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## Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council

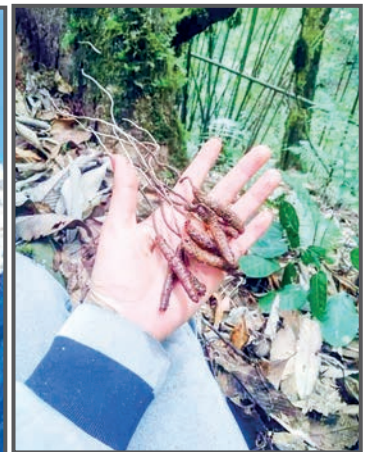
1. The Union Election Commission will be reconstituted and its mandated tasks, including the scrutiny of voter lists, shall be implemented in accordance with the law.
2. Effective measures will be taken with added momentum to prevent and manage the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Actions will be taken to ensure 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.

## Value-added products at the foot of Phonkanrazi snow-capped mountain to contribute towards increased incomes for families

**T**HE weaving and vocational training school in Myitkyina of Kachin State decided to conduct the short-term vocational courses starting from July this year due to requests of local youths from Ziyadam Village located at the foot of Phonkanrazi snow-capped mountain in Manse Village-tract in PutaO Township.

The six-month training courses will contribute to the systematic production of domestic products in modern technologies to produce value-added products so that it will create job opportunities and raise family incomes.

“As Ziyadam Village is located at the foot of the snow-capped mountain, homegrown and foreign tourists often pay a visit there. If the production tech-



The Phonkanrazi ice-capped mountain is located at the Myanmar-India border. The majority of local people are engaged in traditional farming, hunting and production of domestic crops as their livelihoods.

niques can be shared with local people to manufacture domestic personal goods, foodstuffs and traditional crafts as souvenirs for travelling, it will be a drive to raise incomes for individuals, families and the region. Hence, we will give training to the local youths to have outstanding skills,” said U Aung Maung, head of the Kachin State Small Scale Industries Department.

The training course will consist of techniques for operating the weaving, tailoring, natural dyeing and production of souvenirs. Such area produces Cordyceps, walnut, damson, peach, mango, Rhododendron, various species of orchid and others.

“The Phonkanrazi ice-capped mountain is located at the Myanmar-India border. The majority of local people are

engaged in traditional farming, hunting and production of domestic crops as their livelihoods. But it may harm the environment in a long run. That is why local youths requested the department to conduct the vocational courses in order to mitigate the environmental degradation,” said the head of the Kachin State department.

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### World Association of Press Councils Expressed 'Utmost Concern' over the 'Uncontrolled Spread of Fake News'

WORLD Association of Press Councils (WAPC) has expressed 'utmost concern' over the 'uncontrolled spread' of fake news and misinformation on 'social media and other digital platforms', in a declaration issued at the end of the four-day General Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya.

The WAPC, of which Myanmar Press Council (MPC) is a member, issued the warning in a new declaration. The digital component of the declaration states that bloggers and influencers with 'ulterior motives' continue to take advantage of the 'anonymity in the digital platforms' (such as Facebook) and spread falsehood and lies, without having any accountability or legal implications.

Such fake news endanger the lives of millions, ignites hatred and fuels the intensity of wars, warned WAPC.

WAPC said it will strive to explore ways to mitigate the negative impacts of this shift towards anonymity based digital media and provide recommendations in the near future.

Members agreed on the need to develop online media rules/framework to guide the conduct of online media around the globe and thereafter, advocate for adoption in members countries, the statement said.

WAPC held its General Assembly and celebration of World Press Freedom Day from 3 May to 8 May, in the Kenyan capital.

## Notification of COVID Vaccination Fund Management Subcommittee

FROM 18-4-2022 to 13-5-2022, local/foreign donors contributed 0.200 million Kyats to the COVID-19 Vaccination Fund Myanmar currency account OA 013733 and foreign currency account EDC 600012 opened at the Myanma Economic Bank (Nay Pyi Taw). The status of the fund account as of 13-5-2022 is as follows: -

### COVID-19 Vaccination Fund OA-013733 List

	Kyat
Account opening balance on 8-4-2022	162,556,688,692.53
Received amount of money from (+) 18-4-2022 to 13-5-2022	200,000.00
Closed balance on 13-5-2022	162,556,888,692.53

### COVID-19 Vaccination Fund EDC 600012 List

	USD
Account opening balance on 8-4-2022	22,268,349.53
Received amount of money from (+) 18-4-2022 to 13-5-2022	-
Closed balance on 13-5-2022	22,268,349.53

## Value-added products at the foot of Phonkanrazi snow-capped mountain to contribute towards increased incomes for families

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If the department can conduct the training courses on the operation of rattan and bamboo works to produce souvenirs for tourists, manufacturing of value-added foodstuff and personal goods, operation of weaving and tailoring and repairing of motorcycles, human resources and technologies can be combined with each other for raising the livelihoods as expected. Consequently, local people will have the chance to be free from too much reliance on domestic products and to increase the job opportunities and increased income from the ecotourism services. — Phon Kan (Putao)



Medicinal Sheepadee (Caterpillar Fungus) in Putao.



Medicinal ginseng plant found on snow-capped mountain.

## Public Notice

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

*Anti-Corruption Commission*

Answer "1111" to fight against corruption

Answer "1111" to improve services

Let's work together to eliminate corruption towards prosperity

## 28 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 13 May, total figure rises to 613,116

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,116** after **28** new cases were reported on 13 May 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,073** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll stands at **19,434** without more casualties.—MNA

## Daily newspapers available online

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## I will strive to do my best through the power of the people

FIVE two national visions—

1. to ensure peace and prosperity of the State
2. to guarantee food sufficiency of the State.

The whole Union must be peaceful and prosperous. Everybody must have proper livelihoods with the capacity to keep abreast of other countries.

We need to manage the food sufficiency in the entire nation by utilizing underground and above ground natural resources.

The strength of the nation lies within. I will strive to do my best through the power of the people. I absolutely believe that it would be successful.

*(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)*

## Working Committee to address the impact of COVID-19 on the national economy meets

THE meeting of Working Committee to address the impact of COVID-19 on the national economy (3/2022) was virtually held yesterday afternoon at Office No. (1), Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

The meeting was chaired by U Aung Naing Oo, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations. Members of the Working Committee; Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance, Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Permanent Secretaries and rep-

resentatives from the Ministries concerned attended the meeting.

During the meeting, it was discussed the provision of loans for respective economic sectors, reimbursement of loans, delivering loan provision for konjac plantations in Chin state, upcoming programmes of the committee and the works done by the working committee.

The meeting also discussed relief measures carried out by concerned ministries, upcoming plans of action, and issues presented to the committee. —MNA



The meeting of Working Committee to address the impact of COVID-19 on the national economy 3/2022 in progress.

## MoEP/ MoE Union Minister receives Chinese Ambassador



MoEP/ MoE Union Minister U Thaung Han receives Mr Chen Hai, China's Ambassador to Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

UNION Minister of the Ministry of Electric Power and of the Ministry of Energy U Thaung Han received Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chen Hai in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they

discussed the cross-border power lines to develop electricity and energy sectors of Myanmar, hydropower projects, gas-fired and thermal power plant projects and further cooperation works in oil

and natural gas industries.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Electric Power Dr Aung Zeya, Deputy Minister for Energy U Thant Sin and relevant officials. — MNA

## Public Notification

THE Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee was reconstituted under the State Administration Council's Order No 366/2021 dated 10.12.2021, and action is being taken effectively against illegal trade under the law.

