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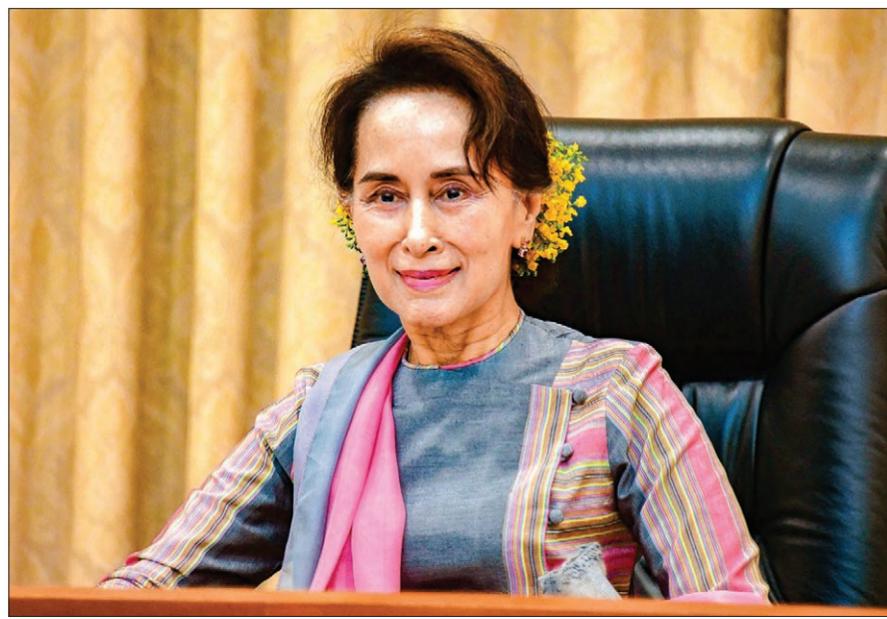
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State Counsellor holds videoconference regarding impact of COVID-19 on livestock and fisheries sector with stakeholders



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi discusses impact of COVID-19 on livestock and fisheries sector with stakeholders on 7 July 2020. PHOTO: MNA

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in her capacity as Chairperson of the National-Level Central Committee for Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19 held a videoconference yesterday morning from the Presidential Palace on the impact of COVID-19 on the

livestock and fisheries sector with respect to the real situation at the ground level. Those who participated in the discussions were: Dr Ye Tun Win, Director-General, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation; Daw Zarchi Htay,

Secretary of the Myanmar Fisheries Federation; U Thein Myint, Vice President of the Livestock Enterprises Federation and Chairman of the Poultry Producers Association. After a few introductory remark the State Counsellor said the livestock sector has potential in the economic sense;

livestock breeding is connected with the economy as well as with the health of the people; milk products are being imported from abroad; if these could be produced inside the country it would be very good; according to research studies, milk is the best nutrition that can make children grow tall; if

children can consume milk and eggs on a regular basis they would grow well and become healthy; eggs and fish are also good for the health of people; the oil found in some varieties of fish is especially good for health.

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Vice President U Henry Van Thio presides over National Tourism Development Central Committee meeting on 7 July 2020. PHOTO: MNA

VP U Henry Van Thio attends National Tourism Development Central Committee meeting

VICE President U Henry Van Thio, in his capacity as the Chairman of the National Tourism Development Central Committee, addressed 1/2020 meeting of central committee in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. The Vice President looked around the Training and Education Division, the Digital Marketing Division and the e-Government Office of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

The meeting was opened with the video speech of State Counsellor. (The Speech of State Counsellor is covered on page 4) After the video speech of State Counsellor, Vice President U Henry Van Thio explained the meeting of central committee for the third time after forming the National Tourism Central Committee, the Tourism Committee

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She said she wanted the livestock sector to develop in the post-COVID period; if the livestock sector develops it would be very supportive for the health of the people as well as for the economy of the country. She wanted to know what is being done to speed up the development of the livestock sector and how to acquire more markets; she said it would be necessary to improve the quality of our products to get good markets.

She said she wanted Dr Ye Tun Win to explain to the people the efforts made during the COVID period for the livestock sector and also the plans made by the Union Government to develop the livestock sector with increased momentum in the post-COVID period.

Director-General Dr Ye Tun Win discussed manageable livestock business of Myanmar and it plays a key role for the income of rural families; the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department has targeted foreign markets for the domestic meats, milk and eggs, veterinary medicines, and helped in the breeding of good and modified species and good practices in animal husbandry, and coordination in the availability of input items for this industry.

He added the livestock sector declined by 40 per cent in terms of markets and demands due to suspension of commodity flow, but the ministry made constant coordination with the Myanmar Livestock Federation and the Myanmar Fisheries Federation in making livestock products reach the local consumers; despite travel restrictions amid COVID-19 outbreak, his department conducted prevention and control of animal diseases in rural areas, especially in the villages of Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady regions, with the swine and poultry vaccinations.

He also talked about researching the coronavirus at the Veterinary Assay Laboratory in Insein, Yangon, with the help of International Atomic Energy Agency.

The African swine fever has occurred in Shan and Kachin states, and that control and inves-

tigation measures are being carried out in other areas as there is no vaccine until now for this disease. Amid the news about HIN1 swine flu in China, Myanmar is investigating this disease for three years and has not found in the country until now.

Director-General Dr Ye Tun Win also explained preparations for conducting six kinds of training courses for livestock farmers under the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan in 118 townships and all the courses are scheduled to complete at the end of September this year.

He said that freezing facilities will be set up in Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady regions with the US\$4 million loans from the World Bank.

Daw Zarchi Htay, the Secretary of Myanmar Fisheries Federation, discussed the decrease in the demand of freshwater fisheries sector as there is no export during COVID-19 pandemic, the assistance of employers for their staff during the suspension of their business; regular supplies for local market and distributions of fish fingerlings; allocation of funds for upgrade of fishing vessels, jetties, freezing facilities and low-interest loans for prawn and fish ponds.

She continued to say that the fisheries sector has employed 3.5 million workers, which is the second to the agricultural sector in the number of jobs.

Myanmar earned US\$728 million from the export of aquatic product in 2019-2020 fiscal year, and the figure has increased by \$100 million in the first nine months of this FY, compared to the corresponding period of the previous term, and that the country has a lot of potentials to earn billions of dollar from fisheries export.

She also presented a five-step proposal for the development of this sector which needs appropriate policies and laws, implementation of national-level projects, signing trade MoUs with foreign countries to promote export of aquatic products, a low-interest loan programme for livestock farmers, requirements of more investments in updated policies, technologies, machinery, facilities and equipment and

support from the banking sector.

Vice-President U Thein Myint from Myanmar Livestock Federation said the livestock suffered some impacts to a certain extent and the demand declined due to the closures of restaurants and food shops amid the COVID-19.

He discussed the requirement of land plots for livestock farms which cannot be set up near the residential areas, impacts of foreign investments on local farms with manageable scales, expansion of export markets, imports of frozen meats tarnishing local market, the high price of animal foods which are mainly produced for export markets and more cultivation of soya beans to reduce import of this crop.

In responding to the discussions, the State Counsellor said that if we wanted Myanmar to become a developed industrialized country based on agriculture and livestock breeding, it would be necessary to encourage the small and medium enterprises; in connection with health, people have become more interested in food; they wanted to eat more organic products which are good for health.

During the COVID period, we also need to consider how to minimize the impact of COVID on the fisheries and prawn breeding and how to make these enterprises grow in the long term; it would be necessary to create the markets ourselves; looking for markets and creating markets are quite different. Looking for markets means looking for existing markets; while creating markets or developing markets means the process of developing new products that others would wish to buy; both are important; we need to make plans for the future based on the path that our country should take; we want to encourage small and medium enterprises and small enterprises that could maintain their quality; there were many fish varieties in Myanmar; foreigners know only a few varieties of Myanmar fish; she wanted efforts to be made so that foreigners would come to know the remaining fish varieties and also look for markets. She thought that it would be very beneficial for the fishery and prawn

breeding sector if value-added products could be made from fishery products which cannot last long.

In a country, law and rules are not created in a fixed and rigid manner. These could be changed according to the needs of the country; if we wanted to make changes, all points of view need to be considered; speaking from the economic point of view, everyone needed to cooperate to gain business confidence; it was necessary to create a good environment for business; speaking from the legal aspect, rule of law is very important for the country; that is why we place very high regard for rule of law; a country can be stable only if there is rule of law; only then all those who are conducting business within the country and foreigners would have a sense of security and guarantee for the future. That is why the rule of law is very important. This is closely related to the economy.

For foreign investments to come in, it is very important for our country to be able to show that we have the potential to develop from all sides. The qualifications of Myanmar workers are also very important. The majority of Myanmar workers who went to work in Thailand are mostly in fisheries-related enterprises. During the COVID period, Myanmar workers in the 100,000s returned home from Thailand. To this date, more than a thousand are coming back; there could be difficulties for Myanmar migrant workers to return to Thailand; they have qualifications; it would be beneficial for all if personal requirements and State requirements could be looked into and harmonized. The State is giving encouragement to fisheries and prawn breeding enterprises; at the same time, she wanted the entrepreneurs to participate and cooperate in job creation efforts, which is one the basic policies of the Union Government.

No matter what kind of business enterprise, they all need to take into consideration the need to encourage vocational education which is one of the basic policies of the Union Government. She wanted the public sector and the business enterprises to

consider the establishment of vocational schools, and the conduct of training courses, also short-term and long-term vocational training courses in agriculture and livestock breeding.

One encouraging thing in our country is the fact that during the COVID period, everyone participated and cooperated; they all supported each other; this is one of the positive results of the COVID period; this needed to be maintained; if the lessons learnt during the COVID period could be maintained, much progress could be achieved. Fisheries and prawn breeding enterprises can be continued during the COVID period; in this type of enterprise, it is possible to follow health guidelines and regulations.

In the fisheries and prawn breeding sector, much profit could be gained if we could implement marketing initiatives to popularize fish and prawn varieties still unknown in foreign markets, make these products more desirable and increase demand. Myanmar products are very expensive in certain countries; soft shell crabs and oysters are very difficult to get and expensive in certain Western countries; if we could be more creative and work to make these products able to penetrate foreign markets and also make these products more delicious to the foreign palates, then they could become very valuable products for export.

During the past years, she has seen an increase in goat breeding; goats can be bred quite easily and they are suitable for the climate of upper Myanmar; since the people of upper Myanmar are quite familiar with goats, goat breeding was not that difficult. In Myanmar cattle breeding is not that popular; cattle breeding is important because of milk products; if milk powder and milk could be produced in Myanmar; there would be no need to import these products; Myanmar's climate is not that different from the climates in other South East Asian countries; if cattle breeding and production of milk products is possible in these countries, there is no reason why Myanmar should not be able to do the same.

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National Interest

Parties are not essential. What is essential is that they be free from partisan biases that harm the national interest.

When it is in the national interest for them to do so, all parties should be ready to abandon partisan concerns and unite and cooperate with each other.

