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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.

Water pouring ceremony at banyan trees will reflect the fortune of the country to be a peaceful, stable and prosperous nation: Vice-Senior General



State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win presides over the coordination meeting to organize water-pouring ceremony at banyan trees.

THE United Nations General Assembly decided its resolution 54/115 to designate the full moon day as the International Vesak day or Visākha day, said the Chairman of the Leading Committee for organizing the 14th ceremony of pouring water at banyan trees on the full moon day of Kason Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win at the coordination meeting between the leading committee and the working committee yesterday afternoon.

In his speech, the Vice-Senior General said that pouring water at Maha Bo trees called banyan trees in summer benefits the thriving of such plants and strengthens their longevity, dedicating to paying homage to the Lord Buddha. As such, the water pouring ceremony at banyan trees will reflect the fortune of the country to be a peaceful, stable and prosperous nation. At the same time, such activity will reveal the peaceful soul of the citizens.

The full moon day of Kason is a significant day in

Buddhism. Hence, the United Nations General Assembly decided its resolution 54/115 to designate the full moon day as the International Vesak day or Visākha day.

The leading committee and the working committee have been formed on 24 April 2022 under the notification 69/2022 of the State Administration Council for successfully holding the 14th ceremony to pour water at banyan trees in the precinct of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw. So, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture as-

signed eight subcommittees on 25 April for arranging a smooth process for the occasion.

The gala ceremony will be held in two portions. The first one will be doing the meritorious deeds in the cave of Uppatasanti Pagoda and the second will be held on the platform of the pagoda. The Vice-Senior General stressed the need to systematically make preparations for taking security measures for the ceremony. All sectors of the ceremony must be done under the guidelines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Vice-Senior General noted that the water-pouring at banyan trees is a festival for doing meritorious deeds in traditions as well as preservation of the national characteristics.

Chairman of the working committee Union Minister U Ko Ko and Secretary Deputy Minister U Aye Tun reported on plans to successfully hold the ceremony and the agenda of the ceremony.

The meeting ended with a remark by the Vice-Senior General who coordinated the reports and discussions. — MNA

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



THE Ministry of Commerce oversees the importation of necessary medical supplies and anti-COVID-19 devices critical to the COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities through trading posts, international airports and seaports.

A total of three tonnes of masks were imported by a company truck yesterday via the Chinshwehaw trade zone.

Officials from relevant departments cooperate to facilitate and expedite standard operating procedures for the import process. It is reported that the Ministry of Commerce is coordinating with relevant departments to prevent COVID-19, and contact persons for enquiries can be reached through the Ministry's Website – www.commerce.gov.mm. — MNA

COVID-19 vaccine drive continues in various states, regions

DOCTORS and nurses from public hospitals, Tatmadaw medical teams, healthcare workers and volunteers are working hard to give COVID-19 vaccines in different states and regions as the vaccination programme is one of the most important activities in the prevention, control and treatment of 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 groups, people with chronic diseases, people in IDP camps and over 12-year-old students, respectively.

On 9 May and yesterday, doctors and nurses from public hospitals, medical teams from the Tatmadaw, relevant healthcare workers in collaboration

with volunteers gave COVID-19 vaccines to 4,663 people from thirteen townships in Shan State (North), 460 people from Yankin and Tamway Townships in Yangon Region, 11,219 people from twenty-six townships in Ayeyawady Region, 12,176 people from fourteen townships in Rakhine State, and 33,243 people from

seven districts in Mandalay Region, respectively.

Similarly, healthcare officials gave the vaccines to 248 students from five townships in Shan State (North) on 9 May.

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



A local in Yankin Township, Yangon gets COVID-19 vaccine shot.

CBM ex-deputy governor U Bo Bo Nge charged under Anti-Corruption Law

THE Anti-Corruption Commission examined the complaints against ex-deputy governor U Bo Bo Nge of the Central Bank of Myanmar.

According to the inspections, U Bo Bo Nge was responsible to oversee seeking the CBM approvals and reporting to the Financial Investigation Force for foreign currency transfers of more than US\$10,000 by AD banks under the Money Laundering Law while he was supervising the

Foreign Exchange Management Department, Financial Institutions Supervision Department and Accounts Department as deputy governor. Between 1-1-2018 and 31-1-2021, there were more than 290,000 times (\$170,000 million) of money transfers over \$10,000 via Electronic Reporting System-ERS to CBM by AD banks. Among these transfers, 352 were requested to CBM and nine were reported to the Financial Investigation Force. He had weakness in su-

pervising the AD banks, and seven transfers which sought permits (over \$73 million, 30 million yen and 100,000 euros) caused losses of more than K102 million to the government just only for the stamp duty.

In 2018, \$5 million entered the Small and Medium Enterprises Development (SMED) bank and although it was reported to CBM via ERS, the CBM could not monitor it and deposited it to the account of Open Society Myanmar-OSM.

The officials of OSM withdrew more than K1,900 million (more than \$1.4 million). According to the estimation of the Internal Revenue Department, it can be collected more than K360 million just for income tax for the withdrawal of more than K1,900 million. But due to the weakness of the CBM, it failed to collect the tax and it caused losses to the State budget.

The officials of CBM reported to U Bo Bo Nge to save \$350 million at a certain bank that

offers more interest rates than others, he saved it at SMBC bank in Singapore, with his own decision.

It also caused more than \$0.39 million (K665 million) losses to the government. Therefore, a case was opened against the CBM ex-deputy governor U Bo Bo Nge at Phayagon Myoma police station in Ottarathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw under Section 55 of the Anti-Corruption Law on 10 May, according to the commission. —MNA

Severe Cyclonic Storm "Asani"

ACCORDING to the observations at (17:30)hrs MST 10 May, the Severe Cyclonic Storm "Asani" over West Central Bay of Bengal has moved West-Northwestwards and is centered at about (115) Nautical miles South-Southeast of Kakinada, (160) Nautical miles South of Vishakhapatnam, (285) Nautical miles South-Southwest of Gopalpur, (340) Nautical miles South-Southwest of Puri (India), (690) Nautical miles West of Hainggyigyun and (720) Nautical miles West-Southwest of Gwa (Myanmar).

It is not moving towards Myanmar coasts, the present stage of the Severe Cyclonic Storm "Asani" is coded yellow stage.

Position of Severe Cyclonic Storm "Asani", centre pressure and wind

The Severe Cyclonic Storm "Asani" is located at Latitude (15.1) degree North and Longitude (82.5) degree East, centre pressure of Severe Cyclonic Storm "Asani" is (989) hPa and maximum wind speed near the centre is (65-70) miles per hour at (17:30)hrs MST 10 May.

During next (72) hrs forecast

The Severe Cyclonic Storm "Asani" is forecast continuous to move Northwestwards and reach to West Central Bay of Bengal (Kakinada-Vishakhapatnam Coast, India) during next (18)hrs and recurve North-Northwestwards and reach to Northwest Bay of Bengal (off north Andhra Pradesh-Odisha coast, India). It is likely to weaken gradually into a Cyclonic Storm "Asani" during next (18)hrs and into a Deep Depression around (12-5-2022).

General caution

Due to the Severe Cyclonic Storm "Asani", rain or

thundershowers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin, Mon States with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavyfalls in some Regions and States from 10 May to (13-5-2022). Occasionally squall with rough seas will be in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (40) mph. Squall with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in Gulf of Mottama,

off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (30-35) mph. Wave height will be about (9-11) feet in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast and (6-9) feet Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast.

