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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.

## Collaborative efforts are needed to develop PyinOoLwin by utilizing its unique characteristics, Senior General underscores



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets departmental personnel of PyinOoLwin district and township in Mandalay Region on 18 April 2022.

**S**TATE Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met departmental officials of PyinOoLwin district and township of Mandalay Region to discuss development programmes at the government's guesthouse in PyinOoLwin Township yesterday.

First, PyinOoLwin District Administrator U Kyaw Kyaw Tun

explained the coffee plantation in the PyinOoLwin region, development in education and health sectors, arrivals of local and foreign travellers, conservation of ancient heritage buildings to lure travellers and other matters.

Union Ministers Admiral Tin Aung San and U Khin Maung Yi then reported on the Mandalay-PyinOoLwin-Gokteik Viaduct train service, arrangements to

offer steam locomotive train route, conservation works on the Gokteik Viaduct and PyinOoLwin railway station, initial operations to upgrade Anisakhan Airport, work plans to implement quick communication system, systematic coffee plantations in PyinOoLwin in accordance with the directives of the State Leader and assistance of good seeds and

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State Administration Council  
Law Amending the Rural Development Law  
State Administration Council Law No 37/2022

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THE State Administration Council has hereby enacted this law under Section 419 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar:

- 1. This law shall be called the Law Amending the Rural Development Law.
- 2. Section 2 (k) of the Rural Development Law shall be substituted as follow: -  
“(k) Ministry means the Union Government Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development.”

I hereby signed this law under Section 419 of the Constitution.

*Sd/Min Aung Hlaing*  
Senior General  
Chairman  
State Administration Council



### Photo exhibition on MraukU ancient city to be held for World Heritage status

LED by the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (MraukU Branch) of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, a photo exhibition will be offered at 9 am on 23 April at the Antaw Thein Temple.

The glories of pagodas, arts, livelihood, festivals and traditional culture across the MraukU ancient city will be covered by photography enthusiasts from all over Myanmar in the exhibition.

The photo exhibition is called Anagga Yadana Land. Photos

of Rakhine ancient culture artworks, beautiful sightseeing places of MraukU, ancient temples and Rakhine traditional rock arts will be showcased magnificently from 23 to 24 April.

The exhibition photos will be sold at fixed prices, and all proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (MraukU Branch). The unsold photos will be presented to the department for use as needed. — Myint Soe (IPRD)/GNLM

### Pilgrims flock to Shwemyintzu Indawgyi Pagoda on Myanmar New Year Day



OVER 5,000 people visited Shwemyintzu Indawgyi Pagoda located in the Indaw-

gyi Lake, Mohnyin Township, Mohnyin District, Kachin State on Myanmar New



Pilgrims and visitors are seen at the Shwemyintzu Indawgyi Pagoda.

Year Day.

Pilgrims donated flowers, candle lights, drinking water and cashes to the pagoda and religious teams recited Buddha sermon and kept Sabbath on the New Year Day.

About 10,000 people from across the country came to pay homage to the pagoda from the pre-Thingyan day to the final day, said U Thaug Nyunt, a member of the Pagoda Board of Trustees. — Zwe Thura Aung (IPRD)/GNLM

## Through the annals of history, our national races nestled in the Union

BASED on the geological features of where they belong, our people who are of different races, languages and religions have been nestled in the serene shelter in the past. Our country is a Union that stands tall with a prosperous identity, territorial integrity and sovereign State reality.

Through the annals of history, our national races nestled in the Union and Tatmadaw also put an effort into the execution of the word, "Union" by the National Hero, General Aung San.

*(Excerpt from Speech Delivered by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing at the Parade of the 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Armed Forces Day on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022.)*

## Collaborative efforts are needed to develop PyinOoLwin ...

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technologies, local and foreign coffee markets, monsoon cherry tree plantation to establish Cherry Town, five-year plan to grow cherry trees and hardwood, systematic farming industries in line with the rules and regulations and construction of buildings by coordinating with the ministries concerned.

Then, the regional chief minister and mayor clarified the upgrade works in the transport sector to develop the PyinOoLwin region, building reservoir and sluice gate to keep the water of National Kandawgyi Garden, road expansion, paving of tar road, construction of pond filter in the Gelaung Creek and the progress of implementation works under the directives the SAC Chairman made during his tour to PyinOoLwin.

The Senior General said he met with the coffee entrepreneurs before Thingyan and now meets with the ministers and departmental staff of Py-

government allowed the coffee entrepreneurs to apply for the state-owned land areas to grow coffee plants, and it will keep going in line with the regulations. If it follows the rules and regulations, the coffee production rate will be high in PyinOoLwin, and the region will be covered by the forest that will not occur any climate changes. Therefore, the relevant ministries and departments should follow the rules and regulations. Officials of the respective regions and departments are responsible for developing and greening the region and ensuring the rule of law in their areas. Based on the presentations, the arrangements will be made to establish a coffee association by cooperating with the ministries concerned, responsible officials and entrepreneurs across the nation. The restrictions on building constructions will be amended as per the coffee plantation area in line with the trend.

PyinOoLwin has been cre-



Individual efforts should be made to create a neat and tidy environment, and the departmental officials should promote the condition of the town by conserving the road, bridge and building of respective offices and departments.

it should understand that the government did not work for its interest. During the Thingyan period, the bookings at hotels and guesthouses in PyinOoLwin were full, and it shows the pleasant condition of the region and the interest of local and foreign travellers.

Therefore, efforts must be made to develop the regional economy and promote tourism development as a resort city by improving the region's agricultural activities.

Through this, a product-based export system must be established. The PyinOoLwin coffee has a reputation both locally and externally, so it must develop high-value export products based on coffee.

In addition, PyinOoLwin has fresh air and pleasant weather, and it should create a health town that provides healthcare services and a tourist town and resort town.

It also has fine traditions in the education sector; it provides proper learning opportunities and needs to promote the education sector.

PyinOoLwin is a unique city, and it should emphasize the cleanliness of the town as it is a tourist city. Individual efforts should be made to create a neat and tidy environment, and the departmental officials should promote the condition of the town by conserving the road, bridge and building of respective offices and departments. There are many ancient historic buildings in PyinOoLwin township, and they should be preserved in their original styles.

They are also valuable buildings and should be used effectively. It also should protect the privately-owned buildings in addition to the state-owned facilities. In doing so, if a town develops, it will need high-rise buildings and urban buildings, and so the systematic land plots must be drafted to ensure separate land areas to construct high-rise buildings. It needs to take into account from all angles in establishing a picturesque city.

The downtown roads must be systematic ones. It should fix the road areas first, and the

trees should be grown in a zigzag system. Only then will water fall onto the road through the trees that can prevent road damage. It should get proper sunlight. Road damage can cause as the water and soil fall onto the tar road, so it should be careful to get a good drainage system and to ensure any water is left on the road. It should be systematic in drafting road, shop and land plots areas in the PyinOoLwin region. It must be carried out in line with the rules and regulations for those who fail to follow them. The government will mainly focus on systematic operations.

In growing the trees, it should choose the ones that can be alive. It needs to consider a community to provide recreation, healthcare services and education promotion. It must work hard to be the perfect one using the good fundamental elements of PyinOoLwin with modern techniques and skills.

The Senior General finally instructed officials to ensure regional development and greening of the region. — MNA



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inOoLwin again to implement the discussions, provide the requirements and make decisions for regional development. The

ated into a hilly resort town, cherry town and coffee town in previous years. It was made for the region's interest, and

## 37 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 18 April, total figure rises to 612,602

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 612,602 after 37 new cases were reported on 18 April 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, 591,373 have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll stands at 19,434 without casualties. —MNA

# SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses training coordination meeting of academics/training schools in PyinOoLwin Station



State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing makes an address at the training coordination meeting of academics and training schools in PyinOoLwin Station yesterday.