(Excerpt from Bogyoke Aung San's Speech delivered at the 1st Congress of AFPFL)



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Then the State Counsellor gave her concluding remarks. She said the Union Government would take action to the best of its ability with regard to the illegal import of products from the border; in cases where there was a domestic and foreign dimension, we need to act with great caution; we still need foreign investments; we still have to depend on foreign investments; only then could our development move with momentum; therefore in certain areas, for there to be a balance between foreign and domestic investments, the domestic sector should put more efforts; to improve the qualifications of our people, it is possible to change the domestic rules and regulations to be in conformity with the times; if we impose restrictions on foreign enterprises so that they could not compete in our local markets, there would be a decline in foreign investments; then this would impact on our economic development; that is why we have to act very cautiously about this matter; we want our domestic enterprises to develop; to be able to depend on local industries is the best.

When we have to depend a great deal on foreign experts when they cannot come, our factories could not continue to run; we if had sufficient local experts we would not have these problems; it is not because we want to

depend on them, it is because we still do not have sufficient experts within the country and that is why we have to depend on foreign experts to a certain extent; foreign investors will come only if they saw profit; foreign investors will not come if they did not see any possibility of making a profit; it is important to be able to attract foreign investors with suitable incentives.

To stop the flow of illegal and low-quality imports from the border areas, we will take action from the aspect of promoting rule of law as much as possible. All of us should make collective efforts to uplift the quality of local products; this matter could not be done solely by the Union Government; what the Union Government could do is in the education area; the Union Government must uplift the skills and qualifications of the people through the education sector; entrepreneurs should also take the responsibility to a certain extent, to increase the skills of the workers on the job and to ensure that they develop and improve their skills in a continuous manner. They should see the workers in their factories as valuable citizens of the future; their skills should improve while they work, they should take interest in their work; for a worker to be able to perform properly with efficiency, he must value his work and also take pride in his work.

Entrepreneurs should see their workers as persons who have great potential for the country; they should not forget this vision and in fact, nurture it. The Union Government on its part will work to get loans, make rules and regulations as needed, and make amendments to laws as necessary as much as possible. The Union Government will see to it that there is sufficient water supply and also take care with regard to rules and regulations, laws and loans. Our border is indeed long; we have borders with more than one country; because of this it has not been possible till now to make the whole country safe and secure; this is something we are working on; there is much illegal trade; to deter this type of trade we have to work full time; as our economy develops our ability to stop these activities will also increase; to make efforts for having adequate security depends on our financial resources. In the final analysis, a country's development depends on the quality of its citizens, skill and qualifications and their participation and cooperation.

As we participate in this discussion in connection with COVID-19, there is something which we should feel encouraged for our country. Our country is not rich and yet we are able to control COVID effectively up till now. New cases of infection are among those who returned from abroad.

It has been a while since we found any cases of local infection. In other countries, if there were no cases of infection for more than two weeks, there were countries which declare that they are free from COVID. Our country cannot say like this. Although there were no local cases of the infection our citizen got infected abroad. She said she believed that the reason Myanmar was able to control COVID was due to the cooperation of everyone. Businessmen and entrepreneurs made donations as much as they could; the Union Government also did its best to assist; even from the very beginning when we commenced our work we found that it was not enough to look at the problem from the health point of view only. We knew that we had to look from the economic point of view also. The reason why we are still able to survive is that we made preparations at the early stage with the vision that COVID-19 will have a great deal of impact on the economy.

She has kept reminding that this COVID matter is still not finished; this challenge has not reached its end-stage; we must still struggle and keep up our efforts; the Union Government will work hard to make sure that those who return from abroad will get jobs; business entrepreneurs should also help as needed; if everyone participated and cooperated, in the long run it will

be for the benefit of all; we need to work so that our citizens no longer need to go abroad to seek for jobs and also to ensure that local enterprises will get more qualified workers and increase their productive capacity; this is beneficial for both parties; the Union Government on its part will work as much as possible for the benefit of everyone; in working thus, we do not take the side of anyone; workers as well as entrepreneurs are our citizens; they are children of our country; from the Union Government's side we are very happy to hear such frank discussions; you should be able to tell the Union Government all your needs and requirements. In life, the reason you have to struggle is to uplift your qualifications and skills; also to build up your endurance.

Although our country is not rich, you should not feel disheartened. Our country's hope is our strength to struggle with the participation and cooperation of everyone. It is not only our hope it is also our guarantee for the future. She said she was very grateful to all the participants for their participation; we will note down all the discussions of this videoconference. She requested all relevant departments to study all the points of discussion and take action with due regard. She then wished good health to all the participants.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Myaing, Aung Khin)

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee discusses national library bill

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee held a meeting over the controversial bill for the National Library at the second floor of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's Building (D) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's Deputy Speaker and

the Joint Bill Committee's Chairman U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein, the committee's secretary, joint-secretary and members, and officials from the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, the Union Attorney-General Office and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee's meeting is in progress at the Hluttaw's Building (D) in Nay Pyi Taw on 7 July 2020. PHOTO: MNA

State Counsellor addresses National Tourism Development Central Committee meeting

MINGALABAR,

I would like to greet all the attendees at the National Tourism Development Central Committee meeting (1/2020) by wishing them good health and happiness.

At the committee's meeting (1/2018) on 3 August 2018, I said that the tourism industry has become a crucial business not only for our country but also for the entire world.

If we want tourists to visit our country, we shouldn't think that they are just our opportunity for making money and must think that they are human beings like us who want happiness and peace.

If we fulfil their desires for happiness and pleasure as our opportunity during their visiting moments, more world travellers will visit our country.

In order to attract more world travellers to Myanmar, our government permitted visa exemption and granted an arrival visa for them.

We also improved arrangements for border crossing trip, railway travel, and cruises so that world travellers can enjoy our country's culture and natures when they stop on their ways.

Community-based tourism for the world visitors who want to know deeply about our traditions and cultures has been encouraged, and the role of small businesses such as safe and inexpensive guesthouses and small hotels were also promoted for the visitors' health.

As most of the foreign visitors are interested in our traditional foods, we have to adopt policies on selling clean and hygienic foods at small shops, mobile foods vans and small restaurants at reasonable price.

In 2019, more than 4.3 million foreign travellers visited Myanmar as we encouraged nature-based tourism by arranging trips for winter bird watching at wetland forests, opening elephants camps with the elephants that are no longer used in the timber industry, and watching Ayeyawady dolphins that are fishing together with local fishermen.

At present the tourism industry around the world has completely stopped as foreign visitors were prohibited from entry to the countries, commercial flights were suspended, and tourism destinations were closed to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Our country could rather control the first wave of the COVID-19 by imposing travel restrictions and banning crowds since April 2020. Meanwhile, the entire tourism industry has been damaged due to the suspension of foreign and local tourism industries following the closures of seasonal festivals like Shwe Settaw Pagoda Festival, traditional festivals like Thingyan Festival and festivals at all famous pagodas.

The first batch of distributing K15,000 worth of foods each for the households who don't have regular incomes was already conducted, and the second batch of distributing K20,000 each for 5.4 million households was being arranged.

In the businesses recovery process, which aimed the owners to continue their businesses and staff to get employment, bank interest rates were reduced, licenses taxes were exempt for a period, taxes collection were postponed, and loans amounting to K100 billion with 1 per cent interest rate were provided for some garment fac-

tories, hotels and tourism businesses, and small and medium enterprises (SMEs).

Additional loans of K200 to 500 billion will be provided so that businesses owners can give salaries to their employees during the suspension of their businesses. The loans will be paid back in the designated period after reopening of the businesses.

Hotels and tourism businesses need to focus on the local tourism industry while the arrivals of international commercial flights are still banned. In the process, the safety of tourism services staff will be given priority.

Government officials concerned, businesspersons, and staff will cooperate on following health guidelines issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports, the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, and the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

It is also important to monitor and supervise the people who failed to abide by the health guidelines because human nature is to become careless of the disciplines that they previously abided by in the beginning out of fear.

Although the hotel and tourism industry served mainly for the foreign tourists before, it has to restart the operation, especially with the local travellers now. And so, they have to consider about the different nature between the local and foreign travellers including their expectations and financial status.

If you make preparations with local travellers for the post-COVID period starting from now, you will be ready when the foreign tourists come here. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all the tours were suspended at all and if they are reopened,

they will make efforts competitively to lure the tourists. So, we need to prepare by considering how to attract the travellers unlike the other countries.

Meanwhile, it is absolutely essential that we should do to develop the quality of tour destinations and to conserve the natural environment of new destinations. So, the ministries concerned, business people and organizations that include local residents should conserve or implement without waiting for the government's efforts.

During the post-COVID-19 period, we need innovative ideas to restart tourism. Please think about new ideas. We have to implement these innovative ideas with the most effective ways. Please be in-sight of the country's sustainable development in implementing these sectors.

The Union comprises many ethnic groups. Whatever you do, I want you to do without neglecting the good sake of our Union. In carrying out the tourism sector, I want you all to cooperate for the interest of all nationalities instead of doing just for one region or state. I want the ethnic nationals to be very close to each other or to be united more due to the tourism industry without competing for each other and I just want to gain balanced growth in all regions and states. I wish for the emergence of a tourism industry that could bring good interests for our people as quickly as possible and it also could provide for the development of socio-economic effectively.

I thank you all.

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun, Khine Thazin Han)

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and the local Tourism Work Committees after adopting the new Myanmar Tourism Law in 2018.

He said that the meeting needs to prioritize on reviewing the whole strategic plan for Myanmar tourism industry which has suffered the impacts of COVID-19.

Myanmar has seen the increase of inbound tourists by one million in 2019 with 4.4 million, compared to more than 3.5 million in the previous year thanks to the Myanmar Tourism Master Plan 2013-2020 of the ministry that promotes private sector, invites local and foreign investments, participation of locals in tourism industry, adopting local tourism plans, coordination with relevant ministries in relaxing visa rules, easing on limitation of restricted areas for ecotourism, digital market that targets foreign visitors,

producing TV programmes with foreign media, organizing roadshows abroad and arrangements of familiarization trip.

The World Tourism Organization has forecasted the number of international travellers was forecasted to decline by from 850 million to 1.1 billion, with the decrease in income by from US\$910 billion to \$1.2 trillion and losing employments from 100 to 200 million.

Although there were 183,416 tourists in Myanmar in January, only 82 foreigners arrived in Myanmar in April. The number of inbound visitors increased by 55 per cent in the period from January to May, compared to the corresponding period.

The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism is implementing the three phases to implement the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan.

The first phase includes dis-

count of licence fees for tourism business, postponement of taxes, low-interest loan programme and negotiation with the relevant ministries in reduction of lease for public buildings.

The second phase is concerned with issuing the National Tourism Guidelines adopted from the guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Sports, the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture and the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism before resuming domestic travel businesses as the international airlines could be allowed only in the third quarter of this year.

The Vice President also called for coordination of relevant ministries, committees, tour committees, local tour committees and all the stakeholders in this industry in implementing the recovery of Myanmar tourism

business to develop into the COVID-19 Safe Tourism Destination.

