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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.

Curving ceremony for Pitaka treatise stone inscription held at Mara Vijaya Buddha Park

THE ceremony of curving Tri Pitaka treatises on stone slabs was organized at Mara Vijaya Buddha Park in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Union Territorial Area yesterday.

The ceremony was graced by Sayadaws led by Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abbot of Bhamo Monastery Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa, Shwegyin Nikaya Upa Chairman Chancellor of Sitagu World Buddhist Academies Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Maha Dhammakathika Bahujana Hitadhara Sitagu Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nyanissara, Presiding Nayaka of Paukmyaing Monastery in Lewe Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Janinda, Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Acinna of Maha Thihanada Monastery in Tatkon, Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Deputy Chairman of SAC Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing sprinkles the Paritta scented water upon the Pitaka treatise stone inscription at Mara Vijaya Buddha Park in Nay Pyi Taw on 14 May 2022.

Soe Win, council members, Union Level officials and Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command.

First, they opened the ceremony by reciting Namotasa three times and listened to Dhamma Gatha of Kason full

moon day from Sitagu Sayadaw.

The Sayadaws recited Buddha Gathas while the Sen-

ior General and attendees recited Yadana Tatta Gatha and Thabtha Singahaka Gatha.

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Curving ceremony for Pitaka treatise stone inscription held at Mara Vijaya Buddha Park



The Bhamo Sayadaw and Sitagu Sayadaw press the button to start the curving machines.

Machines are seen curving Tri Pitaka treatises on stone slabs.

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Then, Bhamo Sayadaw and Sitagu Sayadaw pressed the buttons to inaugurate the machines that will curve the Pitaka stone inscriptions.

The Senior General pressed the buttons of machines to curve the Pitaka stone inscriptions and sprinkled the scented water on them.

Then, the Sayadaws, Senior

General and participants viewed the curving processes of stone inscriptions using modern machinery.

The Senior General reported on the completion of Part 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Buddha Image and Buddha Park construction to Bhamo Sayadaw and Sitagu Sayadaw and sought advice from the Sayadaws.

The event was concluded af-

ter the Senior General successfully marked the event with the grand ceremonial gold and silver confetti. The stone inscriptions on 729 stone plaques have been recognized as the UNESCO's world heritage site in 2013 as well as the world's largest book on the World Guinness Record. The central stone plaque chamber will be 21 feet long, 21 feet

wide and 27 feet high. The other stone plaque chambers will be 12 feet long, 12 feet wide and 18 feet high and the stone plaque, 45 inches long, 75 inches high and 7.2 inches thick.

Upon completion, the stone plaques will be kept in the face-to-face direction of the Mara Vijaya Buddha Image as they bear the teachings of the Lord Bud-

dha. Arrangements are being made for pilgrims and people not only to pay homage to the Mara Vijaya Buddha Image but also to observe Tri Pitaka treatises, Attha Katha and Tika treatises in the stone plaque chambers at the same time. The Tri Pitaka treatises will be published in Pali and Romanized languages using modern machines.—MNA

MOFA's Press Release on ASEAN-US Special Summit

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar takes note of the Joint Vision Statement of the ASEAN-US Special Summit which was held in Washington DC, on 12-13 May 2022.

Myanmar received the invitation from the United States to the non-political representative to attend the ASEAN-US Special Summit, its related meetings and events in Washington DC. Since the invitation was contrary to the principles of respecting national sovereignty and equality as stipulated in the ASEAN Charter, the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC), and the Charter of the United Nations, Myanmar did not participate in the ASEAN-US Special Summit.

The Ministry notes the Special Summit held in conjunction with the 45th Anniversary of the ASEAN-United States Dialogue Relations aims to further strengthen ASEAN centrality and unity in ASEAN's external relations as well as to further enhance existing cooperation and partnership between ASEAN and the United States.

The Ministry learnt that a Joint Vision Statement was released at the ASEAN-US Special Summit and observed some country-specific paragraphs in the Joint Statement, including one paragraph referring to the developments in Myanmar.

Despite Myanmar's request to delete the Myanmar specific paragraph from the Joint Statement, it is regrettable to see that the Statement was adopted and released without ASEAN consensus. The language used in the paragraph on Myanmar clearly shows the level of interference in domestic affairs of a sovereign country and lacks an objective and balanced approach called by the country concerned. Moreover, that paragraph mentioned elements which totally lie within the sovereign jurisdiction of Myanmar, including unacceptable proposals that go beyond the Five-Point Consensus reached by ASEAN Leaders in April 2021 in Jakarta.

Due to Myanmar's consistent position against any country-specific issues in ASEAN statements and joint communique, and the Joint Statement was adopted without ASEAN consensus, Myanmar categorically rejects

and dissociates itself from paragraph 26 of the ASEAN-US Special Summit Joint Vision Statement.

In addition, the Ministry protests and objects in the strongest terms to the reports of engagements in Washington between officials from the US State Department and representatives from unlawful associations which the Government of Myanmar had declared as terrorist organizations, specifically the so-called National Unity Government (NUG) and their subordinates.

Myanmar has clearly notified all countries of the illegal, unlawful and terrorist status of the so-called NUG and its associated entities as they are obviously masterminding and committing terrorist activities and instigating disturbances causing instability and insecurity for the general public and innocent civilians. In this regard, the Ministry has sent protest notes to all ASEAN Member States and the US State Department not to engage with those illegal and terrorist organizations.

Such engagements with illegal, unlawful and terrorist entities – the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH), the National Unity Government (NUG), People's Defence Force (PDF) and all their subordinates' groups – could abet terrorism and violence in the country, hampering the Myanmar Government's anti-terrorism efforts and infringe international and regional anti-terrorism agreements, laws and initiatives.

The Ministry reiterates its call on the government officials and parliamentarians of ASEAN member states and External Dialogue Partners not to make contacts, engagements or communication as well as provide any support and assistance to those terrorist groups and their representatives.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw

Date, 14 May 2022

Tatmadaw will strive to achieve Independence longevity and State prosperity

THE Independence Day restored by the unity and effort of all ethnic people will be the 75th Anniversary on 4th January 2023. For the cessation of internal armed conflicts in the period of Diamond Jubilee Independence Day in advance, Tatmadaw will strive to achieve Independence longevity and State prosperity. Tatmadaw made a unilateral ceasefire for over 4 years from 21st December 2018 to the end of 2022.

I would like to impart that Tatmadaw will conform as much as possible under the statement of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) for perpetual peace by offering open-ended peace talks.

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

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, council members and wives pour water on Maha Bodhi Banyan trees

THE 14th Maha Mingala ceremony of pouring water on banyan trees in the month of Kason involved in the 12 seasonal festivals of Myanmar, which falls on the full moon day of Kason, 1384 ME, also called the Buddha's Day, took place at Maha Bodhi banyan trees in the northward in the precinct of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening. Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, SAC members and wives poured water on Maha Bodhi Banyan trees.