**T**HE coordination meeting of academics and training schools in PyinOoLwin Station was held at the Tatmadaw Guesthouse in PyinOoLwin Station yesterday afternoon. Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addressed the meeting.

Those present at the meeting included Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy, and Air) General Maung Maung Aye, senior officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the Central Command Commander, and commandants of the training schools in Py-

inOoLwin Station, including the Defence Services Academy and the Defence Services Technological Academy and officials.

**As soldiers, improving the work they are doing is training and improving themselves**

While addressing the meeting, the Senior General said training is essential in **every Armed Force for capacity strengthening, and capable Armed Forces must be built through training.** He said it takes good morale and discipline, and fitness to be a good soldier. Training schools are providing training in line with the

motto of **“More sweating to less blood”** performing their daily responsibilities is also training. He said practising according to the slogan **“Learn, practise and obey”** is considered **maintaining and enhancing the skills of individuals and groups.**

**Must have a well-designed curriculum and training aids**

The Senior General stressed the importance of curriculum development in teaching. He instructed to review whether the curriculum is in line with national defence policy, whether they can increase the capacity of their troops, and to study international curricula for improvement

and to meet the needs of modern training. He also highlighted the need to provide complete learning aids. Only then will they be fully trained and proficient in handling individual weapons and armaments.

**Qualified instructors must carry out training to overcome any difficulties encountered in the field with the skills learned**

The Senior General added that it is necessary for instructors to be qualified and have skills to make the trainees understand, improve themselves, and carry out systematic training.

**Every soldier must be trained physically and mentally to become a good soldier**

The Senior General instructed them to provide well-nourished food so that each soldier will be able to build a physically fit soldier and encourage and train the trainees' mental health. He said the training needs to be carried out systematically in each school as it will produce qualified officers and soldiers.

**Implementation of training courses of each academy/training school in PyinOoLwin Station and general needs presented**

The commandants of the training schools in the PyinOoLwin Station, including the DSA, DSTA, presented the training

conditions, implementation of the directives of the Tatmadaw chiefs, analysis, and findings of the training capabilities, and general requirements. General Maung Maung Aye briefed on the condition of training courses in the army, capacity building courses for instructors, and physical and psychological improvement carried out for trainees. The Senior General added requirements to the presentation and coordinated the needs of each training school.

In his concluding speech, Chairman of the State Administration Council Senior General Min Aung Hlaing said women officers are performing their duties in each troop and it is necessary to teach them with the spirit of brother and sister and to take care of each other with mutual respect and improve the quality of women soldiers.

Afterwards, the Senior General met Law Diploma Trainee Officers at Tatmadaw Administration School in PyinOoLwin Station and said legal training is provided as it is necessary for the military to know and understand the law. He said they are moving towards multiparty democracy and are establishing democratic government; they need to be more aware of and abide by the law. He said law comes from the discipline of living and working in line with the code of ethics.

The Senior General and party also inspected teaching materials, legal books, and libraries. — MNA



The Senior General views the teaching materials and legal books.

# SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects National Kandawgyi Garden, Governor House in PyinOoLwin



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing looks around the National Kandawgyi Garden in PyinOoLwin on 18 April 2022.

**S**TATE Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by SAC members, Union Ministers, Mandalay Region Chief Minister, senior military officers of Commander-in-Chief Office, Commander of Central Command and officials inspected the National Kandawgyi Garden and Governor House in PyinOoLwin Township yesterday.

First, the Senior General and party were welcomed by the officials of the National Kandawgyi Garden. Director-General U Htay Aung of the Forest Department and Director U Zaw Min Naing of the irrigation department reported data on the garden, decreasing water resources in garden lakes due to deforestation, lack of water from natural springs, the higher temperature in the region, poor water flow from inlets, dryness of lakes for other reasons and proper water flows from basins. After the Senior General's 26 September 2021 inspection tour and under his instructions, water inflow from inlet channels has resumed due to the necessary repairing of inlet channels and underground drains.

The Senior General said the National Kandawgyi Garden is the landmark of PyinOoLwin, and so it should conduct prodder garden conservation works. It is a national garden, and it should not emphasize only the garden. It should also make

efforts in beautifying the lakes and saving the water systematically to lure the visitors to the park. The region administrative officials and ministries concerned should cooperate to get proper water inflow and keep the water. It needs to conserve the whole Kandawgyi garden area measuring more than 436 acres. It received less rainfall between 2019 and 2020, whereas it increased in 2021. There would be high rainfall in 2022, according to the forecast. The PyinOoLwin township boasts of a sizeable vast forest previously, and the consumption rate of firewood is high. The production of charcoal cause deforestation. Therefore, the previous military government implemented coffee

tree plantations to green the PyinOoLwin region.

Although it was intended to re-green with shade trees along with the coffee plantation, it was not 100 per cent successful due to the lack of systematic cultivation. The inflow of water has been reduced due to the closure of the farms by the enclosure system.

It should not work just for show and should conduct systematically to green the PyinOoLwin region, get a proper inflow of water to Kandawgyi Garden and keep water. The PyinOoLwin is established as a hilly resort city, cherry city and flower city, so it needs to conduct systematic works for the cleanliness of the garden.

Currently, the COVID-19 dis-

ease is controlled to a certain extent, and it should create to become a standard garden for the local and foreign travellers. It should also maintain its original reputation. The responsible company of the garden should make efforts for the cleanliness and greening of the garden and work together with the governmental officials.

The Senior General then inspected the National Kandawgyi Garden by car and instructed the necessary things to the officials. He also checked the Kandawlay sluice gate construction site.

Due to the lower inflow of water to the ponds in National Kandawgyi Garden in previous years, the Senior General inspected watersheds of lakes,

Nyaungni water outlets, and natural springs during his tour PyinOoLwin in September and December 2021. According to his instructions, the department concerned conducted the maintenance works, and the lake's water level became 20 feet, although it measured only 16 feet last year. According to the measurement on 17 April, the water level in six feet depth lake (1) reached 6.5 feet, while seven feet lake (2) seven feet, 11 feet lake (3) 7.4 feet and 32 feet lake (4) 20 feet.

Then, the Senior General and party visited the Governor House. He viewed around the Governor House compound and instructed the necessary things to ensure a picturesque place. — MNA



The Senior General hears the report on the data of the garden made by the director-general of the Forest Department.

## SAC member Daw Aye Nu Sein donates rice bags to nunneries in Sittway

MEMBER of the State Administration Council Daw Aye Nu Sein, accompanied by the chairperson and members of the Rakhine State Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee, donated rice bags to nunneries in Sittway.

The SAC member and party paid homage to the nuns at the Abbar Rama Sasana Anwaiwin Nunnery on Lanthit ward in Sittway and donated 15 bags of rice

for the nunnery. They also donated rice to Thudama Pariyatti Nunnery, Kyayote Pariyatti Nunnery, Ashin Nyana Sakka Seikta Thukha Kamahtan Monastery, and Sipin Thaya Shwegu Meditation Centre in Sittway.

The SAC member and party also paid homage to the Presiding Sayadaw of the Ashin Nyana Sakka Seikta Thukha Kamahtan Monastery and donated offerings. — MNA



Rice bags are donated to the nuns in Sittway, Rakhine State.

## Rural development projects to cover 126 villages in Myeik District



One of the rural roads and bridges in Myeik District. PHOTOS: MYINT OO (MYEIK)

THE Department of Rural Development in Myeik District, Taninthayi Region, is implementing rural development projects in 126 villages in the 2022-2023 Financial Year.

The department is year-

ly conducting infrastructure building projects such as road and bridge construction, water supply and electrification, the emerald green project with the revolving fund, rural development project and vocational

courses, intending to enhance the socio-economy of the rural communities and narrow the gap between the urban and rural development.

