Election Commission Management Committee meeting (8/2021) held on 16-11-2021.
- 3. Therefore, the National Development and Peace Party has been removed from the list of registered political parties and dissolved starting 16 November 2021.

Thein Soe Chairman Union Election Commission

Myanmar sees no reason for UN's resolution other than a politically motivated agenda

IT is learnt that the resolution entitled "Situation of Human Rights of Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar" was adopted without a vote on 17 November 2017 at the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Issues) of the 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly which has been convening in New York, the United States.

It is found that the resolution does not reflect the efforts made by the Myanmar Government to bring stability and the rule of law for its people and to address the challenges with utmost restraints. The elements contained in the resolution are based on unreliable sources and information, amplified by certain opposition groups and unlawful associations as well as terrorist and armed groups which are all targeted against Myanmar, and accordingly, they are found unsounded and erroneous. The resolution further ignores the indiscriminate violence committed by the terrorist groups CRPH, NUG and PDF which killed over 1,300 innocent civilians, including Sanghas (monks), teachers, medical workers, administrative staff and politicians from different political parties.

The origin of the resolution was emanated from the incident that took place in northern Rakhine State in 2017 when the terrorist attacks were launched by ARSA

appropriate citizenship status to those who met the criteria set out in the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law upon application. Nonetheless, Myanmar does not recognize the term "Rohingya". The real aim of using this term is to claim wider ethnicity and territorial status. Such usage has never existed in legal and historical records of the country and thus, the people of Myanmar cannot accept it. It is disturbing to see that the unlawful and terrorist groups, NUG and Kyaw Moe Tun recognize the term "Rohingya" and call for repealing the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law in direct contradiction to the national interests, historical facts and will of the people.

Myanmar steadfastly opposes the country-specific resolutions as their modalities do not create objective reporting, constructive dialogue and cooperation between the country-concerned and the international community. In the past, Myanmar used to call for a vote. Nonetheless, it is observed that this year resolution was adopted without a vote due to misrepresentation of Myanmar at the United Nations and the absence of a legitimate representative in the discussion.

It is totally unacceptable that Kyaw Moe Tun, dismissed from government service and representing the unlawful and terrorist group namely NUG, was admitted to the said discussion and thus, Myanmar unconditionally objects to it. The remarks by Kyaw Moe Tun, particularly with regard to Bengali-related matters, are contrary to the successive Myanmar Government's principles and position. In this regard, the Myanmar Government highlights that the statement of Kyaw Moe Tun does not represent the country-concerned and therefore, Myanmar strongly rejects it. Myanmar sees no reason for such actions by the United Nations other than a politically motivated agenda to entertain certain sponsors, targeting a single country by spending a lot of funds from the UN budget every year. As it only includes the intrusive wordings that invite the external mechanisms with no respect for the sovereign integrity of the nation, Myanmar categorically rejects the resolution and dissociates itself from the adoption of it.

aka Aqua Mul Mujahidin. The elements of the successive resolutions have failed to properly include the reality of the ground situation, the historical background of the region and the root cause of the issue. They neither include the sufferings of all communities including hundreds of displaced Hindu communities nor mention the efforts made by the Myanmar Government and the absence of the Bangladesh Government for the repatriation of the displaced persons including Hindus. Although the bilateral mechanism could not commence the repatriation process yet, over 700 displaced Bengalis have returned to Myanmar of their own volition. It is necessary to recognize that many displaced persons have been facing life-threatening challenges and could not return to Myanmar, as extremists are active in the camps in Bangladesh side. The resolution fails to include these facts that have caused a detrimental effect not only on the country-concerned but on own image of the United Nations in the context of preserving its values of impartiality and objectivity. Myanmar stands ready to receive the verified displaced persons and to grant

Ministry of Foreign Affairs Nay Pyi Taw 19 November 2021

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The school must be just a teaching centre as well as the venue where students must be trained to have the knowledge, critical thinking, citizen ethics and social ethics. If so, good and able citizens with physical and mental strength can be turned out to benefit themselves, their society and the State.

Teachers need to steer the youths not to derail from their goals, not to lose their future, not to suffer any discrimination for school-age children adopted by the Ministry of Education, not to leave anyone in learning and not to drop out from the school. Youths must be strength-



The Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister pose for the documentary photo with the SAC members, Union ministers, officials and students.



The Senior General receives the gift from the university.

ened with physical and mental health for ensuring the beauty of the nation in the future. Hence, the graduates of the UDNR need to nurture the students to be healthy and fit.

With regard to the national political leadership role of the Tatmadaw, the Senior General said everybody knows the Tatmadaw which emerged in the independence struggle has been unavoidably participating in the role of national politics due to historical demand and national favour after the independence was regained. The Senior General said the Tatmadaw has deeply decided to ensure the emergence of genuine democracy in the country. Only when all public service personnel, civil society organizations and the entire people cooperate with the Tatmadaw in building the Union based on

democracy and federalism, will they successfully meet the goal in a short time.

At present, the people in some areas have the wrong outlooks and face disunity in the unpeaceful situation due to incitement of foreign countries, instigation of some organizations, persuasion and terror acts of CRPH, NUG and PDF terroris rich in human resources. More than 18 million of the population is the people between aged 15 and 35 in the nation, according to the 2021 estimated population. Nurturing human resources is the primary duty of education staff.

Concerning the peace process, the Senior General pointed out that all citizens need to forge the Union spirit for restoring peace in the entire nation. "Union Spirit" is a firm concept to recognize the whole Union as a family or a household. As wish to help each other, help solve the problems, mutually cooperate with one another, sympathy and tolerance are nobly basic needs of the Union Spirit, those from the university need to participate in forging the Union Spirit as much as they can. The Senior General stressed the need for those youths to abide by the rules and regula-

tions of the service personnel with staying away from the party politics by upholding the Our Three Main National Causes. Only then will the good service personnel perform the development of the nation.

The Senior General is seen warmly greeting the university students.

The Senior General urged them to organize the ethnic national people for realizing the national unity and Union spirit conscience, responsibility and accountability with being free from party politics and improve themselves to become good and able persons of the country.

On behalf of the students, Kayah ethnic Ma Hsu Myat Noe spoke words of thanks.

A female student and a male student, on behalf of all students, presented a gift to the Senior General. After the ceremony, the Prime Minister, the Deputy Prime Minister, members of the State Administration Council, Union ministers and officials posed for documentary photos together with the students.

ist groups. The Senior General urged those from the UDNR to culture the spirit of good citizens as they are teachers-to-be for serving as the education staff and nurturing the students to become good citizens. Good citizens mean the citizens who strive to dutifully serve their duties for the interests of society as much as they can.

The Senior General stressed the need to nurture the national race youths to be reliable human resources of the State. Myanmar

based on Our Three Main Na-

tional Causes for ensuring perpetual existence of the Union, strive for peace and stability. development, socio-economic enhancement of the local people and development of human resources of the relevant regions they would be assigned, join hands with the government in the measure of the peace and stability of the State and the rule of law, dutifully serve the assignments for enhancement of the education sector with

The ceremony was attended by 72 female and male students from UDNR together with 200 more students from the convocation hall and Panglong hall of the UDNR (Sagaing) through videoconferencing. - MNA

Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Health Order No 519/2021

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19 November 2021

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.

- The Ministry of Health has taken preventive measures against Coronavirus 1. 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 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 the 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 Stay-at-Home programmes as of 4 am on 20-11-2021.
 - (a) Kachin State
 - (1) Phakant Township

- (b) Sagaing Region
 - (1) Kyunhla Township
 - (2) Monywa Township
- (c) Magway Region
 - (1) Taungdwingyi Township
 - (2) Magway Township
 - Minbu Township (3)
 - Sinbaungwe Township (4)
 - Mindon Township (5)
 - Minhla Township (6)
 - **Thayet Township** (7)
 - (8) Aunglan Township
- Mandalay Region (d)
 - (1) PyinOoLwin Township
- (e) Ayeyawady Region
 - (1) Pathein Township
- The people must strictly abide by the disciplines related to the prevention and 4. control of the COVID-19 issued by the Ministry of Health after removing these townships from the list of stay-at-home programme.

