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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.

Press Release

THE Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is obliged to take effective precautionary measures in order to contain the spread of the COVID-19 in accord with the guidelines of the World Health Organization

(WHO). Additionally, with a view to preventing and controlling the outbreak of Omicron variant, an announcement on the update of testing and Quarantine Requirements for International Travelers to Myanmar (Updated as of 16-12-

2021) issued by the Ministry of Health was distributed to all diplomatic and consular missions and offices for the United Nations, its specialized agencies and international organizations on 16 December 2021.

It is reported that a US diplomatic passport holder, who entered Myanmar by air on 2 January 2022, tested positive for COVID-19 on 4 January 2022 during his quarantine period at Sayar San Hotel.

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SAC members, Union Ministers and Commander attend 74th Kachin State Day

THE 74th Anniversary of Kachin State Day was celebrated yesterday morning in front of the Kachin State Government Office. The ceremony was attended by State Administration Council Members Jeng Phang Naw Taung, U Moungh Har, U Sai Lone Hsai, U Shwe Kyein, Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, Union Minister U Khin Yi, Union Minister U Saw Tun Aung Myint, Kachin State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan and cabinet members, Commander of Northern Command Brig-Gen Myat Thet Oo, departmental officials and local ethnic nationalities.

The ceremony began with a salute to the State Flag, and SAC Member Jeng Phang Naw Taung read out the message sent from Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on the occasion of the 74th Kachin State Day.



SEE PAGE-3 The Kachin traditional Manaw festival in action to commemorate the 74th Kachin State Day in Myitkyina on 10 January 2022.

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Foreign Heads of State send felicitations to Chairman of the State Administration Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

THE following is message of felicitations from Foreign Heads of State/Government sent to Chairman of the State Administration Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, on the occasion of the 74th Anniversary of Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar:

Sheikh Khalid Bin Khalifa Bin Abdulaziz Al-Thani, Prime Minister and Minister of Interior of the State of Qatar sends the Congratulatory Message to Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of the State Administration Council and Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar

ON the anniversary of your country's Independence Day, I want to express to you, on behalf of the government of the State of Qatar and myself, our sincere greetings and felicitations, coupled with our best wishes of good health and well-being to Your Excellency and further development and progress to your people.

With my highest consideration.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Order No (1/2022)

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Appointment and Duty Assignment of Deputy Minister

THE State Administration Council has appointed Brigadier-General Phyo Thant as Deputy Minister for Border Affairs under Section 419 of the State Constitution.

By order

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary

Judgements given to 3 special civil appeals; 5 special civil appeals heard

THE special appeal court comprising Chief Justice of the Union Supreme Court U Htun Htun Oo and Judges U Myo Tint, U Myo Maung, U Kyi Thein and Daw Khin May Yi passed judgements on three special civil appeal cases yesterday.

Moreover, a total of five special civil appeal cases were heard keeping in line with COVID-19 health rules on the same day. —MNA

COVID-19 vaccination continues in different states, regions



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Tachilek locals get jabbed against Covid-19.

DOCTORS and nurses from People's hospitals, Tatmadaw medical teams, healthcare workers and volunteers are working hard to give COVID-19 vaccines in dif-

ferent states and regions as the vaccination programme is one of the most important activities in the prevention, control and treatment of the COVID-19 disease.

COVID-19 vaccine is administered daily to target groups regardless of race or religion, including Buddhist monks and nuns, local people over the age of 40, students, religious leaders, prisoners, people with disabilities, ethnic armed organizations, people with chronic diseases, people in IDP camps and over 12-year-old students, respectively.

Doctors and nurses from People's hospitals, medical teams from the Tatmadaw, relevant healthcare workers in collaboration with volunteers have already given COVID-19 vaccines to 1,312 people from six townships in northern Shan State, 655

people from three townships in eastern Shan State, 1,250 people from Myeik and Pulaw townships in Tanintharyi Region, 6,510 people from six townships in Yangon Region, 19,091 people from 26 townships of Ayeyawady Region, 7,682 people from seven districts of Mandalay Region and 1,660 people from three townships in Bago Region respectively.

Similarly, healthcare officials gave the vaccines to 703 students from 26 townships in Ayeyawady Region.

It is reported that officials from the respective Regional Military Headquarters visited the site and coordinated the necessary work. —MNA

**105 new cases
of COVID-19
reported on 10
January,
total figure
rises to 532,167**

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **532,167** after **105** new cases were reported on 10 January 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **510,277** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll reached **19,293** after **2** died. —MNA

MoC facilitates daily imports of essential anti-COVID-19 equipment

THE Ministry of Commerce is overseeing the importation of essential medical supplies plus anti-COVID devices that are critical to the COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities, including liquid oxygen and oxygen cylinders, through trading posts, international airports and seaports.

Anti-COVID-19 equipment was imported by one company using three vehicles. A total of 23 tonnes of masks were imported via the Chinshwehaw trade zone yesterday.

Officials from the relevant departments are cooperating to facilitate and expedite the standard operating procedures, 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

Most of the factories resume operation

PRIORITIZING agriculture and livestock much supports the State economy. Except for some factories, most of the factories resume operation. The declining disease infection rate helps the tourism sector to resume.

(Excerpt from the speech by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting 4/2021 of Union Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 30-12-2021)

Press Release

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In addition, a staff of the US Embassy, who entered Myanmar by air on 3 January 2022, tested positive for COVID-19 on 6 January 2022 after undergoing an RT-PCR test during his quarantine period at Pan Pacific Hotel. The said two US nationals were transferred to the properties of the US Embassy by a staff and party of the Embassy at their own will in order to take treatment by their own arrangement without any permission from the concerned authorities, although the Embassy has been duly

informed the health protocols for COVID-19 detected patients issued by the Ministry of Health and to admit the patients to the designated hospitals (public and private hospitals).

As the rapid escalation of the spread of the Omicron variant has occurred across the globe, the Myanmar government has been effectively undertaking to prevent and control the spread of the virus in the country by adopting rigorous precautionary restriction measures in accordance with the WHO standards. Moreover, it is mentioned in Article 41

of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations that “Without prejudice to their privileges and immunities, it is the duty of all persons enjoying such privileges and immunities to respect the laws and regulations of the receiving State. They also have a duty not to interfere in the internal affairs of that State”.

The unlawful action of the said two US nationals and the staff of the Embassy could adversely affect the public health of the receiving country. In addition, such action blatantly violates the provisions of the Vienna Convention on

Diplomatic Relations and the laws and regulations of the receiving country. Therefore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs strongly condemns this action. The Ministry, once again, calls upon those concerned to strictly adhere to precautionary restriction measures relating to the control of the COVID-19 pandemic of the country. The authorities concerned will continue to take necessary actions in due course in order to contain the spread of the COVID-19 variants in the country.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

SAC members, Union Ministers and Commander attend ...

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The ceremony was successfully held after the chief minister had addressed the ceremony and the group photos had been taken.

Afterwards, the Kachin traditional Manaw festival continued at the same venue, and the SAC members, Union ministers, Kachin State chief minister and cabinet members, the Commander of the Northern Command and officials and local people happily participated in the festival.

SAC members and party also supported the exhibitions and sales booths opened by respective departments to commemorate Kachin State Day. During the visit to Kachin State

Sports and Physical Education Department, the SAC members and Union ministers attended the graduation ceremony of the Myanmar Traditional Martial Arts Basic Training conducted by the department and the State Myanmar Traditional Martial Arts Sub-Committee and awarded certificates of honour and graduating certificates to the trainees.

In the afternoon, the SAC members and party attended the Honorary Certificate/Award-Giving Ceremony of Commemorating the 74th Anniversary of Kachin State Day held at the City Hall in Myitkyina. The ceremony presented first awards for Excellence in Management to eight, second



The celebration event is underway.



The SAC members and Union ministers, Northern Command Commander and party observe the exhibition booths at the event.



awards to 16, third awards to 22; second awards for Excellence in Business to five, third award to one; first awards for Excellence in Social Activities to six, second awards to 11 and third awards to nine.

Afterwards, the SAC members and party paid homage to the Shwemoetaung Sutaungpyae Pagoda, Lawka Mann Aung Sutaungpyae Pagoda and Aung-tawmu Thatkya Marazein Tooth Relic Pagoda in Waingmaw Township. — MNA

MIFER Union Minister inspects investment sector of Taunggyi, Yaksawk townships, meeting merchants, businesspeople of southern Shan State

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Aung Naing Oo inspected the cement factory of Shan Yoma Cement Co. Ltd in the Pinpet region of Taunggyi on 9 January.