In the third phase, Myanmar has planned to relaunch tourism sector in the third quarter of this year together with ASEAN member countries and Asian countries, implement cross-border tourism with Laos and Cambodia for 'travel bridge', create 'travel bubble' with Thailand and Viet Nam and expand it to Japan, South Korea, China, Hong Kong and Macau where the COVID-19 has successfully controlled.

Reports said that the amount of expense of foreign visitors in Myanmar was over \$2 billion in 2018-2019 fiscal year, while this industry has employed nearly 100,000 persons directly and about 200,000 persons directly.

The Vice President also advised to ensure a responsible and sustainable tourism industry that prevents environmental

degradation resulted from this business although it is regarded as a non-smoking industry.

It is expected that the travellers would prefer natural tourism, ethnic tourism and environmental tourism for ensuring social distancing in new normal beyond the pandemic, and that it is required to develop a 'Safe and Enchanting Travel in Myanmar' by adopting a suitable model for the country based on international methods.

Vice-Chairman of the committee and Union Minister U Ohn Maung, and Secretary of the committee and Deputy Minister U Tin Latt reported on the future plans of tourism sector and the situations of hoteliers and tour agencies.

Joint-Secretary of the committee and Director-General U Maung Maung Kyaw from the

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Directorate of Hotels and Tourism explained records on decisions in 2/2019 meeting of central committee, formation of tourism committees and designing the Barrier Free Tourism Pilot Project for the persons with disabilities.

Union Ministers Lt-Gen Soe Htut, U Soe Win, U Thaung Tun, U Kyaw Tin, Thura U Aung Ko, U Thant Sin Maung, Dr Than Myint and Dr Myint Htwe discussed matters related to implementations of 2/2019 central committee meeting and other plans for resuming tourism sector .

Deputy Ministers U Tin Myint, Dr Ye Myint Swe and U Myint Kyine, as well as Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung presented the works for their ministries participating tourism development.

The chairman of Nay Pyi Taw council, chief ministers, ministers of state/region governments, local tour businesses and experts discussed local tourism development plans through videoconferencing.

In his concluding remark, Vice President U Henry Van Thio referred the announcement of World Tourism Organization about development of tourism sector by 40.2 per cent in 2019, and urged for better collaboration in this sector. —MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Applications are invited from local and international observers for General Election

1. Local election observers who want to witness the General Election scheduled to be held on 8 November 2020 shall submit their applications for the rights to observe the elections at the headquarters of UEC or the sub-commissions in respective regions, states, districts and townships, while the international observers shall present their applications at the UEC, with effect from today (7 July 2020) until 15 October 2020.
2. On 7 July 2020, the UEC has issued notifications (18/2020) and (19/2020) about the ethics for local and international election observers, and notifications (20/2020) and (21/2020) about the working processes in observing Hluttaw elections.
3. These notifications can be read and downloaded on UEC's official website <https://uec.gov.mm>

7 July 2020

Union Election Commission

Ministry of Information holds meeting with news media

THE Ministry of Information organized a meeting with news media organizations in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint said that the meeting had two objectives; the first one was that the meeting among the four pillars is held annually; this was a preliminary meeting among journalists to prepare for the upcoming meeting among the four pillars; so the media persons needed to discuss what they will say when they meet with the other three pillars; another fact was that all business sectors had encountered difficulties during the COVID-19 crisis and the government was seeking remedies to lessen COVID-19 impacts on businesses; the plans that would help lessen the effects of COVID-19 would be discussed in the meeting.

He continued by saying that the upcoming meeting among the four pillars has four purposes; they are: to fulfill the right to information, to make discussions among the four pillars - the administrative, the legislative, the judiciary and the media - in order to find a solution to safeguard rights and freedom of news media, to mutually recognize the nature and the roles of each other among the pillars and to collaborate with each other in trying to achieve good governance, and to review the results of the third workshop of the four pillars.

The Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint continued that there were two points



Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint speaks during the meeting with news media in Nay Pyi Taw on 7 July 2020. PHOTO: MNA

that he wanted to discuss in the meeting; the first one was “check and balance” among the other three pillars; similarly the fourth pillar, which is the media, must follow journalism ethics; the second point was changes in media sector; the changes were rapid; the fourth pillar was based on printed newspaper, but online media, social media and digital technology had emerged in these modern days; in previous years it was said that citizen journalists should be nurtured, but the use of smart phones and social media recently became very common, and consequently every person became “Citizen Journalist”.

The Union Minister emphasized that the media must adapt to changes in order to strengthen the fourth pillar.

After that, Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun said that regular session of the Second Hluttaw would be convened in the upcoming week. The

fourth workshop of the four pillars will be held while the upcoming Hluttaw session is convened, the Deputy Minister added.

He continued that the ministry is the “Focal Ministry” of the other three pillars, and the media will survive forever; the media in democratic countries do not practise “Self-Censorship”, they just practise “Self-Regulated”; in the long run, every media outlet must be “Self-Regulated”, free and independent.

He continued to say that media organizations have played pivotal in every era, every system and every situation. He also emphasized that media must be free from bias, and news must reflect reality and be fair. He added that media should build mutual trust with news sources. Those facts will also be discussed in the fourth workshop of the four pillars, said the Deputy Minister.

Next, Myanmar Journalists Association Joint Secretary U

Zayar Myat Khaing, Reporter U Htet Naing Zaw of the Irrawaddy (on behalf of the Myanmar Journalist Network), Reporter U Maung Maung Tun of News Watch news agency, Reporter U Aung Thura of BBC, Reporter U Than Htike Aung of Mizzima, RFA's Editor Daw Aye Aye Mon, Reporter U Ko Ko Lwin of the Union Daily, Reporter U Sithu Naing of VOA, and Reporter U Aung Htet of the Voice made discussions, and officials of the Ministry of Information replied to the discussions.

The attendees then discussed various topics, including covering news at Hluttaw sessions, request for easing restrictions in collecting news, arrangements for covering news in the Rakhine State during the COVID-19 crisis, request for holding meetings by inviting media house owners and chief editors for media development, consideration for forming an organization

based on social media, request for cooperation from the Ministry of Information in providing media training in Nay Pyi Taw, arrangements for covering electoral news, request for arrangements of meetings with the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Myanmar Police Force, Office of the Union Attorney-General, Tatmadaw True News Information Team in order to resolve difficulties encountered in covering news, request for negotiations to form Messenger or Viber “Private Groups” with spokespersons from ministries for collecting official news, and so on.

Afterwards, the Union Minister Dr Pe Myint and the Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun replied to the discussions and made necessary suggestions.—MNA

(Translated by Maung Maung Swe)

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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

- In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
- With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offences up to 4 July 2020 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

Sr	Nature of report	Detail on seizure and legal action taken
1.	Information received of some people using, distributing and selling illegal drugs in Myothitgyi Ward, Myitkyina Township, Kachin State.	On 2 July 2020, police searched a motorcycle driven by Thet Tun, 40, son of U Tin Win, who lives in Nankyway Village, in No 7 lane, Myothitgyi Ward, Myitkyina Township and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with NaMaSa (Myitkyina) MaYa(pa)87/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Similarly, police searched a motorcycle driven by Than Toe Aung, 24, son of U Tin Htay, who lives in Aung Mingalar Ward, Hsinbo Town, in No 9 lane, Myothitgyi Ward, Myitkyina Township and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with NaMaSa (Myitkyina) MaYa(pa)88/2020 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2.	Information received of Hla Shwe who lives in Ywathit Ward, Mogaung Township, Kachin State, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 2 July 2020, police searched the house of Hla Shwe, 57, son of U Ohn Maung, who lives in Ywathit Ward, Mogaung Township and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Mogaung) MaYa(pa)39/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3.	Information received of Ma Tin Aye who lives in Shwehtigon Village, Paungpyin Township, Sagaing Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 28 June 2020, police searched the house of Ma Tin Aye, 43, daughter of U Pwe Maung, who lives in Shwehtigon Village, Paungpyin Township and arrested her and Chit Win, 51, son of U San Chael, who lives in the same village, together with raw opium and heroin. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Paungpyin) MaYa(pa)124/2020 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4.	Information received of Aung Win Sein who lives in Satsar Village, Htigyaing Township, Sagaing Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 1 July 2020, police searched the house of Aung Win Sein, 33, son of U Phoe Saw, who lives in Satsar Village, Htigyaing Township and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Htigyaing) MaYa(pa)81/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5.	Information received of Kyaw Zeyar Lin who lives in No 1 Ward, Yesagyo Township, Magway Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 28 June 2020, police searched a motorcycle at 30/0 mile post of Yesagyo-Nyaungpingyi road near Myayphukyin Village, Yesagyo Township. It was driven by Kyaw Zeyar Lin, 20, son of U Tun Lin, who lives in No 1 Ward and Myo Gyi, 23, son of U Thein Tan, who lives in Ohnchaw Village, Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Region, and arrested them together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Yesagyo) MaYa(pa)2/2020 under Section 19(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6.	Information received of Thein Zaw who lives in Letpan Khahla Village, Yamethin Township, Mandalay Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 28 June 2020, police searched the house of Thein Zaw, 32, son of U Tun Shwe, who lives in Letpan Khahla Village, Yamethin Township and arrested him together with '88/1' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with NaMaSa (Ywatan) MaYa(pa)10/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7.	Information received of some people using, distributing and selling illegal drugs on the Abid-Khalaedaing village road in Mudon Township, Mon State.	Police have opened 14 cases and arrested 25 men together with speciosa and stimulant tablets in the previous weeks. Acting on a tip-off, police searched a motor cycle on the road of Abid-Khalaedaing Village near Abid Village, Mudon Township on 2 July. It was driven by Kyaw Ye Lin, 25, son of U Soe Hlaing, and Aung Khant Paing, 18, son of U Min Min Thaw, who live in Myoma 4 Ward, and arrested them together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa (Kamarwet) MaYa(pa)38/2020 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
8.	Information received of Ye Htut who lives in No 6 Ward, Hline Township, Yangon Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 30 June 2020, police arrested Ye Htut, 34, son of U Sein Thein, who lives in No 6 Ward, Hline Township together with 'WY' stimulant tablets on Butaryon Street, No 6 Ward, Hline Township. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Hline) MaYa(pa)19/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
9.	Information received of some people using, distributing and selling illegal drugs in west Kannar Ward, Insein Township, Yangon Region.	On 2 July 2020, police searched the house of Soe Lin Tun, 43, son of U Hla Tun, who lives in west Kannar Ward, Insein Township and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets, heroin and marijuana. A case has been opened against her with MaMaSa (Insein) MaYa(pa)118/2020 under Section 19(a) and 20(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
10.	Information received of Kyi Nyan Win (a) Gu Gu who lives in Nanthida Village, Nyaungshwe Township, southern Shan State, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 28 June 2020, police searched the house of Kyi Nyan Win (a) Gu Gu, 31, son of U Kyi Win, who lives in Nanthida Village, Nyaungshwe Township and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets and stimulant tablet crush powder. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Nyaungshwe) MaYa(pa)5/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
11.	Information received of Okkar and Ma Zin Mar Oo who lives in Nyaung Pin Htaung Village, Aungban Township, southern Shan State, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 28 June 2020, police searched the house of Okkar (a) Aye Phyo Maung, 24, son of U Nyein Htay, and his wife Ma Zin Mar Oo, 25, daughter of U San Oo, who live in Nyaung Pin Htaung Village, Aungban Township and arrested the couple and Zaw Myo Htet (a) Lone Lone, 20 son of U Myo Myint Aung, who lives in No 3 Ward together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa (Aungban) MaYa(pa)10/2020 under Section 19(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
12.	Information received of Ma Aye Aye Thin who lives in No 3 Ward, Aungban Township, southern Shan State, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 28 June 2020, police searched the house of Ma Aye Aye Thin, 36, daughter of U Myint Than, who lives in No 3 Ward, Aungban Township and arrested her and Maung Mya Sein (a) Kalar, 21, son of U Than Htay, who lives in the same ward, together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa (Aungban) MaYa(pa)11/2020 under Section 19(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
13.	Information received of Zeyar Kyaw who lives in Kyaunggyisu Ward, Taunggyi Township, southern Shan State, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 28 June 2020, police searched the house of Zeyar Kyaw, 22, son of U Chit Sein, who lives in Kyaunggyisu Ward, Taunggyi Township and arrested him and two others – Tin Ko Htway, 24, son of U Aung Win, who lives in Kyaunggyisu Ward and Tun Win, 25, son of U Aye, who lives in Kangyi Ward – together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Taunggyi) MaYa(pa)36/2020 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
14.	Information received of Ma Kyar Nu who lives in Fatnan Village, Taunggyi Township, southern Shan State, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 29 June 2020, police searched the house of Ma Kyar Nu, 34, son of U Than Tun, who lives in Fatnan Village, Taunggyi Township and arrested her together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against her with NaMaSa (Shwenyau) MaYa(pa)37/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
15.	Information received of Zaw Min Aung who lives in Shwe Taunggyar Ward, Kalaw Township, southern Shan State, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 30 June 2020, police searched the house of Zaw Min Aung (a) Zin Min Aung, 33, son of U Kyi, who lives in Shwe Taunggyar Ward, Kalaw Township and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Kalaw) MaYa(pa)21/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
16.	Information received of some people using, distributing and selling illegal drugs in wards of Taunggyi Township, southern Shan State.	Police have opened 25 cases and arrested 44 men and three women together with heroin, stimulant tablets and opium block in the previous weeks. Acting on a tip-off, police arrested Zaw Zaw Myo (a) Htwe Ngae, 23, son of U Myo Nyunt, who lives in Shwe Taung Ward, Taunggyi Township, together with 'WY' stimulant tablets on the Aungthaya Street of Shwe Taung Ward. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Taunggyi) MaYa(pa)37/2020 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Similarly, police arrested Ko Htet, 19, son of U Yar Kwel, who lives in Shwe Taung Ward, Taunggyi Township, together with 'WY' stimulant tablets on the Aungthaya Street of Shwe Taung Ward. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Taunggyi) MaYa(pa)38/2020 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Police arrested Aung Khant Thu, 23, son of U Myint Swe, who lives in Shwe Taung Ward, Taunggyi Township, together with opium block on the Taungtanshae Street of Shwe Taung Ward. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Taunggyi) MaYa(pa)39/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Acting on a tip-off, police searched the house of Sai Thet Hlaing, 19, son of U Maung Soe, who lives in Shwe Taung Ward, and arrested him and Kyaw Thet Phyo, 18, son of U Soe Lwin, who lives in the same ward, together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Taunggyi) MaYa(pa)40/2020 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Acting on a tip-off, police arrested Khin Zaw Aung (a) Aphyone, 20, son of U Myint Tin, who lives in Shwe Taung Ward, together with 'WY' stimulant tablets on the Taungtanshae Street on 2 July 2020. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Taunggyi) MaYa(pa)41/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

