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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.

Tatmadaw has to safeguard Three Main National Causes as the national policy, let the country be led by any political system and government, says Senior General

THE fundamentals of democracy are abiding by the rules and regulations, and paying respect to laws, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing at the graduation parade of the 63rd Intake of the Defence Services Academy at the parade ground of DSA in PyinOoLwin yesterday morning.

The Senior General took the salute of cadet companies and presented the Best Cadet Award to cadet No. 34501 Cadet Phyto Min, the Excellent Award in Training to cadet No. 34772 Cadet Aung Nanda, the Excellent Award in Studies (Arts) to cadet No. 34589 Cadet Teza, the Excellent Award in Studies (Science) to cadet No. 34710 Cadet Hein Bo Bo Aung and the Excellent

Award in Studies (Computer Science) cadet No. 34719 Cadet Arkar Zaw Win.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said: Our military personnel are men of obeisance to the four oaths, and men of responsibility being regardless of their interests when the country is in the state of emergency.

Since the comrades are to shoulder onerous duties of the country, one needs to be proud of one's duty and assignment. Therefore, I would like to urge comrades to soldier on the assigned duties with minimum control and dutiful manner.

Since we, military personnel, are obliged to serve the national defence duty at all times regardless of the weather, we need to put emphasis on physical and mental fitness.

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State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing presents the silver sword to Best Cadet awardee Cadet Phyto Min at the DSA parade ground in PyinOoLwin on 7 December 2021.

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Statement to appreciate teachers' efforts

TEACHERS are honoured as part of the Five Infinite Venerables, and the manner of paying respect to the teachers can be only seen in Myanmar as a tradition. The teachers teach their pupils based on their goodwill like their own children and dutifully serve a teacher's duties. They must train their pupils and students in the best discipline. They see that they grasp their lessons well. They instruct them in the arts and sciences, they provide for their safety in every quarter, and they introduce them to their friends and associates.

As the COVID-19 infection rate is controlled to a certain extent, the basic education high, middle and primary schools under the Department of Basic Education have reopened across nation for the 2021-2022 academic year starting 1 June.

Those who want to seek good sake of one party, political extremist NLD members and supporters, NUG, CRPH and PDF committed arson attacks at the schools using mines, homemade bombs and grenades to fail the teaching processes, and threatened the teachers in addition to the incitements, social punishment and threats against education staff to join CDM while the officials made preparations for the reopening of schools and during the current teaching period. Their doings left some casualties, and the State Administration Council has expressed its deepest condolences and sympathy to the victims' families.

The SAC also appreciates the concerted efforts of teachers, who understand two virtues, Hiri — shame at doing evil —and Otappa—fear of the results of doing evil —for teaching the new generations of the country amid such difficulties and challenges.

The security forces will take extraordinary measures to ensure the safety of teachers who are making efforts in the academic sector for the next generations in order to promote the education qualification. The people should keep security awareness and cooperate with the security members in community peace and peaceful learning of children.

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Ex-Union minister for natural resources and environmental conservation charged under anti-corruption law

THE Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) set up an investigation team of inquiry into the alleged loss of state property in applying for the purchase of teak, ironwood and gumkiho logs to the Myanmar Timber Enterprise to be used for the construction of the Moonlight

Forest Project and related facilities by the Daw Khin Kyi Foundation.

According to the findings of the investigation team, former Union minister U Ohn Win for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation instructed the managing director of the

Myanma Timber Enterprise to sell a total of 172.0764 tonnes of teak, ironwood and gumkiho logs to be used in the project by his decision, not by the Tender System which is accordingly to President's Office Directive No 1/2017 on the two applications. According to the audit findings

of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union, it was found that the state lost more than 100 million kyats according to the selling price and the tender winning price of the Myanmar Timber Enterprise and the local market price comparison of the Highway Development and the

relevant regional government. As former Union minister U Ohn Win was found guilty of corruption while in office, a case was filed against him under Section 55 of the Anti-Corruption Law yesterday at Phayagon Myoma Police Station in Nay Pyi Taw according to ACC. — MNA

Anti-COVID-19 equipment, medical aids imported 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, by arranging continuous importation through trading posts, international airports and seaports.

Anti-COVID-19 equipment was imported by one company using two vehicles. A total of 4,000 empty oxygen cylinders and 16 tonnes of masks were imported via the Chinshwehaw trade camp, and international seaports yesterday.

Officials from the relevant departments are cooperating to facilitate and expedite the Standard Operating Proce-

dures (SOPs), including online registration for the import process.

It is reported that the Ministry of Commerce is coordinating with relevant departments 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



Public Notice

1. The Anti-Corruption Commission has established corruption prevention units within ministries to effectively curb corruption.
2. The ACC used SMS on the mobile phone to ask the public who seek services at an office of the department of the relevant ministries via Short Code No "1111" for feedbacks, including the Public Feedback Programme-PFP.
3. According to the PFP, the right replies of the citizens via Short Code No "1111" will provide the quality of services of each department and the requirements for corruption prevention to be fixed.
4. Therefore, the public should make a reply to the questions of the ACC and corruption prevention units of the ministries via SMS at Short Code No "1111" and such doing is a supportive measure for PFP, and the people are urged to cooperate in the operations.

Anti-Corruption Commission

Answer "1111" to fight against corruption

Answer "1111" to improve services

Let's work together to eliminate corruption towards prosperity

Political maturity

POLITICAL maturity and unity of stakeholders and the entire people play a crucial role in building the Union based on democracy and federalism. It is necessary to take lessons that Myanmar could not achieve the deserved development due to requirements in political maturity in successive eras. We must try hard to overcome such challenges. We need to build political maturity and unity with wise mental faculty for ensuring the peace of the nation.

(Excerpt from the Message sent by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Chairman of the National Unity and Peacemaking Central Committee Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to mark the Sixth Anniversary of signing the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA on 15 October 2021)

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Since our Tatmadaw is an institution organized for National Defence, I would like to say that comrades have to practise discipline, obedience, mutual respect and esprit de corps, and behave as professional soldiers. Comrades who have to preserve the good traditional values of Tatmadaw need to be the quintessence of discipline. Discipline is the backbone of Tatmadaw and the soul as well.

In order to make an institution stand firmly and everlastingly, it is mandatory for it to organize and train systematically by means of rational policy, explicit rules and regulations, law, command and control by taking responsibility and accountability. It can be seen that a well-disciplined institution will endure and can

also conduct the mission successfully. Our Tatmadaw can be recognized as the strongest institution because of its good discipline and obedience since its first establishment.

As young leaders, it is necessary for you to be of good morale and morals. To be good morals, one needs to behave in line with religious and social culture and to respect and sympathize with others. You must be thrifty to balance your salary and expenditure. Myanmar people always genetically value national characteristics. Hence, you need to preserve and promote these national characteristics.

After appointing as commissioned officers, you need to lead your subordinates with righteousness as young leaders in the respective corps and services.

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State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing takes the salute of the cadet companies at the DSA parade ground in PyinOoLwin on 7 December 2021.

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It can be observed that the bigger the size of the troop starting from the very basic unit, the more important the leadership role.

Successful leadership means that subordinates unanimously perform the task given by the leader with their own willingness. You need to lead

your subordinates in the ways of integrity, discipline, justice, unbiased and true leadership.

On the way to a multiparty democracy collocating with the desire of the entire citizen, essential cores for the development of the country and democracy ambition are national peace and tranquillity, and perpetual peace. Here, I would

like to highlight that The Six Principles for Peace mandated by Tatmadaw is looking forward to the peace and tranquillity, and development of the country.

The fundamentals of democracy are abiding by the rules and regulations and paying respect to laws. For the sake of fulfilling their real need, it is essential that peace conferences

are required to be continuously held with a strong determination by Tatmadaw and Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs) under the lead of the government. Our national peace must only be restored by the collective effort of our people. Therefore, I would like to underscore that any possible ways will be discovered in accord with agreements prescribed in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) to bring durable peace.

Although democracy has to be performed by the people's desire, people's desire must be honest and truthful for worthy politics. I would like you to bear in mind that democracy with a lack of honesty is hard to tell whether it is a genuine democracy. I would like to impart that Tatmadaw has to safeguard Three Main National Causes as the national policy, let the country be led by any political system and government.

The Senior General left the parade after taking the salute of the cadet companies. After the parade, the Senior General received five outstanding cadets at the parlour of the headquarters of DSA and spoke words of

honour.

In his speech, the Senior General said those cadets won outstanding awards because of hardworking and discipline in literature, military education and training martial arts during the four-year term. The Senior General stressed the need for those cadets to continue their hardworking throughout their lives while maintaining the basic practices of self-control and discipline. They took excessive training in literature and martial arts without a liberty-stop situation within two years in the third and fourth years due to the outbreak of COVID-19.

As the State and the Tatmadaw turned out those cadets to become good leaders in the future, they have to dutifully serve their assignments with loyalty based on training from the DSA and control themselves so as to repay the debt of gratitude to the State and the Tatmadaw. They themselves need to uplift their lives for meeting the goals. They all have to be loyal to the State and the Tatmadaw as well as their families along their lives applying the good practices. — MNA



State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing addresses the cadet company at the DSA parade ground in PyinOoLwin on 7 December 2021.

Appointment ceremony of graduates of 63rd intake of DSA as gazetted officers held

THE Appointment Ceremony of graduates from the 63rd intake of the Defence Services Academy as gazetted officers was held yesterday morning

at the Convocation Hall of the academy. The ceremony was attended by Military Appointment-General Lt-Gen Lin Aung of the Office of the Com-

mander-in-Chief (Army), senior military officers, Commandant of the Academy Brig-Gen Zaw Min Latt and graduates.

At the ceremony, Lt-Gen

Lin Aung, senior military officers and the Commandant of the Academy took seats on the stage, and Lt-Gen Lin Aung handed over the appointment

certificates to each of the graduates. The ceremony was concluded after Lt-Gen Lin Aung delivered a remark. — MNA

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing tours Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (PyinOoLwin), PyinOoLwin railway station, urban of PyinOoLwin

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspected the Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (PyinOoLwin) leased to RVK Myanmar Co Ltd by the Myanmar Economic Holdings Public Co Ltd in Anisakhan of PyinOoLwin yesterday morning.

Chairman of the Myanmar Economic Holdings Public Co Ltd Lt-Gen Hsan Oo reported on a brief history of the factory, winning the fourth prize in the ASEAN-OSHNET in 2018 and the excellent award in 2020, the appointment of employees in respective sections, the production of medicines and assistance for other units, and control of manufacturing quality medicines.

In his speech, the Senior General instructed officials to research the drugs to be used in the prevention, control and treatment activities of COVID-19, manufacture quality products, conduct marketing researches for sufficient production of drugs at home, produce medicines essential for common diseases, focus on the production of medicines for fulfilling the public needs, and meet the local demand of medicines in line with the policy “nothing is more important than human life” during the outbreak of COVID-19.

The Senior General viewed medicines produced by the factory visited there and attended to the needs reported by officials.

After viewing the sections of



The Senior General inspects the maintenance works of Kandawgyi Lake.



The Senior General views the medicines manufactured by the Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (PyinOoLwin).

the factory, the Senior General underlined the need for manufacturing and distribution of quality medicines and for raising the public awareness on side effects of combined drugs easily used by the people.

The pharmaceutical factory (PyinOoLwin) manufactures medicines for neurological and diabetes diseases, drugs for cardiac and hypertension diseases, vitamin B, antibiotic drugs, hand gel and electrolyte with the use of modern machines.

The Senior General visited the PyinOoLwin railway station. In his speech, the Senior General said that efforts should be made for upgrading rail tracks and carrying out systematic maintenance for reduction of

driving time on the Mandalay-PyinOoLwin-Nawngkhio railway. The platform of the station must be expanded for passengers' convenience.

At Kandawgyi Lake in PyinOoLwin, the Senior General hears reports on the maintenance of the lake by officials and gave instructions on the existence of the lake.

The Senior General on his tour of PyinOoLwin in September this year gave guidance to ensure proper watershed measures for the lake and much inflow of water into the lake. As an accomplishment, the lake now stores 19.4 feet deep of water this year, compared with 11 feet deep of water in the corresponding period of last year. —MNA



The Senior General and party visit the PyinOoLwin Railway Station.

Meeting on Myanmar-China Bilateral Cooperation held

A meeting on Myanmar-China Bilateral Cooperation led by the Union minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations was held at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, the Union minister highlighted the implementation of major bilateral cooperation projects aiming to ensure poverty reduction, infrastructure development, human resource development and cross-border trade promotion particularly for the agricultural and livestock product exports through efficient and effective cooperation in line with Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), Agreements, and Exchange of Letters signed between Myanmar and China.



Moreover, he also urged the representatives to report timely on the implementation con-

straints of the projects and policy matters that needed to be coordinated between the two countries.

Then, Deputy Minister U Than Aung Kyaw for the Ministry of Investment and Foreign

Economic Relations, discussed the matters relating to the implementation of bilateral cooperation projects.

After hearing the progress of reports from permanent secretaries and Directors-General of the executing agencies, the Union minister and deputy minister provided the necessary guidance for successful implementation of the projects and future cooperation.

The meeting was attended by the deputy minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, permanent secretaries and directors-general from executing agencies. Representatives from the Mandalay Region Government Office and Yangon Region Government Office virtually attended.— MNA

Union sports minister attends SEAGF Council meeting

THE South-East Asian Games Federation (SEAGF) Council held a meeting for the successful holding of SEA Games yesterday afternoon through video conferencing in Nay Pyi Taw. The meeting was attended by Olympic Committee Chairpersons from Southeast Asian countries led by SEAGF office members. Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Union minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan, General Secretary of the committee Deputy minister U Myo Hlaing and officials from the committee also attended the meeting.

At the meeting, Union minister U Min Thein Zan said Myanmar will participate in the 31st and the 32nd SEA Games, adding

it will cooperate with the member countries for the successful holding of competitions and it would do its best to develop sports in the Southeast Asian countries.

The meeting discussed matters related to opening/closing ceremonies of the 31st SEA Games, accommodations, healthcare, transport and issuance of entry cards for the contestants. According to the decision of the meeting, the Chairman of the Cambodian Olympic Committee was appointed to be the co-chairman of the South-East Asian Games Federation (SEAGF).

Viet Nam will host the 31st SEA Games in 2022. Between 12 and 23 May, 40 events of sports



and 526 events of competitions will be held in 12 cities in Viet

Nam. The 32nd SEA Games will be held in five cities in Cam-

bodia between 5 and 17 May 2023.— MNA



Myanmar Judo Team in training for Vietnam SEA Games

MYANMAR national judo team is under training at Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium (A) to compete in the XXXI Southeast Asian Games to be hosted in Viet Nam.

At 4 pm yesterday, Director-General U Tun Myint Oo of the Department of Sports and Physical Education, President U Tun Tun of the Myanmar Judo

Federation and members of the executive committee inspected and encouraged the athletes.

After that, the Director-General and his team provided training uniforms and sports equipment for the athletes.

Officials also donated K1 million of funds plus energy drinks and encouraged the athletes.— MNA

MoTC Union minister joins 2nd Mekong-Lancang Water Resources Cooperation Forum

THE of the launch China-led 2nd Mekong-Lancang Water Resources Cooperation Forum was conducted via videoconferencing on 7 and 8 December.

The opening ceremony was organized yesterday and Union minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San joined the ceremony together with more than 500 representatives, including ministers, superior officials and researchers of respective member countries, organizations, UN and other international institutions.

At the event, the Ministers of member countries and UN's Under-Secretary-General Mr Liu Zhenmin respectively made

opening speeches.

Then, the Union minister said that the forum is a chance to discuss the promising water resource cooperation works and to share the experience and knowledge among the Mekong-Lancang region countries. Although Myanmar is rich in water resources, it faces the impacts of climate changes later. The additional challenges such as sedimentation, scarcity of drinking water and falling of water quality occur all over the world. Therefore, the attendees of member countries should discuss such challenges to address.

He then talked about the important role of water resource

management for the daily life of citizens as Myanmar is an agricultural country, active participation not only in regional water resource cooperation but also in international cooperation, hosting of the 3rd Asia-Pacific Water Summit in December 2017, the issuance of Yangon Declaration, the current project to install rainfalls monitoring equipment to support flood warning system using the Mekong-Lancang special fund and water resource cooperation between China with MoU signed in 2019.

The Union minister also added that the outcomes of the current forum will provide the implementation of a five-year

plan of Mekong-Lancang Water Resources Cooperation and sustainable development of regional water resources. He then expressed words of thanks to China for supporting Myanmar regarding water resource management and anti-COVID-19 equipment.

The Mekong-Lancang cooperation was initiated during the 17th ASEAN-China Summit hosted by Myanmar in 2014. According to water resource cooperation procedures out of five cooperation areas of the Sanya Declaration released at the 1st Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Leaders' Meeting held in March 2016, the 1st Mekong-Lancang

Water Resources Cooperation Forum was organized in Kunming of China in November 2018, and the second forum is held online this year.

The forum will discuss enhancement of cross-border cooperation and exchange of information, discussion on Mekong-Lancang water resource cooperation of young people, water resource conservation and green growth, multisectoral approach to water resources management and climate change, water consternation and promoting of living standards in rural areas, sustainable hydropower and adequate power. — MNA

CBM Governor attends AMRO's 10th Anniversary Celebration Event

THE ASEAN + 3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) hosted AMRO's 10th Anniversary Celebration Event through a videoconference yesterday afternoon.

Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, Deputy Governors U Win Thaw and Daw Than Than Swe and officials from the Central Bank of Myanmar attended the event.

Finance Ministers and Deputy Ministers from ASEAN + 3 Member States, Central Bank Governors and Deputy Governors, representatives from invited organizations and universities, director, and deputy directors from ASEAN + 3 Macroeconomic Research Office, economists and staff also joined the event.

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the ASEAN + 3 Macroeconomic Research Office, the Director of the ASEAN + 3



Macroeconomic Research Office Mr Doi Toshinori gave an opening speech and H.E Rajah Indraneel, Minister of Finance and National Development and Office of the Prime Minister of Singapore delivered a keynote speech.

The Minister of Economy and Finance of Brunei Darussalam and the Minister of Finance and Economy of the Republic of Korea, Minister of the Chinese Ministry of Finance and

the Indonesian Minister of Finance delivered video messages.

Then, the annual ceremony was held with two programmes.

In the programme (1) under the title: Trauma to Triumph: Rising from the Ashes of the Asian Financial Crisis, AMRO economist Mr Khor Hoe Ee acted as moderator and former Deputy Governors of the Central Bank of Thailand, Central Bank of the Philippines and the Central Bank of Indonesia, Mon-

etary Authority of Singapore and Honorary Professor from the University of Tokyo joined the discussion.

The second programme of the seminar was organized by the Office of ASEAN + 3 Macroeconomic Research (AMRO) and The Decade Ahead: AMRO and Regional Financial Cooperation. Executive Director from European Stability Mechanism, Chief Representative of BIS (Bank for International

Settlements) Asia-Pacific and Director of ASEAN + 3 Macroeconomic Research Office participated in the discussion and presenter of CNA Mediacorp Ms Avril Hong acted as Moderator.

Officials discussed ASEAN + 3 Macroeconomic Research Office to monitor and report on the macroeconomic situation and financial strength of ASEAN + 3 member countries, potential for macroeconomic and financial difficulties in ASEAN + 3 member countries and help to formulate policy recommendations promptly so as to minimize such risks.

The Chiang Mai Programme was established in 2011 to assist member countries in enforcing their loan obligations as long as they are obliged to repay their loans under a multilateral participation agreement under the Chiang Mai Agreement.— MNA

Mandalay Region Agriculture Dept to cover over 210,000 acres of winter chickpea in mini-budget period

MORE than 210,000 acres of winter chickpea are projected to be cultivated in Mandalay Region during the current mini-budget period (October 2021-March 2022), said Daw Myat Su, an officer of the Mandalay Region Agriculture Department.

The winter chickpeas project will be implemented in the seven districts, covering 4,945 acres in Mandalay District, 13,218 in PyinOoLwin, 86,968 in Kyaukse, 45,974 in Meiktila, 29,838 in Myingyan, 5,774 in NyaungU and 25,627 in Yamethin. Over 74,000 acres of chick-

pea have been planted so far for this winter.

"Beyond the domestic consumption, the chickpea cultivation is planned for the export market as well. Over 2.9 million baskets of chickpeas are produced in the region. The regional department also plans to

extend the cultivation of other pulses, including black gram, pigeon pea, butter bean and green gram as well. Over 510,000 acres of pulses in winter growing season and 720,000 acres in monsoon season are projected in the region," he explained.

Chickpeas are yearly plant-

ed in winter (from 15 November to 15 December). The harvest season is in February-March. It produces 15 to 20 baskets per acres. The chickpea varieties (Yezin 3,4,6,8,12) are primarily grown. — Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)/GNLM

Raise State funds through the correct tax payment process

ONLY when a government obtains a full amount of revenue levied in various sectors will it stand tall with strenuous efforts for undertaking the development of the country.

The government allocates the budget which came from various revenues to respective sectors for implementing the short- and long-term plans benefiting the people and regions. If the government does not have an adequate budget, it cannot do any moves not only for the people but for itself.

Currently, the government cannot obtain the full amount of taxes including the income tax from taxpayers. In fact, the taxpayers at different levels need to be loyal to the State with submission

of their incomes and profits to be levied in financial years. It is because they can operate their businesses in a smooth manner under the shelter of the government. Moreover, the government gives priority to taxpayers in some sectors rather than ordinary people. So, those taxpayers should not forget their gratitude to the government forever.

Officials need to monitor the trading of businesspersons for fully collecting the taxes. In addition, it is necessary to expose the malpractice of levying taxes for taking action against the offenders. It is sure that only when officials strictly supervise the tax collection process across the nation will the government raise its fund to be spent on nation-building measures.

Myanmar exports goods to neighbouring countries via borderland. But, incomes from the exporters and importers do not fully flow to the government. In fact, they should not fail to pay taxes for their export and import processes to the government. At the same time, the staff assigned at the border gates and border trade centres are responsible for correctly levying the relevant taxes from the exporters. Practically, their failure to collect the taxes and unsystematic collection of taxes from businesspersons lost the income for the State. As such, it is necessary to strictly supervise the tax collection

process at the border trade centres.

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Taxpayers are responsible for paying taxes to the government. If the government has the chance to manage its budget, the country will stand tall among other countries without losing independence and sovereignty.

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Reducing CO2 Emissions from Coal-Fired Power Plants (CFPPs) to meet the Target: Net Carbon Footprint of Zero by 2050

By Ye Han

REDUCING CO₂ emissions is a key task of modern society to attenuate climate change and its environmental effects. Coal-fired electricity generation plants emit billions of tonnes of CO₂ each year and are accountable for 30% of global CO₂ emissions (according to 2018 statistics). Each year burning coal produces over 14 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂), which is released into the atmosphere, most of this being from power generation. Coal is the World's most abundant and widely distributed fossil fuel source which remains the single biggest contributor to climate change. Thermal plants like coal-fired plants emit harmful substances to the environment. These include mercury, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide, mercury, selenium, and arsenic. These harmful substances not only cause acid rain but also are very harmful to humans as well. Therefore carbon dioxide from burning coal (a fossil fuel) is the main focus of attention today since it is implicated in global warming. (Chemically, coal is mostly carbon, which, when burned, reacts with oxygen in the air to produce carbon dioxide, a heat-trapping gas. When released into the atmosphere, carbon dioxide works like a blanket, warming the earth above normal limits.). Air pollution from coal-fired power plants is linked with asthma, cancer, heart and lung ailments, neurological problems, acid rain, global warming, and other severe environmental and public health impacts. However, as much of the world lacks access to modern, clean energy, coal is still essential to alleviating worldwide energy poverty.

The 76th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 76) was opened in New York on 14 September 2021. UNGA High-Level Week took place on 20-24 September. The United Nations Secretariat has adopted a new 10-year Climate Action Plan aimed at transforming its operations to

achieve a 45 per cent reduction in greenhouse (including carbon dioxide) gas emissions and sourcing 80 per cent of electricity from renewable energy by 2030.

The world's two largest economies, US and China, committed to more ambitious climate action during the high-level week of the General Assembly: United States' President Jose Biden announced that his country would significantly increase its international climate finance to approximately \$11.4 billion a year. President Xi Jinping of China said that he would end all financing of coal-fired power plants abroad, and redirect support to green and low carbon energy generation.

Air pollution from coal-fired power plants is linked to global warming and other damaging environmental and public health consequences. UN Secretary-General António Guterres warned that obtaining energy from coal is a particular challenge. He said that "If all planned coal power plants become operational, we will not only be clearly above 1.5 degrees - we will be well above 2 degrees. The Paris targets would go up in smoke".

(The Paris Agreement is a legally binding international treaty on climate change. It was adopted by 196 Parties at COP 21 in Paris, on 12 December 2015 and entered into force on 4 November 2016. Its goal is to limit global warming to well below 2, preferably to 1.5 degrees Celsius / 2.7 degrees Fahrenheit above pre-industrial levels).

G20 - 2021 Summit On 30 and 31 October 2021, G20 leaders met for a two-day summit hosted by the Italian G20 presidency in Rome. UN experts say that even if current national

plans are fully implemented, the world is headed for global warming of 2.7°C, with catastrophic consequences. The final G20 statement includes a pledge to halt financing of overseas coal-fired power generation by the end of this year, but set no date for phasing out coal power, promising only to do so "as soon as possible".

UN Climate Change Conference, the COP 26 climate summit, was hosted by the UK in partnership with Italy. It took place from 31 October to 12 November 2021 in the Scottish Event Campus (SEC) in Glasgow, UK (COP standing for Conference of the Parties. This is the 26th time countries have gathered under the convention.). COP26 is important because it is the first major test of the 2015 Paris Agreement. Each UN Climate Conference (COP) is preceded by a preparatory meeting held about a month before, called Pre-COP.

The outcome of COP26, Glasgow climate summit is the first one focused on coal and not the entire range of fossil fuels. Its pledge to end coal power weakened in the final compromise. But it had closed with members failing to agree on a call to "phase-out" (to discontinue the use of in phases) coal use, after a last-minute intervention by India to change the language, mentioning the terminology to "phase down" (to reduce the size or amount of by phases) of coal.

More than 40 countries pledged to phase out coal, the dirtiest fossil fuel despite the US and China promoting the 'coal phase down' concept. The United States, which still generates about one-fifth of its electricity from coal, also did not sign the pledge. And did not agree to stop

coal development at home but promised to halt overseas funding of oil, gas and coal. But several of the biggest coal consumers were notably absent from the accord, including China and India, which together burn roughly two-thirds of the world's coal, as well as Australia, the world's 11th-biggest user of coal and a major exporter.

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A coal-fired power station or coal power plant is a type of fossil fuel power station which burns coal to generate electricity. Coal-fired plants produce electricity by burning coal which has been pulverized into a fine powder is blown into a furnace, called a boiler, and burned. The heat produced converts water, which runs

through a series of pipes in the boiler to produce steam under tremendous pressure. The water is heated to a very high temperature (about 600 °C) and produce high-pressure steam (above 22 MPa/3190.83PSI). (1Megapascal = 145.038 pound per square inch). The high-pressure steam flows into a turbine and turns the blades of a turbine, which is connected by a shaft to a generator and spin up to 3,600 revolutions per minute to produce alternating current (AC) electricity at 20 kV or so. It is fed through a local transmission power line via a transformer. The steam is then cooled condensed back into the water. The condensed water is then recirculated back through the coal-fired boiler to again turn to steam and power the turbines.

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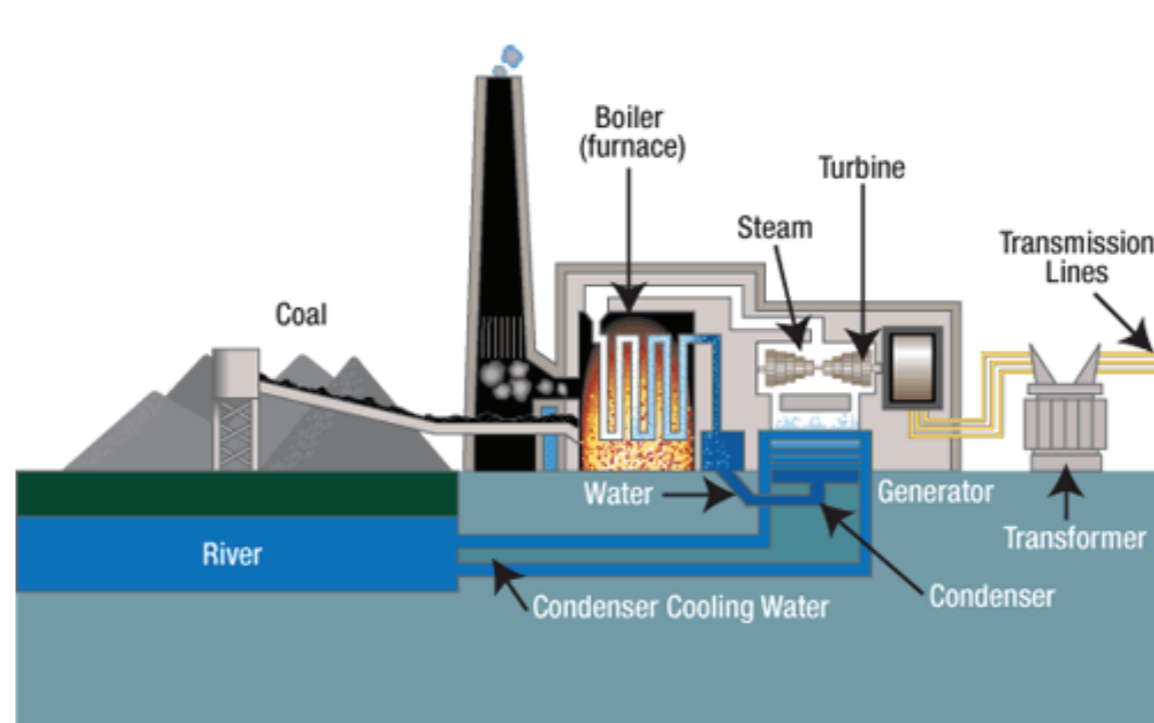
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Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 7 December 2021)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is a few cloud to partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 8 December 2021: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, Chin States, scattered in Lower Sagaing Region and isolated in Mandalay, Magway, Taninthayi Regions and Northern Shan, Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in (Southern and Eastern) Shan State and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4 -7) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, Shan, Chin, Kayah States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 December 2021: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 December 2021: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 December 2021: Partly cloudy.

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Terrorists attack police outposts using grenades, homemade bombs, small arms

SECURITY forces conduct proper security measures in respective townships as the terrorist groups CRPH and NUG organized PDFs intending to kill innocent civilians, launch bomb and arson attacks on state-owned buildings and public areas and commit robberies across the nation.

At about 8 pm on 6 December, terrorists riding three motorcycles attacked the police station with homemade bombs and small firearms while the police were serving duties in Warbalaukthauk Village of

Kawhmu Township in Yangon Region, and they ran away, to Dala.

Then, members of security forces found one unlicensed motorcycle, an empty bullet shell and a male dead body with gunshot wounds, who was identified as a stranger in the village.

Similarly, at about 3:30 am yesterday, terrorists attacked Kan Kaung police outpost beside the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway in Meiktila Township of Mandalay Region using grenades and homemade bombs.



Attack on the police outpost in Kawhmu Township.



After the counter-attack, they retreated. It was reported that some of the police members

died and some were injured. Security forces accelerate security measures in collabo-

rating with the people to arrest these suspects and to ensure the stability of the State. — MNA

Five-year-old girl dies amidst explosion in Chanmyathazi Township



A child is dead due to a bomb blast by terrorists.

A five-year-old girl was killed in a grenade attack by terrorists in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Region.

The incident took place on 6 December at around 6:30 pm as terrorists came to the Aungthaya Ward Administration Office on 110th Road, between 45th and 46th Streets in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Region and fled on two motorcycles with two grenades.

The bomb struck in front of a betel-quit shop on 110th Road. A five-year-old girl was seriously wounded in the blast and taken to Mandalay General Hospital, where she died of her injuries.

Security forces have been searching for those who were involved in violent acts of leaving a five-year-old innocent girl dead, and the locals are urged to cooperate with the community peace. — MNA

Vehicle carrying hospital staff to take medical supplies bombed by terrorists

TERRORIST groups reportedly bombed the vehicle carrying hospital staff on the way to take medical supplies in Budalin Township, Sagaing Region.

A mine was exploded by terrorist groups at around 9 am on 6 December near Kyeepinchaung

village when two men and two women, hospital staff from the Budalin Township Hospital in Sagaing Region, were on the way to Monywa by a Super Custom vehicle (plate number 8J/8606), leaving them wounded and the vehicle destroyed.

They were transported to the Budalin Township Hospital for necessary medical treatment. It is reported that security forces are searching for perpetrators in collaboration with local people in line with the security procedures. — MNA



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(From left to right) U Zaw Min Than, Kyaw Zin Phyo, Ma Hteiktin Htwe and Khine Khine Htwe (wounded).

Terrorists attack school in Kanpetlet township of Chin state

THE terrorists perpetrate bomb attacks in some places to disrupt the administrative officials, and on schools to affect the learning opportunities of children.

At 6:15 am yesterday, armed CDF terrorists launched an attack on No (1) BEHS in Kanpetlet Township

of Chin State using various types of weapons. Meanwhile, the security forces who served securities of schools attacked back and the terrorists retraced.

Security forces investigated to take action against those who commit terrorist attacks. — MNA



Incident place.

367 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 7 December, total figure rises to 525,005

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 525,005 after 367 new cases were reported on 7 December 2021 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, 501,189 have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll reached 19,152 after 6 died.—MNA

Elephant Museum at Palin Riverview Elephant Camp attracts mammoth lovers

ELEPHANT lovers can observe the livelihood, habitat, behaviour, skeleton and characteristics of the elephants and the house of mahouts at the Elephant Museum opened at the Palin Riverview Elephant Camp under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation in NyaungU Township, Mandalay.

The Elephant Riverview Camp officially began on 28 March 2018, and about 22 elephant camps have been opened in states and regions so far to reinforce the connection between the humans and animals,

acknowledge the efforts of the Myanma Timber Enterprise turning the elephants' camps into tourism destinations, protect elephants from poachers and combat against illegal trafficking, and raise awareness of the ecosystem, said U Aung Htay, assistant general manager of the camp explained.

The history of elephants, the livelihood of Asian elephants, diverse habitats between the Asian and African elephants, the characteristics of elephants, including tusks, their role in maintaining the ecosystem, white elephants and wild elephants,

elephant poaching for their tusks and ivory poaching and hunting for elephant parts, smuggling elephant parts in the black market, legal actions for poaching and illegal trade, prevention measures of the wild elephants, how to deal with human-elephant conflict, World Elephant Day, elephant training processes, taming, how to classify the retired tuskers and the logging elephants depending on age and capacity, elephant care and mahout training, the documentary of elephant twins and words that mahouts use to tame the elephants are showcased at the museum, U Myo



Elephant Museum.



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Min Ko elaborated. The visitors can also observe the equipment used in controlling elephants, staff housing compound, the elephant register book, the elephant care manual and the handbooks for the staff, different ivory tusks, skin and tails, the skeleton of a 56-year-old elephant, the uniform of the mahout, elephant taming process and the livelihood of the mahout.

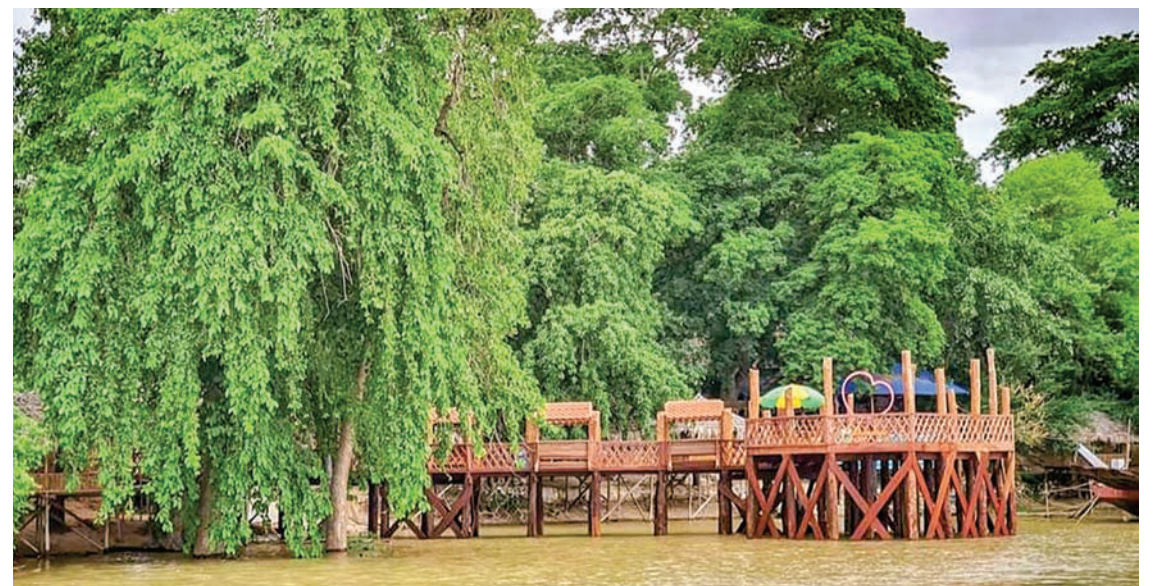
A local visitor is charged K1,000 while the entry fee for a tourist is K5,000. The elephant ride costs K5,000 for a local traveller and K10,000 for a tourist. The feed for elephants costs K1,000 per tray. The visitors can visit the elephant museum free of charge.

Enjoying the scenic view of the Ayeyawady River, there is a 130 feet long and eight feet wide bridge at the camp, with 83 teak posts.

There are seven elephants at Palin Riverview Elephant Camp. Myanmar implemented elephant-based tourism, developed eco-tourism sites and opened elephant camps near rivers and mountain ranges.—Ko Htein(KPD)/GNLM



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Japan Oct. household spending falls 0.6%, down for 3rd month

JAPAN'S household spending fell a real 0.6 per cent in October from a year earlier, led by a plunge in purchases of furniture and other household goods after the government's cash handout boosted outlays on such items last year, government data showed Tuesday.

Average spending by households with two or more people was 281,996 yen (\$2,500), decreasing for the third straight month, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications said.

The pace of year-on-year decline slowed from the previous month, however, as expenditure related to eating out and travelling started to recover following the complete lifting of the coronavirus state of emergency on 1 October, a government official said.

During the emergency dec-

laration that lasted for months in several prefectures, including Tokyo and Osaka, people were requested to stay at home while restaurants and bars were asked to close earlier and not to serve alcohol.

Overall spending fell slightly from a year earlier after the plus and minus factors cancelled each other out, the official said.

"With uncertainties increasing after the detection of the new Omicron coronavirus variant, we will carefully watch expenditures" in the coming months, the official said.

By component, spending on furniture and household amenities such as tables, sofas and washing machines dropped 16.7 per cent from a year earlier as purchases were lifted last year by the 100,000 yen per person cash handouts aimed at easing



Expenditure on food, including on eating out, fell 0.9 per cent for the third straight month of decrease, as people bought less seafood, meat and vegetables to cook at home. A man walks a bicycle through an almost empty street in Yokohama, near Tokyo, on Sunday afternoon. **PHOTO: KYODO**

the economic fallout from the pandemic. It fell for the sixth consecutive month.

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decrease, as people bought less seafood, meat and vegetables to cook at home.—Kyodo ■

Israel lays down law on cyber exports, after Pegasus spy scandal



Israeli woman uses her iPhone in front of the building housing the Israeli NSO Group near Tel Aviv, Israel, on 28 August 2016. **PHOTO: JACK GUEZ / AFP**

ISRAEL laid down the law Monday on the use by foreign governments of its cyber exports, after the private Israeli developer of Pegasus spyware became engulfed in scandal abroad.

The defence ministry-linked

agency for military exports, in a statement, specified that a foreign state seeking a cyber or intelligence system must only use it to combat terrorism and "serious crimes". Smartphones infected with Pegasus spyware

developed by the private Israeli firm NSO Group are essentially turned into pocket spying devices. This allows the user to read the target's messages, look through their photos, track their location and even turn on their camera without them knowing. US authorities last month blacklisted NSO by restricting exports to it from American groups over allegations the Israeli firm "enabled foreign governments to conduct transnational repression". An updated Israeli end user certificate issued Monday, to be signed by buyers, listed terrorism as including offences committed with the aim of "seriously intimidating a population" or "unduly compelling a government" through crimes such as hostage taking and potentially fatal attacks upon a person's life.—AFP ■

US regulators probe Trump social media deal

US regulators are scrutinizing a deal between Donald Trump's fledgling social media company and an investment vehicle to bring the former president's venture to the stock market, documents showed Monday.

The companies, once merged, say they plan to launch the social media platform "TRUTH Social" nationally early next year, hoping to rival services like Twitter, which banned Trump

over the January US Capitol riot.

Digital World Acquisition Corp (DWAC), which is partnering with Trump, reported in a filing to US markets watchdog the Securities and Exchange Commission that it received "preliminary, fact-finding inquiries from regulatory authorities, with which it is cooperating."

Digital World, already listed on Wall Street, announced in late October it would merge

with Trump Media & Technology Group (TMTG), allowing the ex-president's venture to be listed without the usual procedures.

In a joint statement, the two companies announced on Saturday that a group of institutional investors had committed to contributing \$1 billion to the transaction. They did not specify Monday in the regulatory document the identity of these investors.—AFP ■

From cinema ban to film festival: Saudi rolls out red carpet

LESS than four years after lifting a ban on cinemas, Saudi Arabia is to host its first major film festival from Monday as it eyes a lucrative new industry.

Movie houses were barred for decades until April 2018, but over the next 10 days, actors and directors will tread the red carpet at Jeddah's Red Sea International Film Festival.

The festival starts a day after Jeddah hosted its first Formula One Grand Prix, also an attempt to portray Saudi Arabia in a different light.

It will showcase 138 long and short films from 67 countries in more than 30 languages.

Among them are Jordan's critically acclaimed "The Alleys", directed by Bassel Ghandour, and non-Arabic films including Joe Wright's "Cyrano" and "83", the story of India's 1983 cricket World Cup victory.

The festival is also expected to honour Haifaa al-Mansour, the first female Saudi director, who shot "Wadjda" in 2012, the winner of a number of international awards.

The rise of Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, in 2017 has ushered in a number of reforms.

"The thought of organising a film festival in Saudi Arabia was unimaginable just five years ago," said Egyptian art critic Mohamed Abdel Rahman.—AFP ■



Saudi Arabia only allowed cinemas to reopen in 2018 after a decades-long ban. **PHOTO: AFP**

Evergrande looks to restructure, sets up risk committee

EMBATTLED property giant Evergrande is planning what could become China's biggest ever debt restructuring, wrapping in all its offshore obligations, reports said, as it faced the prospect Tuesday of defaulting on a key payment. The Chinese government, which sparked the crisis when it launched a drive last year to curb excessive debt among Evergrande and other real estate firms, is

poised to take a leading role in the restructure, analysts told AFP. Evergrande, with a debt pile of over \$300 billion, is the most prominent firm to have buckled under the crackdown, but others have also suffered. The real estate industry is a top growth driver for the world's second biggest economy and the debt crisis has raised fears of a spillover into other key sectors.—AFP ■



Evergrande is China's second-largest developer by volume. A housing complex in Beijing developed by China Evergrande Group, on 21 October 2021. PHOTO: AFP

Libya central banks to reunite after 7-year split

LIBYA'S rival central banks said on Monday they had reached a reunification deal, seven years after they divided as conflict tore the country apart.

The original bank, which manages the North African state's vast oil revenues, had been severed in 2014 when a complex civil war gave rise to rival administrations in the east and west.

But on Monday, the governor of the internationally recognized body in the western capital Tripoli, Seddik al-Kabir and his eastern-based counterpart Ali al-Hebri "agreed a detailed plan to launch the unification process", the Tripoli body said in a statement. The meeting was attended by consultants from Deloitte, which in July completed an audit of the two branches.

Libya collapsed into



Aguila Saleh Issa (C), speaker of the Tobruk-based Libyan House of Representatives, meets with Ali al-Habri (L), governor of the parallel Central Bank of Libya based in the east, and with other officials in eastern Benghazi on 6 December 2020. PHOTO: ABDULLAH DOMA / AFP

years of violence after the 2011 fall and killing of dictator Moamer Kadhafi in a NATO-backed revolt.

A string of state institutions including the central bank split in two during the escalation in 2014 that divided the country, broad-

ly speaking, into eastern and western camps.

The existence of two central banks has complicated the handling of Libya's vital oil revenues and control over monetary policy, contributing to runaway inflation and a liquidity cri-

sis despite its vast crude reserves. But a ceasefire in mid-2020 allowed for reunification efforts to begin, and even before the truce was formalised, Deloitte International was charged with auditing the institutions.—AFP ■

Sharon Bowen becomes first Black woman to chair NYSE board

SHARON Bowen was named Monday as chair of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), its parent company announced, becoming the first Black woman to hold the role at the Wall Street fixture.

Intercontinental Exchange (ICE) also announced the President of its Fixed Income and Data

Services division, Lynn Martin, will take over as NYSE president from Stacey Cunningham, who will join the exchange's board of directors.

"As organizations everywhere adjust to a world transformed by the pandemic, our management team is evolving along with the market en-

vironment," ICE founder Jeff Sprecher said in a letter announcing the changes. Bowen, who is already a member of the boards of ICE and the NYSE, served from 2014 to 2017 as a commissioner at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission overseeing futures markets.—AFP ■

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation No.(2) Mining Enterprise Invitation for Open Tender

1. No. (2) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation invites for tenders to sale for the following materials-

Sr.	Materials Classifies	Weight (M/T)	(F.O.B)	Tender Closing Date/Time
1.	Electro Refined Tin (ERT)	39.4135	Thanlyin	5.1.2022 (12:00)pm
2.	Pyro Refined Tin (PRT)	58.5255		
3.	Tin Concentrate	61.871	Dawei	
4.	Tin, Wolfram mixed	47.117		
5.	Tin (Low Grade)	5.085	Pyinmana	

2. No.(2) Mining Enterprise could provide necessary documents to interest companies and contact to No.(2) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Office Building No.(19), Nay Pyi Taw, Ph: +95-(0)67-3409391, E-mail; metwo@e-monrec.gov.mm, within office hours.

Tender Committee
No.(2) Mining Enterprise

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Iran slams France for selling arms to UAE, 'destabilizing' region



French President Emmanuel Macron (L) is greeted by Abu Dhabi's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed al-Nahyan in Dubai on the first day of his Gulf tour, before the signing of the arms deal. **PHOTO: THOMAS SAMSON/ AFP**

IRAN on Monday accused France of "destabilising" the Gulf region after Paris signed a record 14-billion-euro deal with the United Arab Emirates for 80 Rafale fighter jets. "We must not ignore France's role in destabilising the region," foreign ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh told a news conference.

"We expected France to be more responsible.

"The militarisation of our

region is unacceptable and the weapons they sell in the region are the source of turmoil."

France clinched the order for 80 Rafale fighter aircraft during a visit Friday by President Emmanuel Macron to the UAE. During the visit, Abu Dhabi also inked a deal to buy 12 Caracal military transport helicopters, for a total bill of more than 17 billion euros (more than \$19 billion).

The UAE was the fifth biggest customer for the French defence industry, with deals worth 4.7 billion euros, from 2011 to 2020, according to a French parliamentary report.

France has faced criticism after some of these weapons were used in Yemen, where a Saudi-led coalition that includes the UAE is fighting Iran-backed rebels in a war that has created one of the world's worst humanitarian crises.

Khatibzadeh also complained that "billions of dollars worth of weapons are being sold to Arab countries" without sparking global concern while Iran's missile programme is condemned by world powers.

His remarks came as UAE National Security Adviser Sheikh Tahnoun bin Zayed Al-Nahyan was on a rare visit to Tehran, as the two countries seek to ease relations downgraded five years ago.—AFP ■

From art shows to theatre, Baghdad sees cultural revival

ART exhibitions, book fairs on the Tigris and Godot in Baghdad — after decades of conflict and strife, the Iraqi capital is experiencing an artistic renaissance. "People need art, they want to develop their artistic taste — it's an escape route," said Noor Alaa al-Din, director of art space The Gallery.

"We are like any country, we have the right to art to entertain us."

The Iraqi capital often makes grim headlines for violence and geopolitical rivalry.

But behind the conflict, tensions and recently the pandemic, a fledgling cultural renaissance has emerged in recent years, recalling a golden age when Baghdad was considered one of the Arab world's cultural capitals.

Galleries have opened and festivals have blossomed, attracting crowds eager to make up for lost time. The Gallery opened its doors barely a month ago, but visitors queue around the corner on opening night of any show.—AFP ■



Volunteers at the 'I am an Iraqi, I read' festival in Baghdad listened to requests and distributed books to visitors for free. **PHOTO: AFP**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Nobel winner Ressa to fly to Oslo after Philippine courts approve trip

PHILIPPINE Nobel Peace Prize winner Maria Ressa will fly to Oslo to collect the award in person, after a third court approved her application to attend Friday's ceremony.

Ressa, an outspoken critic of Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, and Russian journalist Dmitry Muratov were named in October as the winners of this year's award for their efforts to "safeguard freedom of expression".

She is on bail pending an appeal against a conviction last year in a cyber libel case, and was required to apply to three courts for permission to pick up the prize in person.

The Court of Tax Appeals ruled that Ressa, co-founder of news website Rappler, can travel to Norway from 8 December to 13 December, according to the decision published Monday.

The veteran journalist told AFP on Tuesday she felt "great" after clearing the final legal hurdle.—AFP ■

At trial, US actor denies staging racist hoax attack

US actor Jussie Smollett on Monday denied fabricating a hate crime against himself during his trial in Chicago, a case that sparked a wave of national outrage.

The former "Empire" star was accused in 2019 of orchestrating a racist attack in the Midwestern city to gain publicity and secure a bigger paycheck.

"There was no hoax," the 39-year-old said while on the stand, local media reported. He denied having spoken about a staged attack at any time with his alleged accomplices.

Smollett, who had been one of the main cast members on "Empire," reported to police in January 2019 that he was attacked in the middle of the night by two masked men while walking near his home in Chicago. But police eventually said he staged the whole thing, based on examination of CCTV images and the cell phone data of Smollett and his two alleged attackers.—AFP ■

US undermined S-400 deal with India, tried to make India 'obey its orders': Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov

THE United States undermined the India-Russia deal on S-400 defence system, said Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov on Monday, adding that the US tried to make India "obey its orders" but New Delhi told them it's a decision of a sovereign country to bolster its defence system.

Speaking to ANI, the Rus-

sian Foreign Minister also said that the S-400 deal has very important practical meaning for an Indian defence capability and the deal has been implemented.

Washington had indicated that the Russian S-400 systems may trigger CAATSA sanctions.

The CAATSA is a United States federal law that imposed

sanctions on Iran, North Korea, and Russia.

Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act CAATSA authorizes the US administration to impose sanctions on countries that purchase major defence hardware from Russia in response to Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and its alleged meddling in the 2016 US presidential elections. "S-400 deal doesn't have only a symbolic meaning. It has a very important practical meaning for an Indian defence capability and the situation is basically underway.

The deal has been implemented. We witnessed at times on part of the United States to undermine this cooperation and to make India obey US orders to follow American vision to how this region should develop, and our Indian friends clearly and firmly explained that they are a sovereign country and they will decide whose weapons to buy and who is going to be a partner of India in this and other areas," Lavrov said.—ANI ■



Russia's S-400 air defence missile systems at the Hmeimim air base in the Syrian province of Latakia. **PHOTO: RUSSIAN DEFENCE MINISTRY/AFP**

Biden warns Putin against Ukraine invasion in virtual summit

JOE Biden and Vladimir Putin began a high-stakes video summit Tuesday in which the US president was set to warn of painful sanctions and increased military support for Eastern Europe if Russia invades Ukraine.

Russia denies any plans to move against Ukraine, but with satellite pictures showing massive troop concentrations on the border, fears are growing over war in Europe.

Biden and Putin, who last met in Geneva in June, began their video summit at 1500 GMT — 10:00 am in Washington and

6:00 pm in Moscow.

The Kremlin, announcing the start of the meeting, said it would “last as long as necessary.”

Reflecting the tension around the event, the White House staged the video conference behind closed doors in the high security Situation Room. In contrast, Biden held a similar video summit with Chinese President Xi Jinping three weeks ago in the more decorative Roosevelt Room, with journalists invited to witness the opening minutes.

The United States says it doesn't know what Russia intends

to do in Ukraine, but is alarmed at the deployment of some 100,000 battle ready troops to the border. Russia already supports a powerful separatist rebellion across swaths of eastern Ukraine and annexed the Crimean peninsula from Ukraine in 2014.

Moscow calls invasion talk “hysteria”. Instead, Putin intends to tell Biden that he sees Ukraine's growing alliance with Western nations as threat to Russian security — and that any move by Ukraine to join NATO would be crossing a red line. — AFP ■



Russian President Vladimir Putin attends a meeting with US President Joe Biden via a video call in the Black Sea resort of Sochi on 7 December 2021. PHOTO: AFP

Spain's former king claims immunity from English courts



Lawyers for Spain's former king Juan Carlos I are arguing he has immunity from English courts in a civil case brought by his former lover. PHOTO: AFP

SPAIN'S former king Juan Carlos I is seeking immunity from the English courts after his ex-lover accused him of spying on and harassing her, a London court was told on Monday.

Danish businesswoman Corinna zu Sayn-Wittgenstein-Sayn is seeking civil personal injury damages claim against the ex-monarch at the High Court.

But the 83-year-old Juan Carlos, who ruled from 1975 until his abdication in 2014, denies wrongdoing and argues that as a Spanish royal, English courts have no jurisdiction. Court documents claimed that the pair were in an “intimate romantic relationship” between 2004 and 2009 and that the royal showered her with gifts, even after they broke up.

But the situation turned sour

when she declined to rekindle the relationship, leading him to pursue “a pattern of conduct amounting to harassment”, it was alleged.

The 57-year-old claimant alleged she was threatened, had her overseas properties broken into, and that the now Abu Dhabi-based former king “demanded the return of gifts”.

“Further acts of covert and overt surveillance, causing distress and anxiety” included “trespass and criminal damage” to her home in rural central England.

Gunshots were fired at and damaged security cameras at the front gate of the property, she alleged, accusing the former king of being angry at her refusals.

Battle royal

Lawyers for zu Sayn-Wittgenstein-Sayn submitted that he had relinquished his status as sovereign or head of state when he abdicated, and as such was not entitled to immunity.—AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Israeli air strikes hit Latakia port: Syrian state media

ISRAELI air strikes hit the Syrian port of Latakia early Tuesday, according to Syrian state media, in a rare attack targeting key facilities.

“Around 1:23 am today (2323 GMT Monday), the Israeli enemy carried out an air aggression with several missiles,” SANA news agency quoted a military source as saying.

“Our air defences repelled the Israeli aggression in Latakia.”

The attack targeted the port's container yard, causing a number of containers to catch fire but without causing casualties, it said.

Photos published by SANA showed a fire in the yard but Syrian state television said later that firefighters had got the blaze under control.

Israel has said repeatedly it will not allow neighbouring Syria to become a launchpad for its foe Iran.—AFP ■

Ethiopia government claims recapture of key towns

ETHIOPIA'S government said Monday it had recaptured two strategic towns from rebel fighters, the latest in a rapid series of battlefield victories claimed by forces loyal to Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed.

The announcement marks another dramatic twist in the 13-month-old conflict that has killed thousands of people and triggered a deep humanitarian crisis in the north of Africa's second most populous nation. The government's communications service said on Twitter that Dessie and Kombolcha had been “freed by the joint gallant security forces” that had also taken control of several other towns on the eastern front.—AFP ■

UN top court to rule in Armenia-Azerbaijan feud

THE UN's top court will decide on Tuesday on tit-for-tat requests by Armenia and Azerbaijan for emergency measures to ease tensions after last year's war between the Caucasus arch-foes.

The former Soviet republics, which battled for six weeks in autumn 2020 over Azerbaijan's breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh, both allege racial discrimination by the other side.

In September, the rivals each

asked the International Court of Justice (ICJ) located in the Peace Palace of The Hague to take steps against the other, pending the resolution of a full case that will take years. The ICJ's chief judge Joan Donoghue “will deliver its order on the request for the indication of provisional measures made by the Republic of Armenia” at 1400 GMT, the court said in a statement.

Its ruling on Azerbaijan's case will follow immediately af-

terwards. The ICJ was set up after World War II to resolve disputes between United Nations member states. Parties that have agreed to let the court adjudicate their disputes are obliged to follow its rulings, but the court has no means to enforce them.

Nagorno-Karabakh is an ethnic Armenian region of Azerbaijan that broke away from Baku's control in the early 1990s after the collapse of the Soviet Union.—AFP ■



An Armenian soldier fires artillery on the front line on 25 October 2020, during the ongoing fighting between Armenian and Azerbaijani forces over the breakaway region of Nagorno-Karabakh. PHOTO: AFP / ARIS MESSINIS

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.

AFF Suzuki Cup: Myanmar to play Timor-Leste today

THE second day of Group A of the 2020 ASEAN Suzuki Cup in Singapore will continue and the Myanmar men's national team will play against the Timor-Leste team today.

The second day will be

played between the Myanmar team and Timor-Leste team at 4 pm Myanmar Standard Time today.

The match between the Philippines and host Singapore will be played at 7 pm Myanmar

Standard Time.

This match is important for team Myanmar which lost in the first match of the group and only if they win can hope to advance to the next stage.

Of the three remaining

matches, the match against Timor-Leste is likely to be the easiest one for Myanmar. Team Myanmar will next play against Thailand and the Philippines after the match. Timor-Leste is likely to struggle this match as

they lost 0-2 to Thailand in the opening match.

Hosts Singapore, who beat Myanmar 3-0, will continue to play against the Philippines, with a chance of advancing to the next round. —Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Board games: after Tokyo, dual Olympian Hirano switches up for Beijing

ONLY four months have passed since Japan's Ayumu Hirano competed at the Tokyo Games, now he is gearing up for another crack at Olympic gold — this time on Beijing's snow in February.

Hirano took part in the park competition as skateboarding made its Olympic debut this summer, missing out on the eight-man final after finishing 14th out of 20 in qualifying.

The 23-year-old — who

sports dreadlocks — will be on a more familiar footing assuming that he makes Japan's snowboard halfpipe team for the Beijing Games, having claimed silver at the past two Winter Olympics. But time is against him as he makes the switch from one board to another, with only two months left until the Games begin on 4 February.

"I have to fit my preparations into a shorter time than ever before and it's a new ex-

perience for me," Hirano told reporters this week.

"It's a race against time. I'm in a situation where I have to hurry."

Hirano made his Olympic debut as a 15-year-old at the 2014 Sochi Games, finishing second behind Iouri "iPod" Podladtchikov in the snowboard halfpipe. He claimed silver again in Pyeongchang four years later, losing out to American legend Shaun White for gold. — AFP ■



Japan's Ayumu Hirano became a dual Olympian when he competed in the skateboard park event at the Tokyo Games this year.

PHOTO: AFP



Jadon Sancho's move from Borussia Dortmund to Manchester United led to a profit for Bundesliga clubs in the latest transfer window. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Premier League riches sow fear among Champions League rivals

AS Barcelona and Spanish champions Atletico Madrid scrap for a place in the Champions League last 16 this week, the Premier League's four participants can take it easy knowing their places in the knockout stages are already guaranteed.

Liverpool, Manchester City and Manchester United have all secured top spot in their groups with a game to spare, while defending champions Chelsea will

join them with victory over Zenit Saint Petersburg. The success of English clubs this season continues a worrying trend for the rest of Europe. Two of the past three Champions League finals have been all-English affairs, contested by four different clubs.

If results on the field were not galling enough for the rest of Europe, the Premier League's ability to attract record-breaking television rights deals from

around the globe has fuelled fears the gap between the top English clubs and the rest will only grow in coming years. The English top-flight has long enjoyed its position as the wealthiest league in the world on the back of bumper TV deals for the domestic market.

But even as the value of those rights has stalled over the past two tenders, the international market has ensured there is still steady growth. — AFP ■