Advisory

Due to the Severe Cyclonic Storm "Asani", people should be aware rain or thundershowers with strong wind and domestic flight, trawlers, vessels and ships in off and along Myanmar Coasts.— Department of Meteorology and Hydrology

Tatmadaw has to safeguard the National interests

TATMADAW has to safeguard the National interests of the people and the country without the acceptance of all acts detrimental to Our Three Main National Causes, and will put an emphasis on the end of armed conflicts for long-lasting peace.

(Excerpt from New Year Message of greetings delivered by Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on the New Year occasion in 1384 Myanmar Era Myanmar New Year Day on 17-4-2022)

Elderly care (nursing internship) training opens in Yangon

THE Ministry of Border Affairs is working hard for the development of border areas and human resource development of ethnic nationalities. The Elderly Care (Nursing Internship) Training Course Batch (1) was launched under a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the Department of Education and Training and the Japan Myanmar Association (JMA) yesterday morning in Yangon. The opening ceremony was held at the Central Training School, Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Region.

Those present at the ceremony were attended by Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-

Gen Tun Tun Naung, Yangon Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs Colonel Win Tint, Permanent Secretary U Thein Htay Oo and officials, Chairman of the JMA Mr Watanabe Hideo, Secretary-General Mr Watanabe Yusuke.

At the ceremony, Managing Director Mr Tsuda Shunji of the Myanmar Sankou Co., Ltd handed over a list of financial aid and teaching aids for the trainees during the training to two trainees.

After the opening ceremony, the Union minister and party observed the training status of the trainees and encouraged them.

Fifty-one trainees selected



MoBA Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung attends the Elderly Care (Nursing Internship) Training I in Yangon yesterday.



from various ethnic groups and nursing homes from various border areas are attending the first training course for the elderly

(nursing internship) batch 1, which will be arranged to find a job abroad after the 52-week course. Afterwards, the Union

minister inspected the training conducted at the Central Training School and provided necessary coordination. — MNA

MoSYA Union Minister leaves for Viet Nam to attend SEA Games Event



Myanmar national sports team led by MoSYA Union Minister U Min Thein Zan leave for Viet Nam yesterday.

UNION Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs and Chairperson of the Myanmar Olympic Committee U Min Thein Zan accompanied by the Myanmar Sports contingent led by Director-General of the Sports and Physical Education Department U Tun Myint left for Hanoi, Viet Nam from Yangon International Airport yesterday to attend the 31st South East Asian (SEA Games).

The Union minister and party were seen off by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and cabinet members at Yangon International Airport.

The sports teams include 35 sports administrators, 16 male volleyball players, six male and seven female Wushu players, one male Esports player and one international referee. —MNA



IPRD launches officer capacity-building training course (1/2022)



THE opening ceremony of the staff officer capacity-building training course (1/2022) of the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information was held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the occasion, Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn said the IPRD conducted the capacity-building training 22 times in 2021 and between January and March 2022.

The training courses are

opened yearly to improve the capacity of staff in carrying out the departmental operations and the current trainees should apply the subjects practically and share to the staff.

It also should learn the subjects of training and other innovations and strive to achieve the objectives and responsibilities of the ministry and the department.

The Union minister then cordially greeted the trainees.

The staff officer capacity-building training course (1/2022) will be opened for two weeks and a total of 34 assistant directors of respective regions and states joined. — MNA

Capacity-building training course 1/2022 for staff officers in progress.

MoSYA Union Minister enjoys Myanmar vs the Philippines match in SEA Games

UNION Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan, Myanmar Ambassador to Viet Nam U Kyaw Soe Win, Myanmar Military Attaché Brig-Gen Aung Zeya and officials from the Myanmar Football Federation enjoyed Myanmar vs the Philippines football match of the SEA Games at Viet Tri Stadium in Hanoi, Viet Nam at 3:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time yesterday. Team Myanmar beat the

Philippines 3-2 in the match. Winning goals for Myanmar were scored by Win Naing Tun at 2 minutes, Lwin Moe Aung at 51 minutes and Soe Moe Kyaw at 54 minutes. Currently, the Myanmar team is in the first place of the group with two wins after playing two matches. Myanmar will face the host Viet Nam on 13 May and the Indonesia team on 15 May. — MNA



The MoSYA Union Minister and party are pictured watching Myanmar versus the Philippines match.

10 EAOs—7 NCA-signatories and 3 non-NCA signatories to attend the peace talks so far: Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun



WE asked for a list of participants for the peace talks. So far, we receive the list of 10 ethnic armed organizations to attend – seven that have already signed NCA and three that have not yet signed NCA. As you see, some organizations released statements that they would not join the talk. Some are still under discussion. We will prioritize the time that is more for EAOs to hold the talk. We aim to hold talks as quickly as possible. However, there are differences in one organization and so we will prioritize them when we receive their feedback

rather than fix the time. In seven NCA signatories, they are DKBA, KNU-KNLA/PC, PNLO, NMSF, ALP, RCSS (SSA) and LDU. The three non-signatories are UWSA, NDAA and SSPP (SSA). The main point is that we have already set 2022 as the peace year. Therefore, the Head of State invited them to peace talks to meet in person. There are also different opinions on that. Some release the statements. What I want to say is that who else is more involved in the peace talks than the EAOs. Who should be included in the list of all eligible

participants than EAOs? As I said at the press conference, this is a good time rather than a personal attachment. Being a good time, the attitudes on the peace, public and residents of the groups that do not join emerge. We will prioritize the peace processes, and the participants in talks, Tatmadaw and government firmly guarantee the Union based on democracy and federalism. Regarding this issue, we will openly discuss their demands. We will keep going deeply to improve the peace processes.

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287 migrant workers sent to Thailand under MoU system

A total of 287 workers were sent to Thailand under the MoU system, which has been suspended for over two years, yesterday with Thai officials welcoming them, according to the Myanmar Labour Attaché Office in Thailand.

On 10 May, 78 male and 209 female workers totalling 287 workers were sent to Thailand under the MoU system from Myanmar to Thailand through

the Mae Sot Friendship Bridge No 2.

The Labour Attaché Office stated that Myanmar migrant workers will work in a chicken factory owned by the Panus Poultry Group Co. Ltd. Thai Customs Department officially announced the restricted items, and declaration of tax collection

for Myanmar MoU workers at relevant border checkpoints.

Those 287 MoU workers who will work at the Panus Poultry Group Co. Ltd. have signed the employment contract in March. Others who have signed contracts will also be sent separately in batches. — TWA/GNLM



Myanmar migrant workers under the MoU system arrive in Thailand.

50 suffer from food poisoning after eating Thai-made chicken sausage

ABOUT 50 people from Ywathagyi Ward of Dagon Myothit (East) Township suffered from food poisoning and were hospitalized, according to a social welfare organization.

“They contacted us yesterday evening for food poisoning and we took them to two hospitals with our partner organizations,” a member of the Mee Aein Shin Parahita Association told the GNLM.

The residents bought Thai-made chicken sausage on 9 May in their ward and they suffered from food poisoning after a few hours.

“They felt dizzy and their skin turned blue. We took 50 people to the hospital. Currently, they recover,” said association member Ko Kaung Gyi.



The FDA-banned foodstuffs.

Twenty males and 30 females aged between 5 and 30 were taken to the Children’s Hospital and Thingangyun Hospital.