The following telephone numbers, fax and email address can be reached to safely report information in connection with illegal trade.

Auto telephone number - 067 409 883  
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Email address - [antiillegaltradeinfo@gmail.com](mailto:antiillegaltradeinfo@gmail.com)

*Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee*

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Regarding the "request for money from departmental organizations in conducting trade", the following numbers can be reached to safely report such information.

Auto telephone number - 067 409 881  
Mobile phone - 09 699611116  
Fax - 067 409 887  
Email address - [antiillegaltradeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:antiillegaltradeoffice@gmail.com)

*Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee*



## Supervisory Committee on Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil holds 2/2022 meeting



The coordination meeting of the Supervisory Committee on Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil in progress.

UNION Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint San presided over a virtual coordination meeting of the Supervisory Committee on Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil yesterday.

During the meeting, the Union minister talked about the role of fuel in the country, cooperation work between the officials of Myanmar Fuel Oil Importers and Distributors Association and companies to ensure the adequate fuel and fair prices, the need to follow the policies and statements of government and further preparations for imports and distribution in time

depending on the local demand.

Then, Supervisory Committee on Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil Chairman Deputy Minister for Commerce U Nyunt Aung reported on the fuel imports and distribution of fuel stations, difficulties faced in the distribution sector and rules and regulations to be followed by the companies while the committee supervising not to occur fuel shortage and to ensure the stable prices.

The participants coordinated the discussion and the Union minister stressed the necessary things. —MNA

## MoSYA Union Minister attends opening ceremony of 31<sup>st</sup> SEA Games in Viet Nam

THE opening ceremony of the 31<sup>st</sup> SEA Games hosted by Viet Nam was held at My Dinh National Stadium in Hanoi at 8 pm local standard time on 12 May.

Myanmar Olympics Committee Chairman Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan, Director-General U Tun Myint Oo of the Sports and Physical Education Department and relevant officials joined the event.

During the ceremony, Viet Nam's President Nguyen Xuân Phúc declared the opening of



MoSYA Union Minister U Min Thein Zan is pictured praising the Myanmar sports team at the opening event.



the 31<sup>st</sup> SEA Games.

Viet Nam first hosted the

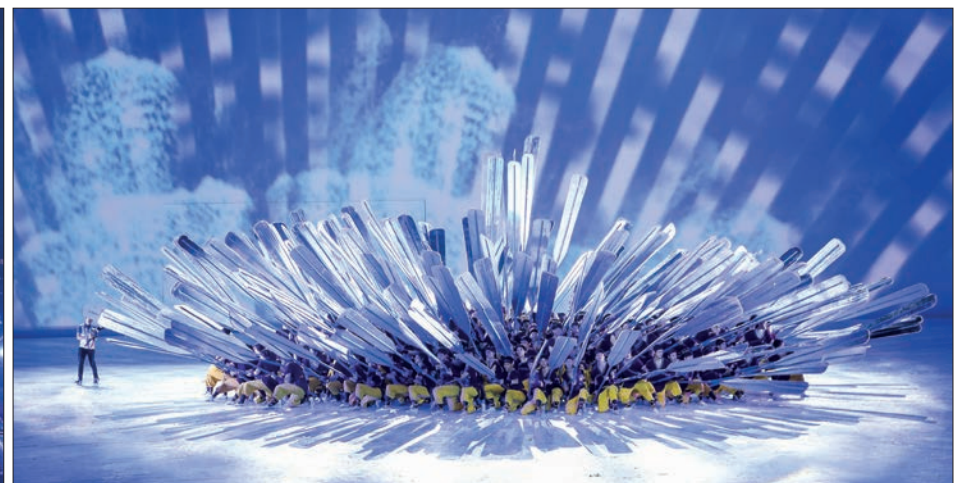
SEA Games in 2003 and the second time it holds the cur-

rent 31<sup>st</sup> SEA Games.

The 31<sup>st</sup> edition of the SEA

Games features 40 sports. —

MNA



The grand opening ceremony of the 31<sup>st</sup> South-East Asia Games is held at My Dinh National Stadium in Hanoi, Viet Nam on 12 May 2022.

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## More than 1,200 medical graduates to serve as civil servants for three years

THE Ministry of Health released an announcement saying that a total of 1,222 medical graduates must serve as civil servants for three years. This includes those who have studied at medical universities under the Ministry of Health and have worked as interns in teaching hospitals of medical universities.

The 1,222 graduates have signed a pledge "After graduation, I will serve as civil servants for three years when required by the State"

during their first year of training in line with the rules and regulations of the University Admissions Guide.

According to the statement, 1,222 graduates of the medical institutions who have worked as house surgeons will be required to serve three years as civil servants following the pledge, since doctors are currently needed to provide healthcare services to the people. — TWA/GNLM



## Myanmar-Laos Friendship Bridge reopens



Myanmar-Laos Friendship Bridge seen in the very first opening ceremony. PHOTO: XINHUA NEWS

THE Myanmar-Laos Friendship Bridge in Kenglat of Tachilek District in Eastern Shan State was reopened yesterday.

The entry and exit of that friendship bridge, which is a major route for bilateral trade, were shut down two years ago during the COVID-19 outbreak.

The drivers have to show their COVID-19 vaccination record and test certificate made

once every two weeks, and it allows only the driver and conductor to upload the goods at the designated place.

It will be open from 7 am to 5 pm and the trade must be made just in one day and the entry and exit of people is still banned.

Moreover, the two countries agreed to send Myanmar's products to Laos to export to China via Laos.

The bridge opening ceremony was attended by the Myanmar delegation led by Kenglat Administrator U Aung Myo Htwe and Laos officials led by Mr Houmphan Chanthavong.

The friendship bridge constructed on 16 February 2013 links Myanmar's Tachilek in Eastern Shan State and Laungnamtha Province of Laos. — TWA/GNLM

## Basic education students to be provided uniforms free of charge

THE Ministry of Education has made an announcement, saying that students will be provided free of charge uniforms during the enrollment period for the 2022-2023 Academic Year at the basic education schools across the country.

Schools will accept enrollment for the primary class to the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade from 26 May to the 1 June, and all classes will start on 1 June. The Ministry also issued a statement saying that the school heads, teachers and staff are not allowed to collect or accept any money or gift, as well as not to sell any items, including school and class badges.

The Ministry is also conducting training courses for teachers for the Grade 5,



Enrolment of students in progress.

Grade 8 and Grade 11, which will be taught in new curriculums this academic year. It is reported that the students

from KG class to Grade 5 will be provided with a school uniform and other provisions. — TWA/GNLM

## BoDs from 19 companies blacklisted for remaining to enter export revenue into foreign exchange

THE Central Bank of Myanmar announced that boards of directors from 19 companies were blacklisted for remaining to enter export revenue into foreign exchange bank accounts.

