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## Over 300 nationals return from Europe, Egypt, Hong Kong by relief flight



Myanmar returnees from foreign countries arrive at the Yangon International Airport on 4 October 2020. PHOTO: MNA

**T**HE chartered flight of Titan Airlines, organized by the Myanmar Embassy in Brussels, Belgium, landed at Yangon International Airport bringing 175 citizens from Belgium, the Netherlands and its near region, and Egypt and its near region back home yesterday

morning. Moreover, a total of 129 Myanmar citizens including 102 seamen and 2 students from Taiwan (Chinese Taipei) also returned home in the same morning by a relief flight of China Airlines organized by the Consulate-General of Myanmar

in Hong Kong. The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Yangon Region government arranged 14-day quarantine at specific places or designated hotels, followed by the 7-day home quarantine.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs is working with the relevant ministries and its missions in foreign countries for the repatriation of citizens abroad in accordance with the guidelines of the National-Level Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19.—MNA

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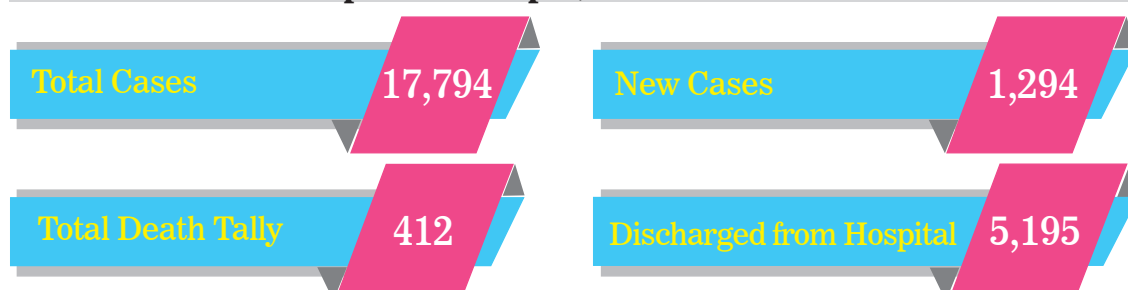
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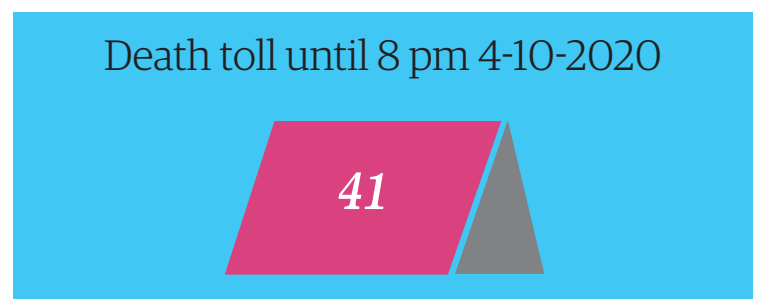
## 1,294 more new cases of COVID-19 reported on 4 October, total figure rises to 17,794

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rise to 17,794 after 1,294 new cases were reported on 4 October according to Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these 17,794 confirmed cases, 412 died, 5,195 have been discharged from hospitals.—MNA

Updated at 8 pm, 4 October 2020



Death toll until 8 pm 4-10-2020



Ministry of Health and Sports





## We need to contain the transmission of diseases

Beginning to follow the rules today does not mean that all will recover tomorrow. There will still be confirmed cases. We need to contain the transmission of diseases. For example, at market places; we took preventive measures. However, the compliance of these rules was relatively weak.

*(Excerpt from State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's reports to people about latest COVID-19 situation, on 29 September 2020)*

## Myanmar imports over \$1 bln worth machinery, spare parts as of July-end

THE import value of Myanmar's machinery and spare parts has estimated at over US\$1 billion between October and July of the financial year 2019-2020, the Ministry of Commerce's data indicated.

Similarly, the country imported \$753 million worth vehicles and spare parts.

Imports of commercial vehicles and machinery have been permitted through sea-ports and three border crossings — Muse, Myawady, and Tachilek.

“Starting from 1 January, imports of commercial vehicles on a company licence are not allowed. Importers are required to operate a car showroom in line with the prescribed rules and regulations. However, the new policy can pose difficulties

for traders conducting business on a manageable scale,” said importers.

Under the 2021 vehicle import policy, 2019 will be the oldest model to be issued an import permit for private cars with non-commercial purpose, according to the press release of the Commerce Ministry.

Except for machinery, all import vehicles must be left-hand drive under the 2021 vehicle import policy.

When individuals import vehicles with engines under 1,350 CC, the model year must be 2019 and later. Business people can import passenger vehicles such as mini-bus, city bus, express bus and commercial trucks manufactured in 2017 and later.

Under FOC Free-of-

Charge licence system, fire trucks, ambulances and hearse vehicles manufactured in 2012 or later are allowed for import.

The country allows to bring in heavy-duty vehicles as long as they are 15 years old or less. Heavy equipment includes excavators, bulldozers, wheel loaders, vibratory roller, clamp loader, motor grader, road roller compactor, bridge crane, gantry crane, tower crane, pilling machine, crawler drill/crane, mobile crane, rough-terrain crane, forklift, boom lift, and asphalt finisher.

Myanmar cuts tariff on import of private cars and Semi-Knocked Down vehicles amid COVID-19 the impacts. This move is likely to bring down the prices of vehicles with engines above 1,500 CC. The dealers

pointed out that the price is possible to drop by K2 to 15 million depending on vehicle brand and specifications.

The Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry notified on 29 July that the government cut the tax on the importation of private cars with non-commercial purpose and SKD vehicles assembled in Myanmar starting from 1 August. It is part of the measures to remedy the businesses slowdown caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

The government also lowered Customs duty from 30 to 20 per cent on imported private cars with the engine under 2,000 CC and 40 to 30 per cent on vehicles with 2,001 CC and above. Meanwhile, the locally assembled cars under the SKD system were totally exempted

from 10 per cent tax. Additionally, tariffs on SKD vehicles with 2001 CC and above were reduced from 20 to 5 per cent.

Additionally, starting from 7 August, registration fees at the Road Transport Administration Department (RTAD) on FOB price of the private vehicles were reduced from 30 to 15 per cent for vehicles with 1,500 CC and above, 50 to 25 per cent for vehicles with 1,351-2,000 CC, 80 to 40 per cent for cars with 2,001-5,000 CC and 120 to 60 per cent for cars with 5,001 CC and above respectively, the RTAD stated.

However, tax cuts still do not cover special goods tax, commercial tax and income tax to hold the vehicle ownership status. — Htet Myat  
*(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*

## Over 100,000 bags from reserved rice sold at fairer price within 3 months

A total of 100,100 bags (108 pounds per bag) from reserved rice have been sold between 10 July and 3 October 2020, according to Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

Of them, Yangon traders made the most significant purchase with 61,307 bags, followed by Taninthayi Region with 11,520 bags.

Additionally, 8,273 bags are sold in Mandalay Region, while 7,700 in Nay Pyi Taw, 4,400 in Mon State, 2,000 each in Chin and Kayah states, 1,300 in Bago Region, 800 in Magway Region, 700 in Ayeyawady Region and 100 in Sagaing Region.

As of 3 October, 100,100 bags have been sold to retailers, and

about 701,689 bags are left to sell, MRF data showed.

Regarding the rice purchase at a much fairer price, those interested retailers and factories can contact through mobile numbers 09-694386994/5 of MRF and 09-694386996 of Myanmar Rice and Paddy Traders Association. For any enquiry, the retailers can call mobile numbers 09 780173960, 09 758227837 of MRF.

At present, MRF purchased the rice bags at K22,400 per pack from the Consumer Affairs Department and to pay the storage charges, and the federation sells the rice to the registered retailers at K22,800 per 108-pound bag at the warehouses.

The retailers in Yangon Region can also buy them at K23,200 per bag through the delivery system, with a minimum order of 10 bags per batch, MRF stated.

It is the government's move to sell the rice at K1,000 per pyi (2.13 kg) which is much fairer price than the prevailing market price. MRF is supporting the government's plan with non-profit, the federation reported.

The Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar Inspection and Testing Service (MITS), the authorized organization of the State and MRF implemented rice reserve scheme on 30 April. The state's emergency rice reserve



Workers bag rice at a warehouse in Yangon. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

is to ensure food security, keep the price stable in the domestic market,

continue to export them regularly and lessen the worries of the consumers

during the COVID-19. — GNLM  
*(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*



# 2020 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION



## Advance voting process for local voters outside their constituencies in 2020 General Election

- Heads of trainings, schools, hospitals and jails are to contact the sub-election commissions to get documents of Form 15.
- They must return these documents to sub-commission of respective townships by 26 August 2020 after the documents are filled by the voters.
- Sub-election commission of respective townships must send ballot papers and envelopes for advance voting to the trainings, schools, hospitals and jails by 7 October 2020.
- Advance voting must be organized at trainings, schools, hospitals and jails on their appropriate day from 8 October 2020 to 21 October 2020.
- The envelopes containing ballot papers must be sent back to sub-election commission of respective townships by 4 pm on 8 November 2020.

# 2020

General Election  
Sunday, 8 November 2020



## Advice to people in Nay Pyi Taw

1. People should not illegally come to Nay Pyi Taw. If a person comes back from other places to Nay Pyi Taw, he/she needs to inform and receive medical examination. The charge for COVID-19 tests has been considerably reduced.
2. It has been learnt that some people get out of the cars on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway and some old roads, and then they entered into Nay Pyi Taw via motorcycle roads and inter-village roads. So, authorities are cooperating with the Myanmar Police Force to take strict measures to control these illegal entries.
3. The ward/village administrators have been instructed to report, manage and send individuals who entered or came back to the ward/village to the quarantine centres.
4. To make the flow of goods smooth, truck drivers will be given the slip at the entrance gate. From the entrance gate, the drivers must drive their trucks directly to the exit gate, where the slip must be returned. The truck drivers are not allowed to go to other places between the entrance gate and the exit gate.
5. Face mask rule has been imposed in Nay Pyi Taw townships and COVID-19 awareness has been raised via loudspeakers. A dusk-to-dawn curfew has been in force, and surprise checks have been carried out on restaurants.