The chicken sausage contains too much benzoic acid and does not conform with the microbiological criteria for foods and the FDA of the Ministry of Health announced it as dangerous food. —TWA/GNLM

158 companies, BoD members blacklisted for remaining to enter export revenue in foreign exchange account

THE Central Bank of Myanmar announced that 158 companies which remain to enter export revenue in foreign exchange and boards of directors have been blacklisted.

Since it is important to get the full revenue from exports, the main source of foreign exchange into the country, Section 38-b of the Foreign Exchange Management Law and Paragraph 35 of the Foreign Exchange Management Rule stipulate that the exporter is required to have the export earnings in foreign currency into his/her bank account within six months from the date of shipment (within three months from 10-11-2021).

In order to ensure that export earnings of the exporters who exported during 2016, 2017, and 2018, are credited back to their bank account in foreign currency within six months from the date of shipping, the Central Committee on the Smooth Flow of Trade and Goods, the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Eco-

nomie Relations, the Ministry of Legal Affairs, the Ministry of Commerce, the Central Bank of Myanmar, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), and the Foreign Exchange authorized dealer (AD) licenced banks, have already done the following:

- (a) Clarification by AD banks (within 3 years)
- (b) Clarification by the UMFCCI (60 days)
- (c) Announcing to clarify in the newspapers and the website of the Central Bank of Myanmar (60 days)
- (d) The Ministry of Commerce closes the registration certificate of importers and exporters (Pa-Tha-Ka) for those who do not clarify (30 days)
- (e) Five meetings with exporters led by the Central Committee

Exporters are required to comply with Section 38 (b) of the Foreign Exchange Management Law, which states,

“No one shall fail to deposit all export earnings into his bank account in the country in foreign currency within the stipulated period,” and “Violation of this prohibition is punishable by imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year or a fine or both punishments must be imposed under Section 42-a of the law.”

Sending notification, revocation of the business registration license, and holding meetings were done to discuss several times under the paragraph (2) above, but there are 158 companies that exported within 2016, 2017, and 2018 and they still remain to enter the revenue.

The 158 companies (attached list) are being prosecuted under Section 42-a of the Foreign Exchange Management Law, and the boards of directors of the companies and the listed companies have been blacklisted, and the remaining companies are still being investigated for additional export earnings. — TWA/GNLM

South Korea continuously recalls Myanmar workers

MORE than 120 Myanmar workers arrived in the Republic of Korea yesterday, and most of them were experienced workers who have worked in the ROK.

The government of the Republic of Korea is re-accepting Myanmar workers after nearly two years of immigration ban due to the COVID-19 disease infection in the country.

Yesterday, 111 re-entry workers and 17 new construction workers arrived at Incheon International Airport and they were welcomed by the Labour Attaché from the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul, South Korea, according to the statement of the embassy.

Between 4 April and 10 May, a total of 580 Myanmar workers were sent to South Korea. — TWA/GNLM



Illegal foodstuffs, pharmaceuticals, vehicles and teak seized

SUPERVISED by the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee, effective actions are being taken to prevent illegal trades under the law.

On 6 May, the investigation was carried out by the Yangon Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force.

A combined team led by the Criminal Investigation Department No. 6 and the Department of Forest seized 1.3884 tonnes of illegal teak (estimated at K416,520) and a Toyota Wish car an estimated value of K15,000,000 in total were seized in Mingaladon Township, Yangon North District on 6 May.



Confiscated timbers in Yangon Region.



Seized commodities in Sagaing Region.

On 7 May, an inspection team led by the Department of Forest seized 1.5716 tonnes of illegal timbers in Hlegu Township. An Isuzu vehicle carrying these timbers (estimated at K25,000,000) and a total value of K40,888,000 were seized. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

Similarly, an inspection team led by the Rakhine State Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force inspected the area on the same day and illegal teak worth K1,148,896 was seized. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

On 9 May, the Customs Department conducted an inspection at the International Airport warehouse under the management of the Customs Department and cosmetics (estimated

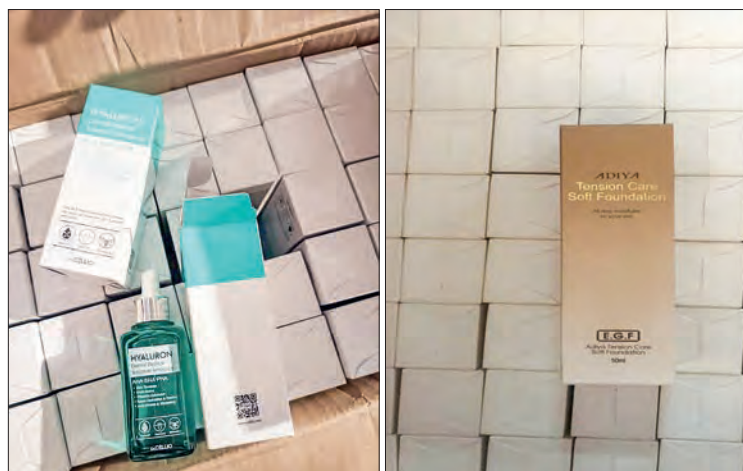
value of K23,308,613) without any official documents were seized.

Next, a combined team from the Mayanchaung Permanent Inspection Station, Mon State inspected and seized foodstuffs (estimated at K1,070,000) on a passenger bus on the Thaton-Bago Road. The action was taken according to the Customs procedures.

Similarly, an inspection team led by the Forest Department under the management of the Ayeyawady Region Anti-Ille-

A combined team led by the General Administration Department in Sagaing Township also seized illegal consumer goods, foodstuffs, and pharmaceuticals (estimated value of K35,208,000). The action was taken under the Import and Export Law.

Similarly, a combined inspection team led by the Region Forestry Department, under the management of the Bago Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force, made a surprise check in Toungoo District and 6.9360 tonnes of



Seized items at the warehouse of Yangon International Airport.

gal Trade Task Force conducted inspections and the teak worth K81,300 was seized and action was taken under the Forest Law.

In addition, an inspection team led by the Sagaing Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force conducted an inspection and timbers (estimated value of K1,749,500) were seized under the Forest Law on 10 May.

illegal timbers (estimated value of K1,040,400) were seized in Pyu and Ottwin townships. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

Therefore, 16 arrests (estimated value of K104,494,709) were made on 6, 7, 9, and 10 May, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA

Stimulant tablets seized in three townships

STIMULANT tablets were seized in Pa-An, Kyaukse and Muse Townships this week, according to the Police Force.

A joint team consisting of Kayin State Police Force members made inspections in Hpa-an at 5:45 pm on 3 May.

Thein Htay was found suspicious in Ward No. 9 and found 1,100 tablets of ecstasy.

At 10:30 am on the same day, a joint team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force conducted inspections at the Thanywa Joint Checkpoint, Ywangan, Hanmyintmo Road, in Kyaukse Township.

During the inspection, 4.37 kilogrammes of heroin were seized from a Canter vehicle driven by Ye Win Naing (alias) Ko Ye on the highway road.

According to the investigation, Ma Thet Thet Win, a resident of Aungthaya Ward, Chanmyathazi Township, was also found with drugs at her home at 1 pm on the same day.

At 3 pm that day, a joint team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force arrived in Muse, and 1,020 ecstasy tablets were confiscated during a search of a rented house of Ma Kyauk Kyu Shan in Swansaw Ward, Muse Township.

They were prosecuted under the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act. — MNA

Drugs seized in some townships across Myanmar

ILLEGAL drugs were seized in Bhamo township and Waingmaw Township and Bago Township on 9 May, Myanmar Police Force stated.

At 4:20 pm, a combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force stopped and searched a motorbike ridden by Ma Yantar Mee (aka) Cherry on the Bhamo-Mandalay Road in Bhamo Township and seized 5,850 stimulant tablets and 0.11 kilo of heroin.

At 5:00 pm on the same day, the police also seized 3,700 stimulant tablets during a search of a suspected motorbike ridden by Ma Moe Moe near Maenar village-tract in Waingmaw township. Similarly, at 5:15 pm on the same day, the police stopped and searched a Mark-II car

driven by Min Thu with Sithu Oo and Wai Aung at Shwethanlwin combined checkpoint in Phayagyi of Bago City and seized 1,998 stimulant tablets

and cash K0.16 million.

It is also reported that action is taken against arrested suspects, according to the MPF. — MNA



An arrestee, Ma Yantar Mee (aka) Cherry, is pictured along with seized drugs and a motorbike.

LOCAL BUSINESS

Myanmar-Thailand border trade down by \$12.79 mln in April

THE value of Myanmar's bilateral trade with the neighbouring country Thailand through land border has registered a decrease of US\$12.798 million in April of the current financial year 2022-2023 as against a-year ago period, statistics issued by the Ministry of Commerce indicated.

The ministry reported that exports surpassed imports in trade with Thailand this year, with exports reaching over \$240.4 million and imports valued at over \$92 million, totalling \$332.47 million.

During the corresponding period of the past FY2020-2021, Myanmar-Thailand border trade touched a high of \$345.27 million.

There are seven border posts between Myanmar and Thailand through Tachilek,



The Myawady Trade Zone.

Myawady, Kawthoung, Hteekhee and Myeik. Except for Kawthoung, Myeik and Myawady,

the remaining border crossings showed a slight increase in the trade this FY.

The value of border trade stood at \$10.677 million via Tachilek, \$134.848 million via Myawady,

\$18.1 million via Kawthoung, \$4.655 million via Myeik and \$163.4 million via Hteekhee.

Myanmar exports the corn to Thailand through Myawady and Tachilek land border.

Additionally, exports of natural gas from the Taninthayi Region contributed to the enormous increase in border trade with Thailand in the previous years.

Myanmar primarily exports natural gas, fishery products, coal, tin concentrate (SN 71.58 per cent), coconut (fresh and dried), beans, and bamboo shoots to Thailand. It imports capital goods such as machinery, raw industrial goods such as cement and fertilizers, and consumer goods such as cosmetics and food products from the neighbouring country. — KH/GNLM

Palm oil reference price set at K6,025 per viss tracking stability in global oil prices



The reference rate in the Yangon market for a week from 2 to 8 May was set at K6,025 per viss.

THE Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution under the Ministry of Commerce set a weekly reference rate at K6,025 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kilogrammes) following the price stabilities in the world's palm oil-producing countries, according to the committee.

The committee has been issuing a weekly reference rate to govern the market in line with the changes in international rates.

The committee has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia including transport costs, tariffs and banking services and issuing

the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil on a weekly basis.

The reference rate in the Yangon market for a week from 2 to 8 May was set at K6,025 per viss. The rate remained unchanged at K6,025 per viss for a week ended 15 May as well because of the price stability in the oil-producing countries.

The Ministry of Commerce is striving for the consumers not to worry over the supply of edible oil. The ministry is also trying to secure edible oil sufficiency, supervise the market to offer a reasonable price to the consumers, maintain the price stability and

prevent market manipulation.

If those retailers and wholesalers are found overcharging, storing inventory intentionally and attempting unscrupulous action to manipulate the market, they will face legal action under the Special Goods Tax Law, MoC released a statement.

There are 31,090.98 tonnes of palm oil (19.03 million visses) remaining in the palm oil tanks so far. There is a sufficiency in the domestic market. The Department is ensuring the daily distribution of palm oil to other regions and states. The shipments of palm oil from foreign countries are regularly seen, as per the MoC's statement dated 25 April.

The domestic consumption of edible oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local cooking oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. To meet the oil sufficiency in the domestic market, about 700,000 tonnes of cooking oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia. — NN/GNLM

Tomato growers expect good price in Pindaya Tsp

THE villages near Pindaya Township, Danu Self-Administered Zone in the southern Shan State execute cultivation of seasonal fruits and vegetables and the harvest season of tomato starts at present.

"Cultivation with an irrigation system achieves success in Zawgyi village, Pindaya Township. We cultivate them throughout the years (both in the summer, rainy and winter seasons). They can be harvested three months after that. We sell those summer tomatoes out. We have also nursed seedlings for the winter season. It fetched K1,200 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kilogrammes) in a similar period last year. This year, the wholesale price is around K350-400 per viss," said a grower.

The growers are expecting a good price for now. The tomato from the villages near Pindaya

Township is sent to Yangon, Mandalay, Aungban, Kengtung and Tachilek cities.

Growers in hill regions extend acreage as they received a higher price last year. When tomatoes flood the market, it brings down the prices, said a trader.

However, there is a large price gap between the wholesale and retail prices when the transport cost is added amid the hike price of fuel oil, said a market observer.

The input cost doubled this year owing to high fertilizer prices and a hike in fuel oil prices. A big slump in prices caused a huge loss to the growers in early 2022.

During December last year, low supply drove the price up. The tomato fetched up to K2,400-2,500 per viss. — Aye Aye Latt, KK/GNLM



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Regrow mangrove plantations to mitigate natural disasters

MANGROVE forests can be seen along with the coastal areas as well as on banks of rivers and creeks but this acreage is declining day by day in Myanmar for various reasons despite efforts to replant them as much as possible.

These mangrove forests retain fertile soil and prevent land erosion, defend against impacts of tidal waves and strong winds, give kitchen utensils such as firewood, charcoal and timber to the people, and create the habitats for water diverse living beings such as fish, prawns and crabs and absorb a large volume of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. As such, mangrove forests are invaluable a natural gift for humans.

There are 123 countries where mangrove forests are thriving. Indonesia possesses 20.90 per cent of the world's mangrove forests, followed by Brazil at 8.5 per cent, Australia at 6.5 per cent, Mexico at 5.0 per cent, Nigeria at 4.8 per cent, Malaysia at 4.7 per cent, Myanmar at 3.3 per cent, Bangladesh at 3.2 per cent, Cuba at 3.2 per cent, India at 2.8 per cent, Papua New Guinea at 2.8 per cent and Columbia at 2.7 per cent respectively.

Myanmar is standing in the seventh position among the mangrove forest owner countries. While protecting the deforestation of mangrove forests, the government is re-growing these forests along with the coastal areas and edges of water sources. As part of solving the problems of a growing population in a short term plan, local people cut off the mangrove plants without discipline, and expand sown acreage for the cultivation of crops and fish and prawn farms.

The mangrove ecosystem is located as a food web and food chain between the inland ecosystem and coastal ecosystem. These are habitats for water animals and land animals. These plants can protect people against the impacts of storms and tsunami waves.

A large area of mangrove forest can be seen in Rakhine State, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions. But, due to the loss of mangrove forests, the cyclonic storm Nargis swept more than 140,000 people in Ayeyawady and Yangon regions in 2008. Likewise, due to the loss of 13 miles long mangrove forests in Dedaye Township, tidal waves in the Nargis swallowed 14 villages at the seaside of the gulf areas at that time.

A large sown acreage of mangrove plantations is gradually lessening across the nation for various reasons. It is dangerous for continuous depletion of the plants. That is why the authorities and local people need to seek the best way to timely regrow mangrove plants in the plant-lost areas on a wider scale.



SEA Games to light up Hanoi after Covid delay

THE SEA Games open in the Vietnamese capital Hanoi on Thursday after a six-month Covid delay with Southeast Asian pride at stake in everything from football to bodybuilding and eSports.

More than 5,000 athletes including Olympic champions are vying for over 500 gold medals in the event, which is staged every two years, in what should be packed arenas.

The 11-nation Games include traditional Olympic sports such as athletics, swimming and boxing, but also regional ones like sepak takraw, an eye-catching volleyball-style game where teams kick a rattan ball.

Thailand's taekwondo world number one Panipak Wongpatanakit and Philippine weightlifter Hidilyn Diaz, who both won gold at last year's Tokyo Olympics, are among the top athletes on display.

Singaporean swimmer Joseph Schooling, who won the city-state's historic first Olympic gold in 2016, is juggling national military service back home with participating and hopes to regain his scintillating past form.

Host nations typically include sports in which they perform well, helping them clinch numerous golds but leading to criticism that it detracts from the prestige of the competition. However, with 40 sports in this edition, down from 56 in Manila in 2019, Vietnam insists it is seeking a "fair Games" with little space for local sports.

"The hosts will have to fight as hard as other teams to earn golds against powerhouses, especially Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia." Games organising committee deputy head Tran Duc Phan said on state-owned Vietnam News.



SEA Games 31 offers chance to promote Vietnam's image to regional sport fans. Signboards welcome SEA Games 31 in Hanoi. PHOTO: VNA

Organizers have though still added some local flavour. This 31st edition of the regional

spectacular will be the first to feature xiangqi, also known as Chinese chess, which is wildly popular

in the host country. These Games will also see the return of Vietnamese martial art vovinam.

Events retained from 2019 include eSports, dancesport — a competitive form of ballroom dancing — and the ancient Uzbek wrestling art of kurash.

Malaysia win first gold

The opening ceremony is on Thursday but some competitions have already begun, with Malaysia winning the first gold when diver Nur Dhabitah Sabri triumphed in the women's one-metre springboard. These Games were originally scheduled to take place in November but were delayed because of the coronavirus pandemic.

With infections falling heavily since a peak of more than 200,000 a day in March, spectators in venues — they do not even have to take a Covid test — will be a contrast to last year's mostly fan-free Tokyo Olympics.

SOURCE: AFP

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Appointment of Head of Service Organization

THE State Administration Council has appointed U Soe Tun Naing, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Rural Road Development under the Ministry of Construction, as Director-General of the same department of the ministry on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

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An underrated and overrated article published 20 years apart: (Part) II

By Dr Myint Zan

Underrated article: U Aye Maung's 'Buddhism and Science'

AN underrated article 'Buddhism and Science' by Sarpay Beikman U Aye Maung (*The Guardian*, Rangoon, 4 September 1970)

THE late Sarpay Beikman ('World of Books') U Aye Maung (2 February 1914-11 May 2002) published in the English language (now defunct) daily *The Guardian* (Rangoon, Burma) an article 'Buddhism and Science' on 4 September 1970.

U Aye Maung's article 'Buddhism and Science' of September 1970 is about 1150 words almost exactly the same length as Antony Flew's article 'Theology and Falsification' first published 20 years earlier in 1950 (see below).

The writer can only summarise the contents of U Aye Maung's adept, insightful observations. U Aye Maung narrated and commented on the three different attitudes or standpoints of Burmese Buddhists as regards the relationship between Buddhism and Science. More than 51 years after its publication it remains as fresh, insightful and prescient as it was in 1970 when it was first published for the first and probably the only time. As far as this writer is aware the article has not been reproduced elsewhere and I am not sure whether it has been fully translated into Burmese even by the author U Aye Maung himself.

In that sense, U Aye Maung's article can be stated to be underrated in comparison with Antony Flew's as discussed below.

An Overrated Article: Antony Flew's 'Theology and Falsification' (first published 1950) and republished

40 times!

The late Antony Flew (11 February 1923 to 8 April 2010) was a younger contemporary of U Aye Maung by almost exactly 9 years. Flew was and is more well-known the world over than U Aye Maung. So is Antony Flew's 1100-word article 'Theology and Falsification' first published in 1950 in the now-defunct and even then, obscure journal *University* (affiliated with the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom). (The word used by Flew himself when it was republished perhaps for the 41st time in the magazine *Philosophy Now* on its 50th anniversary was that it was an 'ephemeral' journal. The article is reproduced in many places on the web). Antony Flew stated in his Preface to the 2000 reprint of 'Theology and Falsification' in *Philosophy Now* that it 'has some claim to have been the most widely read philosophical publication of the second half of the 20th century'. Flew also wrote that his article was translated into 7 languages: German, Italian, Spanish, Danish, Welsh, Finnish and Slovak. If yours truly were to translate 'Theology and Falsification' into Burmese (but he may not do that) Professor Antony Flew could no longer boast (see below) that his 'gem' of an article has also been translated into a Southeast Asian language.

Flew concluded his introduction to the 2000 reprint of his article in *Philosophy Now* with this 'gem' (see below) of a comment by referring to a statement made by his compatriot Thomas Hobbes (5 April 1588 - 4 December 1679):

"To the Sober and Discreet Reader [I] thought it fit to acquaint you that thou mightiest know what a jewel thou have in thy hands, which thou must accordingly value, not by the bulk but by the preciousness."

I have re-read Flew's article at least seven times and most recently while writing drafts of this article. Praising his own article as a 'gem'? To state that Flew

was immodest would be an understatement

I have also re-read U Aye Maung's article at least seven times. I am of the view that relatively few persons have read both Flew's article first published in 1950 and U Aye Maung's in 1970. A few of those who have done so may (or may not) argue that U Aye Maung's article is 'narrower' in the sense that it deals with Burmese Buddhists' attitudes towards science vis-à-vis their religion whereas Flew's is on a broader philosophical topic in (mainly) Western philosophy. Fair enough, to a certain extent. But Flew's 'Theology and Falsification' is a thousand times more well-known than U Aye Maung's 'Buddhism and Science'. (In Flew's article there is a phrase 'death by a thousand qualifications') And that (to me) is not quite fair.

A real 'Gem' of an article in *Nature* (Scientific) Journal in May 1931

In mid-June 2021, this writer has had the chance to read a short communication by the astronomer George Lemaitre (17 July 1894- 20 June 1966) who was one of the leading pioneers of the 'Big Bang' hypothesis in modern cosmology. His 'communication' entitled 'The Beginning of the World from the Viewpoint of Quantum Theory' was published in the 9 May 1931 issue of the prestigious journal *Nature*. Lemaitre's 'communication' of 1931 is shorter than either Flew's article of 1950 and U Aye Maung's article of September 1970. Even if Lemaitre's communication in *Nature* journal has been reprinted perhaps it would not have gone through 40 re-printings like Flew's article!

Still, if anyone can state 'what a jewel thou has in thy hand' I would claim, I would assert that it is George Lemaitre's short communication that deserves such an appellation. Since U Aye Maung's article was published in a newspaper in Burma in 1970 and being the modest

person that he was U Aye Maung would not have stated that his was 'a jewel of an article'.

'The Big Bang cosmology' which George Lemaitre proposed albeit initially tentatively has a great scientific impact compared to Flew's 'Theology and Falsification'. In this writer's not so humble opinion Lemaitre's brief communication is of more scientific and indeed philosophical significance than (dare I say it again) Antony Flew's overrated, non-gem of an article. In any case, after reasserting his atheism in the year 2000 (in the *Philosophy Now*'s 41st reproduction of his article) about four years later starting around 2004 Flew virtually abandoned it - to much publicity.

Stephen Hawking (8 January 1942- 14 March 2018) stated that he was an atheist around 2010 in *The Grand Design*, a book that he co-wrote with Leonard Mlodinow. The news of Flew abandoning his 60 plus years 'belief' in atheism starting from around 2004 perhaps received more publicity than Hawking 'outing' himself as an atheist. Although Antony Flew changed his mind regarding (a)theism about six years or so before he passed away, he probably would still claim that his 'Theology and Falsification' was a 'jewel' of an article.

The Arrogance of Antony Flew and the Underrated Scholar U Aye Maung

This article, in part, is a critique of Flew's arrogance which the writer first noticed and noted when he read in 1994 a collection of Flew's essays in his *Atheistic Humanism* (first published 1993) where he made *ad hominem* attacks on Christianity, Islam and Marxism (full disclosure I am not a Christian nor a Muslim and politically I am only partly a Marxist). I read *Atheistic Humanism* several years before I chanced upon 'Theology and Falsification'. I want to state my puzzlement as to why Flew's article of 1950 reached such dramatic



and -dare I say it- undeserved attention and acclaim throughout all these years.

U Aye Maung (*Sarpay Beikman*) had published many articles and quite a few books in both Burmese and English languages. He was an articulate, good and mellifluous writer in both languages. I have never met him but I have learned a lot through his articles and books.

It is indeed ironic that U Aye Maung's 'Buddhism and Science' -the same length as Flew's 'Theology and Falsification'- has been relegated to oblivion in contrast to Flew's much more 'stupendously' famous and overrated article.

U Aye Maung died on 11 May 2002. This article also gives tribute to and commemorates the 20th anniversary of U Aye Maung's passing.

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52	S C K Co., Ltd.	U Moe Lwin Daw Yu Yu Htwe	Room No.(604), Kan Yeik Mon Condo, Kan Street, 10 th Ward, Hline Township, Yangon Region.	12/Ah Sa Na (N)214483 12/Ma Ga Ta (N)021081
53	See Seinn San Mining Co.,Ltd.	Daw Thuzar Thet U Than Htay	Bo Myat Tun Street, No. (116/118), (6B), (5) Quarter, Botataung Township, Yangon Region.	12/Ou Ka Ma (N)-183209 12/Ka Ma Ya (N) 002161
54	Sein Family Export & Import Co.,Ltd.	U Htein Su U Myaing Su U Chaung Su U Kyin Su Daw Sein U Aye Su U Kyaw Min Oo U We Su	No.189, Shwe Yin Aye Pagoda Street, Hlainethaya Industry Zone, (5) Extension, Hlainethaya T/S, Yangon Region.	12/La Ma Na (N) 111651 Ou Ka Ma (Aei) 000190 12/Ou Ka Ma (N) 124026 12/Ou Ka Ma (N) 149173 12/Ou Ka Ma (N) 124273 12/Ou Ka Ma (N) 124812 12/OuKaMa(N)149171 12/UKaMa(N)000427
55	Sheng Xing Da Co., Ltd.	Daw Kyawe Chin U Aung Kyaw Zaw	No.(41), Pan Whar Street, Yangon Thit Quarter, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Region.	13/La Ya Na (N)217700 10/Ma La Ma (N)128056
56	Shwe Chy Ngwe Chy Co.,Ltd.	Daw Wai Htike Htike Soe Daw Nay Chy Lin U Myatt Thura	Building No.22, Room No.201, Aung Thapyae Street, Thatyar Gone Quarter, Mingala Taungnyunt T/S, Yangon.	12/La Ma Na (N) 008368 12/Ma Ya Ka (N) 116657 12/Pa Ba Ta (N) 014064
57	Shwe Lat Oo Trading Co.,Ltd.	U Kone Soe@ U Hla Shwe U Hwan Ti Li	No.(1239), Corner of Bogyoke & Thiri Zayar Street, (5) Quarter, Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Region.	13/Na Ma Ta (N) 038008 13/La Ya Na (N) 100650
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68	Universal Power Trading Co., Ltd.	U Chit Soe U Tun Lin Aung	No.693, Merchant Street, Three Quarter, Pabedan T/S, Yangon.	7/Nya La Pa (N) 014670 12/Ta Ma Ta (N) 109742
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10 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 10 May, total figure rises to 613,066

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,066** after **10** new cases were reported on 10 May 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **591,987** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll stands at **19,434** without more casualties.—MNA

Western multinationals congratulate Hong Kong's new leader

WESTERN multinationals and local tycoons published newspaper adverts on Monday congratulating John Lee on becoming Hong Kong's next leader, following a rubber-stamp selection process condemned by critics as anti-democratic.

Lee, 64, a former security chief who oversaw the crackdown on Hong Kong's democracy movement, was anointed the business hub's new leader on Sunday in a near-unanimous vote by a small committee of Beijing



The "Big Four" accountancy firms — KPMG, Deloitte, EY and PwC — were among western multinationals placing adverts. **PHOTO: KPMG/AFP**

loyalists.

He was the sole candi-

date in the race to succeed outgoing leader Carrie

Lam at a time when Hong Kong is being remoulded in China's authoritarian image.

Ta Kung Pao and Wen Wei Po, two newspapers that answer to the office which sets Beijing's Hong Kong policy, were filled with adverts on Monday from leading companies and business figures praising Lee's selection.

The majority were from Chinese and Hong Kong businesses as well as community organizations.

The "Big Four" accountancy firms — KPMG, Deloitte, EY and PwC — were among western multinationals placing adverts, as were city carrier Cathay Pacific and conglomerates Swire and Jardine Matheson. Messages were also carried by Hong Kong's family tycoon-dominated property giants, including Sun Hung Kai and Henderson Land Development.

Western businesses have found themselves in an increasingly precarious

position in Hong Kong, especially as geopolitical tensions have risen with China.

Many have embraced progressive political causes in western markets, such as the anti-racism Black Lives Matter movement, same-sex equality and ridding supply chains of labour abuses. But they usually steer clear of any criticism of China's policies towards hotspots like Hong Kong, Xinjiang, Tibet and Taiwan.— AFP

UK supermarket Morrisons saves McColl's and 16,000 jobs

UK supermarket giant Morrisons announced on Monday it had agreed a rescue deal for British convenience store chain McColl's that will preserve all 16,000 jobs. McColl's went bust Friday in the wake of supply strains and weak consumer spending as inflation soars. The food and household products seller, which had around 1,100 UK stores, entered administration — the process whereby a distressed company calls upon outside help to try and minimise job losses — and

plunged 16,000 staff into uncertainty.

"All McColl's colleagues will be transferred with the McColl's business to Morrisons," the supermarket said on Monday as it confirmed the deal. Morrisons chief executive David Potts said it represented "a good outcome" for McColl's stakeholders.

"This transaction offers stability and continuity for the McColl's business and, in particular, a better outcome for its colleagues and pensioners," he added.—AFP

EasyJet tackles Covid staff shortage by removing seats

EASYJET plans to remove seats from Airbus aircraft this summer, allowing the British airline to fly with fewer cabin crew as it struggles with Covid absences and staff recruitment.

The carrier over the weekend revealed that during the upcoming peak flying season, it will cut the number of passenger seats on its A319 jets to 150 from 156.