Also present at the ceremony were Vice-Chairman of the Council Deputy Prime Minister Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief



scented water on these trees. Then, they went round the trees clockwise.

Moreover, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife, Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy, Air) and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Navy), Commander-in-Chief (Air) and wife, and families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief watered Bodhi banyan trees at Lawka Chantha Sutaungpyae Athin Pagoda in Zeyathiri Township.

As all significant days when Lord Dipankara Buddha gave a word of preordainment of the event to Sumida hermit, saying that the hermit would be the Lord Buddha in Bhadda World when Buddha-to-be Prince Siddhartha was born when Prince Siddhartha attained the Enlightenment and the Lord Buddha and Buddha attained the Parinibbana fall on the full moon day of Kason.

Myanmar people recorded the day on which the Buddha-to-be was prophesied as a future Buddha, born, and attained enlightenment, the Buddha attained Parinibbana. So, Myanmar Buddhists identified the full moon day of Kason as Buddha's Day. The significant fact of the Kason full moon day is that not only Gautama Buddha but also Subbhanyu Buddha was born, and attained the Enlightenment and Parinibbana on that day.

The Kason water-pouring festival is a peaceful religious festival featuring the cultural heritage of Myanmar.

The people sprinkle the scented water on the banyan trees and clean up the Maha Bodhi altar one day before the Kason full moon day. — MNA



The Senior General pours water on the banyan tree.



The Vice-Senior General pours water on the banyan tree.

(Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Council members and their wives, the Council secretary and wife, the Council joint secretary and wife, the Chief Justice of the Union, the Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union

and wife, the Chairman of Union Election Commission, the Union ministers and their wives, the Auditor-General of the Union and wife, the Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council, the Chairman of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, Chief of General

Staff (Army, Navy, Air) and wife, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and wife, officials and members of religious associations.

First, the Senior General, Vice-Senior General and wife, Council members and wives

and the congregation took the positions to pour water at Maha Bodhi banyan trees in the precinct of the pagoda. The master of ceremonies recited Maha Bodhi Rukkhasijjana Gatha. They poured water at respective Maha Bodhi banyan trees and sprinkled

Pagodas in Nay Pyi Taw Council area crowded with charitable donors on Full Moon Day of Kason



At Dadusara Pagoda. Photos : Ko Htein Aye

goda, Sutaungpyae Lawka Marazein Pagoda, Samsara Nyeinaye Pagoda, Phayakoesu Pagoda, Lawkayannein Pagoda, Phaungtaw Chatma Pagoda, Letlode Hill Pagoda and other famous pagodas and monasteries in the township were crowded with devotees yesterday.

“I came with my friends because the full moon day of Kason is a special day for Buddhists. India, is a place where Gautama Buddha was born,” said Ma Thoon Yadi Phyo, a visitor.

“Although I could not visit the Sattasattaha in Bodh Gaya, I was overjoyed to see the Four Noble Truths in Bodh Gaya in Nay Pyi Taw.

I think everyone who comes to worship the Buddha will feel the same way. May all the people have overcome the three plagues and have health, wealth and happiness during this special day,” she added.

In addition, people feed the elephants at the Yadana White Elephant Conservation Park inside the Uppatasanti Pagoda. Nirvana shops and souvenir shops were also bustling with shoppers.

Similarly, Ocean Super Centre in Nay Pyi Taw, Junction Centre, Nay Pyi Taw Wholesale and Nay Pyi Taw Water fountain Park, Safari Park, National Memorial Garden, Hlaykhwin Hill Beach Resort and Mingala Lake are also



At Dardusara Pagoda.



Nay Pyi Taw Council.

EVERY year, Buddhists consider the full moon day of Kason as a special day, offer water to Bodhi (banyan) trees, keep Sabbath, practise meditation, and do good deeds such as food donation and charity.

Uppatasanti Pagoda, Buddha Gaya (Nay Pyi Taw), Maha Thelakyaramsi Pagoda, Yanaungmyay Shwelathla Pagoda, Dardusara Pagoda, Eternal Peace Pagoda, Yanaung Chantha Pagoda, Hlaykhwin Hill Pagoda, Koe Nawinn Pa-



At Buddha Gaya (Nay Pyi Taw).

bustling with visitors.

In the evening, the pagodas in the villages and the Mahabodhi tree have lamps and lanterns as people donated the oil lamps to the pagoda.

They also donated water and flowers to the pagoda and offered foodstuff for the visitors. Traffic police are assisting the pilgrims on the day of Kason La Pyay, and the Myanmar Police Force is providing security for the visitors, officials said. — Lulin Nge/GNLM

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Religious places crowded with devotees on Kason full moon day

ON the full moon day of Kason, the people keep Sabbath and pour water on banyan trees at the pagodas, including Shwedagon Pagoda.

The Yangon Region government and pagoda board of trustees held the 39th Kason water-pouring festival at the designated places of Shwedagon Pagoda starting at 5 am yesterday.

First, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, regional ministers, the pagoda board of trustees and religious organizations 'alms' (early meal), flowers, water, oil lights and fruits to the pagoda.

They recited the Gathas and shared the merits they gained.

Then, they donated the first meal to the Ovadacariya Sayadaw of Shwedagon pagoda.

Afterwards, the 39th Kason water-pouring festival was con-



Devotees are pictured worshipping at the Shwedagon Pagoda.

Sirinanda Bhivamsa.

They donated offertories to Sayadaws. Then, they share merits after listening to the sermons delivered by Ovadacariya Sayadaw Agga Maha Gandhavasaka Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Tipitakadhara Pali Paragu Bhaddanta Nagita.

Then, the Sayadaws, Region Chief Minister, Commander, relevant officials, service groups and pilgrims poured water on the banyan trees.

The donors also offered free food to the visitors to the pagoda.

Similarly, the Region Chief Minister, regional ministers, pagoda board of trustees, service groups and pilgrims poured water on Bodhi trees at Botahtaung and Sule pagodas.

Moreover, the water-pouring festivals were also conducted at Kaba Aye and Kyaukwyne pagodas. — MNA

ducted and the regional officials took nine precepts from Ovada-

cariya Sayadaw of Maha Visudhayan Tikethit Monastery Tipi-

takadhara Tipitaka Bannagarika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta



At Sule Pagoda.



At Kabaraye Pagoda.



Botahtaung Pagoda.

Alms, offerings donated to 10,264 monks in 4 corners of Mandalay Moat

IN commemoration of the Sasana Year 2566, the Maha Mingala Donation Ceremony of the alms and offerings to 10,264 monks in four corners of the Mandalay Moat was simultaneously held at 6 am with 2,566 monks on each of the four corners of the Mandalay Moat on 14 May, Kason Full Moon Day-Buddha Day.