- Out of the information sent to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department, so far a total of 1,231 cases have been opened files as of 4 July 2020. A total of 1,900 people, including 1,590 men and 310 women had been arrested with 9,563.6114 g of heroin, 1,347.42 g of ICE, 43,564.22886 g of opium, 1,367.96 g of low-quality opium, 53,263.76 g of speciosa powder, 15,097.32 g of speciosa, 2.5 liters of liquid speciosa, 642,038 stimulant tablets, 13,003.9 g of marijuana, 0.1 litres of opium tincture, 630.28 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 60.15 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 26 firearms, different kinds of 609 cartridges and one grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the department will report on further exposed cases.
- 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:

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They have to take preventive measures now to prevent possible setbacks

She added that they have to take preventive measures now to prevent possible setbacks when attempting to resolve the safety and needs of the public. She said preventing issues from arising is better than resolving them later. She said the Union Government and businesses should consider how to prevent the loss of regular income than only providing assistance when a person no longer has it.

(Excerpt from State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's discussion with stakeholders of construction sector on 3 July 2020)



19th JMC-U meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw

THE 19th Union Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC-U) meeting was held in Horizon Lake View Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, JMC-U Chairman Lieutenant General Yar Pyae said as follows:

The JMC is the joint monitoring team to mainly implement the tasks relating to the ceasefire; to carry out meeting records, and rules and regulations, and as these are conducted bilaterally by the exact words, guidelines and procedures must be respectfully observed.

The conflicts in the country were born along with the independence; if we look back the conflicts, those are happening based on religion, race, and gang; once the conflict occurs, the burden of which is actually to the civilians, mainly the respective people from the conflict region; as the period of dispute has been long, there are exploitation of natural resources to run the business damaging ecosystems.

It has been 4 years that JMCs was formed and because of this, the disputes among the organizations which signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement have been reduced; that it can be seen that this can reduce the burden put on the people, and manage systematically the exploitation of the natural resources of those regions with the guidance; in the NCA signatory regions, the conflicts have been eliminated by solving the problems through negotiation and discussion between the two sides and that can be said the result of the signing the NCA.

Before being able to hold JMC meetings, we could prevent conflict as civilian representatives by reaching to the respective areas; by the time we could not hold the official meetings, we sometimes go and meet in



Chairman of the Union Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC-U) Lt-Gen Yar Pyae speaks at the 19th JMC-U meeting at the Horizon Lake View Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on 7 July 2020. PHOTO: MNA

person and could carry out the necessary measures so that we could prevent major conflicts and the two sides could solve normal conflicts through discussion and negotiation.

There are procedures approved in the JMC and those need to be re-negotiated if needed to comply with the current situation; and in doing so, there would be disagreements between two sides; but I would like to suggest to negotiate carefully for the sake of peace; to be able to more steadily monitor the conflicts and fights, the local civilian monitors should be grouped; and in 10th, 17th and 18th JMC meetings, we have had the agreement to form the monitoring groups.

As a conclusion, I would like to urge that the negotiation could be delayed if the image we want to create is far from the current situation; as long as the discussions are delayed, it could deviate from the right path; so, I'd like to suggest to build trust step by step through the discussion and negotiation the image we want to create in conformity with the current situation; in continuing the procedures of the JMC, the members of the com-

mittee should perform together by monitoring, by analyzing, and solving conflicts as per NCA provisions to build the sustainable peace based on transparency and impartiality.

Afterwards, Vice-Chairman (1) of the JMC-U Saw Issac Poe said as follows:

Although the JMC could have been formed as the organizations signed NCA, the expectation of trusting each other more has not happened in reality; although it is not the situation to be particularly worried, the inability of JMC's responsibility to carry out should be special emphasized; meeting two armed forces, the things relating with the army, avoiding the confrontation and making agreements to assign the troops should be done; in order to get that result, by getting regional level ceasefire, perform monitoring tasks and more effective watching, involving local civilians who bear the brunt of the conflict in the monitoring committees is the most important; besides, we expect that the free and non-partisan group would take charge the performing the ceasefire.

JMC-U Vice-Chairman (2) Rev Saw Mathew Aye said that

their organization was formed to point out the facts regardless of being friend or foe. Moreover, if the group is considered as impartial one among the armed groups, that will not be false. For many years, the processes of JMC took speeds and the relevant organizations also prioritized the role of civilians and and it is seen that the sector of civilian representatives become wider and he considers that the current JMC meeting is held after two years and so there is a good enough time to prepare for peace processes to carry out with concerted efforts.

They held public meetings to be able to reduce public concerns regarding the peace processes and also met with the relevant organizations and civil society organizations to conduct JMC processes, trainings and discussion. After the JMC was formed, the number of fights declined. They could promote relationship between the each level of JMC committee and also mainly lead to the ultimate goal like ceasefire and to achieve public participation in peace processes; on the other way, the public participation is a supportive manner in

peace processes and the JMC will have to build their strong stance by cooperating with others for Myanmar's peace processes, he added.

During this meeting, they approved the name lists for new members of JMC-U; presented the progress of work during the interim period of the 18th and 19th edition meetings; discussed about operations being implemented under No Cost Extension by using JMC's fund; budget for 2020-2021FY; appointment of executive director position proposed by the government side and deputy executive director by EAOs; to revise the approved ToR (Terms of References) and SoP (Standard Operation Procedure) of JMC if they are needed to do so; to discuss bilateral contracts at JMC; to resume the JMC-S meeting; to organize Local Civilian Monitoring (LCM) groups; submitted the decision to seek policy from plenary session of civilian representatives of JMC; proposed to allow to hold the 9th plenary session of civilian representatives of the JMC in the last week of July, 2020; presented the contribution of China and Thailand; expenditures and outstanding amount out of JMC's fund; fixed the date and time for upcoming JMC-U meeting. The 19th JMC-U meeting will be held until 21 July.

Union Minister for Border Affairs Lieutenant General Ye Aung, Lieutenant General Min Naung, Lieutenant General Win Bo Shane, Lieutenant General Aung Soe, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Major General Soe Tint Naing, representatives of ethnic armed groups and civilian groups and the responsible persons attended the meeting. —Myo Myint, Han Lin Naing ■ (Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

TB must not be ignored amidst COVID-19

BY PROVIDING tuberculosis-TB screening services to patients at fever clinics during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the government has shown its commitment to fighting TB, the world's most deadly infection.

Free X-rays for respiratory tract infections have been added to the services provided by fever clinics under the plan of the National TB Project, to maintain the country's achievements in fighting TB.

Our country, which is still among the 30 countries most affected by TB, needs to ensure the continuity of TB services in the time of COVID-19. This includes being proactive to protect the most vulnerable, including protection against economic hardship, isolation, stigma and discrimination.

In this time of crisis, the fear of catching COVID-19 should not deter people in need of timely diagnosis and treatment for TB from accessing health services. Our country was identified as one of a clutch of countries on track to reach the global End TB 2020 milestones.

For the past five years, TB, a respiratory disease, has remained the biggest infectious disease killer because the 'TB agenda' consistently became less visible in front of other priorities.

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As the COVID-19 pandemic spreads into high TB burden settings, we must put in place strategies to ease pressure on our health systems and to mitigate disruption in routine health services.

The social distancing and stay-at-home measures make it particularly challenging for TB programmes to provide diagnosis, treatment and care for communities affected by TB.

To ensure no disruption to TB services and to maintain our hard-earned progress against the world's most deadly infection, the TB programmes will have to identify and rely on alternative options, such as virtual care, digital health and community-monitoring solutions to bring the required services as close as possible to the people and communities affected by TB.