This will allow it to fly with three cabin crew in-

stead of four, under regulations imposed by the Civil Aviation Authority watch-



EasyJet plans to remove seats from Airbus aircraft this summer, allowing the British airline to fly with fewer cabin crew as it struggles with Covid absences and staff recruitment. **PHOTO: ALAMY/AFP**

dog in Britain.

EasyJet said in a statement that its seat reduction

"is an effective way of... building additional resilience and flexibility into our operation this summer".

While the global aviation sector was ravaged by the coronavirus outbreak that grounded planes and slashed thousands of jobs, demand is recovering strongly after travel curbs were lifted. This is turn has caused a rush for new staff.

EasyJet said only its UK fleet of A319 planes would be affected by the removal of seats.—AFP

Japan's spending dips amid worries over surging prices

JAPAN'S household spending dipped 2.3 per cent in March from a year earlier as the cost of fuel and other items surge,

though the fall was smaller than expected.

The decline was the first since December and due in part to the compar-

ison with a sharp rise in spending a year earlier.

The decline was smaller than the market consensus of a 3.2 per

cent drop and comes after a 1.1 per cent rise in February and a 6.9 per cent surge in January.—AFP

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Philippine dictator's son wins landslide presidential victory

THE son of late Philippine dictator Ferdinand Marcos cemented a landslide presidential election victory Tuesday, after Filipinos bet a familiar but tainted dynasty could ease rampant poverty — while dismissing warnings the clan's return would deepen corruption and weaken democracy.

With an initial count almost complete, Ferdinand “Bong-bong” Marcos Junior had secured over 56 per cent of the vote and more than double the tally of his nearest rival, liberal Leni Robredo.

His now unassailable lead of 16 million-plus votes spells another astonishing reversal

in the fortunes of the Marcos family, who have gone from the presidential palace to pariahs and back again in the space of a few decades.

The Marcos victory is a hammer blow to millions of Filipinos who hoped to reverse course after six bloody years of increasingly authoritarian rule by outgoing President Rodrigo Duterte.

Far from repudiating Duterte's excesses, Filipino voters elected his daughter Sara as vice president by a landslide in a parallel vote.

In 1986, Marcos senior and kleptocratic first lady Imelda

Marcos were chased into exile by the “People Power” revolution.

Marcos junior steadfastly refused to denounce his family's brutal and corrupt excesses in a campaign marked by a relentless online whitewashing of history.

With memories of the regime fading with time and muddied by countless misleading Facebook posts, Filipino voters turned to Marcos to rekindle past glories that were mostly imagined. “He will lift our country from the poverty we're experiencing now,” said supporter and retired police officer Anthony Sola, who described himself as elated.— AFP



This photo taken on 25 March, 2022 shows Philippine presidential candidate Ferdinand Marcos Jr delivering a speech prior to introducing his son Ferdinand Alexander “Sandro” Marcos (back R) during a proclamation rally in Laoag, Ilocos norte province, north of Manila. **PHOTO: TED ALJIBE / AFP**

Outgoing Sri Lankan PM evacuated by troops

HEAVILY armed troops evacuated outgoing Sri Lankan prime minister Mahinda Rajapaksa from his official residence in Colombo on Tuesday after thousands of protesters breached the main gate.

Protesters who forced their way into the capital's “Temple

Trees” residence then attempted to storm the main two-storey building where Rajapaksa was holed up with his immediate family.

“After a pre-dawn operation, the former PM and his family were evacuated to safety by the army,” a top security official told

AFP. “At least 10 petrol bombs were thrown into the compound.”

Rajapaksa's evacuation to an undisclosed location followed a day of violent protests in which five people, including a lawmaker, were killed and nearly 200 wounded.

The security official said police kept up a barrage of tear gas and fired warning shots in the air to hold back mobs at all three entrances to the colonial-era building, a key symbol of state power.

Dozens of homes of top Rajapaksa loyalists were torched elsewhere in the curfew-bound country, which has been under a state of emergency since Friday.

The emergency order from President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, the outgoing premier's younger brother, gave sweeping powers to the military as protests demanding the duo's resignation escalated over the country's worst-ever economic crisis.—AFP



Pro-government supporters hold the portrait of outgoing Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa during a protest outside his residence in Colombo. **PHOTO: ISHARA S KODIKARA/AFP**

Ecuador prison riot leaves 44 dead, 108 on the run

AT least 44 inmates died on Monday in Ecuador's latest grisly prison riot, the public prosecutor said, as another 100 prisoners managed to escape.

Authorities said a fight broke out between the rival Los Lobos and R7 gangs inside the Bellavista prison in Santo Domingo de los Colorados, in the center of

Ecuador some 80 kilometres (50 miles) from Quito. During the riot, dozens of inmates tried to escape.

Police chief Fausto Salinas told reporters that 108 were missing after another 112 escaped prisoners were recaptured.

The South American country's prison authority SNAI said it has activated security protocols

to contain the “disturbances to order.” Six gang leaders were transferred from Bellavista to two maximum security prisons, the interior ministry said. Interior Minister Patricio Carrillo had initially claimed authorities were in control of the situation and that all escaped prisoners had been recaptured.—AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Three decades after Pablo Escobar's death, drugs ravage Medellin

THREE decades after cartel boss Pablo Escobar was shot dead by police on a rooftop in Medellin, the very city he had sought to uplift with drug money is being ravaged by it.

Junkies frequent hundreds of sales points dotted around Colombia's second city, which has become the epicenter of the domestic drug trade.

“Easy access? Yes, absolutely. In Medellin you can find it anywhere. Even on the floor you find drugs,” Manue Morales, an out-of-work engineer and chronic user of “basuco” — the cheapest drug on the market — told AFP.

Basuco is derived from the coca leaf also used to make cocaine, and mixed with other low-grade substances.

His hands shaking, 32-year-old Morales inhaled a dose in a public park, using a pipe fashioned from a PVC tube, even as pedestrians and police milled around.

“I am a bit nervous,” he confessed.

“The truth is that one is less cautious and it (the basuco) can cause you to do stupid things,” said Morales, who lost his job due to drug use. Four brief months later, all his worldly belongings fit into a worn briefcase, and he often sleeps rough.—AFP

Four South African tourists missing in Namibian canyon

FOUR South African tourists have gone missing in Namibia's Fish River Canyon, one of the world's largest canyons, Namibia's state-owned tourism company reported Monday.

They were part of a group of 10 South African tourists who sent out a distress call on Saturday when they could not find their way out of the canyon, prompting a helicopter and ground search-and-rescue operation.

Six managed to get out on their own, but four remained missing by Monday afternoon in the canyon 600 kilometres (370 miles) south of the capital Windhoek, Namibia Wildlife Resorts (NWR)'s spokesman Nelson Ashipala said.

The NWR “is aware of the four tourists that have been reported missing in the Fish River Canyon,” he said.

It's not the first time that people have got lost in the rugged iconic and treacherously steep terrained canyon.—AFP

Yoon sworn in as S. Korea's new president, says talks with North open

YOON Suk Yeol was sworn in as South Korea's new president on Tuesday, and the leader of the nation's first conservative government in five years used his inaugural speech to say the door for dialogue with North Korea was open despite the North's increasing missile activities.

"I stand before you today, humbled by the trust and responsibility that you have given me and mindful of my solemn duty to rebuild this great nation," Yoon said at the National Assembly compound in Seoul.

He underscored the importance of the value of freedom and sustainable peace, while emphasizing dialogue with North Korea to peacefully resolve the "threats" posed by the country.