“During the current 2022-2023 FY, five rural roads (five

miles 5.59 furlongs), 13 bridges on those roads, 37 water supply projects, four emerald green villages, rural development projects in 72 villages and running a set of ten batches for vocational courses with an estimated cap-

ital of over K1.977 billion will be implemented, elaborated department head U Aung Kyaw Oo.

The department accomplished 101 rural roads (231 miles 2.251 furlongs) and 77 rural bridges during the 2012-2013 FY and the 2017-2018 FY, and 19 rural roads (18 miles 3.38 furlongs) and 39 rural bridges between the 2018-2019 FY and 2021-2022 FY. Furthermore, between the 2012-2013 FY and 2021-2022 FY, 359 water supply projects, solar-home projects in 308 villages, mini-grid projects in 25 villages, 77 emerald green villages, village revolving fund projects covering 16 villages, rural development projects in 153 villages and 44 villages under the cash-for-work programme, U Aung Kyaw Oo said. — Myint Oo (Myeik)/GNLM



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## SAC Member U Sai Lone Hsai attends ceremony of paying respect to elders in Kengtung

STATE Administration Council Member U Sai Lone Hsai, accompanied by Triangle Region Command Commander Maj-Gen Myo Min Tun and his wife, Chairman of the Shan State (East) Administration Council Branch U Ye Naing and his wife, and department officials, attended the ceremony of paying respect to elders held in Kengtung on 17 April.

A total of 47 senior citizens over the age of 75 were presented with donated items and K30,000 each by U Sai Lone Hsai and the party. Those who attended the ceremony also contributed

cash assistance to the elders. In addition, medics, doctors, nurses from the No (3) Military hospital(300), No (12) Battle Field Medical Battalion Mobile Medical Team, Kengtung General Hospital and the Department of Traditional Medicine provided medical check-ups and treatment to the elders.

Maj-Gen Myo Min Tun and his wife, Chairman U Ye Naing and his wife and officials also released 6,500 fish into the Kengphaung Creek to spare their lives to commemorate the Myanmar New Year. — MNA



## MCCCC, CFPD donate computers, printers to IPRD public libraries



The donated computers are seen at the Community Centre in Bahan Township.

THE donation ceremony of computers and printers to the public libraries by the Myanmar Chinese Cooperation and Communication Centre and China

Foundation for Peace and Development was held at the Community Centre of IPRD in Bahan Township of Yangon yesterday.

The ceremony was attended

by Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, relevant organizations officials, and invitees.

In his opening speech, the Union minister said 18 community centres feature meeting halls, training halls, multipurpose centres, computer centres, public libraries, kid reading rooms, small museums and sports halls across the nation from 2013 to date. People of any age can get the services free. The exhibitions, competitions, meetings, talks and training courses were also held at 18 community centres.

The Union minister also highlighted upgrade works on public libraries into digital libraries, the drafting process of an e-Library Management System Software and training for librarians to use the e-Library Management System Software in digital libraries. The system will set the domain name at [www.publiclibrary.gov.mm](http://www.publiclibrary.gov.mm) at the web browser and host web

service, launching digital services starting May 2022. He also expressed words of thanks for donations.

Then, Chairperson Daw Khin Khin Lay of the Myanmar Chinese Cooperation and Communication Centre briefed the donation. The China Foundation for Peace and Development general secretary remarked through videoconferencing.

Then, the Myanmar Chinese Cooperation and Communication Centre officials handed over 35 pairs of computers and colour printers to the Union minister and received the certificates of honour in return.

The director-general of the IPRD expressed words of thanks.

The Union minister, the Yangon Region chief minister and officials viewed the Community Centre (Bahan). — MNA

## MoI Union Minister inspects No 1 Steel Mill in Myingyan

UNION Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than inspected No 1 Steel Mill (Myingyan) in Myingyan Township of Mandalay Region on 17 April.

Firstly, the factory manager explained the process of Phase-1 and the restart of the steel mill project at the meeting hall of No 1 Steel Mill (Myingyan).

Afterwards, the Union minister called for efforts to

research marketing analysis, calculate production, cost, value and profit systematically, and arrange for production in set standards.

The Union minister underscored the need to compete with imported iron and steel for sales, collect required raw materials in advance for the continuous production process and carry out maintenance work to avoid

the damage to machines in the factory. He instructed them to prepare firefighting aids in hand for fire prevention and conduct fire extinguishing training.

Then, Union Minister Dr Charlie Than discussed the detailed process of business plan and project management drawing, made a tour to Melt Shop 1 of steel smelting work, and encouraged staff. — MNA



The MoI Union Minister views around the No 1 Steel Mill (Myingyan).

# OPINION

## Take preventive measures before the outbreak of fire

**N**OW is the time of hotness and dryness in the summer in Myanmar. As such, everybody needs to take care of fire's danger based on actual past events that outbreak of fires depending on the arsons and negligence reduced property of the people into ashes.

Currently, all the people are facing an outage of electricity. Hence, they should take care of their daily activities that they forget to switch off when cooking meals if electricity is out. Unexpectedly, if the supply of electricity comes back, electronic equipment

The people need to abide by the regulations related to fire preventive measures conscientiously. For instance, fire extinguishers should be installed at restaurants, stores and public places, whereas fire hoses should be arranged for readiness to use them. The buildings should be installed with fire detection devices, automatic sprays and fire alarm equipment.

because such threats cause a worsening possibility to break out the fire, and the situation hinders the escape of the people from an outbreak of fire. At the moment, the crowds of people may cause block the way of fire trucks to the scene.

The people need to abide by the regulations related to fire preventive measures conscientiously. For instance, fire extinguishers should be installed at restaurants, stores and public places, whereas fire hoses should be arranged for readiness to use them. The buildings should be installed with fire detection devices, automatic sprays and fire alarm equipment.

The fire being used daily might be a friend and an enemy, depending on the careful situation of users. Only when everybody takes care of using the fire can the people be free from loss of life and property in the fire.



## India's first radio channel for visually-impaired people 'Radio Aksh' launched in Nagpur

*This concept was created as a substitute for audiobooks provided by Samdrushti Kshamata Vikas Avam Anusandhan Mandal to the visually impaired on their digital devices, access to which was cut off due to the COVID-19 pandemic due to restrictions on travelling.*

**C**OUNTRY'S first-ever radio channel for the visually impaired, named 'Radio Aksh' has been launched in Nagpur, with the Blind Relief Association Nagpur and Samdrushti Kshamata Vikas Avam Anusandhan Mandal (Saksham) serving as the pioneers of the concept that will help the visually-impaired gain seamless access to education resources and audiobooks. This concept was created as a substitute for audiobooks provided by Samdrushti Kshamata Vikas Avam Anusandhan Mandal to the visually impaired on their digital devices, access to which was cut off due to the COVID-19 pandemic due to restrictions on travelling.

**Educational resources**  
Educational resources en-

compassing a variety of subjects are made available through this platform on digital platforms owned by visually-impaired people, who can access this vast bank of information from anywhere as unlike the FM and AM Radio, the technology of Internet Radio is used, which knows no geographical limitations. A dedicated team of trained volunteers, mostly women, help in the creation of content for the radio channel, which can be streamed to the visually impaired across India and the world. The complex, carefully-performed processes of going through large amounts of content, recording, sound editing and making corrections do not dampen the productivity and the sense of servitude guides the entire team. Shirish Darvekar, the coordinator of the

channel and a member of Samdrushti Kshamata Vikas Avam Anusandhan Mandal told ANI, "For the last few years, visually impaired people used to come to us and get their audiobooks made by us on their devices. But COVID-19 put this to a halt. It affected their learning so we had to think of a stand-by arrangement. We got to know of launch of Internet Radio in India and we got in contact with a company making softwares for it. Though our requirements were unique to them, they promised cooperation. This is perhaps the first Internet Radio for the visually-impaired."