The factory that runs under the permission of the Myanmar Investment Commission is wholly owned by Myanmar citizens and produces 1,000 tonnes per day.

During the visit, the Union Minister viewed the cement production processes and avocado plantation in the factory compound.

He then visited the avocado cleansing and packaging factory which is collectively operated by local avocado farmers.

He went to the mango cleansing and packaging factory of Unique Lawksawk Mango Public Co., Ltd. in Kyainn Village of Magyigon Village-tract of Yaksawk Township.

Then, Company Director U Myint Oo briefed the processes and challenges. The Union minister discussed the improvement of manufacturing sectors, collaboration with mango farmers, export of marketable fruits in addition to mango and other investment-related matters.

He met merchants and industry businesspeople of Shan State (South) in Taunggyi yesterday.

During the meeting, he focused on the proper cooperation between the govern-



ment and economists to revive the State economy in the post-COVID-19 period, guidelines of the Prime Minister for

the recovery of the economy and effective work plans of the ministry.

Then, the attendees to

the meeting coordinated the discussion and the Union minister instructed the necessary things. — MNA

About 12.54 mln diesel to be sold in regions/states at special price

TWENTY-six companies that have imported petrol for USD 34 million, which is sold directly at the central bank's reference exchange rate, will supply about 12.54 million gallons of diesel at a special price.

The Ministry of Commerce and the Myanmar Petroleum Trade Association has been collaborating to provide the people with fuel at reasonable rates.

It is reported that 10 companies will distribute the imported fuel at 99 petrol stations across the country starting from 11 January,

and the people will be able to purchase diesel at respective stations at a referenced price set by the Myanmar Petroleum and Petroleum Products Inspection Department.

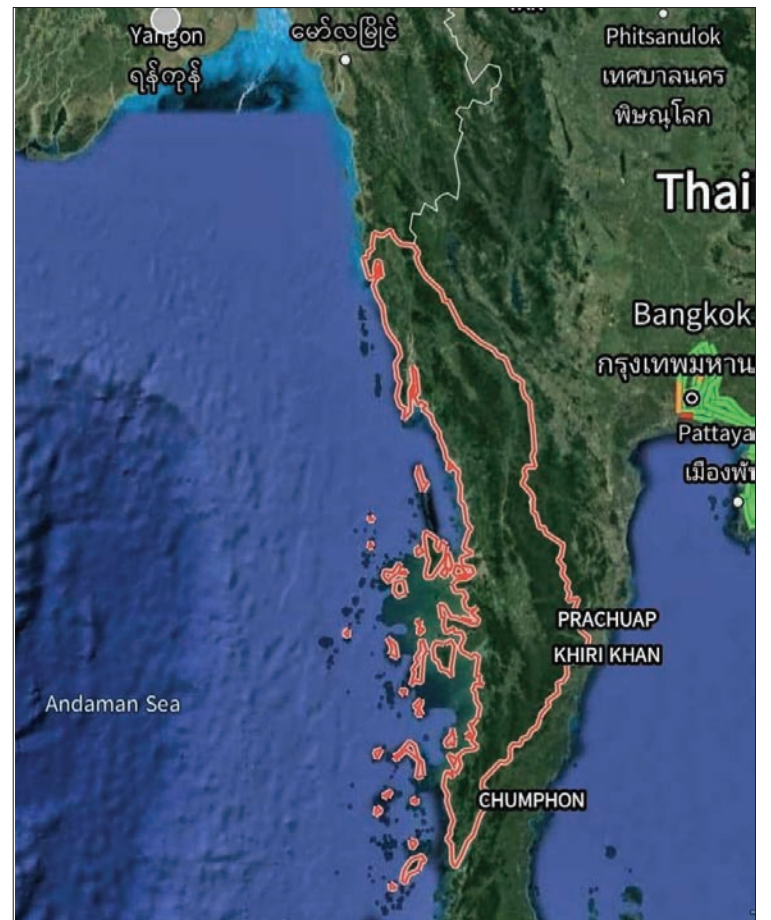
If any overcharging is found, the consumers can complain about it through the contact numbers 09 664075683, 09 664596327, 09 687635943 and 09 676320826 of the National Trade Facilitation Committee, 01250270 of Yangon Region Consumer Affairs Department and 09 421006794 of the Myanmar Petroleum Trade Association. — MNA

Four new hydropower projects to implement in Taninthayi river basin

A plan is underway to implement four new hydropower projects in the Taninthayi river basin region, according to the Department of Hydropower Implementation, Ministry of Electricity and Energy. The ministry will conduct feasibility studies to carry out this hydropower projects.

Currently, the tender has been already invited to the entrepreneurs and companies that are interested in doing feasibility studies. And, they have to submit the tender proposal on 16 May, according to an announcement of the Tender Scrutiny Committee, the Department of Hydropower Implementation.

Tender forms will be on sale from 14 to 28 January at the No 24 office in Nay Pyi Taw. The tender proposal must be submitted at the meeting room (No 27) of the Department of Hydropower Implementation. — Ko Naing (Bago)/GNLM



Over 20 mln people fully vaccinated in Myanmar as of 4 January

ABOUT 20.91 million people have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 across the country as of 4 January 2022, according to a release from the Ministry of Health.

The country is administrating the vaccines to 36.9 million people aged 18 and older. As of 4 January, there are 15.96 million people completed full doses of the

vaccine and about 4.94 million people received single doses of COVID-19, according to the Ministry. Myanmar has inoculated over 51 per cent of its population against COVID-19 so far. This year, the vaccination will continue to be given to targeted groups to improve vaccine coverage.

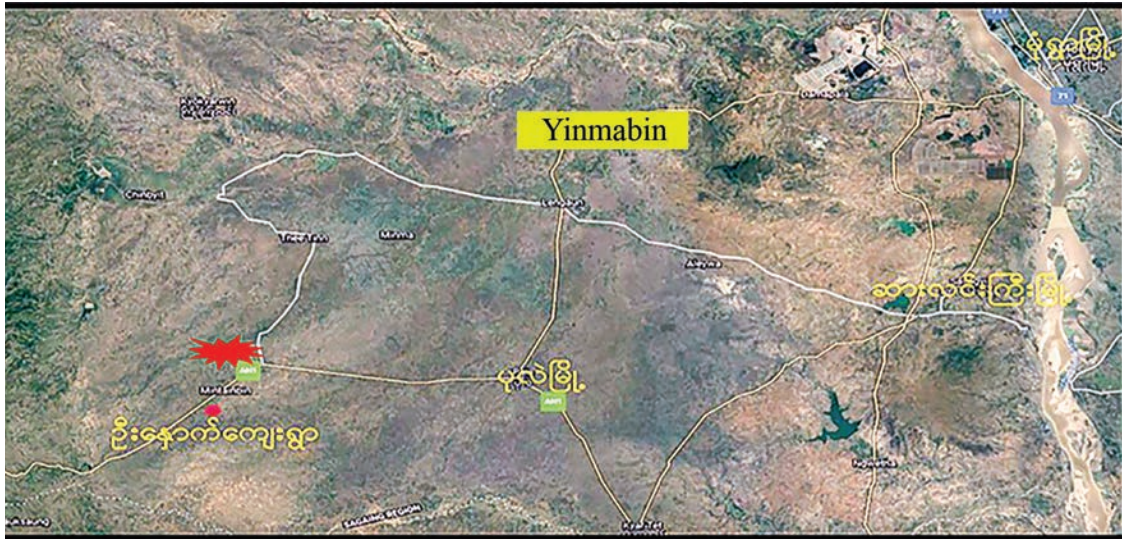
Earlier, those above 65 years old

were in the priority group to be jabbed. Now, the priority lists for COVID-19 jabs have been increased and the lists include people above 55 years of age. Besides, COVID-19 vaccines have been provided to above 45 years starting from 17 October and to above 40 starting from 9 November, according to the ministry.

Myanmar detected its first two COVID-19 positive cases on 23 March 2020.

The Ministry also urged people should receive the full dose of the vaccine and those who have received the first dose to visit the nearest immunization location or near the scheduled date for the second dose. — Aye Maung/GNLM

Terrorist groups arrested in U Nout Village, Yinmabin Township



Incident site.

SECURITY forces fought against terrorists in U Nout Village, Yinmabin Township, Sagaing Region yesterday and five bodies, weapons and ammunition of the terrorists were confiscated.

About 50 terrorists are on their way to the village and the incident took place yesterday morning in Yinmabin Township, Sagaing Region.

Security forces had clashes with terrorists in the village



at around 12:30 pm after getting a secret message, and the terrorists fled to the south of the village.

Five terrorists were killed and one M4A1 assault rifle, one MK 12, 14 handguns, three handguns; two handmade grenade launchers, two hand grenades, 16 handmade mortar bombs, 155 rounds of ammu-

munition, three magazines, two walkie-talkies, accessories used in bombings and Ford car were confiscated.

Terrorists have been operating in some villages, and security forces are stepping up safety and security in the area to ensure the peace and stability of the local people. — MNA



Confiscated arms and ammunition.

Drugs worth over K17.3 bln seized in Loilem Township



Arrestees with seized drugs and vehicles.

POLICE seized more than K17.3 billion worth of ICE (methamphetamine) in Loilem Township, a police statement said.

In the accident on 7 January, the combined team consisting of Anti-Narcotics Task Force mem-

bers seized 635 kilogrammes of ICE (methamphetamine) in a 12-wheel Isuzu truck driven by Myit Soe together with Kyaw Sai (aka) Ar Kyone on Loilem-Taunggyi Road in Loilem Township of Shan State (South). According

to the investigation, they also seized a further 603 kilogrammes of ICE (methamphetamine) in a 12-wheel truck driven by Thet Zuu and Zay Khaung between Cho Kham and Mongpon villages on Loilem-Taunggyi road.

At about 8 pm on that day, the officials also arrested other suspects Ko Aung (aka) Naw Taung and Marla (aka) Sha Ywal in their Hijet near Loilem tollgate.

Therefore, the police seized 1238 kilogrammes of ICE ((methamphetamine) worth over K17.3 billion.

According to the inspection, the drugs were transported to Taunggyi from Mongkong of Tangyan Township.

The six suspects will face legal action under the law. — MNA

Two men sentenced to jail for human trafficking

PYAPON District Court sentenced two human traffickers on 5 January for their role in trafficking Myanmar girls to China, where they were sold off.

The two suspects Myat Ko and Thein Oo from Kalahtake Village of Pyapon Township in Ayeyawady Region lured two girls – 18-year-old and 20-year-old – living in Pyapon Township to China with the promise of the job.

Therefore, they were charged under Section 24/32 of Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law at Daw Nyein Police Station of Pyapon Township with (Pa) 142/2019, (pa) 157/2019.

The Pyapon District Court Judge sentenced Myat Ko to 20 years in prison with hard labour, while another suspect Thein Oo to 10 years in prison with hard labour on Wednesday. — MNA

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The Shwemyintzu mid-water pagoda at Indawgyi Lake. **PHOTOS: KANU**

Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary, its natural beauties and biodiversity boost ecotourism

By Thitsar (MNA)/GNLM

THE enchanting scenic beauty and biodiversity are captivating eco-travellers in Indawgyi Lake. The lake is packed with migratory and resident birds in winter as well.

Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary surrounded by evergreen steep mountains is located in Mohnyin Township in Kachin State and it is recognized as UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. It is Southeast Asia's third-largest lake and the largest wetland in Myanmar.

Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary was established on 9 August 2014. It was declared as ASEAN Heritage Park on 18 December 2003 and became a member of East Asia- Australasian Flyway as 118th country on 15 December 2014, was designated as Ramsar Site No. 2256 on 2 February 2016. Furthermore, it was recognized as Biosphere Reserve on 15 June 2017 and joined the network of Wetland Link International-WLI (Asia) on 1 April 2019.

Indawgyi Lake expanded



Thriving with nature—rich biodiversity at the Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary.



Revellers at Indawgyi Lake.

across an area of 303,508 square miles (200,645 acres).

Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary warden office under the Department of Forest is implementing to protect habitat of migratory birds, conserve the ecosystem, maintain the sustainability of Wetland areas and restore and conserve the forest to minimize climate change.

The lake is situated 480 feet above sea level and surrounded by 1,100-high mountains. The lake is quite smaller than the lakes in Russia and Japan. Like the Lake Baikal in Russia and Pitch Lake, it is an ancient lake

with similar existence and eutrophication, according to micro-climate research. The lake is Kachin State's landmark, where biodiversity, ecosystem and historical geography can be studied. As a result of this, the lake conservation plan must continue from generation to generation to protect the heritage of the country.

Additionally, wild rice plants grow naturally in the lake. Indawgyi Lake became a stopover for migratory birds from the north to escape the extreme weather in winter.

Water quality assessment

plays a pivotal role in sustainable aquaculture so environmental conservation measures have to be undertaken. Indawgyi Lake, Indawgyi creek and Mogaung creek are also grounds for different species of fish that hatch after swimming upstream.

Myanmar is strategically located and of geopolitical importance for regional connectivity between Southeast Asia and South Asia. The country is standing proudly with its strategic coastlines in the west and south, natural resources, icy mountains in the north and mountain ranges and rich biodiversity. The country's wildlife sanctuaries and national parks are drawing the attention of researchers and have become the destinations for eco-tourism. The country is home to several cultural heritage sites, with UNESCO World Heritage sites and ASEAN Heritage Park.

Indawgyi Lake was a famous destination for tourists. In 2019, more than 10,000 ecotourists flocked to the Lake and enhanced the livelihoods of

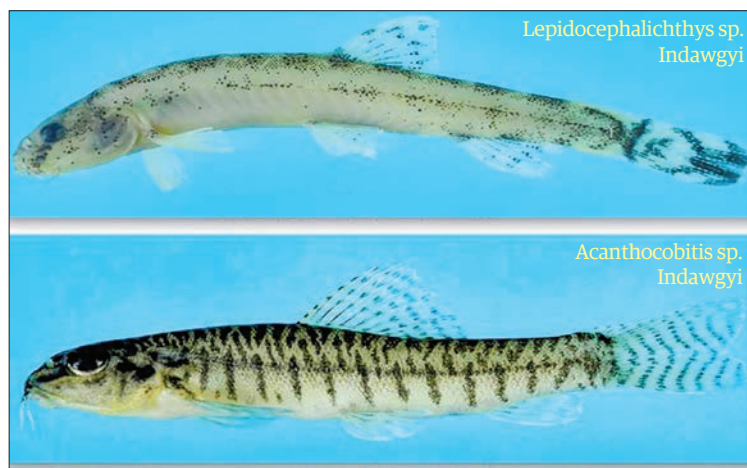
and China are also expected to attract tourists.

Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary is home to 47 mammal species, 91 amphibians and crawling animal species, 501 birds, 95 fish species, 50 butterfly species, 48 plant species, 118 herbal plant species, 75 orchid species, seven bamboo types, five rattan types, 14 grass species and 157 aquatic plants.

Every year, migratory birds flock to the freshwater lake, where there is abundant food, away from colder regions with frozen lakes and a short food supply that make it difficult for them to survive. Indawgyi Lake is one of the primary habitats of winged visitors in winter.

The visitors can observe the biodiversity, climate change impact on the ecosystem, the ecotourism progress and negative consequences of illegal mining, and also carry out researches on ecosystem services.

The visitors can join bird-watching boat tours, trekking and hiking activities. They can also study the traditional



the residents. Indawgyi Lake is designated as UNESCO's Biosphere Reserve and it is supported by the German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation, contributing towards sustainable tourism in the Mohayin area.

Natural lakes and wildlife sanctuary draws the attention of the tourists and the ecotourism sites generate revenues more than the cultural heritage sites. The world countries notice it and preserve them for sustainable tourism.

The tourism recovery plan is halted amidst the concerns of the Omicron variant. Yet, some countries reopened tourism with safety and precautionary measures. The most visited countries are Canada, the US, India, Ireland, Italy, Brazil, China, South Africa, New Zealand and Switzerland. Myanmar along with neighbouring India



One of the threatened species – black-necked storks are seen at Indawgyi Lake.



Migratory birds at the Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary.

fishing method of local people and culture, tradition and customs of the local community as there are 37 villages around Indawgyi Lake.

