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Politics

■ **Municipal poll in Yangon dominated by NLD**

Candidates representing the ruling National League for Democracy (NLD) performed the best in the Yangon municipal election. The poll was held on March 31, in which NLD won 89 of the 105 seats available. According to a report in The Irrawaddy, a total of 273 candidates competed for a mixture of township-level municipal committee seats, township committee chairmanships and seats on the executive board of the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC). Of those competing, 160 were independents, 90 from the NLD and 23 from the Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP). The independent candidates won 16 of the seats on offer, while the USDP was unsuccessful in all of its seats. Monitoring groups estimate the voter turnout was as low as 10 percent, although three million people had the right to vote.

■ **Government, military and EAOs to hold talks this month**

The government and the Myanmar military are set to hold talks with the Kachin Independence Organisation (KIO) and the Karen National Union (KNU), later this month, according to an article in the Myanmar Times. U Zaw Htay, the government spokesman, said that two meetings will take place, one before the Thingyan New Year Holiday. The second one after April 16. The KNU

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April Highlights

The price per pack of long grain rice has been set at a floor of MMK 19,500, according to the Myanmar Rice and Paddy Traders' Association.

Capital Diamond Star Group and Sunway Group of Malaysia have signed an MOU to implement infrastructure and construction projects in Myanmar.

Consumers will have to pay a 5 percent commercial tax when buying mobile handsets and related accessories from June 1 onwards (IRD).

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Yangon to receive much needed new bus stops

Jul 12, 2018
U Maung Aung, secretary of the Yangon Region Transport Authority, stated this week that FMIDecaux ha

Hello Communications to build train station along Yangon Circular Railway

Jul 12, 2018
Through a joint venture with a local firm, Hello Communications will commence its work at Thamine st

Upcoming Events

Myanmar Blockchain Forum 2018
July 14, 2018

Myanmar Supply Chain Summit
August 29, 2018

Health & Humanitarian Supply Chain Forum
August 30, 2018

Myanmar Global Investment Forum
September 11, 2018 - September 12, 2018

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September 18, 2018 - September 19, 2018

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Highlights

Trade with the Netherlands exceeds USD 61 million
July 12, 2018
Bilateral trade with the Netherlands reached USD 61.98 million in two months according to the ...

has signed the government's Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA). However, it was announced that they are temporarily withdrawing from the peace process late last year. Frustration has surfaced due to a lack of progress regarding the peace talks. The KIO's armed wing, the Kachin Independence Army (KIA), remains in conflict with the Myanmar Army. Fighting has halted in recent months due to a temporary ceasefire.

Economy

■ Nationwide protests begin against Myitsone Dam

Protestors nationwide have begun a campaign against the Myitsone Dam, a hugely controversial China-backed project in Kachin State. According to an article in Frontier, U Aung Soe Myint, a leader in the movement, said that the small demonstration on April 1 in Yangon marks the beginning of the nationwide campaign. The movement will include NGOs, political parties and environmental experts from all states and regions. "We have also invited National League for Democracy officials and NLD members of parliament, but I am not sure whether or not they will attend," he said. The group is expected to form a committee at the meeting, and plan future protests against the project. The project is located on the northern reaches of the Irrawaddy River. The multi-billion-dollar Myitsone Dam was agreed when the country was under military rule. Shortly after coming into office in 2011, then-president U Thein Sein suspended the project for the remainder of his term. The NLD has still not announced whether or not it will proceed. However, China has recently been lobbying for work to restart.

■ Sugar license suspended due to lack of Chinese demand

Last month, the Ministry of Commerce suspended 103 licenses to re-export sugar, due a lack of demand from China, according to an article in the Myanmar Times. The article said that 49 companies will have their licenses suspended for three months, with the other 54 unable to operate for six months. One of the main reasons for the halt in demand has been heightened security measures at the Myanmar-China border, said U Win Htay, deputy chair of the Myanmar Sugar and Sugarcane Related Products Merchant and Manufacturers Association. The bulk of sugar products being exported to China had been imported from Thailand and India for the purpose of being re-sold, the article said.

Companies and Investments

■ Japanese hotel chain opens property at Thilawa SEZ

Japanese business hotel chain Super Hotel has opened its second property in Myanmar, at the Thilawa Special Economic Zone (SEZ), on the outskirts of Yangon. According to a report in the Nikkei Asian Review, the four-story hotel was built at a cost of USD 13.5 million. It consists of 129 rooms, mostly with single beds, aimed at business people. The Thilawa SEZ is a crucial piece of investment between Myanmar and Japan that opened in 2015. Currently, the SEZ has 105 tenants in a range of industries, the article said. The Thilawa lodging is Super Hotel's second property in Myanmar, after it opened one in Yangon in 2015. Company chairman Ryosuke Yamamoto said the company plans to open one new hotel every year in Myanmar.

Myanmar in Figures

GDP (PPP): \$330.88bn (2017)

GDP (official ex.rate): \$59.5bn (Jan 2018)

GDP growth rate: 7.23% (2017)

Population: 54.22 mn people (Apr 2019)

Inflation: 6.5% (2017)

Foreign trade: \$29.2bn (2016-2017)

FDI: \$75bn (31/12/2017)

International reserves: \$5.2bn (Jan 2018)

CBM rate Kyat/\$ = 1,506K/1\$ (04/04/19)

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- **Sea Lion to establish distribution center**

Sea Lion, a Yangon-based company that provides healthcare-related products and services, has established a USD 10 million distribution center on the outskirts of Yangon, according to a brief in DealStreet Asia. The article said that the new center will be located at the Kyan Sitt Thar Industrial Zone in Yangon Region's South Dagon Township and will provide storage and logistics solutions for products including medical equipment, supplies and pharmaceuticals, among others. The article said that the company is also planning to build a manufacturing facility for healthcare products.

Events

Name	Details	Organizer/Ministries	Contact Information
Myanmar Coffee Teas & Sweets Festival	Venue: Myanmar Convention Center, Yangon Date: 01-04 May 2019	ALT Exhibitions SDN BHD	support@altexpo.my +60-1233 45696
International Food & Drink Carnival	Venue: Fortune Plaza Information Centre and Sale Gallery, Yangon Date: 09-12 May 2019	ALT Exhibitions SDN BHD	support@altexpo.my +60-1233 45696
BuildTech Yangon	Venue: Myanmar Expo Hall Date: 17-18 May 2019	Sphere Exhibitions Pte Ltd	sphere@sph.com.sg +65-6319 4020
Mandalay International Livestock and Agriculture Show	Venue: Mandalay Convention Centre Date: 28-30 May 2019	Silver Sea Media	info@mmlfin.com +95-9431 25185
Food & Hotel Myanmar	Venue: Yangon Convention Centre (YCC), Yangon Date: 05-07 June 2019	UBM Myanmar	info-hk@ubm.com +95-1-378 975
Beauty Connect Expo Myanmar	Venue: Rose Garden Hotel Date: 06-08 June 2019	Minh Vi Exhibition & Advertisement Services Co., Ltd (Veas Co., Ltd)	info@veas.com.vn +95-9420 025684
Complast Myanmar	Venue: Tatmadaw Hall Date: 14-16 June 2019	Smart Expos & Fairs (India) Pvt. Ltd	office@smartexpos.in +91-44-2250 1986/ 87
Myanmar International Job Fair	Venue: Fortune Plaza Information Centre and Sale Gallery Date: 15-16 June 2019	ALT Exhibitions SDN BHD	support@altexpo.my +60-1233 45696
Emerging Asia Banking & Fintech Summit	Venue: Park Royal Yangon Date: 25-26 June 2019	Magenta Global Pte Ltd	enquiry@magenta-global.com.sg +65-6846 2360
Myanmar Gar Tex Expo	Venue: Rose Garden Hotel, Yangon Date: 28-30 June 2019	Minh Vi Exhibition & Advertisement Services Co., Ltd (Veas Co., Ltd)	info@veas.com.vn +95-9420 025684

Tenders

■ Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise: Open Tender

1. Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise under the Ministry of Electricity and Energy invites open tender for supply of the following respective items in MMK.

Sr No.	Tender No.	Description	Remark
(a)	DMP/L-193 (18-19)	Spares for BJ Cementing Unit (55) Items	Ks
(b)	DMP/L-194 (18-19)	Spares for Drilling String (1) Lot	Ks
(c)	DMP/L-195 (18-19)	Spares for Well Head (1) Lot	Ks
(d)	DMP/L-196 (18-19)	Spares for BOP Stack (3) Groups	Ks
(e)	DMP/L-197 (18-19)	Spares for SL-315 Swivels (1) Lot	Ks
(f)	DMP/L-198 (18-19)	SAE VG-40 Engine Oil (480) Drums	Ks
(g)	DMP/L-199 (18-19)	ISO VG 100 Gas Compressor Oil (130) Drums	Ks

2. The open tender forms including description of materials/ Qty with detailed specifications and tender forms and conditions can be available free download at the Ministry of Electricity and Energy website - www.moee.gov.mm as from **28th March, 2019**. Tender forms will not be sold.
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, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in tender box of the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than **02:00 p.m. on 29th April, 2019**.
4. Tender closing date and time is **29th April, 2019 at 02:00 p.m.**
5. Further information can be obtained at the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise within office hours under the phone number: +95-67-411206.

■ Ministry of Electricity and Energy: Invitation for Bids

1. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the National Electrification Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards payments under the contract for Installation of Distribution Lines and Transformers **MOEE-NEP/C1-W12A/19 for Adaptation Villages in Sagaing, Shan (South), Kayan, Bago (East), Bago (West), Nay Pyi Taw, Ayeyarwaddy and Yangon**.
2. The Ministry of Electricity and Energy now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Installation of Distribution Lines and Transformers **MOEE-NEP/C1-W12A/19 for Adaptation Villages in Sagaing, Shan (South), Kayah, Bago (East), Bago (West), Nay Pyi Taw, Ayeyarwaddy and Yangon** in the following locations.
The number and identification of lots comprising this installation bidding **MOEE-NEP/C1-W12A/19** process for Adaptation Villages in Sagaing, Shan (South), Kayah, Bago (East), Bago (West), Nay Pyi Taw, Ayeyarwaddy and Yangon is:

Lot No.	Location	Number of Villages
Lot 1	Sagaing & Monywa District (Sagaing Region)	61 villages

Lot 2	Yinmabin & Shwebo District (Sagaing Region)	49 villages
Lot 3	Taunggyi/Loilen/Kangkho District (Shan (South) Region) & Loikaw	37 villages
Lot 4	Bago & Taungoo District (Bago (East) Region)/ Dak Khi Na & Oak Tha	80 villages
Lot 5	Pyay & Tharyarwaddy District (Bago (West) Region)	129 villages
Lot 6	Pathein/Hinthada/Myaung Mya & Maubin District (Ayeyarwaddy	41 villages
Lot 7	Eastern/ Southern & Northern District (Yangon Region)	33 villages

3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's Procurement Guidelines, and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Project Management Office (National Electrification Project), Project Manager and nep.pmomoep@gmail.com and inspect the bidding documents during office hours at the address given below.
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 **30th April, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** 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.
7. All bids must be accompanied by Bid Security.
8. The address (es) referred to above is (are):

Attention: Project Manager

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