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## Vice President U Henry Van Thio, wife cast votes in Thantlang



Vice President U Henry Van Thio and wife Dr Shwe Hlwan cast votes for the 2020 General Election in Thantlang on 8 November 2020. PHOTO: THANTLANG IPRD

Vice President U Henry Van Thio and wife Dr Shwe Hlwan cast their votes for 2020 General Election at the Polling Station No 1 of Ward No 2 in Thantlang Township,

Haka District in Chin State yesterday.

There are a total of 33,806 eligible voters and 105 polling stations in Thantlang Township. Polling stations were opened starting from 6 am.

Officials from township election sub-commission, polling station heads and staff, polling station securities and volunteers provided necessary things to the voters so that they can vote safely at the polling sta-

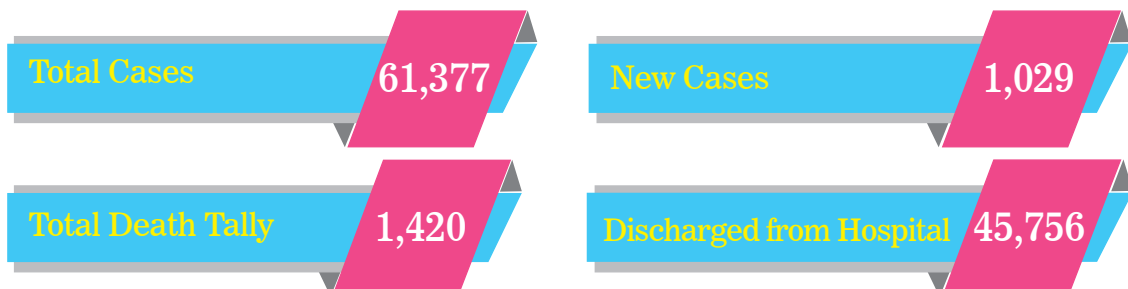
tions in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Sports and not to spread COVID-19 infection. — Thantlang Township IPRD

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

### 1,029 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 8 November, total figure rises to 61,377

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rise to 61,377 after 1,029 new cases were reported on 8 November according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these 61,377 confirmed cases, 1,420 died, 45,756 have been discharged from hospitals.—MNA

Updated at 8 pm, 8 November 2020



### Daily Death toll until 8 pm 8-11-2020

24

Ministry of Health and Sports

# Announcement on legal actions against election-law breakers

1. A special police inspected Daw Nu Nu Win, a polling station representative of Union Solidarity and Development Party-USDP, outside the Polling Station No 6 in Area 10 of Damingon in Asin Village-tract, Ye Township in Mawlamyine District, Mon State, and seized two unofficial stamps – one with ‘UEC’ mark and another with no ‘UEC’ mark – from her.
2. According to the Union Election Commission’s investigation, three Hluttaw candidates of People’s Party in Kyone Maram Village-tract in Kyonpyaw Township, Pathein District in Ayeyawady Region – Pyithu Hluttaw candidate for Kyonpyaw Township U Aung Kyaw Lwin, Hluttaw candidate for Kyonpyaw Township’s Region Hluttaw Constituency 1 U Than Ngwe, and Hluttaw candidate for Kyonpyaw Township’s Region Hluttaw Constituency 2 U Mya Thaung – are found making false accusations against Township Election Sub-commission and Village-tract Election Sub-commission to stop voting and election.
3. It is investigated that Ma Pont Pont, who lives in Ward No 8 of Maubin Town, Maubin District in Ayeyawady Region, voted twice – once at the Polling Station No 2 of Win Myittar Housing in Ward No 7 and another at the Polling Station No 1 of Ward No 8.
4. It is hereby announced that the suspects Daw Nu Nu Win, U Aung Kyaw Lwin, U Than Ngwe, U Mya Thaung and Ma Pont Pont have been charged with Criminal Law Section 420/468 and Hluttaw Election Law Sections 58 and 59 at the respective police stations.

Union Election Commission

# Citizens vote in 2020 General Election

ELIGIBLE VOTERS across Myanmar went to polling stations yesterday to cast their votes in the 2020 General Election yesterday.

Many voters in Nay Pyi Taw arrived at polling stations before polling stations opened at 6 am.

Election officials and staff members, local and foreign observers, and political parties’s representatives and journalists were present to observe voting at polling stations across Myanmar.

Outside the polling stations, election staff members checked the body temperature of the voters and provided KN-95 masks to them.

The voters in the Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory cast their ballots for eight Pyithu Hluttaw seats and two Amyotha Hluttaw seats in accordance with the COVID-19 preventive guidelines.

There were 646 polling stations in the Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

Polling stations were closed at 4 pm nationwide, with election officials and staff members then uncovering ballot boxes to begin counting votes and recording results in the presence of party agents and observers.

In this general elections, political parties across the country fielded a total of 1,565 Pyithu Hluttaw candidates for 315 Pyithu Hluttaw seats, 779 Amyotha Hluttaw candidates for 161 Amyotha Hluttaw seats, 3,112 regional Hluttaw candidates for 612 regional Hluttaw seats and 183 candidates for 29 ethnic representative seats.

87 political parties contested in the general elections. There were 37,268,876 eligible voters and 39,962 polling stations.

The Union Election Commission will announce the official results in the coming days. —MNA

(Translated by Maung Maung Swe)



A polling station staff (R) is proofing a voter’s ID card with voter list inside a polling station in Zebuthiri on 8 November. PHOTO: MNA



A voter casts his ballots at a polling station in Pobbathiri yesterday. PHOTO: MNA



Voters and polling station staff are seen inside a polling station in Lewe on 8 November 2020. PHOTO: MNA



A voter gets her little finger inked after voting in Zayathiri on the election day. PHOTO: MNA



People line up for casting their votes at polling station in Pinyinana. PHOTO: MNA



A voter casts her ballots at a polling station in Ottarathiri yesterday. PHOTO: MNA



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing casts votes at the Zeyathiri Polling Station No 1 in Zeyathiri Township on 8 November 2020. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

## Tatmadaw members, families cast votes for 2020 General Election

THE 2020 nationwide general elections began at 6 am yesterday, and members of the Tatmadaw and their families cast their votes at respective polling stations following health guidelines.

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior-General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla cast their votes in-person at the Zeyathiri Polling Station-1 in Zeyathiri Township yesterday morning.

Similarly, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice Senior-General Soe

Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Union ministers of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Border Affairs and their wives, senior military officers, wives and family members voted for the 2020 General Election.

Meanwhile, commanders, officers and other ranks, and families in military commands and battalions nationwide also cast their vote in the general elections at respective polling stations, according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.—MNA

## UEC Chairman inspects voting processes at polling stations in Nay Pyi Taw

UNION Election Commission (UEC) Chairman U Hla Thein visited the polling stations in Zabuthiri, Pynmana and Ottarathiri townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on the Election Day yesterday.

The UEC Chairman in-

spected the voting processes at Polling Station No 1 and No 2 at BEHS No 5 in Zeyathiekhdi Ward in Zabuthiri Township, Polling Station No 2 in Ywar Kauk Ward, Pynmana Township, and Polling Station No 1 of BEPS (Chin Village) in Ottarathiri Ward in

Ottarathiri Township.

He observed whether the voters abide by COVID-19 guidelines of wearing masks, getting temperature checked, washing hands and queuing with social distancing, and whether they get their little fingers inked at the

polling stations.

He checked the polling station staff's issuing voters' ID cards with voter lists and issuing ballot papers, and the voting processes for different Hluttaws, and also inspected the advance ballot boxes and advance voter

lists.

At the polling stations, he cordially greeted election observers and the public who are waiting for casting their votes at the polling stations.—MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Union Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein inspects the voting processes at the Polling Station No 1 at BEMS (Chin Village) in Ottarathiri Ward, Ottarathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw on 8 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**



## Facts and data of 2020 Multi-party Democracy General Election

1. Total eligible voters	37,268,876	c. parties eligible to contest	91 parties
2. Total polling stations	39962	d. parties not to contest (not holding election area)	4 parties
3. Constituencies		e. Total	87 parties
a. Pyithu Hluttaw constituencies	315	5. Hluttaw candidates competing in the General Election	
b. Amyotha Hluttaw constituencies	161	a. Pyithu Hluttaw candidates	1,565
c. Region/State Hluttaw constituencies	612	b. Amyotha Hluttaw candidates	779
d. National races constituencies	29	c. Region/state Hluttaw candidates	3,112
Total constituencies	1,117	d. Ethnic constituencies candidates	183
4. Total political parties competing in the General Election		Total	5,639
a. Listed parties to contest	93 parties	6. Candidates	
b. United Democratic Party and Union Democratic party dissolved	2 parties	a. Candidates from political parties	5,379
		b. independence candidates	260



U Khin Maung Oo, Director-General of the UEC.  
**PHOTO: CHAT GYI**

## Election results to be announced at noon, 4 pm, 8 pm on MRTV, state-run newspapers, UEC websites, FB page daily in a timely manner: UEC DG U Khin Maung Oo

THE process of counting votes has started at all polling stations nationwide since yesterday evening following the voting successfully ended at 4 pm, according to the Union Election Commission.

“The chairman of the Union Election Commission and staff of the commission are ready at the Nay Pyi Taw head office

yesterday, and arrangements are made to solve possible problems,” said U KhinMaungOo, Director-General of the UEC.

“We can say that the 2020 General Election concluded successfully without big problems,” he added.

He elaborated the counting process saying that polling stations would send the list of

voting results to their respective township election commission offices, and the township offices would compile the lists and send to region and state offices which will confirm winners.

The region and state election commission office would send the list and winners of the respective township constituencies to the

Nay Pyi Taw Head Office for approval.

When the Head Office approved the winners, the state and region offices will announced them while the election results are also announced on MRTV, UEC website and FB at noon, 4 pm and 8 pm respectively and also in the state-run newspapers.—Han Lin Naing

## People in Thingangyun cast votes with COVID-19 guidelines on Election Day

ELIGIBLE voters in Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region, cast their ballots for 2020 General Election in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines yesterday.

U Aung Kyaw Myint, an election commission member of Yangonthis Ward in Thingangyun Township, said “If the eligible voters don’t have ID cards or other certified cards, it was announced yesterday that they can vote after taking a certificate from the ward administration office”.

Ko Hein Htet Zaw, a first-time voter from Independence Street in Thingangyun Township, said “I’m 21 years old. This is my first-time voting. Due to COVID-19, we have to change the masks we wear with new masks given by the officials at the entrance of polling station. Face shields were also given to those who don’t wear. Hands are washed and temperatures are checked. I, as a first-time voter, am explained

about the voting processes. I’m excited at voting the first time. I’m also happy for voting for the candidate of the party I like”.

There are about 1,400 eligible voters at the Polling stations No 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Constituency 2 at No 7 basic primary school in Yangonthis Ward in Thingangyun Township.

U Khin Than Maung from Yangonthis Ward said, “I’m 57 years old. This is my second-time voting. I failed to vote in 2010. I like the arrangements for voting processes at Yangonthis Ward in Thingangyun Township. Face masks were distributed. Officials help me voting processes, but I have to vote by myself. There are a total of 184,000 eligible voters and 139 polling stations in Thingangyun Township.

Polling Station Head of Region Constituency 2 in Yangonthis Ward in Thingangyun Township Daw Mi Mi Naing said, “The compound of the polling station is busy with



U Aung Kyaw Myint.



Ko Hein Htet Zaw



U Khin Than Maung.

voters till 4 pm”.

Officials and voters said that the 2020 General Election is systematic and the public well used their voting rights this year. —Ye Gaung Nyunt

*(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)*

A voter receives temperature check before voting at a polling station in Thingangyun Township.

**PHOTO: PHOE HTAUNG**



Returnees from the Republic of Korea are seen queuing for immigration process at Yangon International Airport. **PHOTO: MNA**

## 148 Myanmar nationals return home by relief flight

A relief flight by Myanmar National Airlines (MNA), from the Republic of Korea, bringing back 148 Myanmar nationals (93 seamen and 55 Myanmar migrant workers) landed at the Yangon International Airport at 8 pm yesterday.

The relief flight was jointly arranged by Myanmar Embassy in Seoul and JSM International Company.

As they arrived in the airport, the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Yangon Region government arranged proper medical

checkups and 7-day government facility quarantine plus 7-day home quarantine for them.

To bring back Myanmar nationals including seamen stranded in foreign nations by relief flights and charter flights in accordance with the instructions from National-Level Central Committee for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs cooperated with the relevant ministries and Myanmar embassies from respective nations. —MNA

*(Translated by Maung Maung Swe)*

# CMP garment exports worth \$4.28 bln last FY

EXPORTS of garments manufactured under the cut-make-pack (CMP) system were valued US\$4.28 billion in the period between 1 October and August-end in the previous financial year 2019-2020, according to the data from the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar manufacturing sector is primarily concentrated in CMP garments and textiles, which contribute to the country's GDP to some extent.

The garment sector is among the prioritized sectors driving up exports. The CMP garment industry has emerged as a promising one, with preferential trade from Western countries.

The majority of Myanmar's garment factories operate under the CMP system, and those engaged in this industry are striving to transform CMP into the free-on-board (FoB) system, according to the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association.

Following the negative impacts caused by the COVID-19

on the garment industry, some CMP garment factories have shut down on the reason for the lack of raw materials, leaving thousands of workers unemployed.

The coronavirus impacts badly batter the labour-intensive enterprises, said an official of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

However, foreign direct investments flow into many types of businesses, including garment enterprises. The foreign investors are not bothered by the disputes between employers and employees and the closure of some CMP businesses during the mean times.

Of the investment proposals, the manufacturing and labour-intensive industries are prioritized by the commission.

Myanmar Investment Commission is endeavouring to accept investment projects in manufacturing masks, pharmaceuticals and others which can contribute to the fight against the coronavirus in the country



A woman sewing on the production line at a garment factory in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

at the soonest.

Supply chain disruptions and cancelling customer orders following the coronavirus outbreak hurt the global textile industry.

Similarly, the CMP garment sector which contributes to 30 per cent of Myanmar's export sector is bracing for downward trend owing to cancel of order from the European countries and suspension of a trade by western countries amid the pandemic.

The export value of CMP garments was only \$850 million in the 2015-2016 financial year, but it has tripled over the last

two FYs. In the 2016-2017FY, about \$2 billion was earned from exports of CMP garments. The figure increased to an estimated \$2.5 billion in the 2017-2018FY and \$2.2 billion in the 2018 mini-budget period (from April to September). It tremendously grew to \$4.6 billion in the 2018-2019FY, according to the Commerce Ministry.

Myanmar mainly exports CMP garments to markets in Japan and Europe, along with the Republic of Korea, China, and the US. With demand from foreign trade partners growing, imports of CMP raw materials are rising year by year.

Since an outbreak like COVID-19 might happen in the future, it is necessary to prepare for a sufficient supply of raw materials. The public and private sectors will cooperate in setting up the supply chain on our own sources, including weaving, knitting, dyeing, and sewing factories.

The MGMA has more than 700 members, and garment factories in Myanmar, employing more than 500,000 workers. Investors prefer to invest in countries with inexpensive labour, such as Myanmar.—Ko Htet

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

## Export rice prices slide in October

THE prices of rice in the export market slightly decreased in October owing to the coronavirus impacts, as per data of Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

In October, the export prices of white rice (low quality), broken rice and parboiled rice slipped compared to September's rate. The prices moved in the range of US\$330-415 per tonne of white

rice depending on quality, \$220-310 per tonne of broken rice and \$440-485 per tonne of parboiled rice, indicating a slight decrease compared with the previous months.

Consequently, the price of low-quality rice, which is primarily exported to foreign countries, also dropped by K1,000-3,000 against last month's rate in the

domestic market.

Following the coronavirus resurgence in Myanmar, high-quality rice (Shwebo Pawsan variety) was highly demanded in the domestic market. The domestic retail market in October saw a significant rise to K57,000 per 108-pound bag from K50,000 registered in September.

Ayeyawady Pawsan variety was priced K36,000 per 108-pound-bag in the domestic market last month, while low-quality rice fetched K21,500-23,700, MRF data showed.

The export price of Myanmar's rice is relatively lower than in other Asian countries such as Thailand and Viet Nam. Yet, the prices are higher than those market prices of India and Pakistan, MRF's data showed.

Next, 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 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.

There is self-sufficiency in the domestic market, and people do not need to concern over the shortage of rice. A total of 321,771 bags (108 pounds per bag) from reserved rice have been sold between 10 July and 26 October 2020. MRF will sell up to 1 million bags of reserved rice. About 678,229 bags are left to sell, MRF data showed.

Additionally, the volume of rice and broken rice exported between 1 and 16 October in the current financial year 2020-2021 reached 35,637 tonnes, worth over US\$14 million, as per MRF's data.

MRF expected to ship 2.4 million tonnes of rice, and bro-

ken rice in the last FY ended 30 September 2020. The country surpassed the export target, sending over 426,611 metric tons to neighbouring countries through border trade and over 2.15 million tonnes of rice and broken to foreign trade partners via maritime trade, totalling over 2.58 million tonnes.

A surge in rice shipping through sea trade was contributed to meeting year's export target, MRF stated.

Myanmar targets to export 4 million tonnes of rice and broken rice in the current financial year 2020-2021, stated U Aung Than Oo, vice president of Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

Myanmar shipped 3.6 million tonnes of rice in the FY2017-2018, which was an all-time record in rice exports. The export volume plunged to 2.3 million tonnes, in the FY2018-2019.

—Ko Htet  
(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)



Workers load a vehicle with rice bags at a port in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

# 2020 General Election



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein casts votes at a polling station on Dhammazedi Road in Bahan Township on 8 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**



Chairman of The Nippon Foundation Mr Yohei Sasakawa observes the election process at a polling station on Ko Min Ko Chin Road in Bahan on 8 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**



Officials from the Embassy of France observe the voting processes at the polling station at No 3 BEPPS in Bahan Township on 8 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**



Officials from the Embassy of the Republic of Korea observe the voting processes at a polling station on Dhammazedi Road in Bahan Township on 8 November. **PHOTO: MNA**



Citizens queue for casting votes outside the Polling Station No 2 of Ma Hlwa Gone Street and Kyauk Myaung Street on 8 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**



A woman voter gets her hands washed with hand sanitizer outside the polling station at the No 9 BEPPS in Dagon Seikan Township on 8 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**



A woman casts her votes at the polling station at No 4 BEHS in Insein Township on 8 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**



Polling station heads and officials count votes at a polling station in Bahan Township on 8 November. **PHOTO: MNA**



A man gets his hands washed outside a polling station in Thanlyin Township on 8 November 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

# Voting images across Myanmar



Officials count votes at polling station No 1 of No 9 Ward in Botahtaung Township. **PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT**



A voter casts her ballots at a polling station in Kyaukpyu Township yesterday. **PHOTO: PHYO WAI LIN**



Officials count votes at a polling station in Yekyi Township.



An official shows a ballot paper as ballot papers are being counted at a polling station in Thakayta Township. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**



A voter casts her ballots at a polling station in Thakayta Township yesterday. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**



Officials count votes at polling station No 1 of Khitara Ward in Pyay Township. **PHOTO: MYO KYAW GYI (IPRD)**



A voter gets his little finger inked after voting in Sittway Township on the election day. **PHOTO: TIN TUN (IPRD)**



People queue for casting votes at polling station in Myawady Township. **PHOTO: HTAING LIN AUNG (IPRD)**

# Wait for election results without being negligent in following health guidelines

**M**ILLIONS of people across our country, wearing face masks, face shields and rubber gloves, line up in social distancing when sun rises, cast their vote-in-person in a nationwide election.

Poll officials and workers wore face protection, masks, and medical gloves, and contributed their services to the voters.

Our 2020 General Election held amidst COVID-19 pandemic ended at 4 pm successfully. The success of the general elections depends on the cooperation of the people. If they fail to follow the rules, it could easily lead to another outbreak of COVID-19.

The success of the general elections depends on the cooperation of the people. If they fail to follow the rules, it could easily lead to another outbreak of COVID-19.

Our right to vote is hard-won. It took decades for us to re-establish this right. The right to vote is fundamental to protecting, asserting and defining many of our other rights.

The UEC is committed to holding the 2020 general elections in accordance with five standards: freedom of choice, fairness, transparency, accessibility, and compatibility of public desire.

The UEC officials are doing their duty to get the election results right, because every vote counts. The election results will be posted and broadcast on state-run newspapers, TV, and the UEC website in a timely manner.

The general elections are a part of our democratic transition. Holding a free and fair election is a matter of dignity for the country and the people.

People are waiting for the results. No matter who wins, nothing ends here.

Still, we need to contain the coronavirus infection in our country. The number of positive coronavirus cases is found over 1,000 daily, and the total number of deaths from the disease reached over 1,400 yesterday.

This reflects that we are not out of the woods yet, and people should not be negligent in protecting themselves from contracting the infection. People are urged to strictly follow all health guidelines.



UNIVERSITY OF YANGON CENTENARY 1920-2020

# History of History Department of Yangon University

By Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Sithu Dr Khin Maung Nyunt

## Part I

As University of Yangon is celebrating its centenary (Diamond Jubilee) in the coming year 2020 December the entire campus is busy with cleaning, repairing, rebuilding, renovating and face-lifting activities. Departments of Academic subjects are also busy with such activities. Besides, they are also writing their histories. Recently, the teaching Department of Archaeology had most fittingly held its Silver Jubilee on July of 2019.

We may safely say that Department of History is as old as University of Yangon. Rangoon College the first Institute of history learning in Burma (Myanmar) in Rangoon (Yangon) was an affiliated college of Calcutta University which the British Colonial Government sat up in its Indian Empire. History taught at this College was British and Indian history. No Burmese (Myanmar) history nor Burmese (Myanmar) literature and language were taught.

When University of Rangoon was set up Academic Departments including things Myanmar eg. Myanmar Agriculture, Myanmar Forestry, Myanmar Geography, Myanmar History, Myanmar Archaeology, Myanmar Geology and Myanmar Language and Literature.

Thanks to the combined efforts of the Myanmar and English academicians the neglected Myanmar aspects emerged in University teachings.

In the early days English, European, Chinese and Indian Professors and teachers taught Myanmar history. Professor B.R. Pearn, D.G.E. Hall, S.W.Cocks, G.E.Harvey, Desai, Mr Taw Sein Kho etc. Later Maurice Collis and G.H.Luce appeared. Myanmar students at the Rangoon University of that



The Department of History was founded in 1920 as the name of the Department of Chronicle (Yazawin) while Yangon University was emerged. PHOTO: KYAW ZEYA

time were interested in becoming high-salaried administrative career I.C.S (Indian Civil Service) not in academic careers.

When the writer joined the University of Rangoon in 1952 after he passed B.A degree from Mandalay University College it was the Department of Modern History and Political Science. Rangoon University embraced all subjects -Arts, Science, Applied Science and Technical Science. Under it were faculties - Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Engineering, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Education, Faculty of Vet Science and Faculty of Forestry.

The Rector of Rangoon University was both head of Academic and Administration. He had two bodies to assist him, Senate academic body and Council administrative body. Dr Htin Aung was the Rector.

## Part II

Going back to history de-

partment, U Ba Nyunt was the Professor of Department of Modern History and Political Science. Modern History was history of the world in modern time 18th century to date covering mostly European British and British Empire. Russian and Japan came in later. Myanmar history was a part of English history of British Empire. Political Science had two branches Political Theory and Political Organization. Only in the third year (Junior B.A.) or in Hons class you could take political science if you score good marks in Modern History.

Professor U Ba Nyunt was a versatile man, good in teaching eloquent in speaking Burmese and English, weight lifting, boxing, golf gymnastics, on top of these, a good musician and singer. He played violin among his hit songs recorded on discs Chit Dokha (ချစ်သူကွဲ) and Su-Du Ywe (ဆုလှူရွယ်) were unsurpassable.

The writer owes a deep debt

of gratitude to him for training in teaching public speaking as well as singing songs. While the writer was the Director General of Fine and Performing Arts, Department of Ministry of Culture Professor U Ba Nyunt together with U Thein Han (Zawgyi), U Wun (Min Thu Wun) and K (U Khin Zaw) gave him many help. His wife Sayamagyi Daw Ohn Khin lived up to 100 years. She also was the writer's benefactor. Saya U Ba Nyunt's sons and daughters were also the writer's friends Ma Ma Oo, Nyi-ma, Win U, Win Nyunt and Kyi Shwin.

Professor U Ba Nyunt always made his lecture as well as speech lively with jokes subtle as well as blatant. He was the writer's role model.

The next teacher of the writer's high esteem was Daw Mya Sein M.A. very eminent Lady of early national movement of the country. The daughter of U May Aung, Home member in the British Colonial Government.

Every winter pollution season, demand for beds spikes in the world's most polluted capital because of an increase in lung diseases and chronic bronchitis.

Now the coronavirus has come back after a lull, new cas-

es reaching a record 7,000 a day. Some official predictions say the figure could soon exceed 12,000. India already has the world's second-highest number of cases - 8.5 million - behind the United States.

With studies strongly linking air pollution to increased coronavirus deaths, Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal said the intense annual smog from farm fires, cars and industry was worsening the pandemic crisis.

## Part III

The next two male lecturers of students' esteem were Dr Kyaw Thet who was always informally dressed long trousers long sleeve shirt without tie. He never prepared his lecture (Far East History and Modern Burma). He would just talk freely. His English was fluent and flawless. Dr Ohn Gaing was just the opposite of Dr Kyaw Thet. He taught us Political Science. He thoroughly prepared his lecture systematically held Tutorials and thoroughly and strictly set Examination questions and held viva exams.

Closely connected with History Department were English Department and Economics Department. Dr Htin Aung, Professor U Myo Min, senior lecturer U Kan Gyi, Mr Pirera, U Khin Maung Latt and Daw Khin Myo Chit were excellent English Teachers of students' favourite. Their lectures were never boring, always lively. Mr Kan Gyi sometimes sung Kay-in folk songs to compare with English folk songs.

Regarding the Department of Economics, Prof Dr Tun Thein and Dr Sundrum were eminent

. They lectured economics in easy English Languages, explaining technical economics terms in Burmese.

A year later 1954 a new history department (History of the Far East) was opened. Lectured by Dr Kyaw Thet. So there were two history departments. Professor U Ba Nyunt, Department of Modern History and Political Science and Prof Dr Kyaw Thet, History of Far East and Burma.

Both histories were popular with students. It was the combination system. No majoring system of to-day. History could be taken with both arts and science subjects e.g. Double Maths and History, Physics, Chemistry and History. Triple Literatures (Pali Language and Literature, Burmese Language and Literature, and English Language in Literature or Philosophy, History and Political Science or Modern History, Political Science and English Literature).

Far East History, Modern History, Burmese Language and Literature. Students who want to join foreign service or to become ICS later BCS took Modern History Political Science and English Literature. Ko Aung Sun (Thakin Aung San) and some of his colleagues who decided to serve the national cause of Freedom of Mother Country from British Colonial Rule took the combination of Modern History, Political Science (P.S.) and English Literature. Later, Postgraduate Law classes leading to B.L. for two years. Some joined Faculty of Education after B.A. They obtained B.Ed and B.L. So they are proud of their degrees they got B.A.B.L.B.Ed. Besides drop-outs from Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Engineering and Faculty of Forestry were allowed to take B.A. B.Sc Degrees. In B.A. they took History, Political Sciences P.S. and English Literature.

TO BE CONTINUED

# Delhi fears the worst amid smog cloud and coronavirus wave

A steady stream of patients is coming out of New Delhi's brownish atmosphere for treatment at the Breathe Better clinic, where lung specialist Davinder Kundra is confronting what he calls the "double whammy" of deadly smog

and the coronavirus. Kundra is among a growing number of doctors who are worried as the capital's notorious air again hits peak pollution levels while a new pandemic wave is battering hospitals.

Every winter pollution season, demand for beds spikes in the world's most polluted capital because of an increase in lung diseases and chronic bronchitis. Now the coronavirus has come back after a lull, new cas-

es reaching a record 7,000 a day. Some official predictions say the figure could soon exceed 12,000. India already has the world's second-highest number of cases - 8.5 million - behind the United States.

With studies strongly linking air pollution to increased coronavirus deaths, Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal said the intense annual smog from farm fires, cars and industry was worsening the pandemic crisis.

As he fretted over the x-ray of one pneumonia patient, Kundra said he spots at least one coronavirus suspect a day in his small clinic and orders them to get tested.

SOURCE: AFP



## Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2020)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Weather is generally fair over the North Bay and Westcentral Bay and partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Bago, Yangon Regions and isolated in Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (3-6) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in Shan State.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020:** A Few cloud.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2020:** A Few cloud.

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People in Mandalay cast votes on Election Day



A woman in Mandalay casts votes for 2020 General Election on 8 November 2020. PHOTO: MNA

ELIGIBLE voters in Mandalay cast their ballots for 2020 General Election in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines yesterday.

There are a total of 4,940,592 eligible voters and 5,447 polling stations in Mandalay Region, and there are a total of 1,275,370 voters and 679 polling stations in Mandalay District.

Voters, waiting early for casting votes before the poll-

ing stations were opened and abiding by COVID-19 guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Sports, cast their votes.

U TheinNaing, in-charge of the Polling Station No 4 in Kana Ma Hi Ward in Chanayethazan Township, said "People waited for voting outside our polling station starting from 4 am. I want to say that people actively participate in this year's

election as over 900 out of more than 1,000 elderly aged 60 and above cast advance votes".

Ma ThandarKhaing, a first-time voter from Mahamyay Township, said "I'm happy as I freely chose and voted the party I like. I hope that the party I voted would serve better the whole public and will be elected. It is felt safe as temperatures are checked and N95 masks are

distributed at the entrance of the polling station. I feel proud of being a dutiful citizen after looking at my inked little finger".

Officials from relevant district and township election sub-commissions and the Ministry of Health and Sports also visited the polling stations, and provided necessary arrangements for casting votes in accordance with COVID-19 guidelines.

After the polling stations are closed at 4pm, polling station heads and polling station staff, before the respective representatives, open the ballot boxes and recorded the ballots.

A total of 446 Hluttaw candidates of 19 parties including 16 independent candidates - 138 candidates for 28 PyithuHluttaw seats, 41 candidates for 10 AmyothaHluttaw seats, 132 candidates for Region 1 Hluttaw, 131 candidates for Region 2 Hluttaw, four candidates for Ethnic Affairs Hluttaw seat-contested in Mandalay Region. —MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin-Tun)

Methamphetamine seized in Shan State

POLICE seized a total of 500 kg of methamphetamine (ICE), worth about K10 billion in Aungban and Taunggyi in Shan State on 3 November, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

Acting upon the information, anti-drug police searched 15 bags on a three-wheel motorcycle of Han Tun in Zawti Village in Aungban town at 5:30 pm on 3 November, and seized 300 kg of methamphetamine.

After examining Han Tun, the police searched the house owned by Sai KhantKyaw and May ThazinLatt.

At that time, Sai Khant-Kyaw was not at his home. Police seized 200 kg of methamphetamine in the house.



Drug dealers are seen together with confiscated drugs. PHOTO: MNA

The methamphetamine was intended to be sent to Rakhine State through Yangon. Currently, Myanmar Police

Force have opened lawsuits against Han Tun and May ThazinLatt under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic

Substances Law. —MNA

(Translated by Maung Maung Swe)

COVID-19 Call Centre opens daily

In efforts to speed up the prevention, containment and treatment of the COVID-19 disease, the call centre (phone number 2019) is established by four communications operators and the Blue Ocean Company with the coordination of the Medical Research Department of the Health and Sports Ministry and Post and Telecommunications Department from 9 am to 5 pm daily at the Medical Research Department in Yangon.

Over 43 staff from the Medical Research Department and 17 volunteers from the Myanmar Medical Association totally 60 workers have been working at the centre since 8th April.—MNA

# Visually-impaired voters cast ballots in 2020 General Election



A visually-impaired voter casts her votes at a polling station in Yangon on 8 November 2020. PHOTO: MNA



A visually-impaired voter casts his votes at a polling station in Yangon on 8 November 2020. PHOTO: MNA

VISUALLY-impaired voters in Yangon Region cast their ballots at polling stations yesterday.

Kyimyindaing Township Election Sub-commission established a special polling station for visually-impaired voters. Ballot paper templates for the visually-impaired voters were arranged in the special polling station where blind voters from the Kyimyindaing School For The Blind cast their own votes.

Visually-impaired voters

Ma ThaeThae Cho, who cast her votes at MagyitanTaung East Quarter polling station number 2 in Kyimyindaing Township, said, "I also voted in the 2015 General Elections. So, I have the experience. I did not encounter difficulty of voting because the ballots were arranged in braille format that we are skillful at. Like nondisabled people, I feel proud because I could dutifully vote as a citizen though I am a disabled person. I would like to express thanks to all

the people involved in arranging this."

U Zaw Htwe Oo, a visually-impaired teacher from the Kyimyindaing School For The Blind, said, "I had the experience of voting in the past too. Now, We could freely cast the votes without difficulties because of special polling stations where braille templates for the blind were available."

"I hope that our country will be a better country and disabled citizens will also have good op-

portunities," he added.

Teachers from the Kyimyindaing School For The Blind were appointed as staff members of the special polling station for the visually-impaired. There are about 120 students in the school, but the students went back to their homes earlier this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. So, only 15 teachers from the school cast their votes at the polling station on 8 November, according to U Sein Mya, Chairperson of

the MagyitanTaung East Quarter Election Sub-commission.

In 2010 General Elections and 2012 By-Elections, blind voters needed assistance from others in order to cast their ballots. But starting from the 2015 General Elections, they can cast their votes by themselves by using ballot paper templates for the blind.—MNA

(Translated by Maung Maung Swe)

## SOCIETY

### PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS

# Jordan faces virus-era polls in crisis mode

VOTERS in coronavirus-battered Jordan go to the polls Tuesday in an election focused on the Arab country's economic crisis which has been heightened by the devastating pandemic.

Resource-poor and dependent on foreign aid, in particular from the International Monetary Fund (IMF), public debt in the small country of 10 million people -- which is also hosting more than one million Syrian refugees -- exceeds 100 percent of GDP.

And unemployment was running at 23 percent in the first quarter of 2020.

"This vote is different, with people in greater distress because of the epidemic," said Oraib Rintawi of the Al-Quds Centre for Political Studies. Coronavirus has claimed more than 1,180 lives from over 104,800 cases in Jordan, according to health ministry data.

However, Rintawi doubted

there would be a high turnout because "most Jordanians think parliament plays a marginal role in the political system", as the formation of governments in the Hashemite kingdom is not party-based or dependent on the outcome of the vote.

There have been some calls on social media to postpone the elections, but the government has said the vote will go ahead.

Parliament was already dissolved in late September ahead of the vote, and under the law new elections must be held within four months.

Jordanian Minister of Political and Parliamentary Affairs Musa Al-Maaytah insisted Friday it would be better to hold the vote now than in a few months time.

"Economic, political and social life must continue," he added.

SOURCE: AFP

### THE LATEST TREND IN E-COMMERCE

# Foreigners join China's livestream sales army

LATE at night, Lalo Lopez heads to a small Shanghai studio for a livestream, punting Chinese products from cycling shorts to vacuum cleaners to Spanish speakers around the world.

The 33-year-old Spaniard, who describes himself as an artist, DJ and YouTuber, is in the vanguard of the growing ranks of foreigners hired by mainland agencies to extend China's livestream sales mania beyond its borders.

By some estimates, livestream shopping is a near \$70 billion industry inside China, attracting influencers who scour markets and malls for items to peddle to live audiences via social media.

Once an obscure form of shopping, livestreaming is predicted to change the habits of global consumers, whose footfall has already headed from the high street to online marketplaces.

Buoyed by the success of

livestreams at home, Chinese companies crave bridgeheads for their goods overseas.

Enter hosts such as Lopez, who has lived in China for around nine years and was approached by Beijing-based marketing firm Linkone Interactive after it saw videos he posted on YouTube and Instagram.

"When I speak, I look at the product through my culture, through my experience," said Lopez, whose streams can attract up to 15,000 viewers.

The medium allows him to answer viewers' questions on everything from clothing and household appliances to gadgets in real-time, while entertaining them with trivia and flamboyant sales patter.

In one livestream, Lopez appears wearing a pink bathrobe over his regular clothing as he demonstrates using a handheld vacuum cleaner, at one point testing it on his hair.

"It's easier (for me) because of the cultural background we share," said Lopez, who earns up to 1,500 yuan (\$226) per session, referring to his foreign customers.

SOURCE: AFP

The pioneering livestreamers are a diverse mix of traders, with Polish speakers selling eye massagers and Italian speakers flogging lighting for selfies.

Chinese agencies are now training foreign hosts in China and recruiting influencers abroad, in hopes of hooking onto a winning pattern.

Zhang Zhiguo, CEO of Linkone Interactive, said his firm has been training non-Chinese livestreaming hosts for nearly two years, as brands look to expand abroad.

It has around 50 influencers now -- more than half of whom are based in China -- targeting markets such as the US, France and Spain.

SOURCE: AFP

## THE FUTENMA ISSUE

## Biden unlikely to alter U.S. base transfer plan in Okinawa: locals



Photo shows U.S. Marine Corps Air Station Futenma in Ginowan in Japan's southern island prefecture of Okinawa on June 22, 2020, a day before the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the enforcement of the revised Japan-U.S. security treaty. **PHOTO: KYODO**

PEOPLE in Okinawa have expressed little hope that Joe Biden, elected Saturday as the next U.S. president, will review a controversial Japan-U.S. plan to

relocate a key U.S. military base within the southernmost island prefecture.

"Whoever becomes president, Okinawa's problems, in-

cluding the issue of moving (the base) to Henoko, will remain unresolved unless the Japanese government acts as the main actor," said Hiroshi Ashitomi, 74, a

representative of a local anti-U.S. base group.

Most Okinawa residents oppose the planned transfer of the U.S. Marine Corp Air Station Futenma, located in a residential area of Ginowan, to the less populated coastal area of Henoko in Nago.

Over 70 percent of Okinawa residents voted to oppose the relocation to Henoko in a 2019 referendum.

However, the Japanese government maintains that the planned transfer is the only solution for removing the dangers posed by the base without undermining the deterrence of the alliance with the United States in the face of the rise of China and nuclear threat by North Korea.

Washington held the line on the transfer plan under the presidencies of Barack Obama, whom Biden served as vice president, and of incumbent Donald Trump.

Locals' frustration on the Futenma issue stems from the fact that Okinawa hosts about 70 percent of American military facilities in Japan despite the prefecture representing only 0.6 percent of the country's land.

Meanwhile, some Okinawans have expressed hope that a Biden administration may ease U.S.-China tensions which have increased over the last four years.

With the bulk of U.S. military facilities concentrated in their prefecture, Okinawa residents worry that they could be a target of missiles in a possible military confrontation between Washington and Beijing.

"There was fear that should the Trump administration continue, it could bring about unpredictable circumstances," said Hiroji Yamashiro, 68, chairman of a local group opposing the U.S. military presence in Okinawa.

SOURCE: KYODO

## CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

## Biden vows immediate, science-based action on virus

PRESIDENT-ELECT Joe Biden vowed Saturday immediate action to contain the United States' coronavirus crisis, signalling science would dominate the national response once Donald Trump leaves the White House.

Biden's pledge, in his first national address since defeating Trump, followed three days of record infections in the United States and came as the nation's death toll surpassed 237,000.

Europe's second-wave woes also deepened, with Greece becoming the latest European nation to enter a lockdown on Saturday and Poland introducing new restrictions on people's movement.

In France, where a dramatic increase in infections has heaped pressure on hospitals, 306 new confirmed fatalities took the national death toll above 40,000.

The United States has long been the worst-hit nation.

Critics of Trump have blamed this on his chaotic response, which has seen him discredit the top US infectious disease expert, discourage face masks and speak at crowded campaign rallies.

At Biden's victory event, which took into account social-distancing guidelines, the president-elect announced top scientists would be appointed to his coronavirus task force

on Monday.

"On Monday I will name a group of leading scientists and experts as transition advisors to help take the Biden-Harris

plan and convert it into an actual blueprint that will start on January 20, 2021," Biden told supporters.

SOURCE: AFP



Protesters rally against a shelter-at-home order at Los Angeles City Hall, California. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

## A TYPICALLY BLUNT ASSESSMENT

## EU must learn to live without US leadership under Biden, say analysts

THE EU will once again have a cooperative US partner when Joe Biden becomes president, but Europeans should harbour no illusions: Washington will be no globo-cop nor NATO's big protector, leaders and analysts say.

"Great day for US and Europe, we look forward to working together with new administration to rebuild our partnership," the EU's top diplomat Josep Borrell said in a tweet congratulating Biden on his election victory over President Donald Trump. But Jean-Claude Juncker, former European Commission president, earlier offered a typically blunt assessment: "Joe Biden isn't going to change Washington's approach to international issues overnight, because he can't." And Sebastien Maillard, head of the Jacques Delors Institute named after an influential former EU chief, cautioned that "the Europeans need to learn to live without American global leadership." "For the foreseeable future, the US will be preoccupied with itself," agreed German political scientist, Markus Kaim.— SOURCE: AFP

## THE ANCESTRAL HOME

## India hails Kamala Harris as history-making VP-elect

RESIDENTS set off firecrackers in the ancestral home of Kamala Harris on Sunday as India celebrated the vice president-elect's victory in the US election, as others hailed her achievement as historic and a "proud moment" for the country.

Harris – daughter of breast cancer specialist Shyamala Gopalan from the southern Indian

city of Chennai -- paid tribute to her late mother, who "believed so deeply in an America where a moment like this is possible" in a national address with president-elect Joe Biden on Saturday.

At Thulasendrapuram village in Tamil Nadu state, once home to Harris' maternal grandfather P.V. Gopalan, celebrations broke out with locals

lighting firecrackers, praying at its main temple and waving posters bearing the 56-year-old's face.

Women in the village made a rangoli -- a colourful work of folk art drawn on the ground -- with the words: "Congratulations to Kamala Harris."

"It is a matter of pride for the entire womenfolk," housewife Arul Mozhi Sudhakar told

AFP.

Harris' uncle, academic Balachandran Gopalan, said he always knew she would be successful.

"I am relieved, because I knew she's going to win, and I told her yesterday... my tension is now gone away," he told WION TV in the capital New Delhi.

SOURCE: AFP

A TRUST RELATIONSHIP

# Japanese business leaders hope Biden committed to economy, pandemic

BUSINESS leaders in Japan on Sunday expressed their hope that Joe Biden will be committed to restoring the global economy and containing the coronavirus pandemic, as they congratulated him on his victory in the U.S. presidential election.

Hiroaki Nakanishi, chairman of the Japan Business Federation, said he hopes Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga and Biden will build a trust relationship to promote bilateral ties.

“We hope (Biden) will play a leading role in rebuilding the global order and economy and curbing the spread of new corona-

virus infections through closer coordination with other countries,” the head of Japan’s most influential business lobby said in a release.

President Donald Trump pulled the United States out of international agreements and implemented protectionist trade measures, while the country leads in coronavirus cases.

Kengo Sakurada, chairman of the Japan Association of Corporate Executives, said he believes the former vice president will push ahead with addressing challenges such as the pandemic, reviving the economy and frayed

relations with China.

Akio Mimura, the head of the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry, also voiced hopes for Biden’s leadership in bolstering the economy and improving ties with other countries.

After an annual conference held online late last month, Japanese and U.S. business leaders called on their governments to promote policies to help strengthen the free and rules-based trading system around the world as the pandemic prompts some governments to take protectionist measures.