The ministry's mobile medical teams carried out field trips to diagnose and treat TB patients, reaching areas which were difficult to access, along with factories and prisons.

Enhancing the coverage of preventive treatment is crucial. All household contacts of TB patients should be screened and those at high risk of developing the disease. Preventive treatment should be provided where needed.

The Ministry of Health and Sports alone cannot fight TB. It will take the combined strength of the concerned ministries and departments, international non-governmental organizations, local NGOs, and civil society organizations to rid the country of this contagious disease.

Myanmar-Australia cooperation in revitalization of University of Yangon

By Professor Chaw Chaw Sein



The Convocation Hall of the Yangon University. PHOTO: ZAW MIN LAT (MNA)

SINCE Myanmar's political transition in 2011, Australia has assisted in many areas of Myanmar's socio-economic development. The education sector, in particular, has been a high priority in that development. Due to a special and direct request from Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as a Member of Parliament in 2013, Australia began assisting in the revitalizing of the University of Yangon (UY), with the aim to develop a flagship University. The assistance from Australia came in the form of providing study tour programmes to introduce the Australian higher education system, sending Australian educational experts to UY for SWOT analysis, and holding a policy dialogue on education in collaboration with the British Council in 2013. The Australian Government, through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), sponsored these programmes.

One remarkable memory involved the Australian Volunteers for International Development (AVID), one of the Australia overseas aid programmes. Under this programme, the UY received seven volunteers including a curriculum development officer, clinical psychologist, librarian advisor, academic teaching and research mentors, EFL teachers' trainers since 2014. Before hosting them, the Heads of hosting departments discussed in detail with AVID the needs of teachers and students in order to implement effective teaching and learning.

In the area of university-to-university collaboration, a

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between UY and Australia National University (ANU) was signed in 2003 and was revised again in 2013, setting out an agenda for collaboration and partnership. This is the only MoU that UY has with an Australian institution, and it is already being put into good use. Under the Australian-funded Government Partnerships for Development programme, the ANU has a vibrant project with the UY that is designed to build capacity in specific areas such as demography and law, along with university and research management and a number of interactions between the institutions has taken place. Specific capacities were built in the areas of law and demography

through a combination of short courses.

To enhance academic research skills, research seminars, academic twinning, and visiting professor arrangements have been conducted since MoU was signed. To strengthen research capacity within UY, the ANU provide support through three distinct streams. The first component is supporting the development of a joint research strategy between the ANU and UY serving the development of academic linkages between the two universities. In this context, the ANU- Myanmar Research Centre has played a key role in holding the "ANU Myanmar Update Conference". Myanmar scholars from UY participated

in the "ANU Myanmar Update" held in 2015, 2017 and 2019 respectively. By joining this event, Myanmar scholars have improved their research capacity, skills, and knowledge and strengthened networks. This led to two joint research publications with ANU. Two books namely, "Conflict in Myanmar" and "Myanmar transformed?" were published in 2016 and 2018 in which scholars from IR Department participated as joint researchers. The second component of the activity is fostering the qualitative and quantitative social research skills of UY academics, enabling their involvement in the design, implementation and analysis of national socio-economic surveys. Under the "Social Science

Research Methodology Training" given by ANU, fifty faculty members from UY were sent to ANU for two weeks in May 2015. The third component involves collaboration between the ANU college of Law and the UY Law Faculty. The fruitful cooperation cannot happen without kind support of Australia DFAT.

Besides these collaborations, the UY hosted senior research fellows and received Australian students who were awarded under the New Colombo Plan. The benefit of hosting a research fellow from ANU was the improvement of staff's research capacity. During the fellow's stay, research collaboration with International Relations faculty members was conducted in the areas of "election" and "peace process".

Student exchange programmes are one of the channels to strengthen people-to-people connectivity and to better understand countries' politics, history, language and culture. Under the student exchange programme, UY hosted two undergraduate students who won New Colombo Plan scholarships to study International Relations and Political Science subjects in 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 academic years. The benefits of hosting Australian students were that they established inter-student networks and shared the history, culture, economy, and political development of their countries of origin while exchanging ideas on their education systems. The local students also improved their English skills and expanded their networking skills from interacting

with the inbound students.

Another exciting programme is the study tour of Australian students to UY. Since 2016, the Department of IR has hosted a package of students from ANU and Monarch University. We have many activities together such as the UN Security Council Simulation exercise, and developing position papers on climate change which support Myanmar's draft Internationally Supported Climate Crisis Resilience Plan. Moreover, under the programme of Myanmar President Scholar Award, a political science student from UY was sent to ANU for three years and she was awarded a BA degree in International Security Studies in 2018. Two young assistant lecturers from the IR department achieved Master degrees in International Relations from ANU in 2017 and 2019 and they are now contributing the UY by serving as lecturers at the Department. It cannot be denied that all these collaborations contribute for the revitalization of UY.

This article would like to conclude by highlighting memories of Australian partnership in development and in revitalizing the UY, memories that are particularly important as we will celebrate UY's centennial milestone in 2020. With sixty-eight years of Myanmar-Australia diplomatic relations, the author wishes Myanmar-Australia cooperation will continue to strengthen and support UY to regain its former status as a leading higher education institution in the region, and beyond.



A DANGEROUS RESURGENCE OF COVID-19

Fauci warns US is 'knee-deep' in first wave of coronavirus

THE United States is still "knee-deep" in its first wave of coronavirus infections and must act immediately to tackle the recent surge, the country's top infectious diseases expert said Monday.

Anthony Fauci said the number of cases had never reached a satisfactory baseline before the current resurgence, which officials have warned risks overwhelming hospitals in the coun-

try's south and west. "It's a serious situation that we have to address immediately," Fauci said in a web interview with National Institutes of Health director Francis Collins. But Fauci added he did not strictly consider the ongoing rise in cases a "wave".

"It was a surge or a resurgence of infections superimposed upon a baseline," he said.

"If you look at the graphs from Europe, the European Un-

ion as an entity, it went up and then came down to the baseline. Now they're having little blips, as you might expect, as they try to reopen. We went up, never came down to baseline, and now we're surging back up."

The death toll from the virus in the US hit 130,000 Monday, according to a tally by Johns Hopkins University, and the number of infections is nearing three million.

A worrying number of new

cases were reported amid a resurgence that has forced several states to suspend phased economic reopenings. Fauci, who heads America's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, is a leading member of President Donald Trump's coronavirus task force and has become a trusted face in the administration's battle against the epidemic.

The US is the world's hardest-hit nation from the virus and

has been struggling to come to grips with a new normal of social distancing and mask-wearing.

Officials have warned that some of the country's hospitals are in danger of being overwhelmed by the influx of COVID-19 patients.

Hospital beds are full in parts of Texas, while calls for fresh stay-at-home orders are growing.

Some mayors have said their cities reopened too early



Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institutes of Health's Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. PHOTO: AFP

as Trump tries to downplay the severity of the crisis, prioritizing economic reopening instead.

SOURCE: AFP

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report
(Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 7th July, 2020)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is weak to moderate over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 8th July, 2020: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Northern Shan, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing and Bago Regions, Shan (South and East), Kayah, Kayin and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (5-8) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8th July, 2020: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8th July, 2020: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8th July, 2020: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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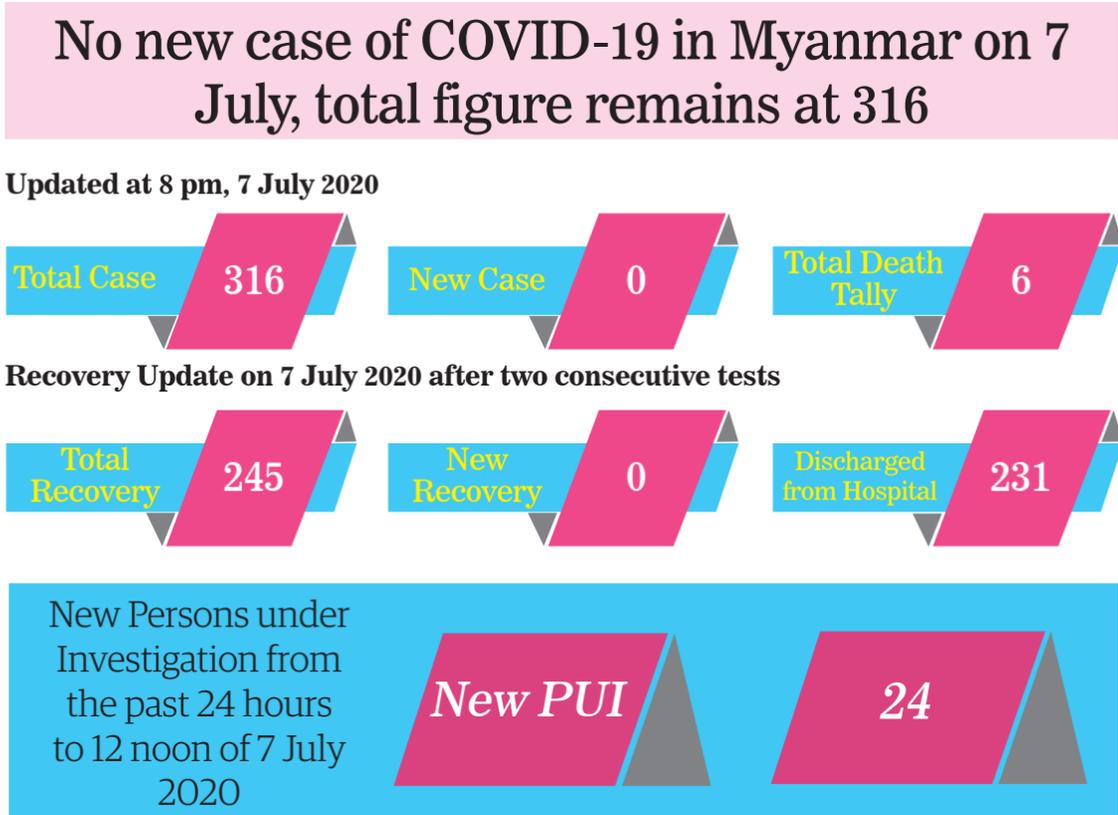
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One Defence Services Personnel representative substituted for State Hluttaw

According to the report presented under Section 33 of the Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law on substitution of one State Hluttaw representative of Defence Services Personnel who was submitted by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services for the 8 November 2015 General Election, the Union Election Commission has scrutinized and substituted the following State Hluttaw representative shown on the left column under the Notification 169/2018 of the commission dated on 6-11-2018 with those shown on the right column.