The event was attended by State Ovadacariya Presiding Sayadaw of Maha Dhammi Karama Meiktila Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Bhanaddanta Sujanapira and Joint Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw of Maha Dhammi Karama Yadanabon Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Bhanaddanta Sihanada, township Sayadaws, monks, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Maung Ko, Commander of Central Command, regional ministers, Tat-

madaw families and invitees of four religious organizations and donors.

At 6 am, they took the Nine Precepts from Sayadaws and donated offerings to Sayadaws.

After that, the Donation Ceremony of the alms and offerings to Sayadaws was held. Region Chief Minister, Commander of Central Command, regional ministers and donors took positions at the southern part of the moat to donate the offertories to 2,566 monks at the four corners of the moat at the same time while the groups led by region Security and Border Affairs Minister at the east, by Natural Resources Minister at the western part and by Economic Minister at the northern part.

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung



The Mandalay Region Chief Minister and the congregation present alms and offerings to the monks.

Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, and Tatmadaw families donated offerings and cash worth K232,157,180 and Man-

dalay region government and donors K617,845,380.

Moreover, 108-monk groups recited Paritta in 21

townships of the Mandalay Region and officials donated alms and offerings to the monks. — MNA

MoNREC Union Minister inspects forest plantations in southern Shan State, Mandalay Region



UNION Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi inspected the forest plantations out of Namkhote forest ring in Hopong Township of southern Shan State, in the catchment area and eucalyptus plantation area on 13 May.

He also checked the eucalyptus plantation area to be

MoNREC Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi pays inspection tours in southern Shan State.

implemented on both sides of the Heho-Baw Hseng-Pindaya Road, a protection area for soil erosion and potential lands for a protected forest reserve.

He also visited the seedling plantation site of the Forest Department of Pindaya Township, eucalyptus plantations along the Pindaya-Aungban Road, Kalaw-Aungban Road and out of the Thikhaung Forest reserve.

Moreover, the Union minister inspected the forest and seedling plantations in Thazi Township of Mandalay Region.

— MNA

Myanmar delegation led by MoH Union Minister attends 15th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win attended the 15th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting at Conrad Hotel Bali in Bali of Indonesia yesterday.

During the meeting, the Union Minister said the COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities were successfully conducted through the unity of ASEAN member countries. Myanmar also appreciated the donations of COVID-19 protective gear and vaccines by member countries. The country also welcomes the COVID-19 ASEAN Response Fund that aims for ASEAN Vaccine Security and Self Reliance (AVSSR), test kits and personal protective equipment and research for vaccine production.

He also talked about the capacity building training courses for skilled human resources, adequate support, recovery plans, a firm health sys-

tem for a pandemic, primary health care services, nutrition and physical exercises.

He then added that Myanmar will work together with member countries in rehabilitation processes and establishing a solid health system for coming pandemics.

On the same morning, the Myanmar delegation led by the Union Minister attended the 15th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting Retreat held at Conrad Hotel Bali.

During the meeting, the leaders discussed the recognition of member countries for digital COVID-19 vaccination records, the ASEAN Single Digital COVID-19 Health Certificates Verification Portal, and the establishment of an emergency response centre for public health in South East Asia, recovery processes in the post-COVID-19 period and firm



The Myanmar delegation led by MoH Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win (centre) participates in the 15th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting in Bali, Indonesia yesterday.

health care system.

They approved the report and suggestions of the Preparatory Senior Officials Meeting for the 15th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting and released the joint statement of

the 15th ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting.

The meeting was attended by Health Ministers of ASEAN countries, Deputy Ministers, Senior Health Officials, WHO Regional Director for

South-East Asia, Director for Western Pacific, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN Secretary-General Office and Myanmar health officials of relevant departments. — MNA

COVID-19 vaccine drive continues in various states, regions



A local in Shan State (North) gets COVID-19 vaccine shot.

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 13 and 14 May, doctors and nurses from public hospitals, medical teams from the Tatmadaw, relevant healthcare workers in collaboration with volunteers gave COVID-19 vaccines to 8,506 people from fifteen townships in Shan State (North), 10,550 people from

twenty-six townships in Ayeyawady Region, 3,711 people from eleven townships in Rakhine and Chin states and 53,997 people from seven districts in Mandalay Region, respectively.

Similarly, healthcare officials gave the vaccines to 23 students from three townships in Shan State (North) on 13 May.

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

MoH Union Minister meets Thailand Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win who is attending the 15th ASEAN Health Ministers' Meeting and related meetings in Bali, Indonesia from 11 to 15 May met a delegation led by Thailand Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Public Health Mr Anutin Charnvirakul at Corad Hotel Bali Lagoon Room (1).

During the meeting, the Union minister thanked Myanmar for facilitating the supply of Liquid Oxygen and Oxygen Tanks through the border areas during the third wave of COVID-19.

The Union minister expressed thanks for the recent donation of one million doses



The meeting between MoH Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win and Mr Anutin Chamvirakul, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Public Health of Thailand in progress.

of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine to Myanmar and the RT

PCR laboratory donations to the National Institutes of Health

Laboratory.

The Union minister dis-

cussed cooperation in the field of public health care in the post-COVID-19 epidemic, border disease surveillance and information exchange, health human resource development, a study of Thailand's experience to reduce public costs in accessing universal healthcare in Myanmar, and vaccination of Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand.

They also exchanged views on the need for Thailand to donate more COVID-19 vaccine to Myanmar.

The meeting was attended by officials from the Ministry of Health of Myanmar and Thailand Ministry of Public Health.

—MNA

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, fuel and consumer goods seized



Confiscated illegal timbers.

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

On 13 May, the Ma-yanchaung Permanent Checkpoint seized K7,344,000 worth of illegally-carried cosmetics that showed no official documents from an express bus heading to Taunggoo from Hpa-an and charged them under the Customs Law.

Similarly, the Port Customs on-duty team made an inspection at the Myanmar Industrial Port Container Terminal Checkpoint and captured K5,090,000 worth of clothes and handbags, which were imported more than the declared quantity of the imported declaration. The action was taken under the Customs Law.

In addition, on 14 May, Po-

lice confiscated 1,575 gallons of diesel and pure oil at an estimated value of K12,600,000 and charged them under Petroleum and Petroleum Products

Law.

Moreover, the Forest Department inspection team captured K366,172 worth of 5.8062 tonnes of illegal wood in Sagaing Township and opened a file on this case under the Forest Law.

Afterwards, on the same day, the inspection team led by Bago Forest Department captured 18.2144 tonnes of illegal teak and hardwood at an estimated value of K3,662,980 in the Baida reserved forest of Bago District. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

Therefore, on 13 May and 14 May, six arrests were made (an estimated value of K29,063,152), according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA



Seized illegal cosmetics.

Drugs seized in Myeik and Loilen townships

A combined inspection team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force examined Wai Yan Lin (aka) Shai Wai Yan on Ayeyeikmon street of Aungthukha Ward in Myeik Township at 6:30 am on 13 May and captured 2,800 stimulant tablets and 0.01 kilogramme of Ice.

Similarly, at 7:00 am on the same day, Police seized Zayar Phyto (aka) Phyu Tone with a motorbike at the same place. According to examination, the Anti-Drug Police Force

searched a house of Tin Ko Ko (aka) Naung Pyout in Kalwin village of Myeik Township and seized 2,000 stimulant tablets.

In addition, at 8:10 pm on 12 May, Police stopped and searched a Crown car driven by Yan Naing on the Loilen-Taunggyi Road near the tollgate in Loilen Township and seized 540,000 stimulant tablets.

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



An arrestee is seen along with seized drugs and Crown car.

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Shape a peaceful nation in a short period

EFFORTS must be made for coming out with an effective resolution in the forthcoming peace talk. Negotiation will cover the desires of EAOs and the State to become it as the beneficial talks, Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was quoted as saying at the SAC meeting 4/2022 the other day.

Up to now, armed conflicts banned the rights of the people to fully enjoy the fruits of peace and democracy. Although relevant organizations strived for the restoration of peace, some restrictions hampered gaining the deserved progress.

Both the government and EAOs need to look at the faces of the people who show the great expectation to enjoy the taste of perpetual peace in a short period for themselves as well as for their generations.

Meanwhile, some EAOs face difficulties due to the location of PDF terrorists in their areas. Hence, the SAC Chairman himself invited the EAOs to hold peace talks, and arrangements are being made to hold the peace talks as quickly as possible.

Leaders together with two members from each EAO were invited to join the peace talks in order to come out with any resolution in a short time. The invitation to those participants aims to hold the peace talks freely. The talks are expected to bring an appropriate resolution, so further talks will be arranged.

These peace talks must be based on bilateral negotiations which should not disorder the essence of democracy and should equalize the creation of deserved opportunities. As such, all the entire people will enjoy the taste of independence as well as democracy which are the primary need of the State.

The government strived for paving the people to walk along the path of multiparty democracy as they aspired. In exercising democracy, it is necessary to fulfil the needs of the people from ethnic areas and share the powers with them. Hence, the country needs to implement the Union system based on the multiparty democratic system, and democracy and federalism.

So far, 10 ethnic armed organizations decided to attend the peace talks. The successful talks will polish the images of the State and those organizations. It will be a record in the country's history for all in striving for restoring internal peace. Hence, all participants in the peace talks should hold up a benevolent attitude for the sake of the whole nation in shaping a peaceful nation.

Both the government and EAOs need to look at the faces of the people who show the great expectation to enjoy the taste of perpetual peace in a short period for themselves as well as for their generations.



Winding up and dissolution of a company

By Kyaw Kyaw (Judicial)

THE Insolvency Law 2020 was enacted on 14 February 2020 and came into effect on 25 March 2020.

On the commencement of Insolvency Law, the winding up and dissolution of companies, incorporated MSMEs and partnerships and unincorporated MSMEs must be carried out under Insolvency Law, notwithstanding Part V of the Myanmar Companies Law.¹

The Insolvency Law shall not be relevant to the Financial Institutions Law 2016.²

The Insolvency Law applies to all aspects of Insolvency-related matters including insolvency procedures for natural persons and corporate entities; corporate rescue and rehabilitation plans; micro, small and medium-scale

enterprise insolvency, company liquidation proceedings; and cross-border insolvency.

The Supreme Court of the Union enacted Insolvency rules for the effective implementation of Insolvency Law.³

The word “insolvent” means unable to pay debts as and when they become payable.⁴

Bankrupt means a person against whom a bankruptcy order has been made under Part XIII because they cannot repay their debts.⁵

A bankruptcy order means an order adjudging a natural person bankrupt due to him or her being unable to repay their debts.⁶

Winding up means the process of settling accounts and liquidating assets in anticipation of a partnership's or a corporation's

dissolution.⁷

Liquidate means to determine the liabilities and distribute the assets of (an entity), esp. in bankruptcy or dissolution.⁸

Dissolution means the termination of a corporation's legal existence by expiration of its charter, by legislative act, by bankruptcy, or by other means; the event immediately preceding the liquidation or winding-up process.⁹

Winding up a company is a legal process of closing down the legal existence of a company regulated by the Insolvency Law as well as a company's articles of association or partnership agreement.

The winding-up of a company registered under the Myanmar Companies Law may be either:

(i) voluntary; or (ii) by the Court.¹⁰

Circumstances in which a company may be wound up voluntarily

A company may be wound up voluntarily in one of the following circumstances: (i) where the constitution of the company fixes a period for the duration of the company and that period expires or provides that the company is to be dissolved upon the occurrence of an event and the event occurs and the company in general meeting has passed a resolution requiring the company to be wound up voluntarily; (ii) if the company resolves by special resolution that the company be wound up voluntarily; or (iii) in the circumstances identified in

Part V and Part VI as constituting a transition to a winding up.¹¹

The expression “resolution for voluntary winding up” when used in this Part means a resolution passed under either Subsection (a) (i) or (ii) of this section.¹²

The distinction between “members” and “creditors” voluntary winding up

A winding-up where directors' statutory declarations under section 151 have been made is a “members” voluntary winding up; and a winding-up where such declarations have not been made is a “creditors' voluntary winding up”.¹³

Appointment of liquidator in a voluntary winding up

In a members' voluntary

winding up, the company in a general meeting must appoint one or

more liquidators to wind up the company's affairs and distribute

its property.¹⁴

In a creditors' voluntary winding up, the creditors of the company at their meeting under section 156 must appoint one or more liquidators to wind up the company's affairs and distribute its assets.¹⁵

Upon an order being made for the winding up of a company, the Court must appoint an insolvency practitioner as liquidator.¹⁶

Conversion of voluntary winding up to Court ordered winding up

The voluntary winding up of a company does not bar the right of any creditor or contributory to have it wound up by the Court; but in the case of an application by a contributory, if the Court is

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Winding up a company is a legal process of closing down the legal existence of a company regulated by the Insolvency Law as well as a company's articles of association or partnership agreement.

1 Section 418(a) of the Insolvency Law 2020 3 Section 416(a) of the Insolvency Law 5 Section 2(e) of the Insolvency Law 7 BLACK'S LAW Dictionary, Page-1738 9 BLACK'S LAW Dictionary, Page-541 11 Section 147(a) of the Insolvency Law 13 Section 148 of the Insolvency Law 15 Section 158(a) of the Insolvency Law
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Book Title - The Little Book of Mindfulness (Written by Author Dr Patrizia Collard)
Burmese Translator - Myo Lwin (MBA)
Publishing House - Thar Nge Publishing
Publishing Date - May 2022 (1st Edition)
Price - K2,500

The Little Book of Mindfulness

THIS is the translated work of Myo Lwin (MBA) for a book titled “The Little Book of Mindfulness”, which is written by the author Dr Patrizia Collard, a psychotherapist, mindfulness teacher, stress management consultant and lecturer in psychotherapy at the University of East London.

The author suggested the readers take a journey into mindfulness and cognitive behavioural therapy with a simple five-to-ten-minute practice in order to free themselves from stress and find more peace in their life. It will bring more mindfulness, peace of mind, relaxation, sympathy, self-acceptance, self-assurance and self-empathy.

Those practices will lessen the worries and risk factors of depression and disorder.

In the contents, the book illustrates how to live in the present, acknowledge both the right and wrong within us, respond to it with a thoughtful way of thinking, make your mind and accept simply, practise mindful eating, gratitude and compassion and every day mindfulness. The uncut and unpolished diamond is just a rough stone. Everyone has their own value. The book concluded with the positivity that all will shine and sparkle if they're not hidden.



Book Title - Collections of opinion articles (monthly issue)
Author - different authors
Publishing House - Daung Publishing
Publishing Date - May 2022
Price - K3,000

Collections of opinion and outlook articles (monthly)

IT is a monthly issue of philosophical writings.

This May issue includes 27 articles, with linguistic vocabulary (80) by Saya Maung Khin Min (Danu Phyu), the Philosophy of Ecology by U Khin Maung Swe (University of Mandalay), Is globalization coming to end? by Maung Khine Latt, Myanmar Land Policy (24) by Tun Aung Kyaw and other knowledge and wisdom articles.

The author Dr Aung Aung Min wrote an article expressing his opinions and outlooks on human value and the importance of IQ and EQ in social life. The article addressed that all high-IQ

people cannot be considered to have a high EQ.

An emotional quotient is a person's ability to perceive, control and evaluate. Otherwise, it is the ability to integrate emotion and intellect. We cannot regard everyone as high-EQ individuals.

According to the psychologist's research, Emotional Intelligence (also known as Emotional Quotient) is the ability to understand, use and manage emotions in positive ways and empathize with others and overcome challenges. The readers can learn how high EQ people excel in life.



Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 14 May 2022)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is weak to moderate over the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay of Bengal and a few cloud elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 15 May 2022: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region and Kachin and Mon states, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, and Bago regions and Chin, Rakhine and Kayin states, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon, and Ayeyawady regions and (Northern and Eastern) Shan State and isolated in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Bago Region. 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 and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Mon states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 May 2022: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 May 2022: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 May 2022: Likelihood of Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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Winding up and dissolution of . . .

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satisfied that the rights of the contributors will be prejudiced by a voluntary winding up, a voluntary winding up may be changed to a winding up by the Court.¹⁷

Winding up involves ending all business affairs and includes the closure of the company including liquidation or dissolution.

A just and equitable winding-up petition is a bespoke petition that is designed to deal with a range of directors or shareholders. If there has been a problem in mutual trust and confidence which is impeding the management of a company, a director or a shareholder may petition to wind up a company.

A winding-up petition is presented by a director or a creditor who wishes to wind a company to enforce the repayment of a debt.

A winding-up petition on 'just and equitable grounds' is a different matter altogether. In the event of a shareholder dispute, for example, if a shareholder believes a company is being mismanaged, he may choose to take action using this type of petition.

Petitions to wind up a company on just and equitable grounds can be presented by the director or shareholder of a company or any other persons who may be liable to contribute to the company's assets if it is made insolvent.

There may be different situations when it might be just and equitable to wind up a company.

Alternatively, if the purpose for which the company was formed is no longer being pursued, or where the company pursues a different path than

that originally envisaged, a shareholder may also petition to have the company wound up.

The decision of whether to wind up a company on just and

Circumstances to be wound up a company by the Court

A company may be wound up by the Court in the following circumstances: (i) if the com-

Dissolution is the procedure that ends a company's existence as a legal entity. In other words, the existence of the company is terminated, and the process is carried out by filing documents to dissolve the company as a business entity

equitable grounds is discretionary, so the court will consider all the factors involved before making a winding-up order.

An application to the Court for the winding up of a company based on insolvency must be by a petition presented by a director or directors, or a creditor.¹⁸

On hearing a winding-up petition, the Court may order the winding up of the company and appoint a liquidator; dismiss the petition, or adjourn the hearing conditionally or unconditionally; or make an interim order; or make any other order, but the Court must not refuse to make a winding-up order on the ground only that the company's property has been mortgaged to an amount equal to or in excess of that property, or that the company has no property.¹⁹

pany has by special resolution resolved that the company be wound up by the Court, (ii) if the company does not commence its business within a year from its incorporation or suspends its business for a whole year, (iii) if the company is insolvent, (iv) if the Court is satisfied that it is just and equitable that the company should be wound up or (v) if the Court is satisfied there are proper grounds of public interest.²⁰

Grounds of public interest for the purpose of above subsection (a)(v) are (i) the company has no directors or (ii) the company has carried on the business, or entered into one or more transactions, with intent to defraud creditors of the company or any other person, or for any fraudulent purpose.²¹

Appointment of liquidator And General function of liquidator

Liquidation is the process of ending a company's existence and redistributing the company's assets to creditors and owners.

Upon an order being made for the winding up of a company, the Court must appoint an insolvency practitioner as liquidator. (Insolvency Law Section 167(A))

The principal functions of the liquidator are to ensure that as soon reasonably practicable the property of the company is brought under his or her control and management and distributed to the company's creditors and, if there is a surplus, to the persons entitled to it. (Insolvency Law Section 177(A))

Dissolution of a company

Dissolution is the procedure that ends a company's existence as a legal entity. In other words, the existence of the company is terminated, and the process is carried out by filing documents to dissolve the company as a business entity.

As soon as the company's affairs are fully wound up, the liquidator must make up an account of the winding-up, showing how it has been conducted and the company's property has been disposed of, and then must call a meeting of the creditors or a meeting of members if it is a members' voluntary winding up, to give an explanation of it.²²

Section 211(a) of Insolvency law applies where the liquidator has sent to the Registrar the information set out in section 211(b).²³

On receiving the information under subsection (a), the

Registrar must immediately register the documents; and on the anniversary of 3 months from the registration, the company is dissolved.²⁴

Implementing the objectives of Insolvency law

We should implement the objectives of Insolvency Law by observing the provisions of that law. The objectives of Insolvency Law are to create an effective insolvency regime that will: (a) be properly integrated with the broader legal and commercial systems of the Union; (b) provide an appropriate structure for the supervision and administration of insolvency proceedings in the Union and to develop insolvency practitioners who can administer the regime effectively; (c) provide predictable and consistent outcomes for parties involved in insolvency proceeding in the Union; (d) provide timely, efficient and impartial resolution of insolvencies; (e) facilitate the rescue and rehabilitation of viable businesses, particularly MSMEs experiencing financial difficulties, thereby preserving employment and protecting investment where appropriate; (f) provide an efficient liquidation process for non-viable businesses, and in doing so, ensure that the value of the property of an insolvent business are maximized so that recovery by creditors is also maximized; (g) provide equitable treatment between similarly situated creditors; (h) prevent improper use of insolvency systems; and (i) facilitate access to the global markets by the establishment of a framework for cross-border insolvencies.²⁵

17 Section 149 of the Insolvency Law
18 Section 163(a) of the Insolvency Law

19 Section 164 of the Insolvency Law
20 Section 161(a) of the Insolvency Law

21 Section 161(b) of the Insolvency Law

22 Section 211(a) of the Insolvency Law
23 Section 212(a) of the Insolvency Law

24 Section 212(b) of the Insolvency Law
25 Section 6 of the Insolvency Law

20 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 14 May, total figure rises to 613,136

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,136** after **20** new cases were reported on 14 May 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,081** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll stands at **19,434** without more casualties.—MNA

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Myanmar people have been pouring water on the Bodhi banyan tree for long while as the traditional heritage of Myanmar on the full moon day of Kason, which is the second month of the Myanmar Era when the weather is scorching with a little shortage of water.



Thai govt grants 10-year visas by half-per-cent fee



Visitors are seen at Bangkok International Airport.

THE Thai government announced that they will grant 10-year visas for foreigners with passports by halving the charge to 50,000 baht yesterday.

Thai officials reopened the trade route for bilateral trade with its neighbouring countries, calling employees, and

tourist arrivals starting the second week of May following COVID-19 health rules.

They called Myanmar migrant workers under the MoU system, reopened the Myawady-Mae Sot friendship bridge, and granted 10-year visas for foreigners who hold passports if they pay a visa fee

of 50,000 baht.

In their statement, it said those who want a 10-year visa can apply within 90 days starting 14 May.

The visa is targeted at four groups of foreigners and they will halve the visa fee from 100,000 baht to 50,000 baht. — TWA / GNLM

2 killed, 2 injured in car crash in Nay Pyi Taw

TWO people were killed when the passenger bus crashed into the parked truck on the Yangon-Mandalay expressway road yesterday, according to the Myanmar Fire Brigade.

At 4 am on that day, the passenger bus driven by a sleepy driver heading from Nay Pyi Taw to Mandalay crashed

into the parked truck from the backside near milepost 335/0.

Two men were killed and another two men injured in the accident.

The Highway Police Force opened a case against the driver of a passenger bus. — TWA/ GNLM



Express bus is seen after crashing into a container truck on the Yangon-Mandalay Highway.

ECONOMY WORLD

China eyes incremental policies to shore up growth

CHINA is mulling new incremental policies to shore up economic growth and will make further adjustments when necessary, a senior economic official said on Thursday. "There is sufficient room for fiscal, monetary policy and other policies, and we have various policy tools," Han Wenxiu, the official with the Central Committee for Financial and Economic Affairs, said at a press conference in response to questions on China's economic development.

"We have rich experience in coping with downward pressure

on the economy, and will not hesitate to take steps," Han said.

The official's comments follow the Chinese authorities' recognition of mounting downward pressure on the economy, which was addressed at a key meeting of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee in late April.

The meeting analyzed the current economic situation and economic work, including the rising risks caused by the resurgences of COVID-19 and the Ukraine crisis, and clearly assert-



The Yangluo port, a major shopping centre along the golden waterway of Yangtze River, in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

ed that efforts should be made to contain the epidemic, stabilize the economy and keep development secure. "All those aspects should be taken into account, and you cannot fix just one at a time," Han said. "It is a quite difficult work."

Calling the epidemic "a tiger in the way" of economic and social development, Han called for scientific, precise and effective measures to prevent and control COVID-19, which is an "essential pre-condition for the normal operation of the economy and society."—Xinhua

70 per cent of Americans view inflation as "very big problem:" survey



People shop for groceries at a supermarket in Glendale, California 12 January 2022. **PHOTO: ROBYN BECK / AFP**

THE US public views inflation as the top problem facing the nation, with 70 per cent of Americans viewing inflation as a "very big problem", according to a Pew Research Center survey released Thursday. Republicans and Democrats differ over what they see as major national problems.

Inflation is the "top concern among Republicans and Republican-leaning independents," with

84 per cent calling it a very big problem. A narrower majority of Democrats and Democratic leaners (57 per cent) view inflation the same way.

"Our goal, of course, is to get inflation back down to 2 per cent without having the economy go into recession, or, to put it this way, with the labor market remaining fairly strong," US Federal Reserve chairman Jerome

Powell, whose second term was confirmed by the Senate Thursday, said in an interview with Marketplace.

"I think it's a very challenging environment to make monetary policy," said Powell, noting that the central bank is "struggling" to restore price stability.

The Pew Research Centre survey showed that other big problems include affordability of health care (55 per cent), violent crime (54 per cent), gun violence (51 per cent) and the federal budget deficit (51 per cent).

The survey noted that more than two years into the COVID-19 pandemic, just 19 per cent of Americans rate the coronavirus outbreak as a very big problem for the country, the lowest share out of 12 issues included in the survey. In June 2020, in the early stages of the outbreak, 58 per cent rated it as a very big problem, placing it among the top concerns at the time.—Xinhua

Ukraine finance minister eyes reconstruction as war rages

THE war is not over, but Ukraine's finance minister says the first signs of economic recovery are emerging after Russian troops retreated away from the capital and northern areas.

"The war continues but we are not seeing the same level of escalation as we saw in the first two months," Finance Minister

Sergiy Marchenko told AFP in an interview in his Kyiv office, decorated with Ukraine's blue and yellow flag. "In the first two months we saw attacks and bombings of large cities," Marchenko said. "Now the military front has been localized to specific territories."

Already one of Europe's poorest countries before the Rus-

sian invasion began on 24 February, Ukraine's economy is now in shambles. Cities have been levelled by fighting, infrastructure is shattered and over six million people have left Ukraine. A Russian blockade has prevented Ukraine to use its ports to ship its key agricultural exports such as wheat and sunflower oil.—AFP

NEWS IN Brief

Turkey's industrial production expands by 9.6 pct in March

Turkey's industrial production expanded by 9.6 per cent year-over-year in March, the Turkish Statistical Institute announced on Friday.

On a monthly basis, the index narrowed by 1.8 per cent in March, according to the data.

In February, the industrial production increased by 13.3 per cent on an annual basis, gaining pace from the 7.6 per cent year-on-year increase of the previous month.

In March, when the sub-sectors of the industry are analyzed, the index climbed by 2.9 per cent in the mining and quarrying sector and 10.6 per cent in the key manufacturing industry sector compared to the same month of the previous year. —AFP

Russia inflation hit 20 year high in April

Russia's annual inflation jumped to a two-decade high of 17.8 per cent in April, fuelled by Western sanctions over Moscow's military campaign in Ukraine, the statistics agency said on Friday.

Since President Vladimir Putin moved troops into Ukraine on 24 February, Russia has been hit with a barrage of international sanctions, including embargoes on key exports, accelerating already high inflation.

Inflation of food prices, a huge concern for Russians on low incomes, has reached 20.5 per cent year-on-year, according to Rosstat. Pasta has gone up by 29.6 per cent, butter by 26.1 per cent, and fruit and vegetables by 33 per cent. —AFP



Customers stand in front of a KFC kiosk in Evroreiskiy (European) shopping mall in Moscow on 7 March. **PHOTO: AFP**

Hungary holds up EU plan to ban Russian oil

THE European Union's hopes to quickly impose a ban on Russian oil imports could be dashed after Hungary demanded expensive guarantees for its own fuel supplies, diplomats say.

"I am sure we will have an agreement -- we need this agreement, and we will have it," EU foreign policy chief Josep Borrell told reporters Friday in Germany as G7 ministers met.

But he added if EU diplomats could not overcome resistance among certain member states, then foreign ministers meeting Monday in Brussels would need to "provide the political impetus".

Hungary is holding



Processing and refining structures stand at the Duna oil refinery operated by MOL Hungarian Oil and Gas Plc in Szazhalombatta, Hungary, The Duna Oil Refinery still receives Russian crude. PHOTO: ATTILA KISBENEDEK/AFP

out, and several of its neighbours who are also highly dependent on Russian crude for their oil refineries are reluctant to

sign up. Hungary's Prime Minister Viktor Orban, often the odd man out in Brussels' decision making, has informed von der

Leyen and French President Emmanuel Macron, who holds the EU presidency, of his concerns.—AFP

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

Dated: 14th 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.

8. The pre-qualified bidders may contact to the following address:-
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Ministry of Energy
Building No.6, Nay Pyi Taw
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Fax:95-67 3 411 213
Email: dg.ogpd@moe.gov.mm

Note: For further inquiry (and/or) information, please contact to the followings:-

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V X-PRESS MEGHNA VOY.NO. (22008N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **15-5-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Agent For:

M/S EVERGREEN MARINE (S'PORE) PTE LTD

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

US urged not to rope in Southeast Asian countries out of geopolitical interests

THE just-concluded US-ASEAN summit will not draw regional countries closer to the US side, and the US attempt to court support among ASEAN in pursuit of its geopolitical interests is unlikely to gain traction, experts have said.

US President Joe Biden met leaders of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries at the White House during a summit held on Thursday and Friday, a move widely seen as an attempt by

the world's sole superpower to pull members of the bloc into its camp against a rising China.

US ATTEMPTS SHALL FAIL

Against the backdrop of escalating tensions between Russia and Ukraine, the US-initiated summit was widely viewed as a signal to highlight the importance of what America calls the "Indo-Pacific" region out of strategic concerns, and to counter the rising influence of China in the region.

Lee Pei May, a political expert at the International Islamic University Malaysia, said while the summit occurred amid the tougher Russia-Ukraine conflict, the primary concern of the Biden administration is not about Russia, but more about ensuring a so-called "free and open" Indo-Pacific.

"For the Biden administration to advance this vision, they have to get ASEAN countries on the American side and potentially for the US to play a

role in managing the disputes in the South China Sea," she said. "Such moves can be interpreted as challenging China's position in the region and hindering peaceful progress between China and ASEAN countries."

The summit's significance lies in its timing, reported Foreign Affairs magazine on Wednesday. "It is being held as war rages in Ukraine, demonstrating that the United States has not lost its focus on the Indo-Pacific," the report said,

adding "US President Joe Biden seeks to better position his country in the wider geopolitical competition with China."

Yet, the United States "shall fail in attempts to counter China, because most ASEAN countries want to expand economic exchanges and other cooperation with (their) regional neighbour China," Wilson Lee Flores, a columnist for the English daily The Philippine Star, told Xinhua.—Xinhua

COMAC completes first test flight of first home-made C919 aircraft to be delivered



The country's first C919 jetliner to be delivered takes off from Shanghai's Pudong International Airport today for a test flight. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

THE Commercial Aircraft Corporation of China (COMAC) on Saturday morning completed the first test flight of the first home-made C919 aircraft to be delivered.

The plane flew from Shanghai International Pudong Airport at 6:52 am, and

landed back at the airport at 9:54 am.

COMAC said the test completed the scheduled tasks and the aircraft performed well and was in good condition, according to its official website.

The plane is to be delivered to China Eastern Airlines.

Currently, the preparations for the test flight and delivery of the C919 large aircraft are progressing in an orderly manner, the company said.

Wu Yongliang, vice-general manager of COMAC, said earlier this year that the plane is to be delivered to the customer in 2022.

The C919, China's first self-developed trunk jetliner, has 158-168 seats and a range of 4,075-5,555 km. The plane conducted its successful maiden flight in 2017. From 2019, six C919 aircraft projects conducted their test flights.

In December 2020, the aircraft entered the airworthiness certification process of the Civil Aviation Administration of China.—Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

UAE leaders mourn passing of country's 2nd president

LEADERS of the United Arab Emirates on Friday mourned the passing of Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, the second president of the UAE and the 16th ruler of the Emirate of Abu Dhabi, who died at the age of 73.

Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, vice-president and prime minister of the UAE and ruler of Dubai, said on his official Twitter account that "with great sadness, we mourn the death of our leader and President Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan. Sheikh Khalifa was a dedicated leader who served and loved his people, a love they reciprocated."—Xinhua

16 killed in massive building fire in Indian capital

At least 16 people were killed Friday in a devastating fire inside a commercial building in the Indian capital, officials said.

The fire broke out at around 4:40 pm local time in the building located near the Mundka metro station in outer Delhi.

"A total of 16 bodies were recovered from the three-storey commercial building which had caught fire this evening near Delhi's Mundka metro station," Atul Garg, director of the Delhi fire service, told local media.—Xinhua

Mass tourism returns to Barcelona — so does debate

VISITORS are once again jamming the narrow streets of Barcelona's Gothic quarter as global travel bounces back from the pandemic, reviving tensions over mass tourism in the Spanish port city.