"While North Korea's nuclear weapon programs are a threat not only to our security and that of Northeast Asia, the door to dialogue will remain open so that we can peacefully resolve this threat," Yoon said, adding that the denuclearization will contribute to sustainable peace and prosperity on the Korean Peninsula and beyond.

"If North Korea genuinely embarks on a process to complete denuclearization, we are prepared to work with the international community to present an audacious plan that will vastly strengthen North Korea's economy and improve the quality of life for its people," he said.

Among the foreign guests attending the ceremony were US second gentleman Douglas



South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol takes an oath during his inauguration ceremony in Seoul on 10 May 2022. PHOTO: POOL PHOTO/KYODO

Emhoff and Japanese Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi.

From China, Vice President Wang Qishan is attending as President Xi Jinping's "special representative". Wang is one

of the highest-ranking Chinese officials ever to attend a South Korean presidential inauguration.

Yoon, 61, was the nation's top prosecutor before quitting in

March 2021 after a bitter clash with the progressive government of President Moon Jae In over its prosecutorial reform drive, which he opposed. —Kyodo

NEWS IN BRIEF

UN to hold another meeting on Ukraine

THE UN Security Council is expected to hold a new public meeting on Thursday on Russia's war in Ukraine, in light of the continuing deterioration of the humanitarian situation, diplomats said Monday.

The session, requested by France and Mexico, will be the 16th held by the Security Council since the Russian invasion of 24 February, as part of an effort by western states to maintain pressure on Russia, which as a permanent member of the council has the power to block measures it disapproves of.

France and Mexico have requested briefings from the UN Department of Humanitarian Affairs (Ocha) and the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef), a diplomat said.

The meeting comes after the bombing at the weekend of a school in eastern Ukraine, in which 60 civilians were killed, according to Kyiv. It will be held on the same day as an extraordinary session in Geneva of the UN Human Rights Council, requested by Ukraine, on "the deterioration of the human rights situation in Ukraine". — AFP

New refugee structure expected to house up to 1,200 people

THE Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs has issued a press release to announce that a new temporary structure for people fleeing the war in Ukrainian will be set up in Kirchberg.

The temporary structure will be housed in the 'T Building', formerly part of the Court of Justice of the European Union, on Boulevard Konrad Adenauer in Kirchberg. Officials estimate that the building will be able to house up to 1,200 people.

In light of the announcement, Minister of Immigration and Asylum Jean Asselborn has collaborated with a local interest group to set up an information meeting for Luxembourg City residents, to be held at 6:30 pm on 12 May.—AFP

RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR: ROLLING UPDATES

Ukrainian president, Swedish PM discuss defense support for Ukraine over phone

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Monday he had discussed defense support for his country amid the conflict with Russia with Swedish Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson.

According to Zelensky, other topics of the conversation were energy cooperation between Ukraine and Sweden and the strengthening of sanctions on Russia.

For her part, Andersson tweeted that she expressed steadfast support for Ukraine during the phone call with Zelensky. — Xinhua



People evacuated from the Azovstal plant and adjacent houses in Mariupol arrive at a temporary accommodation center in the village of Bezimenne in Donetsk, 1 May 2022. PHOTO: XINHUA

Ukraine EU bid could take 'decades', warns Macron

FRANCE'S President Emmanuel Macron on Monday said it would take "decades" for a candidate like Ukraine to join the EU, and suggested building a broader political club beyond the bloc that could also include Britain.

The idea immediately found

favour with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, who described it as a "very interesting suggestion" that he was "very pleased" to discuss with the French leader.

Ukraine, which is battling Russia's invasion, is seeking EU membership, and the European Commission has said it will re-

spond to the request next month — a key step before the issue is taken up by member states.

But Macron buried any hopes of swift membership for Ukraine, suggesting rather that it may be more efficient to consider building a wider club beyond the EU.—AFP

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SPORT

Myanmar leads Group A with 3-2 victory over the Philippines

MYANMAR is leading Group A with 6 points after beating the Philippines 3-2 in the second group match of the SEA Games Men's National Football Tournament at the Viet Tri Stadium in Hanoi, Viet Nam yesterday.

Team Myanmar came out with top players and put pressure on the Philippines from the beginning. With the quick attack, Myanmar's Win Naing Tun scored the leading goal within 2 minutes of the match.

After taking the lead, the Myanmar team continued to put pressure on the Philippines team but missed some chances due to bad luck.

The Philippines made an equalizer from the mistakes of the Myanmar defender at 34 minutes.

Next the Philippines won 2-1 after a penalty kick was awarded



Myanmar players celebrate the victory after beating the Philippines 3-2 in the second Group A match played at the Viet Tri Stadium in Hanoi, Viet Nam on 10 May 2022. PHOTO: MFF

in the 38th minute.

The Philippines led the first half by 2-1.

In the second half, Myanmar team players got to know each other better and scored an equalizer plus a winning goal. The goals for Myanmar were scored by Lwin Moe Aung in the 51st

minute and Soe Moe Kyaw in the 54th minute.

Team Myanmar maintained the winning result till the final whistle with a good defensive style. The Myanmar U-23 team will play against the host Vietnam on 13 May in the third match of the group. — GNLM

SEA Games Women's football: Myanmar trounces Laos 3-0



Myanmar's Win Theingi Tun carries the ball during the SEA Games women's group A match against Laos in Viet Nam on 10 May 2022. PHOTO: MFF

MYANMAR women's national football team beat Laos women's football team 3-0 in their first group match of the SEA Games women's football tournament which was held in Viet Nam yesterday night.

The match between Myanmar and Laos will normally be played at 3:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time, but due to heavy rain, the match was changed to 9:00 pm Myanmar Standard Time.

Myanmar team won the opening match and got full points, but struggled to show good form as usual in the opening matches.

The team made a lot of mistakes during their attack due to the player's eagerness to score many goals and were not able to get as many chances as they should because of the frequent offence.

Only one goal was scored in the first half, but more goals

were scored in the second half to collect the valuable three points.

The Myanmar team was able to play with an advantage from the beginning of the match, but due to the desire to score goals and the Lao team's defensive style, only one goal was scored in the first half.

The Myanmar team created many chances to score in the first half but only one goal was scored by striker Win Theingi Tun in the 30th minute.

In the second half, only the Myanmar team continued to dominate the match and in the 57th minute, team captain Khin Malar Tun scored the second goal with a header.

Captain Khin Marlar Tun, who scored the second goal for the Myanmar team, scored the third goal in the 68th minute.

After a three-goal win, the Myanmar team head coach made substitutions for a better tactic.

Team Myanmar will face the Thailand team in the second group match on 13 May. — 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.

SEA Games men's futsal tournament to be launched today

THE men's futsal tournament of the 31st SEA Games which is being held in Viet Nam will start today.

Five ASEAN teams: Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and Viet Nam will compete in the tournament in a round-robin format.

The first day of the group will be played between Malaysia and Thailand at noon (Myanmar Standard Time) today while the host Viet Nam will take on Indonesia at 3 pm (Myanmar Standard Time).

Myanmar will face the Indonesia team on 14 May.

A pre-match press conference for the national futsal tournament was held on 10 May, attended by Myanmar national futsal team head coach Boonlert Charoenwong and team captain Myo Myint Soe.

"We learned from the mistakes we made in ASEAN Championships and came to the SEA Games. The players have made the best of their mistakes and will do their best to get good results in this competition," said Myanmar head coach Boonlert.

Myanmar will play against the Thai team on 16 May, the Viet Nam team on 18 May and Malaysia team on 20 May. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM