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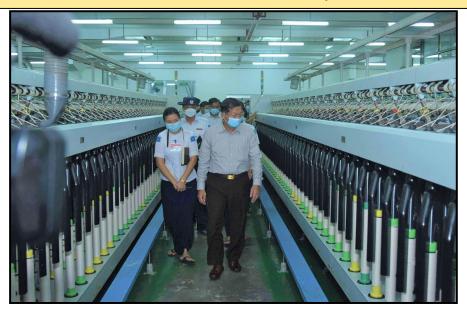
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Chairman of the State Administration Council (SAC) Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by SAC Joint Secretary, Union Ministers, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and officials, inspected the Tatmadaw Textile **Factory** (Thamaing) and the Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Insein) on 11 November. The Prime Minister heard the report on the operations of the factories, distributions of quality textile and equipment to market, and the conditions to produce the COVID-19 vaccines presented by the relevant officials.

After hearing the reports of the relevant officials of the Tatmadaw Textile Factory, the Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister stressed the following points:

- The local factories are necessary to produce textile and clothes to fulfil the local demands in Myanmar.
- Machinery maintenance must be carried out to ensure the machines operate in

full swing.

- It is necessary to sell textiles such as clothes and goods to rural people and ethnic nationals at fair prices with sufficient production.
- Emphasis must be placed on the production of hotel use products and private utensils for seeking market shares, and research must be carried for the success of the business.
- It is required to extend the sown acreage and per acre yield of cotton, which is the main raw material of the textile industry.
- Apart from cotton, the factories can also produce cotton oil and pulp. The former can be turned into edible oil and fuel, and the latter into animal feed. So, it is a beneficial program for the country. The government will provide assistance for sown acreage of cotton plantations at home to local farmers.
- As the textile factories are valuable for

the country, systematic programs should be made to distribute the products at fair prices. The Prime Minister then viewed and inspected the textiles and clothes produced by the factory and the production process of threads and textiles, and presented cash awards to the factory staff.

After hearing the reports of the relevant officials of the Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Insein), the Chairman of the SAC Prime Minister stressed the following points:

- The production of medicines should not focus on just profits but interests for the State and the people. It is necessary to produce sufficient medicines actual need for the people at local.
- The government is drawing the plan to provide health care services to cover the whole country. Market research needs to be done for sufficient availability of raw materials for the medicine production and distribution process.
- Emphasis must be placed on conducting the research on public health condition of people in Myanmar to produce and distribute necessary medicines.
- Market research needs to be conducted for imported medicines so as to manufacture the import substitute medicines.
   The government will provide necessary

- machinery to the factory.
- Since production of COVID-19 vaccines, it is necessary to meet the demand of the people. Except the medicines for emergency, efforts must be made for standing the firm market in competition with same products and same prices.
- As the factory is essential for the State, it needs to increase the production volume of medicines to sufficiently meet the local demand. It is necessary to encourage the private pharmaceutical factories.
- The Prime Minister praised the staff of the Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Insein) for their working efforts without holidays during the outbreak of COVID-19, contributing much to the health sector of the State. The Prime Minister and party viewed round the conditions on the production of medicines and quality control section, and presented cash awards to the staff.

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# **Union Minister Admiral Tin Aung San Attended the 27<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting and Associated Dialogue Partner Meeting**



The 27<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting hosted by Cambodia was held through videoconferencing on 11 November, and the ASEAN-China Transport Ministers Meeting and the US-ASEAN Business Council (US-ABC) Meeting were held on the same day as follows:

- During the 27<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting, the Transport Ministers exchanged views on "the completion of the respective countries in the ASEAN-Kuala Lumpur Transport Project (2016-2025), ASEAN Single Aviation and Shipping Markets, Singapore-Kunming Rail Link Project, ASEAN Transport Network and transport-related ASEAN framework".
- At noon, the ASEAN-China Transport Ministers Meeting and US-ASEAN Business Council (US-ABC) Meeting were convened, and the matters relating to the digitalization of logistics and cooperation work between ASEAN and China were discussed.
- In the above-mentioned meetings, the

Union Minister discussed about "the introduction of IT in the transport sector, upgrade of National Portal and establishment of Data Centre, and transportation and logistics in the region based on the roadmap and objectives of the government and participation of Myanmar in switching to digital system".

The meetings were attended by a delegation led by Admiral Tin Aung San from Myanmar as well as the Transport Ministers of 10 ASEAN countries and China including the ASEAN Secretary-General and officials of US-ABC.

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Union Ministers Met with a Delegation Led by Ambassador of India to Myanmar to Discuss the Cooperation Matters in Health and ICT Fields



Union Minister for Health and Union Minister for Science and Technology received a delegation led by Ambassador of India to Myanmar Mr Saurabh Kumar in Nay Pyi Taw on 11 November. They discussed the cooperation matters in health and ICT fields.

During the meeting, the discussions of Union Minister for Health are as follows:

- The use of COVID-19 vaccines manufactured by India in Myanmar and bilateral cooperation for COWIN Platform for COVID-19 vaccination.
- The inclusion of COVAXIN COVID-19



vaccines in the list of vaccines recognized by Myanmar as it has been approved by the WHO for emergency use.

- The easing travel restrictions with the evidence of completion of immunization recognized by the two countries.
- To send medical specialists by the Ministry of Health to India for education.
- The possibility of further cooperation with India on the construction of a Stateof-the-Art hospital in Myanmar, they discussed.

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Union Minister for Science and Technology are as follows:

- The educational issues of Myanmar University of Information Technology (MITI) as cooperation between Myanmar and India.
- The situation of improving human resources development in the field of ICT.
- The cooperation between Myanmar universities and India Institute of Information Technology Bangalore (IIIT-B).
- Plans for cooperation in Myanmar's renewable energy and biotechnology sectors.
- The further cooperation with the Remote

Sensing Department at Mandalay Technological University.

During the meetings, Union Ministers and officials discussed with a delegation led by Ambassador of India to Myanmar.

- In the field of health, they discussed the inclusion of COVID-19 vaccines and COVAXIN COVID-19 vaccines which has been approved by the WHO manufactured by India in the list of vaccines recognized by Myanmar, and the easing travel restrictions with the evidence of completion of immunization recognized by the two countries.
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#### A Meeting Held to Discuss on the Implementation of the Plan to Resume Tourism Industry of Myanmar



The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism held a meeting with relevant Ministries, the Myanmar Tourism Federation and its associated member organizations to discuss on the implementation of plan to resume the tourism industry of Myanmar through video conferencing at the meeting hall of the Ministry on 11 November.

During the meeting the Union Minister said the following points:

- Respective countries in the world are now reopening the international and domestic tourism businesses depending on the capability to control the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, Myanmar also has to make necessary preparations to get ready for receiving local and foreign tourists.
- It is also required to formulate the plan to receive the international tourists which meet the requirements of Myanmar after studying the international rules of COVID-19 pandemic control.

The chairmen of Myanmar Tourism Federation and its associated member organiza-

tions then highlighted the following points:

- The activities of cooperation to resume the tourism industry and the requirements to facilitate the visa application process.
- The condition to fulfil the requirement so that foreign tourists can receive necessary medical treatments at the hospitals located in the destination sites.
- The needs to undertake Visa on Arrival process and to open Outbound Tours.
- The requirements to make awareness activities of health & safety protocol instructions so that international and local tourists can widely know them.

The relevant officials from the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism explained the plan to resume tourism industry of Myanmar formulated by the Ministry and the Union Minister coordinated with them to fulfil their needs.

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#### Working Committee to Address Impact of COVID-19 on National Economy Held its 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting



The meeting of Working Committee to Address the Impact of COVID-19 on the National Economy (8/2021) was virtually held at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations on 11 November, and attended by Chairman of Working Committee Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Aung Naing Oo and members of the working Committee and officials.

In the meeting, the Chairman of Working Committee discussed the following points:

 The plans to provide loans to the businesses in the livestock sector including fish and shrimp farming under the COVID-19 fund.  Registration process regarding loans for the Film, Music, Theatrical, Press and Media, and the upcoming plans of the committee.

The attendees at the meeting also discussed on the relief measures to tackle the COVID-19 impacts on national economy carried out by relevant Ministries, future plan of actions, and issues raised by the Ministries and the business firms and corporations.

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A delegation led by Union Minister for Legal Affairs and Attorney-General of the Union Dr Thida Oo attended the 42<sup>nd</sup> ALA Governing Council Meeting through videoconferencing on 11 November.

During the meeting, the discussions of Union Minister and Attorney-General of the Union Dr Thida Oo are as follows:

- Myanmar, as a member state of ASEAN, is committed to the ASEAN Charter and respects its responsibilities contained in the charter.
- Myanmar joined the ASEAN Law Association in 2012, and the ASEAN Law Association (Myanmar) was reorganized in 2021.
- The Bar Council Act was amended and chaired by the Union Minister for Legal Affairs and the Union Attorney-General.
   Then, Myanmar is working with



ASEAN member countries to build the ASEAN Community and achieve regional cooperation, as well as it is actively involved in ALAWMM and ASLOM.

- The Office of the Union Attorney-General was reorganized into the Ministry of Legal Affairs under Section 419 of the State Constitution on 31 August 2021.
- The Ministry is responsible for scrutinizing drafted laws, regulations, rules, orders, and directives submitted by Unionlevel organizations and relevant ministries and providing legal advice.
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# The 3<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium of the AACC – the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions Held



The Constitutional Tribunal of the Union members U Khin Maung Oo and Daw Nan Sandar San joined the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Symposium of the AACC – the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions on 10 and 11 November held via videoconferencing.

The International Symposium was hosted and organized with three sections by the Constitutional Courts of the Republic of Korea:

- Myanmar Constitutional Tribunal discussed the topic of "Constitutional Rights New Challenges in Myanmar".
- Legal experts of the member countries of AACC the Association of Asian

Constitutional Courts and Equivalent institutions read the papers and exchanged their experience and knowledge.

The international symposium was attended by the Chief Justices, Chairpersons, and legal experts of the Constitutional Courts/Councils/Tribunals of the AACC member countries: Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, The Republic of Korea, Jordan, Tajikistan, Phillipine, Malaysia, Mongolia, Thailand, Russia, Indonesia, India, Azerbaiijan, Uzbekistan and The Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

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#### **Yangon Region Investment Committee Allowed Four Investments**



The Yangon Region Investment Committee held its 10/2021 meeting via vide-oconferencing on 10 November. The meeting discussed on the matters presented by 16 companies and approved two investments of Myanmar citizen and two foreign investments.

- The total capital of four investments are K8.6426 billion and over US\$6 million. The investment which can create job opportunities for 2,753 local people.
- Those who want to make investments in Yangon region can apply the grant application forms at the office of Yangon Region Staff Officer under the Directorate of Investment and Company Administra-

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# COVID-19 Prevention, Control, and Treatment Activities Continue in Respective Regions and States



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Opening quarantine centres and vaccinating people against COVID-19 continue in respective regions and states as the COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities.

- A total of 114 closed contacts (64 males and 50 females) are taking necessary treatments at Nay Pyi Taw Interrogation and Accommodation centre.
- The vaccination processes continue in respective regions and states. As per the priority programme, a total of 185,752 people have been vaccinated against COVID-19 as second dose and 123,785 people as first dose on 11 November.
- A total of 1,318 students aged 12 years and above from Basic Education Middle and High schools in respective regions and states have been vaccinated against COVID-19 as second dose and 15,501 students as first dose on 11 November. A total of 1,243,545 students have been vaccinated against COVID-19 for first

dose up to 11 November.

- Medical staff, military personnel and volunteers actively participating in COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities in Bago region were honoured with a ceremony and they were also provided honorary gifts and certificates of honour.
- YBS drivers from Yangon region Transport have been vaccinated against COVID-19 as second dose from November 10 to 13 under the guidance of Yangon region Government.

Measures are being taken to import COVID-19 control, containment and treatment medicines and related equipment-

on 11 November, a total of 16 tons of quid oxygen carried by one bowser, 960 empty oxygen cylinders, one oxygen plant and 28 tons of gloves and 18 tons of masks were imported by four companies using five vehicles via Yangon International Seaports, Chinshwehaw, My-

awady and Kengtung border trade post.

The Ministry of Health is conducting COVID-19 tests regularly, 954 new cases of COVID-19 were found from testing a total of 24,205 samples and the infected rates was 3.94 percent on 11 November. Up to 11 November 2021, a total of 510,725 cases were found from testing a total of 5,135,097

samples and death toll reached 18,882.



The Commander of Southern Command presenting honourable cash to medical staff, Tatmadaw personnel and volunteer



Receiving closed contacts at Nay Pyi Taw Interrogation and Accommodation Centre



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Vaccinating local people against COVID-19 in South Okkalapa township

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The Ministry of Health issued stay-athome orders for 119 townships where the COVID-19 infection rates are increased. As the people from these townships exactly abide by the disciplines of preventing the COVID-19, it was found out that the number of confirmed cases has decreased in the last 14 days. Hence, a total of 17 townships from Tanintharyi, Bago, Magwe and Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyarwady regions, and Mon state were removed from the list of Stay-at-Home programmes on 12 November 2021.

Of 119 townships under Stay-at-Home, 67 townships were removed from Stay-at-Home programme and a total of 52 townships are now covered by the Stay-at-Home programme. The people must strictly abide by the disciplines related to the prevention and control of the COVID-19 issued by the Ministry of Health after deleting these townships from the list of stay-at-home programmes.

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## A Soldier who Raped a Woman in Kutkai Township will be Prosecuted by Court-Martial

Regarding the report to take legal proceedings against a soldier who raped a woman in Pha Khat village of Kutkai township, necessary investigations into the report was carried out.

According to the investigation results, it was found out that the security forces were on security duties in Kutkai township and some of them went to the village to conduct administration activities, and then, private Min Min Soe raped a woman, a hill-side plantation keeper living in a hut near water-bathing place.

Therefore, the private who committed the rape case will be put on trial by the court-martial in transparent manner of Open Court. It is reported that the perpetrator will be taken strong legal action as per the tradition of zero-tolerance to such crime by the Tatmadaw.

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