Ecotourism raises the state's revenue and improves the socio-economy of the local

community. The local people earn for living from eco-tourism, fishery resources, herbal plants and small-scale forest products.

The visitors can go on short trips by plane from Yangon and Mandalay. They can take road

trips as well. The UNESCO listed Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary which is also designated as an ASEAN heritage site, is drawing the attention of the visitors, with picturesque evergreen forest and rich biodiversity.



Indawgyi Lake – Ramsar Wetland Site No.2256 and Biosphere Reserve – is the habitat for migratory birds as well as local flora and fauna.

Build peace and stability, development in Kachin State

MYANMAR stands tall as a sovereign country escaping from enslavement from colonialists thanks to the Panglong Agreement which turns the Diamond Jubilee Union Day soon. It depends on the relentless perseverance, patriotic spirit, courage and unity of all ethnic national people.

The Kachin State is home to Kachin ethnics such as Jingpaw, Rawam, Lisu, and Zaiwah, Shan ethnics such as Tailon, Tailai, Taisa and Taihkanti and Bamar ethnics in addition to other ethnics totalling over 1.7 million amicably.

In implementing the roadmap, any difficulties and challenges will be firmly challenged with the patriotic spirit based on the genuine Union spirit of the ethnic nationals for the sake of the nation and the nationals.

Emphasis is being placed on the improvement of the peace process and sustainable and harmonious development for all ethnic national brethren.

Relevant organizations and stakeholders from all regions and states need to have the correct attitude and same wishes for achieving the success of the peace process. If the country is not stable and peaceful, building the Union based on democracy and federalism and the development of the State will be far from the public aspiration.

The government has adopted plans on transport, electrification, agriculture, livestock, education, health and improvement of human resources for the development of multiple sectors for all ethnic national people.

In implementing the roadmap, any difficulties and challenges will be firmly challenged with the patriotic spirit based on the genuine Union spirit of the ethnic nationals for the sake of the nation and the nationals.

All ethnic national people are urged to participate in efforts to wipe out incitement and danger of violent attacks of terrorists undermining the peace and stability of the State and opposing the government in Kachin State.

As cases rise, India fears another Covid catastrophe

HAUNTED by the spectre of last year's crisis, India is bracing for a deluge of Covid-19 cases, with authorities of various megacities bringing in restrictions in a bid to keep infections in check.

Case numbers have yet to match the enormous figures seen last spring, when thousands died each day and the Hindu holy city of Varanasi maintained round-the-clock funeral pyres for the mass cremation of virus victims.

But daily infections nearly tripled over two days this week to more than 90,000, a surge driven by the highly contagious Omicron variant that some experts worry could again see the country's hospitals overwhelmed.

An overnight curfew has been imposed in the Delhi area that includes the capital, where weekend movement restrictions will begin on Friday evening, with all non-essential workers asked to stay home.

Tech hub Bangalore has also declared a weekend curfew, while sprawling financial centre Mumbai introduced a night curfew. "Even a small percentage of a large number of cases trans-

lates to a large number in absolute terms," Gautam Menon, a professor at India's Ashoka University who has worked on Covid infection modelling, told AFP.

"This could potentially stress out health care systems to levels comparable to or worse than the second wave."

Doctors and nurses who spoke to AFP have so far been optimistic, with fewer severe cases among those patients admitted to hospital — and with the benefit of experience.

"Last year, we didn't know what exactly we were dealing with. I think now, mentally, it's a little better," one frontline worker at a Delhi hospital said.

Suresh Kumar, director of Lok Nayak Jai Prakash Hospital in the capital, where cases have quadrupled from a handful at the start of the week to 20, said the rise was "not a cause for panic".

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration has so far shied away from the drastic nationwide lockdown introduced during last year's catastrophic outbreak.

But local officials have watched the sharply rising case



A health worker performs COVID-19 screening of people queued outside a metro station in New Delhi on 2 January 2022. PHOTO: MONEY SHARMA / AFP

numbers with alarm and some of India's biggest urban centres have moved to impose restrictions again.

Earlier virus lockdowns were a hammer blow to the Indian economy and many are worried about the financial impact of new restrictions.

"I will be working only for 15 days this month," said Delhi res-

ident Tumul Srivastava, whose office is subject to the 50 percent occupancy limits imposed by the city.

"My salary may be deducted. All this is adding to my anxiety." "The system may crumble"

India appears better placed to weather Omicron than it was ahead of the calamitous Delta wave it suffered last spring, when

more than 200,000 people died in a matter of weeks.

Back then, hospitals ran out of oxygen and patients desperately scrambled to source medicine after a run on pharmacies.

In the time since, Indian health workers have injected nearly 1.5 billion vaccine doses, with government data showing nearly two-thirds of the country

fully vaccinated.

That campaign, combined with last year's Delta sweep of towns and villages around the country, may help lessen the impact of the latest spread.

"Though we do not have data, this may give strong hybrid immunity against severe outcomes," University of Michigan epidemiologist Bhramar Mukherjee told AFP.

Preliminary studies have so far suggested the Omicron variant has led to less severe health consequences among those infected, despite its rapid spread.

Mukherjee warned however that an uncontrolled spread of new infections could still pose serious problems for India, even if the direct virus toll is a fraction of that seen last year.

"As you are witnessing in the US and UK, a major chunk of the working population being sick is affecting the societal infrastructure and leading to chaos," she said. "I am afraid there may be a period in India when we see the same thing — just the sheer volume may make the system crumble."

SOURCE: AFP

COVID-19 vaccine does not increase risk of preterm birth: Study

PREGNANT people who contract COVID-19 have an increased risk of disease severity and death, yet only 31 per cent of pregnant people in the United States had received

vaccines as of September 2021. One barrier to vaccine acceptance is the concern that vaccination might disrupt pregnancy. The findings were reported by the Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention (CDC). **New evidence**

A Yale co-led study, which looked at more than 40,000 pregnant individuals, adds new evidence supporting

the safety of COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy. The study found COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy was not associated with preterm birth or small-for-gestational-age (SGA) when comparing vaccinated with unvaccinated pregnant people.

The trimester when the vaccination was received and the number of COVID-19 vaccine doses received were also not associated with increased risk of preterm birth or SGA, the researchers found.

Preterm birth (in which babies are delivered earlier than 37 weeks) and SGA (in which babies are delivered smaller in size than normal for the gestational age) have been associated with a higher risk for infant death and disability. For the new study, the authors used data from eight healthcare organizations participating in Vaccine Safety Datalink — a project established by the CDC to monitor vaccine safety — to investigate the risk for preterm birth or SGA among vaccinated and unvaccinated pregnant women aged 16

to 49 years. **During pregnancy**

Among those included in the study, 10,064 individuals, or nearly 22 per cent, received at least one COVID-19 vaccine dose during pregnancy, researchers said. Most (98.3 per cent) received vaccination during their second or third trimester; the rest (1.7 per cent) received it during their first trimester of pregnancy. Almost 96 per cent of those vaccinated received an mRNA vaccine developed by Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna. To date, a few studies have described outcomes among live births following COVID-19 vaccination in pregnancy, the researchers say. The new findings add to the evidence that COVID-19 vaccination is safe during pregnancy. Research into the drivers behind low vaccine acceptance among pregnant people has found that the most common concerns have been a lack of information about COVID-19 vaccine safety in pregnant people and potential harm to the fetus. The results of this study speak to both, said

Heather Lipkind, associate professor of obstetrics, gynecology, and reproductive sciences at the Yale School of Medicine and lead author of the study.

Preventing severe illness

"Getting vaccinated against COVID-19 is important for preventing severe illness in pregnant people," said Lipkind. "With the increasing rates of COVID-19 in our community we are encouraging pregnant people to get vaccinated." Pregnant individuals, in addition to seeing an increased risk of severe disease and death compared with non-pregnant people, are more likely to require admission into the intensive care unit, invasive ventilation, and machine-assisted blood oxygenation. The CDC and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommend the COVID-19 vaccine for people who are pregnant, breastfeeding, trying to get pregnant, or might become pregnant in the future.

SOURCE: ANI



A pregnant woman registers to receive a dose of the Chinese-made Sinopharm Covid-19 coronavirus vaccine in Colombo on 9 September 2021. PHOTO: AFP

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Monday 10 January 2022)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is generally fair over the North Bay of Bengal and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 11 January 2022: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Upper Sagaing, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin State. Degree of certainty is (60%). Weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon, Ayeyawady Regions and Chin, Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4-6) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 January 2022: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11 January 2022: Generally fair weather.