MoHT Union minister discusses systematic resumption of tourism industry

UNION Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Htay Aung organized a coordination meeting to ensure the systematic resumption of the tourism industry yesterday.

During the meeting, the Union Minister talked about the need to conduct the COV-ID-19 health rules in the open season to resume the tourism industry and follow the lead-

ership of regional tourism industry committees with the proportionate development in seven-type of tourism-related fields.

He then highlighted the



plans to survey the travellers' arrivals, accommodation, food, region tours, souvenir buying rate and expenses preparations for the tourist arrivals, cooperation work between the government and private industries including respective region/state governments and departments concerned.

Then, the officials who joined the meeting reported on the numbers of travellers, flights, vaccination programmes and safe services for those who work in the hotels and tourism industry.

At noon, the Union Minister met with the Nay Pyi Taw Council Member (2), Nay Pyi Taw Council Area tourism committee vice-chairman U Zeyar Lin and other hoteliers in Nay Pyi Taw at Thu Kha Soe

the lifestyle to live with the pandemic in line with the preventive measures despite the reducing infection rate, implementation of agriculture-based tourism for Nay Pyi Taw by cooperating with the ministries concerned, recreational tours in addition to pilgrimages, safe services of hotels/motels/lodges with the certificates granted under Healthy and Safety Protocol (HSP) of the ministry.

Then, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area tourism committee vicechairman U Zeyar Lin reported on the reopening of hotels/ motels/lodges in line with the COVID-19 health rules and implementation of tour destinations in Nay Pyi Taw.

The attendees to the meeting coordinated the meeting

Hotel in Pyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, the Union Minister discussed

and the Union Minister instructed the necessary things.

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

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

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

A total of 20 tonnes of liquid oxygen carried by one bowser, 1,468 empty oxygen



Chinshwehaw

cylinders, three oxygen plants and 0.28 tonne of masks were

imported via the Myawady and Chinshwehaw trading zones

and Yangon International Seaports.

One bowser transported liquid oxygen to Yangon via the Myawady trading zone. Three oxygen plants were also transported to Yangon via the Chinshwehaw trading zone, officials said.

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

Students aged over 12 receive second shots in Mongkhok Township

THE health officials conducted the second dose vaccination processes using Sinovac vaccines for the students aged over 12 in Mongkhok Town of Monghsat District of Shan State (East) at BEHS of Mongkhok Town yesterday.

Before the vaccination, the health workers and teachers

collected the student lists and made the necessary health procedures.

A total of 34 high school and middle school students – 7 males and 27 females — from BEHS and BEMS (Mongnin) were vaccinated against COVID-19 following COVID-19 health rules. — Yin Yin Win/GNLM

COVID-19 positive patients, patients to be monitored admitted to COVID-19 centres



Covid tests are underway at one of the COVID-19 centres.

COVID-19 positive patients and those required to be monitored are systematically admitted to Tatmadaw hospitals, military training depots, transit centres in respective military commands and provided with healthcare services.

In addition, officials from the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with relevant departments, charity organizations and responsible citizens, are opening quarantine centres in respective townships.

As of 7 pm yesterday, the Nay Pyi Taw Transit Centre received a total of 218 people – 107 men and 111 women who need to be monitored.

Local medical teams and officials in respective military commands are assisting with the accommodation, health and medical care of the patients, it is reported. — MNA

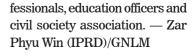
Health officials give COVID-19 vaccines to local people in Madaya



Inoculation drive in Madaya.

Over 4,000 students in Mawlamyine receive second dose of COVID-19 vaccine

STUDENTS over the age of 12 in Mawlamyine Township, Mon State, continued receiving their second dose of COVID-19 vaccines in respective immunization and in line with the COVID-19 rules and regulations with the collaboration of healthcare pro-



HEALTHCARE officials gave COVID-19 vaccines to local people aged 18 and above at Aung San Hall of Basic Education High School (Madaya), Township Gymnasium, and Villages in Madaya Township, PyinOoLwin District, Mandalay Region, respectively, on 19 November.

The vaccination was administered by the Township Administration Body and the Department of Public Health. Staff from the General Administration Department, Ward and Village-tract Administrators, Township Fire Brigade and Red Cross members also participated in the vaccination programme.

As of 18 November, a total of 54,709 people has been vaccinated for the first time and 37,184 people for the second time, and the remaining people in the township will be vaccinated soon, health officials said. —Soe Kyaw Thu Htwe (Madaya)/ GNLM sites yesterday.

As of 18 November, a total of 4,076 students have been fully vaccinated with their second dose of Sinovac COVID-19 vaccines. The vaccination will continue for the rest of the students so that they could access education as soon as possible, as well as to effectively prevent the spread of the COVID-19 disease.

The COVID-19 immunization was carried out under the supervision of the Chairman of the Township Administration Body



An above 12-year-old student gets jabbed in Mawlamyine.

Suspects involved in assassinating Mytel's general manager arrested

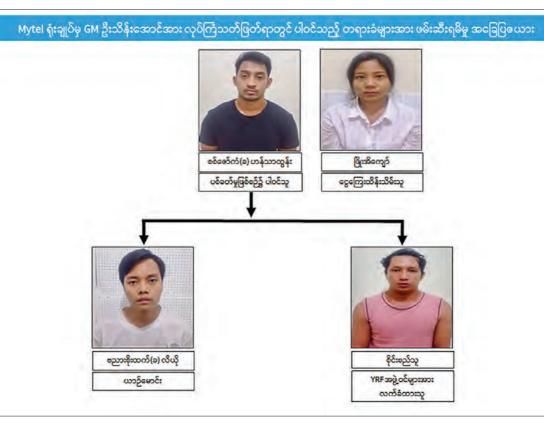
SUSPECTS involved in the assassination of U Thein Aung, General Manager of the Mytel Head Office, were arrested with the cooperation of the people.

U Thein Aung was murdered while going for a walk with his wife in the housing compound on the morning of 4 November 2021. He was pronounced dead at the scene and his wife was wounded.

Security forces worked hard to prevent such kinds of incidents and to arrest those who were involved in the murder, and with the cooperation of the people, Sitt Zaw Kan (a) Hantha Tun, 19, who was a suspect of the killing, was arrested together with Phyo Ei Kyaw, 24, in Mingaladon on 8 November.

According to the statement of defendant Sitt Zaw Kan, security forces arrested suspect Banya Soe Htet (a) Leo, 23, in Hline Township, and related suspect Sai Sithu, 35, in Taikkyi Township.

It is learnt that defendant Sitt Zaw Kan (a) Hantha Tun attended the explosive training course in the KNLA Brigade (6) area in April. He is the deputy leader of the Yangon Revolution Force-YRF, led by Okkar (yet to be arrested), and Banya Soe Htet (a) Leo was the third leader of the YRF, which was formed to commit terrorist acts across the



city. Defendant Phyo Ei Kyaw is the YRF's treasurer, who is in charge of the purchase of essential weapons/ammunition with the fund. They said Myanmar citizens living abroad, who support their terrorist acts, has been providing necessary funds and medical supplies.

Defendant Sitt Zaw Kan (a) Hantha Tun received three pistols, five magazines, and 121 bullets from Jame (YUG group) through Nga Kyar (Free Tiger Ranger-FTR) on 26 September, and he kept them at the hand of Banya Soe Htet (a) Leo. The YRF group planned to hide in the compound owned by suspect Sai Sithu near Ngasu village in Taikkyi Township, after carrying out the acts of terrorism.