"Unlike FM and AM, Internet Radio has no geographical limits. Content is pre-recorded. We have presenter each for various subjects covered on the radio. We have

a team of 20 people, mostly women who are housewives. They are trained and know their work well. No one is paid, all have a sense of servitude," he added.

### An overwhelming response

Darvekar said that their channel has got limited, yet an overwhelming response from people and said that the service will be more widespread in coming days and informed that the channel is available on Play Store and via Zeno Radio on Apple devices.

"In just two to four days, we have around 161 listeners. It paints a very encouraging picture," he added.

One of the volunteers working for the channel said, "Doing such things for the visually impaired gives me joy. They can study from

their homes via Radio Aksh. I get some leisure time for this and contribute one or two hours in the noon every day for this."

One of the beneficiaries of the channel pointed out to ANI that the radio channel serves as a great advantage as books in Braille scripts are not always available.

"Now we will get more information and our studies will be easier. We get a feeling as if we are attending classes inside a classroom. It is a great initiative for the visually impaired," he added.

**SOURCE: ANI**

A dedicated team of trained volunteers, mostly women, help in the creation of content for the radio channel, which can be streamed to the visually impaired across India and the world.  
**PHOTO: DEPOSITPHOTOS/ANI**



## New research sheds light on presenteeism

**E**Mployees who are unwell only engage in 'presenteeism' — continuing to work when experiencing ill-health — when they have not met their daily work

goals, according to a new study. The study was published in the journal, 'Journal of Occupational Health'.

Researchers have also found that working on a day

when you feel ill drains mental energy which cannot be recovered the next day.

**Phenomenon of 'presenteeism'**

The study sought to shed further light on the phenomenon of 'presenteeism' — defined by the researchers as continuing to work when experiencing ill-health.

The practice has been labeled an '800-pound gorilla' by researchers in occupational health psychology because of the tremendous costs it inflicts on employees and organizations alike. These costs include burn-out, impaired workability, and productivity loss.

This study deepened our understanding of the harmful impact of presenteeism on employee effectiveness by demonstrating that depletion of mental resources is a key mechanism responsible for these harmful effects.

The research involved 126 employees logging their daily productivity across 12 workdays, resulting in 995 daily work observations. It was conducted during the COVID-19 lockdown in 2020 when all participants were working from home.

### Crucial to tackling daily presenteeism

Wlad Rivkin, an Associate Professor in Organizational Behaviour and Work Psychology said, "It is crucial to tackling daily presenteeism, especially

for remote workers. Managers should openly discourage presenteeism by reassuring team members that if they feel unwell it is acceptable to reduce their daily work goals and instead tend to their health. In light of the energy-depleting nature of presenteeism if employees engage in presenteeism they should work on tasks that are inherently pleasant rather than tedious tasks that further drain their energy."

"So, while it may seem a good idea to work despite ill health to deliver on work goals our research shows that this has a knock-on effect on remote workers' performance on the next day as presenteeism drains employees' psychological energy, which cannot be fully recovered after work," he added.

The full paper was entitled "Should I stay or should I go? The role of daily presenteeism as an adaptive response to perform at work despite somatic complaints about employee effectiveness."

**SOURCE: ANI**



The study sought to shed further light on the phenomenon of 'presenteeism' — defined by the researchers as continuing to work when experiencing ill-health. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ FAUXELS ON PEXELS/ANI**

## Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Monday 18 April 2022)

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

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOONG OF THE 19 April 2022:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region and (northern and eastern) Shan State, fairly widespread in Kachin and southern Shan State, scattered in Sagaing, Mandalay Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Mon States and isolated in lower Sagaing, Magway Regions and Chin State. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states.

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

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of scattered to fairly widespread rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Region and Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19 April 2022:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19 April 2022:** Partly cloudy.

**FORECAST FOR Mandalay AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19 April 2022:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

### EARTHQUAKE NEWS

A slight earthquake of magnitude (3.8) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about (32) miles southeast of Mawlaik, latitude 23.30°N, longitude 94.77°E, depth (115) kilometers, about (48) miles west-northwest of Kanbalu seismological observatory was recorded at (09) hr (27)min (52)sec M.S.T on 18 April, 2022.



# Pardon granted to 123 prisoners from prisons in Sagaing Region

A total of 123 prisoners from nine prisons/jails in the Sagaing Region were granted pardons on the first day of Myanmar New Year on 17 April.

A total of 11 prisoners from Monywa Prison, 15 from Khamti Prison, 11 from Shwebo Prison, 32 from Kalay Prison, 11 from Katha, nine from Thanan Prison (Tamu), 11 from Myothit Prison (Tamu), 17 from Bandoola Prison (Tamu), and six prisoners from Otepho Kanbaung Prison (Tamu), were released from prison. — Lu Lay/GNLM



# 12 prisoners granted pardon from Kengtung prison



The Kengtung Prison releases 12 prisoners.

UNDER the pardon order granted by the Chairman of the State Administration Council, 12 prisoners from the Kengtung Prison were systematically released on 17 April. Of them, one prisoner was a foreigner.

It is reported that officials from the Kengtung District Police Force and the Kengtung Prison gave amnesty speeches and give amnesty certificates. — Aung Zin Myint (IPRD)/GNLM

# Nine prisoners pardoned to release from Magway Central Prison

NINE prisoners from the Magway Central Prison were granted pardon Sub-section (1) under Section 401 of the code of Criminal Procedure by the Chairman of the State Administration Council on the occasion of the Myanmar New Year on 17 April.

The released prisoners were provided with food and

travel expenses, amnesty certificate, labour benefits. In Magway Region, nine prisoners from the Magway Central Prison, one from the Thayat Prison, four from the Pakokku Prison and two from the Koepin Agriculture and Vocational Training camp. Sixteen prisoners were released under the pardon order. — Maung Nyinya/GNLM



The Magway Central Prison frees nine prisoners.

# 20 prisoners released from Mohnyin Central Prison

ON the first day of the Myanmar New Year, a total of 20 prisoners were released from the Mohnyin Central Prison in Mohnyin District, Kachin State.

The State Administration Council granted the amnesty in commemoration of the Myanmar New Year. Officials said that 20 prisoners — 19 males and one female — from the Mohnyin Central Prison had been pardoned for their peace of mind and humanitarian concern.

The delegation led by Chairman of the District Administration Body U Nyi Nyi Lwin encouraged the inmates.

The Mohnyin Central Prison provided them with food and travel expenses. — Zwe Thura Aung (IPRD)/GNLM



Mohnyin Central Prison officials give talks before releasing 20 prisoners.

## CRIME NEWS

### Authorities seize illegal timbers and raw jade



Officials confiscate illegal teak logs.

UNDER the supervision of the Anti-illegal Trade Steering Committee, action is being taken against illegal trades under the law. On 11 April, 40,924 kilograms of raw jade (estimated value of K240,514,480) from three vehicles parked near the

Kampaiti Trading Post and the Myanmar-China Friendship Tunnel in Kachin State were seized under the Myanmar Gems Law.

On 10 and 15 April, inspection teams led by the Kachin State Department of Forestry

seized 7.034 tonnes of illegal teak (estimated at K574,500) under the Forest Law.

On 12, 13, and 14 April, inspection teams led by the Rakhine State Department of Forestry conducted inspections and seized 12.3843 tonnes of illegal timbers (estimated value of K947,254) under the Forest Law.

In addition, on 14 April, 1.2203 tonnes of illegal timbers (estimated value of K85,421) were seized under the Forest Law in Paung Township, Thaton District, Mon State. Therefore, 13 arrests (estimated value of K242,121,655) were made between 10 and 15 April, the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee stated. — MNA

# LOCAL BUSINESS

## Rakhine State to extend soft-shell crab farming acres up to 500 acres

THE soft-shell crabs from Rakhine State hold a strong external market, and efforts are made to increase the number of farming acres from 167 to 500.