Kachin State Hluttaw	
(1) BC 23742	BC 29197
Col Nay Lin Tun	Col Kyaw Lin Aung

(Hla Thein)
Chairman
Union Election Commission



Invitation for Prequalification – Engineering, Procurement and Construction for Overhead Power Transmission lines and Substation Extensions of Integrated LNG to Power Plant in Mee Lin Gyaing, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

- Entrusted by Mee Lin Gyaing Electric Power Co. Ltd, Union Resources & Engineering Company Limited (UREC) now invites Applications for Prequalification for Engineering, Procurement and Construction of Overhead Power Transmission Lines and Substation Extensions for Integrated LNG to Power Plant in Mee Lin Gyaing, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
- Scopes of Works
 - 2.1 Package 1
 - 500kV double-circuit overhead power transmission line from newly-built power plant to 500kV West University Substation with a length of 206km approximately, proposed conductor cross-section of 4x630mm² and overcrossing Ayeyarwady River for one time at span of about 1.35km;
 - Extension of two bays in 500kV West University Substation near Yangon, including one 500MVA main transformer and five circuit breakers;
 - Extension of four bays in 230kV Pathein Substation;
 - Extension of two bays in 230kV Athoke Substation.
 - 2.2 Package 2
 - 230kV double-circuit overhead power transmission line from newly-built power plant to Pathein Substation with a length of 69km approximately and proposed conductor cross-section of 2x400mm²;
 - 230kV double-circuit overhead power transmission line from Pathein Substation to Athoke Substation with a length of 55km approximately and proposed conductor cross-section of 2x400mm².
- Only eligible Applicants with the following key qualifications should participate in the prequalifying process:
 - 3.1 For Package 1
The applicants or their subcontracted installation entity and design institute should:
 - possess integrated construction qualification class A for power sector or particular construction qualification class A for power transformation and transmission, and integrated design qualification class A for power sector;
 - as designer, installer or EPC contractor in the past five years:
 - complete 500kV or higher voltage overhead power transmission line length not less than 400km (equivalent to single-circuit length accumulated in several projects) in China;
 - complete 230kV or higher voltage overhead power transmission line length not less than 100km (equivalent to single-circuit length accumulated in several projects) outside China;
 - complete at least one 500kV or higher voltage overhead power transmission line with large span (not less than 1km) for overcrossing obstruction in China or 230kV or higher voltage overhead power transmission line with large span (not less than 1km) for overcrossing obstruction outside China;
 - complete at least four 500kV or higher voltage substations in China or at least two 230kV or higher voltage substations outside China.
 - 3.2 For Package 2
 - possess integrated construction qualification class A for power sector or particular construction qualification class A for power transformation and transmission, and integrated design qualification class A for power sector;
 - as designer, installer or EPC contractor in the past five years:
 - complete 230kV or higher voltage overhead power transmission line length not less than 500km (equivalent to single-circuit length accumulated in several projects) in China;
 - Complete 230kV or higher voltage overhead power transmission line length not less than 100km (equivalent to single-circuit length accumulated in several projects) outside China.
- Applicants with the completed similar projects in Myanmar will be preferred.
- A complete set of Prequalification Documents in Chinese may be obtained free of charge by interested eligible applicants upon the submission of a written application together with the appendixes to demonstrate the qualifications and experiences as well as the certificate of legal representative or the power of attorney of legal representative, and the effective identity certificate of legal representative or authorized representative to the Email Address: tushangsong@urec.com.cn; cc: urec-mlg@urec.com.cn from 8:00, July 8th to 16:00 July 13th, 2020 (local time).
- Upon receipt of the specified application and appendixes, UREC will send the Prequalification Documents in electronic version to the email address given by the qualified applicant.
- The Applications for Prequalification should be submitted in the sealed envelopes before 16:00 July 29th, 2020(local time).
- Refer to the Prequalification Documents for details of the requirements for Preparation and Submission of Applications for Prequalification together with Security.

115 Myanmar nationals fly back home from foreign countries on 7 July

A total of 115 Myanmar nationals from 14 different countries were brought back home by Myanmar Airways International (MAD)'s relief flight that landed at the Yangon International Airport yesterday.

The flight carried Myanmar citizens from the Incheon International Airport in South Korea.

Of them, 45 are from South Korea, 1 from Germany, 1 from Norway, 1 from Saudi Arabia, 1 from Russia, 2 from Austria, 2 from the Netherlands, 3 from Switzerland, 4 from Greece, 5 from the United Kingdom, 10 from Indonesia, 10 from France and Spain, and 30 from the United States.

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Yangon Region government provided the returnees with proper medical examination and arranged 21-day quarantine for them.

The ministry has been working with Myanmar embassies in foreign countries and local ministries concerned to bring back citizens stranded abroad due to the suspension of international commercial flights, in accordance with the guidance of the National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19.

A total of 6,934 Myanmar citizens have been brought back home to date. — MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Invitation for Open tender No. (1/2020)

- Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Department of Mines invites to submit the tender quotation sale open tender of (5000) Metric Tons, (15) Lot of Cathode Copper by United States Dollar as follow,

(a) (100) Metric Tons each	(5) Lot Monywa, Mine Site
(b) (200) Metric Tons each	(5) Lot Monywa, Mine Site
(c) (500) Metric Tons each	(3) Lot Monywa, Mine Site
(d) (1000) Metric Tons each	(2) Lot Monywa, Mine Site
- Base price of Cathode Copper shall be based on the London Metal Exchange Copper price on the date of tender opening. The highest proposal amount (Premium amount added to the LME price and deduction of transportation and handling expenses) shall be winning tender.
- Tender Closing Date and Time is 7th August 2020 (14:00) hrs and Opening Tender is (15:00) hrs.
- Tender documents are available from the Mineral Development Division, Department of Mines, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Office Building No. (19), Nay Pyi Taw and details can be asked to (+95) 067 3409378 and 067 3409372 within the Office hours.

Tender Committee
Departmental of Mines
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation

Correction

Please read “The assistance of 627 million Japanese Yen is earmarked for human resource development” instead of “The assistance of 6.27 billion Japanese Yen is earmarked for human resource development” of the news titled “Myanmar, Japan sign exchange of agreement on Human Resource Development Scholarship” on page 2 of the 7 July issue of the Global New Light of Myanmar.

India caseload surges as experts warn of virus going airborne

NEW DELHI—India on Monday became the country with the third-highest coronavirus caseload in the world, as a group of scientists said there was now overwhelming evidence that the disease can be airborne -- and for far longer than originally thought. With the globe's hardest hit nation, the United States, struggling to come to grips with the new normal of social distancing and mask-wearing, officials there warned that some of the country's hospitals were in danger of being overwhelmed by a surge in infections.

Despite signs of progress in parts of Europe -- where the Louvre museum in Paris reopened



The National capital is in the third in position after Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu. Mumbai Police personnel patrolling on Hoverboards at Marine Drive in Mumbai on Sunday. PHOTO: ANI

Monday -- total global infections surged past 11.5 million, with more than 535,000 deaths, since the pandemic first emerged in China late last year.

The Indian government, like many around the world, has gradually lifted virus restrictions to help the battered economy, but the number of cases has continued to climb, with 24,000 reported in 24 hours to take the total to nearly 700,000 on Monday, slightly more than Russia.—AFP ■

Australia's second-biggest city under new virus lockdown

MELBOURNE—More than five million residents of Melbourne will be locked down for six weeks after coronavirus cases surged in Australia's second-biggest city, authorities

announced Tuesday. State Premier Daniel Andrews said the lockdown would begin at midnight Wednesday and last at least six weeks, as he warned residents "we can't pretend"

the coronavirus crisis is over. After the south-eastern city detected 191 new cases in 24 hours, Andrews said there were now too many incidents of the virus to trace and track.—AFP ■

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V PRESIDIO VOY. NO. (040W/E)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V PRESIDIO VOY. NO. (040W/E)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **8-7-2020** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP/MITT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA SHIPPING PTE., LTD

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Agent For:

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DARIYA

registered in Myanmar under **Reg. No. 4/8679/2017** in respect of **Class 3**: "Cosmetics; cosmetic preparations for hair; soaps and detergents; hair color preparations; hair dyes; bleaching preparations for hair; bleaching preparations [decolorants]for cosmetic purposes; color-removing preparations for hair; hair treatment preparations; cosmetic hair dressing preparations; hair styling preparations; hair wax; hair wax for use in hair styling and colors; hair lotions; hair spray; hair waving preparations; hair tonic; hair grower; hair creams; hair shampoo; hair conditioner; cosmetics for skin care; emulsions, gels and lotions for skincare; cosmetic creams, milks, lotions, gels and powders for the face, hands and body; sunscreen for cosmetic use; perfumed paste for cosmetic use; perfumery; cakes of toilet soap; bleaching powder; washing preparations; cleaning preparations; polishing preparations; polishes; grinding preparations; essential oils; dentifrices."

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COSOPT

Reg. No. 4/13443/2015 (13.10.2015)

In respect of "Pharmaceutical preparations; reagent paper for medical purposes; oiled paper for medical purposes; sanitary masks; wrapping wafers for medicine doses; gauze [for medical use]; capsules for medicines; eyepatches for medical purposes; ear bandages; menstruation bandages; menstruation tampons; sanitary napkins; sanitary panties; absorbent cotton; adhesive plasters; bandages for dressings; liquid bandages; breast-nursing pads; dietary supplements for humans; nutritional supplements; dietetic beverages adapted for medical purposes; dietetic foods adapted for medical purposes; food for babies; dietary supplements for animals" in **International Class 5**.

TAFLOTAN-S

Reg. No. 4/2577/2017 (14.3.2017)

All in respect of "Pharmaceutical preparations; reagent paper for medical purposes; oiled paper for medical purposes; wrapping wafers for medicine doses; gauze [for medical use]; capsules for medicines; eyepatches for medical purposes; ear bandages; menstruation bandages; menstruation tampons; sanitary napkins; sanitary panties; absorbent cotton; adhesive plasters; bandages for dressings; liquid bandages; breast-nursing pads; dietary supplements for humans; nutritional supplements; dietetic beverages adapted for medical purposes; dietetic foods adapted for medical purposes; beverages for babies; food for babies; dietary supplements for animals" in **International Class 5**.

TAPCOM-S

Reg. No. 4/2578/2017 (14.3.2017)

サンテルタックス

Reg. No. 4/2579/2017 (14.3.2017)

EYBELIS

Reg. No. 4/7624/2017 (13.7.2017)

In respect of "Collyrium; eye drops; ophthalmological preparations; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of cataracts; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of glaucoma; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of ocular hypertension; ophthalmic ointments; pharmaceutical preparations for use in eye injections; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of pinguecula; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of chalazion; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of uveitis; eye drops for treatment of cornea conjunctiva epithelium disorder; antibacterial eye drops; antiallergic eye drops; pharmaceutical preparations; reagent paper for medical purposes; oiled paper for medical purposes; wrapping wafers for medicine doses; gauze [for medical use]; capsules for medicines; eyepatches for medical purposes; ear bandages; menstruation bandages; menstruation tampons; sanitary napkins; sanitary panties; absorbent cotton; adhesive plasters; bandages for dressings; liquid bandages; breast-nursing pads; cotton sticks for medical purposes; incontinence diapers; diapers; diaper covers; dietary supplements for humans; nutritional supplements; dietetic beverages adapted for medical purposes; dietetic foods adapted for medical purposes; beverages for babies; food for babies; dietary supplements for animals" in **International Class 5**.

EYOMNI

Reg. No. 4/2094/2018 (7.3.2018)

All in respect of "Collyrium; eye drops; ophthalmological preparations; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of cataracts; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of glaucoma; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of ocular hypertension; ophthalmic ointments; pharmaceutical preparations for use in eye injections; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of pinguecula; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of chalazion; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of uveitis; eye drops for treatment of keratoconjunctival epithelial disorder; antibacterial eye drops; antiallergic eye drops; pharmaceutical preparations; reagent paper for medical purposes; oiled paper for medical purposes; drug delivery agents in the form of edible wafers for wrapping powdered pharmaceuticals; gauze [for medical use]; capsules for medicines; eyepatches for medical purposes; ear bandages; menstruation bandages; menstruation tampons; sanitary napkins; sanitary panties; absorbent cotton; adhesive plasters; bandages for dressings; liquid bandages; breast-nursing pads; cotton sticks for medical purposes; incontinence diapers; diapers; diaper covers; dietary supplements for humans; nutritional supplements; dietetic beverages adapted for medical purposes; dietetic foods adapted for medical purposes; beverages for babies; food for babies; dietary supplements for animals" all included in **International Class 5**.

OMLONTI

Reg. No. 4/2095/2018 (7.3.2018)

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Reg. No. 4/3650/2018 (18.4.2018)

All in respect of "Intraocular prostheses [lenses] for surgical implantation; intraocular lens injector; eye droppers for medical purposes; glaucoma tube shunt; surgical apparatus and instruments for use in ophthalmic surgery; medical devices for non-laser glaucoma surgery; ocular implants and devices; ocular implants and devices for use in treating glaucoma; ophthalmic medical devices; syringes for medical purposes; medical apparatus; cups for washing eyes; surgical, medical, dental and veterinary apparatus and instruments; artificial limbs, eyes and teeth; orthopaedic articles; suture materials; therapeutic and assistive devices adapted for the disabled; massage apparatus; apparatus, devices and articles for nursing infants; sexual activity apparatus, devices and articles" all included in **International Class 10**.

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Reg. No. 4/3651/2018 (18.4.2018)



Reg. No. 4/15425/2019 (25.1.2019)

In respect of "Collyrium; eye drops; ophthalmological preparations; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of cataracts; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of glaucoma; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of ocular hypertension; ophthalmic ointments, creams, lotions and gels; pharmaceutical preparations for use in eye injections; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of pinguecula; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of chalazion; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of uveitis; pharmaceutical preparations for improving focus-adjustment function declined by accommodative asthenopia; pharmaceutical preparations for treatment of accommodative asthenopia; eye drops for treatment of keratoconjunctival epithelial disorder; antibacterial eye drops; antiallergic eye drops; pharmaceutical preparations; reagent paper for medical purposes; oiled paper for medical purposes; drug delivery agents in the form of edible wafers for wrapping powdered pharmaceuticals; gauze for medical use; capsules for medicines; eyepatches for medical purposes; ear bandages; menstruation bandages; menstruation tampons; sanitary napkins; sanitary panties; absorbent cotton; adhesive plasters; bandages for dressings; liquid bandages; breast-nursing pads; cotton sticks for medical purposes; incontinence diapers; diapers; diaper covers; dietary supplements for humans; nutritional supplements; dietetic beverages adapted for medical purposes; dietetic foods adapted for medical purposes; beverages for babies; food for babies; dietary supplements for animals" all included in **International Class 5**.

DUGRESSA

Reg. No. 4/26841/2019 (24.10.2019)

DUCRESSA

Reg. No. 4/26842/2019 (24.10.2019)

BITANTO

Reg. No. 4/26843/2019 (24.10.2019)

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Dated 8th July 2020

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Reg. No. 4/3316/2020 (16 March 2020)

In respect of "Hand tools and implements, hand-operated; cutlery; side arms, except firearms; razors; pocket knife/army knife; multifunction hand tools; screwdriver; tableware [knives, forks and spoons]; can openers, non-electric; abrading instruments [hand instruments]; drills, hand-operated; palette knives; fruit pickers [hand tools]; hand tools and implements, hand-operated; hand tools and implements for agricultural, gardening, and landscaping purposes; diggers [hand tools]; ditchers [hand tools]; hand-operated pumps; tool belts; vises; tweezers; beard clippers; needle-threaders; spatulas [hand tools]; flat irons; emery files; nail files; hair clippers, hand-operated; emergency hammers; razors, non-electric" in **International Class 8**; "Scientific, research, navigation, surveying, photographic, cinematographic, audiovisual, optical, weighing, measuring, signalling, detecting, testing, inspecting, life-saving and teaching apparatus and instruments; apparatus and instruments for conducting, switching, transforming, accumulating, regulating or controlling the distribution or use of electricity; apparatus and instruments for recording, transmitting, reproducing or processing sound, images or data; recorded and downloadable media, computer software, blank digital or analogue recording and storage media; mechanisms for coin-operated apparatus; cash registers, calculating devices; computers and computer peripheral devices; diving suits, divers' masks, ear plugs for divers, nose clips for divers and swimmers, gloves for divers, breathing apparatus for underwater swimming; fire-extinguishing apparatus; tape measures; helmets for children; protective goggles; sunglasses; power banks; USB sticks; USB car charger; USB Hubs; wireless speakers; Bluetooth speakers; keyboards for smartphones; headphones; USB Multiport; earphones; mouse; smartphone cables; webcam covers; barrier tapes; electronic machines, apparatus and their parts and accessories; electronic machines, apparatus and their parts for remote monitoring system; wireless remote controls for vehicles; telecommunication machines and apparatus and their parts and accessories; computer software and computer hardware; computer programs; computer programs for data processing; computer programs for repair or maintenance of metalworking machines and apparatus, construction machines and apparatus, loading-unloading machines and apparatus, mining machines and apparatus, agricultural machines and implements, forest machines and apparatus; computer programs for managing position and battery, operational status and maintenance information of metalworking machines and apparatus, construction machines and apparatus, loading-unloading machines and apparatus, mining machines and apparatus, agricultural machines and implements, forest machines and apparatus; tablet computers, and their parts and accessories; tablet computers terminals to measure the operation status of machine tools and to collect the operation data of machine tools by installing to the machine tools, and their parts and accessories; electrical control, testing and monitoring apparatus, and their parts and accessories; batteries and cells; battery boxes; capacitors; accumulators [batteries]; battery terminals; vehicle batteries; battery chargers for battery vehicles, and their parts and accessories; measuring or testing machines and instruments, and their parts and accessories; surveying machines and instruments, and their parts and accessories; power distribution or control machines and apparatus, and their parts and accessories; LCD monitors; computer monitors; touchscreen monitors; tablet monitors; electroluminescent display panels; computer display monitors; electronic numeric displays; electrical controlling devices; electrical charge controllers; electronic power controllers; electronic speed controllers; pressure sensors; condensers; capacitance boxes; software recorded with computer programs; connectors [electricity]; electronic connectors; electric wires and cables; cables, electric; sensors [measurement apparatus], other than for medical use; optical sensors; humanoid robots with artificial intelligence; remote control telemetering machines and instruments for industrial robots; anti-theft warning apparatus; cases for smartphones; straps for mobile phones; mobile phones, smartphones; clothing for protection against accidents, irradiation and fire; computer programs, downloadable; computer programs, recorded; computer software applications, downloadable; covers for tablet computers; gloves for protection against accidents; mouse pads; reflective safety vests; wrist rests for use with computers; laboratory apparatus and instruments; constant temperature incubators; automatic temperature control machines and instruments; thermoelectric conversion elements; protective industrial shoes" in **International Class 9**; "Precious metals and their alloys; jewellery, precious and semi-precious stones; horological and chronometric instruments; watches; clocks; wall clocks; key rings and key chains; accessory boxes; key rings with bottle openers; charms for key chains and key rings; brooches [jewellery]; cuff links; pins [jewellery]; tie pins; watchbands" in **International Class 14**; "Paper and cardboard; printed matter; bookbinding material; photographs; stationery and office requisites, except furniture; adhesives for stationery or household purposes; drawing materials and materials for artists; paintbrushes; instructional and teaching materials; plastic sheets, films and bags for wrapping and packaging; printers' type, printing blocks; posters; pens; ballpoint pens; highlighter pens; colored pencils; crayons; pencils; sticky notes; rulers; journal books; notebooks; notepads; loose-leaf pads; document holders; binders (office supplies); clear file folders; paper bags; plastic bags; fabric bags; boxed tissue paper; picture frames; calendars; desk pads; coloring books; memo holders; badge holders; stickers; car stickers; paper badges, name badges [office requisites]; name card holder (metal/leather); folding rulers for stationery and office uses; bookends; pen and pencil cases; name badge holders [office requisites]; 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Coronavirus impacts onion cultivation businesses

WITH the significant decline of foreign demand because of the outbreak of worldwide viral infection, the local onion growers are facing difficulties with their farming businesses, according to the local onion growers from Pale Township, Sagaing Region.

The local farmers get only K310-K320 per viss. The price of onion is only K350-K360 per viss in Pakokku. Last year, the village market price of onion was K500-K700 per viss depending upon the onion size. The medium-sized onion fetched a good price.

However, the price of onion declined this year because of coronavirus pandemic. The price of onion declined because we could not export it," said Ko Hmat Kyi, an online seller from Ta Nae Village in Pale Township.

The declining price of onion has impacted only the local farmers but also the local onion traders.

Some onion traders stored over 30,000-40,000 visses to get a high price. The onion is harvested in April.

The stored onions can become a bit rotten over time. So, the traders are selling them at a lower price.

The onions are grown mainly in Pale and Monywa townships in Sagaing Region, Pakokku, Myingyan and Seikphyu townships.

Because of the outbreak of viral disease worldwide, the onion and garlic are also selling for K700-K800 per viss even in Yangon Region. Previously, the prices of onion and garlic were above K1,000 per viss.

—Myint Maung ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)Myanmar onion price declines as there is no export due to COVID-19 pandemic. **PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG**

MoHS confirms 12 deaths due to dengue in Jan-July

Twelve people have died of Dengue Hemorrhagic Fever (DHF) across Myanmar this year till 7 July, according to a press release issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports.

From January to 6 July, a total of 1,740 people were infected with DHF and hospitalized with 12 people losing their lives across the country.

The largest numbers of

DHF outbreak are seen in Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Magway regions and Mon state. Sagaing Region registered the highest numbers of DHF infection cases with 358 cases and three deaths. The figures showed that children aged between five and nine years are mostly infected with DHF.

Dengue is a viral infection transmitted by the bite of an

infected mosquito. It usually causes severe flu-like symptoms, including high fever, headache, vomiting, muscle and joint pain and a characteristic skin rash. The fever mostly occurs in the rainy season from June to August in the country. The DHF occurred mostly in children previously, but now the adults are also infected with DHF.

People are warned to take prevention steps and heed the advice by maintaining clean surroundings, covering vessels containing water and using mosquito nets against the DHF transmission.

In 2019, Myanmar saw over 20,000 cases of DHF and 123 deaths. —Aye Maung ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

YBS to run with card payment system this month



YRTA plans to start card payment system this month.

PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

SOME YBS bus lines which have payment card machines installed will run their operation with card payment system

this month, said Joint Secretary U Hla Aung of Yangon Region Transport Authority (YRTA).

"YRTA and the related companies are taking the necessary measures to be able to practise the payment card system.

This is a two-pronged payment card system jointly conducted by YRTA, which is responsible for project implementation part of Asia Star Company and the Yangon regional government, which plays the monitoring role. The main role of YRTA is to implement the payment card system onboard the YBS buses this month and to introduce the system to the public," he said.

Besides, the payment card system will be launched in the public areas increasingly day by day, he added.

"Currently, the payment card machines have already been installed on board 1,900

buses belonging to seven companies since November 2019. Now, we will continue to install the payment card machines onboard the remaining buses," he stated.

YRTA is also planning to introduce the payment cards not only onboard YBS buses but also on the water buses and in the shopping malls.

At present, more than 100 bus lines are running 4,500 buses along 135 routes inclusive of the airport shuttle and city transit. A total of 6,635 buses are registered with YRTA. The number of daily commuters has been estimated at 1.8 million.

The payment card system was introduced by YRTA on 16 January, 2019. —Thae Cho ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Statement on the temporary internet suspension in Rakhine and southern Chin states

THERE have been concerns raised by some quarters over the suspension of the internet in some townships in Rakhine and Chin States, expressing fears that the internet blackout may endanger the lives of vulnerable civilians facing the COVID-19 pandemic in affected areas.

Due to the intensification of offensive attacks and acts of violence launched by the Arakan Army (AA) insurgents, the Government issued a directive on 20 June 2019 to impose a temporary suspension of internet services in eight townships in Rakhine State and one township in Chin State, with a view to maintaining security and law and order in conflict-affected townships in Rakhine and Chin States. The directive on internet suspension, issued on the basis of Article 77 of the 2013 Telecommunication Law, covers Ponnagyun, Rathedaung, Mrauk-U, Kyauktaw, Minbya, Myebon, Maungdaw, Buthidaung and Paletwa townships. However, voice and SMS services remain available.

The temporary internet suspension measure is necessary to prevent the AA from exploiting mobile internet technologies to detonate IEDs and landmines, to incite hatred among different ethnic groups and to plan attacks or kidnappings of government officials. The crimes committed by the AA include the killings of village and ward

administrators with a view to disrupting the government machinery.

The restrictions were lifted in five townships namely Rathedaung, Myebon, Maungdaw, Buthidaung and Paletwa townships in August 2019, when the conflict situation showed signs of improvement.

The resurgence of violence and the intensification of acts of terrorism perpetrated by the AA compelled the authorities to impose temporary restrictions in February 2020. Normal internet access will be restored once the situation stabilizes. In fact as of May 2020, the internet service in Maungdaw Township in Rakhine State has been restored.

Measures are taken to ensure that internet restriction does not hinder the Myanmar Government's efforts to combat the COVID-19 in line with its stated policy of "Leaving No One Behind". The Government, in collaboration with domestic and international partners, has been providing COVID-19 related Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials to people living in the affected areas and to all vulnerable communities in conflict areas. Since January 2020, the Government has been disseminating COVID-19 awareness information through free SMS services across the country, including the internet-sus-

pending areas. Moreover, the internet service is available in all major IDP camps located in and around Sittwe Township in Rakhine State.

The Myanmar Red Cross and the ICRC have been particularly effective in supporting the Government's efforts, and are working with all communities, including the IDPs. The ICRC has developed a wide range of COVID-19 responses in nine townships in Rakhine; Buthidaung, Kyauktaw, Maungdaw, Minbya, Mrauk-U, Myebon, Pauktaw, Rathedaung and Sittwe. Since mid-May 2020, the Government and the ICRC have formalized an ICRC Action Plan to support the Myanmar Government's efforts to prevent COVID-19 outbreak in Rakhine.

The Government will continue to take necessary and effective measures to protect the people from terrorist attacks by the AA and to ensure that its COVID-19 pandemic response will benefit everyone, including the vulnerable segments, in accordance with the stated policy of "Leaving No One Behind".

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Fishery exports soar to over \$700 mln in 2019-2020FY

EXPORT earnings from the fisheries sector during the period between 1 October and 26 June in the 2019-2020 financial year reached US\$703.7 million, an increase of \$105 million from the year-ago period, according to the statistics released by the Commerce Ministry.

The figures stood at just \$598.7 million during a year ago period.

During the current fiscal, the fishery exports are expected to reach a record high. So far, over 580,000 tonnes of fishery products have been shipped to the external market. The export volume reflects an increase of 70,000 tonnes compared with those registered in the last fiscal year. Myanmar Fisheries Federation (MFF) expected to earn more than \$800 million from fishery exports in the current fiscal year, said an official of MFF.

Myanmar exports fisheries products, such as fish, prawns, and crabs, to markets in 40 countries, including China, Saudi Arabia, the US, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, and countries in the European Union. Myanmar's



The Myanmar Fisheries Federation targets US\$800 million from fishery export this fiscal year.
PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

fishery exports have declined over the past three months, owing to the coronavirus pandemic impacts. However, Myanmar witnessed a large volume of exports in the post-pandemic period.

The Myanmar Fisheries Federation (MFF) is making concerted efforts to increase fishery export earnings by developing fish farming lakes which meet international standards and adopt-

ing advanced fishing techniques.

There are over 247,000 acres of fish farms and 240,000 prawn breeding farms across the country.

Myanmar exported 340,000

tonnes of fishery products worth \$530 million in the 2013-2014FY, 330,000 tonnes worth \$480 million in the 2014-2015FY, 360,000 tonnes worth \$500 million in the 2015-2016FY, 430,000 tonnes worth \$600 million in the 2016-2017FY, 560,000 tonnes worth \$700 million in the 2017-2018FY, and over 580,000 tonnes in the 2018-2019FY, according to the Commerce Ministry.

An MFF official said the federation has asked the government to tackle problems faced in the export of farm-raised fish and prawns through G2G pacts and ensure smooth freight movement between countries to bolster exports. According to the MFF, integrated poultry and fish farming cannot ensure food safety, which is a requirement for export.

Therefore, the federation has asked for the formulation of a law to restrict that kind of mixed farming. Fish farming must be conducted as a large-scale project to get access to Project Bank loans, according to the MFF. — GNLM ■

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Referee Committee discusses producing of new generation referees

THE Myanmar Football Federation (MFF)'s Referee Committee held their first meeting for 2020 at the MFF's meeting hall in Yangon yesterday.

The meeting discussed matters related to producing of professional referees and new generation referees, sending of Myanmar referees to FIFA and AFC's referee courses, implementation of developing futsal referees, permitting qualified referees to attend referee courses, and procedures for generating good referees in regions and states.

They also detailed conducting of referee courses for skills development of the referees in regions and states, training U-14 youth referees,



The meeting of the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF)'s Referee Committee is in progress at the MFF's meeting hall in Yangon on 7 July 2020. **PHOTO: MNL**

assigning the referees who completed the referee courses

in the games, and assistance for opening referee courses.

The meeting also discussed the arrangement for

accommodating the referees who will come from regions and states for U-14 football league, re-publishing of "Law of The Game" book, making efforts for developing Asian level referees from Myanmar, and the cooperation with township football federations for conducting of more referee courses in 2021.

The meeting was attended by the referee committee's chairman U Tun Hla Aung, vice-chairman U Htuang Htar Htan, and members U Tin Thein, U Tun Tun, and U Hla Myint Latt, MFF's advisor U Bunny Tin Aung, general secretary U Ko Ko Thein, and referees' in-charge U Hla Min.—Kyaw Khin

Leicester loyalty 'cements Vardy legacy', says Rodgers

LONDON—Brendan Rodgers says Jamie Vardy's decision to stay at Leicester has cemented his legacy at the King Power Stadium after the striker joined the Premier League's "100 club".

The striker turned down the chance to join Arsenal in 2016, just weeks after spearheading the Foxes' Premier League title success.

Other members of that Leicester team including

N'Golo Kante, Riyad Mahrez and Danny Drinkwater made big-money moves. On Saturday Vardy, 33, scored his 100th Premier League goal, 206 games after becoming the first £1 million signing from a non-league club (Fleetwood Town) when he joined Leicester in 2012.

Of the 29 players to have become Premier League centurions, only Ian Wright (28 years 286 days) made his debut in the

competition at an older age than Vardy (27 years 232 days).

Leicester manager Rodgers said: "I think as things stand he's a legend here now for the rest of his time at the club — it's just what he adds to that status over the rest of his career.

"It's hard to knock players if they do want to move on because their careers are so short but he's obviously felt really comfortable.—AFP ■

Sevilla close on Champions League with Eibar win

MADRID — Sevilla beat Eibar 1-0 in Spain's La Liga on Monday (Jul 6) and look a good bet to qualify for the Champions League with four matches to play.

The victory lifts fourth

placed Sevilla six points clear of the team below them Villarreal, who were thumped by Barcelona on Sunday.

Earlier in the evening Real Sociedad's poor run since the restart continued with a 1-1 draw

at Levante, meaning they have dropped from the top four to seventh. Sevilla can thank their on-form Argentine Lucas Ocampos who fired home the winner on 56 after nice work from Jesús Navas. Eibar had defended grimly sitting deep and tackling hard.

This was a second straight win for Sevilla after four consecutive draws after the restart of La Liga. Real Sociedad took the lead against Levante through Sweden's Alexander Isak after 12 minutes, but were pegged back on 16 by José Luis Morales from a speculative cross-shot.

Barcelona's 4-1 win at Villarreal reduced the gap at the top to Real Madrid to four points with four games left setting up a tense finish to the season.

Madrid ground out a 1-0 win over Athletic Bilbao at San Mames, with a Sergio Ramos penalty proving the difference.—AFP ■



Sevilla's Argentinian midfielder Lucas Ocampos (centre) celebrates stopping a shot after replacing teammate Czech goalkeeper Tomas Vaclik during the Spanish League football match between Sevilla FC and SD Eibar. **PHOTO: AFP**

World Cup 2022 organizers to cut staff



The organizers of the 2022 World Cup will lay off an undisclosed number of staff as gas-rich Qatar cuts costs amid the coronavirus economic downturn. **PHOTO: AFP**

DOHA—The organizers of the 2022 World Cup will lay off an undisclosed number of staff as gas-rich Qatar cuts costs amid the coronavirus economic downturn, several sources have told AFP.

The job losses, which have not previously been reported, follow similar redundancies at state-run organizations including Qatar Petroleum and Qatar Airways. The government body organizing the tournament, known as the Supreme Committee, directly employs 550 people - both Qataris and expats - but oversees the work of tens of thousands of contractors.

"The Supreme Committee has recently undertaken an internal exercise to assess the current workforce and engaged in a budget management and operational efficiency exercise as part

of this transition," the organization said in a statement to AFP on Monday. The 2022 organizers did not confirm how many posts would be lost or what the projected savings would be. Qataris have largely been spared from past staff cuts at other state-controlled organizations.

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"As a result, we have taken the decision to make a number of positions redundant. All due salary and end of service benefits will be paid to those leaving, in line with Qatari labour laws," the statement added. A source at one major engineering firm involved in the completion of one of seven new stadiums being built for 2022 told AFP that some staff at the company, an SC contractor, had also been terminated.—AFP ■