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Milestones in the State Administration Council's Tenth Month

BY **Kanaung**



The Senior General views the scale-model of the Buddha Image.

Overview

The month of November saw continued progress in the fight against COVID-19, although the country still needs to remain vigilant against the disease, given the emergence of the new variant Omicron in other countries.

The government security forces, with their tireless efforts and willingly helped by members of the public across the nation, continued to score decisive victories in the fight against terrorism, but it cannot be said that the dangers have passed.

Diary of the State Leadership

On 1 November, State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addressed the nation on the work and achievements of SAC during the past nine months. The State of the Nation Address covered COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment, anti-COVID-19 vaccination programmes, pardons, the reopening of schools, the consumption of fuel and edible oil, healthy lifestyles, the economy, agriculture and livestock, productivity in the industrial and trade sectors.

On 2 November, Prime Min-

ister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing paid homage to State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Bhamo Sayadaw and State Ovadacariya Presiding Sayadaw of Maha Wizitayon Monastery, made donations, and reported on religious affairs.

On 3 November, the Prime Minister inspected the Practising Middle School, stadiums and Mandalay University in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay Region. He then met with Mandalay Region government officials and discussed development tasks for the city, growth in the productive sectors, the need for discipline, and the agriculture and livestock sectors.

The Prime Minister sent a message on the occasion of Kayin State Day on 7 November. The message emphasized the government's efforts in the national reconciliation and the Union peace process. The goal is sustainable and equitable development that all the ethnic national races can enjoy, and to leave a legacy of a peaceful and tranquil society for future generations.

On 10 and 11 November, the Prime Minister Senior-General Min Aung Hlaing inspected In-

dagaw Industrial Zone, Tatmadaw Textile Factory (Thamaing) and Myanmar Pharmaceuticals Factory (Insein). During the inspections, the Prime Minister highlighted the need for local factories to be competitive with imported products in quantity and quality and to sell quality products at fair prices.

On 12 November, Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing led an event to explain to concerned national-level officials the carving and establishment of the marble image of the Mara Vijaya Buddha, scheduled to be placed at the Buddha Park in Dekkhina Township, Nay Pyi Taw. He touched on the excavation of the marble rock and conveying processes, the construction of refectories, religious halls, archives, rest houses and Mingala bridge, all of which would be constructed in the Yadanabon period styles.

On the same day, the SAC Chairman Senior-General Min Aung Hlaing received a delegation led by the Chairman of the Russian-Myanmar Military Technological Cooperation Joint Commission Deputy Director of the Federal Service for Military-Technical Cooperation Mr

Vladimir Drozhzhov and Deputy Director-General of JSC "Rosobronexport" Company Mr A.L. Chekmarev. They exchanged views on the enhancement of military cooperation between the defence sectors and armed forces, the assistance from the Russian Federation to strengthen human resources and technology in order to upgrade the Myanmar Tatmadaw into a modern armed force, and cooperation in all sectors, including the economy, between the two countries.

On 13 November, the Prime Minister received Mr Yohei Sasakawa, Special Envoy of the Government of Japan for National Reconciliation in Myanmar and Chairman of the Nippon Foundation at the Tatmadaw Guesthouse in Nay Pyi Taw. They exchanged views on the current changes in the political sector, the implementation of peace processes, Japan's assistance to Myanmar and the promotion of relations between the two countries.

Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met Special Envoy of Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China Mr Sun Guoxiang and Former

Governor of New Mexico of the United States of America Mr Bill Richardson and discussed better international communication and assistance with regard to COVID-19 vaccines.

On 19 November, the Prime Minister met 72 students who had completed the five-year Bachelor of Education degree course, the fourth batch in the University for Development of National Races, Sagaing, under the Ministry of Border Affairs at the event, held in the convocation hall and Panglong hall of the University. A broader audience of about 200 students from the University participated through videoconferencing.

On 23 November, SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, in his capacity as Chairman of Security, Peace and Stability and Rule of Law Committee of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, addressed the 6/2021 meeting of the committee. During the meeting, he emphasized the need for the public to fully understand the enactment and amendment of national laws. The SAC members, Union Ministers, Chairman of Anti-Corruption Commission, Region/State Chief Ministers and Deputy Ministers reported on matters in their respective sectors related to the security, peace and rule of law.

On 24 November, an affirmation ceremony was organized with the members of the Myanmar Press Council. The members took affirmation in the presence of the Prime Minister. During the event, the Prime Minister said the council would make provision for the journalists to cover the news freely as well as to enable them to disseminate correct and accurate information to the people. He also expressed his belief that since the Council comprised experienced media personnel and media experts, the Council's work would benefit the country, the people and the media sector.

On 26 November, in his capacity as the Patron of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization (MWVO), Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the second-day session of MWVO Conference 2021. He recalled the noble service of the war veterans, who had served, with some sacrificing life and limb for the country and people. He

mentioned the present role of the MWVO, which make up the reserve forces of the Tatmadaw and participate in defence and security duties accordingly for the country.

The Prime Minister sent a message to mark the 101st Anniversary of the National Victory Day, which fell on 28 November 2021. The original date of National Victory Day, the tenth day of the waning moon of Tazaungmon 1282 Myanmar Era, corresponded to December 1920. The message recalled that National Victory Day was to mark the beginning of the student-led protests against the British colonial government, who had forcibly enacted the Yangon University Act in December 1920, thereby restricting access to higher education for the Myanmar population. Education reforms play a key role in political, economic and governance reform processes. The message called on all ethnic nationals to engage in building mutual trust and striving for the development of their communities across the Union.

On 5 November, Chairman of the Central Committee Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win attended the second coordination meeting of the Central Committee for the organization of the 74th Anniversary of Independence Day 2022. The Deputy Prime Minister participated in discussions with the officials of respective sub-committees.

On 2 November, Myanmar hosted the 6th Summit of ASEAN Supreme Audit Institutions (ASEANSAI) via videoconferencing. The State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win delivered the address by video message as a special guest. He mentioned political changes, future work plans and cooperation with ASEAN and other partner organizations. The highlight of the event was the handover of the ASEANSAI Chairmanship from Datuk Nik Azman bin Nik Abdul Majid, Auditor-General of SAI Malaysia to Professor Dr Kan Zaw, Auditor-General of SAI Myanmar as the new Chairman.

On 12 November, Vice-Senior General Soe Win attended the 22nd ASEAN Chiefs of Army Multilateral Meeting (ASEAN-CAMM), hosted by Myanmar as the Chairman of ASEAN-CAMM. He led the discussion under the topic of the Role of ASEAN Armies In the Process of Rehabilitation After the COVID-19 Pandemic and

highlighted the importance and urgency of post-COVID-19 rehabilitation tasks, especially in the socio-economic sector. He emphasized the need for cooperation on post-COVID-19 rehabilitation as a common interest to all ASEAN countries. The Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services also discussed the enhancement of civil-military cooperation in disaster response and planning, the rule of law, food security and trade flow. He emphasized the principles inherent in ASEAN Centrality, ASEAN Unity and ASEAN Way. Although Myanmar had made special efforts for the visit of the ASEAN Special Envoy, no sovereign country could accept requests from other governments for intervening in a legal prosecution and trial process, which would be outside the existing law of the

ment Award in the 2021 Awards presented by the Asian-Oceanian Computing Industry Organization (ASOCIO) to the Ministry of Health. ASOCIO is an ICT federation organized by ICT associations from 24 economies throughout the Asia Pacific. Four other Myanmar entities, from the private sector, were also awarded by ASOCIO. Altogether ASOCIO awarded 35 organizations and companies.

The third edition of Goa Maritime Conclave (GMC) 2021 was organised by the Indian Navy from 7 to 9 November, 2021 at Naval War College, Goa. Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Karambir Singh chaired the conclave, the theme of which was "Maritime Security and Emerging Non-Traditional Threats: A Case for Proactive Role for Indian Ocean Region Navies." The

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At the invitation of INTERPOL, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Chief of the Myanmar Police Force Lieutenant General Than Hlaing attended the 89th Session of INTERPOL General Assembly in Istanbul, Turkey, from 23 to 25 November. At the event, Myanmar participated in secret voting for a new President and the 12 regional committee representatives of Myanmar also discussed the capacity building of the police force and training for INTERPOL and other cooperation among police forces.

A delegation led by the Chairperson of ASEAN Law Association (Myanmar), Union

international Symposium of the AACC via videoconferencing on 10 and 11 November. Union Supreme Court Judge U Myo Tint joined the Webinar of the 22nd International Conference of Chief Justices of the World, which was held from 19 to 22 November via videoconferencing. Starting on 29 November, the Government of the People's Republic of China hosted the 59th Annual Session of Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) via videoconferencing. The Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Legal Affairs and Union Attorney-General Dr Thida Oo joined the meeting together with other delegates of member countries.

The 5th Joint Working Group Meeting on Poverty Reduction for Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC) and Forums on



The Senior General views around the factories in the Indagaw Industrial Zone.

country. Upon the completion of presentations by all participating ASEAN countries, SAC Advisor Dr Yin Yin Nwe on behalf of the Myanmar Tatmadaw provided a concise review of post-COVID-19 rehabilitation efforts in ASEAN countries and the roles and comparative advantages of the military in disaster management.

International Cooperation

The Vaccination Management Information System (VMIS), developed by the Information and Technology Department of the Tatmadaw, and used by the Ministry of Health to support the systematic management of vaccination against COVID-19 in Myanmar was recognized with a Digital Govern-

ment Award in the 2021 Awards presented by the Asian-Oceanian Computing Industry Organization (ASOCIO) to the Ministry of Health. ASOCIO is an ICT federation organized by ICT associations from 24 economies throughout the Asia Pacific. Four other Myanmar entities, from the private sector, were also awarded by ASOCIO. Altogether ASOCIO awarded 35 organizations and companies.

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A delegation led by the Chairperson of ASEAN Law Association (Myanmar), Union Minister for Legal Affairs and Attorney-General of the Union Dr Thida Oo attended the 42nd ASEAN Law Association Governing Council meeting, held through videoconferencing on 11 November. At the meeting, Union Minister and Attorney-General of the Union Dr Thida Oo said Myanmar, as a member of ASEAN, adheres to the ASEAN Charter and respects its responsibilities in the Charter.

Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Aung Naing Oo joined the 10th AEM-Canada Consultations which were held via videoconference on 17 November 2021. Members of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union attended the Third In-

Pandemic Response Experience Sharing and Regional Rural Development were held on 10 November via video link. The events were hosted by the Myanmar Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development in Nay Pyi Taw. Over 30 representatives of the working group members from the poverty alleviation departments of Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam, the representatives of the China Secretariat and Myanmar Secretariat of the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as the implementation units of the East Asia Poverty Reduction Pilot Project attended the meeting via video link.

TO BE CONTINUED

IMF warns developing countries of 'economic turbulence'

EMERGING economies should gird for possible rough times as the US Federal Reserve prepares to raise interest rates and world economic growth slows because of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, the IMF warned Monday.

The International Monetary Fund, which is scheduled to release up-

dated economic forecasts on 25 January, said that for now global economic recovery from the ravages of the pandemic should continue this year and next.

But "risks to growth remain elevated by the stubbornly resurgent pandemic," IMF economists Stephan Danninger, Kenneth Kang and Helene

Poirson wrote in a blog post.

The highly contagious Omicron strain has spread like wildfire around the world since mid-December, causing record numbers of new Covid cases in the latest wave of the global health crisis.

Omicron, which seems to cause less se-

vere disease than previous strains of the coronavirus, is causing countries to reinstitute health measures that hamper economic growth. "Given the risk that this could coincide with faster Fed tightening, emerging economies should prepare for potential bouts of economic turbulence," the economists

said, as these countries are also confronting elevated inflation and substantially higher public debt.

The Fed has signalled that it will raise key interest rates sooner and more aggressively than it had planned, in order to counter rampant inflation in the US that is hitting US households and consump-

tion — the engine of economic growth in America.

Higher interest rates mean financing costs for some emerging economies with dollar-denominated debt will rise. These countries are already lagging behind in the global economic recovery and thus less able to absorb added expenditure. — AFP ■

Markets mostly up as traders weigh Fed tightening, inflation

MOST Asian and European markets rose Monday as traders brushed off another negative performance on Wall Street as US data showed fewer new jobs than expected were created last month but that wages saw a strong gain, keeping pressure on the Federal Reserve in its battle against inflation.

Traders will be keeping a watch on inflation readings out of the United States and China this week as they try to assess the outlook for the global economy with rocketing energy costs and supply snarls compounding problems caused by the fast-spreading Omicron Covid variant.

The closely watched non-farm payrolls figure on Friday came in well short of forecasts, marking a disappointing end to the year, while wage growth beat estimates.

Fed officials are now faced with the problem of having to adjust monetary policy to rein in prices while at the same time avoid damaging the economic recovery and

causing a panic on markets as the cheap cash that has fuelled a near-two year rally is removed.

The bank has already started tapering its vast bond-buying programme put in place at the start of the pandemic and has signalled it could start lifting interest rates from record lows from March, with some observers predicting three hikes this year.

There were also indications officials were considering reducing its massive bond holdings, putting further upward pressure on lending costs.

The yield on 10-year Treasuries, a key indicator of future interest rates, climbed last week at its fastest pace in almost a year.

"The US Fed needs to tread carefully in removing policy accommodation — it should not happen too fast otherwise it risks a disruption to the rebound in economic growth and could lead to another 'taper tantrum'," Diana Mousina, of AMP Capital, said.— AFP ■



A resident undergoes a nucleic acid test for the Covid-19 coronavirus in north China's Tianjin on 10 January 2022. PHOTO: STR/AFP

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Hong Kong shares extend gains at open

HONG Kong stocks rose in the first few minutes of trade Monday morning, building on last week's gains, following weak US jobs data that could ease pressure on the Federal Reserve to speed up its pace of monetary tightening.

The Hang Seng Index edged up 0.13 per cent, or 30.52 points, to 23,523.90.

The Shanghai Composite Index fell 0.19 per cent, or 6.80 points, to 3,572.74, while the Shenzhen Composite Index on China's second exchange eased 0.28 per cent, or 6.81 points, to 2446.01.—AFP ■

Europe markets drift lower at open

EUROPE'S stock markets nudged lower in opening deals on Monday, as traders set aside Asian gains to focus on sliding Wall Street shares and weak US data.

London's benchmark FTSE100 index declined almost 0.1 per cent to 7,478.27 points compared with the closing level on Friday.

In the eurozone, Frankfurt's DAX index lost 0.2 per cent to 15,917.11 and the Paris CAC 40 lost 0.4 per cent to 7,188.03. The closely watched US non-farm payrolls figure on Friday came in well short of forecasts, marking a disappointing end to the year, while wage growth beat estimates.—AFP ■

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M/S SEALAND MAERSK ASIA PTE LTD.

NOTICE OF FINAL CALL ON SHARES AND INVESTMENT

WHEREAS,

1. Daw Cho Cho holding Myanmar NRC No.7/PAKHANA(N)224258 with residential address at No. Da 89, Myat Lay Street, Quarter-10, Padaythar Myothit, Pyin Oo Lwin, Mandalay Region, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar holds sixty-five (65) ordinary shares of Noble Planet Company Limited (Company Registration No. 122600858, the "Company");
2. in accordance with the prevailing constitution of the Company, Daw Cho Cho's obligation to pay Myanmar Kyats 6,500,000 as the consideration for share subscription to the Company's designated Myanmar Kyats bank account not later than 9 January 2020 as specified in Clauses 2.2.1 and 2.2.5 of the Company's joint venture agreement dated 2 January 2020 (the "JVA") consisted an initial call on her sixty-five (65) ordinary shares issued and allotted by the Company (the "Initial Call"). However, Daw Cho Cho failed to make any payment to the Company's designated bank account;
3. the Company's Board of Directors later resolved on 19 November 2021 to make a final call of Myanmar Kyats 6,500,000 on Daw Cho Cho's sixty-five (65) ordinary shares held in the Company and that the said call money be made payable to the Company's bank account not later than 17 December 2021 (the "Second Call");
4. pursuant to the Directors' resolution on making the Second Call, a letter named Notice of Granting Grace Period (the "Notice Letter") has been mailed out on 19 November 2021 at 02:15 pm by using the Myanmar Post services at the Yangon General Post Office with the tracking number of SE824447611MP, and it has been delivered to Daw Cho Cho's address located at No. Da 89, Myat Lay Street, Quarter-10, Padaythar Myothit, Pyin Oo Lwin, Mandalay Region, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The Notice Letter was accepted by U Min Pyae Sone Htay on behalf of Daw Cho Cho on 1 December 2021 at 11:35 am;
5. in the Notice Letter, the Second Call was made on Daw Cho Cho's sixty-five (65) ordinary shares of the Company pursuant to the Company's board resolution dated 19 November 2021 regarding making the final call on issued shares. Daw Cho Cho was required in the Notice Letter to transfer both Myanmar Kyats 6,500,000 as the consideration for subscribing the sixty-five (65) original shares and the balance amount of her committed total investment fund of Myanmar Kyats 18,500,000 in full not later than 17 December 2021 to the Company's designated bank account;
6. Daw Cho Cho failed again to make any payment as indicated in the Second Call to the Company's designated bank account;
7. notwithstanding the Second Call was named as the "final call" on Daw Cho Cho's shares and investment due, the Company's board of Directors decided to offer Daw Cho Cho the last chance to pay the aforementioned called monies and resolved on 7 January 2022 to make the final call on Daw Cho Cho's shares and investment.

With respect to the repeating failures in responding to the calls on shares and investment which were made by the Company respectively on 9 January 2020 and 19 November 2021 and pursuant to the Company's Directors' resolution dated 7 January 2022 on making the final call on Daw Cho Cho's shares and investment, Daw Cho Cho is hereby notified that this final call has been made on:-

- a. her sixty-five (65) ordinary shares issued and allotted by the Company; and
- b. balance of the total investment amount she agreed to contribute to the Company as pursuant to the Clause 2.1.3 of the JVA.

Daw Cho Cho is hereby further notified to make payment by bank transfer the fund of Myanmar Kyats 25,000,000 (i.e., summed up amount of Myanmar Kyats 6,500,000 as the consideration for her sixty-five (65) ordinary shares and the balance of her committed investment amount to the Company of Myanmar Kyats 18,500,000) in full not later than 1 February 2022 to the Company's designated bank account with information set forth below.

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Account Name: Noble Planet Company Limited
Account Number: 6010010000000190124
Bank Address: ICBC Center, Crystal Tower, Kyun Taw Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon
SWFIT Code: ICBKMMMY

In case of non-payment of the call monies on or before the date specified above, interest at the rate of 10 percent per day will be applied.

Mr. Li Decong
Shareholder and Director
Noble Planet Company Limited

Daw Maw Maw Myint
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Vessel registration charged \$50 at border post in Rakhine State

FOR cross-border trade in Rakhine State, the registration of a vessel is charged US\$50 and the weighted average price is set at five dollars per freight tonne as per the Marine Fisheries Law, Rakhine State Fisheries Department stated.

The direct export system facilitates the trade flow and brings about more benefits to the exporters and the breeders. The department earns revenue from the vessels that directly send the fishery products to Bangladesh's Port. Sittway and Maungtaw border posts in Rakhine State with Bangladesh have resumed operations since 14 October 2021. Additionally, the department made efforts to raise the revenue from the aquaculture exports. In November, the revenue of US\$10,250.59 was generated from

11 vessels.

As of the end of October in the 2021-2022 mini-budget period, over \$6.677 million worth of 5,547.57 tonnes of freshwater fish and dried fish were shipped to Bangladesh via border posts. Freshwater fishery products constituted 65 per cent of overall seafood exports, while rohu accounted for 75 per cent of freshwater fish exports.

The exports of fishery products to Bangladesh generated \$6.318 million from 7,089 tonnes of seafood in the financial year 2019-2020. The trade flow plummeted drastically owing to the impacts triggered by the COVID-19 pandemic in the 2020-2021FY. Myanmar earned only \$4.76 million by exporting 5,010 tonnes of fishery products last year. — Ko Naing (Bago)/GNLM



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Watermelon prices fall again in Chinese market



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THE price of Myanmar's watermelon sent to China dropped again in recent days, Sai Khin Maung of the Khwanyo Trading Company said.

High-quality watermelon fetched over 7 yuan per kilogramme in previous days. At present, the price drastically dropped to below 5 yuan per kilogramme. Additionally, deterioration in fruit quality does not even cover the transport cost to China, Sai Khin Maung stressed.

"The prices declined on 8 January and remain on the low side. Furthermore, inferior quality brings down the price. Chinese traders started making an outright purchase of watermelon by truckload rate rather than setting prices on kilogramme. If the watermelon stays in the bear market, transport and other general costs will post a burden on traders. I like to suggest growers not to deliver

low-quality watermelon to the market," he added.

It is of vital importance for growers to match supply with demand and consider the queue and cost before placing watermelons in the market. Moreover, deterioration in quality affected the market, expressed the Muse Fruit Centre.

The Muse Fruit Centre requested on 10 January the growers to wait for the shipment to match supply with demand.

Nevertheless, the prices of muskmelons remain stable at 5 to 7 yuan per kilogramme, the Khwanyo Trading Depot stated.

Long delay of trucks caused harm to watermelon quality and only one in five trucks heading to China remained undamaged with quality watermelons during the 2021-end period. It takes about 20 days from the farm to the Chinese market at present.

In addition to COVID-19

restriction measures, China's customs regulations resulted in delays. China's Customs in the border post will practice higher import duty as if it does in maritime trade. Therefore, the trucks are waiting for new Customs Regulation, Khwanyo Trading Depot stated

During the COVID-19 pandemic, trade facilitation is unlikely to happen according to China's trade policy. Trade will go back to normalcy after China eases the rules and restriction measures for the COVID-19. China shut down all the border posts with Muse city in the wake of COVID-19 impacts.

Of them, the Kyinsankyawt border post between Myanmar and China, which was previously closed down from 8 July, has been reopened starting from 26 November on a trial run. — NN/GNLM

Harvested sugarcane from two districts sent directly to sugar mills in Mandalay

IN a bid to minimize post-harvest losses, the harvested sugarcane in two districts, Mandalay Region is brought directly to sugar mills, the Mandalay Region Agriculture Department stated.

The department has completed more than 20,000 acres of sugarcane plantations in Mandalay and PyinOoLwin districts and over 4,000 have been harvested. That harvested sugarcane was delivered directly to Great Wall and Maunggon sugar mills in the region.

The sugarcane produced in Thabeikkyin Township is conveyed to Great Wall Wilmar Holdings. The sugar plans commenced running from the first week of January, said Daw Khaing Mo Mo Zin, deputy staff officer of the regional Agricul-

ture Department.

"It is the harvest season of sugarcane. The growers have already connected to the sugar processing mills. The department is providing technical assistance for post-harvest quality management to the growers to reduce the post-harvest losses and increase their incomes. The harvest season will end in February and March", she explained.

The sugarcane sowing acreages accounted for 240 in Pathingyi, 1,858 in Madaya, 7,465 in Singu, 5,216 in Thabeikkyin and 10,446 in Tagaung, totalling 25,225 acres in two districts. A total of 18 high-yielding sugarcane varieties and local origins has been cultivated in the region. — Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)/GNLM



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Gov't to raise 5 tril yen via stock sales for 2011 quake recovery

THE Japanese government expects to raise over 5 trillion yen (\$43.2 billion) through stock sales to use in progressing the reconstruction of northeastern areas hit by the devastating 2011 earthquake and tsunami, according to officials.

Revenues from the sale of stakes in Japan Tobacco Inc and Japan Post Holdings Co have already reached about 4.87 trillion yen, reaching the initial target range of 4.5 trillion yen to 5 trillion yen.

The Finance Ministry expects the government to raise an additional 170 billion yen by unloading some shares in Tokyo Metro Co by fiscal 2027.

Recovery works in parts of

northeastern Japan devastated by the natural disaster, which triggered the Fukushima nuclear crisis, have so far been funded by the issuance of reconstruction bonds, with the debt paid by the proceeds from government-held stock sales as well as temporary hikes in income and corporate taxes.

The government spent a total of 31 trillion yen on reconstruction in the 10 years through fiscal 2020.

The Finance Ministry expects a larger windfall from state-held stock sales than previously estimated will reduce the burden on taxpayers as it helps the government more quickly pay back some debt.

As for Tokyo Metro shares, 53.4 per cent of which are held by the state and 46.6 per cent by the Tokyo metropolitan government, both parties have decided to sell half of their holdings to facilitate the subway operator's planned listing on the stock exchange.

The specific timing of Tokyo Metro's initial public offering has yet to be decided.— Kyodo ■

Combined photo shows the tsunami-devastated Taro district (upper) in Miyako, Iwate Prefecture, pictured on 15 March 2011, and a huge breakwater under construction in the same area, pictured on 6 February 2021, ahead of the 10th anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake. **PHOTO: KYODO**



China detects more Omicron cases as cities tighten restrictions



Residents queue to undergo nucleic acid tests for the Covid-19 coronavirus in north China's Tianjin on 10 January, 2022.

PHOTO: STR / AFP

CHINA reported more cases of the highly transmissible Omicron coronavirus variant on Monday, with authorities on high alert over flare-ups in major cities just weeks ahead of the Beijing Winter Olympics.

The emergence of the fast-spreading variant is yet another test of China's zero

Covid strategy, with authorities already battling several outbreaks — including in Xi'an where 13 million city residents were in their third week of lockdown.

Fears grew about a cluster of infections in the northern city of Tianjin, which was linked to two Omicron cases reported

Monday in the city of Anyang around 400 kilometres (250 miles) away.

"The general public should not leave Tianjin unless essential to do so," city officials said in a statement Sunday.

Those who need to leave must obtain official permission and test negative for the virus within 48 hours of their departure, it added.

Schools and university campuses have been closed, and trains into Beijing from Tianjin have been cancelled.

Road checkpoints have been set up for vehicles entering the capital.

Tianjin — just 150 kilometres from Beijing — has already ordered the testing of all 14 million residents.

Another 21 cases were reported in the city Monday, although the strain of virus wasn't confirmed.— AFP ■

US troops in Japan to stay on-base for two weeks after virus spread

US troops in Japan will stop making non-essential visits off-base for two weeks from Monday, as local officials in areas hosting the forces link them with a sharp rise in coronavirus infections.

The announcement came as the government imposed new virus restrictions in three regions, including Okinawa, that host major US bases or are near them.

Many Japanese officials believe the recent Covid-19 clusters originated from infected American service members coming into contact with local residents.

On Friday, Japan's foreign and defence ministers had warned their US counterparts to implement stricter anti-pandemic rules for US troops.

"Movement of USFJ (US Forces, Japan) personnel outside of (US military-related) facilities and areas will be restricted to essential activities only,"

read a joint statement from the Japanese government and the USFJ issued late Sunday.

Service members will also have to wear masks when they are outside of their homes, it added.

In mid-December, the US military reported clusters of cases among its members in a southern region of Okinawa, which subsequently saw a sharp rise of cases in the local community.

Japan has imposed strict border control measures, such as quarantine and frequent testing, on those who enter the country from abroad.

But the same rules have not applied to US service members, with Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi saying that until recently incoming troops were not even tested for the virus on arrival, or required to quarantine.— AFP ■

Iran says Vienna talks progress thanks to 'all parties'

IRAN'S foreign ministry spokesman said Monday that efforts by "all parties" to revive the country's 2015 nuclear agreement with world powers had resulted in "good progress" during talks in Vienna.

Negotiations to salvage the nuclear deal resumed in late November after they were suspended in June as Iran elected a new, ultraconservative government.

The 2015 deal — agreed

by Iran, the US, China, Russia, Britain, France and Germany — offered Tehran sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on its nuclear programme.

But then-president Donald Trump unilaterally withdrew the US in 2018 and reimposed biting sanctions, prompting Tehran to begin rolling back on its commitments.

"There has been good progress on all four issues of removing sanctions, nuclear issues,

verification and obtaining guarantees" during the latest round of talks, Iran's foreign ministry spokesman Saeed Khatibzadeh told reporters on Monday.

This progress is "the result of the efforts made by all parties to reach a stable agreement".

His comments are the latest in a series of positive announcements by Iran on the talks, as the Islamic republic negotiates with the remaining parties to the deal.— AFP ■



People walk outside The Hotel Palais Coburg, where talks are planned to resume on reviving the 2015 Iran nuclear deal - the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) - in Vienna on 27 December 2021. **PHOTO: ALEX HALADA / AFP**

Leganes player Arthur Pha to represent team Myanmar



Youth player Arthur Pha is currently playing for the Spanish club Leganes U-23 team.
PHOTO: ARTHUR PHA INSTAGRAM

ARTHUR Pha, a Myanmar-born player who plays for the Spanish club Leganes, will play for coach Popov's Myanmar U-23 team.

The player posted on his Instagram story in a Myanmar team uniform that he had been permitted to play.

Arthur Pha is playing for the Leganes U-23 team and previously stated that he will

play for Myanmar if given the chance.

In his story, he wrote, "I am proud to play for Myanmar", which was confirmed by the player.

Leganes is a team that has played in the Spanish La Liga and is no stranger to Myanmar fans.

As the Myanmar U-23 team

is ready to play in the ASEAN U-22 tournament, it is said that Arthur Pha is likely to be a member of that team.

He is a Shan ethnic and has been playing for a Spanish club since arriving in Spain at an early age.

Arthur Pha is the first player to be selected in the Myanmar U-23 team. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine Objectives

1. Political affairs

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

2. Economic affairs

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

3. Social affairs

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

Djokovic wins Australia visa case, judge orders his release

WORLD tennis number one Novak Djokovic won a stunning victory over the Australian government Monday, overturning the cancellation of his visa and ending five days of detention.

In an emergency online court hearing, the judge ordered that the decision to cancel Djokovic's visa over his Covid-19 vaccination status "be quashed".

He instructed that the unvaccinated tennis superstar "be released immediately and forthwith from immigration detention".

It was an extraordinary setback for Australia's conservative government, which has imposed strict border restrictions for the past two years to halt the spread of Covid.

Australian taxpayers will be asked to pay costs for Djokovic's high-powered legal team.

Several hundred fans dressed in the Serbian national colours thronged to the

Melbourne law offices where Djokovic had watched his successful appeal, dancing and chanting his nickname "Nole".

"It's a big thing for Serbian culture and community," said Marijana Djukic, a 20-year-old university student who joined those celebrating across the city.

Police later used pepper spray to disperse fans who mobbed a luxury car leaving the offices.

His lawyers and police left the scene shortly afterwards.

The 34-year-old had arrived in Melbourne on Wednesday ahead of the Australian Open, which starts in one week, hoping to win a record-breaking 21st Grand Slam title. But the tournament may yet be out of reach. The government's lawyer told the court that Immigration Minister Alex Hawke may decide to use his "personal power of cancellation" despite the player's legal victory. — AFP ■

Cavani wants to stay at Man Utd, says Rangnick



Manchester United's Uruguayan striker Edinson Cavani (C) clears the ball during the English Premier League football match between Manchester United and Wolverhampton Wanderers at Old Trafford in Manchester, north west England, on 3 January 2022. PHOTO: PAUL ELLIS / AFP

EDINSON Cavani has told Ralf Rangnick that he wants to stay at Manchester United and help improve the misfiring team's fortunes after speculation that he would leave during the January transfer window.

The 34-year-old moved to Old Trafford in October 2020 and was strongly tipped to depart after just one season, only to agree to stay for a further campaign.

Rangnick said last week

he would not let Cavani go and he has now confirmed that the veteran striker is keen to stay.

"I told him that if it was up to me I would want him to stay and I had a conversation with him (on Thursday)," said Rangnick

"He came to my office and we spoke for almost half an hour and he told me that he will definitely stay, he will want to stay until the end of the season.

"Not only because I told

him that he should stay or has to stay, but he did it on his own behalf."

Rangnick said Cavani was happy to play matches from the start but would also be the "best possible role model" for other players even if not playing.

"This is, for me, good news because Edi is one of those players with his vast amount of experience, his mentality, his work ethic, who could really be a perfect role model for all the other players," he said.

United, who are seeking to end a trophy drought that now stretches to nearly five years, welcome Steven Gerrard's Aston Villa on Monday in the final FA Cup fixture of the third round. The team have failed to produce consistently the pressing football that Rangnick is renowned for but he believes the players have the capacity to embrace it. "This is the only way we can compete in this league on that level," said the German, who took charge of his first United match early last month. — AFP ■