## Drafting National STI Policy is underway: Union Education Minister

UNION Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi said Myanmar was formulating the National Science, Technology and Innovation-STI Policy so that universities become the institutions based on research and innovation. He made the comment at the virtual meeting with international science and technology ministers on 3 October.

The 17<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology was held online on 3 October in conjunction with Science and Technology in Society Forum that takes place from 3 to 5 October.

Japan's Minister of State for Science and Technology Policy Mr Inoue Shinji made opening remark at the meeting which was attended by 40 science and technology ministers.

At the meeting, Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi stressed the importance of Science,



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi participates in the 17<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology via videoconference on 3 October 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

Technology and Innovation-STI developing a country's economy, agriculture, environment,

energy, communications and health sectors.

He added that Myanmar

was now formulating the National STI Policy after enacting the Science, Technology and

Innovation Law on 25 June 2018.

Encouraging the universities to establish Open Science Access Centres, the ministry will continue making efforts to develop science, technology and innovation sectors for the success of Sustainable Development Goals with innovative ways, he said.

He further said that the ministry is working on international cooperation, capacity building, investment in technology and infrastructures, applied research, drawing up of 21<sup>st</sup> century curriculum, team learning, public and private cooperation, universities and workplaces cooperation, and utilizing science, technology and innovation effectively, skillfully and transparently.

The meeting was concluded following the remarks of Japan's Minister of State for Science and Technology Policy. — MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



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## Pulses exports exceed 1.5 mln tonnes in ten months (October-July)

MYANMAR exported over 1.5 million tonnes of multiple pulses and beans from 1 October to July-end in the financial year 2019-2020, earning over \$1.1 billion, according to the data of the Ministry of Commerce.

During a-year ago period, about \$940 million worth pulses and beans were exported. The export volume this year is relatively higher than that in the corresponding period of last year.

India is the leading buyer of Myanmar beans, especially black beans, green grams and pigeon peas. Besides India, Myanmar's beans are purchased by Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Dubai, Malaysia, Indonesia, China (Taipei), Japan, and European countries. But, the volume of demand by those countries is small, according to the domestic beans market.

India has been delaying to buy the beans amid the COVID-19 crisis, regardless of requirement in its supply, the



Workers bag beans at a depot in Bayintnaung Market in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

traders said.

On 22 May, India rapidly changed the import period of black bean to three months by August-end 2020 from the earlier set deadline of March 2021, as per their official notice.

Although the bean body

asked to extend the August-end deadline, India still has not responded to the request.

At present, Myanmar has exported about 100,000 tonnes of black beans out of 400,000 tonnes to India.

Myanmar ships over 1.6 mil-

lion tonnes of different varieties of pulses, especially mung beans, with an estimated worth of US\$1 billion, to other counties in the financial year 2018-2019. — Mon Mon

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

## Domestic investments top K1,881 bln, \$413.6 mln in previous FY

DOMESTIC investments by Myanmar citizens have reached K1,881 billion and US\$413.6 million in the previous financial year 2019-2020 since October, according to the statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Between 1 October and 29 September, Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) and

the respective region and state investment committees gave the green light to 103 local enterprises to invest in various sectors.

Domestic investments have flowed into the real estate, manufacturing, hotels and tourism, construction, industrial estate, energy, mining, livestock and fisheries, agriculture, and other services sectors.

The construction, manu-

facturing, real estate development, hotels and tourism and agriculture sectors pull the most massive investments made by Myanmar citizens this year.

Although Myanmar's economy is affected by the COVID-19 impacts, domestic and foreign investments are growing in the current financial year. The existing enterprises are also seen the expansion of capitals and an

increase in the labour force, the MIC stated.

The Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations is inviting responsible businesses so the country benefits. The MIC is screening the investment projects at the soonest according to the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan. — GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

## New Land Rover Defender 2020 introduced

THE New Land Rover Defender was unveiled in Yangon recently with online ceremony in Yangon.

The new model claims that it has a maximum payload of up to 900kg, static roof load of up to 300kg, dynamic roof load of 168kg, towing capacity of 3,720kg and wading depth of up to 900mm combine to make New Defender the ultimate 4x4 for overland adventures

The Defender 110 is available with 5+2 seating in four

distinct Accessory Packs (Explorer, Adventure, Country and Urban) and with 170 individual accessories, will be joined by a smaller Defender 90 and versatile and durable commercial models.

The Land Rover Defender has been reborn as a mainstream model for the global market, taking heavy design and capability cues from the iconic original, which was withdrawn from sale in 2016, and the 2009-2016 Land Rover Discovery 4.—GNLM



Picture shows New Land Rover Defender. PHOTO: SUPPLIED



# “People are the key”

## Myanmar citizens abroad cast advance votes for 2020 General Election

ADVANCE voting for the 2020 General Election began in Viet Nam, Eswatini, Bangladesh and Hong Kong yesterday.

Seventy Myanmar nationals in Viet Nam cast ballots at the Myanmar Embassy in Hanoi, and 17 citizens in Eswatini,

which has a total of 26 eligible voters, cast ballots in Matsapha.

Eighty-seven nationals in Hong Kong voted at the Myanmar Consulate-General Office in Hong Kong, while 27 in Bangladesh, which has a total of 29 eligible voters, cast their votes at the

Myanmar Embassy in Dhaka.

Advance voting in some countries also continued at the respective embassies yesterday —1,570 citizens voted in Tokyo, 1,800 in Singapore, 1,009 in Seoul, 50 in Moscow, 136 in Bandar Seri Begawan and 1,045 in Bangkok.

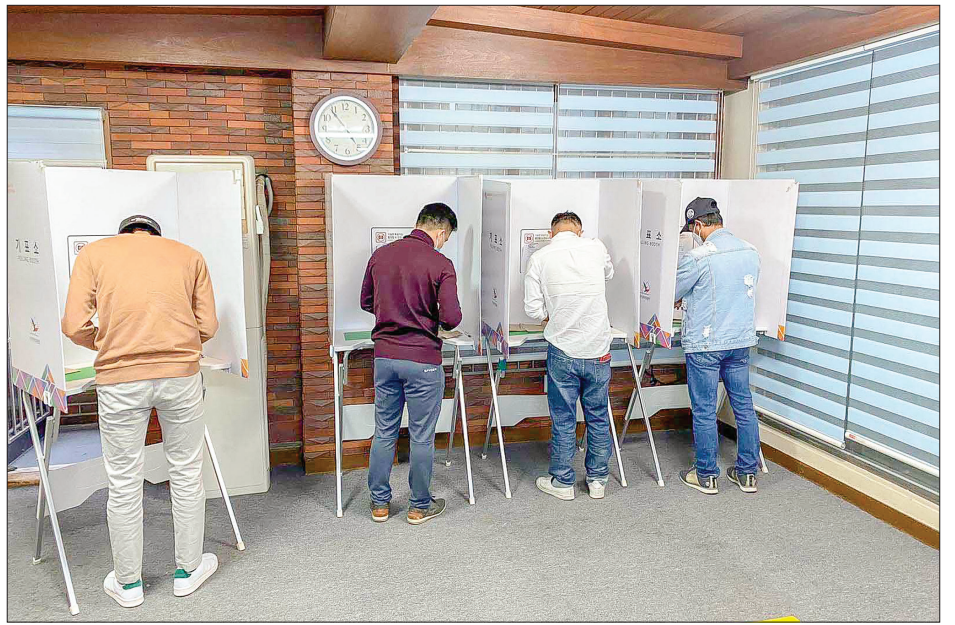
The respective embassies provided temperature check, hand sanitizers, disposable gloves and face masks for the voters in line with COVID-19 preventive measures. Myanmar citizens also cast votes abiding by COVID-19 guidelines.

Myanmar citizens abroad cast advance votes at nine Myanmar embassies and one Myanmar Consulate-General Office yesterday. —MNA

*(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)*



Seventy Myanmar nationals in Viet Nam cast ballots at the Myanmar Embassy in Hanoi on 4 October 2020. PHOTO: MNA



Myanmar citizens in the Republic of Korea cast advance votes at the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul on 4 October 2020. PHOTO: MNA



Myanmar citizens in Hong Kong line up for casting votes at the Myanmar Embassy in Hong Kong on 4 October 2020. PHOTO: MNA



Myanmar nationals in Japan cast advance votes at the Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo on 4 October 2020. PHOTO: MNA

## Nationwide Voting List displayed for second time

THE nationwide electoral list has been displayed at ward/village/ township administrative offices in regions and states for the public for second time from 1 to 14 October.

The Union Election Commission has urged the public to check their personal data and their names on voting list in

their communities to ensure they get their voting right.

The UEC has also posted an election mobile application, mVoter2020, for the Nov.8 elections, providing data on candidates and electoral procedures.

The first time of the voter lists were an-

nounced for 14 days, from 25 July to 7 August 2020. —GNLM

Residents in Kyundaw, Sagiang Region, check his name in the voters' list displayed at a local administrative office on 3rd October, 2020. PHOTO: MYO WIN NYO (KYUNHLA)





A "DEEP FEELING OF GRATITUDE"

## New Caledonia rejects independence from France

THE South Pacific archipelago of New Caledonia voted against independence from France in a referendum on Sunday, full provisional results showed.

The 'no' camp won 53.26% of the vote, according to the archipelago's high commission, marking a narrower margin of victory than in a previous referendum in 2018.

French President Emmanuel Macron welcomed the referendum result with a "deep feeling of gratitude" in a speech from the Élysée Palace.

Sunday's independence referendum was part of a three-decade decolonisation effort aimed at settling tensions in New Caledonia between native Kanaks seeking independence and residents

willing to remain in France.

It's the second time the Pacific archipelago has gone to the polls to decide on its fate in two years. The first referendum in 2018 resulted in the maintenance of the status quo with 56.7 percent of the vote. The close result this time "opens the door to the possibility of a third independence referendum", noted FRANCE 24 international affairs editor Philip Turle.

But the 2018 result still marked a shift towards pro-independence sympathies, raising campaigners' hopes that this time it could manage to break free.

### High voter turnout

Enthusiasm was high and



People wave French national flags during the last meeting of the loyalists for the 'no' to the self-determination referendum of New Caledonia, in Noumea on October 1, 2020. PHOTO: THEO ROUBY/AFP

authorities said turnout was about 80 percent an hour before voting ended -- a full six

points higher than in its first independence referendum held in 2018 -- leaving people

to form long queues to cast their ballots.

SOURCE: AFP

IN THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEEP FREEZE

## Washington, heart of US power, frozen by pandemic

BEHIND the giant bay windows of the World Bank, security guards remain at their posts, but idle. Outside, the sidewalks of Washington DC are largely empty. The bank is open, ready to host but its twice annual meetings with international financial institutions. But the meetings are all virtual these days.

Next door, at the HQ2 building of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) a sign says "temporarily closed." It has been hanging there for six months.

With just a month to go before the presidential election, Washington, the hub of American politics, is still in the social and economic deep freeze it was plunged into by the Covid-19 outbreak that began six months ago.

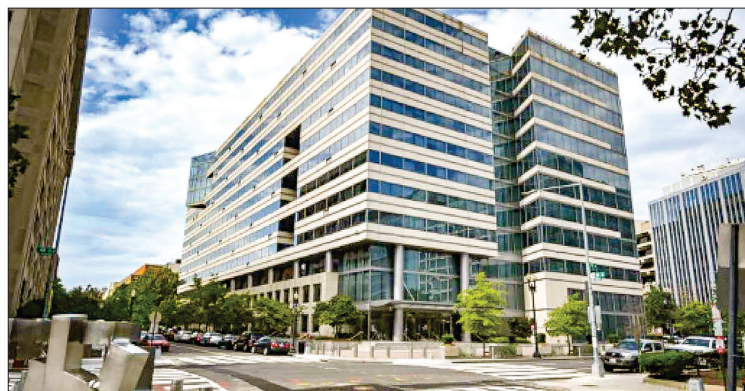
The 12,000 people due to

take part in upcoming meets at the World Bank and IMF will not stroll the sidewalks of the spruced-up city center, which before the pandemic had been touted as example of the regeneration of US downtowns.

Instead, they will be sitting at home, in front of their laptops.

As well as its political activities, the city had billed itself in the past two decades as a hub for international conventions and conferences. Before the pandemic, "we were experiencing record attendance and visitation to Washington, not only with congresses and meetings, but of course, also with the leisure market... and the international markets," said Elliott Ferguson, director of Destination DC.

SOURCE: AFP



The World Bank and IMF building in Washington deserted because of the pandemic. PHOTO: AFP

THE PROJECT IN BASRA

## Japan plant builder inks deal to construct key Iraqi oil refinery

JAPANESE plant builder JGC Corp. has signed a 400 billion yen (\$3.8 billion) agreement with an Iraqi state-run company to build a complex in one of the biggest operating refineries in Iraq as part of the country's reconstruction drive.

The project in Basra in southern Iraq will be funded through low-interest yen loans from the Japan International Cooperation Agency, the Japanese government's development aid arm. It is one of the agency's biggest ever financing projects in the Middle East.

Around 7,000 local skilled workers will be employed to build

the complex to extract heavy oil to produce more valuable lighter oil, such as gasoline. Another 2,000 jobs are expected to be

created to operate the refinery, which is scheduled to be completed in 2025, according to the JGC.

SOURCE: Kyodo



Iraqi labourers work at an oil refinery in the southern town Nasiriyah. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

2012 CASE

## Interpol issues 'red notice' for Thai Red Bull heir over hit-and-run

INTERPOL has issued a "red notice" to arrest the fugitive Thai heir to the Red Bull billions for his role in a fatal hit-and-run, police said Sunday. The move by the international police organisation is the latest in the years-long saga surrounding Vorayuth "Boss" Yoovidhya who crashed his Ferrari in 2012, killing a police officer. The charges against Vorayuth, who is the grandson of Red Bull's co-founder, were dropped in July

-- sparking public outrage from Thais who saw it as an example of impunity enjoyed by the kingdom's elite.

It spurred probes by various government agencies, including the Attorney General's Office which last month announced fresh charges against Vorayuth of reckless driving causing death and cocaine use.

National Police spokesman Colonel Krissana Pattanacha-

roen confirmed Sunday a red notice -- Interpol's most urgent alert -- was issued earlier this week. "After we received the confirmation, we then passed our request to 194 member countries asking for assistance from them," he told AFP.

"We have to do whatever it takes to... ultimately bring him back to the country because it is a serious crime."

SOURCE: AFP



**Request for Quotation (RFQ) for Motorboats**  
**Department of Rural Development (DRD)**  
**Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation**  
**(MOALI)**  
**Republic of the Union of Myanmar**

**Request for Quotation**

Project Title: **Loan 3864-MYA and Grants 9203-MYA(JFPR), 0678-MYA(ADF) and 0679-MYA(AIF): Resilient Community Development Project (RCDP)**

Source of Funding: **Asian Development Bank**  
Contract Ref: **G9 – Motorboats – DRD-RFQ1**  
Date of Issue of Request: **5th October 2020**

- The Department of Rural Development (DRD) of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MOALI), Myanmar hereby requests you to submit price quotation for the supply of five (5) new Motorboats.
- If you, however, have been associated with the firm that prepared the design and specifications of the contract that is subject of this procurement, you shall be disqualified.
- To assist you in the preparation of your price quotation for the Motorboats, you can obtain the necessary technical specifications, required quantities and warranty for the Motorboats.
- You must quote for all Motorboats under this Request for Quotation (single lot).
- You shall submit one original price quotation with the Form of Quotation clearly marked "Original". In addition, you shall also submit one quotation marked as "COPY". In case of any discrepancy between the Original and Copy, the original shall prevail. Your quotation should be signed, sealed in an envelope, and addressed and delivered to the following address:  
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  - Attach (as a PDF file) to the email a signed application for bid document on the bidder's letterhead
  - The documents will be emailed to the supplier free-of-charge and will be sent by e-mail only
  - Except for the submission of a written application, there are no other conditions for obtaining the documents.
- Please confirm by email or by letter your receipt of this request (if the suppliers are requested) and whether or not you will submit a quotation.
- The deadline for receipt of your quotation by Project Director, RCDP at the address indicated in paragraph 5 is: **3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 at 16:30 PM.**

**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR**  
**MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY**  
**MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE**  
**(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)**  
**(14/2020-2021)**

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats.

Sr No.	Tender No.	Description	Remarks
(a)	DMP/L-201(20-21)	Stationery Materials (18) Items	Ks

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from 5 October 2020 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the **Technical Specifications with Original Bid Bond and Commercial Quotation in each separate sealed envelopes** on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than **12:00 pm on 5 November 2020.**

4. Tender Closing Date & Time – **5-11-2020, 12:00 pm**  
Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise  
Ph No. + 95 67 – 411206

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY. NO. (1127S/N)**

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY. NO. (1127S/N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **5-10-2020** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **HPT** 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**

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**Myanma Port Authority**

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**M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES**

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**M.V YANTRA BHUM VOY. NO. (725W)**

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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**

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**M/S GOLD STAR LINES**

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**M.V CHERRY VOY. NO. (007N/S)**

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V CHERRY VOY. NO. (007N/S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **5-10-2020** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Phone No: **2301185**

**Shipping Agency Department**  
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**Invitation for Bids**

**The Republic of the Union of Myanmar**  
**National Electrification Project**  
Credit No 5727-MM

**Date: 5th October 2020**

**Contract Title: Installation of Distribution Lines and Transformers for Chin**

**Reference No: MOEE-NEP-P2/C1-W11/2020**

1. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the National Electrification Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for **Installation of Distribution Lines and Transformers MOEE-NEP-P2/C1-W11/2020 for Chin**

2. The Ministry of Electricity and Energy now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for **Installation of Distribution Lines and Transformers MOEE-NEP-P2/C1-W11/2020 for Chin**

The number and identification of lots comprising this installation bidding MOEE-NEP-P2/C1-W11/2020 process for Chin is:

Lot 1: Chin – 18 Villages

Lot 2: Chin – 22 Villages

3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's *Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers* ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Project Management Office (National Electrification Project), Project Manager and [nep.pmooee@gmail.com](mailto:nep.pmooee@gmail.com)] and inspect the bidding documents during office hours [09:30 to 16:00 hours] at the address given below:

Attention: **Project Manager**  
**Project Management Office**  
**(National Electrification Project)**  
**Office Building No.27, Ministry of Electricity and Energy**

City: **Nay Pyi Taw**

Country: **The Republic of the Union of Myanmar**

Zip Code: **15011**

Telephone: **+95 67 3431175**

Facsimile number: **+95 673431176**

Electronic mail address: [nep.pmooee@gmail.com](mailto:nep.pmooee@gmail.com)

5. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be obtained free of charge by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below. The Bidding Documents will be issued through email only.

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 10:00 a.m, **18th November 2020**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below:

Attention: **Project Manager**  
**Meeting Room No.2, Ground Floor,**  
**Office Building No.27, Ministry of Electricity and Energy**

City: **Nay Pyi Taw**

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Electronic mail address: [nep.pmooee@gmail.com](mailto:nep.pmooee@gmail.com)

7. All bids must be accompanied by "Bid-Security"

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# Home containment is an effective option, but comes with responsibilities

WITH another 1,294 coronavirus cases confirmed yesterday, our country saw the number of cases increasing steadily for the fifth day in a row.

Our country has now 17,794 cases of coronavirus cases and 412 deaths.

Over the past seven days, our country saw 978 on 3rd October, 1,142 on 2nd October, 1,010 on 1st October, 946 cases on 30th September, 797 cases on 29th September and 897 cases on 28th September. The cases that hit us is significantly upward, rising from around two digits in mid-August to nearly over 800 to 900 a day now.

The seven-day trend indicates the peak was probably three or four days ago.

Sunday's spike in the number of cases the largest daily increase registered in the country since the outbreak began in our country.

Yangon saw over 1,000 cases in 24 hours on 3rd October.

The number of Covid-19 cases is continuing to rise in Yangon Region.

We believe that if the future situation will demand the health authorities to extend the capacities of current centres, which now have 7000 to 8000 occupants, the country will need to put all of our energies into it, and that will impact our health care system in the future.

It has become obvious that this is something we need to do in the long run. Whether we can reduce the current containment measures through allowing patients to remain confined at home, or not, remains a viable option in coping with the current situation.

Those who test positive need to quarantine themselves under the home containment scheme. Currently, a person who tested positive is taken to a COVID-19 centre or hospital. Under the home containment scheme, unless there are serious symptoms, home containment is enough. But, the patient must be under conditions — a 24x7 caregiver; constant communication between the caregiver and a hospital; and immediate medical help if severe symptoms developed.

The government understands what it needs to do better. The pandemic rules are changing every day.

It becomes more critical as cases rise, and home containment should be taken into account for option for patients with no mild or no symptoms of the coronavirus disease.

October 5<sup>th</sup> World's Teachers' Day

# Professor Dr. Pe Maung Tin, Professor B.R Pearn and the Writer

By Maha Saddhamma Jotika dhaja. Sithu Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

SINCE our younger days we learn at home and school Anataw Ananta Nga Pa {အနန္တ အနန္တဗိဇယား}. Five Categories whom we owe infinite gratitude. They are:

1. The Buddha
2. The Dhamma (his teachings)
3. Sangha {the entire order of Monks}
4. Parents our very first teachers and
5. Our teacher's mural and extra mural [သင်ခေရာ၊ မြင်ခေရာ၊ ကြားခေရာ].

Dr U Pe Maung Tin {Retired} who was the first Myanmar Principal of Yangon University and the writer used to sit on the bench in front of the Recreation Centre on the Chancellor Road leading to the Convocations Hall.

"Hey, Khin Maung Nyunt I heard that you are going to England to get Ph.D. as you won State Scholarship".

"Yes, Saya gyi, I'm leaving by S.S. Salwen of Henderson Line to join L.S.E London School of Economics and Political Science

to get Ph.D. in International Relations".

"Very good. In that case I want you to follow my foot step".

Myanmar Saya gyi narrated in detail the full account of his Acariya Puja at Exeter College, Oxford University. There were only seven students at the Exeter College. U Pe Maung Tin was the only one who was a research scholar of Pali. He translated into English Visudimaggā of Ashin Buddha Gosa as "The Path to Purity" published by Oxford University Press. Oxford Professors awarded him Doctor of Literature [D Litt].

The other six students were I.C.S Students, top ranking heaven-born administrators to become black Englishman in spirit and body. So that they served British Colonial Government faithfully. When all examinations were ended and all Myanmar students passed with flying colours a farewell party was arranged. I.C.S students chose each his own souvenir gift, Shan beg, smoking pipe,

Kachin silver beg, Burmese silver bowles etc.

Saya gyi U Pe Maung Tin decided to hold Acariya Puja Fare well. All I.C.S students were surprised.

"Ko Maung Tin, you are Anglican Christian? How could you do it? These Oxford Professors could understand Acariva Puja?"

"Accariya Puja is not Buddhist. It is Universal Christianity, Islam and Hindu Brahmanism. Don't worry I'll do it. The Acariva Puja Fare well Party was held flawlessly. Oxford Professors could not believe they belong to Five Categories whom we owe gratitude.

We were are on par with Sangha and Students. Many shed tears of raptures and delight. When the writer finished his Ph.D. with flying colours he held his Acariya Puja at L.S.E. As L.S.E has no large hall for such celebration, The writer held his Acariya Puja Farewell at the Oriental Restaurant in St. Giles Street, Oxford circus London,

owned by Daw Mya Sein.

Both English and Burmese were served. Mr. B.R.Pearn the author of famous book "History of Rangoon who had served as Professor of History, Yangon University, explained the meaning and significant of Accariya Puja. Professor C. W. Manring, Supervisor Mr. Tunstall

D.G.E Hall Professor Hinker and Myanmar Ambassador H.E I.C.S.U Aung Soe and wife and the writer's classmates attended. Professor Pearn's explanation of the essence of Accariya Pujas moved them to shed tears of rapturous delights.

On return home the writer took photo snaps shots of that farewell party to Saya gyi U Pe Maung Tin. Very well Khin Maung Nyunt. I wish you good health, longevity of life, good cure and research work.

The writer now turns early nine gingerier 92 by 2020 May. He is still teaching, supervising Ph.D. students and contributors of Articles to monthly magazines

and Daily New Paper The Global New Light of Myanmar.

Except for using wheelchair due to back pain he can teach home and abroad and sing Burmese and English songs of his Salad Days.

Lord Buddha had prescribed 5 duties of Teachers and Pupils, Students owe each other.

ဆရာဝတ် ၅ ပါး

- ၁ အတတ်လည်းသင်
- ၂ ပွဲပြိုင်ဆုံးမ
- ၃ သိပ္ပံမချွန်
- ၄ ဘေးရန်ဆီးကာ
- ၅ သင့်ရာ အပ်ပို့ ဆရာဝတ်

တပည့်ဝတ် ၅ ပါး

- ၁ ညီညာဖျဖြူ
- ၂ ဆုံးမနာယူ

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Teachers' duties

1. Teach till they are learned
2. Train them characters
3. Leave no science subjects
4. Protect them from all dangers
5. Send them to suitable place/job

Five duties of pupils, students

1. All in unity and harmony
2. Listen to and obey teachers' teachings and advices
3. Welcome them on their arrival
4. Attend to teachers' need
5. Thoroughly learn their teachings.

## MITIGATING THE HARM FROM MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION

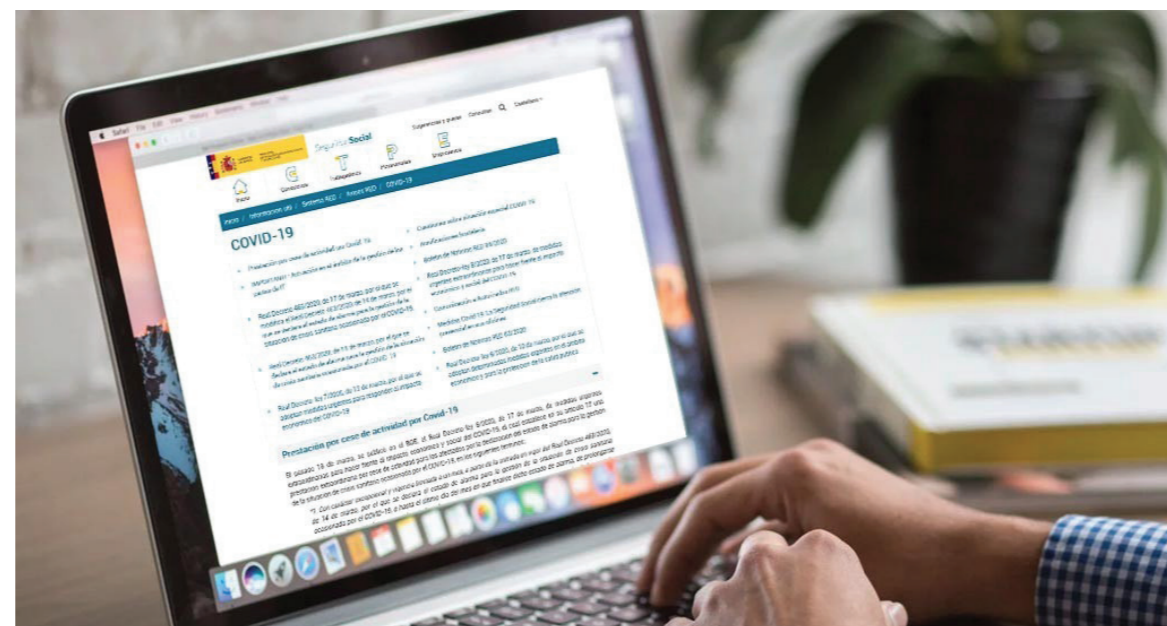
### COVID-19: 'Legitimate concerns' must be heard, and fears addressed over misinformation

ON the margins of the General debate of the UN General Assembly, UN News spoke to UN Under-Secretary General for Global Communications, Melissa Fleming, and from the World Health Organization (WHO), Dr. Sylvie Briand, Director of Pandemic and Epidemic Diseases.

In a joint interview as part of the UN's SDG Media Zone coverage, they discussed how important it is for the UN to engage with the public, and highlight international collaborative efforts to develop effective and affordable vaccines for all.

#### Many firsts

"What is difficult in the current period is, first, there is a lot of fear of the disease and a lot of anxiety from the population, as well as a lot of uncertainty", said Dr. Briand. "It is a new disease.



During the pandemic, smart phones with Internet have become a life-line for many, keeping them connected with their families and providing them with vital information. PHOTO: REDCREA.ORG

Many things are first time in this pandemic.

"Misinformation is not new", said communications chief Fleming. "We've had misinformation as

far back as you look in history. The difference here is that we have a global pandemic that is happening in the social media age." Communications emergency

In a video message broadcast at a high-level event on mitigating the harm from misinformation and disinformation on 23 September, UN Secretary-General, António

Guterres, said COVID-19 was not just a public health emergency, but it is a communications emergency spread across the globe, inaccurate and even dangerous messages proliferated wildly over social media, leaving people confused, misled and ill-informed.

According to Dr. Briand, when people are anxious and uncertain of a number of things they tend to compare with things they know already or things they have experienced in the past.

Regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, she noted that people "have already preconceptions about vaccines or fear about other vaccines".

Ms. Fleming said people's fears and concerns were legitimate, "and we want to be listening to them and addressing these fears and concerns with information they can access and under-

stand".

A high-level event is taking place later on Tuesday, on how to tackle the coronavirus together through the ACT-Accelerator initiative, launched in April as a global collaboration to accelerate the development and production of diagnostics, treatments and vaccines on an equitable basis.

#### Reaching out

The head of UN Global Communications (DGC) believes the Organization has the means and the valuable opportunity now to reach people everywhere "with good information, (and) solid public health guidance based on science".

But "there is not just good information circulating out there", it is "mixed with bad information, bad science produced by bad actors", she told UN News.

SOURCE: UN NEWS

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**Myanmar Daily Weather Report**  
(Issued at 7:00 pm Sunday 4 October 2020)

**BAY INFERENCE:** According to the observations at (18:30 hrs MST today, the low pressure area over Northwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining Odisha coast(India) still persists. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the North Bay. Monsoon is moderate over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF 5 October 2020:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Magway Region and Eastern Shan State, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing Region, Kachin, Southern Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with isolated heavyfalls in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway regions. 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:** Continuation of thundery activities in Deltaic areas.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5 October 2020:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5 October 2020:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5 October 2020:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**Flood Warning**  
(Issued at 20:00 hrs MST on 4-10-2020)

According to the (19:30 hrs MST observation today, the water level of Ayeayawady River at Sagaing is observed as about (1/2) foot below its danger level. It may reached its danger level during the next (1) day.

It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low lying areas at Sagaing Township to take precaution measure.

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## Yeomanry Development Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

Yeomanry Development Party Central General Secretary Michael Kyaw Myint presented party's policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV on 4 October.



I am Central General Secretary Michael Kyaw Myint of the Yeomanry Development Party (YDP). I will explain our party's campaign speech for the 2020 elections here.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has a prestigious history, and it is practising multiparty democratic system in line with the 2008 Constitution, and an independent and sovereign nation with the majority of the people in the working class.

The 2008 Constitution has some undemocratic parts to it and other components that need to be amended to be compliant with modern times and all of us working-class people understand this. However, before we can amend the Constitution,

we must utilize every right and opportunity it currently offers us to proliferate democracy to even the lowest levels of human society.

Our party is contesting in the 2020 Multiparty Democratic General Election for the emergence of a government administration that can strengthen living standards practically, and allow the children of the working class and grassroots, and those in poverty to live with integrity and set humanitarian standards.

### The eight pledges of our party are:

1. Every household must own their own house;
2. Clear the interest rates of agricultural loans so that farmers can begin to work out of poverty;
3. The government must take full responsibility for any losses incurred by domestic and migrant workers when the company or businessperson they have signed a contract with falls short of providing the provisions in the agreement;
4. We will reduce and suspend state-owned businesses such as the Kyemon and Myanma Alinn newspapers that are being printed every day while incurring loss and ensure students and the elderly can ride state-run vehicles, trains and boats for free;

5. We will designate national projects to fulfil the infrastructure and technological needs of the agricultural and livestock sector and set up high-quality food production industries;
6. We will implement free compulsory education to high school to strengthen the future of the nation;
7. We will execute the death sentence effectively for sexual assaults of minors, large-scale illegal drug operations, the corruption that harms the country, and other deliberate criminal activities carried out by large groups;
8. We will use all available method to ensure the government and the military are on the same steps on the peace process, in line with the NCA, to achieve peace as fast as possible.

Thus, we request the people of the working class, the poor and all levels of society to vote for Yeomanry Development Party so that we may make our way out of poverty in line with our eight pledges.

Mingalaba



## WORLD NEWS

### Seeking civility in groups as views clash on Facebook

NEW YORK — As division roils the country ahead of the US presidential election, Justice Lee is out to "Make America Dinner Again" and foster understanding in the process.

The creator of the private Facebook group by that name faces the challenge of keeping conversation civil at a social network criticized as a cauldron of toxicity.

MADA was started when Lee, who lives in New York's Bronx borough, and a friend were stunned by the outcome of the 2016 presidential election and began holding dinner parties to bring together people with opposing political viewpoints.

The dinners caught on. After the coronavirus pandemic struck and prevented face-to-face gatherings, MADA went virtual with a Facebook group.

The group has not shied away from hot-button discus-

sion topics including race, police brutality and abortion.

While Facebook relies on automated systems and user reports to filter out unacceptable vitriol, groups have human moderators who can reject posts or turn off comments if discussions go off the rails.

Rather than Facebook or its chief Mark Zuckerberg deciding what is acceptable, groups outline their own standards.

"It is clear that these are the norms that we've agreed to as a group, and if you don't agree with them or you can't adhere to them, you're out," Lee said.

"I feel like the rest of the internet is just too big to be like that."

MADA has around 850 members and a dozen moderators - six of them politically left-leaning and six right-leaning.— AFP

### Trump could be discharged to White House as early as Mon.

WASHINGTON — U.S. President Donald Trump, who has been hospitalized for treatment for the novel coronavirus, is doing well and could be discharged

as early as Monday, his medical team said Sunday.

"If he continues to look and feel as well as he does today, our hope is that we can plan for a

discharge as early as tomorrow to the White House where he can continue his treatment course," one of the members of the team told a press conference.— Kyodo

### More than 2,000 US-bound migrants abandon trek in Guatemala

GUATEMALA CITY -- More than 2,000 migrants on Saturday dropped their bid to reach the United States after Guatemala threatened to expel them out of concern they might spread Covid-19. The group, mostly made up of Hondurans who set out last Thursday from San Pedro Sula, asked local authorities to help them return home, the Guatemalan president's office told news media.

An AFP journalist saw some being loaded into army trucks for the return trip. But some small

groups said they remained determined to reach the US to escape the poverty and violence in their home country. Late Thursday, Guatemalan President Alejandro Giammattei had ordered the Hondurans detained and sent home. However, he urged them to return voluntarily. "Amid the current health emergency, not only did they fail to respect measures to enter the country but also health measures established to protect our citizens," he said.

Guatemalan officials said some 3,000 people original-

ly crossed the border without submitting to a Covid-19 test, required for foreigners entering the country. Many were not wearing masks.

Giammattei said that "a massive group of Hondurans violently broke in" to the country some 300 kilometers (190 miles) northeast of Guatemala City.

The caravan split up once in Guatemala, with a larger group taking a northern route toward Mexico and the smaller one following a southwesterly route.—AFP



# Democratic Party of National Politics presents its policy, stance and work programmes

Democratic Party of National Politics Chairman Thayay Sithu U Soe Maung presented party's policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV on 4 October.



security. We want to eradicate illegal drugs, thefts, and robberies. We don't want bomb explosions, threats, blackmails, coercions. We don't want rapes: both child rapes and adult rapes. We don't wish for human trafficking. When we become old, we want to live peacefully at monasteries and religious places.

We want good governance and clean government. Our citizens want our country to have great dignity, unity and power. We formed the Democratic Party of National Politics in order to fulfil those wishes. Genuine democracy cannot be developed among uneducated and poor people, so we will use a policy that says the National Economy is the first priority so that the business situations of individuals and households will improve. To promote education and knowledge of the citizens, including children, we set a policy that reflects National Education is significant. We develop an approach that reflects National Unity is substantial and will use dialogue and negotiations to peacefully resolve armed conflicts, which were sparked by difficulties making adequate livelihoods and poor education.

All the Myanmar citizens, who were born in Myanmar, need to understand the critical situations and circumstances of the country. It is a historical duty for all Myanmar citizens, all generations, to understand national politics and implement it. So I would like to remind all citizens not to betray national interests. Our party is determined to adhere to that fact.

### Esteemed people

Our party is formed to revive the businesses of individuals and households. We will focus on the private sector and help small and medium enterprises. We will issue the necessary permits to large enterprises. We will promote financial businesses, and we will help local and foreign banks operate smoothly. We will make efforts to generate more electricity and improve road communications. We will make several economic reforms – modernizing laws, by-laws and business procedures; privatization; establishing business corporations; setting up joint ventures owned by government entities and private companies; quickly forming semi-government agencies to promote businesses.

Our party will also take systematic efforts for the development of railway services and post office business, which will be supported by the state. For individuals and organizations who have capitals but lack technology, we will provide technical assistance. For individuals and organizations that have required technology but lack capitals, we will provide financial aid. We will put in a great deal of effort to provide enough water for drinking, daily uses and agriculture. We will provide necessary inputs for agriculture and livestock businesses. We will carry out research and projects for the development of science and technology. We will have to work hard so that our country's products can compete with products of foreign countries in quality and prices.

In education, our policy will focus on the development of thinking skills, and we will have to create the optimum balance between theories of subjects and practice. Our party will encourage sports and activities of growing crops for the physical development of students. Theravada Buddhism is our country's most widely-observed religion, so we will make students, from their childhood, learn and understand citizen ethics. We will focus on improving students' skills at the history of Myanmar, mathematics and English language. Students will have to learn the basics of languages of neighbouring countries. All university students must learn political science, geopolitics, international relations and Information Technology. Outstanding students will be sent to developed countries to extend their academic and vocational education. We will make efforts for young people to work in jobs that match their skills.

Our party will try to reduce the prices of fuel, telecommunications, phone taxes and other taxes.

We will exert efforts to make commodity prices stable and affordable. We will promote a free market system. We will preserve languages, literature, culture and traditions of our country. We will maintain the natural environment, and make thorough preparations for possible natural disasters. We will work hard to conserve rivers, streams, lakes and dams. We will try to increase the proportion of health workers per population and reduce healthcare costs.

Our party will increase education and health budgets. We will encourage traditional-medical education. We will provide retirement benefits for those who were retired from their military and civil positions. We will promote the capacities of the Fire Services Department, the Myanmar Police Force and Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air Force). We will systematically promote literature, traditional Thabin, art, music and film industries of Myanmar. Ten-House Group Elder must be chosen fairly and systematically. We will make efforts to reform administrations of regions/states, wards and villages to make the administrations accurate and useful.

We will make the judicial sector's stakeholders – police, legal offices, lawyers and judges – to be ethical. We will take actions against brokers for court cases. No one must be above the law. There must be equality before the law. We will curb bribery and corruption. We will work hard for farmers and peasants to be free from debt, and they will afford to make donations. Workers and civil servants must earn an adequate livelihood. We will make efforts to improve the standard of living of the grassroots. We will arrange accommodation for homeless people, create appropriate jobs for jobless people, including the disabled. We will also try to change the lives of beggars. We will set policies to support children, pregnant women and older adults. We will protect other religions too. As for international relations, we will adhere to the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and participate in making world peace.

### Esteemed people

The background colour of our party's flag is golden. There are three layers of circles, which are yellow, green and red. Inside the innermost circle, there is a white star and a golden map of Myanmar; which means the entire country, will achieve glory. In the upcoming General Election, each citizen will have to vote for the candidates who can incorporate in the three estates\_ executive, legislative, and judiciary to make the country stable, peaceful, developed and democratic.

Regarding the executive, if you want to get good governance and a clean government, you need to vote for suitable candidates who will work hard for the benefits of the country and the citizens. All need to be aware that an official of whether a large party or a small party will be elected as a high-quality leader of the country (President of Myanmar). It is the paramount duty of MPs to analyze the required qualifications, mentioned in the Constitution, for becoming a President, and Vice Presidents, and then the MPs need to select the right persons for these top positions.

I want to stress that we need to make political, economic and administrative reforms to bring our country onto a democratic path. If we get the rights to make the reforms, we will implement them. I want to raise questions that if we do not make reforms at the time like this, when will we do? If we do not make it, who will do it?

In conclusion, I would like to urge all 135 national, ethnic groups of our country to implement the slogan "The power of a country lies in its people" by supporting our party, which comprises those who are determined to make brave sacrifices for national interests. Alongside our party, if all collaborate in unity, I believe that we will achieve a new glorious golden country, which has been much longed for. Thanks.



### Esteemed people

I am Chairman Thayay Sithu U Soe Maung of the Democratic Party of National Politics. I understand the feeling of people living in rural areas and ethnic people. I have experiences in military and administration. I took efforts to make military personnel (the Army, the Navy and the Air Force) more disciplined. I delivered lectures about military laws, civil laws and international laws to military personnel. Following the slogan "Keeping discipline is a pillar of Tatmadaw", I took necessary actions. I was a leader of the legal advisory board of the previous government in the post-2007 era. I could help the then government to prevent three military vessels of three powerful foreign nations from entering Myanmar's maritime territory, by using the R2P scheme, which intended to interfere in Myanmar's matters related to Cyclone Nargis. I served as the leader of farmers delegation in the National Convention to draft the 2008 Constitution.

I worked as the Union Minister for the Ministry of President's Office (2) under the first government of this parliamentary era. At that time, I received more than 40,000 complaint letters, appeal letters and suggestion letters within the five years, and I could resolve about 30,000 cases. I also have experiences in managing township and district-level departments while I was working as a low-ranking and middle-ranking officer. In the past, at the President's Office, I took significant roles in international collaboration and matters related to local management.

Alongside officials from Ministerial Offices, I answered asterisked questions and non-asterisked questions raised in the parliament, and I also responded to motions, including essential motions. In response to their inquiries, we made the necessary pledges in the parliament and implemented the commitments. I led in decision-making processes in those departments, so I know the strengths and weaknesses of both military and civil sectors. Based on my experiences, I reviewed the situations in our country. I then formed the Democratic Party of National Politics for the development of democracy, which all the citizens want, and a free market system in accordance with people's wishes. "National Politics" means that we will work hard for national interests. It is for the benefits of all the citizens. "Democratic" means freedom, justice, equality, and diversity; the essence of democracy is that minorities need to accept the decisions of majorities while majorities need to respect the rights and opinions of minorities, and it also gives high priority to the benefits of each citizen.

### Esteemed people

If we explore what the wishes of our 135 national ethnic groups are, we will see that we, together with our families, want to travel securely at any time. Our citizens want to live safely with our family members, work safely, and secure our livelihoods. Our citizens want a fair justice system. We don't want to let anyone bully each other. We, the citizens, want to enjoy an affordable healthcare system, reasonable commodity prices, development of agriculture, enough clean water, and enough electricity. When we, the citizens, make our livings as sellers, we don't want to suffer financial losses. We want fair prices for our products. Our citizens want to make donations and give the children an excellent education. We want school fees to be affordable. We want mental and physical



## Danu National Organization Party (DNOP) presents its policy, stance and work programmes

Danu National Organization Party (DNOP) Chairman U Tin Maung Oo presented party's policy, stance and work programmes as follows:

### Greetings esteemed citizens. I wish you peace of mind and the clarity to make the best decision with your vote.

I am Chairman U Tin Maung Oo of the Danu National Organization Party (DNOP). Our party was formed a year before the 2015 elections from 4 members in a party formation committee to 36 members in the central executive committee. We were developed to meet the needs of the changing times and to fulfil the interests of local ethnic residents, Shan State, and the national interest.

### Esteemed voters and nationalities

Danu National Organization Party represents all ethnic groups in the Danu region and practises the policy to cooperate with partner political parties. We shall establish a federal union that guarantees political, economic, health, education and general development for Shan State and the entire nation together with the rule of law, internal peace and equality for all ethnic groups.

### Esteemed voters and nationalities

Each voter citizen wishes for peaceful living,

basic needs fulfilled, smooth business, adequate healthcare, and access to education but the evil of greed sparked a civil war that could not be ended even after 70 years.

From setting up a village to building a nation, we have been living together from village rules to the Constitution for political solidarity to perpetuate the union to ensure social security and peace for the future generations. Thereby, we can set up a Federal Union with loving spirit for the nation, unity, peace and stability.

DNOP represents the Danu Self-Administered Zone and the support of the regional residents. And with a political vision, we will steadfastly implement union peace, politics, economy, healthcare, education, security, and general development. We will cooperate with like-minded political parties.

### Esteemed voters and nationalities

Our party will cooperate with members of the government and residents for the basic living standards, healthcare, education, business, farmers and labourers affairs, women and youth affairs, environmental conservation, civil servants affairs, the rule of law, regional and national development beyond the

2020 elections. As a leader of the political party, I would like to say we will accept the trust, support and criticism of the people while representing them.

### Esteemed voters and nationalities

We must establish a Federal Democratic Union filled with such values as the political awakening of the people, political understanding, self-determination of ethnic groups and equality for democracy to proliferate.

Our party has nine stars on our logo, and we request you to support us to prevent authoritarianism. We will create freedom, fairness, equality and federal democratic system with other affiliated political parties to end internal conflicts and instil regional development free of corruption.

So, we are a people-based party and would like to request you to vote for us, in conclusion.



## Campaign speeches of political parties for 2020 General Election on 5-6 October

CAMPAIGN speeches of Mon Unity Party and New Democracy Party (Kachin) for 2020 General Election will be broadcast on MRTV, Hluttaw Channel, Myanmar Radio and MRTV Facebook page at 7 pm on 5 October, and will be published in the state-owned newspapers— the Myanmar Alinn, the Mirror and the Global New Light of Myanmar —on 6 October. However, that of Public Contribute Students Party will only be published on 6 October. — MNA

## WORLD NEWS

### RESTRICTIONS TIGHTENED

## Virus spike means stricter control in Iceland

ICELAND, up to now one of the countries to have fared better against the coronavirus, has announced a tightening of restrictions after a spike in new cases since the middle of last month.

The health ministry said late Saturday that starting from Monday, most sports facilities, bars and discotheques will be closed while gatherings will be limited to a maximum 20 people.

Supermarkets will be allowed up to 100 customers while swimming pools must operate at only 50 percent of capacity.

These restrictions will last two to three weeks, the ministry said.

"In recent days, the number of new cases on a daily basis has been relatively steady at 30 to 40 so it is clear that current measures have not been enough to adequately control the epidemic," chief epidemiologist Thorolfur Gudnason said in a statement addressed to the ministry.

Iceland's health authorities have adopted targeted measures -- for example discotheques in

the capital Reykjavik re-opened only last Monday after a 10-day shutdown -- combined with general hygiene rules and social distancing in a bid to control the virus.

The latest steps come after coronavirus outbreaks in two nursing homes in Reykjavik and a sharp increase in hospitalisations, up seven-fold over a week.

"The hospital is not as well prepared to cope with an influx of patients as it was in the spring," Pall Matthiasson, head of the Iceland University Hospital, said in a message to the public and staff on its website Friday.

Over the past 19 days, Iceland has reported 663 new cases, mostly in Reykjavik and surrounding areas.

Iceland, home to 365,000 people, has recorded 2,872 cases and 10 deaths since the outbreak began early this year.

SOURCE: AFP

### CAUSE FOR CONCERN

## WH chief of staff: Trump improving but doctors were 'very concerned'

THE US President responded well to treatment but doctor's continue to monitor condition.

White House Chief of Staff Mark Meadows said Saturday Donald Trump's health, including a fall in his blood oxygen level, had left the president's doctors "very concerned" but that he had improved and there was never a risk he would have to hand over power.

Meadows' comments to Fox News capped a day of back-and-forth in which conflicting reports about the president's health created an opaque understanding of the leader's actual fitness.

"He's made unbelievable improvements from yesterday morning, when I know a number of us, the doctor and I, were very concerned," Meadows said.

Earlier in the day a source familiar with the president's health -- later named in US media as none other than Meadows -- had given a contradictory assessment stating that "the president's vitals over the last 24 hours were very concerning."

The statement also seemed at odds with an assessment by White House doctors that the president was "doing very well."

Meadows seemed to clarify late Saturday that comments pertaining to concerningly poor health had applied to the day prior.

"Yesterday morning, we were real concerned... he had a fever and his blood oxygen level had dropped rapidly," Meadows told Fox.

SOURCE: AFP



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**Recruitment of Main Implementation Consultant**

**Package No. CS1**

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2. The Department of Rural Development (DRD), Implementing Agency, under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MOALI), invites Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for the consulting services as a **Main Implementation Consultant (MIC)** to provide project management support, capacity development and technical assistance to the DRD Project Management Unit (PMU) at Union level and to the Project Implementation Units (PIUs) and Livelihood Technical Teams (LTTs) in the 17 townships to implement the RCDP. The MIC will be based in the DRD's office in **Nay Pyi Taw** and is required to make field visits to the project townships. The duration of the services is about six years (initial contract duration will be three years first and further contract will be extended through yearly basis).

3. The MIC team will be engaged under a time-based contract and positioned with international and national key and non-key experts. The consultants shall be firms, or joint ventures from the eligible countries of ADB-financed projects and should be nationals of an eligible country.

4. A firm, or joint venture will be selected under Quality and Cost Based Selection procedures using a Full Technical Proposal (FTP) in accordance with the policies of the ADB detailed in the ADB Procurement Policy: Goods, Works, Nonconsulting and Consulting Services, and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers: Goods, Works, Nonconsulting and Consulting Services (2017, as amended from time to time), including the Guidance Note on Consulting Services Administered by ADB Borrowers (2018, as amended from time to time) which can be found at: <https://www.adb.org/documents/adb-procurement-policy>; <https://www.adb.org/documents/procurement-regulations-ADB-borrowers>; and <https://www.adb.org/documents/consulting-services>.

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**Recruitment of Support Service Provider 1,**

**Ayeyarwady**

**Package No. CS2**

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2. The Department of Rural Development (DRD), Implementing Agency, under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MOALI), invites Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for the consulting services as a **Support Service Provider 1 (SSP1), Ayeyarwady Region**. The scope of services is to provide project management, implementation support, and staffing at the township, village tract, and village level; guide and manage the facilitators and capacity development of the DRD project implementation units (PIUs) and villagers in village tracts and villages. The SSP1 will be based in the township cluster's PIU, **Labutta**. Under this cluster, **Bogalae, Pyapon and Labutta townships** are included.

3. The SSP1 will be engaged for a period of 4.5 years. The SSP1 will provide key experts and facilitators. The SSP1 shall be non-government organizations, firms, or joint ventures from the eligible countries of ADB-financed projects and should be nationals of an eligible country.

4. A non-government organization, firm, or joint venture will be selected under Quality and Cost Based Selection procedures using a Full Technical Proposal (FTP) in accordance with the policies of the ADB detailed in the ADB Procurement Policy: Goods, Works, Nonconsulting and Consulting Services, and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers: Goods, Works, Nonconsulting and Consulting Services (2017, as amended from time to time), including the Guidance Note on Consulting Services Administered by ADB Borrowers (2018, as amended from time to time) which can be found at: <https://www.adb.org/documents/adb-procurement-policy>; <https://www.adb.org/documents/procurement-regulations-ADB-borrowers>; and <https://www.adb.org/documents/consulting-services>.

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**Recruitment of Support Service Provider 2A,**

**Chin State**

**Package No. CS3**

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2. The Department of Rural Development (DRD), Implementing Agency, under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MOALI), invites Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for the consulting services as a **Support Service Provider 2A (SSP2A), Chin State**. The scope of services is to provide project management, implementation support, and staffing at the township, village tract, and village level; guide and manage the facilitators under SSP 2A and 2B and capacity development of the DRD project implementation units (PIUs) and villagers in village tracts and villages. SSP2B Facilitators would be reporting on a daily basis to SSP2A. The SSP2A will be based in the township cluster's PIU, **Hakha**. Under this cluster, **Tedim, Falam, Htantalang and Hakha townships** are included. Facilitators for Hakha Township would be recruited under the Support Service Provider 2B (SSP2B).

3. The SSP2A will be engaged for a period of 4.5 years and will provide key experts and facilitators. The SSP2A shall be non-government organizations, firms, or joint ventures from the eligible countries of ADB-financed projects and should be nationals of an eligible country.

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**Recruitment of Support Service Provider 2B, Chin  
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3. The SSP2B will be engaged for a period of 4.5 years and shall be non-government organizations, firms, or joint ventures from the eligible countries of ADB-financed projects and should be nationals of an eligible country.

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AND IRRIGATION**

ADB Loan 3864-MYA, Grant 9203-MYA(JFPR),  
Grant 0678-MYA(ADF), and Grant 0679-MYA(AIF)  
**RESILIENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
(REOI)**

**Recruitment of Support Service Provider 3,  
Sagaing North  
Package No. CS4**

1. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the form of a loan and grants, namely, Loan 3864-MYA, Grant 9203-MYA(JFPR), Grant 0678-MYA(ADF), and Grant 0679-MYA(AIF) towards the cost of the Resilient Community Development Project (RCDP). The main outcome of the project is to improve standard of living and resilience of targeted communities through three outputs: (i) development of climate and disaster resilient community infrastructure; (ii) development of resilient livelihood activities for poor men and women; and (iii) strengthening of institutional and organizational capacity of communities and government. The project will adopt a proven Community-Based Development (CBD) approach to deliver community infrastructure and livelihood subprojects to 17 poor, vulnerable townships covering 791 village tracts and 2,942 villages with a population of about 1.8 million people.

2. The Department of Rural Development (DRD), Implementing Agency, under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MOALI), invites Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for the consulting services as a **Support Service Provider 3 (SSP3), Sagaing North**. The scope of services is to provide project management, implementation support, and staffing at the township, village tract, and village level; guide and manage the facilitators and capacity development of the DRD project implementation units (PIUs) and villagers in village tracts and villages. The SSP3 will be based in the township cluster's PIU, **Lahe**. Under this cluster, **Leshi, Lahe and Nanyon townships** are included.

3. The SSP3 will be engaged for a period of 4.5 years and will provide key experts and facilitators. The SSP3 shall be non-government organizations, firms, or joint ventures from the eligible countries of ADB-financed projects and should be nationals of an eligible country.

4. A non-government organization, firm, or joint venture will be selected under Quality and Cost Based Selection procedures using a Full Technical Proposal (FTP) in accordance with the policies of the ADB detailed in the ADB Procurement Policy: Goods, Works, Nonconsulting and Consulting Services, and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers: Goods, Works, Nonconsulting and Consulting Services (2017, as amended from time to time), including the Guidance Note on Consulting Services Administered by ADB Borrowers (2018, as amended from time to time) which can be found at: <https://www.adb.org/documents/adb-procurement-policy>; <https://www.adb.org/documents/procurement-regulations-ADB-borrowers>; and <https://www.adb.org/documents/consulting-services>.

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**RESILIENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST  
(REOI)**

**Recruitment of Support Service Provider 4,  
Sagaing South  
Package No. CS5**

1. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the form of a loan and grants, namely, Loan 3864-MYA, Grant 9203 -MYA(JFPR), Grant 0678-MYA(ADF), and Grant 0679-MYA(AIF) towards the cost of the Resilient Community Development Project (RCDP). The main outcome of the project is to improve standard of living and resilience of targeted communities through three outputs: (i) development of climate and disaster resilient community infrastructure; (ii) development of resilient livelihood activities for poor men and women; and (iii) strengthening of institutional and organizational capacity of communities and government. The project will adopt a proven Community-Based Development (CBD) approach to deliver community infrastructure and livelihood subprojects to 17 poor, vulnerable townships covering 791 village tracts and 2,942 villages with a population of about 1.8 million people.

2. The Department of Rural Development (DRD), Implementing Agency, under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MOALI), invites Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for the consulting services as a **Support Service Provider 4 (SSP4), Sagaing South**. The scope of services is to provide project management, implementation support, and staffing at the township, village tract, and village level; guide and manage the facilitators and capacity development of the DRD project implementation units (PIUs) and villagers in village tracts and villages. The SSP4 will be based in the township cluster's PIU, **Kalewa**. Under this cluster, **Mingin, Mawlaik, Paungbyin and Kalewa townships** are included.

3. The SSP4 will be engaged for a period of 4.5 years and will provide key experts and facilitators. The SSP4 shall be non-government organizations, firms, or joint ventures from the eligible countries of ADB-financed projects and should be nationals of an eligible country.

4. A non-government organization, firm, or joint venture will be selected under Quality and Cost Based Selection procedures using a Full Technical Proposal (FTP) in accordance with the policies of the ADB detailed in the ADB Procurement Policy: Goods, Works, Nonconsulting and Consulting Services, and Procurement Regulations for ADB Borrowers: Goods, Works, Nonconsulting and Consulting Services (2017, as amended from time to time), including the Guidance Note on Consulting Services Administered by ADB Borrowers (2018, as amended from time to time) which can be found at: <https://www.adb.org/documents/adb-procurement-policy>; <https://www.adb.org/documents/procurement-regulations-ADB-borrowers>; and <https://www.adb.org/documents/consulting-services>.

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**RESILIENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**  
**REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (REOI)**  
**Recruitment of Support Service Provider 5, Thanintharyi Region**  
**Package No. CS6**

1. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the form of a loan and grants, namely, Loan 3864-MYA, Grant 9203-MYA(JFPR), Grant 0678-MYA(ADF), and Grant 0679-MYA(AIF) towards the cost of the Resilient Community Development Project (RCDP). The main outcome of the project is to improve standard of living and resilience of targeted communities through three outputs: (i) development of climate and disaster resilient community infrastructure; (ii) development of resilient livelihood activities for poor men and women; and (iii) strengthening of institutional and organizational capacity of communities and government. The project will adopt a proven Community-Based Development (CBD) approach to deliver community infrastructure and livelihood subprojects to 17 poor, vulnerable townships covering 791 village tracts and 2,942 villages with a population of about 1.8 million people.

2. The Department of Rural Development (DRD), Implementing Agency, under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MOALI), invites Expressions of Interest (EOIs) for the consulting services as a **Support Service Provider 5 (SSP5), Thanintharyi Region**. The scope of services is to provide project management, implementation support, and staffing at the township, village tract, and village level; guide and manage the facilitators and capacity development of the DRD project implementation units (PIUs) and villagers in village tracts and villages. The SSP5 will be based in the township cluster's PIU, **Dawei**. Under this cluster, **Launglon, Thayetchaung and Yebyu townships** are included.

3. The SSP5 will be engaged for a period of 4.5 years and will provide key experts and facilitators. The SSP5 shall be non-government organizations, firms, or joint ventures from the eligible countries of ADB-financed projects and should be nationals of an eligible country.

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**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR**  
**Department of Rural Development,**  
**Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation**  
**Resilient Community Development Project**  
**Invitation for Bids**

Date; 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Loan/Grant No. and Title; **LOAN 3864 MYA / Grants 0678-MYA (ADF) and 0679 -MYA (AIF), Resilient Community Development Project.**

Contract No. and Title; **DRD-G7- OCB National/2020 - Vehicles (Lot 1- Minibus, Lot 2 – Double Cab)**

Deadline for Submission of Bids; **3rd November 2020, 1400 hours local time**

1. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of Resilient Community Development Project (RCDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the contracts named above. Bidding is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the bid document.

2. Bidders may bid for one or more Lots, as further defined in the Bidding Document. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one contract will be allowed to do so provided those discounts are included in the Bid Submission Sheet.

3. The Department of Rural Development (DRD), the Purchaser invites sealed bids from eligible bidders who are authorized dealers and service agents of the vehicles in Myanmar. Bidders should have sold at least 5 vehicles (of the corresponding lot type) in Myanmar after 1 January 2019 and before 30 September 2020. Bidders should have workshops and offices in Myanmar to provide after sales services and maintenance. **Bids are invited for the following vehicles;**  
**(i) G7 Vehicles Lot 1- Minibus; one 12 seater, 2.4 liter engine capacity, automatic transmission.**

**(ii) G7 Vehicles Lot 2 - Double Cab; 12 numbers, 2.8 liter engine capacity, manual or automatic transmission.**

4. Open competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: One-Envelope procedure and is open to all eligible bidders as described in the Bidding Document.

5. To obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents, bidders should contact:

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6. To obtain the Bidding Documents in English, eligible bidders should;

- Send email to [thannaingwin.cdd@gmail.com](mailto:thannaingwin.cdd@gmail.com), (also copy email to [ksaung@ncddpmyanmar.org](mailto:ksaung@ncddpmyanmar.org)) requesting the Bidding Documents for G7 Vehicles
- Attach (as a PDF file) to the email a signed application for bid document on the bidder's letterhead
- Bidding documents will be emailed to the bidder free-of-charge. Bidding documents will be sent by e-mail only
- Except for the submission of a written application, there are no other conditions for obtaining the bidding documents.

7. Deliver your bid:

- to the address provided at para 5 above
- on or before the deadline: **3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020, 14:00 hours local time**, and
- together with a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Document.

Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline for bid submission in the presence of bidders representatives who choose to attend.

**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR**  
**Department of Rural Development,**  
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**Resilient Community Development Project**  
**Invitation for Bids**

Date; 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Loan/Grant No. and Title; **LOAN 3864 MYA / Grants 0678-MYA(ADF) and 0679 -MYA(AIF), Resilient Community Development Project.**

Contract No. and Title; **DRD-G8- OCB National/2020 - Lot 1- Motorcycles (low ground clearance) and safety equipment; 1063 numbers - Lot 2 - Motorcycles (high ground clearance) and safety equipment; 400 numbers**

Deadline for Submission of Bids; **3rd November 2020, 1500 hours local time**

1. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of Resilient Community Development Project (RCDP) and intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing to payments under the contracts named above. Bidding is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the bid document.

2. Bidders may bid for one or more Lots, as further defined in the Bidding Document. Bidders wishing to offer discounts in case they are awarded more than one contract will be allowed to do so provided those discounts are included in the Bid Submission Sheet.

3. The Department of Rural Development (DRD), the Purchaser invites sealed bids from eligible bidders who are authorized dealers and service agents of the Motorcycles in Myanmar. Bidders should have sold at least 532 Motorcycles (to qualify for Lot 1) and 200 Motorcycles (to qualify for Lot 2) after 1 January 2019 and before 30 September 2020. The Bidder shall demonstrate that it has successfully completed at least two (2) contracts of similar goods in the past five (5) years and such contract had the value greater than 50% of the value of the Bid. The Bidder is required to submit with its bid, documentary evidence to demonstrate that after sales service for maintenance is already set up and available in Myanmar. **Bids are invited for the following Motorcycles;**

**(i) G8 - Lot 1- Motorcycles (low ground clearance) and safety equipment; 1063 numbers**

**(ii) G8 - Lot 2 - Motorcycles (high ground clearance) and safety equipment; 400 numbers**

4. Open competitive bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: One-Envelope procedure and is open to all eligible bidders as described in the Bidding Document.

5. To obtain further information and inspect the Bidding Documents, bidders should contact through official request letter:

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- Attach (as a PDF file) to the email a signed application for bid document on the bidder's letterhead
- Bidding documents will be emailed to the bidder free-of-charge. Bidding documents will be sent by e-mail only
- Except for the submission of a written application, there are no other conditions for obtaining the bidding documents.

7. Deliver your bid:

- to the address provided at para 5 above
- on or before the deadline: **3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020, 15:00 hours local time**, and
- together with a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Document.

Bids will be opened immediately after the deadline for bid submission in the presence of bidders representatives who choose to attend.

## Japanese Gov't already planning approval of antiviral drug Avigan in Nov.

TOKYO — The Japanese government is already planning to approve the antiviral drug Avigan as a COVID-19 treatment in November even before its developer has filed for regulatory review, government sources said Saturday.

Under that plan,

the review of the influenza drug Avigan as a new coronavirus treatment will be completed in an unprecedentedly short screening period of three weeks once Fujifilm Toyama Chemical Co. submits a new drug application, expected in mid-October, the source

said, raising concerns about whether its safety and efficacy will be thoroughly scrutinized.

Despite some concerns about the drug's side effects such as birth defects, the Japanese government has been eager to get the health ministry to approve it as

a coronavirus treatment and offer it to other countries.

Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe came under fire in May for hyping up Avigan for treating COVID-19, saying then the drug's approval was expected within that month.—Kyodo



## Former Myanmar selected captain, YGN United star retires from football

YAN AUNG KYAW, former captain of the Myanmar National Football Team and defensive midfielder and captain of the Yangon United Football Club recently announced his retirement, according to the statement with the Yangon United and Myanmar Football Federation.

The 2020 season of the Myanmar National League was his last season played for his favourite club Yangon United.

The 34-year-old defensive midfielder has played for the Myanmar national team and Yangon United for almost a decade and has fulfilled his role as the team captain in both teams.

He assisted in Myanmar national team to win the third prize at the 2011 SEA Games and also



Former Myanmar national football team and Yangon United captain Yan Aung Kyaw claps his hand and expressing goodbye to his football fans across the country for his retirement at the Yangon United Sports Complex on 30 September 2020. **PHOTO: YUFC**

helped to win the 2014 Philippine Peace Cup.

Also, the football captain has

recognized as a national figure that made it to the 2016 Suzuki Cup semi-finals.

Myanmar Football Federation wished Yan Aung Kyaw, the former captain of the Myanmar national team, success in his future journey.

The Myanmar Football Federation will always be proud of Yan Aung Kyaw's efforts for the national team, stated on their Facebook page.

Next, domestic football club Yangon United has also wished their team's legend player whose nickname is Captain Ice on their official social media page.

"On behalf of Yangon United and hardcore fans of Yangon United, we would like to express our sincere thanks that you have done for the team throughout your professional career making appearances with the team and

let the team feel the victory.

Wish you future brighter ahead. Good Luck, our Captain Ice."

Upon his leaving, Yan Aung Kyaw said to his football fans with his cold and big sad voice that, "We fight together. We earn the victory together. We feel together. We sacrifice for the logo that printed in our hearts. And it is also time to say goodbye to the Yangon United football fans after conquering the five times Champions in Myanmar National League history, 2 times Champions in General Aung San Shield and three times Champions in Charity Cups respectively.", the Myanmar football star added. —Lynn Thit (Tgi)

## Garcia, Davis, Poston share PGA Sanderson Farms lead

MISSISSIPPI — No-look Sergio Garcia and Australian Cameron Davis, who opened with five birdies, shared the lead with American J.T. Poston after Saturday's third round of the US PGA Sanderson Farms Championship.

Davis fired a US PGA career-low 63, nine-under par, while Garcia had a bogey-free 66 and Poston shot 69 to stand level on 14-under 202 after 54 holes at the Country Club of Jackson in Mississippi.

Garcia, seeking his first US PGA win since capturing the 2017 Masters, made six birdies and praised his new putting method of shutting his eyes while striking putts.

"It's quite simple," the 40-year-old Spaniard said. "What I'm looking for is to keep my stroke as smooth as possible. The less things I have in my head, or my eyes, the better.

"When I do it, I have a smooth stroke and I make a lot of good putts. When I don't, it's not quite as good."

Garcia, who has won three times on the European Tour since capturing the green jacket but is ranked a modest 51st in the world, sank an eight-foot birdie putt at the second hole.

He closed the front nine with back-to-back birdies from 12 and 15 feet and added tap-in birdies at the par-5 11th and par-4 12th.—AFP



Spain's Sergio Garcia fired a six-under par 66 on Saturday to grab a share of the lead after three rounds at the US PGA Sanderson Farms Championship. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Football: Cavani set to join Man Utd – reports

LONDON — Manchester United are reportedly set to bolster Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's options up front with the signing of Edison Cavani on a free transfer, according to reports in the English and French media on Saturday (Oct 3).

The Uruguay forward has been without a club since leaving Paris Saint-Germain at the end of June. The 33-year-old is PSG's all-time top scorer, scoring 200 goals in seven seasons at the Parc des Princes.

The Daily Mail reported Cavani will sign a two-year deal at Old Trafford worth £210,000 (US\$270,000) a week after tax.

As a free agent, Cavani is still free to sign for a new club outside the transfer window, but French media reported the deal



Man Utd bound? Edison Cavani is reportedly set to join Manchester United on a free transfer. **PHOTO: AFP/FRANCK FIFE**

will be concluded before Monday's transfer deadline.

Cavani could even make his debut against his former club as United open their Champi-

ons League campaign away to PSG on 20 October. The English giants have been criticised by fans for their lack of activity in the transfer market.—AFP

## Tennis: 'Surprised' Swiatek stuns top seed Halep to reach Roland Garros quarter-finals

PARIS — Top seed and 2018 champion Simona Halep was sent crashing out of Roland Garros on Sunday (Oct 4) when Polish teenager Iga Swiatek stormed to a shock 6-1, 6-2 victory to reach the quarter-finals.

Swiatek, just 19 and ranked 54 in the world, will take on either Dutch fifth seed Kiki Bertens or Italian qualifier Martina Trevisan for a place in the semi-finals.

"I am surprised I could do this," admitted Swiatek after

ending the 17-match winning streak of Halep who was the overwhelming favourite in the absence of 2019 champion Ashleigh Barty and US Open winner Naomi Osaka and the injury-enforced withdrawal of Serena Williams.

"I felt like I played a great match," added Swiatek who will be playing in her first quarter-finals at the majors.

It was a stunning turnaround for the Pole who won just one game against Halep at the

same stage in Paris last year, getting swept off court in just 45 minutes. "Last year I wasn't experienced enough, it was my first match in a big stadium so I was a little stressed.

"But I have made a lot of progress since then, playing girls like Simona, Naomi and Caroline Wozniacki. Now I can handle the pressure."

Swiatek swept through the opening set in just 23 minutes, firing 17 winners to Halep's four.—AFP