According to their statements, Banya Soe Htet (a) Leo brought those weapons and went to murder U Thein Aung with Sitt Kan Zaw (a) Hantha Tun by a Hyundai Accent (white colour). Pho Thar and Thar Nge, who are yet to be arrested, followed them by two bicycles. On Konemyittha road, Sitt Zaw Kan (a) Hantha Tun got off the car, took the bicycle from Thar Nge. Thar Nge went by foot and shot U Thein Aung and his wife seven times with a pistol on Taynuyin street.

According to the statement of Sitt Kan Zaw (a) Hantha Tun and Banya Soe Htet (a) Leo, they were involved in killing grocery owner U Sann Linn and wife, on Okkyin Budayon road, in Hline Township on 5 August. They wore PPE suits and committed the crime with Aung Lay, and they received K700,000 for it from Jame (YUG group). Sitt Kan Zaw (a) Hantha Tun received three two-series homemade time bombs from the People Power Movement-PPM group on 21 October and these bombs was given to a member of Rangoon Urban Revolutionary-RUR to explode it near the EPC office on Pyay Road, Mayangon Township on 22 October.

The killing of business executives and destruction of commercial buildings were funded by terrorist group NUG to discontinue foreign businesses that are affiliated with the government in the country. The YRF group, which includes the arrested suspects, is mainly commanded by Jame (YUG) and has 12 terrorist groups under its control. Jame (YUG) has been linked to the terrorist group NUG / CRPH to get weapons and financial support and it is ordering the acts of terrorism.

It is reported that the arrested suspects will be taken action under the law, and the people are requested to work together for the peace and safety of the towns and villages by covertly providing information about the connected suspects to the relevant authority.—MNA





Culprits are seen waiting for killing the Mytel's GM.

Culprits are seen by the CCTV.

NLD member Maung Kyaw (a) Phyo Zeyar Thaw arrested with weapons, ammunition in Yangon

A press release was issued on 17 November regarding the arrest of a total of 47 suspects - 40 men and 7 women, who murdered the security forces at the Thanlyin Bridge, North Okkalapa Bridge, Htantabin Township, and Bargaya Traffic Light, under the attacks of terrorist NUG and NLD member Phyo Zeyar Thaw. They were arrested with 34 assorted small arms, 70 assorted magazines, 2,105 assorted rounds of ammunition, 17 40mm grenades, 10 homemade bombs, two grenades eight mines, five smoke bombs, seven bags of gunpowder, and one binoculars.

NLD member Maung Kyaw (a) Phyo Zeyar Thaw, who has been behind the acts of terrorism in Yangon, including the killing of security forces, was arrested with weapons and ammunition in Yangon on 18 November.

Due to the cooperation of the dutiful civilians who condemn the killing of civil service personnel and members of security forces, he was arrested together with two pistols, 48 rounds of 9mm ammunition, one M16 gun, 74 rounds of 5.56 ammunition in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township in Yangon. His terrorist acts will further be reported, according to the authorities. — MNA





Arrestee Phyo Zeyar Thaw is seen with weapons and ammunition.

Terrorist groups kill 38 civil servants, leaving 79 wounded

THE State Administration Council has set out a plan for the stability and development of the country and the cooperation 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.

Civil servants have been killed by the terrorists, officials

added.

During the period, from 1 February to 16 November 2021, about 38 civil servants were killed and 79 were injured in the assassination attempt by terrorist groups.

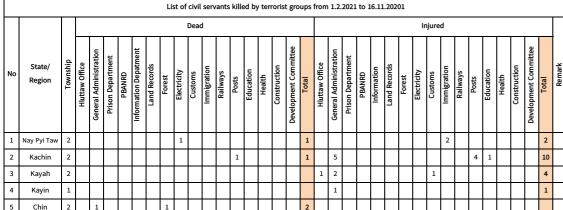




U San Tun Myaing (wounded) in Amarapura Township.



Htein Win (dead) in Mingala Taung Nyunt Township.



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

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U Aye Thwin (dead) in Mawlamyinekyun Township.

OPINION 8

Cut consumption of electricity at households as much as possible

INCE its emergence, electricity has been modernizing the advancement of the political, social and economic arenas in the society as well as raising the daily lifestyle of the people

In fact, generating electricity is very expensive. More than that, the process of electrification such as the installation of power cables and construction of power stations for the people can spend a large number of funds. But, the governments in successive eras tried hard to meet the demand of the people

Hence, systematic consumption of electricity will directly reflect the development of the country and the reduction of extra expenditure of users. That is why both producers and users need to seek the best way of electrification for the society of Myanmar.

as much as they can.

Nowadays, electrification is a bridge between the urban and rural areas as part of narrowing the development gap between them. It can be seen that electricity is a key player in developing the areas of the nation and helping the industries improve their levels and increase production. That is why electricity is a key to lock off the way to build the industrialized nation.

At present, both the government and the people are facing challenges and difficulties for the consumption of electricity as well as payment of electric meter bills. The government is striving for generating electricity in various ways and methods while the people should seek the best way to pay electric meter bills they themselves consumed. In the universe, everybody needs to accept the concept of a give and take policy.

Moreover, people need to cut consumption of electricity if not necessary. If all the people can cut their electricity consumption, the government can reduce the

spending of its fund on generating the electricity. Hence, the surplus fund can be allotted for other sectors. So also, user people can cut their finance from payments for the bills.

If each household consumes about 100-meter units per month, they need to pay about K6,000 per month. If their consumption exceeds more than 100 units, the bill will charge more than K6,000. So, the government needs to spend more funds on electrification unavoidably if the electricity consumption of people is larger. Moreover, officials need to prevent the loss of electricity in various ways.

Hence, systematic consumption of electricity will directly reflect the development of the country and the reduction of extra expenditure of users. That is why both producers and users need to seek the best way of electrification for the society of Myanmar.

Sayagyi U Win Pe's Emerald Lake, review of Mountain of Swords and 'Are gods astronauts?'

OET, translator, scholar \mathbf{D} Sayagyi ('revered teacher') U Win Pe (15 June 1927-9 November 2021) whose main pseudonyms included 'Mya Zin' and 'Epsilon' passed away in Yangon on the night of 9 November 2021.

Shin Ottama Gyaw's Tawlars and Emerald Lake

Around the same time Sayagyi passed away, this writer was reading in the Myanmar language tawlars of the medieval monk-poet Shin Ottama Gyaw (circa 1443-1532). Tawlars, a genre of Burmese poetry, are compositions of the natural beauty of the seasons, forests, hills, sceneries and can be described as 'travel poetry' or 'pastoral travelogue'. Nine tawlars of Shin Ottama Gyaw survive, through the centuries, to this day.

A few of Shin Ottama Gyaw's tawlars are paeans regarding the Buddha's journeys. The Buddha journeyed to various places discoursing the Dhamma (his teachings) to the laity. I once read that a few of the poems of devotion (to the Buddha) of Shin Ottama Gyaw can (in a sense) be compared with the devotional Christian poetry of the Anglican English poet George Herbert (3 April 1593-1 March 1633). This thought comes to mind as I read the tawlars of Shin Ottama Gyaw.

The medieval Burmese poetry was a difficult read for me and while reading the 9 tawlars of the monk-poet I thought of Sayagyi Win Pe's own translations of Burmese poems in his book Mya Kan Thar translated as Emerald Lake. Emerald Lake is a collection in the original vernacular and English translations of about 50 poems which were composed between the 11th and 19th centuries.

I read the original Myanmar poems first. In a few of the poems, the meanings and themes of what several Burmese poets of yore wrote (in different centuries) escaped me. I can envisage the content and the meaning of some of the poems (to quote a Biblical phrase) (only) 'through a glass darkly'. Sayagyi Mya Zin's English translations of mainly medieval Burmese poems may not necessarily facilitate me to discern the images, metaphors, messages and themes of some of

these poems 'face to face'. Nevertheless, the English translations by Savagyi and his further explanations in both Burmese and English in the 'afterword' helped this interested dilettante to learn about them. Perhaps no more than a few hours after Sayagyi passed away I did wonder on the night of 9 November 2021 whether Mya Zin has translated any of Shin Ottama Gyaw tawlars (I did not find them in *Emerald Lake*).

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writers of Mya Than Tint's novel.

The novel was about castaways

marooned on a deserted island.

In virtually absolute and stereo-

typical terms the novel depicts the

courage and sacrifice of the (work-

ing class) hero, the cowardice and

wickedness of the (capitalist) vil-

lain and other characters and how

they interacted with each other

reading was published in The

Working People's Daily (WPD)

of 15 November 1973. The review

(article) was written by the late

Maung Tin Mya, one of the editors

of the WPD. The second review

appeared in the 28 November 1973

issue of The Guardian [Rangoon].

ing Saya Mya Than Tint's novel

first published in 1973 with that

of a novel about fish-mongers

entitled Ahtet-Ta Wet Aught-ta-

wet (roughly 'Half-above and

Half-Underneath') written by the

late writer Maung Thar Ya first

published around 1971. My article

I wrote an article compar-

The reviewer was Mya Zin.

The first review that I recall

during their ordeals.

Alas, the next day on 10 November 2021 I learned of Sayagyi's passing.

Very Few Selected Works of U Win Pe under various pseudonyms

Since the 1960s (if not earlier) Sayagyi contributed articles in English to the then dailies *The* Working People's Daily and The Guardian. He had also published books in the Burmese language mainly about poetry. Among others, his English language monograph The Shwedagon (pagoda) is now a rare book which this writer does not have.

The 1998 reprint of *Emerald Lake* (perhaps first published in the 1970s) contains about a dozen or so typographical errors.

In addition to *Emerald Lake*, I have photocopies of several articles which Sayagyi wrote under two pseudonyms.

I will comment on only two of them. I emphasize that these are by no means significant publications of U Win Pe. My observations below are made since I have recently re-read them.

By Dr Myint Zan

Two reviews in English of Global New Light of Myanmar. Mya Thant Tint's Crossing a I have re-read the two re-**Mountain of Swords**

views of Crossing a Mountain In late 1973 the late writer of Swords. I prefer the review Mya Than Tint (23 May 1929-18 of Maung Tin Mya to that of the late Sayagyi Mya Zin. There were February 1998) published his book (which reads in my translation) large dollops of then (in the 1970s) Crossing a Mountain of Swords prevailing socialist ideology in Mya and a Sea of Flames. In the month Than Tint's novel though perhaps of November 1973 alone there not necessarily those of 'Burmese were two reviews in the English Socialism' since the then 'socialist' Language written by two different regime incarcerated Mya Thant Tint and other leftist writers for years in the then Coco Island prison. Mya Than Tint's novel was in large part born out of the experience he and his fellow prisoners had to go through for years at the

> Coco Island prison. Mya Zin's review was also socialist-oriented using the terminology and substance of socialist, quasi-Marxist ideology. From what I recall reading, Maung Tin Mya's review was less ideological. Perhaps that is the reason for my preference. I might add that my preference is also based on my own ideology.

I prefer Sayagyi's other essays written under the pseudonym Mya Zin (both in Burmese and English) to the above-mentioned review.

'Are Gods Astronauts?' Article by 'Epsilon' in The Working **People's Daily around February** 1975

'Epsilon' is the other pseudonym of U Win Pe. Under that name, he had regularly published articles on science-related topics in the 1960s and 1970s in the WPD.

Sometime in 2019, I managed to photocopy and read an article by U Win Pe under the pseudonym 'Epsilon' published around February 1975 in the WPD. The title is 'Are Gods Astronauts?'

In using the term 'gods' Epsilon apparently did not mean the postulated or putative Creator of the Universe that can be discerned in the Scriptures of at least four major religions, three of them being from the Abrahamic tradition.

From what is written in Epsilon's article 'gods' apparently refer to the many gods which might include (but are not limited to) Devas in the Pali Language. The article in effect states that a few was published in the 'Sunday Spe- of the buildings or structures of cial' 2 September 2018 issue of The ancient civilizations (including

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visited the Earth!

Kind (about extraterrestrials vis-

but not limited to the Pyramids in Egypt) might have been built by extraterrestrial aliens. Epsilon quoted (perhaps light-heartedly?) the book *Chariot of the Gods* by Eric Von Daniken (born 14 April 1935). I am pretty sure though that Epsilon did not consider Daniken's claim as 'proof' that extraterrestrials have visited Earth.

The late historian Sayagyi Dr Than Tun (6 April 1923-30 November 2005) in the year 1966 translated and published the (shall we say now albeit in retrospect) fake The Third Eye by the late Lobsang Rampa (8 April 1910- 25 January 1981) about Tibet and the apparent occult and esoteric practices there. It was found later than 'Rampa'

had apparently not even been to Tibet! To be fair in the years 1966

and 1975 respectively, Lobsang Rampa's and Von Daniken's (shall we say now) quackery or at least fantastical (not 'fantastic') stories have not been fully debunked. But even in 1975 if one were to discuss extraterrestrial intelligence there were scientific attempts or endeavours which deserve mention. They were more based on science than the stories of Von Daniken or other sources Epsilon

Since 1960 the astronomer Frank Drake (born 28 May 1930)

referred to in his article.

iting Earth in a space ship and delivering human hostages captured vears back to the 'Earthlings') of 1977 and ET. the Extraterrestrial (about a single ET being temporarily stranded on Earth being 'protected' by kids) of 1982, both directed by Steven Spielberg, have been shown in cinemas worldwide, including perhaps in Burma. One wonders whether or not Epsilon' had written reviews of these two movies as Mya Zin did in 1973 of Mya Than Tint's novel.

More seriously, in recent years there are quite a few books on scientific grounds dealing with the search for extraterrestrial intelligence. One of them would be The Eerie Silence: Renewing Our Search for Alien Intelligence (first published in 2010) written by cosmologist Paul Davies (born 22 April 1946).

I have learned a few aspects of science from other articles by Epsilon. In literary matters especially in relation to poetry, Mya Zin/ Win Pe's books and articles are noteworthy and I have learned from them.

'Diminished' but commemorating a life-well lived

To live to the venerable age of 94 is indeed a great blessing. Paraphrasing a passage from the poem of the English poet John

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Donne (22 January 1572-31 March have devised the 'Drake equation' 1631) the death of Sayagyi U Win where the chances of the existence of extraterrestrial civilizations Pe 'diminishes' not only his family were sort of calculated through but also many of his admirers, followers and readers. (Donne wrote that 'equation'. A simplified explanation of the Drake equation could 'everyman death diminishes me be a better journalistic article on for I am involved in mankind'). the subject than the postulate, in-We can take solace and indeed deed the construct and the fantasy commemorate that his was a long that extraterrestrials had already life well-lived with notable contributions for the uplift of literary and scientific knowledge of the Subsequent to 1975 the movies Close Encounters of the Third community.





Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Friday19 November 2021)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is a few cloudover the North Bay and Eastcentral Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 20th November 2021: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Taninthavi Region, isolated in Yangon, Ayeyawady Regions and Kayin, Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States.

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

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

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 November, 2021: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 November, 2021: Likelihood of isolated rain or thun dershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 November, 2021: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Region. Isolated rain or thundershowers in Yangon Region.