Hotel occupancy in the city rose in April, which included the Easter long weekend, to nearly 85 per cent, close to its pre-pandemic levels, according to the Barcelona Hotel Guild.

"There are more and more cruise ships, more and more

tourism, more and more massification," said Marti Cuso, a high school biology teacher who has long campaigned against mass tourism invading the city centre.

"This has been a shock after two years of pandemic," said Cuso, 32, who had hoped the city would use the pandemic pause to change its tourism model.

Cuso, who grew up in the Gothic quarter, said he enjoyed the calm that descended on the neighbourhood, which is nor-

mally flooded with tour groups visiting its mediaeval buildings.

After receiving a record of nearly 12 million visitors at its hotels and tourist apartments in 2019, arrivals plunged by 76.8 per cent in 2020, mirroring declines across Europe. "People reclaimed the squares, children played in the streets again," said Cuso.

The pandemic also showed the dangers of having an "economic monoculture based on tourism," he said.—AFP



Tourists visit the Casa Mila, a renowned building designed by architect Antoni Gaudi, in Barcelona, Spain, 27 June 2021. **PHOTO: XINHUA/ZHANG CHENG**



SEA Games Women's Futsal: Myanmar to play Viet Nam today

THE first day of the group stage of the SEA Games Women's Futsal Championship hosted by Viet Nam will start today and the Myanmar team will play against the host Viet Nam team.

Myanmar, host Viet Nam, Thailand, and Malaysia are competing in the women's futsal competition with a round-robin format.

The first day of the group will be played between Thailand and Malaysia at 1:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time on 15 May (today). The match between Myanmar and Viet Nam will be played at 3:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time.

A pre-match press conference for the women's futsal tournament was held on 14 May and attended by Myanmar women's futsal team head coach U



Myanmar women's futsal team head coach (centre) and Myanmar women futsal team captain Khaing Hnin Thant (right) are seen at the pre-match press conference on 14 May. **PHOTO: MFF**

Tin Maung Htay and team captain Khaing Hnin Thant.

Myanmar women's futsal team head coach U Tin Maung Htay said, "The host Viet Nam team that will face us in the opening match of our group is a strong team."

"Every opponent at the SEA Games is a good team and will be well-prepared for every match. Our team stayed

in Thailand for more than 20 days before the SEA Games and participated in the NSDF Invitational. He played two friendly matches against two clubs," he added.

Captain Khaing Hnin Thant said, "It will be difficult to face good teams in the SEA Games, but we will prepare well for each match to get good results." — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Myanmar National Futsal Team loses in opening match of SEA Games

THE second day of the 31st SEA Games National Futsal Competition was held in Viet Nam on 14 May and Myanmar team lost to Indonesia 6-0 in their opening match.

The Myanmar team conceded only one goal in the first half but conceded five goals further in the second half.

Myanmar and Indonesia met in the semi-finals of the 2022 ASEAN Futsal Championship in April, with the Myanmar team losing 6-1. In the other match on the second day of the group, Viet Nam beat Malaysia 7-1.

At the

end of the second day of the group, Indonesia and host Viet Nam scored four points each. Thailand has three points from one game, while Myanmar and Malaysia have yet to score points.

Myanmar will play against Thailand on 16 May in the second match of the group. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM



Myanmar player (white) vies for the ball against Indonesian player (red) during the group match of the SEA Games futsal competition in Viet Nam on 14 May. **PHOTO: MFF**

SEA Games: Myanmar men's and women's football teams to play decisive matches for semi-finals

THE men's and women's group matches of the SEA Games will continue on 15 May (today) and the Myanmar teams will play decisive matches for the semi-finals.

The final day of Group A matches will be played today and Myanmar will take on Indonesia at 3:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time while Viet Nam versus Timor-Leste match will be played at 6:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time.

At the end of the match on 13 May, the Viet Nam team scored 7 points in three matches. Myanmar and Indonesia have six points from three matches and are in contention for the semi-finals.

The Philippines and Timor Leste have eliminated from the group stage with losses in the previous matches.

Despite the three teams vying for the semi-finals, host Viet Nam is almost certain to reach the semi-finals as they will face Timor-Leste.

The match between Myanmar and Indonesia, which



Myanmar men's national football team. **PHOTO: MFF**

have six points each for the remaining spot, is decisive and the Myanmar team with the small goal difference will have to win to advance to the semi-finals.

Myanmar beat Timor-Leste and the Philippines with narrow goals and lost to hosting Viet Nam in the previous group matches.

Similarly, Group B matches of the women's football tourney will be continued. Myanmar will take on Singapore at 3:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time. The match between Thailand and Laos will be played at 6:30 pm.

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.

According to the teams in the group, Myanmar and Thailand are guaranteed to reach the semi-finals and will have to score more goals against their opponents for the first place in the group.

In Group A, the host Viet Nam team have already advanced to the semi-finals with first place in the group.

Thus, the first-place team to win group B will be able to avoid the home team.

Myanmar and Thailand are drawn at the top of the table, with the same goal difference as the team with the most goals in today's match will be atop of the group. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

COMAC completes first test flight of first home-made C919 aircraft to be delivered
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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: Myanmar wins one gold, two silvers in Bodybuilding, one silver in Wushu, two bronzes in Rowing

MYANMAR athletes made a big victory yesterday by earning gold, silver and bronze medals in SEA Games being held in Viet Nam.

Maung Ye Tun Naung deservedly won the gold medal in the bodybuilding competition (+70) kg held at Cau Giay Gymnasium.

Maung Min Zaw Oo in (+80) kg and Mg Khin Maung Kyaw in (+85) kg also each won the silver medal.

Sandy Oo won the silver medal in the women's individual wushu competition at the Trinh Hoai Duc Gymnasium.

Nilar Win and Shwe Sin



Maung Ye Tun Naung receives the gold medal after the (+70) kg Bodybuilding Contest at Cau Giay Gymnasium in Viet Nam on 14 May 2022. PHOTO: MNA



Sandy Oo is seen with her silver medal after the women's individual wushu competition. PHOTO: MNA



Latt won one bronze medal in the Women Double Event of the Western Women's Rowing Contest held in Hai Phong.

In the women's 4-rowing competition, Ma Ei Phyu, Ma Sandar Shwe, Ma Chit Phoo Ngon and Ma Win Thu Zar Thein each won the bronze medal.

Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, and Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee U Min Thein Zan,

Director-General of the Department of Sports and Physical Education U Tun Myint Oo, administrators and coaches, Myanmar sports teams and officials attended the sports event.

As of 14 May, Myanmar has earned 14 medals in total with three gold medals, four silver medals and seven bronze medals in the 31st Southeast Asian Games. — MNA

Myanmar Sports Team is seen with the colourful medals. PHOTO: MNA