Of 177 companies that remain to do so, 158 companies were prosecuted under Section 42-a of the Foreign Exchange Management Law and the boards of directors were blacklisted on 10 May, after sending the notice, revoking their import/export licences and holding discussions several times, according to the statement of the

Central Bank.

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). — TWA/GNLM



## CRIME NEWS

### Illegal timbers, aquarium equipment, machinery spare parts, consumer goods, electronics, game machines, marbles and vehicles seized

SUPERVISED by the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee, action is being taken under the law against illegal trades across the country.

The Forest Department under the Rakhine State Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force conducted inspections on 10 May. They confiscated K224,042 worth of 3,2006 tonnes of illegal Taungthayat in Gwa Township and charged them under the Forest Law.

In addition, on 11 May, the 16<sup>th</sup>-mile Kyaukchaw Inspection Station captured K65,517,000 worth of aquarium equipment, machinery spare parts, consumer goods, electronics and game machines, which were not declared in the imported declaration, from a truck heading to Mandalay from Muse. The action was taken under the Customs Law.

Similarly, on 12 May, Port Customs made an inspection at the Asia World Container Terminal Checkpoint and seized K16,715,000 worth of illegal marble tiles which were imported



Seized items at Asia World container Terminal Checkpoint.

more than the number of the imported declaration, and the action was taken under the Customs Law.

Moreover, on 13 May, the Forest Department inspection team confiscated K779,340 worth of 7.6620 tonnes of illegal timbers in Toungoo District reserved forests and opened a file on this case



Seized items at 16<sup>th</sup>-mile Kyauk Chaw.

under to the Forest Law.

Afterwards, on the same day, the inspection team led by Forest Department captured 1.0368 tonnes of illegal sawn teak at an estimated value of K311,040 in Indaw Township of Katha District. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

Therefore, from 10 May to 13 May, 15 arrests were made an estimated value of K113,546,422, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA

### Traffickers sentenced to jail for human trafficking

MOHNYIN District Court sentenced a woman to twelve years imprisonment with labour for her role in trafficking a girl to a Chinese man on 5 May.

The victim Ma ..., aged 13, from Mogaung Township of Kachin State, was sold to a Chinese man by Ma Moe Thu (aka) Thaw Thaw Oo from Myitkyina Township of Kachin State together with another Chinese woman trafficker in March 2018. The trafficker exploited the money that she told the victim to earn K500,000 a month.

The two traffickers were prosecuted at Namti police station under Section 24 of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law. — MNA

### Stimulant tablets seized in Phakant, Myawady, Phayagyi townships

A combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force made an inspection in Seikmu Village, Seikmu Village-Tract, Phakant Town-

ship at 3:30 pm on 11 May and 1.188 kilogrammes of heroin was seized during a search of a motorcycle driven by Nay Lin (alias) Amaung Lay on the golf

course road.

At 3 pm on the same day, a combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force conducted inspections in No 5 Quarter, Myawady and 1,930 tablets of ecstasy were seized during a search of Ma Khine Thazin's house on Sinshweli 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

At 8:15 pm that night, a combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force made a surprise check at the Shwe Thanlwin combined Checkpoint, No. (3) Quarter, in Phayagyi, Bago Township. A total of 141,765 tablets of ecstasy were confiscated during a search of a Honda Fit car driven by Tin Win and accompanied by Soe Naing (alias) Darmar Thunlar.

They are being prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, according to the police force. —MNA



Two arrestees are pictured along with seized stimulant pills and a saloon.

### Drugs seized in Yephyu and Pinlaung townships



An arrestee is seen along with seized drugs.

A combined inspection team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force stopped and searched a Scania express bus at the Mahlawetaung combined checkpoint on the Ye-Dawei Road near Alaesakhan village of Yephyu Township on 12 May and seized 1,950 stimulant tablets.

Similarly, at 9:15 pm on

the same day, the combined inspection team examined a suspected HiAce express bus at a combined checkpoint in Pinlaung Township and found 9.8 kilogrammes of raw opium.

They are prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, the Myanmar Police Force stated. — MNA



# LOCAL BUSINESS

## Myanmar, China trucks soon to be allowed for bilateral border crossing

TRUCKS will soon be given green light for bilateral cross-border trade between Myanmar and China through Muse border post, Sai Khin Maung, managing director of the Khwanyo Fruit Wholesale Centre.

The coordination of detailed procedures is still being undertaken for the border crossing, he added. At present, China banned Myanmar trucks and drivers to enter its side because of the COVID-19 protocols and only Chinese short-haul drivers are allowed to transport the goods.

As a result of this, the cost of Chinese short-haul trucking tremendously rose to K10 million per truck, whereas the trucking was worth only K700,000-K800,000 when Myanmar truckers were allowed to enter China, U Min Thein, vice-



Muse 105-mile trade zone.

chair of the Muse Rice Wholesale Centre said.

Myanmar sees a big slump

in exports. The number of trucks to China through the Kyinsankyawt border post drastically

dropped from 400 to 30 for now.

This being so, the volume of rice and broken rice export

plunges from 60,000 to 4,000 bags per day, U Min Thein stressed.

Only if China lifted COVID restrictions can Muse border trade revive, U Min Thein shared his opinion.

China shut down all the checkpoints linking to the Muse border amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the checkpoints, Kyinsankyawt has resumed trading activity from 26 November on a trial run. Myanmar daily delivers rubber, green gram, rice and other food commodities to China through Kyinsankyawt post with about 30 trucks.

Myanmar has opened five border trade zones with China; Muse, Lweje, Kampaiti, Chinshwehaw and Kengtung. The majority of the trade is carried out through the Muse land border, the Ministry of Commerce's data indicated. — NN/GNLM

## Black truffle sold at K60,000 per viss in Monywa

BLACK truffles harvested in the Maungthaung area are being sold at 60,000 kyats per viss in the Monywa market. "We haven't got enough truffles yet. We only got 9 visses yesterday. The broker ordered it from Maungthaung. The price is still high. People buy it as it is just harvested, said Ma Khine, a black truffle seller.

Black truffles, which are also called rounded mushroom in Tamu, are found in the crack of the ground under small trees at the beginning of the early raining season in May, and there are three types of truffle, said U Tin Aung, a resident in Tamu.



It is a type of mushroom that contains many nutrients, such as amino acid, calcium, and antioxidants. However, since they are high in uric acid, patients with Rheumatoid Arthritis and Gout should be careful to

consume them.

It is learned that the black truffle should not be consumed together with djenkol bean, cassava plant, bitter gourd, crab, frog, durian, or fermented bamboo shoot. — Lu Lay/GNLM

## Cauliflowers grown on large-scale land in Pindaya Township

THE Pindaya Township of Danu Self-Administered Zone in Southern Shan State produces seasonal crops and transports across the nation creating job opportunities for the locals.

During this summer, the irrigated crops are cultivated and they grow cauliflowers. The villages near Pindaya township such as Tame, Thayatgon, Yaychansin, Warpyar, Yayphyu, Zawgyi, Shwepahto, Pwayhla, Pwaypyat, Taungpawgyi, Pansitt mostly grow the cauliflowers.

It can be grown in the farmland and even in the house compound. It takes about one month and a half to

sell in the market. The price is between K500 and K800. The cauliflowers are mostly transported to Yangon and Mandalay. The merchants also buy them at the farms, according to a cauliflower farmer from Yaychansin Village. As agriculture is successful, it can improve the manufacturing sectors while good transport develops the economy of the country. The villagers cultivate various crops for their keep. The Aungban wholesale centre transports the Pindaya cauliflowers to Yangon, and Mandalay via Ywangan, Hanmyintmo and Kyaukse routes and to regions/states. — Aye Aye Latt (Pindaya)/GNLM



This photo shows one cauliflower plantation.

## Poultry farmers reap profits in Aunglan Township



The poultry farmers have to buy one chick at K1,300 and breed them for four months. After four months, the hens lay eggs.

THE residents of Aunglan Township in Thayet District of Magway Region operate poultry farms of broiler chicken in

addition to agriculture, livestock breeding and trading.

The poultry farmers have to buy one chick at K1,300 and breed them for four months. After four months, the hens lay eggs. The price of one egg was between K95 and K100 previous and K4,000 per viss of chicken that no longer lay eggs. Currently, it is K150 per egg and K5,500 per viss of chicken, and so it brings benefits to the poultry farmers, according to U Thet Khine, a broiler farmer. — Myint Myint Htwe (IPRD)/GNLM



# OPINION

## Pour water on banyan trees as marking Vesak Day

The full moon day of Kason is the most sacred day for millions of Buddhists throughout the world. On that day, Prince Siddhartha, the Buddha-to-be, was given birth and the Buddha-to-be attained Enlightenment and the Lord Buddha Gautama attained Parinibban.

Once, Hermit Sumeda took the Niyata Byadita from Lord Buddha Dipankara on the full moon day. Prince Siddhartha was born on the full moon day of Kason, 68 Great Era, BC 623. The Buddha-to-be attained the Enlightenment at the dawn of the full moon day of Kason in the 103 Great Era. The Gautama Buddha attained the Parinibbana in the sal garden of King Malla on the full moon day of the 148 Great Era.

Hence, Myanmar Buddhists need to maintain the fine tradition of pouring water at banyan trees as marking the significant day Vesak Day while conserving the environment to be greened in summer.

The Buddha-to-be was born of King Suddhodana and First Queen Siri Maha Maya at the sal garden on the way from Kapilavutthu State to Devadaha State, 2,600 years ago, on full moon day of Kason, Friday in BC 623.

Lord Buddha Gautama preached various items of Dharma to His disciples to have enlightenment while dispersing Metta (compassion) to all living beings throughout the world. The Lord Buddha also taught His disciples how to disperse Metta to all living things in the tangible and intangible arenas of the Universe. The Lord Buddha left the ways and techniques which were ways to meditate through life for escape from the vicious circle.

As such, the International Conference held in Colombo of Sri Lanka held discussions to designate the full moon day of Kason as the global office holiday from 5 to 14 November 1998. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sri Lanka submitted a proposal to the UN General Assembly in September 1999 to designate the full moon day of Kason as an international office holiday. A total of 34 countries including Myanmar voted for the proposal at the 54th General Assembly. That was why the UN decided on its resolution 54/115 to designate the full moon day as the International Vesak day or Visākha day.

Myanmar Buddhists mark the Vesak Day on the full moon day of Kason by pouring water at banyan trees (Bo trees) as part of paying homage to the Paribhogha Ceti of the Buddhism as well as contributing to the banyan trees thriving.

Hence, Myanmar Buddhists need to maintain the fine tradition of pouring water on banyan trees as marking the significant day Vesak Day while conserving the environment to be greened in summer.



## Tourism recovering, but not back to pre-pandemic levels

Global tourism is roaring back to life despite Covid travel headaches and the effects of the war in Ukraine, but it has yet to return to its pre-pandemic health.

INTERNATIONAL tourist arrivals worldwide have more than doubled, up 130 per cent in January 2022 on the same period last year, according to the latest UN World Tourism Organization figures.

Travellers are regaining confidence, and Europe and the Americas are leading the resurgence.

Worldwide, there have been 18 million additional visitors, the UNWTO said, "equivalent to the total increase recorded over the whole of 2021".

In 2019, global tourism revenues reached \$1.48 trillion. That figure dropped by almost two thirds due to the pandemic the following year.

While January confirms the recovery trend that began in 2021, the UNWTO highlighted how the

Omicron Covid variant recently put the brakes on the rise. International arrivals in January 2022 were still 67 per cent lower than before the pandemic.

Most regions have seen travellers return and rebound from the low levels of early 2021, with Europe faring three times better and the Americas twice as well.

That's still some way off pre-pandemic numbers, but Larry Cuculic, general manager of the Best Western hotel company, is optimistic.

"I travelled earlier this week and I can tell you that the airports, the international terminals in the US are very crowded and there is a demand or an interest in travelling to Europe, because for several years we couldn't do that," he told AFP.

"We miss going to Paris,

Rome and Berlin."

The Middle East is also experiencing a boom, with arrivals up 89 per cent on 2021, and so is Africa, with numbers up 51 per cent – but these two regions are still very far from their 2019 totals, according to the UNWTO.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the number of travellers is falling in the Asia-Pacific region, where several destinations remain closed. In January, international tourist arrivals were down 93 per cent from pre-pandemic levels.

Travel by Chinese tourists, the world's biggest spenders before the pandemic, is also severely affected by China's zero-Covid policy.

According to travel analyst ForwardKeys, the second quarter of 2022 still looks "more promising for international travel in

the world than the first quarter". The Caribbean and South America are drawing tourists looking for sea and sunshine in the northern hemisphere summer. Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Aruba and Jamaica are among the 20 most popular destinations, even exceeding pre-pandemic levels.

In Europe, tourists are flocking to France, Spain, Portugal, Greece and Iceland, but not in the same numbers as before Covid.

### The French exception

France is doing well enough, though. In February, international tourism revenues in the country "came close to those of 2019", according to France's tourism minister Jean-Baptiste Lemoyne.

At 2.7 billion euros (\$2.8 billion), revenues were up 1.5 billion compared to last year and down eight per cent compared to 2019, he told reporters.

In 2019, before the pandemic, the tourism sector in France represented 7.4 per cent of GDP and 9.5 per cent of jobs.

According to Lemoyne, France is "very well positioned" as the "number one destination for travel in Europe for Americans, Belgians, Italians and Spaniards".

The French, for their part, are "a European exception", the minister said, pointing out that 60 per cent plan to stay in their own country over the holidays.

"With a domestic base that will remain very strong and the return of international customers, this means that we are in



The Middle East is experiencing a boom, with arrivals up 89 per cent on 2021. Tourists visit the Kamak Temple Complex in Egypt's southern city of Luxor on 10 March 2020. PHOTO: AFP

for a summer season that can be very, very dynamic," he said. But

Didier Arino, director of the Pro-tourisme consultancy, warned

there could be trouble ahead. SOURCE: AFP

## US nears 1 mn Covid dead, early epicentre New York seeks to move on

THE United States is about to cross the threshold of one million deaths from Covid-19, a grim milestone that comes as cities like New York try to turn the page on the pandemic despite threats of another surge.

"It's unfathomable," Diana Berrent, one of the first people in New York state to catch coronavirus, said of the toll that far exceeds epidemiologists' worst predictions made at the outbreak of the crisis in spring 2020.

Then, New York City was the virus epicentre. Hospitals and morgues overflowed and empty streets rang to the sound of ambulance sirens as then-president Donald Trump responded chaotically in Washington.

Two years on, and life in the Big Apple is largely back to normal as residents attempt to put the collective trauma of the virus that has killed 40,000 New Yorkers behind them. Broadway stage lights are once again illuminated, tourists are back riding in horse carriage in Central Park, yellow taxis clog main avenues and bars in business districts hum with post-work



People walk and ride bicycles over the Brooklyn Bridge on 5 August 2021. Vaccine mandates are going to be set up for indoor venues in New York City. PHOTO: ED JONES/AFP

chatter:

"Without a doubt you feel the energy of the people that are on the streets. It's been a long time coming," Alfred Cerullo, president of a business improvement group in Midtown Manhattan, told AFP.

New York's rebound has been aided by its high vaccination numbers — some 88 per cent of adults are fully vaccinated, a rate that was boosted by mandates, including for indoor activities like dining.

Jeffrey Bank, owner of Car-

mine's restaurant near Times Square, says sales at the Italian eatery are better than they were in 2019, as residents and tourists make up for lost time.

"People have been sitting at home for two years. They want to

celebrate and they're entitled to," he told AFP.

### 'Disconnect'

But the city has a long way to go. Many stores remain empty and only 38 per cent of Manhattan office workers are in the office on an average weekday, according to Kastle Systems, a security firm that tracks building occupancy.

The Big Apple's tourism board also doesn't expect visitor numbers to get back to the 67 million of 2019 people for a few years.

And business owners fear another wave of infections.

"Obviously we are worried," Frank Tedesco, who is unsure how he could keep his jewelry business afloat if another shutdown occurred, told AFP.

In recent weeks, the United States has seen an uptick in the number of daily virus cases, largely due to the new Omicron subvariant.

The rise has coincided with the lifting of mask mandates.

"I think we are in a place where psychologically and socially and economically, people are

largely done with the pandemic," said Celine Gounder, an infectious disease expert at New York University.

"(But) the pandemic is not over. So you have a disconnect between what is happening epidemiologically and what's happening in terms of how people are responding," she told AFP.


Among the most at-risk are the unvaccinated, lower-income populations, uninsured people and communities of color, she says.

America recorded its first coronavirus death, on the West Coast, in early February 2020. By the next month, the virus was ravaging New York and the White House was predicting up to 240,000 deaths nationwide. But those projections were way off.

### Mandates

Trump was late to back social distancing, repeatedly undermined top scientist Anthony Fauci, peddled unproven medical treatments, and politicized mask-wearing — before eventually being hospitalized with the virus himself.

SOURCE: AFP



### Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Friday 13 May 2022)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Weather is cloudy over the Andaman Sea and south Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 14 May 2022:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in lower Sagaing, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway Regions and southern Shan, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin States and widespread in the remaining regions and states with isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay and Magway Regions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (6-8) feet in off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of scattered to fairly widespread rain or thundershowers in upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin, Rakhine States.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 May 2022:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 May 2022:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 May 2022:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND:** Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Region and widespread in Yangon Region.



## Handmade launcher shell lands in monastery, killing one novice, injuring two monks, one novice, one layman

AN explosion of handmade heavy weapon shell in Mya Thein Tan monastery compound in Pale Township of Sagaing Region killed one novice and injured two Sayadaws, one novice and one layman. The PDF terrorists shot the security members who served duties at Zeephyugon Village and the basic education middle school in Zeephyugon Village in Pale Township using handmade firearms and smooth-bore on 16 February and 10 May. Due to the coun-

ter-attack of the security forces, they retraced. Yesterday evening, they randomly fired in Pale Township using handmade launchers. The shell landed in the monastery and killed one novice and injured two Sayadaws, one novice and one layman. The victims were taken to the local military hospital for medical treatment. The security members conducted security measures to ensure community peace. —MNA

## PDF terrorists' destruction plan recovered in school in Myaing, Magway region

THE PDF terrorists, who were living in a school in Latyetma village in Myaing Township, Magway Region, to commit out sabotage activities, were arrested yesterday evening with arms and motorcycles. According to the report of dutiful citizens, security personnel inspected the school yesterday evening and found three suspicious men. While investigating, three men tried to flee, causing a clash between them.

The security personnel confiscated 31 homemade guns, two homemade mortars, 12 homemade rockets, 10 homemade mines, 10 homemade guns still under processing, 72 homemade mines under processing, 15 homemade bombs, 17 packets of gunpowder, two generators, two motorcycles and related materials used in making arms and ammunition, together with three bodies, it is reported. The PDF terrorists are

seeking protection under non-military schools and destabilizing the region, as well as using illegal weapons and ammunition to carry out acts of violence. The security forces are planning to take the necessary action as the production of ammunition-related materials is detrimental to the education of school-age children and the ban on higher education, which is conducive to local development. —MNA

## Reference wholesale prices for Union territory, Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay and reference retail prices for cities of regions and states

14-5-2022

Kyat/Litre

Fuel (Retail Price)	Yangon	Mandalay	Nay Pyi Taw	Bago	Magway	Dawei	Monywa	Patheingyi	Myittha	Sittway	Hpa-an	Mawlamyine	Lashio	Taunggyi	Loikaw	Haka	Kengtung
92 Ron	2,090	2,140	2,130	2,100	2,135	2,160	2,145	2,125	2,215	2,230	2,130	2,140	2,175	2,175	2,175	2,395	2,430
95 Ron	2,150	2,195	2,195	2,155	2,195	2,215	2,200	2,180	2,275	2,290	2,185	2,200	2,230	2,230	2,235	2,450	2,605
HSD (500 ppm)	2,260	2,305	2,300	2,265	2,305	2,325	2,320	2,290	2,405	2,400	2,295	2,305	2,340	2,340	2,345	2,560	2,690
HSD (50 ppm)	2,285	2,335	2,330	2,295	2,330	2,355	2,350	2,320	2,435	2,430	2,325	2,335	2,370	2,370	2,370	2,590	2,725
HSD (10 ppm)	2,285	2,335	2,330	2,295	2,330	2,355	2,350	2,320	2,435	2,430	2,325	2,335	2,370	2,370	2,370	2,590	2,725

Fuel (Wholesale Price)	Yangon	Mandalay
92 Ron	1,991	2,064
95 Ron	2,045	2,120
HSD (500 ppm)	2,153	2,225
HSD (50 ppm)	2,180	2,253
HSD (10 ppm)	2,180	2,253

**Remarks:** (1) It's calculation is based on MOPS price.  
(2) If people are not satisfied with purchase of fuel, they may safely send complaints to telephone numbers of the committee as follows: -

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## WHO rules out COVID-19 vaccines side effects as causes of concerning unknown hepatitis in children

SINCE a new kind of acute hepatitis of unknown origin among children was first reported last month in Britain, around 300 cases have been reported in over 20 countries, drawing great concern from health officials and parents.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has alerted physicians worldwide to watch out for such unusual cases of hepatitis, and is working closely with the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, as well as affected countries, to support ongoing investigations, including lab testing.

“With continued new notifications of recent onset cases, together with more extensive case searching in other countries, it is

very likely that more cases will be detected before the cause can be confirmed and more specific control and prevention measures can be implemented,” said the WHO.

On 15 April the WHO published an alert on severe acute hepatitis cases of unknown origin in children in Britain, which affects children aged between one month and 16 years. Since then, there have been continuing additional reports of cases.

Countries including Britain, Spain, Israel, the United States, Denmark, Ireland, the Netherlands, Italy, Norway, France, Romania, Belgium, Indonesia, Panama, Portugal and Brunei have reported such cases, according to the WHO.—AFP



High school students queue to check COVID-19 self-test results with a teacher while entering their school in an Athens suburb on 12 April 2021 PHOTO: LOUISA GOULIAMAKI/AFP

## EU-wide mask rules for flights, airports eased from Monday



Franz-Josef-Strauss airport in Munich. PHOTO: AFP

ANEU-wide mask requirement for flights and airports will be lifted from next week, the bloc’s aviation safety agency said on Wednesday, as the pandemic eases in Europe.

The European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) said that under the new guidance developed with the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), airlines would nevertheless still have some scope to demand face and nose covering by passengers and staff.

“From next week, face masks will no longer need to be mandatory in air travel in all cases, broadly aligning with the changing requirements of

national authorities across Europe for public transport,” said EASA executive director Patrick Ky in a statement.

“For passengers and air crews, this is a big step forward in the normalisation of air travel.” EASA said after Monday, “rules for masks in particular will continue to vary by airline beyond that date”.

It stated that “flights to or from a destination where mask-wearing is still required on public transport should continue to encourage mask wearing”. Vulnerable passengers with compromised health “should continue to wear a face mask regardless of the rules”, it added.—AFP

## Global agencies must buy African-made Covid jabs: S.Africa’s Ramaphosa

SOUTH Africa’s President Cyril Ramaphosa Thursday urged international organizations backing vaccination against coronavirus to start buying jabs from African pharmas as one such manufacturer risked halting production for lack of orders. Africa’s most industrialised country has spearheaded a campaign to have shots produced on the under-vaccinated continent, becoming its first and largest Covid vaccine manufacturer.

“International agencies that have had a lot of money donated to (them) for purchasing and procuring vaccines for developing-economy countries are not buying vaccines from African vaccine manufacturers, even for those vaccines that are destined for African countries,” Ramaphosa told a virtual global Covid

summit. “This, ladies and gentlemen, must change,” Ramaphosa said in his address to the second global Covid-19 summit chaired by US President Joe Biden. South Africa’s pharma giant Aspen last week made the shock announce-

ment that it has not received any orders for its new “made in Africa for Africa” anti-Covid vaccine licenced by US-based Johnson & Johnson, and threatened to close the production line unless it received orders.—AFP



Cape Town-based biotechnology company Afrigen Biologics has successfully produced a lab-scale batch of a mRNA vaccine against Covid-19. PHOTO: AFRIGEN BIOLOGICS /AFP

## France to lift Covid mask rule for public transport 16 May

FACEMASKS will no longer be needed on trains, planes and metros in France starting 16 May, the health minister said Wednesday, lifting one of the last remaining sanitary measures imposed since the pandemic began in 2020.

“From Monday, 16 May,

masks will no longer be mandatory for all public transport,” Olivier Veran said after a weekly cabinet meeting.

“Wearing a mask remains recommended,” he added, but the rule is “no longer appropriate” given the large drop in Covid

cases recently.

France began easing its strict face mask rules in February after a winter surge in cases, but for weeks they were still required at the workplace or in schools until infections declined further.—AFP



# ECONOMY WORLD



Robots operate on a production line at an automotive glass workshop of the Fuyao Glass Industry Group Co., Ltd. in Fuqing City of Fuzhou, east China's Fujian Province, 12 Jan 2021. PHOTO: XINHUA/JIANG KEHONG

## China's share of global economy rises to over 18 pct: official

CHINA accounted for over 18 per cent of the global economy in 2021, rising from 11.4 per cent in 2012, an official said Thursday.

China has both cemented and improved its status as the world's second-largest economy over the past decade, said Han Wenxiu, a senior official with the Central Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs.

The country's gross domestic products (GDP) topped 114

trillion yuan (about 16.94 trillion US dollars) in 2021, and per capita GDP reached 12,500 US dollars, close to the threshold for high-income economies, Han said.

The contribution of China's economic growth to the world economy has stood at around 30 per cent in recent years, making it the largest growth engine for the global economy, Han added.—Xinhua

## Int'l visitors reach two year high as tourists pour back into Australia

WITH borders opening, Australia's reeling tourism industry has begun to see its first influx of international tourists in over two years.

Managing director of the Australian Tourism Export Council (ATEC), Australia's peak tourism body, Peter Shelley said on Friday that a long period of uncertainty was beginning to come to an end.

Australia's export tourism industry has endured two years of debilitating conditions where many businesses simply had no income or vision on when it would end, Shelley said.

According to data released by Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) on Thursday, Australia's international visitors had reached their highest levels since February of 2020, when an estimated 647,000 international travellers arrived in Australia before its borders were shut in March.

In April this year, 575,530 visitors arrived in Australia, 200,000 more visitors than the previous month. As a result, the pandemic has all but decimated Australia's 45 billion Australian dollars (about 31 billion US dollars) export tourism industry, however, the ATEC said that government and industry would need to play

an active role in its recovery.

"Now we have our borders open we are seeing the green shoots of recovery and with export tourism businesses looking to rebuild their markets, this (is) an important time for government focus on investing in getting the industry back on its feet," said Shelley.—Xinhua



According to data released by Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) on Thursday, Australia's international visitors had reached their highest levels since February of 2020. PHOTO: AFP

## US vows \$150 mil. in investment to ASEAN

THE United States on Thursday pledged over \$150 million in investment to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations for maritime cooperation, infrastructure and other initiatives as it kicked off a two-day summit with the 10-member group in

Washington.

The gathering is intended to demonstrate the commitment the United States has to the Indo-Pacific, where China has been increasing its clout and making extensive claims in regional waters.

The announcement on the new initiatives, which follows a commitment made in October of up to \$102 million in investment in US-ASEAN relations by President Joe Biden, will inaugurate "a new era of partnership", the White House said.—Kyodo

### NEWS IN Brief

New Zealand's annual food price increase remains high at 6.4 pct



People shop at a supermarket in Wellington, New Zealand on 8 April 2022. PHOTO: XINHUA/GUO LEI

NEW ZEALAND'S food prices were 6.4 per cent higher in April 2022 compared with April 2021. This was due to rises across all the broad food categories measured, the country's statistics department Stats NZ said on Thursday.

"Inflation of food prices has generally been increasing since a low of 0.5 per cent in the year to March 2021," consumer prices manager Katrina Dewbery said in a statement.

This followed a period from October 2011 when food price annual inflation was mostly under 2.5 per cent, Dewbery said, adding ready-to-eat food and restaurant meals see the monthly rise, while fruit and vegetables drop. Monthly food prices were 0.1 per cent higher in April 2022 compared with March 2022. This was mainly due to a rise in prices for restaurant meals and ready-to-eat food, and a fall in prices for fruit and vegetables, she said.—Xinhua

Indian rupee falls to new low on Fed action, inflation fears

THE Indian rupee plunged to an all-time low against the greenback on Monday, as US monetary policy tightening roiled sentiment and foreign investors continued to dump domestic stocks.

Rising oil prices and a strengthening US dollar have weighed heavy on the rupee with a surprise rate hike by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) last week doing little to stem capital outflows.—AFP



# S. Korea proposes record extra budget plan to aid small businesses

SOUTH Korea proposed Thursday a record extra budget of 59.4 trillion won (\$46.1 million), mainly focused on helping small businesses hit by the coronavirus pandemic.

Newly elected President Yoon Suk Yeol, in his first Cabinet meeting earlier in the day, stressed the importance of compensating the public for damages stemming from the pandemic. "As I have repeatedly emphasized, compensation for losses incurred in the process of implementing antivirus measures is the state's duty," said Yoon. Under the administration's first extra budget plan, announced by Second Vice-Finance Minister Choi Sang



A commercial area in Seoul is deserted on 16 Dec 2021, with the central government releasing tougher anti-virus steps amid resurging COVID-19 cases. PHOTO: KYODO

Dae in a separate briefing, 36.4 trillion won will be allocated to small merchants and antivirus efforts, with another 23 trillion won set

aside for grants for local governments. Yoon urged related ministers to quickly pass the plan at the National Assembly, which is controlled by the main opposition Democratic Party, so that it could be implemented as soon as possible.—Kyodo

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ENERGY

Dated: 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

## INVITATION FOR BIDS TO CONDUCT AS AN OPERATOR AND SHAREHOLDER IN YETAGUN PROJECT

1. The Ministry of Energy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar hereby announces Invitation of Sealed Bids for conducting as an operator and shareholder in YETAGUN Project in Moattama Offshore Area Block M-12, M-13, M-14 on Production Sharing Contract – PSC basis.

2. All interested parties are cordially invited to submit "the Letter of Expression of Interest", together with Company's Article of Association (AOA), Memorandum of Association (MOA) or Constitution of Company, Certificate of Incorporation, Annual Report and Financial Statement (or) Financial Report, Detailed Track Record and related documents, "YETAGUN Project Tender Invitation -2022", to the following address **by respective personnel of the company (In Person) not later than (12:00) noon at the date of 20 May 2022:-**

Director General  
Oil and Gas Planning Department  
Ministry of Energy  
Building No.6, Nay Pyi Taw

3. The petroleum operations shall be conducted on Production Sharing Contract- PSC basis and the party(s) who desire to cooperate with Ministry of Energy and to conduct as an operator shall have technical competency, financial capability, experience, expertise and technical know how to conduct petroleum exploration and must have good track record.

4. The potential bidders will be pre-qualified and selected.

5. The pre-qualified company(s) have to perform in accordance with the terms and conditions of the executed agreements relating to the YETAGUN Project in order to submit the proposal.

6. The pre-qualified company(s) will have to submit the proposal(s) to the address mentioned above paragraph 2 in line with the specifications not later than 12:00 noon at the date of 27 May 2022.

7. The pre-qualified company(s)'s proposed Terms and Conditions will be assessed and the best offered Terms and Conditions will be selected for awarding.

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# GLOBAL AFFAIRS



Putin also welcomed the “gradual” slowdown in inflation after it surged to 16.7 per cent year-on-year in March, as well as the recovery of the rouble, which is now at its strongest since the outbreak of the Ukraine crisis. A woman walks past a currency exchange office in central Moscow on 24 Feb. **PHOTO: ALEXANDER NEMENOV/AFP**

## Putin says sanctions hurting West more than Russia

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin said Thursday Western countries were worse hit by sanctions imposed on Moscow over Ukraine than Russia, which he insists has been resilient in the face of “external challenges”.

Western countries have slapped Russia with a barrage of unprecedented sanctions after Putin sent troops into neighbouring Ukraine on 24 February. Western governments “guided by short-sighted, inflated political ambitions and by Russophobia,

deal a much harder blow to their own national interests, their own economies and the well-being of their own citizens,” Putin told a government meeting.

“We see it above all by looking at the sharp rise of inflation in Europe which is close to 20 per cent in some countries,” he said in televised remarks.

“It is obvious that... the continuation of the obsession with sanctions will inevitably lead to the most difficult consequences for the European Union, for

its citizens,” the Russian president added. “Russia is confidently managing in the face of external challenges.” Putin also welcomed the “gradual” slowdown in inflation after it surged to 16.7 per cent year-on-year in March, as well as the recovery of the rouble, which is now at its strongest since the outbreak of the Ukraine crisis.

Supported by strict capital controls and energy exports, the rouble has recently staged a spectacular bounceback.—AFP

## EU plans to help Ukraine’s food exports dodge Black Sea blockade

THE EU urged member states on Thursday to urgently find ways to move Ukraine’s grain by land in order to break Russia’s Black Sea blockade, which has destabilized the world food supply.

Russia’s siege of Ukraine’s seaports has forced the country’s mighty grain exporters to secure alternative routes through Europe, mainly by rail or truck, but also on the Danube river.

Before the war, Ukraine was the world’s bread basket, exporting 4.5 million tonnes of agricultural produce per month through its ports — 12 per cent of the planet’s wheat, 15 per cent of its corn and half of its sunflower oil.

But with the ports of Odesa, Chornomorsk and others cut

off from the world by Russian warships, the supply can only travel on congested land routes that are painfully inefficient.

Currently, train waggons and containers are backed up at the border with mountains of

grain sitting in silos in Ukraine needing to move before the next harvest.

Romania made the port of Constanta available to Ukraine and a first shipment of corn was made late last month.—AFP



Farmers load oat in the seeding-machine to sow in a field east of Kyiv on 16 April 2022. **PHOTO: GENYA SAVILOV / AFP**

## India’s top court suspends British-era sedition law

INDIA’S Supreme Court on Wednesday suspended a colonial-era sedition law that activists say is often used by Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s government to target free speech and dissent.

Modi’s critics say that the law, which was once used by Britain to target independence hero Mahatma Gandhi, has been abused by his government against many journalists, activists and students.

Section 124A of the Indian

penal code gives wide-ranging powers to the police to arrest people, who can even face life imprisonment, for an act or speech that “brings or attempts to bring into hatred or contempt, or excites or attempts to excite disaffection towards the government”.

“The rigours of Section 124A (are) not in tune with the current social milieu, and was intended for a time when this country was under the colonial regime,” India’s chief justice N.V. Rama-

na, part of a three-judge bench hearing a petition against the law, said.

Ramana asked the government not to file any new sedition cases and pause ongoing sedition investigations.

The law has long been misused by all Indian political parties in power but critics say Modi’s Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has widened its scope, including to target minorities and ideological dissenters.—AFP

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### US Coast Guard rescues 25 shipwrecked migrants near Puerto Rico

US authorities rescued 25 migrants Thursday off the coast of Puerto Rico after their boat capsized, border police said.

A spokesperson for the US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) told AFP that the shipwreck occurred 10 miles (16 kilometres) north of Desecheo Island, an uninhabited US territory between Puerto Rico and the Dominican Republic.

“Twenty-five migrants, mostly from Haiti and the Dominican Republic were rescued,” said the spokesperson.

Just before noon on Thursday, a CBP helicopter spotted the capsized boat and a number of people in the water who appeared not to be wearing life jackets, the US Coast Guard said in a statement.

Multiple rescue helicopters were launched and a Coast Guard vessel was diverted to assist in the recovery, the statement added.

It also noted that CBP and Puerto Rican units responded to help in the recovery effort.

In March, hundreds of Haitians landed in sailboats on the Florida coast while over 100 were intercepted off the Bahamas by the US Coast Guard.—AFP

#### Romania court cuts jail terms in nightclub fire scandal

A Romanian appeals court on Thursday cut jail sentences for eight suspects in the high-profile case into a Bucharest nightclub fire that killed dozens in 2015 and sent shockwaves through society.

The blaze ripped through Colectiv club on October 30, 2015, where 400 revellers attended a rock concert after fireworks were let off, killing 64.

A Bucharest court in 2019 handed down prison terms totalling 115 years to 13 people, from club owners to officials responsible for fire precautions.

The club’s three owners were each sentenced to 11 years and eight months for manslaughter.

But the appeals court on Thursday confirmed the sentence for one of the owners and reduced the sentence to eight years for one, and six years and four months for the other owner.

The main suspects, who were not in court for the verdict, must present themselves to police for their imprisonment.—AFP





## Viet Nam's late goal breaks team Myanmar's heart in SEA Games group stage

MYANMAR lost to defending champions Viet Nam 0-1 yesterday and will have to fight until the final group match to reach the semi-finals of the SEA Games Men's football tourney.

The Myanmar team reacted well to Viet Nam but lost with a goal scored in the 70th minute.

The Myanmar team has made a few changes to the starting line-up and competed with most of the players who have played in the last two games.

The home team, Viet Nam, tried to gain the upper hand, but the Myanmar team was able to play defensively and counter-attack the Vietnamese goal.

In the first half, Vietnam put more pressure but had few goal chances and the first half was goalless.

In the second half, Myanmar team used Maung Maung Lwin and Hein Htet Aung to launch an open attack.

In the 75th minute, the Vietnamese team scored the only and the winning goal as captain Do Hong Trang Dong scored amidst the freeze of the Myanmar



Myanmar players (white) attempt to block the Vietnamese player attack during their group match in the SEA Games Men's Football Tournament in Viet Nam on 13 May 2022. PHOTO: MFF

defenders.

In the other Group A match, Indonesia beat the Philippines 4-0. At the end of this match, the Viet Nam team scored seven points in three matches. Myanmar and Indonesia have six points each from three matches and are in contention for the

semi-finals. The Philippine team who have scored four points from four matches and Timor-Leste, who have yet to score in three games, are saying goodbye from the group stage.

Myanmar will play a decisive group match against Indonesia on 15 May. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

## SEA Games Women's Football: Myanmar draws 1-1 with Thailand

THE second day of the 31st SEA Games Women's Football Group B in Viet Nam continued yesterday, with Thailand and Myanmar drawing 1-1 and Singapore beating Laos 1-0.

The meeting between the two teams in Group B will be decided the first place in the group and the draw will have to wait until the last match.

The Myanmar team is almost certain to reach the semi-finals due to the draw.

Myanmar came out with star players Win Theingi Tun, Khin Marlar Tun, Khin Than Wai, Myat Noe Wai and May Zin Nwe.

The Thai team also showcased a full set of strong players and played an attacking style from the beginning of the match.

The Thais took the lead from the start of the match and in the 13th minute, Margret took

the lead from the top of the penalty area.

In the first half, the Myanmar team could not score again due to a lack of attacking style and at the end of the first half, the Thai team was leading by one goal. In the second half, both teams tried to score goals but the match was reciprocated. The Thai team had a chance to score another goal but could not utilize it.

In the 76th minute, the Myanmar team got an equalizer as striker Win Theingi Tun headed in from a corner kick.

At the end of the second day of Group B, Myanmar and Thailand scored four points each. Singapore has three points and Laos have lost both games without a point.

The Myanmar team will play its last group match against Singapore on 15 May. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

## 4th batch of Myanmar sports team leaves for Viet Nam to compete in SEA Games

THE fourth batch of the Myanmar sports team left Yangon International Airport at 7 am yesterday to compete in the 31st Southeast Asian Games to be held from 12 to 23 May in Hanoi, Viet Nam and other related cities.

The sports team were seen off by officials from the Depart-

ment of Sports and Physical Education under the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs.

Seven male and four female Lethwei fighters, eight male and five female athletes for shooting sport, ten male and six female athletes for Taekwondo, 14 male and five female athletes for Canoeing event and

Myanmar international referees are included in the team list.

Next, the fifth batch of the Myanmar sports team will leave for Viet Nam on 16 May, and the sixth batch on 20 May by Myanmar Airlines charter flight from Yangon International Airport. —MNA



Thai team player (red) passes over the Myanmar player (white) during their Group B match of the SEA Games Women's Football Tournament in Viet Nam on 13 May 2022. PHOTO: MFF





## 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.



## Khin Cherry Thet wins gold medal in Petanque whereas Myanmar athletes further bag one silver, four bronzes



**M**YANMAR selected athletes are still competing in the sports events of the XXXI SEA Games in Viet Nam.

In the Petanque competitions, Myanmar athlete Khin Cherry Thet won a gold medal which was the second gold for Myanmar, and the bronze medal was won by Petanque athlete Maung Win Thurein Tun yesterday.

Afterwards, the finals of the Kurash competitions were held at the Hoai Duc Gymnasium. Ma Phyo Swe Zin Kyaw won the silver medal for Myanmar in the women's 70kg event, and Maung Soe Myint Tun won the bronze medal in the men's 73kg event.



Ma Shwe Zin Latt and Ma Nilar Win won a bronze medal in the Women's Rowing Competitions while Maung Kyaw Min Than secured a bronze medal in the 55kg body-building sport.

The men's and women's

Petanque competitions of the 31st Southeast Asian Games hosted by Viet Nam are being held at the National Sports Training Centre in Hanoi, Viet Nam, yesterday. Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Union Minister

for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan, together with the Director-General of the Department of Sports and Physical Education and officials, and Myanmar sports teams, attended and supported the competitions.—MNA

## Myanmar team loses on first day of SEA Games volleyball match

THE first day of the 31st SEA Games National Volleyball Tournament kicked off in Viet Nam on 13 May with a loss of the Myanmar team.

In the first match of the group, Myanmar played against defending champions Indonesia and lost by 0-3.

Myanmar lost 22-25 points in the first match but Indonesia won by big points in the next two matches.

Indonesia scored 25-17 in the second leg, and they won by 25-19 points in the third match.

There are seven teams competing in the SEA Games Volleyball Tournament.

Host Viet Nam, Myanmar, Indonesia and Malaysia are placed in Group A while Thailand, Cambodia and the Philippines are falling in Group B.

Myanmar will play against the Malaysia team in the second group match on 15 May. —Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM