

# Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) နိုင်ငံရေးအကျဉ်းသားများကူညီစောင့်ရောက်ရေးအသင်း

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# **Cases Related to COVID-19 Pandemic**

The Assistance Association for Political Prisoners (AAPP) has documented cases in relation to the COVID-19 Pandemic. According to our documentation from March to end of April, a total of 670 people have been charged and punished in Burma during the pandemic.

The detailed information is shown below:

(455) under Section 188 of the Penal Code and (18) under Section 18 of the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law are facing trials and serving sentences for failing abide-by the night curfew

In addition, (166) are charged and convicted under Section 25, 26, 26(a), 27, 28(b), 30(a) (b) of the Natural Disaster Management Law and Section 15 and 18 of the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law and (2) are awaiting trial inside and outside prison under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law for failing to comply with the quarantine measures.

Moreover, (3) under Sections 325,114 of the Penal Code, (4) under Sections 294, 506, 353, 324 of the Penal Code, (11) under Sections 333, 323, 427, 506, 114 of the Penal Code, (1) under Sections 333, 506, 294 of the Penal Code, (1) under Section 19 of the Peaceful Assembly and Peaceful Procession Law, (2) under Sections 336, 353, 294, 114 of the Penal Code, (1) under Sections 353, 506, 323, 294 of the Penal Code and (3) under Section 295(a) of the Penal Code are awaiting trial inside and outside prison and (2) under Section 47 of the Police Act and (1) under Section 5(1) of the Foreign Registration Act are serving the sentences for contravention of specified orders.

Besides, (1) person died and (5) were injured after being attacked by knives. Furthermore, (1) attacker was hospitalized and later died after being caught by police.

#### **Kachin State**

# Prosecutions for contravention of specified orders

#### Three Street Artists Charged for Painting Mural

On April 3, Tun Myint Aung, deputy director of Kachin State's Religious Office, charged three street artists under Section 295(a) of the Penal Code at the Myitkyina Township Court for painting a mural that raises awareness about the coronavirus pandemic. The artists, Zayar Hnaung, Ja Sai, and Naw Htun Aung, were arrested after Buddhist hardliners complained that the mural, painted in Myitkyina and portraying a grim reaper figure spreading the COVID-19 virus, looked like a Buddhist monk.

(3 April 2020 - Myanmar Times/Burmese)

(4 April 2020 - Eleven/Burmese)

(8 April 2020 - Mizzima)

# **Kayah State**

### Punishments for failing abide-by the night curfew

#### Five people Sentenced for Contravening the Night Curfew in Dimawso Township.

On April 24, Dimawso Township Court in Kayah State sentenced four people to one month imprisonment without labor under section 188 of the Disobedience to Order Duly Promulgated by Public Servant for Contravening the Night Curfew in Dimawso Township, one person was released in accordance with Child Laws for being under 18 years old. According to the Karenni State Government Statement, 3 people who live in the Daw Ngan Yauk Village, Dimawso and 2 people who live in Daw Bu Ngan Yal Village, broke section 144 of the Penal Code (Night Curfew) in the Dimawso Township, Kayah (Karenni) State on Apr 23 2020 at night. Therefore they were charged by the Dimawso Township Administrator.

Earlier that month on April 22, another local resident who contravened section 144 of the Penal Code (Night Curfew) on Apr 22 2020 at night, was sentenced to one month imprisonment without labor by the Loikaw Township Court.

(23 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese) (25 April 2020 - BNI/Burmese)

#### Karen State

## Punishments for failing abide-by the night curfew

#### 131 people of Myawaddy Sentenced for Contravening Rules of the Night Curfew

In April, the Court of Myawaddy Township fined 131 people MMK 50000 for not abiding by the night time curfew imposed by Karen State Government on 18<sup>th</sup> April. They were sued by township administrator U Phyo Zaw Ko Ko. For a person who could not afford MMK 50000, they shall be sentenced to one month prison service according to the township administrator U Phyo Zaw Ko Ko. They all were arrested on April 21, April 22 and April 23.

(22 April 2020 - Eleven/Burmese) (6 May 2020 - Myanmar Times/Burmese)

#### **Chin State**

## Prosecutions for contravention of specified orders

# Two Clergymen Charged with Failing to Comply with COVID-19 Regional Order in Chin State

Two Clergymen have been prosecuted for training local people in contravention of the order and instructions from Hakha Township, Chin State according to U Soe Htet, Minister of Municipal Affairs of Chin State.

(2 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese)

#### **Mon State**

# Prosecutions for failing to comply with the rules while quarantine center

#### Four in Quarantine Center in Mon State Charged for Drinking Alcohol

Four people, kept in a community based quarantine center for COVID-19, have been charged for drinking alcohol and damaging property under the Natural Disaster Management Law by Township Administrator on Apr 14 2020.

In that incident, Zayar Win from Htain Taw Village, Thet Htun from Binar Village, Moe Nyo Township, Aung Ko Lin from Kawa Township and Phyo Aung (aka) Ko Phyo Aung from Aung Lan Township, Magwe Division – were found guilty for drinking alcohol then breaking a window mirror, swearing, and verbally abusing members of the Police Force responsible for that facility quarantine center. Therefore, they were

charged under section 30(A) of the Disaster Management and Infectious Diseases Laws at the Mu Pon Police Station.

(14 April 2020 - Myanmar Times/Burmese) (14 April 2020 - 7 Day News/Burmese)

# A Couple Who Fled Mawlamyine Quarantine Centre Charged under Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law

The husband and wife, who fled from Mawlamyine Quarantine Centre in Mawlamyine Township, Mon State, were charged under the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law (1995) by Mawlamyine Regional Department of Public Health. They arrived at the Community Based Facility Quarantine Centre Room No.15 of the Mawlamyine Ward, Mawlamyine Township, from Myawaddy Township on Apr 19 2020. While they were staying at the quarantine centre, they left on the night of the 26th April. They were later found at Ahsin San Pya Village, Yay Township, Mon State on the morning of the 28th April.

(28 April 2020 - Myanmar Times/Burmese)

## Punishments for failing to comply with the rules while quarantine center

#### Unruly Man in Quarantine Center Sentenced to Three Months' imprisonment

Myo Naing Oo a.k.a Myo Hlaing Oo was sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment for failing to obey instructions of the quarantine center of Kaukdwut Village High School by the Court of Ye Township in Mon State under Section (18) of Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law. He returned home from Thailand on 7th April and has been kept in the village-base quarantine centre where he broke benches and chairs and abused officials working in the center. Therefore, he was sent to court by Nurse Daw Yee Yee Mon. According to the township general administration department he was to be sent to Mawlamyine prison.

(23 April 2020 - BNI/Burmese)

# Prosecutions for contravention of specified orders

#### Charges filed against religious gathering organiser

Zaw Min who lives in Kyar Inn Chaung Village, Kaut Kha Lane Village Group, Kyaikmayaw Township, Mon State — was sued under section 30(A) of the Natural Disaster Management Law by Kyaikmayaw Township Administrator U Kyaw Myint on Apr 1 2020, for organising a religious gathering of people in defiance of an order given by the regional township administrator to prevent Covid 19 Pandemic outbreak. On March 30, Zaw Min led the group of approximately 150 people, the "Hti of the Pagoda" (hti can be said as the main distinctive feature of Burmese pagodas) in Kyaikmayaw by using 18 vans and two tracks.

(2 April 2020 - The Voice/Burmese) (3 April 2020 - Eleven/Burmese)

### **Rakhine State**

### Prosecutions for failing to comply with the rules while quarantine center

#### Man Charged for Drinking Alcohol and Being Verbally Abusive

Nay Myo Tun, who was kept in quarantine at Letpan Village Basic Education High (Branch) School in Ma Ei Town, Taungup Township in Arakan State, was charged under Section 26 of the Natural Disaster Management Law at the Ma Ei Territory Police Station as he drank and was verbally abusive to staff (14 April 2020 - Myanmar Times/Burmese)

### **Shan State**

# Punishments for failing to comply with the rules while quarantine center

#### A man escaping from quarantine centre sentenced to six months' imprisonment

At Namt Khoat Village of Hopone Township, a man who escaped from the quarantine center, was sentenced to six month's imprisonment under Section 30(a) of the Natural Disaster Management Law by Hopone Township Court in Shan State. Therefore, Hopone Myoma Police Station charged him at Hopone Township Court, he will also be charged for attacking the security staff at the centre..

(15 April 2020 - Eleven/Burmese)

#### **Prosecutions for contravention of specified orders**

#### **Man Charged for Entering the Quarantine Center**

On April 11, Nan Pan Territory Police Station in Shan State charged Zaw Min Oo from He Lone Village in Nyaung Shwe Township, Shan State under Section 30(a)(b) of the Natural Disaster Management Law for drinking alcohol and entering He Lone Village Basic Education High School's quarantine center where COVID-19 suspected patient are being kept. On April 12, police arrested him.

(13 April 2020 - Myanmar Times/Burmese)

#### Man Charged for Attacking Village Administrator with Knife

According to the police on April 1, a lawsuit was filed against Win Aung under Section 26 of the Natural Disaster Management Law at the Kengtung Myoma Police Station by Ho Nar Auk Village Administrator in

Kengtung Township in Shan State. On March 30, he attacked a village administrator with a knife while the latter was conducting an education campaign on how villagers can protect themselves against the virus.

(1 April 2020 - Myanmar Times/Burmese)

(10 April 2020 - Irrawaddy)

(12 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese)

(12 April 2020 - Myanmar Times)

#### Two Counts of Charge against Policeman for Contravening the Regional Order

A policeman, husband of Mr. Crush Bar in Tachileik Township in Shan State, was charged under Sections 25, 30(a) of the Natural Disaster Management Law and the Myanmar Police Force Maintenance of Discipline Law for getting married without permission and for splashing water and dancing in the street to celebrate the Thingyan Festival, despite a nationwide ban on mass gatherings as part of the government measures to fight COVID-19. Nyi Nyi Htay, Police Lieutenant Major of Tachileik Township, said action was taken against a policeman because he did not ask for permission. On April 12, an owner of the Mr. Crush Bar and her policeman husband held a party along with Thai Nationals and livestreamed on Facebook. When the Tachileik Police Station found the livestream, they arrested 12 people including a policeman who were violating the regional order on April 13. Hence, Chan Myae Saw, Tachileik Township administrator filed a complaint against them under Sections 25, 30(a) of the Natural Disaster Management Law at the Tachileik Myoma Police Station.

(22 April 2020 - Irrawaddy/Burmese)

### **Punishments for contravention of specified orders**

# Some people Celebrated the Thingyan Festival in Tachileik Township, sentenced to pay 5000 kyat fine

According to Tachileik Township Police Station, Some people who celebrated the Thingyan Festival (Myanamr Happy New Year) at Mr.Crush Bar without obeying the regional order in Tachileik Township, were sentenced to pay 5000 kyat fine. During the Thingyan period, some people including Thai nationals celebrated with the crowd of people. Authorities arrested them and charged under section Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law (1995) and Chan Myae Saw, Tachileik Township administrator filed a complaint against them. Deputy Colonel of People Police Kyaw Htun Naing from Tachilek Township Police Station told that the Judge ordered to pay a fine 5000 kyat to 9 people who joined in the party. While there were a total of 12 people in the party, 3 were under 18-year-old. Therefore, authorities released those 3 people. Two Thai men and two Thai women were also charged under section Immigration Law.

(28 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese)

Punishments for failing abide-by the night curfew

#### Eight people sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment in Taunggyi

According to a police officer of Taunggyi Myoma Police Station, on 22rd April, a woman and two men were sentenced to 3 months imprisonment under section 188 of the Penal Code by Taunggyi Township Court and another two women and three men also were sentenced to three months under the similar law for failing to abide by the night curfew which has been imposed by Shan State Government since 20<sup>th</sup> April. Phyo Min Htike, Taunggyi Township Administrator, filed a lawsuit against them.

(23 April 2020 - Eleven/Burmese) (23 April 2020 - Shan News/Burmese) (23 April 2020 - Thit Htoo Lwin/Burmese)

#### Eight People Sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment in Tachileik

Tachileik Township Court in Shan State sentenced eight people in Tachileik to 3 months' imprisonment under Section 188 of the Penal Code for failing to abide by the night curfew which has been imposed by Shan State Government

https://youtu.be/vVC15FFCgMw

# **Yangon Region**

# Prosecutions for contravention of specified orders

#### Two brides charged for wedding celebration

Police lieutenant major Ohn Lwin told that Deputy Township Administrator of Dala township U Kyaw Zin Oo will be opening the case against two brides who celebrated their wedding celebration in Kyan Sit Thar Ward, Dala township, Southern District, Yangon. On Mar 26 2020, the General Administration Department of Dala Township announced the order that citizens were not allowed to celebrate any ceremonies with a crowd of people during the COVID-19 infectious period (29 April 2020 - Myanmar Times/Burmese)

#### Four persons, including one preacher Saw David Larr were charged

Four persons, including one preacher Saw David Larr were charged under section 30(A) of the Natural Disaster Management Law for failing to comply with the regional order about the COVID-19 protection. Clergyman U Saw Kwal War and U Saw Yay Gandi, were charged under section 30(A) Natural Disaster Management Law for mass gathering by Insein Myoma Police Station. Preacher Saw David (aka) Saw David Larr and U Wai Htun from Nawarat Recording, were charged under section 30(A) Natural Disaster Management Law for mass gathering by Mayangon Myoma Police Station.

(14 April 2020 - BBC/Burmese) (14 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese)

(14 April 2020 – BVB/Burmese)

(14 April 2020 – VOA/Burmese)

(14 April 2020 – DVB/Burmese)

(14 April 2020 – Mizzama/Burmese)

(14 April 2020 – Myanmar Now/Burmese)

(14 April 2020 - RFA)

(15 April 2020 - Mizzama)

<u>(15 April 2020 – Myanmar Now)</u>

## Punishments for failing abide-by the night curfew

# 6 persons were sentenced to imprisonment for violating the night curfew in Tuntay Township.

6 people who violated the night curfew in Tuntay Township, Yangon Region, were sentenced to 1 month imprisonment under section 188 of the Disobedience to Order Duly Promulgated by Public Servant by Tuntay Township Court.

(23 April 2020 – Social Media/Burmese)

#### Prosecutions for labour strikes

# 5 worker leaders and 2 persons who worked for labour affairs were charged for labour strike.

Ko Myat Kyaw and Ko Than Myint Aung from Future Light Center (FLC) helped to end the labour strike temporarily and 5 worker leaders of the Earth Tamura Electronic Myanmar (ETEC) factory were charged under section 30(A) of the Natural Disaster Management Law on 12 April 2020. On 9 April 2020, workers from ETEC factory held the strike to get overtime and compensation by the labour law. At that day, Ko Myat Kyaw and Ko Than Myint Aung discussed with workers for an ending strike temporarily. After that, the strike was ended temporarily by the instructions of the Government on 10 April 2020 at 3 am. (21 April 2020 – Myanmar Times/Burmese)

#### 2 persons who are working for labour affairs and 13 worker leader were charged

2 persons who are working for labour affairs and 13 worker leaders from Iron King Factory from Myaung Tagar Industrial Zone, Hmawbi Township, Yangon Division, were charged under section 30 of the Natural Disaster Management Law. The spokesperson from Iron King Factory told that the factory will be closed soon due to spreading COVID-19 infectious and gave advance salary for one month to workers and dismissed them from work without any reasons. Therefore, over 50 workers started the strike against the Iron King Factory.

(16 April 2020 – Irrawaddy/Burmese)

# Over 70 people, including supporters and workers who protested to their factories, were charged

During the COVID-19 crisis, workers started the strike for getting their rights fully from different factories where Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Dagon Seikkan Township, Hmawbe Township and Shwe Pyi Thar Township, Yangon Division, and supporters who are working for Labor Rights, were filed. According to Ko Myat Kyaw who are working for Labor Rights, they were filed under section 30 of the Natural Disaster Management Law.

(27 April 2020 – RFA/Burmese)

# **Bago Region**

Prosecutions for failing to comply with the rules while quarantine center

#### A man who failed to comply with the rules at the COVID-19 Quarantine center charged

A man was charged on April 3 for failing to comply with the instructions of healthcare staff at a 14 days quarantine center in Tharwarwaddy Township, Pegu Division. Moreover, the man violated the rules, committed verbal abuse, destroyed the equipment and disturbed healthcare staff. Therefore, he has been charged under Section 30 (a) of the Disaster Management Law at Tharyarwady Myoma Police Station by Deputy Township Administrator from Tharyarwady Township.

(4 April 2020 – DVB/Burmese)

# Prosecutions for contravention of specified orders

#### A man Arrested and Charged for Writing fake news on social media about COVID-19

Yadashe Township Administrator U Min Aung Naing charged the Facebook account owner U Phone Myint Moe under section 27 of the Natural Disaster Management Law at Yadashe Township Police Station. The Facebook account owner U Phone Myint Moe wrote the fake news in the Myothu Myothar Myar (Citizens) Group Chat that "COVID-19 positive patient was found in Yadarshe Township. Therefore he was charged and arrested on 4 April 2020.

(4 April 2020 – TheVoice/Burmese) (5 April 2020 – Mizzima/Burmese)

### A husband and wife were charge due to avoiding quarantine

Ko Hu Sein (aka) Myo Ko Ko Latt and his spouse from street No.1, MaZin Ward, Bago Township, Bago Region, were charge by U Aung Min at Bago Township Police Station No.2 on 4 April 2020, for avoiding going into quarantine for 14 days. They arrived back from Thailand on 3 April 2020. (5 April 2020 – Eleven/Burmese)

#### A man who disturbed the COVID-19 protection charged

U Myo Khine who lives in Kyone Yoe ward, Bago Township, Bago Region, was arrested and charged under section 30(A) of the Natural Disaster Management Law. On 11 April 2020 at evening, while Yonegyi Village Administrator were distributing rice from the support of the Government to residents, U Myo Khine arrived and verbally abused members of the social welfare association and physically abused them. Therefore, he was arrested and charged at Bago Myoma Police Station.

(10 April 2020 – Irrawaddy) (12 April 2020 – DVB/Burmese) (12 April 2020 – Myanmar Times)

#### A representative of Bago Region, was charged for beating with an iron baton to the Village Administrator

A representative of Bago Region from Kyaukgyi Township, was charged for beating the Net Than Kwin Village Administrator with an iron pipe. Therefore, the Villager Administrator wife's charged him and two unknown persons under section 325 of the Punishment for voluntarily causing grievous hurt and 114 of the Abettor present when the offence was committed at Net Than Kwin Police Station.

According to the police investigation, On Apr 6 2020 at 1:30 pm, the Net Than Kwin Village Administrator U Than Lwin, 54-year-old, and Member of Parliament U Tin Sann Oo from Kyaukkyi Township, 50-year-old, quarrelled at each other and U Tin Sann Oo beat with iron pipe and U Than Lwin fell down and two unknown people beat U Than Lwin while he was falling down on the ground, and he was injured at the COVID-19 quarantine center from Tangon Tine (3) Ward, Net Than Kwin Village Group, Kyaukkyi Township. After that, U Than Lwin was taken to the Kyaukgyi Hospital for receiving medical treatment and then he was referred to Yangon Hospital.

Moreover, U Tin Sann Oo (representative of Bago Region) charged U Than Lwin Oo (village administrator) for committing verbal abuse under section 294 of the Obscene acts and songs at Net Than Kwin Police Station.

(7 April 2020 – TheVoice/Burmese) (8 April 2020 – Eleven/Burmese)

### **Punishments for contravention of specified orders**

#### An abusive man under home-quarantined sentenced to imprisonment

Ko Bo Sein (aka) Sein Aung who has been kept under home quarantine was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment for being abusive and threatening people carrying out their duties. He was charged and punished by the Court of Pyay Township in accordance with Natural Disaster Management Law Section 30 (a). The man, Bo Sein (aka) Sein Aung, returned home to Hlwa Zin village tract, Wathteekan Town, Pyay Township, Bago Region on 2<sup>nd</sup> April and has been permitted by relevant authorities to live under home quarantine. But, on the evening of 5<sup>th</sup> April, Bo Sein left his home and drank alcohol and went on to abuse the duty-bound persons who told him to re-enter his home.

Likewise, at night of 5<sup>th</sup> April, two villagers of Phayar Ngar Su village, Paungde Township, Htay Aung (57 years) and his brother San Naing (50 years), were sentenced to 8 days' imprisonment under section (47) of the Police Act for they disturbed officials working on COVID-19 prevention.

(7 April 2020 – Irrawaddy/Burmese)

# Punishments for failing abide-by the night curfew

#### 21 persons who contravened the night curfew arrested & fined in Pyay

On April 21 2020, 21 men who contravened the night curfew were sentenced to pay a fine 20000 Kyat under section 188 of the Disobedience to Order Duly Promulgated by Public Servant by Pyay Township

Court, Bago Region. Pyay Township Administrator U Kyaw Zaya said that all those 21 men paid fine. Those 21 men were arrested at the night (over 10 pm) of 20 April and they were sentenced the next day. (22 April 2020 – Myanmar Now/Burmese)

#### 4 people sentenced to 1 month's imprisonment in Letpadan Township

In Letpadan Township, Pegu region, 5 persons were arrested, two from Letpadan and another 3 from Thonese Township. 4 people were sentenced to 1 month's imprisonment and 1 girl under 18 was sent back to her family under pledge on 21<sup>st</sup> April for not abiding by the night curfew, imposed as from 18<sup>th</sup> April by the regional government of Pegu Region. They were charged under section 188 of the Penal Code by Police Captain Myo Nyunt, in-charge of Letpadan Township Police Station.

(23 April 2020 – DVB/Burmese)

#### 22 persons imprisoned in Taungoo

In Taungoo Township, 22 persons have been sentenced to 1 month imprisonment under section 188 of the Penal Code by Taungoo Township Court on April 23, for failing to abide by the night curfew of Penal Code Section 144. Those were sued by the Taungoo Township Administrator.

(23 April 2020 – TheVoice/Burmese)

(23 April 2020 – Social Media of Thargyi/Burmese)

# **Mandalay Region**

# Prosecutions for failing to comply with the rules while quarantine center

#### Two persons charged for violating regional order at Hnahtoegyi Township

Two villagers have been charged at the police station for violating regional order. Zaw Lin Oo, a resident of Sar Taung village in Hnahtoegyi Township, returned home from Hpakant and ran away under facility quarantine at Sar Taung village high school. He has been charged under Section 30 (a) of the Natural Disaster Management Law. Likewise, Soe Moe Lwin (aka) Phoe Soe, returned home from China, has been charged due to loitering in street while under the influence of alcohol and he has been charged under Section 30 (a) of the Natural Disaster Management Law at Hnahtoegyi Police Station.

(12 April 2020 – Myanmar Times/Burmese)

# Punishments for failing to comply with the rules while quarantine center

#### 2 men sentenced to 6 months imprisonment in Madaya Township

According to the Court of Madaya Township, on April 28, two of residents of Sakyin Village of Madaya Township, Mandalay region, were sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment under section 26 of the Natural Disaster Management Law for their defiance of administrative orders of quarantine measures. The two residents returned home from China on 29 March and local authorities ordered them to stay in the

school-cum quarantine center but they responded aggressively to the order so they were charged by the administrator of Sakyin Village

(30 April 2020 – DVB/Burmese)

### Arrest for contravention of specified orders

#### 46 persons who do not wear mask, were arrested in Tada U Township

In Tada U Township of Mandalay region, 46 people were captured and detained in custody for hours on 19th April. The Mandalay Regional government has issued a notification of taking action to charge outdoor people who fail to wear masks on their faces, though no such notification was issued by other regional governments as well as the Union government. The 46 captives were released at 3 pm on 19th April, it was said

(20 April 2020 – HNM Newsstand/Burmese)

# Prosecutions for contravention of specified orders

#### **Charged for Attacking the Quarantine Center**

Six Men were charged under Section 25 of the Natural Disaster Management Law at Patheingyi Myoma Police Station, for attacking people at the social welfare office near a quarantine center at New Shwe Kyin Ward, Aung Chan Thar Village Tract in Patheingyi Township in Mandalay Division. Four out of six men were arrested on 9 April 2020. On the evening of 6 April, 6 men arrived at the centre with 3 motorcycles and attacked people using catapults and bricks. Therefore, two people were injured and received medical treatment at the Health Department of Patheingyi Township.

(10 April 2020 – DVB/Burmese)

(10 April 2020 – Irrawaddy/Burmese)

#### Man who throw with brick at people official working for COVID-19 prevention charged

Ko Soe Naing who lives in Sapartwin Village, Tada-u Township, was charged under section 26 of the Natural Disaster Management Law at Chaung Khwa Police Station, Tada-u Township by Deputy Tada-u Township Administrator U Thiha Aung. While volunteers were working for the prevention COVID-19 at the U Mar Kyaut house from Tada-u Township, Kyauksei District on Apr 3 at 9 pm, Soe Naing, who was under the influence of alcohol, threw a brick u at them and ran away. He was arrested on Apr 4 at 7:30 pm and charged.

(6 April 2020 – Myanmar Times/Burmese)

#### A man who attacked member of ward administration in Mahlaing Township charged

Naing Lin, 31, a resident of Thatkalgyin Village, who had returned from China five days ago, told local officials he had already been investigated by the village administrator for COVID and he threatened to behead and burn down the administrator's house. Then he struck a member of ward administration with

a sword and stabbed Zaw Oo with a spear. Therefore, Hnawkan Police Station charged him under Section 294, 506, 353, 324 of Penal Code.

(26 March 2020 – Myanmar Times/Burmese)

#### Fourteen worshipers in Mandalay have been charged

Even though public events including religious ceremonies are prohibited in Kan Thar Yar Ward, Chan Mya Tharsi Township from March 20 to April 20, fourteen men were found at the home of the mullah, 60<sup>th</sup> and 114<sup>th</sup> street, Kan Thar Yar Ward, Chan Mya Tharsi Township at 2 PM, April Therefore, they have been charged under Section 26 of the Natural Disaster Management Law.

(11 April 2020 – Social Media of Rose)

#### Two people who refused a medical examination in Nahtogyi Township charged

A father and his son were charged under section 25/26 of the Natural Disaster Management Law due to refusing a medical examination in Nahtogyi Township, Mandalay Division. U Myit Kyaw also threatened officials with a sword. After this incident, Nay Myo Htun and his father U Myit Kyaw were charged under section Natural Disaster Management Law at Kan Nar Police Station.

(18 April 2020 – DVB/Burmese)

#### A nun was charged for refusing a medical check at the entrance of Nahtogyi Township

According to Nahtogyi Police Station, while working for prevention COVID-19 at the Front Toll Gate of the Nahtogyi Township, Mandalay Division on Apr 16 2020, the CROWN car which was driven by a nun, arrived at the Toll Gate and refused to have medical checkup, also hurled abuses at the persons on duty of the gate and then she drove out. Therefore, she was charged and she has been made a layperson before being charged. That nun is from the Taw Kan Gyi Village, Nahtogyi Township. Spokesperson from Nahtogyi Police Station said that a nun was charged under section 25/26 of the Natural Disaster Management Law by Deputy Township Administrator and she was stripped of her religious status. (17 April 2020 - MyanmarTimes/Burmese)

# An organizer who held a donation ceremony with guests charged for defying specified orders

Daw Ohn Khin of Kokosi village, Hahtogyi Township, Mandalay region was charged with contravention of specified orders. Daw Ohn Khin organized a donation ceremony with hundreds of people in attendence on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of March. She was charged under section 30 of the Natural Disaster Management Law.

(2 April 2020 - Myanmar Now/Burmese)

(2 April 2020 - MyanmarTimes/Burmese)

(3 April 2020 - MyanmarTimes/Burmese)

#### Villagers who antagonized Ward Administrator charged

On Apr 13 2020 at 5:30 pm, Village Administrator U Maung Toe and other 7 members from Pattar Village, Kyaukse Township, got information that some people were gathering and drinking alcohol at the Ahshe Mying Sai Village. Therefore, Village Administrator U Maung Toe and other 7 members went there to check.

Maung Naing, 55-year-old, who lives in Ahshe Mying Sai Village, was drinking alcohol with 9 people including Soe Min Oo, 25-year-old, at his yard. Therefore, Village Administrator U Maung Toe and the other 7 members were told not to drink or hold gatherings. Soe Min Oo, threw the alcohol bottle at authorities. Then, while U Maung Toe was taking video recordings with his phone, the attendees threatened them to delete the video recording and said if you didn't delete it, I would kill you and attack

the authorities. U Maung Toe and the other two members were injured. The police force arrested 7 people and 3 others ran away. They were charged under section 333 of the Voluntarily causing grievous hurt to deter public servant from his duty, 323 of the Punishment for voluntarily causing hurt, 427 of the Mischief causing damage to the amount of fifty rupees, 506 of the Punishment for criminal intimidation and 114 of the Abettor present when the offence is committed at Kyaukse Township Police Station.

(15 April 2020 - MyanmarTimes/Burmese)

#### A man who barged into quarantine center was charged

A man who barged into a facility quarantine center for two times in Myittha Township in Mandalay Region on April 10 to speak with a friend who is under quarantine. A drunken man named Myo Min Than a.k.a Tat Khar was charged under Section 25 of the Disaster Management Law at Myittha Township police station.

(10 April 2020 - Irrawaddy) (12 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese) (12 April 2020 - MyanmarTimes)

#### A man who verbally abused the medical committee members was charged

Tin Htut Khaung, 22-year, from Khandeegyi village, was charged under section 25 of the Natural Disaster Management Law at Myittha Police station on April 13 after he went to the quarantine center and verbally abused the village medical committee members whilst under the influence of alcohol at 10:30 p.m, April 10.

(14 April 2020 - MyanmarTimes/Burmese)

## **Punishments for contravention of specified orders**

#### Dentist sentenced to 6 months' imprisonment for disturbance of the COVID-19 prevention

A dentist Dr. Thet Aung Than, 34-year-old, a resident of the Sintgine Township, Mandalay Region, went to a school and aggressively told the authorities that he could not agree to them using the school as a quarantine center. Charges were filed against him under section 25 of the Natural Disaster Management Law by a responsible person of Mont Paung village tract administration at Sintgine Myot Ma Police Station on 27<sup>th</sup> April.

(29 April 2020 - TheVoice/Burmese)

#### A couple sentenced for their harassment of staff

On 23<sup>rd</sup> April, the Court of Mogok Township sentenced Zaw Lwin and War War to 6 months' imprisonment under Section 26 of the Natural Disaster Management Law. The couple not only denied permission to staff at the toll gate of Mogoke permission to check their car but physically harassed members of staff. So they were charged under Sections 294 and 353 of the Penal Code by Kyat Pyin Village Tract Administrator at the Kyat Pyin Police station on 30<sup>th</sup> March. Later on, authority changed the charge to the Natural Disaster Management Law.

(1 April 2020 - Myanmar Times/Burmese) (24 April 2020 - Irrawaddy/Burmese) (24 April 2020 - Myanmar Times/Burmese)

## Prosecutions for failing abide-by the night curfew

#### Two people who didn't obey an order of Night Curfew, were charged in Mandalay

A man and a woman were filed under section 188 of the Disobedience to order duly promulgated by public servant, due to not obeying an order of Night Curfew.

According to police records, while a woman was coming back from her friend's house at 9:30 pm, she drove the wrong way on her way home. Therefore, she called her brother to take her back home. Then, while they are driving to their home by car, they meet with members of the police force who are serving their duty at the corner of 26<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> road, Aung Myay Thar Zan Township, on Apr 21, 2020 at 11:45 pm.

Therefore, a man and a woman were charged under section 188 by Lieutenant Police Officer, due to not obeying the regional order.

(23 April 2020 - 7day-News/Burmese)

## Punishments for failing abide-by the night curfew

# 5 people who contravened the Night Curfew sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment in Nyaung-U Township.

On Apr 23, 2020, 5 people were sentenced to 3 months imprisonment by Nyaung-u Court in Nyaung-u Township, due to them contravening the regional order. The Nyaung-u Township General Administration Department has already announced the order that not to go outside from 10 pm to 4 am for prevention COVID-19 Pandemic outbreak on Apr 18 2020 and if you don't obey the order, you will be taken action. According to U Myint Htun who is a Chairman of the Management Committee, while police on Apr 22 2020 about 11 pm found 5 people on their way. These 5 people were charged under section 18 of the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law (1995) and sentenced to 3 months imprisonment on April 23.

(24 April 2020 - Irrawaddy/Burmese)

# 6 people who contravened the night curfew in the Maha Aung Myay Township, sentenced to 1 month imprisonment.

According to the regional police force, 6 men who contravened the night curfew in the Maha Aung Myay Township, Mandalay Division, were sentenced to 1 month imprisonment at Maha Aung Myay Township Court on Apr 24, 2020. While authorities were patrolling on Apr 23, 2020 at night, they found Kyaw Htun Win (aka) Nga Paw drinking alcohol on the road between 75\*76 road and 35\*36 road, Aung Htun Swe was walking along Strand Road, Zaw Latt and Kyaw Naing Soe at 41 Road, Saw Lin Aung and Htun Win Htet were nearby the Moe Kaung Monastery. Therefore, they were charged under section 188 of the Disobedience to Order Duly Promulgated by Public Servant at Maha Aung Myay Township Court. Then, those 6 men were sentenced to 1 month imprisonment from Maha Aung Myay Township Court on Apr 24 2020, due to them contravening the regional order. Moreover, 7 men who contravened the night curfew, were sentenced to 1 month imprisonment from Maha Aung Myay Township Court on Apr 23 2020.

(25 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese)

(26 April 2020 - 7day-News/Burmese)

# **Magwe Region**

### Prosecutions for contravention of specified orders

#### A man who stabbed an administer charged

Ko Aung Htun Ngwe of Salin in Magwe was arrested and charged under section 333/506/294 of the Penal Code. At 10 a.m of 9<sup>th</sup> April, Aung Htun Ngwe came to the quarter office where U Min Khaing was collecting counts of households of Sazikyaung, Salin Township, Minbu district. When U Min Khaing stopped him from pulling off his mask Aung Htun Ngwe went out of the office hurling abuse and insults at U Min Khaing. He later entered the office again to stab U Min Khaing in the back with a dagger. (9 April (10 April 2020 - MyanmarTimes/Burmese)

#### House owner from Ngahpe Township charged for organising a crowd of people

Daw Hla from Ngahpe Township, Magway Division, was charged for organising a crowd of people on April 16, 2020. According to Padan Village Administrator U Myat Min, village administrator received the information that about 11 people were gathering at Daw Hla house. The village administrator went to the Daw Hla House and told her not to organise groups of people but she did not obey. After this incident, the house owner Daw Hla was charged under section Natural Disaster Management Law at the Padan Police Station.

(17 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese)

# **Irrawaddy Region**

### Punishments for failing to comply with the rules while quarantine center

#### A man who fled from quarantine center imprisoned in Lay Myat Hna Township

On 2<sup>nd</sup> April, the court of justice of Lay Myet Hna sentenced a man to 3 months' imprisonment for fleeing from the quarantine center of the town. The man, U Zaw Lain was a villager of Zeebyugwin, Kwingyi village track, got back home from China on 27<sup>th</sup> March and had been kept in Facility Quarantine of Hlawka Htar State High School. After five days in the Facility Quarantine, he fled to his home in Zeebyugwin and he had filed a lawsuit under section 18 of the Prevention and Control of Communicable Disease Law.

(3 April 2020 - MyanmarTimes/Burmese)

## Prosecutions for contravention of specified orders

#### Bridegroom and Father of Spouse Charged in Ingapu in Irrawaddy Division

A lawsuit was filed against Bridegroom Zin Min Soe and father of Spouse Myint Shwe for holding a wedding ceremony in Thayet Taw Village, Leik Paung Swel Village Tract in Ingapu Township in Irrawaddy Division. Thaung Hlaing, Village Tract Administrator filed against them under Section 30 (a) of the Disaster Management Law. On April 2, the village tract administration summoned them and prohibited them from holding the wedding.

(9 April 2020 - Irrawaddy/Burmese) (9 April 2020 - TheVoice/Burmese)

#### A person who led a protest about the COVID-19, charged by police in Maubin.

According to the police force, some residents protested against the plan of the quarantine centre for home returning people at the No.1 Basic Education High School in Maubin Township, Ayarwaddy Division on Mar 28 2020 in the evening. The organiser was charged by police. Deputy Commander Htun Shwe, who is the spokesperson of the Police Force of Ayarwaddy Division, told the Ayarwaddy Journal that the police force filed Ko Min Zaw, who led the protest under section 19 of the Peaceful Assembly and Procession Law because he led the protest without permission.

(29 March 2020 - Irrawaddy/Burmese) (29 March 2020 - TheVoice/Burmese)

#### Two men who were under the influence of alcohol charged

According to a police statement, On Apr 3, 2020 at 7 pm in Zalun Township, while Village Administrator and other members were monitoring those returning home at the Basic Education Primary School (Maung Htaung Village), Win Ko and Yan Myo Aung from Maung Htaung Village, abused verbally and threw stones at them at the Basic Education Primary School (Maung Htaung) while they were under the influence of alcohol. After this incident, they were charged under section 336 of the Act endangering life of personal safety of others, 353 of the Assault or criminal force to deter public servant from his discharge of duty, 294 of the Obscene acts and songs, and 114 of the Abettor present when offence is committed and the case is being investigated by Zalun Township Police Station.

(5 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese)

## **Punishments for contravention of specified orders**

#### Man fined MMK 5000 for verbal abuse in Dedaye Township

On 27<sup>th</sup> April, the Court of Dedaye Township, Irrawaddy Region, sentenced a man MMK 5000 fine for his verbal abuse to volunteers who were serving at the toll gate of Dedaye on 22th April. After the man, U Zaw Lwin, settled his case by MMK 5000. He was sentenced under Section 18 of the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law.

#### (30 April 2020 - Myitmakha Media Group/Burmese)

#### 7 people Sentenced to one month's imprisonment for contravention of orders

7 people including Daw Thidar and 3 reporters travelled with 2 cars to pick up 13 workers at Myatto Group, Ngar Thine Chaung Town on Apr 26, 2020. After picking the 13 workers up, they left for Yangon. They were stopped at Yekyi Township by authorities and the workers discovered. Therefore, 7 people including 3 reporters had charges filed under section 18 of the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law (1995) by COVID - 19 Control and Emergency Response Committee due to gathering over 5 people and contravening the regional order that not to gather over 5 people for prevention COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, and they were sentenced to 1 month imprisonment from Yekyi Township Court on  $27^{\text{th}}$  April.

(27 April 2020 - Irrawaddy/Burmese) (28 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese)

#### Sentenced two persons to 3 months' imprisonment for physical abuse of a volunteer

On 22<sup>nd</sup> April, a woman and a man, Ma Khin Mar Oo and Nyi Nyi Lwin, were sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment by the Court of Bogale Township. Both of them are from Thitsar Pan Street, South Oakkalapa Township Yangon and were riding on a motorcycle to Nyi Naung Village, Bogale Township when they were stopped and questioned at check point of Natchaung of Bogale Township and they replied to questions in an aggressive manner and Ma Khin Mar Oo physically abused a volunteer on 21<sup>st</sup> April. Therefore, Township health officer U Aye Thaung sued them under Section 18 of the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law.

(23 April 2020 - Myanmar-Now/Burmese)

### Punishments for failing abide-by the night curfew

# Over 200 people who contravened the night curfew in Ayarwady Division were sentenced to imprisonment.

According to the Division Police Office, 200 people were taken action due to contravening the night curfew during the COVID-19 epidemic period in Ayarwady Division. Deputy Police Commander Htun Shwe from Division Police Office said that 212 people who contravened the regional order, were sentenced to 1 month or 2 months imprisonment under section 188 of the Disobedience to Order Duly Promulgated by Public Servant from relevant Township Court. According to the lists of Division Police Office, 84 people were sentenced from Pathein District, 45 people were sentenced from Hinthada District, 28 people were sentenced from Pyapon District, 22 people were sentenced from Myaungmya District, 20 people were sentenced from Laputtar District and 10 people were sentenced from Maubin District.

(22 April 2020 - Irrawaddy/Burmese)

(25 April 2020 - Eleven/Burmese)

(28 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese)

(2 May 2020 - DVB/Burmese)

# **Sagaing Region**

# Prosecutions for failing to comply with the rules while quarantine center

### A man was charged for fleeing from the quarantine center

According to Wetlet Township Police Station, a man who fled from the quarantine center of the Thit Sait Gyi Village, Wetlet Township, Sagaing Division – was charged under section Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law (1995).

He is a migrant who returned from Thailand on Mar 27 2020 at 10 pm. Therefore, he was kept at the Facility Quarantine Centre from the Basic Education High Sub-school, Thit Sait Gyi Village. On Mar 28 2020 at 8 pm, while he was monitoring at the quarantine centre, he fled. Then, he was arrested in the Letpan Hla Village, Sintgu Township. Now, he was kept at the place where he fled. After quarantine for 14 days, he has to face trial.

(3 April 2020 - Irrawaddy/Burmese)

#### Drugs were seized from the people inside quarantine centre.

According to Zigon Township Police Station, police force seized drugs from the person who has been monitored at a quarantine centre from Basic Education Primary School, Zigon Township, Kantbalu District, Sagaing Division.

While police members of the Zigon Township Police Station were serving their night duty around the township on Apr 25 2020 at 9:40 pm, they found a suspect near the toilet of the Basic Education Primary School, Zigon Township and they questioned him. According to police records, while they questioning him, they knew that he is Zwe Marn Oo (aka) Phoe La Pyae from Aung Thidi Ward, Zigon Township and he has been monitored at the quarantine centre and they found drugs from him and they seized the drugs from him. Then, police continuously questioned him and he answered that Zaw Naing Htun (aka) Tayote Gyi sent those drugs to him. Therefore, polices arrested Zaw Naing Htun (aka) Tayote Gyi and polices questioned him that where did you get the drugs and he answered that he took the drugs from Arkar Myint who live in the same ward and then he sold it with 30 thousands Kyat to Zwe Marn Oo (aka) Phoe La Pyae. Therefore, police went to Arkar Myint and arrested him. About the incidents, Zwe Marn Oo (aka) Phoe La Pyae, Zaw Naing Htun (aka) Tayote Gyi and Arkar Myint were filed under section 16(C) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law by Zigon Township Police Station.

(28 April 2020 - MyanmarTimes/Burmese)

### Punishments for failing to comply with the rules while quarantine center

#### Sentenced a quarantined person to 6 months' imprisonment on disobeying the rules

In Pearl Township, Sagaing Division – A returnee from Thailand, was sentenced to 6 months imprisonment under section 30(A) of the Natural Disaster Management Law (2013) on April 2 2020, because while staying in quarantine for 14 days, he got drunk and antagonized the volunteers responsible for running the facility quarantine center. He will be transferred to prison after the quarantine period.

(3 April 2020 - RFA/Burmese)

(4 April 2020 - MyanmarTimes/Burmese)

(4 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese)

### One year imprisonment for a man under surveillance

On  $3^{\text{\tiny rd}}$  April, Zin Maung Maung, who has been kept under surveillance, was sentenced to 1 year's imprisonment for being drunk and loitering around in accordance with section 26 of the Natural Disaster Management Law by Yinmarbin Township Court.

(4 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese)

#### Patient Sentenced for Running Away from the Hospital

A man, who was being monitored due to a suspected Coronavirus, ran away from the Ye-U hospital and was sentenced to six months imprisonment under Article 30 (a) of the Disaster Management Act by Ye-U Township Court in Sagaing Division.

(4 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese)

# Prosecutions for contravention of specified orders

# A man charged for threatening staff with a knife at a quarantine center in Inn Taw Township

On 13 April, Thaung Lwin, a resident of the Aunggone village, was charged under Article 26 of the Natural Disaster Management Law at Inn Taw Township police station for intimidating staff with a knife at the facility quarantine center in Inn Taw Township, Sagaing Division. In the incident, Thaung Lwin who was also not wearing a mask went to the quarantine center, to send rice and curry to Than ko who has been kept in the facility quarantine center. When Ten Households Administrator U Thein Win told him to wear a mask, he refused and took out a knife from his bag and threatened the administrator. (14 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese)

#### A Man Charged for Verbally Abusing COVID-19 Prevention Committee

San Kont was charged under Section 26 of the Disaster Management Law by Zeegon Police Station for verbally abusing members of committee who are working for prevention of Covid 19 in Kyisu Village, Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Division. In the evening of 4 April, San Kont went to the Basic Education

Primary School which is located in that village and verbally abused the committee that has been working to prevent the spread of Covid 19. After the incident, San Kont was arrested on 5 April at 9 pm. (13 April 2020 - News Light of Myanmar's Facebook/Page)

# Ten Households Administrator Charged for refusing to monitor people in Quarantine in Tabayin

An administrator, who refused to monitor people in quarantine, was charged under Section 28(b) of the Natural Disaster Management Law. He was filed a lawsuit by Aung Phyo Thu, deputy director of the Township Administrator's Office at Mukangyi Township police station.

(8 April 2020 - Irrawaddy/Burmese)

#### Two Men Charged for disrupting anti-COVID-19 operations

Two villagers, including Than Win a.k.a Thaung Win in Ko Htaung Bote village in Kantbalu Township in Sagaing Region, were charged under Section 26 of the Natural Disaster Management Law for disrupting anti-COVID-19 operations. On the evening of 10 April, Than Win a.k.a Thaung Win and another villager photographed a village chief and his team without permission, while on patrol around a quarantine facility in the village. As a result, they were charged at Kanbalu Township police station.

(10 April 2020 - Irrawaddy) (12 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese) (12 April 2020 - Myanmar Times)

#### A case against three men for refusing to undergo a medical checkup in Wettlet Township

Three men were charged under Article 353/506/323 of the Penal Code at Shwepangone Township police station for refusing to receive a medical check up, and physically abused the civil servant . On the evening of 15 April, While a joint team led by U Kyi Win was conducting health checks in the village, three men, including Kyaw Min Oo arrived on a motorcycle and they were told to enter the village after receiving a medical checkup. Then the three men refused and physically assaulted Myint Soe, a civil servant. The three were therefore charged after the incident.

(18 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese)

# Punishment for contravention of specified orders

#### People sentenced over holding a charity event

On 7 April, Khin-U Township Court sentenced Kyaw Lwin and Khin Mar Win to six months imprisonment under Section 30 (a) of the Natural Disaster Management Law for holding a charity event in violation of the local order for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in Khin-U Township. They were sued by Second District General Aung Ko Latt at Khin-U police station on 1 April.

(8 April 2020 - Myanmar Times/Burmese)

#### A man and his father faces sentences and fines for holding a wedding ceremony

On 4 April, Htan Lin Shein, a US citizen groom has been ordered to be sentenced to six months imprisonment under Article 30 (a) of the Disaster Management Act or to a fine of 1,000,000 Kyat under visa violations section 13 (a) of the Immigration Act at Tamu Township Court due to holding a wedding ceremony that violated local order for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in Sagaing Region. Htan Lin Shein paid a fine of 1,000,000 Kyat. He was sued by Kyaw Kyaw Lin, Deputy General Administrator of Tamu Township at Tamu Myoma police station.

Htan Khon Lyan, the groom's father also has been ordered to be sentenced to six months imprisonments or to a fine of 1,000,000 Kyat under Article 5 (1) of the Foreign Registration Act for failing to report the respective departments about Htan Lin Shein's illegal stay. The father paid a fine of 1,000,000 Kyat.

(4 April 2020 - Irrawaddy/Burmese) (4 April 2020 - Mizzima/Burmese)

#### A man released by the president's amnesty in Tamu Township was sentenced

In Sagaing Division, Kyaw Lin, who was released by the president's amnesty, was sentenced to three months imprisonment under 1995 Article 18 of the Prevention of Infectious Diseases Law at Tamu Township Court for trespassing in a quarantine room where his wife has been monitored and physically abused his wife. On April 20, U Tint Lwin, a health official from the Department of Public Health of Tamu Township, filed a complaint against Kyaw Lin in Tamu Township Court.

(21 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese) (22 April 2020 - Eleven/Burmese)

#### A man Sentenced for Violating Restrictions

On 6 April, Zaw Win was sentenced to six months imprisonment under Section 30 of the Natural Disaster Management Act at Yinmabin Township Court in Sagaing Division. Htay Kyaw, who was monitored on 27 March at a quarantine center after returning from China on March 24, became ill and was taken to a local hospital. Zaw Win, who was responsible as a caretaker for Htay Kyaw, was informed of the prohibitions in the hospital but he violated the restrictions by walking around the hospital, shopping at nearby stores, and visiting staff' houses in the compound of the hospital. As a result, the Deputy Township Administrator of the Township General Administration filed a case against Zaw Win for violating the local order, under Section 30 of the Natural Disaster Management Act.

(8 April 2020 - Irrawaddy/Burmese)

# Arrests failing abide-by the night curfew

#### 16 people arrested for violating a curfew in Tamu Town

On 26 April, sixteen people, in Tamu Town, were arrested and detained at Tamu police station after breaching the curfew law and went outside although it was over 10 pm. The curfew is in effect from April 18 to May 17.

(27 April 2020 - Ye Moe Myint's Facebook Page/Burmese)

## Punishments for failing abide-by the night curfew

#### People sentenced for failing to comply with the curfew in Kalay Town

On 27 April, The Kalay Township Court sentenced 12 of the 13 people, who violated the curfew order issued in Kalay Township, to three months imprisonment under Article 188 of the Penal Code. The remaining one, who was underage, would be operated by the Police under the Children Act, said Tun Kyaw Naing, chairman of the Kalay city's management committee. On the night of 26 April, those convicted were arrested for violating the curfew.

(27 April 2020 - Eleven/Burmese)

# **Tanintharyi Region**

#### Punishments for failing abide-by the night curfew

#### 17 people fined over violating the curfew

Myeik Township Court ordered 17 people to pay a fine of 50,000 Kyat under Article 188 of the Penal Code for violating the curfew in Tanintharyi Division. The curfew order from 10 pm to 4 am was issued in Myeik on April 18.

(28 April 2020 - Mizzima/Burmese)

#### 25 of the 26 people fined for violating the curfew in Dawei Township

On 27 April, 25 of 26 people, who failed to comply with the curfew order, were fined under Article 188 of the Penal Code, at Dawei Township Court in Tanintharyi Division. The other person was injured in a motorcycle accident and was being treated at the Dawei Hospital, but he would be charged if he was discharged from the hospital, said Aung San Win, Dawei Township Chief who filed a lawsuit against the 26 people.

(27 April 2020 - Eleven/Burmese) (28 April 2020 - The Voice/Burmese)

# Naypyidaw

# **Prosecutions for contravention of specified orders**

#### Two men charged over spreading "fake news" and rumors related to COVID-19

Two men, who were under the influence of alcohol, spreaded fake news and rumours related to COVID-19, and they are being investigated under the Natural Disaster Management Act. On 12 April, eight residents, who returned from other regions, were monitored in quarantine at Chone Gyi village school at Tatkone Township, Naypyidaw. Among them, Win Htun Oo, who have completed the 14-day quarantine, and another one were sent to Naypyitaw quarantine center. Then, Than Naing Oo, a villager of Sinthay, spread the rumors that those two men were infected with corona disease.

Similarly, on 13 April, at 8 am, Bhone Myint Naing announced by loudspeaker that two men were infected with Coronavirus and therefore not allowed to enter the village, and saying they should make fences in the village. Therefore, The relevant authorities are investigating the case and filed a case against Than Naing Oo and Bhone Myint Naing under section 25/27 of the Natural Disaster Management Law at Tatkone Township police station.

(14 April 2020 - Myanmar Times/Burmese)

#### Charges to be filed against those spreading fake news

Ye Min Oo, Deputy mayor of Nay Pyi Taw said he was planning to sue fake authors who are spreading fake news and rumors related to COVID-19 on social media. He added that the motive is intended to spread false information related to Naypyidaw.

(4 April 2020 - Myanmar Times/Burmese)

# Punishments for failing to comply with the rules while quarantine center

#### Three people charged while in a quarantine center

On 20 April, three people kept in the quarantine center of Naypyitaw Municipal guest house no (1) were sentenced to six months' imprisonment under section 30 (a) the Natural Disaster Management Law by the court of Zabuthiri Township. On the evening of 13 April, a man from the male ward stayed with his wife in the female ward whereas another returnee woman sold cigars and quids of betel to others in contravention of regulations. Therefore, the three were charged by Dr.Oak Soe Lin who was responsible for the quarantine center.

(20 April 2020 - Irrawaddy/Burmese) (20 April 2020 - Myanmar Now/Burmese)

**Death/Injures** 

#### Village Administrator was stabbed by patient quarantined in Kyunhla Township

On 19 April, a returnee from China, a 39-year-old man, who had been quarantined, stabbed Khin Maung Saw, Tin Tain Village Administrator and ran away in Kyunhla Township, Sagaing Division. The man was arrested on 20 April. In the incident, while the returnee man from China and other returnees were drinking alcohol, Khin Maung Saw tried to stop them from drinking and he was stabbed by a knife. Khin Maung Saw said that he had been previously involved in a case with the returnee man from China.

(20 April 2020 - 7 Day News/Burmese)

# The Traffic Police attacked by a knife after stopping a man who didn't wear a mask, in Monywa Township

On 20 April, the traffic police, who warned a man to wear a mask, was attacked by a knife. Chan Mya Wati Ward Administrator U Khin Maung Chin told that on the morning of 20 April, while they were serving awareness for prevention COVID-19 at the corner of Tharsi Road and Myopet Road, the Traffic Police stopped a man who didn't wear a mask and told to wear a mask. After that, the man who was stopped, went back to his village and came back with a knife and attacked the traffic police, then he ran away. The man who committed the crime was from Kan Pyar Village and the police force arrested him in the near of the Mingalargon Village. When a police force arrested him, he was exhausted. Therefore, the police force took him to the hospital. According to police criminal records, he arrived at Monywa Hospital at 1 pm and he died at 3:55 pm. They are still waiting for the result of why he died and what diseases.

(20 April 2020 - Monywa Gazette/Burmese)

# A group of people, who refused to comply with a medical checkup, attacked administrators with knives,

Residents who lived around the Guest House complained that a lot of people were coming and going back to the Guest House, therefore the One Hundred Households Administrator Went to check. According to Deputy Colonel Kyaw Than Naing from Gyobingauk Police Station, on 5 April, 20 people, who were not satisfied about the checkup, went to One Hundred Households Administrator home and attacked him with knives. The three main defendants, including Maung Aye, the owner of the guesthouse, fled.

In the incident, a 26-year-old Aung Zaw Zaw died and a 40-year-old Aung Ko Ko Oo was seriously injured and received medical treatment at Yangon Hospital. Besides, a 58-year-old San San Maw was also injured in the head. The three of them were relatives of One Hundred Households Administrator.

(6 April 2020 - DVB/Burmese)

(6 April 2020 - Irrawaddy/Burmese)

(6 April 2020 - The Voice/Burmese)

(6 April 2020 - Irrawaddy)

#### A Territory Officer stabbed by a knife

On 15 April, while territory Officer U Myint Naing went to Ko Nge Lay (aka) Htun Aung Kyaw house for checking up two visitors from Yangon, Ko Nge Lay treated him rudely and his adopted son Thet Kyaw stabbed with a knife to Territory Offices from his back. Consequently, Thet Kyaw, and Ko Nge Lay (aka) Htun Aung Kyaw were charged under section 326/144 of the Penal Code at the No.2 Meiktila Township Police Station.

(16 April 2020 - The Voice/Burmese)

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