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Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council

1. The Union Election Commission will be reconstituted and its mandated tasks, including the scrutiny of voter lists, shall be implemented in accordance with the law.
2. Effective measures will be taken with added momentum to prevent and manage the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Actions will be taken to ensure the speedy recovery of businesses from the impact of COVID-19.
4. Emphasis will be placed on achieving enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.
5. Upon accomplishing the provisions of the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held in line with the 2008 Constitution, and further work will be undertaken to hand over State duties to the winning party in accordance with democratic standards.

Myanma Railways with more than 100 years of experience must have capability to build locomotives, carriages and wagons at home: Senior General

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister of the Provisional Government of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing yesterday afternoon inspected the New Locomotive Assembling Factory (Nay Pyi Taw) of the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Branch under Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Transport and Communications and the Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station in Pobbathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

At the New Locomotive Assembling Factory (Nay Pyi Taw), the Senior General was welcomed by members of the State Administration Council Admiral Tin Aung San and Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, Council Secretary Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Maung Maung Naing, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Zaw Hein and officials.



SAC Chairman Prime Minister of Provisional Government of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pays an inspection tour around the New Locomotive Assembling Factory (Nay Pyi Taw) on 10 September 2021.

Rail transportation plays a crucial role in State's transport facilities. Priority must be given to the maintenance of railways with the inspection of each railway.

At the meeting hall, Union Minister Admiral Tin Aung San and officials reported to the Senior General on a brief history of Myanma Railways, duty and functions, the appointment of service personnel at factories and departments, running of trains across

the nation and further plans, construction of new railways, the building of passenger carriages and wagons and maintenance, upgrade of rail tracts, matters related to New Locomotive Assembling Factory (Nay Pyi Taw),

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Public Notification on buildings where terrorists involved in terrorist attacks are staying

TERRORIST organizations such as CRPH, NUG, PDF, and their affiliates have been carrying out terrorist acts and arson attacks across the country to disrupt the cooperation of the people and the ethnic nationalities with the State Administration Council which has set future roadmaps for the development, stability and security of the State. In doing so, it is found that they rented apartments and houses to hide while committing destructive acts in the country.

On 8 June 2021, 25 assorted weapons, 72 hand grenades, 71 fuses, 14 assorted magazines, 156 TNT bars, 540 detonators, 2 bandoliers, more than 4,000 rounds of ammunition were found and seized from a one storey house rented by terrorists in Ywaysu (west) Village, Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Region.

On the morning of 22 June, according to the report, security forces inspected the house rented by terrorists at No 116/Pha-19, 111 (E) road and 54th street in Htuntone ward, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay. While inspecting, the security forces were attacked by homemade grenades and guns from the house, killing some of the security forces and 6 terrorists. A total of 8 armed terrorists were arrested with weapons and ammunition.

On the evening of 14 August, the perpetrators of the armed attack which killed 5 policemen on the Insein circular train, were arrested in houses and apartments temporarily rented by them in Yangon.

The above incidents were investigated and it was discovered that terrorists conspired to commit acts of violence by temporarily renting houses or apartments. Therefore, landlords are required to report the accurate information of the tenants with complete documents under Section 17 of the Ward/Village-Tract Administration Law, and to cooperate by notifying the relevant authorities in a timely manner if they find that their tenants are suspicious.

As landlords will be responsible if their tenants are found to have committed acts of violence, and no tenants list and information had been lodged with the relevant ward/village-tract administration office while renting the apartment, please be informed that they will be taken action under the existing law. In addition, the rented house or apartment will be confiscated as evidence under the Counter-Terrorism Law and will be confiscated as State Treasury as a result of the investigation.

Anti-Terrorism Central Committee

Notification of COVID Vaccination Fund Management Subcommittee

FROM 6-9-2021 to 10-9-2021, local/foreign donors contributed 86.760 million Kyats and 200 USD to the COVID-19 Vaccination Fund Myanmar currency account OA 013733 and foreign currency account EDC 600012 opened at the Myanmar Economic Bank (Nay Pyi Taw). The status of the fund account as of 10-9-2021 is as follows:

COVID-19 Vaccination Fund OA-013733 List

	Kyat
Account opening balance on 3-9-2021	245,950,478,503.91
Received amount of money from (+) 6-9-2021 to 10-9-2021	86,760,000.00
Closed balance on 10-9-2021	246,037,238,503.91

COVID-19 Vaccination Fund EDC 600012 List

	USD
Account opening balance on 3-9-2021	83,662,149.53
Received amount of money from (+) 6-9-2021 to 10-9-2021	200.00
Closed balance on 10-9-2021	83,662,349.53

203 Myanmar nationals return via Myawady border bridge



STRANDED Myanmar citizens are safely repatriated from Thailand via Myawady Friendship Bridge (2) starting 1 August 2021, and a total of 203 Myanmar nationals returned home yesterday. Myawady District Deputy

Administration Officer U Aung Chan Nyein and officials helped the returnees with medical tests and other supplies.

All the returnees must take COVID-19 tests and the positive ones will have to take medical

treatment at Mekanei and Shwe Myawady COVID-19 centres.

The latest group of returnees included 116 males and 87 females from different regions and states totalling 203. —Htein Lin Aung/GNLM

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Public Announcement of Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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Due to the current situation, it is necessary to continue controlling the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Thus, all basic education schools, including private schools and monastic schools, will be temporarily closed from 13-9-2021 to 24-9-2021.

Public request by Ministry of Health

ONLY when the people cooperate will the work process achieve success in a short time for effective prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19 among the people. As such, all the people are requested to abide by the following points: -

1. Stay at home as much as possible.
2. Don't accept the guests at the house. You don't visit other houses.
3. The older persons above 65 or those suffering from chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and heart must be worn masks in the house. They must be placed at well-ventilated sites.
4. Wear masks if you go outside without fail. Systematically wash hands. Take a six-foot distance from others. Avoid visits to the rooms where ventilation is not good.
5. Avoid the crowds.
6. If possible, go shopping once a week. Don't buy anything from the vendors who don't systematically wear masks.
7. Take care of carrying the virus to the houses whenever return home from outside. Systematically discard the used masks and single disposable equipment outside the houses. Avoid close contact with family members before changing clothes or washing the body.
8. As the vaccines for your quota is the best, accept vaccinations for full time. Despite receiving the vaccination, you should abide by the protective ways.
9. Systematically cooperate in prevention, control and treatment of the disease with manpower, money, materials and expertise.

Ministry of Health (2-8-2021)

The government is ready to spend the fund on prevention of COVID-19

THE government spent US\$169 million on the purchase of anti-COVID-19 vaccine and other medical equipment and K566 billion on repairing hospitals and clinics, COVID centres and social organizations. Moreover, more than 500,000 USD was spent on general measures. The government is ready to spend the fund on the prevention of COVID-19 and officials need to efficiently use them.

(Excerpt from the speech to the meeting 2/2021 of the Provisional Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar made by Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister of the State Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 8-9-2021)

Myanma Railways with more than 100 years of experience must have capability to build locomotives, carriages and wagons at home: Senior General

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preparation to build the Railway Museum, and implementation of the guidance given by the Senior General on his tour of Myanma Railway's Carriage and Wagon Factory (Myitnge) on 18 May 2021.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said rail transportation plays a crucial role in State's transport facilities. Priority must be given to the maintenance of railways with the inspection of each railway. Bad railways may cause damage to car-



The Senior General hears the reports presented by the MoTC Union Minister and officials at the meeting hall yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.



The Senior General and party inspects the preparations to build the Railway Museum at the Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station.



The Senior General and party observe the process at the New Locomotive Assembling Factory (Nay Pyi Taw).

riages and delay travelling. Emphasis must be placed on the maintenance of railways for the long run meeting the set standard. It is necessary to upgrade the Yangon-Pyay railway, the first facility of its kind, to the electric railway under the long-term plan but the immediate one. The Senior General stressed the need to consider the designs of building the river-crossing railway bridges in the double bridge design or parallel bridge design by taking lessons from the past wrong events.

The steamed locomotives to be used in the tourism industry must be driven with the use of quality coal. Railways

must be good and beautified to create scenic beauties for the train passengers whereas it is necessary to carry out neatness and tidiness inside the carriages. Myanma Railways with more than 100 years of experience must have the capability to build locomotives, carriages and wagons at home. The development of a country primarily requires research and development. Myanma Railways needs to establish a research and development centre related to rail transportation. It is necessary to consider the construction of electric locomotives in the future. In so doing, upgrading tasks must be carried out at

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the small locomotives for the future plan.

The Senior General and party viewed round assembling and decoration of passenger carriages and ordinary locomotives, the building of new

locomotives and completed locomotives at the factory.

On arrival at the Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station, the Senior General and party inspected the preparations to build the Railway Museum.

After hearing the reports, the Senior General pointed that as ancient locomotives are displayed outside the museum, they will face damage in impacts of climates in the long run. So, these locomotives should be put on display inside the museum building. It is necessary to systematical arrange the designs of museums suitable for Myanmar after observing the railway stations of foreign countries. The Senior General also instructed officials to strictly supervise disciplines of the Myanma Railways for all the people to be free from dangers not only in the station yard but along the railroads.

The New Locomotive Assembling Factory (Nay Pyi Taw) was built as of 1 June 2015 for contributing to the functions of the Locomotive Factory (Insein) and the Diesel Locomotive Factory (Ywa Htaung) and extension of repairing necessary diesel locomotives. Its construction tasks were completed in April 2018. The factory successfully manufactured its first-ever locomotive DF2093 on 17 September 2018. The factory assembled 10 new locomotives in the 2018-2019 financial year. —MNA

13th Cambodia - Lao PDR - Myanmar - Viet Nam Economic Ministers' Meeting held

13th CAMBODIA-Lao PDR-Myanmar-Viet Nam (CLMV) Economic Ministers' Meeting chaired by U Aung Naing Oo, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations held via videoconference with an attendance of Economic Ministers from Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Viet Nam, CLMV Senior Economic Officials (CLMV SEOM), Secretary General of ASEAN Secretariat and representatives on 10 September 2021.

At the meeting, Dr Wah Wah Maung, CLMV SEOM Chair, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations reported to Ministers on the progress of CLMV economic cooperation which was implemented under Myanmar's Chairmanship. The presentation covers holding of CLMV SEOM meetings, status of completed and ongoing activities under CLMV Action Plans, assistance and capacity building activities provided by Deutsche



Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) to CLMV countries, endorsement of Terms of Reference for formulating the implementation plan for CLMV Development Framework.

The ministers provided the guidance on the report of CLMV SEOM Chair on implementation of CLMV Action plan (2021-2022), consideration of adding agro-based activities which have a comparative advantage in the CLMV countries in the Covid-19 Recovery Plan, enhancement of

e-commerce cooperation, narrowing the development gap and close cooperation with the other ASEAN Member States and Dialogue Partners. The ministers also noted Viet Nam's Scholarship Program for Cambodia, Lao PDR and Myanmar (CLM) by offering 20 scholarships for each CLM country annually.

In addition, the ministers exchanged views on the progress of the formulation of the implementation plan for the CLMV Development Frame-

work. The ministers expressed their appreciation to Australia for providing assistance on a project relating to the implementation plan. The ministers also tasked CLMV SEOM to work closely with the ASEAN Secretariat and Mekong Institute for the timely finalization of the implementation Plan for the CLMV Development Framework which aims for CLMV countries to become a sustainable upper-middle-income economy by 2030.

The ministers noted the im-

plementation status of "Promotion of Competitiveness within the Framework of the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (COMPETE)" by GIZ. Under the COMPETE project, GIZ provides assistance to CLMV countries for realizing the commitments on competition and trade in services sectors. The ministers also exchanged views on experiences of prevention, treatment and control measures of COVID-19 pandemic and efforts on economic recovery, promoting digital trade, development of financial service and recovery of the tourism sector. The ministers adopted the Joint Media Statement of the 13th CLMV Economic Ministers' meeting.

At the meeting, the Union Minister expressed the appreciation to Cambodia, Lao PRD and Viet Nam for their support under Myanmar Chairmanship in 2021, and handed over the chairmanship to Vietnam to lead CLMV economic cooperation in 2022.—MNA

Factory workers in Bago Industrial Zone receive 2nd dose of COVID vaccines

AIMING to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus in Bago Township and reduce the death rate from the disease, factory workers from Bago Industrial Zone received the second doses of Sinovac COVID-19 vaccine in their respective communities on 10 September.

The second dose of the COVID-19 vaccination programme

was carried out by healthcare workers, members of charitable organizations, departmental staff and members of the COVID-19 disease control and emergency response committee in Bago Township, Bago District to prevent crowds and make vaccinators comfortable.

A total of 46,566 people from all walks of life including elder-

ly people of aged 65 and over, governmental staff, private healthcare workers, charitable members, religious persons from monasteries and religious places, civil servants, private bank employees, staff from hotels, motels and guest houses, elderly people from home for the aged, prisoners, factory and workshop workers, and supermarket employees have already received the COVID-19 vaccines in Bago Township. The first vaccination was given to workers in factories and workshops in the industrial zone of Bago from 11 to 25 August 2021, and a total of 20,051 factory workers came to be vaccinated.

The second round of vaccination began on September 9 and the first day, a total of 2,620 workers from 17 factories received the COVID-19 jabs and on the second day, 2,599 workers from 16 factories were vaccinated. — Tin Soe (Bago)/GNLM



A factory worker receives the second jab of COVID vaccine in Bago Industrial Zone.

Myanmar to cover 50% of population for COVID-19 vaccine by 2021

MYANMAR is aiming for 50 per cent of the country's population to be vaccinated against COVID-19 by the end of 2021. So far, nearly 13 per cent of the population has completed COVID-19 vaccination, according to the Ministry of Health.

"The country has 36.9 million people over the age of 18 to be vaccinated. Among them, 4.8 million people have been vaccinated one dose or twice. The World Health Organization (WHO) targets to cover 20 per cent of the population at the end of September, 40 per cent at the end of 2021 and 70 per cent in mid-2022. However, WHO is planning to set 50 per cent of the population, though 40 per cent by the end of 2021," said an official from the Health Ministry.

According to the ministry's latest figures, about 2.981 million people have been fully vaccinated with COVID-19

vaccines nationwide as of 7 September.

Two million doses purchased from Russia will arrive this month and efforts are being made to get the remaining vaccines from India.

Currently, the country administered 150,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccines to the target groups daily. The country launched the COVID-19 vaccination programme in January 2021, according to the Ministry of Health.

Sinopharm and Sinovac vaccines have been approved by the WHO for emergency use. The vaccine has been recommended for over 18 years old, according to the WHO's guidance.

Myanmar has recorded 155,697 COVID-19 cases and 3,320 deaths since the beginning of the pandemic, according to the health ministry data. — Aye Maung/GNLM

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Union Information Minister tours printing houses, TV stations

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn met Chairman of the Young Men's Buddhist Association (YMBA) Agga Maha Mingala Dhamma Zawtika Daja U Ye Tun and officials yesterday morning at the Department of Printing and Publishing in Yangon.

During the meeting, the Union Minister said the Ministry of Information, in collaboration with the Ministry of Religious affairs and Culture, will support the activities of the YMBA, as well as provide necessary assistance in activities of the association and publishing books.

The Chairman of the YMBA handed over the books and journals published by the association to the Union Minister.

Afterwards, the Union Minister inspected GTC Printing House, Sarpay Beikman Printing House and Aung San Printing House in Insein Township.

At the meeting with officials



The MoI Union Minister inspects around the MRTV Yeku Broadcasting Station in Yangon yesterday.

of the GTC Publishing House, the Union Minister said it is important for the printing houses to print the required books for the state as per the time frame, and thus it is important to do the reformation. He said it is necessary to submit reports to build staff housings in each financial

year, adding the Government is working on long-term plans for young people, and it is important to provide them with the right knowledge and ideas. He added the need for staff to comply with the COVID-19 preventive measures, for the ministry to provide the people with the best services.

The Union Minister also visited the Yeku Broadcasting Station of the Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) and inspected the operation of Radio Myanmar and private television channels. During the meeting the Director General of MRTV and officials, he instructed them

to pay attention to the security and prepare for fire prevention. He stressed the importance of the media sector in shaping the country into a modern democratic nation. He said the Prime Minister of the State pays attention to the media and lets the MRTV broadcast modern, interesting and good programmes for the people.

Then, he inspected the filming in Sky Net TV studios under the COVID-19 rules and regulations and instructed officials to make detailed preparation for filming activities to be expanded. During the visit to Forever Group's TV station, he toured live broadcast vehicles, studios, virtual studios and video editing. At the meeting with the company officials, he instructed them to plan and present good programmes for recreation and rejuvenation of the people following the COVID-19 preventive measures. — MNA

Well-wishers donate oxygen concentrators to Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19

WELL-WISHERS donated oxygen concentrators to the Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19 with a ceremony yesterday afternoon at the COVID-19 Central Command Centre of the Ministry of Health.

During the donation ceremony, Union Election Commission Member U Than Tun explained purpose of the donations and Dr Nyi Nyi Tun from Bhone Pyae San (BPS Trading & Construction Co., Ltd) highlighted their purpose of the donation.

Next, Secretary of the Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19, Union Minister for Health

Dr Thet Khaing Win accepted K3 million donated by staff of the Union Election Commission Office led by Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Thein Soe and members and 10 sets of MICiTECH branded 10-litre oxygen concentrators by Dr Nyi Nyi Tun and Daw Phyu Thet Khaing from Bhone Pyae San (BPS Trading & Construction Co., Ltd) and family.

After donations, Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win presented certificates of honour to the donors. Afterwards, the Union Minister expressed words of thanks and appreciation for the donation of K3 million and oxygen concentrators.—MNA



The MoH Union Minister receives the K3 million donation from well-wishers to the Central Committee on Prevention Control and Treatment of COVID-19 yesterday.

Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons



Myanmar Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day

13th September



2021 Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day's Objectives

- ❖ To mobilize the participation of all citizens in combating human trafficking as a national duty;
- ❖ To have the public instilled with awareness about and knowledge of trafficking in persons;
- ❖ To protect and care trafficked victims with empathy; and
- ❖ To strengthen cooperation and coordination among all counter trafficking stakeholders government agencies, civil society organizations, UN agencies, international organizations and general public.

Imports of anti-COVID-19 devices, medical products continue daily

THE Ministry of Commerce is making efforts to ensure people have access to the essential medical supplies that are critical to the COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities, including liquid oxygen and oxygen cylinders, arranging continuous importation on public holidays.

On 10 September (yesterday), anti-COVID-19 equipment, medical products including oxygen plants and concentrators were imported by six companies and transported by 20 vehicles, including one bowser.

A total of 19 tonnes of oxygen (liquid) carried by one bowser, 2,161 empty oxygen cylinder, five oxygen plants, one oxygen generator, 1,213 oxygen con-

centrators for home use, and 108 tonnes of masks were imported via Muse, Chinshwehaw, Myawady and Tachilek trading posts and the Yangon International Airport.

One vehicle carrying liquid oxygen led to Yangon and three oxygen plants to Yangon and one oxygen plant each to Tachilek and Mawlamyine, officials said.

It is reported that the Ministry of Commerce is coordinating with relevant departments, facilitating the importations of essential medical supplies required in prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19, as well as contact persons for inquiries can be reached through the Ministry's Website —www.commerce.gov.mm. — MNA



153 prisoners from Hsinbyushin vocational camp receive 2nd dose of Covid vaccines

A total of 153 prisoners received COVID-19 vaccines for the second time at Hsinbyushin Agriculture and Vocational Training Centre (Thongkha) Village, Thein Khun Village-tract, Taninthayi Township, Taninthayi

Region yesterday.

Keeping in line with guidelines of the Ministry of Health, Dr Aung Theik Tun, Head of Township medical services and Public Health Department, and U Aung Zeya, Officer-in-Charge

of Hsinbyushin Agricultural and Vocational Training Centre (Thongkha), also inaugurated the first vaccination programme on 10 August 2021. — Nann Thar Yi, Htein Win (IPRD)/GNLM

Prices list of medicines commonly used against COVID-19 till 10-9-2021 September

No	Product Name	Pack Size	Price in Kyats (Retail)	Company Name
Supportive				
1	Injection Pantocid	1g/Vial	1,500	Aorta
2	Injection Omeprazole	1g/Vial	1,050	Aorta
Antibiotics				
3	PO - Azithromycin 500 mg	5x3's	4,000	Rammawaddy
4	PO - Cefalexin 500 mg	Box of 10x10's	6,100	Aorta

5	PO - Levofloxacin 500 mg	Box of 10x10's	7,000	Shwe Htay Min
6	PO.Cefixime	Box of 3x10's	3,600	Aorta
7	PO Amoxicillin+ Clavulanic Acid	Box of 1x6's	1,800	Aorta
8	Injection - Levofloxacin 500 mg	1x1	3,000	Yadanar
9	Injection - Ceftriazone 1G	1's	700	KCL
10	Injection - Cefoperazone and Sulbactam 1G	Vial	4,900	Ready Medicine

High garment exports create plentiful jobs at Myanmar clothing factories

MYANMAR'S garment factories have proper job opportunities due to the high demand for garments from the EU despite the decline in the global garment industry during the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although some countries suspended the garment factories which operated with many workers, some resumed the operations due to the high demand as per the health rules in the third wave, and such doing was convenient for both the employ-

ers and employees.

About 500 out of more than 600 garment factories were reopened and some companies invested in the garment industry.

"We are happy at the current cooperation of ministries in import/export sectors as there is no off-day in this sector. Then, the government vaccinates the factory workers and it can grab the trust of our market, and so we are eager to run the operations. I want the government to provide the needed assistance



Factory workers are seen crossing the No 5 Main Express Way into the Industrial Zones 1, 2 and 3. **PHOTO: KANU**



One of the Industrial Zones in Hlinethaya.

to us not to suspend the works due to the challenges in this period and including the banking industry. The high demand for the EU can ease the situation for our garment factories. We will work with the government in solving the challenges," said U Myint Soe, chairman of the Myanmar Garment Manufac-

turers Association.

The outbreak of COVID-19 hit the international shipping companies and ports, and the factories are facing difficulties to run the business due to the rising transportation costs and restrictions on exports/imports.

The country has more than 400,000 garment workers—

about 300,000 workers in Yangon Region and more than 100,000 in Bago and Ayeyawady regions. There are also some factories in Nay Pyi Taw, Meiktila and Kyaukse townships. The high garment export creates many job opportunities for the Myanmar workforce. — Nyein Thu/GNLM

Domestic fuel prices rise by K40-65 per litre in 10 days



Myanmar imports around 6 million tonnes of fuel oil per year, according to the Ministry of Commerce. The imports are mainly from Singapore.

DOMESTIC fuel prices have increased by K40 to K65 per litre in 10 days, according to local filling stations.

On 31 August in the local market, the price available at local filling stations were K1,100 per litre of diesel, K1,110 per litre of premium diesel, K1,150 per litre of 92 Ron octane and K1,220 per litre of 95 Ron octane.

Then, the price rose to K1,165 per litre of diesel, K1,175 per litre of premium diesel, K1,190 per litre of 92 Ron octane and K1,260 per litre of 95 Ron octane on 9 September.

Myanmar Kyat depreciation also affects the domestic

fuel oil price. Kyat is weakening in the local foreign market, with around K1,800 per dollar.

Myanmar imports around 6 million tonnes of fuel oil per year, according to the Ministry of Commerce. The imports are mainly from Singapore.

The country imported 2.7 million tonnes of fuel worth US\$1.2 billion in the first seven months of this FY. This FY saw a decrease of 1.002 million tonnes worth \$663.347 million compared to the same period that of last FY.

During the same period in this FY, 1.66 million tonnes of diesel worth \$721.173 million were imported, declining by over 650,000 tonnes worth over

\$430 million when compared to last FY.

Likewise, over 1 million tonnes of petrol worth \$536.113 million were imported, declining by over 350,000 tonnes worth over \$227.187 million.

Normally, Myanmar imports fuel oil primarily from Singapore, with monthly volumes touching 200,000 tonnes for gasoline and 400,000 tonnes for diesel. There are about 2,000 fuel stations and over 50 oil importer companies in Myanmar, the Myanmar Petroleum Trade Association stated.

Ninety per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally. — NN/GNLM

Border trade down \$974 million

THE total border trade value exceeded US\$8.86 billion as of 27 August in the current financial year (FY), down over \$974 million compared with the same period last year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Between 1 October and 27 August, the total border trade amounted to \$8.86 billion, down \$974 million compared with the last year's figure of \$9.84 billion.

The country's export via border checkpoints amounted to \$5.83 billion while its import shared \$3.03 billion.

The trade volume at Must border trade on China-Myanmar border exceeded \$4.51 billion, down over \$863 million compared with the same period last year. Myanmar has opened 18 border trade camps.

Myanmar mainly exports agricultural products, animal products, marine products, minerals, forest products, manufacturing goods and others to foreign trade partner countries while capital goods, intermediate goods and consumer goods are imported into the country. — ACM/GNLM



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Let's build the society under order of compassion

IF everybody can disperse compassion throughout the world, all the global peoples will have the chance to enjoy the fruits of peace supported by compassion forever.

All humans need to work for the sake of all the humans. Everything they do will affect them. Hence, all good things and misdeeds they did are basic factors for them to prepare their fortune. On one hand, they will receive the echo of their voices. As such, all the global people should choose their ways of doing something they wish leading to their futures.

Whenever compassion covers the world, the global peoples can stay away from fighting. Compassion is powerful to end disputes, conflicts and wars.

All the works must be done under the procedures based on compassion. If so, everybody can live free from hostilities. Consequently, human society can be peaceful, tranquil, pleasant, prosperous and happy. Let's build such a society under the order of compassion!

Nowadays, the globe needs compassion alone. If the peoples can culture the compassion, sympathy, peace, loving-kindness and mercy will follow the compassion to improve the society. Compassion and its associates will create a new world for all by fulfilling the requirements of all humans and living beings. It is a gift of nature. Actually, all religions, the faith of the global peoples, express a crucial role of compassion in shaping the society.

Global peoples need to substitute firearms with compassion to be able to beautify the globe. Mass destructive weapons, as well as atomic bombs, should be destroyed under orders of compassion. The production cost of these weapons should be purposed for human society. The strength of wealth should not be applied in un-

affected processes.

In fact, compassion must be forged individually. As part of realizing the step-by-step process, individuals need to combine with each other as organizations and then societies for dominating the world under compassion in order to forget the mistakes and guiltiness of others. If so, society will be pleased to be able to improve the world of mankind.

All the works must be done under the procedures based on compassion. If so, everybody can live free from hostilities. Consequently, human society can be peaceful, tranquil, pleasant, prosperous and happy. Let's build such a society under the order of compassion!



COVID-19: 'Unacceptable' deals and delays, hampering lifesaving COVAX deliveries

COVAX's ability to protect most vulnerable people continues to be hampered by export bans, prioritization of bilateral deals by manufacturers, the WHO said.

WHILE 80 per cent of citizens in high and upper-middle income nations have had a dose of COVID-19 vaccine, that figure stands at just 20 per cent for those living below the top tiers, according to a joint statement issued by UN and partner agencies, responsible for the multilateral COVAX initiative to provide equal access for all.

It's a year since the innovative scheme was born, in a bid to guarantee timely access to everyone, regardless of their income, status or location, to life-saving jobs, as the pandemic gripped the world.

"Yet, the global picture of access to COVID-19 vaccines is unacceptable", said the statement released on Wednesday.

"In the critical months during which COVAX was created, signed on participants, pooled demand, and raised enough money to make advance purchases of vaccines, much of the early global supply had already been bought by wealthy nations."

Roadblocks

But today, the statement continues, "COVAX's ability to protect the most vulnerable people in the world continues to be hampered by export bans, the prioritization of bilateral deals by manufacturers and countries, ongoing challenges in scaling up production by some key producers, and delays in filing for regulatory approval."



A Health Ministry official checks documents on a container carrying the first shipment of the AstraZeneca/Oxford Covid-19 coronavirus vaccine doses, as part of the UN global Covax programme, as it arrives at the Noi Bai International Airport Cargo terminal in Hanoi on 1 April 2021. PHOTO: AFP

With widespread support, COVAX secured financing, dealt directly with vaccine developers and manufacturers worldwide, and addressed a host of operational challenges, to organize the most complex vaccine rollout in human history.

"COVAX has already achieved significant progress: more than \$10 billion has been raised; legally-binding commitments for up to 4.5 billion doses of vaccine; 240 million doses have been delivered to 139 countries in

just six months", said the statement.

But according to its latest Supply Forecast, COVAX expects to have access to around 1.425 billion doses of vaccine in 2021, "in the most likely scenario and in the absence of urgent action by producers and high-coverage countries to prioritize COVAX", the World Health Organization (WHO), UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), CEPI, GAVI and other partners behind the initiative said.

Of these doses, approximately 1.2 billion will be available for the lower income economies participating in the so-called COVAX Advance Market Commitment (AMC).

This is enough to provide protection for 20% of the population, or 40% of all adults, in all 92 AMC economies, with the exception of India.

Over 200 million doses will be allocated to self-financing participants. The key COVAX milestone of two billion doses released for

delivery is now expected to be reached in the first quarter of 2022, says the statement.

COVAX and its partners are calling on donors and manufacturers to recommit their support, and "prevent further delays to equitable access", by ensuring that the following basic steps take place:

- That manufacturers deliver to COVAX "in accordance with firm commitments and provide transparency on timelines for availability to COVAX to allow countries to plan in advance."

- That where countries are ahead of COVAX in manufacturer queues, and already have achieved high coverage, those nations give up their place in the queue to COVAX, so that its participants can access the doses already secured via supply contracts and deliver vaccines to where they are needed most.

- And finally, that nations "expand, accelerate, and systematize dose donations from countries that are already well advanced in their vaccination programmes", ensuring that doses are available in larger and more predictable volumes, with longer shelf lives - reducing the burden on countries trying to prepare for deliveries.

"As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to claim lives, destroy livelihoods and stunt economic re-

covery, we continue to emphasize that no one is safe until everyone is safe", said COVAX.

"Now is the time for true leadership, not empty promises".

In a news briefing in Geneva, WHO chief, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, reminded journalists of his call, a month ago, for a global moratorium on booster doses, at least until the end of September; in order to prioritize the vaccination of the most at-risk people around the world who are yet to receive their first dose.

"There has been little change in the global situation since then, so today I am calling for an extension of the moratorium until at least the end of the year; to enable every country to vaccinate at least 40 per cent of its population," he explained.

For Tedros, the world's largest producers, consumers and donors of vaccines in the world's 20 leading economies hold the key to vaccine equity and ending the pandemic. "Now is the time for true leadership, not empty promises," he said.

WHO wants to support every country's efforts to vaccinate at least 10 per cent of their populations by the end of this month, at least 40 per cent by the end of this year and 70 per cent of the global population by the middle of next year.

SOURCE: UN



Thai device tests for coronavirus in armpit sweat

The scientists adapted a device usually used to detect toxic chemicals in the environment.

FOR Bangkok market sellers, the armpit sweat soaking their T-shirts during the humid monsoon season may contain subtle signs of coronavirus infection, local scientists have said. Thai researchers are developing a sweat-based mobile virus detector, and road-tested it on shopkeepers at a Bangkok food market this week.

"From the samples, we found that people infected with Covid-19 secrete very distinct chemicals,"

said Chadin Kulsing from Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University.

"We used this finding to develop a device to detect the specific odours produced by certain bacteria in the sweat of Covid-19 patients.

An affordable alternative to more expensive swab tests

Chadin -- who said the test was 95 per cent accurate -- hopes it might be rolled out as an af-

fordable alternative to more expensive swab tests that require lab processing. It is however still in the development stage, and the research behind it is yet to be published or peer-reviewed.

The scientists adapted a device usually used to detect toxic chemicals in the environment.

Subjects place a cotton swab under their arms for 15 minutes, before the swab is put in a glass vial and sterilized with UV rays.

"The technician then draws an appropriate amount of the sample using a suction hose, and pressurises it into the analyzer to check the results," Chadin said.

Sample collection takes 15 minutes and the results are ready in 30 seconds. The sweat tests received the thumbs-up from Bangkok market vendors, who said it was much more pleasant than nostril swab tests.

SOURCE: AFP



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Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Friday 10 September 2021)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF THE 11 September, 2021: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin and Northern Shan States, fairly widespread in Sagaing, Mandalay Regions and (Southern and Eastern) Shan, Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Chin, Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) m.p.h. Wave height will be about (8-10) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase of rain in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 September, 2021: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 September, 2021: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 September, 2021: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon Region and fairly widespread in Mandalay Region.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 08:00 hrs M.S.T on 10-9-2021)

FLOOD CONDITION OF NGAWUN RIVER

According to the (07:30) hrs M.S.T observation today, the water level of Ngathaingchaung at Ngawun River has exceeded by about (1) inch above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level during the next (1) day.

According to the (07:30) hrs M.S.T observation today, the water level of Thabaung at Ngawun River has exceeded by about (1) inch above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level during the next (1) day.

ADVISORY

It is advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low lying areas in Ngathaingchaung and Thabaung Townships, to take precautionary measure.

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Raw materials imported by CMP businesses plunge to \$1.4 bln nearly eleven months

IMPORTS of raw materials by CMP (cut-make-pack) businesses sunk to US\$1.4 billion as of 27 August in the current financial year 2020-2021 since October 2020, which reflects a decrease of \$584.209 million compared with the year-ago period, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The figures plunged from \$1.9 billion registered the last FY2019-2020, the Commerce Ministry's data indicated.

Myanmar's garment exports witnessed a decline of over 20 per cent in the past eight months (October-May) of the current financial year 2020-2021 compared with a year-ago period on the back of a slump in demand by the European Union market. The raw materials imported by the CMP businesses simultaneously fell, the Ministry of Commerce stated.

Exports of garments manufactured under the cut-make-pack (CMP) system were valued at US\$2.2 billion between 1 October and 28 May in the current FY, according to data from the Ministry of Commerce.

The figures plunged from \$2.7 billion in the corresponding period of the last FY2019-2020.



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The IHS Markit Myanmar Manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index, a composite single-figure indicator of manufacturing performance, signalled the sharpest deterioration in manufacturing business conditions in the past twelve months. The higher material costs, unfavourable exchange rate movements contributed to a sharp increase in cost burdens, causing constraints to complete the order. The PMI measures

the output, new orders, performance, delays in the manufacturing process and stocks of both inputs and finished goods, according to HIS Markit's statement.

The layoff is extended and the workers are forced to return to their hometowns amid the political development and the COVID-19 resurgence. The COVID-19 adversely impacted the garment sector and the vaccination plays a crucial role in this

sector to raise its head again.

The garment industry is facing cancellation of orders and slump in output, new orders. All the CMP factories are temporarily closed down during the official public holidays.

The garment sector is among the prioritized sectors driving up exports. The CMP garment industry emerged as a promising one, with preferential trade from Western countries. Nevertheless, we cannot still

expect normalcy for now due to the possible disruption in the logistics and supply sector and other serious consequences amid the COVID-19 impacts, traders stressed.

Myanmar's manufacturing sector is largely concentrated in garment and textiles produced on the Cutting, Making, and Packing basis, and it contributes to the country's GDP to a certain extent.

Myanmar mainly exports CMP garments to markets in Japan and Europe, along with the Republic of Korea, China, and the US.

The export value of CMP garments was only \$850 million in the 2015-2016FY, but it tripled over the past two FYs. In the 2016-2017FY, about \$2 billion was earned from exports of CMP garments. The figure increased to an estimated \$2.5 billion in the 2017-2018FY and \$2.2 billion in the 2018 mini-budget period (from April to September). It tremendously grew to \$4.6 billion in the 2018-2019FY and \$4.8 billion in the 2019-2020FY, according to the Commerce Ministry. — KK/GNLM

YRIC endorses over \$1 mln worth project, creates 851 jobs for residents

THE Yangon Region Investment Committee (YRIC) endorsed one foreign enterprise in the manufacturing sector, with an estimated capital of US\$1.095 million, as per the YRIC's videoconferencing convened at 10 am on 8 September.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Hla Soe, who also acts as chairman of YRIC, the committee members and the investors joined the video conferencing to ensure the foreign capital inflow

during the COVID-19 pandemic.

At the meeting, YRIC endorsed one foreign investment business with a total capital amount of \$1.095 million in the manufacturing sector and is expected to create 851 local job opportunities. Moreover, they discussed the general issues of the other four companies.

To simplify the verification of investment projects, the Myanmar Investment Law allows the region and state Investment

Committees to grant permissions for local and foreign proposals, where the initial investment does not exceed K6 billion, or \$5 million. The investors can inquire about the investment and submit a proposal by dialling (01-658263 and 01-658264) of YRIC located on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Yankin Township. The proposals worth above K6 billion can contact the Myanmar Investment Commission located on Thitsar Road, Yankin Township via 01-658102 and 01-658103, YRIC stated.

The manufacturing sector has attracted the most foreign investments in Yangon Region, with enterprises engaging in the production of pharmaceuticals, vehicles, container boxes, and garments on a Cutting, Making, and Packing (CMP) basis.

To date, foreign investments from China, Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong, the Republic of Korea, Viet Nam, India, China (Taipei), Malaysia, the British Virgin Islands and Seychelles are arriving in the region. — Soe Myint Aung/GNLM



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Myawady-Mae Sot friendship bridge-1 to reopen in early 2022

THE Myawady-Mae Sot friendship bridge-1 on the Myanmar-Thailand border, closed for almost two years due to pandemic, will be reopened in early 2022, it is learnt.

According to the report, Myawady-Mae Sot, Chiang Mai-Tachilek and Ranong-Kawthoung along the Myanmar-Thailand border will be reopened under the travel bubble starting from 1 January 2022.

The travel bubble is essentially an exclusive partnership between two or more countries that have demonstrated considerable success in containing and fighting the COVID-19 pandemic within their respective borders.

These countries then go on to re-establish connections between them by opening up borders and allowing people to travel freely within the zone without needing to undergo on-arrival quarantine.

International travellers are allowed to visit Thailand through the Myawady-Mae Sot border checkpoint as well as other 43 districts.

The number of COVID-19 cases in Thailand was rising sharply in the first wave of COVID-19. Then, the Thai government decided to close the Mae Sot-Myawady bridge-1, on Thailand-Myanmar border checkpoints in March 2020, in an effort to curb the spread of the pandemic.

While bridge - 1 is closed, citizens of both countries can still cross the border with a temporary border pass at bridge - 2, but they all have to undergo health checks.

On 1 January 2022, five districts including Bangkok, Chonburi and Chiang Mai will be reopened initially. And, another 21 districts will be reopened again on 15 January. Further, travellers are allowed to visit 43 provinces and 13 border checkpoints. — Aye Maung/GNLM

Pacific seasonal workers to return in October for New Zealand's summer harvest

PACIFIC seasonal workers will return for New Zealand's summer harvest, with the first stage of one-way quarantine-free travel with Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu commencing in October, initially for seasonal workers from those countries, a government official said Friday.

"We want to provide certainty to the horticulture industry that we are moving forward with safe quarantine-free travel for Recognized Seasonal Employer (RSE) workers in time for the upcoming picking season," Agriculture Minister Damien O'Connor said in a statement.

COVID-19 Response Minister Chris Hipkins said New Zealand needs to take a cautious approach to opening up quarantine-free travel with the

Pacific. "While Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu haven't had any community cases of COVID-19 we know first-hand how quickly Delta can spread if it gets in," Hipkins said.

He said New Zealand is putting in place additional health measures for these workers to minimize risk. These include requirements to be vaccinated with at least one dose pre-departure, complete a period of self-isolation on arrival and return negative COVID-19 tests at Day 0 and Day 5.

"We are starting solely with RSE workers for several reasons. RSE workers come to New Zealand in a cohort, and stay in employer-arranged accommodation. This helps mitigate any additional risk from COV-



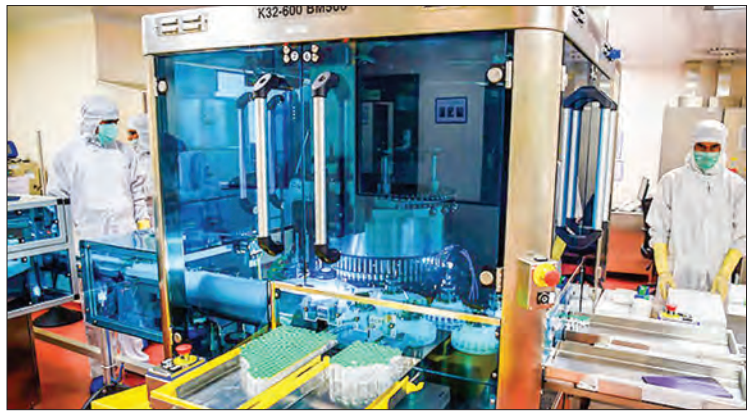
Seasonal workers from Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu will be able to enter New Zealand to work for New Zealand's summer harvest. PHOTO: WARREN BUCKLAND/NZHERALD/XINHUA

ID-19 by ensuring they go into self-isolation in a pre-organized place immediately upon arrival," Hipkins said.

O'Connor said it also reflects

the important benefits that flow from the RSE scheme for New Zealand, Pacific partner countries, workers, and their families and communities.—Xinhua ■

Enough COVID vaccines for global population: IFPMA



The Serum Institute of India (SII) makes Covishield (under licence from AstraZeneca), whilst Bharat Biotech makes the locally-developed Covaxin PHOTO: ORF/ANI

THERE will be enough COVID-19 vaccine doses produced by the end of this year to cover

the global population, industry heavyweights said Tuesday. There is a yawning gap in

vaccination rates between rich and poor countries, but the threshold of 7.5 billion vaccine doses will be reached in September, Thomas Cueni, the head of the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers and Associations (IFPMA) told a news conference in Geneva.

Up to 70 per cent of adults have received two vaccine doses in richer nations while in Africa the figure is a mere six per cent.

About 1.5 billion doses are being manufactured every month, according to Airfinity, a scientific data analysis firm.

The global production of

coronavirus vaccine doses is projected to reach 12 billion by the end of 2021. This means that even if rich countries want to vaccinate everyone aged 12 and over, there will be at least 1.2 billion doses available for redistribution to poor countries, Airfinity said.

"It also means that governments still holding back doses stocks in case of shortages no longer need to do so," Cueni said. IFPMA said that the production of vaccine doses would reach 24 billion by the middle of next year — a figure it said was greater than global demand. — AFP ■

One quarter of young Australians experiencing psychological distress: report

A record high number of young Australians experienced psychological distress in 2020, a survey has found.

Mission Australia and mental health research institute the Black Dog Institute on Wednesday published their fifth biennial report on the mental wellbeing of young Australians.

It revealed that 26.6 per cent of 25,103 respondents to the survey aged 15-19 reported mental distress in 2020. By comparison, the figure was 18.6 per cent in 2012.

Jennie Hudson, the Black Dog Institute's Director of Re-

search, said the study showed a gradual increase in mental health issues among young people regardless of the coronavirus pandemic. "It's not specifically COVID," she told the Guardian Australia.

"We know there have been increases in psychological distress (during) COVID. But this was the trend well and truly before COVID started, so I think that's also an important message.

"But also climate change has had an impact — (Young people) understand that their lives, their futures are different to previous generations," she said. The re-



A record high number of young Australians experienced psychological distress in 2020, a survey has found. PHOTO: AIFS/XINHUA

port found that young women were more than twice as likely to

experience psychological distress than their male peers.—Xinhua ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Horror offers 'escape' from pandemic year at Universal theme park

Universal Studios Hollywood is notorious for its spooky annual Halloween transformation, when a series of ghoulish interactive "mazes" inspired by classic horror films pop up around the California theme park.

While last year's "Halloween Horror Nights" were cancelled due to the real-life terror of Covid-19, organizers are betting that customers in 2021 will be more in the mood for an evening of frights than ever before.

"Horror always does extremely well in the most challenging of times," creative director John Murdy told AFP on a recent behind-the-scenes tour.

"The 'Universal Monsters' movies... when were they made? 'Frankenstein' 1931. 'Dracula' 1931. 'The Mummy' 1932. 'Bride of Frankenstein' 1935."

That remarkable string of seminal spine-chillers is often credited with saving the Universal Pictures studio from bankruptcy during the Great Depression — the worst economic collapse in US history.—AFP ■

14 dead in fire at Covid hospital in North Macedonia

FOURTEEN people have died in a fire at a hospital treating coronavirus patients in North Macedonia, authorities said on Thursday. The fire broke out late on Wednesday following an explosion in a Covid-19 clinic in Tetovo in the northwest of the Balkan country, said Prime Minister Zoran Zaev, who immediately headed to the town.

"A huge tragedy has occurred in the Tetovo Covid-19 centre," Zaev said on Twitter overnight. "An explosion caused a fire. The fire was extinguished but many lives were lost." At least 14 people died in the disaster, the prosecutor's office later said in a statement, raising the toll from the 10 deaths confirmed overnight.

"Prosecutors have ordered autopsies to identify the bodies of the 14 people who died in the fire and we are looking into whether there are others dead," the statement said.—AFP ■



The Biden administration aims to reduce emissions from aviation fuel by 20 per cent by shifting production away from conventional jet fuel. **PHOTO: KNPC/AFP/FILE**

Biden administration targets 20% drop in aviation emissions

US President Joe Biden's administration on Thursday unveiled measures that aim to reduce aviation emissions by 20 per cent by 2030 in its latest initiative to combat climate change.

Aviation accounts for 11 per cent of US transportation-related emissions and addressing this pollution source is "essential if we hope to put the aviation industry, and the economy, on track to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas

emissions by 2050," the White House said in a statement. Like gasoline, traditional jet fuel is a petroleum-based energy source that is processed from crude at oil refineries.

The White House measures include a proposed tax credit on fuels that achieve at least a 50 per cent drop in "lifecycle" emissions, according to the fact sheet.

The administration also

highlighted some \$4.3 billion in funding aimed at new fuel development as well as a sustainable fuel "grand challenge" to boost its use by 2030.

The aviation announcement comes on the heels of earlier Biden administration initiatives to address climate change, including ambitious targets for increasing solar as a US power source and boosting sales of electric cars.—AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Biden facing pressure from Democrats to replace Fed chief

PRESIDENT Joe Biden is facing growing pressure within his Democratic party to remove Jerome Powell from the helm of the American central bank at a key moment for the US economy.

With the Federal Reserve trying to orchestrate a sustained recovery that will restore jobs lost during the Covid-19 pandemic without igniting inflation, Biden's decision could have lasting consequences.

Progressive Democrats have called on Biden to oust Powell, a Republican, and name a comparatively liberal candidate who will do more to tighten oversight of banks and address climate change and systemic racism.

But failing to name the Fed chief to a second four-year term could jar financial markets and open Biden to charges of playing politics with the independent system.

The White House has not said when Biden will make a decision, but it is likely to be soon, since the terms of two other top roles at the institution will end in coming weeks.

Powell took the reins of the central bank in early February 2018, tapped by then-president Donald Trump, who bucked tradition and ousted Janet Yellen -- the first woman to serve in the role -- after just one term.—AFP ■

EU budget battle looms, as economy lifts out of crisis

EUROPEAN governments have spent hand over fist, despite ballooning public debt, to prevent the coronavirus pandemic from triggering economic calamity.

Now, the European Union faces calls to loosen its budget rules to allow the largesse to continue, but the topic is a sensitive one for many member states.

The European Commission, the EU executive that oversees the budgets of 27 nations, is doing its utmost to prevent a political fistfight that could spill into this month's election campaign in Germany.

"It's going to be a huge political battle. The question is, when do we begin the battle?" said an EU official on condition of anonymity.

EU finance ministers are meeting on Friday and Saturday and will gingerly broach the topic at talks at the scenic Brdo castle in Slovenia.

At the heart of the issue is the EU's stability and growth pact, a set of rules on budget spending that ties member states -- at least on paper -- to public debt of just 60 per cent of gross domestic product. Yearly deficits must stay below three per cent.

But the threshold has been breached by many countries and some member states asked the commission to propose ways to bring the rules closer to reality even before the pandemic.

Big debt

In the 19 states that use the euro single currency, the average debt is expected to reach 102 per cent of GDP at the end of the year.—AFP ■

Russia's Gazprom says Nord Stream 2 pipeline 'fully completed'



The 10-billion-euro (\$12-billion) Nord Stream 2 pipeline is set to double Russian gas supplies to Germany. **PHOTO: AFP**

MOSCOW announced Friday the completion of the controversial Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline, which critics say will increase Europe's dependence on Russian gas and bypasses a key EU

ally, Ukraine.

"Chairman of the Management Committee Alexei Miller said that this morning at 8.45 Moscow time (05:45 GMT) construction of the Nord Stream 2

gas pipeline was fully completed," Gazprom said in a statement.

Nord Stream 2 is expected to double natural gas supplies from Russia to Germany, but it has divided European capitals and raised tensions between the bloc and Washington.

A key controversy is that it diverts supplies from an existing route through Ukraine and is expected to deprive the EU's partner of crucial transit fees from Russia. Ukraine -- in conflict with Russia since Moscow's 2014 annexation of Crimea -- has warned Europe that Nord Stream 2 could be used by Moscow as a geopolitical pressure vice.—AFP ■

Yokohama withdraws bid to host casino resort due to local concerns

THE new mayor of Yokohama near Tokyo announced Friday the city's withdrawal of its bid to host a casino resort, due to local concerns about gambling addiction and the deterioration of public safety.

Takeharu Yamanaka, who was elected last month on an anti-casino campaign with backing from opposition parties, said in his first policy speech at a local assembly that the city government will immediately halt the ongoing process of bidding for the so-called integrated resort, which comprises casinos, hotels and shopping facilities.

The announcement by the head of the second most populous city in Japan after Tokyo came as the country's casino project is at a standstill due to

the withdrawal of interest by key foreign operators amid the coronavirus pandemic. The government plans to pick up to three locations between October

and April next year for the integrated resorts under legislation that cleared parliament in 2018 to legalize casino gambling in Japan.—Kyodo ■



New Yokohama Mayor Takeharu Yamanaka (front C) delivers his first policy speech at a city assembly session on 10 September 2021. **PHOTO: KYODO**

UK's last cassette shop reels in nostalgic music lovers



Cassettes are relatively cheap to produce and the shop sells tapes from local indie bands. PHOTO: AFP

TUCKED away in a corner of the top floor of an indoor market in Manchester, northwest England, is the last shop in Britain dedicated to selling cassettes. Mars Tapes crams around 1,000 cassettes, a Coca-Cola radio, boom boxes, vintage editions of the Walkman cassette player and other tape-related accessories in a compact retail unit smaller than one of the city's

tram carriages. Hits by stars including Elvis Presley, Florence and the Machine, and Lewis Capaldi line its shelves, as classic tracks provide a musical backdrop, taking customers back in time. The shop was set up in 2019 by an eclectic group of people united by a love of music, explained co-founder Giorgio Carbone. Spanish sound engi-

neer Borja Regueira, 28, and his girlfriend Moira Lorenzo, 27, initially proposed starting a cassette-only shop. Italian Carbone, 30, and 28-year-old journalist and musician Alex Tadros supported the idea and merged the store into the group's record label.

Nostalgia
The shop is tapping into a nostalgic trend in cultural consumption accentuated by the coronavirus pandemic. People have turned to reading books and watching classic films and television series to stave off boredom and find escapism during lockdowns. Sales of vinyl — the pocket-sized plastic cassettes' predecessor in music distribution — jumped to their highest level since the 1990s in Britain last year.—AFP ■

Scandal-hit Malaysian surgical glove maker says US lifts ban

MALAYSIA'S Top Glove said Friday the United States has lifted an import ban imposed over forced labour allegations, a boost for the world's top surgical glove maker after multiple scandals. The firm has seen business boom during the coronavirus pandemic as countries worldwide rushed to stock up on protective equipment. But it faced myriad controversies in the past year, with the US banning its gloves over forced labour concerns, and coronavirus outbreaks hitting its migrant labour workforce. On Friday, Top Glove, which can make up to 100 billion gloves a year, said it was now allowed to resume exporting to the United States and selling its products there. Customs and Border

Protection (CBP) had banned all the company's gloves from US ports of entry earlier this year after concluding they were produced using forced labour. The firm said the agency had updated its findings after receiving additional information, allowing it to resume exports. "Top Glove remains committed to the health, safety and well being of its

people," it said in a statement. The firm's shares rose were up more than two percent in Kuala Lumpur. There was no immediate reaction from CBP. In an initial probe last year, CBP said it suspected there was evidence of debt bondage, excessive overtime, and abusive working and living conditions in Top Glove's production processes.—AFP ■



Top Glove is the world's leading surgical glove maker, capable of making up to 100 billion gloves a year. PHOTO: AFP

Insurer Lloyd's rebounds into profit

HISTORIC insurance market Lloyd's of London on Thursday said it had rebounded into a first-half profit as the pandemic eased. Lloyd's posted pre-tax profit of £1.4 billion (€1.6bn) in the first six months of the year. The group had suffered a loss of £400 million for the same period last year when the pandemic erupted, it said in a

results statement. Lloyd's still paid out almost £10 billion in claims during the first half of this year "as the impacts of the pandemic continue to be felt across multiple industries," said chief executive John Neal. The group had logged an annual pre-tax loss of about £900 million last year, with net COVID losses of £3.4 billion.—AFP ■



The interior of Lloyd's of London, the centuries-old insurance market, is pictured in central London on 27 April 2016. PHOTO: LEON NEAL/AFP

China's Qianhai zone to pilot cross-border RMB innovation first: official

THE cross-border renminbi (RMB) innovation pilot will start in Qianhai zone, said an official at a news conference on Thursday. Qianhai is a special cooperation zone in Shenzhen City, and Hengqin, an island in Zhuhai City, both in southern Guangdong Province. It will build a platform for comprehensively deepening reform and innovation in Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area.

As a key international financial center, Hong Kong enjoys a highly open business atmosphere, a perfect financial infrastructure and an international financial regulation system. The People's Bank of China will provide better financial services for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, according to Pan Gongsheng, deputy governor of the bank.—Xinhua ■

Epic seeks 'Fortnite' return on Apple's S. Korea App Store

Major US videogame developer Epic Games has asked Apple to restore its flagship game "Fortnite" on the South Korean app store after Seoul passed a law curbing the monopolistic power of platform operators, it said Friday. But Apple rejected the request, saying the game maker still needs to follow its rules to be reinstated. Apple and Epic are at the forefront of a global contest

between delivery platforms and content creators on how revenues should be divided, with billions of dollars at stake. Apple removed the hugely popular Fortnite from its App Store last year after Epic introduced direct payment in the app, bypassing Apple's own system. Epic sued Apple over the removal and the case is before the courts in the United States.—AFP ■

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NEWS
IN BRIEFUS federal judge
rules against
Florida's
'anti-riot' law

A US federal judge on Thursday ruled against Florida's controversial "anti-riot" that had been pushed by the southern state's Republican Governor Ron DeSantis, arguing it could lead to the arrest of innocent people.

Judge Mark Walker said the law adopted in April was "vague and overbroad" and threatened people's freedom of expression and assembly.

He argued the law could be used to punish people who are present at a demonstration, even if others instigate violence.

"If this Court does not enjoin the statute's enforcement, the lawless actions of a few rogue individuals could effectively criminalize the protected speech of hundreds, if not thousands, of law-abiding Floridians," Walker said in his 90-page opinion.

"It unfortunately takes only a handful of bad actors to transform a peaceful protest into 'a violent public disturbance,'" he added.—AFP ■

Spain mulls future
of motorways

Who's going to pay for Spain's motorways? Debate is raging over the funding of its 12,000 kilometres of motorways after the government made some roads toll-free after the concessions expired.

"Don't stop!" Since 1 September that has been the message plastered across many toll booths in the northeastern Catalonia region, largely along a section of the AP-7 motorway between the French border and Barcelona that is very popular with European tourists.

With the ending of concessions held by subsidiaries of Spanish toll road operator Abertis, control over nearly 500 kilometres (300 miles) of motorways has reverted back to the state and the government of Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez.

Halting the tolls there will hand road users "an annual savings of more than 750 million euros (\$890 million)", said Transport Minister Raquel Sanchez.—AFP ■

UN nuclear watchdog launches review of
Fukushima water release

An extensive pumping and filtration system removes most radioactive elements from the water stored at the Fukushima plant. **PHOTO: STR/ JIJI PRESS/AFP**

THE UN nuclear watchdog on Thursday promised a "comprehensive" and "objective" review of Japan's controversial plan to

release treated water from the stricken Fukushima nuclear plant into the sea.

During its inspection, the In-

ternational Atomic Energy Agency will consult experts including from China and South Korea, which have reacted angrily to

the release plan.

More than a million tonnes of processed water has accumulated in tanks at the crippled plant since it went into meltdown following a tsunami in 2011, including liquid that was used to cool damaged reactors.

An extensive pumping and filtration system removes most radioactive elements, and Japan says the plan to dilute and release the water over several decades is safe. The IAEA has endorsed the release, which it says is similar to the disposal of wastewater at nuclear plants elsewhere.

"The review includes several missions and technical visits in coming months and years," Lydie Evrard, the IAEA's deputy director general, said Thursday in Tokyo on a visit to kick off the inspection process.—AFP ■

Australia vows to keep mining coal despite climate warning

AUSTRALIA vowed Thursday to keep mining coal for export and said global demand was rising, rejecting a study that warned nearly all its reserves must stay in the ground to address the climate crisis. Researchers warned in a study published in the journal *Nature* this week that 89 per cent of global coal reserves — and 95 per cent of Australia's share — must be left untouched.

Such restraint, they said, would still only offer a 50 per cent chance of limiting warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels — the current global goal. But Prime Minister Scott

Morrison said Thursday Australia's energy exports were needed to power developing countries, and predicted technology would enable them to be burned "in a much more climate-friendly way" in the future.

"We will keep mining the resources that we're able to sell on the world market," Morrison told a news conference when asked if he would put an "expiration date" on the coal mining industry. "We obviously anticipate that over time world demand for these things may change." Under existing agreements, developing countries are able to use Australian



Prime Minister Scott Morrison said Australia's energy resources exports were needed to power developing countries. **PHOTO: AFP**

resources "well into the future", Morrison said.

Negotiators from 196 countries will join the 26th edition of the

UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties — COP26 — in the Scottish city of Glasgow in November.—AFP ■

Guerrilla hero Massoud's legacy endures in Afghanistan



There are murals and billboards all over Kabul with the face of revered Afghan guerrilla commander Ahmad Shah Massoud. **PHOTO: AFP**

IN the streets of Kabul, it is difficult to miss Ahmad Shah Massoud — the revered guerrilla

leader's face adorns billboards, murals and even T-shirts not only in tribute, but also resistance.

His legacy as one of Afghanistan's most towering figures endures two decades after he was assassinated on 9 September 2001, by Al-Qaeda, whose Taliban allies were trying to defeat Massoud's forces.

He had become the most well-known commander in the country, successfully repelling the Soviet military in the 1980s and then the Taliban from his native Panjshir Valley.

"He is the hero of... Afghanistan," Kabul resident Rashed, who gave one name, told AFP on the eve of Massoud's death anniversary.

"He fought against the Rus-

sians and the terrorists and we will fight too. We follow his footsteps," he added, standing in front of a large billboard bearing an image of Massoud wearing his trademark pakol hat.

Similar billboards and murals abound in Kabul, but less than a month after the Taliban took control of the capital, they are slowly being defaced, painted over, or removed. Still, for sale at one shop in the capital this week were framed portraits of Massoud, as well as T-shirts with his face on them, similar to the ones popular around the world of Latin American revolutionary Che Guevara.—AFP ■

Biden, Xi talk to avoid US-China 'conflict:' White House

US President Joe Biden and Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping talked for the first time in seven months Thursday, with both leaders urging a path away from conflict but holding ground on fierce competition between the superpowers.

In the 90-minute call, Biden warned against misunderstandings that could lead to confrontation between Washington and Beijing, the White House said, while Xi called for a new direction in a relationship beset by "serious difficulties".

US-China relations went into a nosedive under Biden's predecessor Donald Trump, who launched a trade war between the world's number one and two economies and harangued the Chinese government for its handling of the coronavirus pandemic. Biden's administration, while urging multilateralism and an end to Trump's "America first" ideology, has kept trade tariffs in place and remains tough on other contentious areas of the relationship with Beijing, such



Chinese President Xi Jinping and US President Joe Biden talked by phone for the second time this year. PHOTO: AFP

as cybersecurity and human rights.

During the call, Biden's message was that the United States wants to ensure "we don't have any situation in the future where we veer into unintended conflict," a senior US administration official told reporters.

In Beijing, state broadcaster CCTV reported that the phone call was "candid, in-depth" with

Xi noting the "serious difficulties" caused by recent US policy towards China, which has seen the countries joust over trade, tech, human rights and the origins of the coronavirus.

"Whether China and the US can properly handle their relations—is critical for the future and destiny of the world," state broadcaster CCTV said citing Xi.—AFP ■

Divided, bruised US marks 9/11's 20th anniversary

AMERICANS mark the 20th anniversary of 9/11 on Saturday with troops finally gone from Afghanistan, but national discord—and for President Joe Biden, political peril—are overshadowing any sense of closure.

A whole generation has

grown up since the morning of 11 September 2001.

In the interim, Al-Qaeda founder Osama bin Laden has been hunted down and killed. A towering new sky scraper has risen over Manhattan, replacing the Twin Towers. And less

than two weeks ago, the last US soldiers flew from Kabul airport, ending the so-called "forever war".

Yet 9/11 never fully went away.

The Taliban who once sheltered bin Laden are back ruling Afghanistan. The mighty US military has been humiliated. In Guantanamo Bay, accused 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four other men continue to await trial, nine years after charges were filed.

Even the full story of how the attack came to happen remains secret. Only last week did Biden order the release of classified documents from the FBI investigation over the next six months.

Monica Iken-Murphy, who lost her 37-year-old husband Michael Iken in the World Trade Center, says this will be a "heightened" anniversary for many Americans. But for her, as for many other survivors, the pain has never wavered.—AFP ■



In this file photo a tower of the World Trade Center collapses in lower Manhattan, New York on 11 September 2001. PHOTO: AFP

UK migrant plan stokes tensions with France

BRITAIN and France locked horns on Thursday over reported plans by London to turn back boats carrying migrants across the Channel, triggering alarm and anger in Paris.

At least 14,100 people have now crossed the Channel to the UK on small boats this year, according to Britain's domestic Press Association news agency—some 6,000 more than for the whole of 2020.

A record 828 people crossed over from France on a single day in late August, as traffickers took advantage of favourable late-summer weather.

The growing number of boats is proving increasingly embarrassing for Home Secretary Priti Patel, who has carved

out a reputation for being tough on immigration and law and order.

"Taking back control" of Britain's border was a key part of the campaign to take the country out of the European Union in the divisive 2016 Brexit referendum.

But several newspapers said she has now secured legal advice and sanctioned the use of "pushback" tactics to turn back the small boats before they reach Britain's south coast. Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Downing Street office said Thursday that "it's right that our Border Force has the right range of tactics to address this problem".—AFP ■



A record 828 people crossed over from France on a single day in late August PHOTO: AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Canada's liberal PM takes aim at conservatives 10 days before ballot

CANADA'S Liberal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, facing a possible election defeat and a barrage of criticism over climate and foreign policies, tried to paint his Conservative rival as unready to lead on a debate stage Thursday. The nationally televised primetime debate was Trudeau's last opportunity to face-off in person against the Tories' rookie captain Erin O'Toole in a bid to sway voters.

Canadians go to the polls on 20 September.

Several issues—climate, global warming, Afghanistan, Covid-19 vaccines and indigenous reconciliation—triggered brief clashes between the main candidates.—AFP ■

Australian woman charged over fake coup plot

AUSTRALIAN police on Friday said they had charged a woman for her alleged role in a coup hoax that featured a fake recording of the police chief calling for the government to be toppled.

Earlier this year, a 43-minute audio clip circulated purporting to feature the Australian Federal Police commissioner calling for recruits to help "overthrow the government".

Australian police said the recording is fake and have arrested two people, a man in Western Australia and now a 49-year-old woman in South Australia.—AFP ■

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine Objectives

1. Political affairs

- (a) To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, through a disciplined and genuine multiparty democratic system that is fair and just.
- (b) To emphasize the achievement of enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).
- (c) To continue implementing the principle of peaceful co-existence among countries through an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy.

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.
- (b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.
- (c) To promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.

3. Social affairs

- (a) To ensure a strong and dynamic Union spirit, the genuine spirit of patriotism.
- (b) To respect and promote the customs and traditions of all National peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics.
- (c) To enhance the health, fitness and education quality of the entire nation.

Eligible teams for 2022 Asian Cup to be determined based on 2020 MNL result

THE Myanmar National League (MNL) competition will not be held this year, and thus the eligible teams to compete in 2022 Asian level club qualifiers will be determined based on the results of the previous 2020 MNL tourney result.

The Myanmar National League officially announced on 1 September that it has cancelled all scheduled matches this year due to the COVID-19 epidemic and will resume them next year.

However, the Asian Champions League and AFC Cup will be held as usual, and the Myanmar National League will only allow the winner and runner-up of the previous season to compete in the international tourney.

The MNL Defending Champion Shan United will be in the group stages of the Asian Champions League and AFC Cup while the runners-up team, Hantharwady United will compete in the AFC Cup qualifiers.

Shan United have been competing in Asian club competitions in recent years, while Hantharwady has been the first to do so.

Both teams have withdrawn from the Asian Club Championship in 2021.

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) is scheduled to host next year's Asian Champions League and AFC Cup in March 2022. — Ko Nyi Lay/ GNLM

Messi breaks Pele record as Argentina rout Bolivia, Brazil stroll

LIONEL Messi scored a hat-trick to overtake Pele as the top international goalscorer in South American football history on Thursday as Argentina cruised to a 3-0 victory over Bolivia in their 2022 World Cup qualifier.

Messi pounced for his 77th, 78th and 79th international goals to keep Argentina firmly on course for a place at next year's finals in Qatar against a Bolivia team languishing near the foot of the table.

The 34-year-old Paris Saint-Germain forward, making his 153rd appearance for Argentina, drew level with Pele's longstanding mark of 77 goals in the 14th minute, nutmegging a defender and then curling a sublime shot past Bolivia goalkeeper Carlos Lampe.

The Argentina captain then moved one clear of Pele in the 64th minute with his second of the night, surging into the Bolivian box and playing a one-two with Lautaro Martin-



Argentina's Lionel Messi celebrates after scoring against Bolivia in a World Cup qualifier on Thursday. PHOTO: AFP

ez before tucking away a finish from close range.

Messi completed the seventh international hat-trick of his career two minutes from time, burying a rebound from close range after a shot from the edge of the area was only parried by Lampe.

"I've waited a long time for this," an emotional Messi said afterwards.

"Now I'm going to enjoy it, it's a unique moment after waiting so long. I am very hap-

py," he added.

The former Barcelona star's great rival Cristiano Ronaldo holds the outright record for goals scored in international football with 111 from 180 games

The victory came just four days after Argentina were embroiled in controversy with regional rivals Brazil in Sao Paulo, with the two teams' qualifier on Sunday abandoned after seven minutes due to a Covid-19 controversy. — AFP ■

Raducanu to face Fernandez in historic all-teen US Open final



Britain's Emma Raducanu became the first qualifier to ever reach a Grand Slam final by defeating Greek 17th seed Maria Sakkari on Thursday in the US Open semi-finals. PHOTO: AFP

BRITISH 18-year-old Emma Raducanu on Thursday became the first qualifier in history to make a Grand Slam final when she reached a fairytale US Open decider against another teenager, 19-year-old Canadian Leylah Fernandez.

Raducanu, who was virtually unknown even in Britain at the start of the year, will become the youngest Slam finalist in 17 years after beating Greek 17th seed Maria Sakkari 6-1, 6-4 in a nerveless display. "I'm in the final and I can't actually believe it," Raducanu said.—AFP ■

Reeling Juventus face tough test at old foe Napoli

JUVENTUS travel to one of their biggest rivals on Saturday as they return from the international break hoping to rebound from the dispiriting opening two weeks of the season which have left serious question marks hanging over their Serie A title credentials.

Napoli await for Massimiliano Allegri's team who have so far managed just a point from their two league fix-



Victor Osimhen scored 10 times in 24 Serie A appearances last season. PHOTO: AFP

tures and fell to a humiliating home defeat to promoted Empoli late last month, a day after Cristiano Ronaldo fled for England. Their opponents meanwhile have a perfect six points and will welcome back Victor Osimhen to the Stadio Diego Armando Maradona after the

talented forward's two-match suspension for hitting Daan Heymans in their opening day 2-0 win over Venezia was halved on appeal.

Juve are also in a race against time to get their South American players -- including key first-teamers Paulo Dybala and Juan Cuadrado -- back in time from their respective countries' World Cup qualifiers.—AFP ■