SOURCE: KYODO



Democratic presidential nominee and former Vice President Joe Biden speaks at the Little Haiti Cultural Complex in Miami, Fla. on Oct. 5. PHOTO: ROBERTO SCHMIDT/AFP

ABOVE \$15,000

# Virtual gold? Bitcoin’s rise sparks new debate amid pandemic

BITCOIN’S rally above \$15,000 has reignited debate over whether the cryptocurrency is so-called digital gold or a perilously risky bet as investors grapple with the coronavirus pandemic.

The world’s most popular virtual unit has gained over 30 per cent in value in almost three weeks up to Friday, taking it close to its December 2017 peak when it reached nearly \$20,000.

After a rollercoaster ride on markets since then, it began its latest meteoric rise on October 21, after US online payments provider PayPal announced that it would enable account holders to

use cryptocurrency.

“It is the validation of a market which was still relatively uncertain a few years ago,” said Simon Polrot, president of Paris-based crypto-assets association ADAN.

Bitcoin was created in 2008 by the pseudonymous Satoshi Nakamoto, and marketed as an alternative to traditional currencies.

Unregulated by any central bank, it was sold as an attractive option for investors with an appetite for the exotic – although criminals have also seen its under-the-radar appeal.

SOURCE: AFP



The world’s most popular cryptocurrency has gained over 30 per cent in value in almost three weeks. PHOTO: AFP

BANKING ON GOLD

# Zimbabwe looking underground for golden economic revival

REELING from decades of economic mismanagement, Zimbabwe is banking on gold to shore up revenue

and tackle the upshots of rampant hyperinflation, corruption and coronavirus restrictions.



Global gold prices have surged more than 30 per cent this year, topping a record \$2,000 (1,700 euros) an ounce in August, as the precious metal became a safe haven for investors in the face of Covid-induced volatility. PHOTO: AFP

Global gold prices have surged more than 30 per cent this year, topping a record \$2,000 (1,700 euros) an ounce in August, as the precious metal became a safe haven for investors in the face of Covid-induced volatility. The landlocked southern African country boasts vast gold reserves, alongside chrome, diamonds, platinum and another 40 other minerals.

The government is eyeing gold as a possible magic bullet for an economy forecast to contract by a tenth this year, according

to the International Monetary Fund (IMF). According to official figures, gold production in the first eight months of 2020 rose 10 per cent, driven especially by output from small-scale miners. Plans are under way to reap \$12 billion (10.2 billion euros) from mining by 2023, mainly through gold. The sector already accounts for 60 per cent of Zimbabwean exports, raking in around \$1 billion a year, and represents half of the southern African country’s foreign direct investment.— SOURCE: AFP

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# My All Time

# Fav Mogok

(Part-II)

By Thiha Lu Lin  
(THIHA, THE TRAVELLER)

### Phaung Taw Oo Pagoda

Historically significant Phaung Taw Oo Pagoda, which is clearly visible in the centre of the city, is also a good place to get a closer look at the city.

I am always amazed that there is a pagoda in a mountain town like Mogok.

As far as we know, Mogok was not one of the towns and villages that were acquired when the Phaung Taw Oo pagodas floated away. However, during some Phaung Taw Oo pagodas were taken for pilgrimage and arrived to Mogkok, it was in World War Two and the stupa was built in Mogkok. There is also an identical pagoda with Phaung Taw Oo Pagoda to be worshipped.

What is remarkable here is the ruby throne. There are thrones made of gold, silver, and these thrones are adorned with fined jewels. Some rubies are said to be worth hundreds of thousands of dollars each.

### Ruby Pagoda

The Ruby Pagoda is known for its scenic pagodas. Mogok

lake can be seen up close and is a great place to watch the sunset.

### Kaung Hmu Stupa

In Mogok, there is a pagoda similar to the Kaung Hmu Stupa in Sagaing. But, it is small in proportion. It can be seen from the Ruby Pagoda and is located not far away from the Ruby Pagoda.

### PyinOoLwin Pagoda

If you go to the west of Mogok

(Kyat Pyin), you can visit Pyin Oo Lwin Pagoda. The pagoda is unique with its multi-tiered roof and the view from the top is quite beautiful.

### Kyaut Lat Hnyo Pagoda

In West of Mogok (Kyat Pyin, the Kyauk Lat Hnyo Pagoda in Bawmar village is also a must-see. Women are not allowed to go to the place of the stupa, but men can do so, and from there enjoy



the panoramic view.

### Kyaut Pya Thatt

We can also visit the Kyaut Pya Thatt where we can see the beautiful rocks. It is also a pleasure to visit while exploring the unique customs of the villages.

### Daw Nan Kyi Taung (Mal Nan Kyi Taung)

Most of the travellers come to Daw Nan Kyi Taung located at 5,277ft above the sea level especially in the evening. You will see young and old people doing exercise like walking or mountain-climbing. There are pagodas at Daw Nan Kyi Taung but Only males are allowed to get on the upper terrace of the pagoda. There is also Padamyar pagoda. The scene at the sunset is very beautiful. Most of the travellers are interested in such place for its legend regarding with Padamyar Nga Mauk. You can see open fields and mountains on the other side and also picturesque scenes of Kyat Pyin (western part of Mogok).

### Pingu Taung

As it is difficult to get the mountain by cars, most of the travellers rarely reach there. The local residents said it takes half of a day to get there. Even though I visit to Mogok for many times, I haven't reached there so far.

### Pine forest

If we keep going from Kyauk Lat Nhyo pagoda, we will see the beautiful pine forest. But you can get lost there. Most of the local residents have picnic there with their food.

### Kin Chaung resort

During the rainy season, you should pay a visit to Kin Chanug resort for its Kin Chaung waterfall with high speed water flow. The water level declines during summer. The water is clear and is at average level and so such period is good to visit. There are playgrounds and karaoke for youths at the resort.

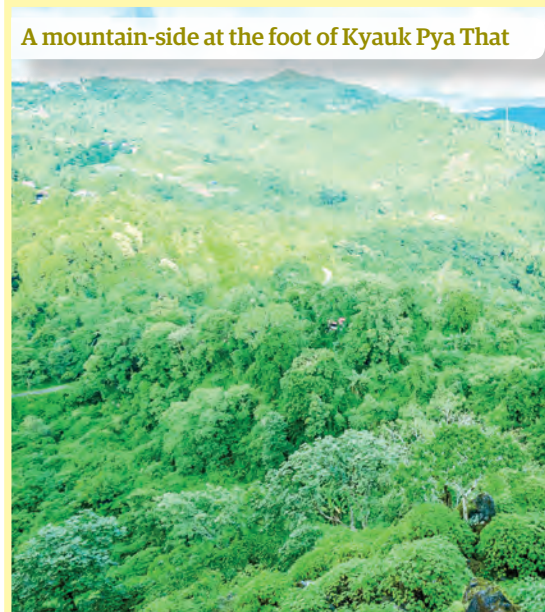
### Pan Chan Htar Pwe

We cannot make any distinct between Mogok and Htar Pwe.

The scavengers seen at the old gem mines in Mogok



A mountain-side at the foot of Kyauk Pya That





Replica of Kaung Hmu Taw pagoda



Golden and silver altars decorated with ruby and gems

Htar Pwe is a traditional market where locals trade gems. So, you should go there as it is called old Htar Pwe. What I notice is that the people hold Htar Pwe in many places of Mogok and Kyat Pyin. The people trade gems under the big umbrellas at Pan Chan Htar Pwe.

**Manimingalar Htar Pwe**

It is locally called Manimingalar Htar Pwe located near Mogok Lake. It is now called Forever Htar Pwe after 800th anniversary of Mogok. The people trade gem by displaying just on the tables and it is such a very interesting place.

**Gem Mines**

There are many gem mines in Mogok and Kyat Pyin. I had a visit to the gem mines under the arrangement of officials during 800th anniversary of Mogok. It was such an interesting place for me. Currently, the mines are closed. But you can study about the scavengers at the old mines.

**View Point**



Thiha



Padamyar market

Mogok View Point is a must when you pay a visit to Mogok. You can see the Cherry flowers during the blooming season of Cherry trees.

**Natural Caves**

If you go down the stairs near the view point, you will get to the natural caves. You will see a small case firstly and then many Buddha images in multiple sizes. There is no man-made thing. Some of the big caves are sometimes closed with iron doors. But



View seen from Phaungdaw Oo pagoda

Thiha

I got a chance to explore the big case. It is a very beautiful cave. I found out that there are still such natural caves in Mogok.

**Hot Spring**

The water in the pool of Yay Pu village is clear and most of the residents and travellers come there to take rest and to play in the water. You can see fish in the clear water.

**Ruby market**

The Ruby market (a) Aung Chan Thar market is always crowded with people the whole day. You can buy regional food of Mogok and also souvenir near the market.

**Night market**

You should not miss the Mogok night market when you visit there. You can taste Mogok steamed rice and other regional food. The vendors can keep clean the market in the morning no matter how many people are there at night. It is an impressive manner.

**Adam, Eva Resort**

Both of the local residents and travellers enjoy visiting to Adam, Eva resort located on the road to Mongmit. It offers natural scence with tea plantation field and there is also a swimming

pool. It is a breathtaking scenery. You can hire ethnic costumes there.

**Barani Garden**

It is located on the way from Mogok to Kyat Pyin, near the aged care home. It is a modern recreation center. It offers swimming pool and other modern materials and the travellers especially the young people like them. I prefer a cafe opened in the garden.

**Place with religious of different kinds**

Mogok is a place where people with different religions live peacefully. There are Buddhist, Christian, Muslim and Hindu worship places are concentrated there. The Sri Ramachandra temple which is now at over 100-year of age is also located there. The city will offer you various kinds of interesting places.

**Where to stay in Mogok?**

There are many modern hotels in Mogok. Mogok Ikan also choose the best hotels for trips. among these famous hotels, I like Mogok Hill Hotel most as I can see the picturesque scenes of Mogok while having my breakfast buffet. You can see the view of Mogok from the higher floors. The staff spray disinfectant in the rooms systematically and they are



Mogok Hot-pot

so friendly.

Although the hotel rate is at normal price, I think we can save more when we make a trip with Mogok Ikan. Mogok is a multicultural place with different living styles. What I would like to say is that this year's trip to Mogok is the most satisfying for me.

May you all have a safe trip.

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Lethwei star Dave Leduc who is currently a World Lethwei Champion **PHOTO: DAVE LEDUC'S FACEBOOK PAGE**

## Dave Leduc beats Cyrus Washington in Lethwei fight in USA

CANADIAN Lethwei fighter Dave Leduc, who is representing Myanmar, defeated his former rival Cyrus Washington in the main event of the Open Weight Lethwei World Championship in Wyoming, USA on 7 November (11:30 pm) in US time which is equivalent to 8 November (1:30 pm) of Myanmar standard time.

Dave beat Cyrus by technical knockout at 2:40 minutes mark of the fourth round.

Cyrus relied on trick kicks while Dave used long punches and elbow

strikes.

Dave's right distancing and ranging made some difficulties for Cyrus to launch his strong kicks.

The first round was finished after some hard fights.

The second round saw hot fights with Dave's punches plus elbow strikes towards Cyrus.

The round ended with a bloody face of Cyrus.

In the third round, Dave's long kicks easily hit knees and thighs of Cyrus, making it difficult

for the American fighter to position himself correctly.

Next, in the fourth round, Cyrus tried to hurt Dave's longer leg, but Dave did not feel a thing and launched his counter attack.

Cyrus struggled to get out of Dave's fight, with his fists pounded and his elbows slammed shut.

At 2:40 minutes mark of the fourth round, Cyrus Washington injured severely in his face and referee decided the fight as a technical knockout. —Lynn Thit (Tgi)

## Zverev beats Nadal to reach Paris Masters final

PARIS — Alexander Zverev produced a brilliant display on Saturday to end Rafael Nadal's hopes of a first Paris Masters title and set up a final against Daniil Medvedev.

The German fourth seed dominated Nadal at Bercy Arena to win their semi-final 6-4, 7-5 and claim his second straight victory over the 20-time Grand Slam champion after also taking their clash at last year's ATP Tour Finals.

"I'm extremely happy, how the season continued for me after the break has been pretty good," Zverev told Amazon Prime Sport.

Nadal was bidding to equal Novak Djokovic's record of 36

Masters titles this week but will instead turn his attentions to his attempt for a maiden ATP Finals success ahead of the season-ending event starting in London on November 15.

The 23-year-old Zverev is on a 12-match winning streak after claiming back-to-back tournament triumphs in Cologne.

His run in Paris continues an excellent season for the world number seven, who also made the 2020 US Open final only to lose to Dominic Thiem from two sets up.

Zverev has put his improvement down to the work he did with new coach David Ferrer during the coronavirus lockdown.—AFP

## Burns holds slim lead at Houston Open; Day, Johnson in hunt

WASHINGTON — Sam Burns fired a two-under par 68 on Saturday at the Houston Open to maintain a one-stroke lead heading into the final round of the US PGA Tour event in Texas.

The 24-year-old American sits at nine-under 201 for a one-shot cushion over Australia's Jason Day and Carlos Ortiz of Mexico at the difficult Memorial Park Golf Course.

"I think this golf course, it's

not a matter of if, it's a matter of when this golf course will hit you," Burns said. "I think for me, just being able to hang in there."

Day, who will turn 33 next week, and Ortiz both shot a three-under 67s to reach eight-under 202.

Austria's Sepp Straka was one shot back in fourth after a 66 as both he and Burns are seeking their first PGA Tour titles. —AFP

## US sports stars celebrate Biden win

WASHINGTON — American sport stars celebrated Joe Biden's victory on Saturday, saying the election of the 46th president of the US has restored their faith in democracy after four tumultuous years under Donald Trump.

Athletes such as LeBron James, Magic Johnson and Megan Rapinoe took to social media to share their feelings after the US media monitoring the electoral vote count in key states like Pennsylvania declared Biden the winner.

"My Philly fam! FOE and

more THANKYOU THANKYOU THANK YOU!!! Let's celebrate! Responsibly still," James posted on his Twitter page.

Trump has sparred numerous times with US athletes over the past four years, especially James, who called on Black Americans to get out and vote.

Trump also criticized athletes for kneeling during the US anthem to protest racial injustice and police brutality. Philadelphia 76ers forward Joe Embiid used capital letters to express his faith in American democracy.

"Well America TRUSTED THE PROCESS and it paid off," Embiid wrote on Twitter.

Basketball hall of famer Magic Johnson, who has been part owner of a number of Los Angeles sports franchises including the Los Angeles Dodgers and Los Angeles Lakers, said he was celebrating for the third time in the past few weeks.

"Today I completed my trifecta: the Lakers, the Dodgers, and now #BidenHarris!! It's been a fantastic 30 days!" Johnson wrote.—AFP



Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James (23) holds up four fingers after winning his fourth NBA championship after game six of the 2020 NBA Finals at AdventHealth Arena. The Los Angeles Lakers won 106-93 to win the series. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**