Depression News, No.4, 2021 19 November 2021 12:00 MST Today

Depression

According to the observations at (11:30)hrs M.S.T today, the depression over North Tamilnadu Coast and adjoining South Andhra Paradesh Coast near Puducherry (India) has crossed and made landfall. It is forecast to continue to move West-Northwestwards and weaken gradually. This is the last news for "Depression".

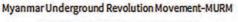
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Suspects who committed attacks on security members of township administration office beside No (3) Highway of Mingaladon Township arrested

AT about noon on 7 November, three men (under scrutiny) shot the security members, who were serving duties at the entrance/ exit of township administration office beside No (3) Highway Road in Mingaladon Township, from a Probox car. Due to their attack, one staff and one civilian, including some security members were injured.

The security forces investigated the suspects and acting on to the tip-off, on 12 November, the police arrested Han Lin Thein (aka) Ye Lin Thein who hired the Probox at Saung Thazin dormitory in Moe Makha Street in Kongtala Baung Village of Mingaladon Township and car owner Tin Zaw Myint at Pale Gayha street in No (3) Ward of Kamayut Township. Then, according to the confession of Tin Zaw Myint, the security members arrested Than Naing(aka) Bae Oo, Pyae Sone Aung (aka) Athay Lay and Lwin Moe in Baho street of No (3) Ward of Kamayut Township.

Following the words of suspect Than Naing (aka) Bae Oo, the police raided apartment (B) of No (172), 6th floor in Padamyar street of No (3) Ward of Kamayut Township where they rented and seized two M16s, 7 magazines, 320 5.56 bullets, 34 empty bullets, 55 9mm bullets, 3 walkie-talkies, 2 chargers, 15 batteries and a pair of gloves. Moreover, the police also seized 20 9mm bullets, 20 5.56 bullets, 5 detonators, 4 detonator strings, 12 Icom batteries, 20 cards containing 12 boxes of iron balls, 4 Icom machines, 4 walkie-talk







Lwin Ko Latt who gives orders, from behind the scenes, to commit terrorist acts in Yangon.

ies, 1 gas bottle containing 480 5.56 bullets, 20 detonators and 3 grammes of strong gunpowder at Apartment (1/A), No (150) in Padamyar street of No (3) Ward of Kamayut Township.

According to the words of Than Naing (aka) Bae Oo, the police arrested Wai Yan Htet Naing who carried the firearms and participated in the attacks, at the traffic light of Mandalay Street in Dagon Myothit (North) Township. Following the words







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of Wai Yan Htet Naing, they also raided No (604), 23rd street in No (1) Ward of Latha Township and arrested Myo Naing with the medicines provided for PDF members.

On 14 November, based on the confession of suspect Myo Naing, the security forces raided the house of Ma May (aka) Moe Thu Khine (aka) May Thet Khine(still at large) from Myanmar Underground Revolution Movement-MURM, at No (39/299) in Thamardi street of Dagon Myothit (North) Township and seized 50 .380 bullets, 2 magazines, 3 homemade bombs, 3 detonators, 25 packs of handmade gunpowder, gunpowder straps, about 30 **SEE PAGE-11**

Incident site in Mingaladon Township

Suspects who committed attacks on security members of township administration office beside No (3) Highway of Mingaladon Township arrested

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kyattha (ticals) of homemade gunpowder, 4 five-gallon buckets of acid, 17 chemical glass tubes, 4 glass tubes, 15 copper pipes, 1 bag of potassium nitrate (25 kilos), 9 gas cylinders, 1 welding machine, 30 MPT Sim-cards, 11 keypad phones, 11 fake ID cards and 20 switches of remote-controlled mines.

During this case, the police arrested 7 males, 2 M16s, nine magazines, 820 5.56 bullets, 50.380 bullets, 34 empty bullets, 75 9mm bullets, 3 homemade bombs, 28 detonators, 4 detonator strings, about 3 kilogrammes of strong gunpowder, 20 cards containing 12 boxes of iron balls, 7 walkie-talkies, 4 Icom machines, various type of medicines and other explosives.

The suspect Than Naing (aka) Bae Oo (Fight for Freedom-FFF) admitted that Than Htike Soe (aka) Soe Gyi (still at large) who is running a Myanma traditional rice shop in Japan, communicates with terrorist groups NUG and CRPH to support the terrorist groups. Than Htike Soe (aka) Soe Gyi joined the Zoom Meeting organized by Lwin Ko Latt from NUG and reported on the financial assistance to the terrorist groups including FFF.

The suspect Wai Yan Htet Naing is a member of MURM organized by Ma May (aka) Moe Thu Khine (aka) May Thet Khine while the suspect Lwin Moe is from Bago PDF and he joined the explosive training in KNLA Brigade 1 area together with Moe Thiha. Myo Naing supported finance to Ma May (aka) Moe Thu Khine (aka) May Thet Khine to rent မင်္ဂလာဒုံမြို့နယ်၊ သင်္ဃန်းကျွန်းကြီးကျေးရွာ၊ မြို့နယ်စီမံအုပ်ချုပ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ ရုံးရှေ့ ဝင်/ထွက်ပေါက်၌ ပစ်ခတ်မှုဖြစ်စဉ် မှတ်တမ်းဓာတ်ပုံ



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U Phoe Cho (dead)

an apartment as Safe House in Dagon Myothit (North) Township in October. By the end of September, Than Htike Soe (aka) Soe Gyi communicated with suspect ကမာရွတ်မြို့နယ်၊ (၅)ရပ်ကွက်၊ ဆရာစံလမ်းနှင့် အောင်သုခလမ်းထောင့်၌ ပစ်ခတ်မှုဖြစ်ပွားသည့် မှတ်တမ်းဓာတ်ပုံ



Daw Myint Myint Aye (dead) in Kamayut Township.

Japan (still at large) from Myawady and transported the firearms for FFF. He hid the materials inside the oxygen cylinders. Therefore, they misused the chance provided by the government, while it eased some restrictions in transporting the oxygen cylinders amid the outbreak of COVID-19.

The FFF and MURM joined and conducted the attacks. On 5 October, Than Naing (aka) Bae Oo, Pyae Sone Aung (aka) Athay Lay and Ko Ye (still at large) watched the situation of township administration office in Thingangyun Gyi Village in Mingaladon Township and another nine suspects — 5 from MURM and Than Naing (aka) Bae Oo from FFF, Tin Zaw Myint including other ones who are still at large — Shan Lay and Wai Yan Htet (aka) Thura arranged to shot the security members. On 7 November, two members of MURM watched the condition and Than Naing (aka) Bae Oo and Tin Zaw Myint riding white Probox and Wai Yan Htet (aka) Thura, Shan Lay and Ko Ye and another two men (still investigating) riding grey Probox shot using two M-16s. Then, Than Naing (aka) Bae Oo kept the firearms.

On 28 October, innocent civilian U Phoe Cho from Thingangyun Gyi Village of Mingaladon Township was shot to death by MURM. On 8 November, Than Naing (aka) Bae Oo took the pistol from Wai Yan Htet (aka) Thura and gave Phoe Kar (still at large, Kamayut PDF). Phoe Kar gave K500,000 as a rental fee to FFF.

On 9 October, he shot innocent civilian Daw Myint Myint Aye (aka) Daw Pyar Gyi from No (5) Ward of Kamayut Township and he returned the pistol to Wai Yan Htet (aka) Thura on 10 November.

The arrested suspects will face legal actions under the law and those who report the movements of the insurgents will be covertly awarded.—MNA

Deadline extended for

COVID-19 fund loan to journalists, artistes

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

It has been announced that applications for the loan from the COVID-19 fund will be accepted from 25 October to 19 November, but applications will continue to be accepted during office hours until 3 December during government holidays. — MNA 624 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 19 November, total figure rises to 516,770

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 516,770 after 624 new cases were reported on 19 November 2021 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, 489,140 have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll reached 19,000 after 11 died. —MNA

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Sagaing Region continues planting corn as cold season crop

SAGAING Region Agriculture Department projected to proceed with planting the corn as a cold season crop after a successful yield of the corn as a monsoon crop in the financial year 2020-2021 growing season, said U Aung Kyi Win, deputy head of Agriculture Department.

"The maize, sweet corn, baby corn and other corn varieties are cultivated. The seed corn is mostly planted in the rainy season. Sagaing Region saw successful cornfields in the monsoon growing season. As a result of this, the department will continue planting the corn," he continued. The cultivation of sweet corn and baby corn commenced in June 2021. A total of 210,608 acres of maize, 74,728 acres of baby corn, 121,589 acres of great millet and 6,365 acres of other types of corn have been planted in the last monsoon season of the 2020-2021 growing season, according to the data of the Sagaing Region Agriculture Department.

The department is raising



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awareness of fall armyworm invasion in the farms. It distributed 5,000 insecticides for natural pest management, the department stated.

In the 2021-2022 monsoon growing season, the department has planned to grow 15,777 acres of maize in Sagaing District, 1,288 in Monywa District, 569 in Yinmabin District, 664 in Shwebo District, 3,848 in Kanbalu District, 1,369 in Katha District, 3,427 in Kalay District and 1,258 in Mawlaik District, totalling 28,200 acres. The region department will cover 31,648 acres of baby corn in Sagaing District, 17,794 in Monywa District, 33,302 acres in Yinmabin, 36,452 in Shwebo, 2,737 in Kanbalu, 9,886 in Katha, 15,443 in Kalay, 1,263 in Tamu, 6,675 in Mawlaik, 2,000 in Hkamti and 1,000 in Naga Self-Administered Zone, totalling 158,200 acres, as per data of the Sagaing Region Agriculture Department.

During the 2020-2021 growing season, there were 18,705 acres of sweet corn in Kalay District, 579 acres in Kani, 19,036 acres in Naga Self-Administered Zone, 1,812 acres in Monywa District, 12,802 acres in Shwebo District, 151,603 acres in Kanbalu District, 2,908 acres in Sagaing Region, 3,124 acres in Katha District and 39 acres in Kawlin District. Additionally, 480 acres of baby corn were grown in Mawlaik District, 1,382 acres in Tamu District, 11,381 acres in Kalay, 4,698 acres in Naga Self-Administered Zone, 1,111 acres in Monywa District, 29,520 acres in Yinmabin District, 14,014 acres in Shwebo District, 669 acres in Kanbalu District, 7,424 acres in Sagaing Region, 2,323 acres in Katha District and 1,726 acres in Kawlin District. For mullets, 36,123 acres in Monywa District, 55,433 in Yinmabin and 30,033 in Sagaing districts were seen, while 6,365 acres of other millets had been planted in the Naga zone, as per the data of the Sagaing Region Agriculture Department. — Lu Lay/GNLM

Growers enjoy rising price of cold season tomatoes in Ngathayouk

THE cold season tomato plantation, which has been grown in the last week of August in Ngathayouk town, Mandalay region has succeeded because of sufficient rainfall this year, said a grower from Byugyi village.

Now, the local growers are making a good profit from their plantations. Although the rain was the mainstay of the early tomato cultivation, later, the farmers reply on dew to grow winter tomatoes. Late monsoon period, the plants get well water.

"This year, the yield of the cold season tomato is much higher than in previous years. The local villagers cultivated both monsoon tomatoes and winter tomatoes. About 0.5 acre of tomato plantation are yielded about 40 or 50 visses per week. The tomato price is ranging between K1,500-K2,000 per viss in the market," said U Maung Win, the grower of tomatoes from Byugyi village.

Some growers are facing problems with their plants being restored by the infestation. According to the local growers, they are taking care of their plants using fertilizer and pesticides. — Phyo Wai (IPRD)/ GNLM



Myanmar exports dried chillies to Viet Nam via Mae Sot



The prevailing price of exported dried chilli without stem is ranging K4,000-K4,500 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kg), while the price of dried chilli with stem is K3,200 per viss, the domestic market's data indicated.

MYANMAR has exported dried chillies to Viet Nam via Mae Sot, said Daw Ohnmar Kyaw, chair of the Myanmar Chilli Market and Technical Development Association.

"The dried chillies are now on their way to Viet Nam through Mae Sot, she continued. The prevailing price of exported dried chilli without stem is ranging K4,000-K4,500 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kg), while the price of dried chilli with stem is K3,200 per viss, the domestic market's data indicated. Besides, the fresh chilli, which was supposed to be exported to Thailand, are at a low yield and priced at K1,400-2,000 per viss. Myanmar's chilli is primarily sent to China and Thailand via land borders. However, the closure of the major border posts between Myanmar and China from 8 July brought Myanmar's fresh chilli export to China to a halt. Consequently, the chilli pepper was moved to Thailand.

Presently, fresh chillies are started to produce from around Natmauk township, Magway region. The chilli from southern Shan State will also be harvested very soon, while the Ayeyawady region is still growing the fresh chillies. Myanmar chillies are grown mostly in the Ayeyawady, Magway and Mandalay regions and, Shan State. The export varieties of fresh chilli are 692, 777, 999, Kata, Demon, Sunshine, Lucky One and Tharmo. - NN/ **GNLM**

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Kubota to own majority stake in **Indian peer Escorts**



A tractor made by India's Escorts Ltd., in which Kubota Corp. will acquire a majority equity stake PHOTO: KUBOTA/ NNA/KYODO

MAJOR agricultural machinery maker Kubota Corp. will obtain a majority stake in Indian peer Escorts Ltd. as a step toward becoming a main player in the country's tractor

market.

Kubota said it has agreed with Escorts to boost its ownership up to 53.50 per cent with a fresh investment of up to 93.7 billion rupees (\$1.26 billion),

from the 9.09 per cent stake the Osaka-based company acquired last year for about 16 billion yen.

The additional shares of Escorts, based in Faridabad in the northern state of Haryana, are scheduled to be acquired through a third-party allotment and open offer bids by March 2022, Kubota said.

The move may put Kubota in a good position to realize its ambitious goal of grabbing a 24 per cent share of the Indian tractor market, billed as the largest in the world, by 2030 to go with sales worth 300 billion yen in that year.

Currently, market leader Mahindra and Mahindra accounts for about 40 per cent with sales of 865,000 tractors a year, while Escorts is ranked fourth with 12 per cent and Kubota is in the lower rungs at 2 per cent, according to Kubota.-Kyodo 🔳

Pfizer says to sell 10 mn Covid-19 treatments to US for \$5.3 bn

PFIZER said Thursday it will sell 10 million Covid-19 treatment courses for Covid-19 to the US government for \$5.3 billion, pending approval from regulators. The pharmaceutical giant asked the US Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday for emergency use authorization for its Paxlovid antiviral pill which has been shown to cut hospitalization or death by nearly 90

per cent among newly-infected high risk patients treated within three days of the onset of symptoms.

"We were thrilled with the recent results of our Phase 2/3 interim analysis, which showed overwhelming efficacy of PAXLOVID ...and are pleased the US government recognizes this potential," Pfizer Chairman and CEO said Albert Bourla said in a statement.—AFP



Pfizer will begin delivering Covid-19 treatments to the US government later this year and through the end of 2022. **PHOTO: PFIZER/AFP/FILE**

In the matter of the Insolvency Law 2020, and In the matter of AIBEL OIL & GAS SERVICES LIMITED (In Creditors' Voluntary Winding-up) [Under Section 147 of Insolvency Law & Rules 9 & 15 (b) of Insolvency Rules]

The Special General Meeting of Aibel Oil & Gas Services Limited (In Creditors' Voluntary Winding-up) duly held via online on 16th November, 2021, the following resolutions were passed unanimously as Special Resolutions:

- Resolved that the Company be and is hereby wound up voluntarily as Creditors' (1)Voluntary Winding-up under the Insolvency Law.
- (2) Resolved that Daw Hnin Su Mon (B.Com (Q), C.P.A, D.B.L, ACCA, Member of Myanmar Association of Insolvency Practitioners Inc.), holder of Citizenship Scrutiny Card No. 12/Ma Ya Ka (Naing) 114749, Senior Manager of WIN Consulting Limited of Room No. 2D, Rose Condominium, No. 182/194, 1st Floor, Botahtaung Pagoda Road, Pazundaung Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar, be and is hereby appointed as Liquidator of the Company for the purpose of such winding-up and be authorized to carry on the business of the Company to such extent and for such period as may be necessary for the beneficial winding up thereof and be granted such other powers as may be deemed fit or proper.

S/d Liquidator of Aibel Oil & Gas Services Limited (In Creditors' Voluntary Winding-up)

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In the matter of the Insolvency Law 2020, and In the matter of AIBEL OIL & GAS SERVICES LIMITED (In Creditors' Voluntary Winding-up) [Under Section 201 of the Insolvency Law & Rule 87 of the Insolvency Rules]

Notice to Creditors for Proof of Debts or Claims

Notice is hereby given that the Creditors of Aibel Oil & Gas Services Limited (In Creditors' Voluntary Winding-up) (Company Registration Number 118331923) are required to submit a Proof of Debt or Claim in the prescribed form together with supporting documents and evidences at Room No. 2D, Rose Condominium, No. 182/194, 1st Floor, Botahtaung Pagoda Road, Pazundaung Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar or email address: hninsumon@ winthinassociates.com on or before 7-12-2021, failing to which their claims will be excluded from the benefit of a distribution made before its debt or claim is admitted and objecting to that distribution.

Liquidator of Aibel Oil & Gas Services Limited (In Creditors' Voluntary Winding-up) Daw Hnin Su Mon (B.Com (Q), C.P.A, D.B.L, ACCA, Member of Myanmar Association of Insolvency Practitioners Inc.)



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US to start talks for new Indo-Pacific economic framework next year



Sri Lanka is the biggest so-called transhipment hub in South Asia, meaning that some of the world's biggest ships dock in Sri Lanka to load and unload containers. **PHOTO: AFP**

U.S. Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said Wednesday the United States will start negotiations with allies early next year on a new Indo-Pacific economic framework.

Raimondo, who arrived in Singapore the previous day after a visit to Japan, said during a forum that the framework would be aimed at securing supply chains.

"I'm here in the region beginning the discussions, laying the groundwork" for the negotiations, Raimondo said. "We are likely to launch a more formal process in the beginning of next year, which will culminate in a proper economic framework in the region."

Raimondo's tour of Japan, Singapore and later Malaysia comes on the heels of US President Joe Biden's announcement last month about developing an Indo-Pacific economic framework to define "shared objectives" with partners on trade facilitation, standards for the digital economy and technology.

The framework could be seen an alternative to the Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade deal, to which the United States has not returned since withdrawing in 2017 under Biden's predecessor Donald Trump.

Regarding the possibility of Washington rejoining the deal, formally known as the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, Raimondo said, "For various reasons, that is not going to happen now."—Kyodo

Google agrees 5-year deal to pay AFP for online content: executives

GOOGLE and Agence France-Presse on Wednesday said they had signed a "pioneering" fiveyear deal under which the world's biggest internet search company will pay an undisclosed sum for content in Europe.

The agreement, following 18 months of negotiations, is the first by a news agency under the 2019 European directive on so-called neighbouring rights, at the heart of multiple disputes between web giants and the media over payment for use of online news and other content.

"This is an agreement that covers the whole of the EU, in all of AFP's languages, including in countries that have not enacted the directive," said AFP CEO Fabrice Fries, describing the deal as "pioneering" and the "culmination of a long struggle".

AFP produces and distributes multimedia content to its clients in six languages around the world. After initially being reluctant to pay French newspapers for the use of their content, Google finally signed a three-year framework agreement with some of the nation's press in early 2021, but was fined 500 million euros (\$566 million) by the competition authority in mid-July for having failed to negotiate "in good faith".

Google has appealed, and is continuing talks to reach a new agreement.

'Common ground'

AFP has fought for news agencies to be fully eligible to benefit from neighbouring rights



AFP's Fabrice Fries (right) shakes hands with Google's Sebastien Missoffe at AFP's headquarters in Paris. **PHOTO: AFP**

agreements, Fries said. Wednesday's deal "will contribute to the production of quality information and the development of innovation within the agency", he added.—AFP ■

New US probe targets Instagram's impact on children



regulatory trouble for the scandal-hit network.

The social media giant is battling one of its most serious reputational crises yet after a whistleblower leaked reams of internal documents showing executives knew of their sites' risks for teens' well-being, prompting a renewed US push for regulation. "Facebook, now Meta, has failed to protect young people on its platforms and instead chose to ignore or, in some cases, double down on known manipulations that pose a real threat to physical and mental health - exploiting children in the interest of profit," Massachusetts Attorney -General Maura Healey said in a statement.—AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bird watching for peace in Colombia

As a bird perches on a telegraph pole, two young girls are deep in consultation -- is it "Tiranus melancholicus," or perhaps "Pyrocephalus rubinus?"

The answer is "rubinus," a sparrow with a bright red breast.

In the centre of Colombia, among the leafy mountains of Plana-

A consortium of US states announced a joint probe Thursday of Instagram's parent company Meta for promoting the app to children despite allegedly knowing its potential for harm, in fresh regulatory trouble for the scandal-hit network. **PHOTO: AFP**

A consortium of US states announced a joint probe Thursday of Instagram's parent company

Meta for promoting the app to children despite allegedly knowing its potential for harm, in fresh das, this ornithological debate by indigenous children might seem surprising.

With their eyes scanning the mountain, around 30 people, adults and children, are taking part in a day of bird watching.

The initiative aims to promote peace in Tolima, a department ravaged by the war waged by the Marxist Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) for a half century against the state.

Five years after an historic peace deal brought that conflict to an end, Planadas has rediscovered calm, although some war scars remain. "The birds are an excuse for us to mix," said Camilo Enciso, founder of the ASOPEP association for ecological producers in Planadas, which promotes the bird watching project.

Among those present are the children of former FARC guerrillas, whose parents live in a "reincorporation" camp helping them adapt back to civilian life.—AFP

GLOBAL AFFAIRS 15

Modi U-turns on Indian farm laws after mass protests

INDIA will scrap three agricultural reform laws that sparked almost a year of huge protests by farmers, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Friday in a stunning and rare U-turn by his Hindu nationalist government.

Thousands of farmers have been camped out on the borders of the capital New Delhi since November last year, posing Modi with one of the biggest challenges since he came to power in 2014.

The rallies became a lightning rod for opposition to Modi's administration in a country where two-thirds of the 1.3 billion population rely on agriculture for their livelihood.

In a contrite address to the nation coinciding with a major Sikh festival — the religion of many farmers — Modi said the laws would be repealed in parliament's winter session, which begins later this month.

"I appeal to all the farmers who are part of the protest... to now return to your home, to your loved ones, to your farms, and family. Let's make a fresh start and move forward," the 71-yearold said. "Friends, I apologise to the countrymen and want to say with a clean heart and conscience that we must have fallen short in our efforts to explain (the benefits of the farm laws) to a section of the farmers."

The reforms passed in September 2020 aimed to deregulate farm produce markets where state bodies have for decades set guaranteed minimum prices for crops. Modi's government had said the changes would boost rural incomes and reform a hugely inefficient agricultural sector where vast amounts of products rot before they can be sold.

"The intention was that the country's farmers, especially the small farmers — who are almost 80 per cent of all farmers, and have the smallest landhold-



Farmers staged a protest against the three central agriculture laws at Jandiala Guru Dana Mandi in Amritsar on 24 April 2021. **PHOTO: AFP**

ings -- get more strength," Modi said Friday.

But protesters said the changes — which were suspend-

ed pending negotiations with the farmers — would have allowed big business to take over the farming industry.—AFP

German justice contaminated by Nazis in post-war years



The Federal Public Prosecutor's Office (Bundesanwaltschaft) in Karlsruhe, southwestern Germany, where the majority of top officials were former Nazis into the 1970s, according to the new report. **PHOTO: DPA/AFP/FILE**

GERMANY'S justice system was still filled with former Nazis well into the 1970s, as the Cold War coloured efforts to root out fascists, according to a damning official inquiry presented Thursday.

In the 600-page collection of findings entitled "State Security in the Cold War", historian Friedrich Kiessling and legal scholar Christoph Safferling focused on the period from the early 1950s until 1974.

Their research found that between 1953 and 1959, around three in four top officials at the federal prosecutor's office, which commissioned the report, had belonged to the Nazi party.

More than 80 per cent had

worked in Adolf Hitler's justice apparatus, and it would take until 1972 before they were no longer in the majority. "On the face of it they were highly competent lawyers... but that came against the backdrop of the death sentences and race laws in which they were involved," said Margaretha Sudhof, state secretary at the justice ministry, unveiling the report.

"These are disturbing contradictions to which our country has long remained blind."

'Combat mission'

It was not until 1992, two years after Germany's national reunification, that the last prosecutor with a fascist background left the office. "There was no break, let alone a conscious break, with the Nazi past" at the federal prosecutor's office, the authors concluded, stressing "the great and long continuity" of the functions held and "the high number" of officials involved in Hitler's regime.—AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Austria parliament lifts ex-chancellor's immunity over graft probe

AUSTRIA'S parliament on Thursday lifted the immunity of conservative Sebastian Kurz, unanimously making way for a corruption probe that caused him to step down as chancellor earlier this year.

Kurz, who became the world's youngest elected leader in 2017 on an anti-migration platform, stepped down in October when he was implicated in a sweeping corruption investigation.

Since then, he has been shielded from prosecution by virtue of the fact that he is the leader of the parliamentary group of his People's Party (OeVP) and a member of parliament.

Kurz himself had previously said he wanted the immunity lifted so that the probe could proceed, insisting he wanted to fight the "false" claims that cost him his job as chancellor.—AFP

After years of war, Libya's Benghazi a chaotic urban sprawl

OVER a decade of war in Libya the second city Benghazi has mushroomed to twice its size, creating an unplanned and chaotic urban sprawl.

The fighting has displaced countless families, forcing many to build new homes without permits in a jumble of unplanned neighbourhoods that often lack infrastructure, from proper roads to schools or sewerage systems.

As the oil-rich but poverty-stricken North African country tries to stabilize and rebuild, authorities are scrambling to address the legacy of years without urban planning.—AFP

New migrant caravan departs from



southern Mexico

THE latest caravan of migrants began a journey Thursday from southern Mexico northwards, the second such grouping in a month crossing through the country and potentially towards the US border.

The roughly 2,000 people, including children, from Central America, Haiti and Venezuela sought to link up with a previous contingent that departed the same city of Tapachula on 23 October but has stalled in southern Veracruz state.

The latest migrants, aiming to acquire documents that allow them to transit through Mexican territory, advanced along a coastal highway in southern Chiapas state and crossed a migration checkpoint without incident.

"The migrants are in high Un

spirits, and we believe the authorities are not going to stop us," said activist Luis Garcia Villagrin, one of the organizers. Several members of the earlier caravan, which now stands at about 800 people, have accepted documents providing them temporary residence in Mexico, although others plan to continue their way towards the United States.—AFP ■

Thousands of migrants from Central America, Haiti and Venezuela have entered Mexico, with many aiming to reach the US border to the north. **PHOTO: AFP**

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Myanmar women's national team to play int'l matches before Asian Cup



THE Myanmar women's team will play international friendly matches before the final round of the 2022 AFC Women's Cup to be held early next year.

The Myanmar women's team started training in the second week of November for the final round of the tournament and has selected 27 preliminary players.

The Myanmar squad will only be under training this month and will play international tournaments in December and early January.

The Myanmar national team intends to play three or more friendlies before the tourney and are trying to get a chance to play with the top teams in Asia.

The Myanmar women's team is facing top teams in the Asian Cup and is trying to prepare well before the match.

The final round of the Asian Cup Women's Championship will be held in India from 20 January to 6 February 2022.

Myanmar is placed in the same group as Asian giants: Japan and Korea and ASEAN powerhouse Viet Nam.

The Myanmar women's team has been out of international competitions for more than a year and a half due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic. Team Myanmar qualified for the Asian Cup tourney by beating the UAE and Guam in previous qualifiers. — 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.

One year from World Cup, clock ticks ever louder for Qatar

AFTER upending the football establishment by winning the right to host the World Cup, Qatar's preparations are heading into overdrive with a year to go as they rush to welcome more than a million fans and prove their critics wrong.

The tiny Gulf state has a reputation for punching above its weight but challenges do not come much bigger than holding football's showpiece event in a desert peninsula of 2.7 million without a strong sporting tradition. Twelve months before the 21 November 2022 kick-off, the Qatari capital Doha, which is hosting almost the entire tournament, is dotted with roadworks and building sites that are causing chaos for its inhabitants. to rise. However, most of the building blocks are in place, with six of the eight World Cup stadiums due to host the 16-team Arab Cup from 30 November. "Tve never seen a country in the world which has been so ready so much in advance... it will be like a toy store for fans when they come," FIFA president Gianni Infantino said in Qatar this week.

Qatar rocked football in 2010 when they beat favourites the United States in the World Cup bid process, a victory that sparked accusations of vote-buying—which were hotly denied—and questions over the country's suitability. Since then, FIFA's old guard has been toppled in a welter of corruption cases and Qatar has emerged as a major player in the sport, snapping up French giants Paris Saint-Germain and

with the Qatar Foundation be-

coming Barcelona's first shirt

sponsor.—AFP

PSG qualify for quarter-finals as Chelsea grind out win

PARIS Saint-Germain defeated Real Madrid 2-0 to clinch their place in the quarter-finals of the Women's Champions League on Thursday, while Sam Kerr's second-half goal edged Chelsea past Servette.

Shaken by a mystery attack on France international Kheira Hamraoui and a crushing 6-1 loss to domestic title rivals Lyon, PSG earned a welcome win thanks to goals from Marie-Antoinette Katoto and Sakina Karchaoui.

The French champions, twice runners-up in Europe, claimed top spot in Group B with two games still to play after recording a fourth consecutive win. They have scored 13 goals without reply. Madrid remain on course to progress but are now just two points clear of Kharkiv, who won 2-0 away to Breidablik in Iceland. Last season's beaten finalists Chelsea were frustrated by Swiss side Servette for more than an hour before Australian star Kerr broke the deadlock at Kingsmeadow.It was enough to hand the Blues a 1-0 victory, just over a week after they thrashed the same opponents 7-0 in Switzerland.

Unbeaten Chelsea lead Juventus by three points at the top of Group A after the Italians beat two-time former winners Wolfsburg 2-0 in Germany.—AFP

With some Qatari infrastructure projects delayed by the pandemic, the clock is ticking more loudly than organizers might have liked, just as scrutiny of the preparations starts



Marie-Antoinette Katoto (L) scores the opener for PSG against Real Madrid. PHOTO: AFP