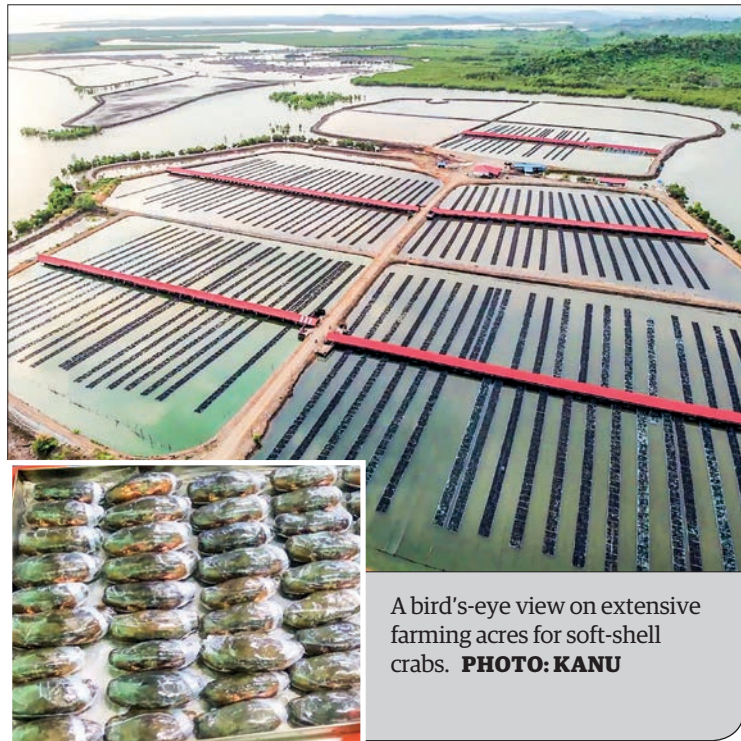
The soft-shell crab farming was operated on a trial run in Sittway, Taungup and Kyaukpyu townships in Rakhine State during the 2009-2010 financial year. An individual entrepreneur started to farm a maximum of around 50,000 crabs in Kyaukpyu Township.

The soft-shell crab farming has been running on 97.85 acres with two lakes in Sittway and Ponnagyun townships, 37.75 areas with five lakes in Kyaukpyu Township and 31.90 acres with six lakes in Taungup townships, Thandwe District, totalling 167.50 acres with 13 lakes.

When the crabs discard the old shell, they are sent to the cold storage factories, and the live cattle are packaged systematically for export.

Earlier, the discarded shells and legs were disposed of. Now, those by-products are turned into the feedstuff as well as the fertilizer by adding value, allowing the locals to receive job opportunities.

“The soft-shell crabs from Rakhine State are steadily conveyed to Japan, China Taipei (Taiwan), Hong Kong SAR, Singapore, Malaysia and European Union countries. Rakhine State Fisheries Department is ensuring that there is no fishing of small crabs in the market on account of the strong demand. The district and township departments concerned have been directed to choose the potential places destined to set up a natural marine sanctuary for sustainable crab exploitation. Additionally, to extend the crab farming acres, restoration of ponds in Taungup Township, Thandwe District, and land utilization permits have been sought. The increase of crab



A bird's-eye view on extensive farming acres for soft-shell crabs. PHOTO: KANU

farming acres will commence in the coming rainy season. The number of lakes will grow up to 20. It will create job opportunities for the locals and generate reve-

nue for the State,” said U Thet Oo, Director of the Rakhine State Fisheries Department.

For the native *Scylla Serrata* (Mud Crab) farming, raw ma-

terials collection, choosing the size of the crabs, sending the 100 gram sized crabs to the soft-shell crab farms, farming for 45-60 days before changing the shells, harvesting the soft-shell crabs, the concentration of 15ppm chlorine about 30 minutes before releasing it to the freshwater to have soft shells, cold supply chain, cleaning, sanitizing, choosing the size, weighing and packaging processes are carried out and then, they are placed in external markets.

The soft-shell crab businesses can produce 600 tonnes from raw to value-added products. Rakhine State Fisheries Department is endeavouring to sustain marine resources, along with all the stakeholders involved in the supply chain.

In order to meet the market demand, the number of soft-shell crab farming ponds will grow in Ponnagyun and Taungup townships, adding 333 more acres. — Nyein Thu(MNA)/GNLM

## Agriculture Department targets 20,274 summer sesame acres in Minbu Township



The department targets to grow 20,274 acres of sesame in summer.

ACCORDING to the Department of Agriculture, a total of 20,274 acres of summer sesame crops is projected in Minbu (Sagu) Township, Magway Region, to have the edible oil self-sufficiency.

The summer sesame crops will be cultivated with irrigation networks provided by dams and river projects. Aingma weir will supply adequate irrigation water for 16,700 acres; the kanni river water pumping project will cover 450 acres; the Kyauksan water pumping project will support 400 acres, and the un-

derground irrigation networks will provide water for 821 acres, totalling 20,274 acres.

“There are 40,044 acres of monsoon paddy in Minbu Township. The department targets to grow 20,274 acres of sesame in summer. The department is raising awareness for the growers regarding meeting the target, producing the pedigree crops, having a good agricultural practice and adequate inputs and pest control management,” said U Zaw Min Thu, deputy officer from the Township Agriculture Department.—Zeya Htet (Minbu)/GNLM

## Mango's export market faces hindrance; growers keen on domestic market only

MYANMAR'S mango exporters are facing challenges to enter China. The growers are enthusiastic about distributing them only in the domestic market, said Sai Khin Maung from the Khwanyo fruit depot.

The delay in transportation as if the customs policy changes impeded the watermelon export was under the Standard Operation Procedure system during the COVID-19. He continued that the driver substitution system and evaluation of short-haul transport are the major obstacles.

Additionally, negotiations with China regarding Green Channel for mango export are still undertaken.

Furthermore, due to the restrictions, there's no place for mangoes on the side of China's wanting fruit yard. The freight transport has become faster, yet it's still hard to place the fruits in the market within one week, Sai Khin Maung added.

As the export market has many barriers, the growers are focusing only on the domestic market.

Nevertheless, the maturity of the Seintalone mango variety,

which is primarily exported to China, is pretty late. The market sees no exporters yet.

Next, Good Agricultural Practice is required for mango export to China. Moreover, the growers and workers have to strictly adhere to COVID-19 preventive measures such as washing hands, wearing masks and gloves, and sanitation in the packaging process, according to the Khwanyo fruit depot.

“COVID-19 preventive measures play a pivotal role in exports as watermelon and muskmelon were previously discarded due to China's virus strict policy (stating that virus was detected on the goods). Before China's customs regulations, the COVID test was carried out in Shwelwein on the Myanmar side. If the virus is spotted on the goods on China's side, a truckload of 20 to 28 tonnes of mango will be wasted. Even if one basket found the virus, all the goods on the truck will go in vain. Only those who are willing to take a risk will try to export the mango to China for now. However, we cannot guarantee the quality of the fruits amid the delay. China has not eased the virus policy

despite Myanmar's ease in restrictions during the pandemic”, Sai Khin Maung said.

Last year, the prices of Seintalone touched a low of only 100 Yuan per 16-kilogramme basket, said U Kyaw Soe Naing, secretary of the Myanmar Mango Market and Technology Development Association.

The closure of the border posts and longer hours of the test caused the exports of Seintalone to drop by half compared to the previous year.

Of about 200 mango varieties that originated in Myanmar, Seintalone, Shwehintha, Padamyar Ngamauk, Yinkwe, and Machitsu varieties are primarily grown. The foreign market prefers Seintalone types.

Ayeyawady Region possesses the most extensive mango plantation acres, having about 46,000 acres. Bago Region is the second-largest producer with 43,000 acres, and Mandalay has 29,000 acres of mango. According to the association, there are over 24,000 acres in Kayin State, over 20,400 acres in Shan State, and over 20,000 acres in Sagaing Region.— NN/GNLM

# ECONOMY

## WORLD/AD

## Asian markets slide on inflation, Covid fears



This aerial photo taken on 13 April 2022 shows cars that will be exported at Yantai port, in China's eastern Shandong province. **PHOTO: AFP**

ASIAN stocks closed lower on Monday in cautious trade, as figures showed China's economic growth accelerated in the first quarter of the year, but the government warned of "significant challenges" ahead.

Tokyo's benchmark Nikkei 225 ended down more than one per cent and Shanghai posted small losses, while Hong Kong and Sydney were closed

for holidays.

Shanghai reported its first Covid-19 deaths since the start of its weeks-long lockdown.

China's largest city and economic powerhouse has stewed under a patchwork of restrictions this year amid the country's worst Covid-19 outbreak since the start of the pandemic.

The country reported first-quarter economic

growth of 4.8 per cent, the National Bureau of Statistics said, as the pandemic threatens Beijing's ambitious annual growth target.

That figure was up from 4.0 per cent in the final months of 2021.

The world's second-biggest economy was already losing steam in the latter half of last year as it endured a property slump and regulatory crackdowns.—AFP

## Cruise ships return to Australia after two-year Covid ban

A cruise ship docked in Sydney Harbour on Monday for the first time in more than two years, after a 2020 ban sparked by a mass Covid-19 outbreak was lifted.

On a bright morning, the Pacific Explorer made a dramatic entrance, flanked by tugboats spraying plumes of water and with a large banner that read "We're home" draped across its bow.

Crowds gathered at the base of the Sydney Harbour Bridge to watch the arrival of the ship, which began its 18,000-kilometre (11,000-mile) journey back to Aus-



The Pacific Explorer makes its way to dock at the overseas passenger terminal on Sydney Harbour on 18 April 2022, as Australian authorities lifted a ban on cruise ships after relaxation in Covid 19 restrictions. **PHOTO: AFP**

tralia nearly a month ago.

International cruise ships were banned from Australian waters in March 2020 after a Covid-19 outbreak that

spread from the Ruby Princess ship, which was linked to hundreds of cases of the virus and 28 deaths, many in aged care homes.—AFP

### THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE (INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER) (3/2022-2023)

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats.

Sr No.	Tender No.	Description	Remarks
(1)	DMP/L-057(22-23)	Water Transfer Pump with Engine (3) Items	Ks
(2)	DMP/L-058(22-23)	Shale Shaker Unit and Accessories (2) Sets	Ks
(3)	DMP/L-059(22-23)	Crude Transfer Pump with Engine (3) Items	Ks
(4)	DMP/L-060(22-23)	Welding Machine with Accessories Mobile Type (3) Sets	Ks
(5)	DMP/L-061(22-23)	Ultrasonic Cement Analyzer (1) Set	Ks
(6)	DMP/L-062(22-23)	Foam Fire Fighting System for Condensate Tank (1) Lot	Ks
(7)	DMP/L-063(22-23)	National Oil and Gas Information Center Phase-2 at NPT Office-44 Device and Installation (1) Lot အား Turnkey စနစ်ဖြင့်ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း	Ks
(8)	DMP/L-064(22-23)	Apply Research Centre (17) Items	Ks
(9)	DMP/L-065(22-23)	Hakjaw Complete Set (1) Set	Ks
(10)	DMP/L-066(22-23)	Power Swivel Complete Set (1) Set	Ks
(11)	DMP/L-067(22-23)	20" LSAW API 5L Grade X-46 3LPE Coated Steel Line Pipe (10)Miles (16,100)Mtr	Ks
(12)	DMP/L-068(22-23)	12",10",6",4" ERW API 5L Grade X-42 3LPE Coated Steel Line Pipe (4) Items	Ks
(13)	DMP/L-069(22-23)	Ball Valve and Pipe Fitting (2) Groups	Ks
(14)	DMP/L-070(22-23)	Heat Shrinkable Sleeve and Closure Patches (4) Items	Ks
(15)	DMP/L-071(22-23)	500 KVAR Automatic Control Capacitor Bank with 3 Steps And attach with 630 A VCB Panel & Accessories (2) Set	Ks
(16)	DMP/L-072(22-23)	36 KW , 108 KW & 240 KW Diesel Engine Driven Generating Set (3) Items	Ks
(17)	DMP/L-073(22-23)	Replacement & Installation of the Metering System for Thanlyin GCS (1) Lot အား Turnkey စနစ်ဖြင့်ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း	Ks
(18)	DMP/L-074(22-23)	Replacement & Installation of the Metering System for Toegyaukalay GCS (1) Lot အား Turnkey စနစ်ဖြင့်ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း	Ks
(19)	DMP/L-075(22-23)	Central Control Integrated Monitoring System (CCIMS) (Phase-2) (1) Lot အား Turnkey စနစ်ဖြင့်ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း	Ks
(20)	DMP/L-076(22-23)	2900 Series Well-Head & Christmas Tree Equipment (2) Sets	Ks
(21)	DMP/L-077(22-23)	CNG Compressor Driven Electric Motor Package & Accessories (1) Set	Ks
(22)	DMP/L-078(22-23)	Retest Factory (100 Cyl;/Day) Repairing and Upgrading (1) Unit	Ks
(23)	DMP/L-079(22-23)	Main Motor (China) for L-Type and ZW-Type CNG Compressor (2) Items	Ks
(24)	DMP/L-080(22-23)	1 C x 400 mm2 and 1 C x 150 mm2 1 KV/Cu/XLPE/PVC Cables (2) Items	Ks
(25)	DMP/L-081(22-23)	Cooling System for CNG Station (5) Units	Ks
(26)	DMP/L-082(22-23)	Gas Filtration System (3) Units	Ks
(27)	DMP/L-083(22-23)	Circuit Breaker (3) Items	Ks

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from 18 April 2022 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the Technical Specifications with Original Bid Bond and Commercial Quotation in each separate sealed envelopes on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than 12:00 pm on 6, May 2022.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time - 6-5-2022, 12:00 pm

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# New Japanese tea leaves auction for record 1.96 mil yen

A 1-kilogramme batch of hand-rolled new Japanese tea leaves from central Japan's Shizuoka Prefecture sold for a record 1.96 million yen (about \$15,466) at the season's inaugural auction on Monday.

The green tea leaves were grown in Fujinomiya, and sold at the Shizuoka Japanese Tea Market's annual auction to ring in the latest crop. Shizuoka Prefecture is renowned in

Japan for its green tea. The market officials said that although this year's tea grew more slowly than usual, its quality remains good.

Speaking at a ceremony, the market's president, Yasuhide Uchino, said that despite continually rising fuel and raw materials prices, the market "is working hard to ensure it provides delicious tea at fair prices".

The bell heralding the start of transactions rang

at 7 am, and agricultural workers, tea traders and others could be seen negotiating prices with Japanese "soroban" abacuses. Clapping echoed as deals were struck.

"We were able to acquire tea of good colour and shape," said a satisfied Natsuki Wada, 35, a processed-tea wholesaler based in Shizuoka city.

Trading was also done for teas grown outside Shi-

zuoka Prefecture, including from Kagoshima Prefecture in the southwest and the southern prefecture of Okinawa. Late April is expected to be the peak for tea hand-rolling work.

The Shizuoka Japanese Tea Market reported that as of 8:10 am, the trading volume of Shizuoka-grown green tea was 1,732 kilogrammes, with an average per-kilogramme price of 5,027 yen.—Kyodo



The season's first auction for the first harvest of Japanese green tea is held on 18 April 2022, at a market in Shizuoka Prefecture, a major green tea production area in Japan. **PHOTO: KYODO**

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# GLOBAL AFFAIRS

## US, S Korea warn of harsh response if North conducts nuclear test



Sung Kim (L), US special representative for North Korean affairs, and his South Korean counterpart Noh Kyu Duk hold talks in Seoul on 18 April 2022. **PHOTO: POOL PHOTO/KYODO**

THE United States and South Korea will respond strongly if North Korea conducts another nuclear test, their special envoys warned Monday, as the two countries began joint military exercises despite protests from the North that they should be canceled.

Sung Kim, US special representative for North Korean affairs, met with his South Korean counterpart Noh Kyu Duk in Seoul in light of North Korea's recent provocative acts including the launch of intercontinental ballistic missiles.

Washington and Seoul share

concerns about Pyongyang's "escalatory actions" and will "continue to work closely to respond responsibly and decisively to the provocative behaviour in the united context and beyond," said Kim at the outset of the meeting.

Noh said in a joint briefing after the meeting, "South Korea and the United States agreed to coordinate very closely, in case North Korea continues conducting nuclear tests and ICBM launches that violate UN security council resolutions".

Kim added that it is important for the United Nations to

send a clear signal to North Korea that such escalatory threats will not be accepted anymore.

But he also said the United States is open for talks with North Korea and will remain prepared to meet anywhere without any preconditions.

"I once again call on Pyongyang to pursue a diplomatic path with us," Kim said, stressing that the United States and South Korea have no hostile intent toward the North. Also Monday, South Korea and the United States began their joint springtime military exercises, the South Korean military said.

The nine-day exercises will be computer simulated and not involve field drills, according to South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"The training this time will offer a chance to enhance the combined operational capabilities of South Korean and US troops and further solidify the allies' combined defence posture," the JCS said in a statement.

North Korea harshly criticized the exercises on its state-run propaganda website Uriminzokkiri on Sunday, saying, "Invaders and provocateurs must pay" for their actions.— Kyodo

## THE WORLD in brief

### Turkey launches new offensive against Kurdish rebels in Iraq

TURKEY on Monday said it has launched a new air and ground offensive against outlawed Kurdish militants in northern Iraq involving special forces and combat drones.

Defence Minister Hulusi Akar said commando units, unmanned aerial vehicles and attack helicopters were pounding Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) hideouts in three restive regions near the Turkish border.

Designated as a terrorist group by Ankara and its Western allies, the PKK has been waging an insurgency against the Turkish state since 1984 that has claimed tens of thousands of lives.

Turkey routinely carries out attacks in Iraq, where the PKK has bases and training camps in the Sinjar region and on the mountainous border with Turkey.

"Our heroic pilots successfully struck shelters, caves, tunnels and ammunition depots belonging to the terrorist organization," Akar said.— AFP

### 10,000 soldiers in South Africa flood relief effort

THE South African army said Monday it had deployed 10,000 troops to help the nation's east coast recover from storms that have claimed 443 lives and ravaged infrastructure.

Some of the troops include plumbers and electricians to help restore power and water, which have been cut off in some areas for a week.

The troops are also providing field accommodation and water purification systems, the army said.

The deadliest storm on record dumped apocalyptic levels of rain on the city of Durban and the surrounding area of KwaZulu-Natal province. Some 40,000 people were left homeless and more than 550 schools and nearly 60 healthcare facilities have been damaged, according to government tallies.

The government has announced an immediate one billion rand (\$68 million) in emergency relief.— AFP

## Japan to "closely communicate" with visiting S Korean delegation

JAPAN will "closely communicate" with the new South Korean government when its delegation visits the country this month, the top government spokesman said Monday, suggesting Tokyo's readiness to improve bilateral ties, which have soured over wartime issues.

The delegation, to be sent by South Korean President-elect Yoon Suk Yeol of the People Power Party, will visit Japan 24-28 April for policy consultations with lawmakers, diplomats and business leaders before Yoon's planned inauguration on 10 May.

"To restore healthy Japan-South Korean relations, we will closely communicate with the new government on the occasion of the delegation's visit

to Japan," said Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno at a regular news conference.

Yoon is widely seen as willing to improve relations with Japan after they have sunk to their lowest level in years under the current administration of President Moon Jae In due to clashes over compensation for women coerced into working in military brothels and wartime laborers.

Matsuno said the soured ties should not be left as they are and underscored the importance of cooperation between the two countries as well as that also involving the United States, at a time when North Korea has repeatedly launched missiles this year.— Kyodo

## Israel coalition faces new split over Jerusalem violence



Jewish worshippers take part in the Cohanim prayer (priest's blessing) during the Passover holiday at the Western Wall in Jerusalem's Old City on 18 April 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

ISRAELI Prime Minister Naftali Bennett is working to hold his fractious coalition together after a split on the right and an Arab-Israeli party's threat to quit over violence in Jerusalem.

Right-winger Bennett, a key figure in Israel's settlement movement, last year ended 12 continuous years of rule by Benjamin Netanyahu, Israel's longest-serving premier.

To do so, the former tech tycoon brought together an unlikely grouping united by little other than their opposition to Netanyahu. They included leftists and centrists, religious and hard-line Jewish nationalist parties — and, for the first time in Israel's history, a party drawn from the country's Arab-Israeli minority.

But after more than 150 Palestinians were wounded in clashes with police over a flash-point holy site in Jerusalem, the Raam party — largely backed by Muslim Arab-Israelis — said on Sunday evening that it was suspending its membership.

"If the government continues its steps against the people of Jerusalem... we will resign as a bloc," Raam said in a statement.— AFP

# RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

## Latest Developments in Ukraine

Here are the latest developments in the war in Ukraine:

### Seven killed in Lviv strikes

FIVE “powerful” Russian missiles hit the western city of Lviv, killing at least seven people and wounding eight, local officials say.

The attack comes as Russia hits targets across the country ahead of an expected campaign in the east.

### Tycoon at centre of prisoner exchange

RUSSIAN state television broadcasts video of two men it says are captured Britons, who ask to be exchanged for Viktor Medvedchuk, a wealthy Ukrainian tycoon who has for years been close to Russian President Vladimir Putin and who was captured recently.

Moments later, Ukraine's security services put out a video of Medvedchuk asking to be exchanged for the Ukrainian civilians and soldiers trapped in the strategic besieged Ukrainian port of Mariupol.

### Civilian evacuation paused for second day

UKRAINE says it is halting for a second day in a row the evacuation of civilians from the frontline towns and cities in the east of the country.

“Unfortunately, today, 18 April, there will be no humanitarian corridors,” Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk says in a statement on social media. “In violation of international humanitarian law, the Russian occupiers have not stopped blocking and shelling humanitarian routes.”

### Russia seeking to ‘destroy’ Donbas: Zelensky

UKRAINE'S president Volodymyr Zelensky says Russia is seeking to destroy the region of Donbas, the country's industrial heartland, and vows to defend it, including Mariupol where patches of Ukrainian forces are trapped in the port's giant industrial parks.

“Russian troops are preparing for an offensive operation in the east of our country in the near future. They want to literally finish off and destroy Donbas,” Zelensky says in an evening statement.

### Mariupol will ‘fight to the end’

UKRAINE'S prime minister Denys Shmyhal tells ABC's “This Week” that Mariupol “has not fallen” — adding the encircled forces defending the city from Russian attack will “fight to the end”.

### Macron invited to see evidence of ‘genocide’ in Ukraine

ZELENSKY says he has invited his French counterpart to visit Ukraine to see for himself evidence that Russian forces have committed “genocide” — a term President Emmanuel Macron has avoided. “I talked to him yesterday,” Zelensky tells CNN. “I just told him I want him to understand that this is not war, but nothing other than genocide. I invited him to come when he will have the opportunity. He'll come and see, and I'm sure he will understand.”

### Loaned Russian paintings stuck

DOZENS of paintings by renowned Russian artists including Wassily Kandinsky are stuck in Seoul after an exhibition because of sanctions imposed on Russia over its war in Ukraine. The exhibition at the Sejong Museum of Art wrapped up on Sunday, but the paintings are stuck in the South Korean capital as all available flight options have been shut down by the sanctions.

### 200,000 in Moscow risk job losses

SOME 200,000 employees of foreign companies in Moscow could lose their jobs due to sanctions over Russia's military campaign in Ukraine, the city's mayor says. Sergei Sobyenin says authorities had last week approved a \$41-million programme to support employment in the Russian capital.

SOURCE: AFP

## More than 4.9 million Ukrainians flee war: UN

MORE than 4.9 million Ukrainians have fled their country following the Russian invasion, the UN said Monday as it warned of the risks of women and child refugees being exploited.

UNHCR, the United Nations' refugee agency, said 4,934,415 Ukrainians had left the country since Russia invaded on 24 February — a figure up 65,396 on Sunday's total.

The UN's International Organization for Migration (IOM) says nearly 215,000 third-country nationals — largely students and migrant workers — have also escaped to neighbouring countries, meaning more than five million people in all have fled Ukraine since the war began.

It is one of the fastest-growing displacement and humanitarian crises ever.

Women and children account for 90 per cent of those who escaped, with men aged 18 to 60 eligible for military call-up and unable to leave.

Nearly two-thirds of all Ukrainian children have been



Ihor (L) welcomes Lyudmila who has returned from neighbouring Poland on a night train as they stand on a platform at the Kyiv-Pasazhyrskyi train station, in the Ukrainian capital Kyiv on 17 April 2022. PHOTO: AFP

forced from their homes, including those still inside the country.

“Refugees from Ukraine, the vast majority women and children, face increased risks of sexual exploitation, abuse and human trafficking,” UNHCR said.

“We're on the ground at the border points and beyond, taking preventive measures.”

More than 2.75 million

Ukrainian refugees have fled to Poland. Nearly 740,000 reached Romania.

UNHCR figures show nearly 645,000 Ukrainians fled in February, with nearly 3.4 million doing so in March and nearly 900,000 leaving so far this month.

Beyond the refugees, the IOM estimates 7.1 million people have left their homes but are still in Ukraine.—AFP

## Russian forces capture Kreminna in east Ukraine: Kyiv



A photograph taken from Novodruzhesk village, shows smoke rising in Rubizhne city, on 18 April 2022, on the 54<sup>th</sup> day of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. A series of “powerful” Russian strikes on military infrastructure in Lviv on 18 April 2022, left several dead and ignited blazes in the west Ukraine city that has been spared fierce fighting. PHOTO: AFP

RUSSIAN troops on Monday captured the east Ukraine town of Kreminna, local authorities said, as Kyiv's armed forces launched salvos on Russian forces in the nearby settlement of Rubizhne.

“There was a major attack in the night” from Sunday to Monday in Kreminna, the Lugansk regional governor Sergiy Gaiday said in a statement on social media.

“The Russian army has al-

ready entered there, with a huge amount of military hardware ... Our defenders have retreated to new positions,” he added.

Kreminna, with a pre-war population of nearly 20,000 people is around 50 kilometres (31 miles) northeast of Kramatorsk, the region's administrative centre, and is a strategic target for invading Russian forces.

Rubizhne, which is under control from Russian forces, was under intense fire from Ukrainian artillery and mortars, AFP journalists reported.

Powerful explosions could be seen in Rubizhne, sometimes followed by fires and plumes of white or black smoke.

Russian forces have stepped up their offensive to capture the eastern Donbas region of Ukraine having pulled back troops deployed around the capital Kyiv at the beginning of the invasion in late February.—AFP

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# SPORT



Myanmar Women's Futsal Team pose for a group photo with the Team administrators. PHOTO:MFF

## Myanmar Women's Team leaves for Thailand to compete in Futsal Tourney

THE Myanmar women's futsal team left for Thailand on the morning of 18 April to compete in the NSDF Futsal Invitation Championship 2022.

The Myanmar Women's Futsal Team consists of eight members of the administrative and coaching staff and 22 players.

The team will be headed by U Tin Maung Htay. Goalkeepers Khaing Nhin

Thant, Nwe Nwe Soe, Chaw Sandi Aung, and players: Aye Aye Htwe, Nang Mokham, Win Win Khaing, Khin Mar Lin, Aye Nyein Thu, Phyu Phyu Kyaw, Nang Hon Hlaing, Zin Moe Pyae, May Zin Oo, Lar Al Wah, Yamin Lwin and Yoon Mi Mi Lwin will be with the team ahead of the tourney.

The NSDF Futsal Invitation Championship 2022 will be held from 20 to 26 April in Thailand.

Thai All Stars Team, Myanmar National Team, Indonesian national team and the Australian club South Perth Team will compete in the tournament.

According to the fixtures, the Myanmar team will play against the Thai national team on 20 April, Thai All Stars team on 23 April, Indonesian national team on 24 April, and Australian club South Perth on 26 April. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

### 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.

## Real Madrid fight back again to stun Sevilla, Atletico scrape past Espanyol

KARIM Benzema completed another incredible Real Madrid comeback on Sunday as they fought from two goals down to defeat Sevilla 3-2 in La Liga.

After trailing Chelsea 3-0 on Tuesday only to secure their place in the Champions League semi-finals, Madrid stunned Sevilla to seal the victory that has surely won them La Liga.

Defeat would have given fresh hope to the chasing pack, with Sevilla and Barcelona both beginning the day 12 points behind, Barca with two games in hand.

Instead, goals in the second half from Rodrygo, Nacho Fernandez and Benzema in the 92nd minute mean Madrid extend their advantage to 15 points with six games left to play.

An Ivan Rakitic free-kick and Erik Lamela's smart finish had put Sevilla two up at the Ramon Sanchez Pizjuan.

"It's difficult to understand why we played like that in the first half and to be honest how we played as well as that in the second," said Carlo Ancelotti.

"In the first half we looked tired. In the second, the intensity was spectacular."

Benzema's goal finished Chelsea off on Tuesday after Rodrygo had forced extra-time at the Santiago Bernabeu and those two, along with Vinicius Junior, were crucial again.

Benzema now has 44 goals in 46 appearances this season and 15 in his last 10. — AFP

## Nadal back in training after four-week rib injury layoff

RAFAEL Nadal returned to training on Monday following a four-week rib injury layoff, with just over a month to go before the French Open in Roland Garros.

"Today's first gentle workout after four weeks without stepping on a tennis court. What excitement to step onto clay again!" the world number four wrote on Twitter alongside two photos showing him training indoors on clay.

Nadal picked up the injury in his loss to American Taylor Fritz in the Indian Wells final on 22 March, announcing at the time he expected to be out for between four and six weeks.

That defeat ended his perfect 20-0 run to start 2022 which had included winning the Australian Open title.

The 35-year-old missed last week's Monte Carlo Masters and the Barcelona Open, cur-



(FILES) In this file photo taken on 20 March 2022 Rafael Nadal of Spain hits a backhand return to Taylor Fritz of the US in their ATP Men's Final at the Indian Wells tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California. PHOTO:AFP

rently underway, but could potentially return for the Madrid Masters on 1-8 May.

His main focus will be on being fit for the French Open which begins on 22 May. Nadal has won the title at Roland Garros 13 times.

Nadal beat Daniil Medve-

dev in an epic final in Melbourne after Novak Djokovic was deported from Australia over his Covid vaccination status.

That victory gave him a men's record 21st Grand Slam title, moving him out of a tie with Djokovic and Roger Federer. — AFP