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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.

Government Peace Talks Team meets NMSP Vice-Chairman-led delegation



The peace talks between the Peace Talks Team of the government and the delegation led by the vice-chairman of the New Mon State Party-NMSP in progress in Nay Pyi Taw on 24 May 2022.

THE Peace Talks Team of the government met the delegation led by Vice-Chairman Nai Aung Min of the New Mon State Party (NMSP) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by State Administration Council Member National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee Chairman Union Minister at the Government Office (1) Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, in

his capacity as the leader of the Peace Talks Team, SAC Member Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, NSPNC Secretary Lt-Gen Min Naung, NMSP Vice-Chairman Nai Aung Min, Joint General Secretary Nai Win Hla and

Central Executive Committee Member Nai Banyar Lei.

In the talks, Peace Talks Team Leader Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and Vice-Chairman of NMSP Nai Aung Min delivered greeting speeches and the partic-

ipants discussed peace and development related matters. After that, they adjourned the first-day meeting. The discussion will be continued on 25 May. — MNA

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Re-invitation for basic education staff who are absent from duty

THE State Administration Council is implementing nine objectives, including a social goal of national health and higher education, and is working hard to restore education to the next generation of young people in order to develop the nation's human resources.

For the education of the new generation, basic education schools across the country were reopened on 1-11-2021, and higher education universities/colleges were reopened on 12-5-2022. Basic education schools for the 2022-2023 Academic Year will be reopened on 2-6-2022.

Basic education is very important in the education of the new generation of young people who will be the leaders of the future. So those students can learn fully and to make the teachers/students ratio balance, experienced teachers are needed.

In order to resume their teaching duties for the next generations, teachers and educators who have been away from their duties due to intimidation, participation in peaceful protest, or worry, and teachers and educators who have been prosecuted under staff discipline are informed to report to the relevant Township Education Offices where the schools are located or the nearest Township Education Offices in their current area of residence to file an appeal voluntarily by 31-5-2022.

Among the basic education staff who are absent from duty due to various reasons, those who are absent without leave due to various reasons, those under the investigation, and those who file an appeal, shall be considered as unpaid leave for the period of non-duty and will be re-employed except for those who have committed serious crimes.

State Administration Council
Information Team

COVID-19 vaccine drive continues in various states, regions

DOCTORS and nurses from public hospitals, Tatmadaw medical teams, healthcare workers and volunteers are working hard to give COVID-19 vaccines in different states and regions as the vaccination programme is one of the most important activities in the prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19 disease.

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

12-year-old students, respectively.

Yesterday, doctors and nurses from public hospitals, medical teams from the Tatmadaw, relevant healthcare workers in collaboration with volunteers gave COVID-19 vaccines to 370 people from Yankin and Tamway Townships in Yangon Region, 10,157 people from twenty-six townships in Ayeyawady Region, 7,617 people from fourteen townships in Rakhine and Chin States, 173 people from Khamti Township in Sagaing Region, 24,236 people from seven districts in Mandalay Region, and 98 people from Htandabin Township in Bago Region, re-



A local in Rakhine State receives Covid vaccine.

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

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

25-5-2022

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	2,060	2,105	2,100	2,070	2,105	2,130	2,115	2,090	2,185	2,200	2,100	2,105	2,140	2,145	2,145	2,365	2,540
95 Ron	2,175	2,220	2,220	2,180	2,220	2,240	2,225	2,205	2,300	2,315	2,210	2,230	2,255	2,255	2,260	2,475	2,605
HSD (500 ppm)	2,140	2,185	2,180	2,145	2,185	2,205	2,200	2,170	2,285	2,280	2,175	2,185	2,220	2,220	2,225	2,440	2,690
HSD (50 ppm)	2,165	2,215	2,210	2,175	2,210	2,235	2,230	2,200	2,310	2,305	2,205	2,215	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,470	2,725
HSD (10 ppm)	2,165	2,215	2,210	2,175	2,210	2,235	2,230	2,200	2,310	2,305	2,205	2,215	2,250	2,250	2,250	2,470	2,725

Fuel (Wholesale Price)	Yangon	Mandalay
92 Ron	1,961	2,033
95 Ron	2,070	2,145
HSD (500 ppm)	2,036	2,106
HSD (50 ppm)	2,063	2,134
HSD (10 ppm)	2,063	2,134

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: -

067-409881 and 09-699611116, 067-411129, 09-440433533

Fuel Import, Storage and Distribution Supervisory Committee

Tatmadaw will implement harmoniously with the people for national politics

WE, soldiers, always have to safeguard our three main national causes: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of the National Solidarity, Perpetuation of National Sovereignty as a national duty for the Union in which lives over 100 ethnic people. National affairs mean safeguarding national interests, and religion, religion, traditional culture and customs. Let the nation be led by any political system or any government, as our national policy, Tatmadaw has to maintain the Three Main National Causes concerning all nationalities. I would like to urge that Tatmadaw will implement harmoniously with the people for national politics.

(Excerpt from the speech made by Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing at the passing out parade of the 8th intake of Graduate Female Cadet Course on 22 December 2021)

MoHA Union Minister inspects police officer training school in PyinOoLwin

MEMBER of the State Administration Council Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Soe Htut, accompanied by Deputy Minister and Chief of the Myanmar Police Force Maj-Gen Zin Min Htet, inspected the Police Officer Training School in PyinOoLwin yesterday morning.

The Union minister and party inspected the E-library and the library, technology gallery, audio lab, demonstration room, trainees' classrooms, computer lab room, school museum, four-storey classroom under construction, officers' mess and the trainees' training in tactical subjects.

During the inspection, the Union minister said that trainees should be trained to use the E-Library and library as the main place in teaching subjects. The

training school offers books on the rule of law and law. Legal books need to be added more than now. It is necessary to train and demonstrate crime scene demonstration and training and to acquire the ability to make conclusion based not only on technology but also on ideas, he said.

He called on trainees to learn military tactics during the training and not to have mismanagement while performing their duties in the practical field and local security duties. He also mentioned keeping records of police officers who have obtained honorary awards at the school.

He also added the need to train trainees systematically in the field of tactical training to acquire military skills, the spirit of adventure, mine awareness and mine utilization skills, and



MoHA Union Minister Lt-Gen Soe Htut views round the Police Officer Training School in PyinOoLwin yesterday.

to select good trainers who have practical experience.

Afterwards, the Union minis-

ter and party had lunch with the trainees of the Sub-Police Inspector Training Courses No. 107/2021

and 108/2022 at the trainee mess Hall of the Training School. — MNA

Development works in Maungtaw implemented



WESTERN Command Commander Maj-Gen Htin Latt Oo, accompanied by Rakhine State Government Social Af-

airs Minister U Aung Myo, Ethnic Affairs Minister U Tin Hla and party arrived at Myoyu village in Maungtaw Township

and carried out development works.

Firstly, the commander and his party attended a groundbreaking ceremony to build a temporary building of the primary school in Myoyu Village and a ceremony to provide villagers with Buddha images and school uniforms.

Afterwards, the Western Command commander, Rakhine State cabinet ministers and officials provided Buddha images and foodstuffs such as cooking oil, rice and salt to 54 Mro ethnic households and school uniforms to local students, respectively. — Thet Lwin Soe (IPRD)/GNLM

Public Notice

THE Anti-Corruption Commission has established corruption prevention units within ministries to effectively curb corruption.

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.

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.

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

Athletes arrive back from SEA Games with nine golds, 18 silvers, 35 bronzes

A group of Myanmar athletes arrived back in Yangon on the night of 23 May after competing in the 31st South East Asian Games in Viet Nam.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, Region Cabinet Ministers, Officials from the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, Myanmar Sports Federation presidents, parents and fans welcomed back the athletes at the Yangon International Airport.

General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee, Deputy Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Myo Hlaing, Aye Aye Aung from Kurash (+87kg) who won the gold medal, Pauk Sa from Billiards Men's Singles event, Khaing Wah Phoo and May Honey Aung Lwin from the Vovinam women's doubles unarmed event, Khin Hnin Wai,



Myanmar athletes arrive back from SEA Games 31.

and Aye Nyein Htoo from Boxing event, Aye Marlar and Sel Whee from Judo event, Naw Boe Tayar from Weightlifting event, Aung Phyto from Snooker Men's Singles event, team administrators and Myanmar international referees participated in the returning sport teams.

The State awarded K10 million to the bronze medallist, K20 million to the silver medallist, and K30 million to the gold medallist.

Coaches who have taught to honour the country will be awarded cash prizes at a ceremony.

During the competition, an additional cash prize of US\$3,000 for each gold medallist, US\$2,000 for each silver medallist, and US\$1,000 for each bronze medallist were awarded in the individual competitions.

Similarly, US\$1,000 for gold medallists, US\$750 for silver medallists, and US\$500 for bronze medallists were also awarded in the team-wise competitions. —MNA



Welcome-back ceremony in progress at Yangon International Airport.

Phyu Phyu Than and Yamon Zin from Sepak Takraw Women's Doubles Competition, Manar Kwee, Aik Soe Lin, Zin Lin Tun and Zaw Zaw from Vovinam fourmen perform event, Yar Zar Tun, Aung Khaing Lin, Kyaw Thu Soe Aung, and Hein Htet Aung from

Vovinam perform event, Ye Tun Naung, silver medallist in the men's 50-metre pistol, Chit Soe Nwe and Ye Tun Naung from 10m Air Pistol Mixed Team, Myint Ko Ko, Htet Wai Lwin, Saw Moe Aung, Tun Min Thant, Aung Myo Thu from the men's four-ore

1000m rowing event, Chu Myat Noe Wai from Judo (-57 Kg) event, Khaing Wah Phoo from the Vovinam Solo Arm Show Event, May Honey Aung Lwin from Solo Sword Competition, Tin Htoo Zaw from Long Stick Show, Pauk Sa and Min Sithu Tun from men's doubles Billiard Competition, Naing Latt from 57kg of Boxing event, bronze medalists Thet Phyto Naing, Win Htike, Sai Min Wai, Thant Zin Oo, Min Naing, Aung Phyto Hein, Htet Wai Lwin, Myint Ko Ko, Aung Myo Thu, Myo Hlaing Win, Su Wai Phyo, Myint Myint Soe, Moe Ma Ma, and Su Su Lwin, from men's and women's Rowing and Canoeing events, Wai Lin Aung, Kyaw Zin Latt, Aung Myo Naing, Aung Myo Swe, Zin Ko Ko, Aung Ye Zaw, Aung Thu Min, Yamon Zin, Khin Hnin Wai, Nang Su Myat

San, Aye Aye Than, Phyu Phyu Than and Nant Yin Yin Myint from men's and women' Sepak Takraw event, Wai Thu Lwin, Yar Zar Tun, Tin Htoo Zaw, Kyaw Ko Ko and Shwe Thet Htar from Vovinam events, Lin Htut Paing



Gold medallists, silver medallists and bronze medallists are welcomed back.

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11 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 24 May, total figure rises to 613,238

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,238** after **11** new cases were reported on 24 May 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,221** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll stands at **19,434** without more casualties. —MNA

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Monkeypox virus causes pneumonia disease, encephalitis and retina damages

THE monkeypox virus causes pneumonia disease, encephalitis and retina damage, said Dr Ko Ko Lwin from South Okkalapa Township based on the statement of WHO during the interview with the GNLM.

“The incubation period of monkeypox is usually from 6 or 13 days and can range to 21 days. The symptoms of monkeypox are fever, headache, rash, muscle ache, exhaustion and lymph nodes. The lymph nodes are different from other diseases like chickenpox and measles,” he told the GNLM.

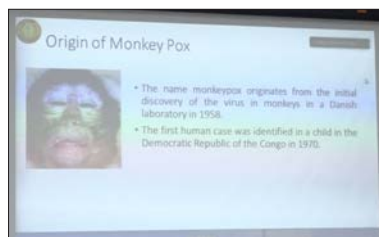
The monkeypox virus is transmitted from one person to

another by close contact with lesions, body fluids, respiratory droplets and contaminated materials such as bedding. The patients will have smallpox on their body, face, hands and legs 1-3 days.

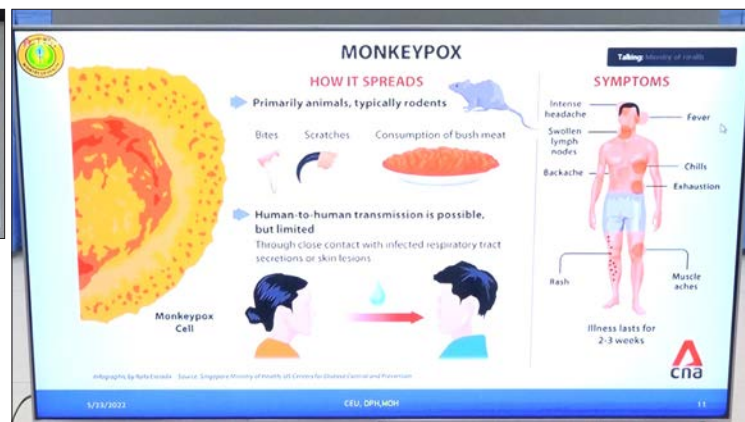
It should watch the infection rate of monkeypox in the international countries and make preparations in the country, said MoH Deputy Minister Prof Dr Aye Tun during a coordination meeting on preventing a dengue-fever outbreak in 2022 held on 23 May.

The Public Health Department released notices based on the statements of WHO.

According to the nature of



monkeypox, Myanmar has a lower risk of disease outbreaks. But it needs to accelerate disease control activities regarding these pox diseases and other diseases. Moreover, it should make preparations for suspected patients to provide medical treatment at the nearest health departments and conduct lab tests. The monkeypox disease can be transmitted



to humans from animals and according to the One Health Approach, the breeding and veterinary, environmental conservation and health sectors should work together, explained MoH Deputy

Minister Prof Dr Aye Tun.

There are 80 cases of monkeypox in 11 countries including the UK and another 20 suspected patients in the UK. — TWA/GNLM

Nok Air, Thai Smile, Air Asia reopen flying to and from Myanmar



One aircraft from the Thai Smile airline is seen at Yangon International Airport.

NOK Air, Thai Smile, and Air Asia will resume flying to and from Myanmar in June, according to the statement of the Yangon International Airport.

Commercial airlines had been suspended due to COVID-19 since 29 March 2020, and Myanmar resumed its first commercial flight from Singapore-Yangon flight on 17 April 2022. Along with international airlines such as Malaysia Airlines and Singapore Airlines, two Myanmar airlines,

MAI and MNA, are also offering international flights. Thai Smile will resume on 1 June; Air Asia will resume on 3 June, and Nok Air will resume on 1 July.

Myanmar National Airlines-MNA is flying regularly to Singapore, Bangkok, and Kuala Lumpur, and the Myanmar Airways International (MAI) is also flying to Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, Tokyo, Singapore, and Seoul, Guangzhou, Dubai, Phnom Penh, Kolkata, and Delhi on des-

ignated days regularly. From 1 April, fully-vaccinated travellers will no longer need to show entry approval and be quarantined in Singapore, according to the statements.

From 17 April until the end of the month since the resumption of commercial flights in Myanmar, there were 6,455 arriving travellers and 9,593 departing travellers, a total of 16,048 travellers, according to the Department of Civil Aviation. — TWA/GNLM

Myanmar earns \$58.933 mln from rice exports via maritime route

THE data from the Ministry of Commerce showed that Myanmar generated US\$58.933 million from 175,910 tonnes of rice and broken rice exports via the sea route in April 2022.

The country exported more than 26,940 tonnes of rice to Asian countries, 49,720 tonnes to EU countries and 42,600 tonnes to Africa.

Myanmar exports rice to Ivory Coast the most with 10,000 tonnes while 9,000 tonnes to Cameroon, 15,000 tonnes to Angola, 8,500 tonnes to Madagascar, more than 14,300 tonnes to China, 12,200 tonnes to the Philippines, 250 tonnes to Sri Lanka and 180 tonnes to Hong Kong.

It also exported about 8,800 tonnes of rice to Poland, 8,200 tonnes to Lithuania, 8,690 tonnes to Italy, 15,180 tonnes to Spain, 7,750 tonnes to Bulgaria and 700 tonnes to Belgium.

In April 2022, the country earned about \$1.410 million from the export of 4,180 tonnes of rice via the Myanmar-China border trade route. It received \$42.708 million from the export of more than 123,440 tonnes of rice via sea and border areas in April.

Moreover, it exported more than 50,530 tonnes of broken rice via sea in April 2022 and earned \$15.627 million. It exported 18,200 tonnes to China, 30,600 tonnes to Belgium, 1,000 tonnes to Lithuania, 500 tonnes to Poland, 180 tonnes to Singapore and 50 tonnes to Germany. The exports of 1,620 tonnes of broken rice via the Myanmar-China border and 320 tonnes via the Myanmar-Thai border earned \$0.598 million.

The country exported more than 119,260 tonnes of rice worth \$41.298 million in April 2022. —TWA/GNLM

Three-hour power outage on 24, 31 May due to power plant upgrade works

FOUR power plants in Yangon Region will be upgraded and there will be a three-hour power outage on 24 and 31 May, according to the statement of the Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation.

The upgrade works on the Ahlon substation, Hlawga substation, Ywama substation, and Thakayta substation are being carried out, and the 230/66/11kV, Bank (6) 200 MVA, Transformer has been installed at the Thakayta substation.

The upgrade works will be conducted at Thakayta station

from 9 am to 11 am and from 4 pm to 6 pm on 24 May and from 9 am to 11 am on 31 May.

The power cut will affect Thakayta, Dawbon, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan), Dagon Myothit (South), Dagon Myothit (North), Thingangyun, Yankin, Tamway, South Okkalapa, Mayangon and Hline townships. The power will be provided through power lines of substations to prevent power outages in critical areas, according to the statement. — TWA/GNLM

CRIME NEWS

Illegal teak, gold, foodstuffs, consumer goods and vehicles seized



Officials confiscate illegal teak logs in Bago Region.

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

The combined inspection team made inspections on 22 May. They captured an unregistered Toyota Mark II car at an estimated value of K3,500,000 on the Minbu-Magway Road in Minbu Township and an unregistered Nissan X-trail car (estimated value of K4,000,000). Police opened case files under the Export/Import Law.

In addition, on the same day, the team led by Myanmar Police Force seized K82,000,000 worth of four illegal gold plates – ten grammes per one gold plate which are expressed an academy label at No (3) Port in the Kanyinchaung economic zone of Maungtau Township. Police opened a case file at the Pyinphyu Police Station.

Moreover, on 23 May, the Ma-yanchaung checkpoint of Mon State also captured K2,002,000 worth of illegal consumer goods that showed no official document

from an express bus heading from Thaton to Bago Township.

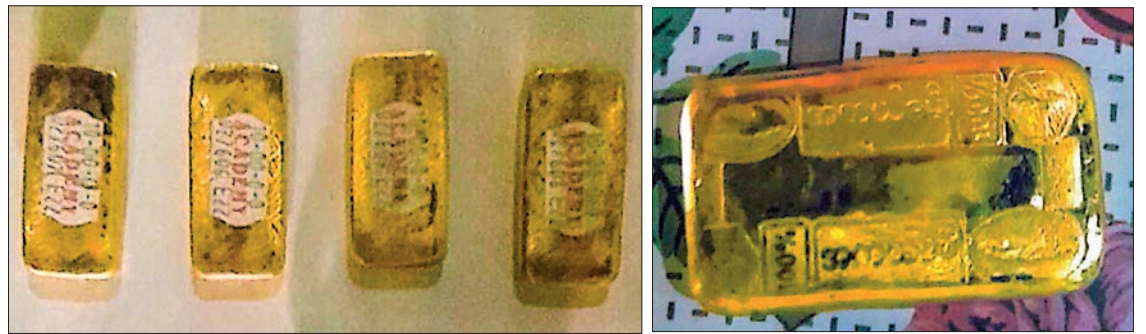
The combined inspection team confiscated electronic appliances and cigarettes (estimated value of K1,820,000) that showed no official documents at the Nandaw checkpoint in Muse Township. The action was taken under the Customs Law.

On 24 May, the Bago Region Forest Department seized 4.4120 tonnes of illegal teak (estimated value of K1,455,964) in the Mukar forest reserve of Minhla township. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

Therefore, from 22 to 24 May, seven arrests were made, totalling K94,777,964, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA



Seized commodities in Mon State.



Seized illegal gold in Rakhine State.

Illegal drugs worth over K1 billion seized in Mohnyin, Kachin state



Seized drugs and a lorry.

HEROIN and stimulant tablets worth over K1 billion were seized in Mohnyin Township, Kachin State, on 16 May, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

A combined team consisting of security personnel searched a six-wheel vehicle at the Nantsiaung combined checkpoint on the Mandalay-Myitkyina Road, in Mohnyin Township, Kachin State, and found and seized 26.4 kilogrammes of heroin and 342,000 stimulant tablets from the vehicle.

According to the investigation, the seized illegal drugs were transported from Mandalay to Kachin State. The driver was prosecuted under the law, and the police are investigating to take action against the related suspects. — MNA

Traffickers sentenced to jail for human trafficking

THE Pakokku District Court sentenced two people to eleven years imprisonment each with labour for their role in trafficking two girls to be prostitutes.

Victims Ma ..., aged 30,

and Ma ..., aged 26 from Mawlaik Township of Sagaing Region were forced to be prostitutes by Naing Win Htay, Ma Moe Thae Phyu (aka) Moe Moe (aka) Ei Thandar Moe and they exploited the money

of the victims.

The traffickers were prosecuted at the Pakokku Myoma police station under Sections 25/32 of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law. — MNA

Police seize drugs in Dawei, Myeik, Kengtung townships

THE anti-narcotic agents seized 1,950 stimulant tablets and K 110,000 million from a

motorcycle driven by Zoe Zoe Kyaw in Kyaukyat Village-tract of Dawei Township on 23 May.



Two arrestees are seen along with seized pills and a Honda Fit.

Similarly, the police also raided the house of Zaw Tun Oo (aka) Tun Oo in Myeik (South) Ward of Myeik Township and arrested Kyaw Sein Win (aka) Zan Bo including him together with 5,000 stimulant pills on the same day. Moreover, the Anti-Narcotics Task Force inspected a Honda Fit driven by Sai Phuu Hwam in Kengtung Township and captured 400,000 stimulant tablets on the same evening.

The suspects were charged under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — MNA

LOCAL BUSINESS

Mandalay market sees brisk sales of wheat crops

WHEAT is highly demanded in the Mandalay market these days and also fetching a high price, beans and pulses traders said.

It is mainly supplied by Monywa, Shwebo, Sagaing, Budalin, Myinmu and Myaung areas. The wheat fetched only K90,000 per three-basket bag in January 2022, whereas it soars to K125,000 per bag in the last week of May, said U Soe Win Myint from the Mandalay Soe Win Myint depot.

“The prices of wheat crops stay high in recent days. The Mandalay market sees brisk sales as well. Global consumption of wheat is growing. It is the second-highest demanded crop in Myanmar after the staple food

rice. The high price allows the wheat growers to make profits this year. Earlier, wheat was commonly imported. To minimize the capital outflow, I like to suggest the growers add more acres and improve production. The domestic consumption of wheat is also growing year over year. The wheat has become one of the essential crops in Myanmar,” he elaborated.

The wheat can be cultivated once a year. It cannot be grown anywhere in Myanmar, especially in Sagaing Region. It is commonly found in southern and northern Shan State, Chin State and Kayah State. — Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)/GNLM



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Export rice prices spiking



Myanmar also generated an income of US\$700 million from two million tonnes of rice exports to the foreign countries in the past 2020-2021 Financial Year.

THE prices of rice for the export market are rocketing, said U Than Oo, secretary of the Bayintnaung Rice Wholesale Depot-BRWD.

At present, traders are purchasing the rice to export them as per a previously signed MoU. However, they are not commercially doing well, he said.

“As the contract price has been already fixed and the domestic rice price stays on the rise, the traders are struggling to meet the contracts. Moreover, the summer paddy is not that abundant and local brokers keep the inventory on hand. Therefore, the prices of rice are going up,” U Than Oo elaborated.

According to the provisions stipulated in Sections 11, 12 and 13 of the Foreign Exchange Management Law, all the foreign currency earned by locals have to be exchanged for local currency at the CBM’s refer-

ence rate of K1,850 by opening the accounts at the authorized dealers in the country within one working day, according to the notification released on 3 April.

“Exporters fill the inventory from the domestic market. The rice is loaded on the ships after the rice cleaning process to remove dust. The foreign exchanges earned according to the contract are deposited into an account and exchanged for local currency at the set rate of K1,850. This is the trading process for now. Although the dollar is worth over K2,000 at the unofficial exchanges, the official exchange rate is fixed. This is why the exporters are facing financial hardship to offer a higher price in the competitive market. Those who are buying them are not making profits yet they are trying to accomplish the contract,” the BRWD secretary said.

The export rice prices (low grade) move in the range of K29,000 and K30,000 per 108-pound bag depending on different varieties, according to the Bayintnaung Commodity Centre.

Myanmar has shipped more than 1.4 million tonnes of rice and broken rice to foreign trade partners between 1 October and 31 March in the past mini-budget period 2021-2022, the Myanmar Rice Federation stated.

The country sent over 76,000 tonnes of rice and broken rice to the neighbouring countries through land borders whereas it placed over 1.3 million tonnes in the international market via the sea route.

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Myanmar’s foreign trade surges to \$3.4 bln over one month

MYANMAR’S external trade between 1 April and 13 May of the 2022-2023 Financial Year tremendously rose to US\$3.438 billion, indicating a sharp increase of \$470.98 million as against the year-ago period, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The figures soared from \$2.967 billion in the corresponding period last year.

Myanmar’s export was

worth over \$1.69 billion whereas, the country’s import was valued at \$1.74 billion over one month.

The border trade dropped owing to the closure of the border post by the main trade partner China amid the coronavirus impacts, with a decrease of \$116.97 million as against the year-ago period. However, the maritime trade registered a sig-

nificant increase of US\$587.95 million over one month.

Myanmar exports agricultural products, animal products, minerals, forest products, and finished industrial goods, while it imports capital goods, raw industrial materials, and consumer goods.

The country’s export sector relies more on the agricultural and manufacturing sectors.

The Ministry of Commerce is focusing on reducing the trade deficit, export promotion, import substitution and market diversification.

The external trade stood at \$15.5 billion in the past mini-budget 2021-2022 (October-March) period and \$29.58 billion in the 2020-2021FY, as per the Commerce Ministry’s statistics. — KK/GNLM

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Don't Panic among the people of monkeypox

CURRENTLY, monkeypox, which has appeared again in the world, apart from the Covid-19 pandemic, is able to shake the human society due to dreadful symptoms such as a high temperature, aches and a rash of raised spots that later turn into blisters. But it is typically mild and for most people clears up within two to four weeks.

Moreover, the suspect patient will face their bodies with initial symptoms—fever, headaches, swellings, back pain and aching muscles. If so, they should take care of their health conditions by receiving proper medical treatment in time. The infection usually clears up on its own and lasts between 14 and 21 days.

Monkeypox is a rare viral infection most common in remote parts of central and West Africa. The disease, firstly found in monkeys, does not tend to spread easily between people but can be transmitted through close physical contact.

Whatever it may be, not only relevant ministries and health officials but the entire people should not underestimate the infection of monkeypox, chickenpox and smallpox in the international community while making preparations for the current disease surveillance system in the nation with relentless efforts.

An item of international news stated that other people who may have come into contact with a case do not need to stay at home and isolate themselves but should watch out for symptoms such as fever and a rash. The other day, the Ministry of Health held a coordination meeting on the possibility of monkeypox and how to prevent and monitor its infection in Myanmar. In this regard, it is necessary to raise the awareness of monkeypox disease through various ways and means while conducting preventive activities against the infection of chickenpox and smallpox.

Health officials warned the people of an outbreak of monkeypox in addition to chickenpox and smallpox in the country to make sure that the people should not panic as there is an outbreak of chickenpox among children in the country.

There is a need to intensify disease surveillance activities on existing communicable diseases as well as monkeypox although there is little evidence of the disease in Myanmar, and the preparations must be made for lab testing and medical work. But, Myanmar is less potential for an outbreak of monkeypox due to its nature, it is necessary to raise the surveillance and monitoring the infectious diseases with momentum for ensuring the safety of the people in the health sector.

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British expert rules out new pandemic as monkeypox spreads to more countries

AS CASES of the Monkeypox virus have been reported Sunday in more non-endemic countries, a British virologist said it wouldn't become a COVID-like pandemic.

"Monkeypox is not a COVID situation and it will never be a COVID situation. It will be a problem, but it will be a problem that we will ultimately manage to control. I'm quite convinced," said Paul Hunter, a specialist in medical microbiology and communicable disease control. "Ultimately, it's something we will be able to control before it becomes a really big issue. The reason for that is we have already have a pretty effective vaccine, the same vaccine we use with smallpox. And the really useful thing with this vaccine is that you can give it to somebody after they've been in contact with a case," Hunter told Xinhua in an exclusive interview.

"So the way you would control this is identifying every case that you can as quickly as you can and then vaccinating all their closed contacts. The technical term is ring vaccination for this. You vaccinate a ring around the case and hopefully then stop that spreading further," he added.

More than 120 cases of the virus

More than 120 cases of the virus, a close relative of smallpox, have now been reported in a disease normally confined to parts of Africa. With Israel, Switzerland and Austria among the latest coun-

tries to confirm Monkeypox cases, at least 15 countries have reported the outbreaks.

The UK Health Security Agency has reported on Monday 36 additional cases of monkeypox in England, bring the total number of monkeypox cases confirmed in England since 7 to 56 May.

Besides Britain and mainland Europe, there have been cases in the United States, Canada and Australia.

Hunter said many, but not all of the cases, have been reported to be in men who have sex with men. "So, it's quite plausible that it's spreading now amongst sexually active networks in a way that typically in Africa, you wouldn't see."

This is probably "an infection that is spreading primarily amongst sexual networks of close contacts, but not exclusively so. And you do get some infection spreading from outside. So we're not at the moment sure how it's going to behave, so I think we have to be very cautious," he said.

Monkeypox is also potentially more severe in children who contact the virus, said Hunter, also a professor of medicine with the Norwich Medical School at the University of East Anglia. "There is an issue with monkeypox in children. In African cases we do see more severe disease in children than we do in adults," Hunter said.

Hunter said more cases were likely to be reported in Britain and elsewhere in the coming weeks.

Appropriate advice and man-



Multiple cases of monkeypox in Europe, the UK, Canada and the United States have health authorities worried that the dangerous, though usually not life-threatening, disease could be spreading. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

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"But I think the UK Health Security Agency is right when it says this isn't generally a disease that spreads very easily, and so it probably wouldn't be come much of a risk to the general population. But certainly, with some parts of the population appearing to be more at risk there will be a need for appropriate advice and management when they've been into contact with cases," Hunter said.

At the moment, Hunter said, there are still a lot of scientists who "don't know about how this virus is spreading, and what networks it's spreading through, and how people are being infected and from whom, because it almost certainly will be passed from somebody

else."

"I'm pretty sure people will be doing a lot more of the genetics on this, but I think most of us are going to be having to do quite a bit of background reading over the next few days to make sure we know what's been going on. The last two years, we've been reading pretty much only coronavirus stuff," he said.

"Undoubtedly there is a lot of nervousness around at the moment about viral infections amongst the general public, and much of that nervousness is well placed. I think we have to consider each new infection that we're exposed to on what we know about that infection," the expert said.

"The information and knowl-

edge we acquired with COVID doesn't necessarily apply to monkeypox, and it is a very different infection to COVID that isn't going to cause anywhere near the same sorts of levels of harm that COVID has to people's, public health and indeed to society."

A containable situation

Meanwhile, an expert from the World Health Organization said on Monday that the monkeypox outbreaks in non-endemic countries can be contained and human-to-human transmission of the virus stopped.

Fewer than 200 confirmed and suspected cases had been recorded so far, the WHO's emerging disease lead Maria Van Kerkhove

said. "This is a containable situation, particularly in the countries where we are seeing these outbreaks that are happening across Europe, in North America as well," Van Kerkhove told a live interaction on the UN health agency's social media channels. "We want to stop human-to-human transmission. We can do this in the non-endemic countries.

"We're in a situation where we can use public health tools of early identification, supported isolation of cases.

We can stop human-to-human transmission." Van Kerkhove said transmission was happening via "close physical contact: skin-to-skin contact", and that most of the people identified so far had not had a severe case of the disease.

Rosamund Lewis, who heads the smallpox secretariat on the WHO emergencies programme, said monkeypox had been known for at least 40 years and a few cases had appeared in Europe over the last five years in travellers from the endemic regions.

However, "this is the first time we're seeing cases across many countries at the same time and people who have not travelled to the endemic regions in Africa", she said. She cited Nigeria, Cameroon, the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

"It is primarily in the animal kingdom in forested areas. Now we're seeing it more in urban areas," she said.

SOURCE: XINHUA/AFP

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Heads of Service Organizations confirmed

THE State Administration Council has confirmed the appointment of the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations shown against each of their names on the expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(1) U Kyaw Tin Shein	Director-General Consular and Legal Affairs Department Ministry of Foreign Affairs
(2) Dr Than Than Myint	Director-General Department of Educational Research, Planning and Training Ministry of Education
(3) Professor Dr Aye Aye Oo	Rector University of Medicines (Magway) Department of Human Resources for Health Ministry of Health

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Occupational Safety and Health in Myanmar

By Chit Ko Pe

I WAS trained as a civil engineer after graduating from the Rangoon Institute of Technology (RIT) in 1985. Such a vocation was with me till 2003 when I switched over to a career in the workplace safety and health after completing one year of coursework for the Safety Officer Training Course conducted by Singapore Polytechnic.

Subsequently, I was certified as registered workplace safety and health officer in Singapore. My profession was officially recognized in a foreign land.

But one certificate was not enough to get this career alive. Other certifications such as environmental control officer, fire safety manager, and earth control measures officer had to

be acquired through learning from different institutes and authorities there. In addition, those registrations would require to be renewed every two years through continuous learning by attending training courses, seminars as well as active participation in professional activities and events.

Ascending the career ladder, topping with other certifications for workplace safety and health auditor and trainer was

a must that I got. My profound profession was even reinforced with the attainment of a further degree – M.Sc. (Safety, Health and Environmental Technology) – from the renowned National University of Singapore (NUS) in 2012. International Safety Conferences in Singapore (2012) and Sweden (2014) organized by International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction (CIB W099) saw me representing NUS to read

academic papers.

Not keeping to myself, experiences were shared not only at work but also through other channels such as publications, seminars, etc. with many hats worn as a writer or a speaker or a host or an organizer on different fronts in different countries. Professing out of the box earned me international accolades – a certificate of commendation for the workplace safety and health officer award from the Workplace

Safety and Health Council, Singapore and the Guardian Angel award from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA), the United Kingdom. Not once, three times each.

Three decades passed on. The present-day sees me back with a vast experience in my native country, Myanmar where the occupational safety and health arena is far left behind in other countries. As a dutiful citizen, I would like to contribute

to the nation's development as a brick and a grain of sand. To do so, a specific guide or law is required. Myanmar has already drawn up the Occupational Safety and Health Law, 2019. But it has not come into existence yet, pending the President's approval.

Given the situation, we are like a boat without a rudder in a stormy sea. The Law would ensure the formation of the Occupational Safety and Health Na-

tional Council comprising the representatives of the Government, Employers and Workers. It would oversee the prescription of national-level policies and procedures as well as co-work with counterparts of other countries.

Seeing is Believing. Abroad I saw it, I believed it.

Let us see together a well-establishment of occupational safety and health in Myanmar in the near future for which my kind assistance is at your disposal.

Endorsement of Myanmar Standards Adoption

IN accordance with the duties and function of Section 5, Article b and vested mandate of Section 33 Article (b) of the Law on Standardization, National Standards Council endorses MMS 31 : 2022 Standard for Rice as a revised Myanmar Standard which was adopted as Myanmar Standard, MMS CODEX STAN 198:1995 Standard for Rice, in 2018.

Endorsement of Myanmar Standards Adoption

IN accordance with duties and function of Section 5, Article b and vested mandate of Section 33 Article (b) of the Law on Standardization, National Standards Council endorses the following 259 standards to adopt as Myanmar Standards.

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No	Myanmar Standards	No	Myanmar Standards
134	MMS ISO 9709:2018 Structural timber- Visual strength grading- Basic principles	169	MMS ISO 105-A04:1989 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part A04:Method for the instrumental assessment of the degree of staining of adjacent fabrics
135	MMS ISO 12122-1:2014 Timber structures- Determination of characteristics values-Part 1: Basic requirements	170	MMS ISO 105-A05:1996 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part A05: Instrumental assessment of change in colour for determination of grey scale rating
136	MMS ISO 12122-2:2014 Timber structures- Determination of characteristics values-Part 2: Sawn timber	171	MMS ISO 105-B01:2014 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part B01: Colour fastness to light: Daylight
137	MMS ISO 12122-3:2016 Timber structures- Determination of characteristics values-Part 3: Glued laminated timber	172	MMS ISO 105-B02:2014 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part B02: Colour fastness to artificial light: Xenon arc fading lamp test
138	MMS ISO 12122-4:2017 Timber structures- Determination of characteristics values-Part 4: Engineered wood products	173	MMS ISO 105-C06:2010 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part C06: Colour fastness to domestic and commercial laundering
139	MMS ISO 12122-5:2018 Timber structures- Determination of characteristics values-Part 5: Mechanical connections	174	MMS ISO 105-C10:2006 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part C10: Colour fastness to washing with soap or soap and soda
140	MMS ISO 12122-6:2017 Timber structures- Determination of characteristics values-Part 6: Large components and assemblies	175	MMS ISO 105-D01:2010 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part D01: Colour fastness to drycleaning using perchloroethylene solvent
141	MMS ISO 13910:2014 Timber structures- Strength graded timber- Test methods for structural properties	176	MMS ISO 105-E01:2013 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part E01: Colour fastness to Water
142	MMS ISO 13912:2017 Structural timber- Machine strength grading-Basic principles	177	MMS ISO 105-E02:2013 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part E02: Colour fastness to sea water
143	MMS ISO 16598:2015 Timber structures- Structural classification for sawn timber	178	MMS ISO 105-E03:2010 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part E03: Colour fastness to chlorinated water (swimming-pool water)
144	MMS ISO 16978:2003 Wood based panels- Determination of modules of elasticity in bending and of bending strength	179	MMS ISO 105-E04:2013 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part E04: Colour fastness to perspiration
145	MMS ISO 16979:2003 Wood based panels- Determination of moisture content	180	MMS ISO 105-F01:2001 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part F01: Specification for wool adjacent fabric
146	MMS ISO 16981:2003 Wood based panels- Determination of Surface soundness	181	MMS ISO 105-F02:2009 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part F02: Specification for cotton and viscose adjacent fabrics
147	MMS ISO 16983:2003 Wood based panels- Determination of swelling in thickness after immersion in water	182	MMS ISO 105-F03:2001 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part F03: Specification for polyamide adjacent fabric
148	MMS ISO 16984:2003 Wood based panels- Determination of tensile strength perpendicular to the plane of the panel	183	MMS ISO 105-F04:2001 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part F04: Specification for polyester adjacent fabric
149	MMS ISO 16987:2003 Wood based panels- Determination of moisture resistance under cyclic test conditions	184	MMS ISO 105-F05:2001 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part F05: Specification for acrylic adjacent fabric
150	MMS ISO 16999:2003 Wood based panels- Sampling and cutting of test pieces	185	MMS ISO 105-F06:2000 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part F06: Specification for silk adjacent fabric
151	MMS ISO 18100:2017 Timber structures- Finger-jointed timber- Manufacturing and production requirements	186	MMS ISO 105-F07:2001 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part F07: Specification for secondary acetate adjacent fabric
152	MMS ISO 20585:2005 Wood based panels- Determination of wet bending strength after immersion in water at 70 degrees C or 100 degrees C (boiling temperature)	187	MMS ISO 105-F09:2009 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part F09: Specification for cotton rubbing cloth
153	MMS ISO 38200:2018 Chain of custody of wood and wood-based products	188	MMS ISO 105-F10:1989 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part F10: Specification for adjacent fabric: Multifibre
154	MMS 32: 2022 Myanmar Criteria and Indicators for Forest Management Certification	189	MMS ISO 105-P01:1993- Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part P01: Colour fastness to dry heat (excluding pressing)
155	MMS CODEX STAN 167-1989 Standard for Salted Fish and Dried Salted Fish of the Gadidae Family of Fishes	190	MMS ISO 105-X11:1994 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part X11: Colour fastness to hot pressing
156	MMS CODEX STAN 222-2001 Standard for Crackers from Marine and Freshwater Fish, Crustaceans and Molluscan Shellfish	191	MMS ISO 105-X12:2016 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part X12: Colour fastness to rubbing
157	MMS CXS 302-2011, amended in 2012, 2013, 2018 Standard for Fish Sauce	192	MMS ISO 105-X18:2007 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part X18: Assessment of the potential to phenolic yellowing of materials
158	MMS ISO 12877:2011 Traceability of finfish products — Specification on the information to be recorded in farmed finfish distribution chains	193	MMS ISO 139:2005 Textiles - Standard atmospheres for conditioning and testing
159	MMS CODEX STAN 119-1981 Rev. 1 – 1995 Codex Standard for Canned Finfish	194	MMS ISO 811: 2018 Textiles-Determination of resistance to water penetration- Hydrostatic pressure test
160	MMS 25:2022 Standard for Fresh or Frozen Beef and Edible Offal	195	MMS ISO 1833-1:2020 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 1: General principles of testing
161	MMS 26:2022 Standard for Fresh or Frozen Chicken Meat and Giblet	196	MMS ISO 1833-2:2020 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 2: Ternary fibre mixtures
162	MMS 27:2022 Standard for Fresh or Frozen Pork Meat and Edible Offal	197	MMS ISO 1833-3:2020 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 3: Mixtures of acetate with other certain other fibres (method using acetone)
163	MMS 28:2022 Standard for Fresh or Frozen Sheep and Goat and Edible Offal	198	MMS ISO 1833-4:2017 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 4: Mixtures of certain protein fibres with certain other fibres (method using hypochlorite)
164	MMS ISO 14002-1:2019 Environmental management systems — Guidelines for using ISO 14001 to address environmental aspects and conditions within an environmental topic area — Part 1: General		
165	MMS ISO 2:1973 Textiles- Designation of the direction of twist in yarns and related products		
166	MMS ISO 105-A01:2010 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part A01:General principles of testing		
167	MMS ISO 105-A02:1993 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part A02: Grey scale for assessing change in colour		
168	MMS ISO 105-A03:2019 Textiles- Tests for colour fastness-Part A03: Grey scale for assessing staining		

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199	MMS ISO 1833-5:2006 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 5: Mixtures of viscose, cupro or modal and cotton fibres (method using sodium zincate)	228	MMS ISO 3759:2011 Textiles- Preparation, marking and measuring of fabric specimens and garments in tests for determination of dimensional change
200	MMS ISO - 1833-6:2018 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 6: Mixtures of viscose, certain types of cupro, modal or lyocell with certain other fibres (method using formic acid and zinc chloride)	229	MMS ISO 3801:1977 Textiles- Woven fabrics- Determination of mass per unit length and mass per unit area
201	MMS ISO 1833-7:2017 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 7: Mixtures of polyamide with certain other fibres (method using formic acid)	230	MMS ISO 4920:2012 Textile fabrics- Determination of resistance to surface wetting (spray test)
202	MMS ISO 1833-8:2006 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 8: Mixtures of acetate and triacetate fibres (method using acetone)	231	MMS ISO 5077:2007 Textiles-Determination of dimensional change in washing and drying
203	MMS ISO 1833-9:2019 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 9: Mixtures of acetate with certain other fibres (method using benzyl alcohol)	232	MMS ISO 5089:1977 Textiles- Preparation of laboratory test samples and test specimens for chemical testing
204	MMS ISO 1833-10:2019 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 10: Mixtures of triacetate or polylactide with certain other fibres (method using dichloromethane)	233	MMS ISO 6330:2021 Textiles- Domestic washing and drying procedures for textile testing
205	MMS ISO 1833-11:2017 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 11: Mixtures of certain cellulose fibres with certain other fibres (method using sulfuric acid)	234	MMS ISO 6938:2012 Textiles- Natural Fibres- Generic names and definitions
206	MMS ISO 1833-12:2020 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 12: Mixtures of acrylic, certain modacrylics, certain chlorofibres, certain elastance fibres with certain other fibres (method using dimethyl formamide)	235	MMS ISO 7211-2:1984 Textiles- Woven fabrics-Construction- Method of analysis-Part 2: Determination of number of threads per unit length
207	MMS ISO 1833-13:2019 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 13: Mixtures of certain chlorofibres with certain other fibres (method using carbon disulfide/acetone)	236	MMS ISO 7211-4:1984 Textiles- Woven fabrics-Construction- Method of analysis-Part 4: Determination of twist in yarn removed from fabric
208	MMS ISO 1833-14:2019 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 14: Mixtures of acetate with certain other fibres (method using glacial acetic acid)	237	MMS ISO 7211-5:2020 Textiles- Methods for analysis of woven fabrics construction-Part 5: Determination of linear density of yarn removed from fabric
209	MMS ISO 1833-15:2019 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 15: Mixtures of jute and certain animal fibres (method by determining nitrogen content)	238	MMS ISO 9237:1995 Textiles- Determination of the permeability of fabrics to air
210	MMS ISO 1833-16:2019 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 16: Mixtures of polypropylene fibres with certain other fibres (method using xylene)	239	MMS ISO 12945-1:2020 Textiles- Determination of fabric propensity to surface pilling, fuzzing or matting - Part 1: Pilling box method
211	MMS ISO 1833-17:2019 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 17: Mixtures of cellulose fibres and certain fibres with chlorofibres and certain other fibres (method using concentrated sulfuric acid)	240	MMS ISO 12945-2:2020 Textiles- Determination of fabric propensity to surface pilling, fuzzing or matting - Part 2: Modified Martindale method
212	MMS ISO 1833-18:2020 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 18: Mixtures of silk with wool or other animal hair (method using sulfuric acid)	241	MMS ISO 12945-3:2020 Textiles- Determination of the fabric propensity to surface pilling, fuzzing or matting - Part 3: Random tumble pilling method
213	MMS ISO 1833-19:2006 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 19: Mixtures of cellulose fibres and asbestos (method by heating)	242	MMS ISO 12947-1:1998 Textiles-Determination of the abrasion resistance of fabrics by the Martindale method- Part 1: Martindale abrasion testing apparatus
214	MMS ISO 1833-20:2018 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 20: Mixtures of elastance with certain other fibres (method using dimethylacetamide)	243	MMS ISO 12947-2:2016 Textiles-Determination of the abrasion resistance of fabrics by the Martindale method- Part 2: Determination of specimen breakdown
215	MMS ISO 1833-21:2019 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 21: Mixtures of chlorofibres, certain modacrylics, certain elastanes, acetates, triacetates with certain other fibres (method using cyclohexanone)	244	MMS ISO 13934-1:2013 Textiles-Tensile properties of fabrics- Part 1: Determination of maximum force and elongation at maximum force using the strip method
216	MMS ISO 1833-22:2020 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 22: Mixtures of viscose or certain types of cupro or modal or lyocell and flax fibres (method using formic acid and zinc chloride)	245	MMS ISO 13934-2:2014 Textiles-Tensile properties of fabrics- Part 2: Determination of maximum force using the grab method
217	MMS ISO 1833-24:2010 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 24: Mixtures of polyester and certain other fibres (method using phenol and tetrachloroethane)	246	MMS ISO 13936-2:2004 Textiles-Determination of the slippage resistance of yarns at a seam in woven fabrics-Part 2: Fixed load method
218	MMS ISO 1833-25:2020 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 25: Mixtures of polyester and certain other fibres (method using trichloroacetic acid and chloroform)	247	MMS ISO 13937-1:2000 Textiles-Tear properties of fabrics- Part 1: Determination of tear force using ballistic pendulum method (Elmendorf)
219	MMS ISO 1833-26:2020 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 26: Mixtures of melamine and cotton or aramide fibres(method using hot formic acid)	248	MMS ISO 13937-2:2000 Textiles-Tear properties of fabrics- Part 2: Determination of tear force of trouser-shaped test specimens (Single tear method)
220	MMS ISO 1833-27:2018 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 27: Mixtures of cellulose fibres with certain other fibres (method using aluminium sulfate)	249	MMS ISO 13938-1:2019 Textiles-Bursting properties of fabrics- Part 1: Hydraulic method for determination of bursting strength and bursting distension
221	MMS ISO 1833-28:2019 Textiles-Quantitative chemical analysis-Part 28: Mixtures of chitosan with certain other fibres (method using diluted acetic acid)	250	MMS ISO 13938-2:2019 Textiles-Bursting properties of fabrics- Part 2: Pneumatic method for determination of bursting strength and bursting distension
222	MMS ISO 2076:2021 Textiles- Man-made fibres- Generic Names	251	MMS ISO 16322-2:2021 Textiles-Determination of spirality after laundering- Part 2: Woven and knitted fabrics
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224	MMS ISO 3175-2:2017 Textiles- Professional care, drycleaning and wetcleaning of fabrics and garments-Part 2: Procedure for testing performance when cleaning and finishing using tetrachloroethene	253	MMS ISO 22198:2006 Textiles-Fabrics-Determination of width and length
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226	MMS ISO 3175-4:2018 Textiles- Professional care, drycleaning and wetcleaning of fabrics and garments-Part 4: Procedure for testing performance when cleaning and finishing using simulated wetcleaning	255	MMS ISO 14064-2:2019 Greenhouse gases- Part 2: Specification with guidance at the project level for quantification, monitoring and reporting of greenhouse gas emission reductions or removal enhancements
227	MMS ISO 3758:2012 Textiles- Care labeling code using symbols	256	MMS ISO 14064-3:2019 Greenhouse gases- Part 3: Specification with guidance for the verification and validation of greenhouse gas statements
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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.

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Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee

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ECONOMY WORLD

US unveils Asia-Pacific trade framework, but questions remain

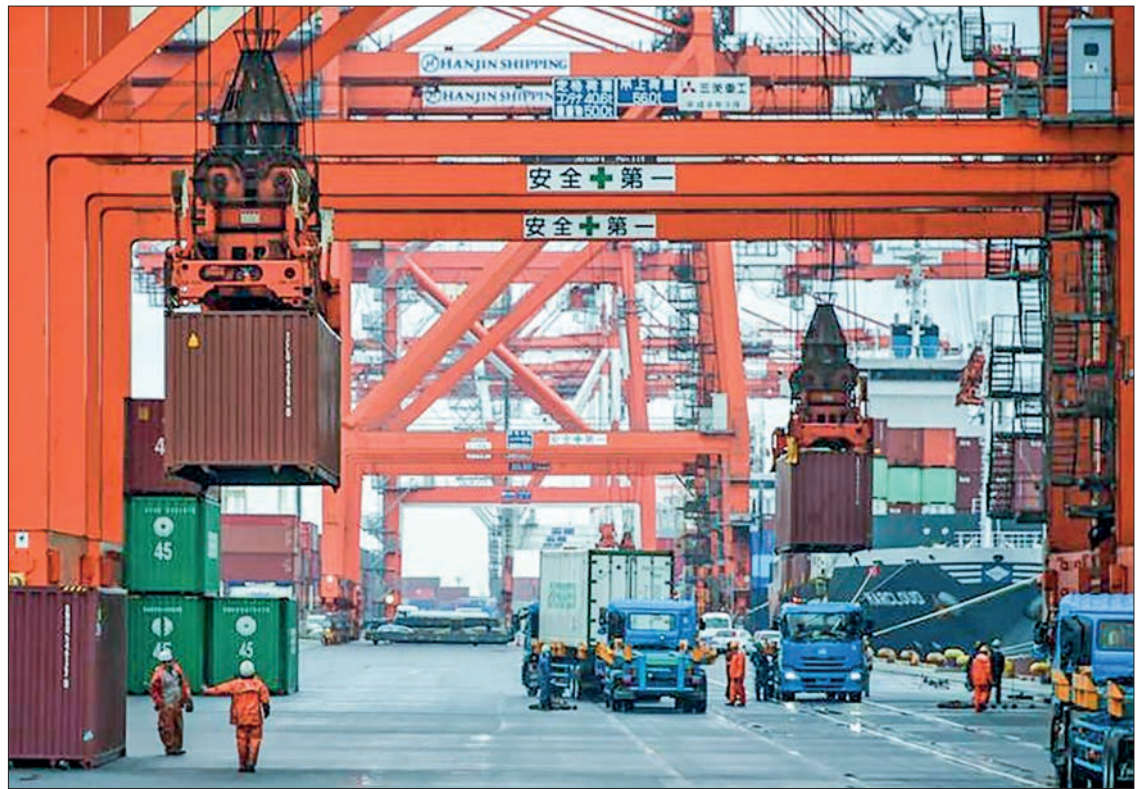
PRESIDENT Joe Biden launched a new Asia-Pacific trade initiative Monday in Tokyo, with 13 countries including India and Japan signing up, although questions about the pact's effectiveness remain.

Biden formally unveiled the Indo-Pacific Economic Framework for Prosperity, or IPEF, on his second day in Japan, where he is also holding talks with Prime Minister Fumio Kishida before joining a regional Quad summit on Tuesday.

"This framework is a commitment to working with our close friends and partners in the

region on challenges that matter most to ensuring economic competitiveness in the 21st century," he said.

Unlike traditional trade blocs, there is no plan for IPEF members to negotiate tariffs and ease market access — a tool that has become increasingly unpalatable to US voters fearful of seeing homegrown manufacturing undermined. Instead, the programme foresees integrating partners through agreed standards in four main areas: the digital economy, supply chains, clean energy infrastructure and anti-corruption measures.—AFP



Cranes unload containers from a freighter at a container wharf in Tokyo port. **PHOTO: TOSHIFUMI KITAMURA/AFP / FILE**

Electric car sales soar but raw materials a concern: report



Visitors view cars from Chinese electric automaker Nio during China (Tianjin) Auto Show 2021 in north China's Tianjin, 29 September 2021. **PHOTO: XINHUA/LI RAN**

SALES of electric cars accelerated last year but the availability of critical raw materials such as lithium risked slowing the sector's growth, a report warned

Monday.

At 6.6 million last year, electric vehicles sales more than doubled and they now account for one in 10 new cars sold, ac-

ording to the International Energy Agency's annual report on the sector.

China alone accounted for half of those sales.

Electric vehicle sales continue to soar, rising by 75 per cent in the first quarter of this year compared to the same period last year.

Public subsidies to lower the cost to consumers have been a major factor in the adoption of electric vehicles, and they doubled last year to nearly 30 billion euros (\$32 billion) last year.

Manufacturers have also increased their offer with around 450 models now on sale, a five-fold increase since 2015.

But supply constraints and rising prices risk putting brakes on the sector's growth.—AFP

NEWS IN **Brief**

Biden says US recession not inevitable

A recession in the United States is not inevitable, President Joe Biden said Monday, while acknowledging the economic pain experienced by Americans as inflation soars.

Speaking in Tokyo, Biden replied "no" when asked if a US recession is inevitable.

"This is going to be a haul, this is going to take some time," Biden said. The US economy has recovered strongly from its Covid-19 era shutdown, but the highest inflation in four decades and persistent problems in getting international supply chains flowing again are driving pessimism — and Biden's sinking poll numbers.—AFP

Algeria president sacks central bank chief

Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune on Monday sacked central bank chief Rostom Fadli, in office for less than two years, the presidency announced without giving any further explanation.

Tebboune "on Monday ended the functions of the Governor of the Bank of Algeria, Mr Rostom Fadli, and appointed Mr Salah Eddine Taleb to replace him", it said in a statement.—AFP

Brazil's Bolsonaro fires third Petrobras chief as fuel prices soar

BRAZILIAN President Jair Bolsonaro on Monday dismissed the president of state oil giant Petrobras, who had been in the job for only 40 days.

Fuel prices in Brazil have increased more than 33 per cent in the past year, according to official figures, driving annual inflation of more than 12 per cent and hurting

Brazilians' wallets. Inflation is a central issue as the far-right Bolsonaro seeks re-election in October and trails leftist ex-president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in the polls. "The Federal Government, as controlling shareholder of Petroleo Brasileiro S.A., Petrobras, advises that it decided to make a change to the Company's presi-

dency," said the Ministry of Mines and Energy in a statement.

Without giving specific reasons for the dismissal, it thanked Jose Mauro Coelho for his service but said: "Brazil is currently experiencing a challenging moment, due to the effects of the extreme volatility of hydrocarbons in international markets."—AFP



A car is refueled at a Petrobras petrol station with the Sugar Loaf hill in the background in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Mobile phone shipments in China top 69.35 mln in Q1

CHINA'S mobile phone shipments dropped 29.2 per cent year on year to about 69.35 million units in the first quarter of this year, according to a report by the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology (CAICT).

Shipments of 5G mobile phones amounted to 53.88 million units during the period, a drop of 22.9 per cent, said the CAICT, a research institute under the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology. 5G phones continued to dominate China's smartphone market in the first three months, accounting for 77.7 per cent of all phone shipments.—Xinhua

Google marks 15 years of Street View

GOOGLE celebrated on Tuesday 15 years since it kicked off its mammoth and hugely controversial effort to photograph streets in minute detail across the globe.

The panoramic images of Google Street View have slipped into daily life for millions -- but during its early years it attracted countless court cases and howls of anguish from privacy campaigners.—AFP

ANA to remove self-check-in machines at domestic airports next year

ALL Nippon Airways Co. said Tuesday the Japanese airline will remove self-check-in machines for domestic flights at 51 domestic airports from April next year as most passengers can complete their pre-flight procedures via a smartphone app.

The move, which en-

tails removal of 437 machines used for domestic flights, is part of efforts to offer contactless services amid the coronavirus pandemic and reduce costs associated with airport check-ins. For those who cannot use the app, the airline will continue to offer in-person check-ins at the airports.

Using the carrier's app, passengers can book and purchase electronic tickets for domestic flights and skip check-in procedures at airports. They can then use the electronic tickets on the app to go straight to security inspections and board their flights.

"Smartphones will



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guide passengers smoothly (from booking to boarding)," Shinichi Inoue, presi-

dent of All Nippon Airways, told a press conference in Tokyo.—Kyodo



Afghan passengers board a commercial aircraft in February at Herat airport for a flight to Kabul. PHOTO: AFP

UAE firm inks airport deal as Afghanistan eyes international flights

A United Arab Emirates company signed a contract with the Taliban authorities Tuesday to provide ground handling services at Afghanistan's three airports, officials said, as the country seeks

to resume international transit.

Capital Kabul's only airport was trashed in August when tens of thousands of people rushed to evacuate as the US-led forces withdrew.

While some domestic and international flights are still operating out of the facility, it needs significant upgrades for major foreign airlines to restart full service.—AFP

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

China tops the world in globally important agricultural heritage systems



Anxi Tieguanyin Tea Culture System. PHOTO: FAO

CHINA ranks first in the world in the number of Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) designated by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs said Tuesday.

Three sites in China — an ancient tea-producing area in Anxi County, east China's Fujian Province, a nomadic livestock-rearing region in Chifeng City, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, and a rain-fed stone terrace farming system in Shexian County, north China's

Hebei Province, have been recently recognized as GIAHS by the FAO, bringing the country's total number of GIAHS to 18. The sites were designated as GIAHS for their unique ways of using traditional practices and knowledge while maintaining unique biodiversity and ecosystems, according to the FAO. GIAHS, which is celebrating 20 years in October, is a flagship programme of the FAO. FAO's worldwide agricultural heritage network now consists of 65 systems in 22 countries around the globe, the organization said.—Xinhua

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Here are the latest developments in the war in Ukraine:

Ukraine extends martial law

UKRAINE extends martial law and the general mobilization of the population for three months through to 23 August.

Stop Russia trade: Zelensky

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelensky urges the international community to halt all trade with Russia, shun its banks and IT sector and impose an oil embargo.

In an address by video-link to political and business leaders attending the World Economic Forum in Davos, he tells delegates: "There should not be any trade with Russia."

He also argues that tens of thousands of lives could have been saved if Kyiv had received "100 per cent" of its weapon requests.

Mental health challenge

UKRAINE'S First Lady urges the World Health Organization to help tackle the country's vast mental health crisis, warning that the effects of the three-month-old war could last for decades.

"Following what Ukrainians have experienced during the occupation, at the front, in bomb shelters, under shelling... they need rehabilitation in the same way as those who are physically wounded," Olena Zelenska tells the WHO's annual assembly.

Starbucks leaves Russia

STARBUCKS says it will cease operations in Russia, shuttering its 130 cafes in the country. Last week, McDonald's announced it was leaving Russia after more than 30 years.

Seized region adopts rouble

AUTHORITIES in the Moscow-controlled southern Ukrainian region of Kherson announce the introduction of the rouble as an official currency alongside the Ukrainian hryvnia.

The region's capital Kherson was the first major city to fall to Russian forces.

Russian soldier convicted

A Ukrainian court convicts a 21-year-old Russian soldier of war crimes and sentences him to life in prison at the first trial held over Russia's invasion of its neighbour.

Vadim Shishimarin admitted to shooting dead 62-year-old civilian Oleksandr Shelipov in the early stages of Moscow's invasion. His lawyer says he will appeal.

SOURCE: AFP/Xinhua

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Russia intensifies Donbas offensive as Severodonetsk under heavy fire

RUSSIAN forces on Tuesday stepped up their offensive on the last pocket of resistance around Lugansk in Ukraine's eastern Donbas region, as the conflict entered its fourth month.

Since Moscow's invasion in late February, Western support has helped Ukraine hold off its neighbour's advances in many areas — including the capital Kyiv — but Russia is now focused on securing and expanding its gains in Donbas and the southern coast.

"The coming weeks of the war will be difficult, and we must be aware of that," Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky said Monday in his nightly address after regional leaders and residents reported heavy bombardments.

"The most difficult fighting situation today is in Donbas," Zelensky said, singling out the worst-hit towns of Bakhmut, Popasna and Severodonetsk.

The governor of Lugansk, in Donbas, said that Russia has sent thousands of troops to capture his entire region and that Severodonetsk was under massive attack, warning residents that it was too late to evacuate.

"At this point I will not say: get out, evacuate. Now I will say: stay in a shelter," Sergiy

Gaidai said on Telegram. "Because such a density of shelling will not allow us to calmly gather people and come for them."

Residents of Bakhmut, a crucial junction that serves as a command centre for much of the Ukrainian war effort, told AFP of the aerial onslaught they had suffered.—AFP



Ukrainian servicemen run at the front line east of Kharkiv on 31 March 2022. Russian forces are repositioning in Ukraine to strengthen their offensive on the Donbas. PHOTO: FADEL SENNA/AFP

Moscow quits bid to host World Expo 2030

RUSSIA on Monday notified the Bureau International des Expositions, World Expo's organizing body, of its decision to voluntarily withdraw Moscow's candidacy for the right to host the World Expo 2030.

"We are forced to state that the international exhibition movement turned out to be another victim of the large-scale anti-Russian campaign launched by the collective West to squeeze our country out of all areas of co-

operation," the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Five countries had submitted competing candidatures to organize the event, namely Russia, South Korea, Italy, Ukraine, and Saudi Arabia. — Xinhua

Quad announces maritime initiative to track illegal fishing, activity

THE leaders of Japan, the United States, Australia and India on Tuesday announced a new effort to uphold a “free and open Indo-Pacific”, unveiling a maritime initiative to help countries track illegal fishing and monitor other activities in their waters.

The second in-person meeting of the Quad took place in Tokyo at a time when Russia’s war in Ukraine is seen to be representing a dire warning of the need to prevent a similar situation from occurring in the Indo-Pacific, where China has become increasingly assertive.

At the outset of the meeting, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said, “the Russian invasion into Ukraine squarely challenges the principles which are enshrined in the UN Charter.”

“We should never ever allow a similar incident to happen in

the Indo-Pacific... There is great significance in demonstrating the four countries’ solidarity and our strong commitment to the shared vision of a free and open Indo-Pacific (through the meeting),” Kishida said.

US President Joe Biden, who is in Japan as part of his first trip to Asia since taking office, said Russia’s assault on Ukraine “only heightens the importance” of ensuring a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Kishida, Biden and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi all commended the attendance of Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, who flew to Japan to attend the meeting in Tokyo within hours of being sworn in as the new leader.

Albanese, who returned his Labour Party to power for the first time in nine years, assured



(From L) Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, US President Joe Biden, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi pose for photos ahead of talks in Tokyo on 24 May 2022. PHOTO: KYODO

his Indo-Pacific counterparts that the new Australian government remains committed to the Quad, a group that is widely seen

as a counterweight to China’s growing clout in the region.

The Quad has been promoting what it calls “practical

cooperation” in areas such as coronavirus vaccines, infrastructure, climate change and critical technologies.—Kyodo

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pressure mounts on French disabilities minister accused of rape

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron’s newly appointed disabilities minister rejected accusations of rape against him Monday and said he would not be resigning.

“Should an innocent man resign? I don’t think so,” he told reporters in his constituency of Ain in eastern France on Monday.

“I contest the accusations against me with the greatest firmness... I have never raped a single woman in my life.”

The controversy over Damien Abad is a major headache for Macron and his new Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne, as they try to maintain political momentum ahead of June parliamentary elections.

They also come after several politicians running for parliament stepped down in recent weeks over alleged violence against women.

Abad was responding to the weekend publication of rape allegations against him from more than a decade ago.

The appointment of Abad as minister for solidarities and people with disabilities in a reshuffle Friday was seen as a major coup for Macron, as the 42-year-old had defected from the right-wing opposition.—AFP

Sunken Hokkaido tour boat drops back to seabed while being towed

A sightseeing boat that sank off Hokkaido a month ago, leaving 14 people dead and 12 missing, dropped back to the seabed at a depth of around 180 metres as a salvage company was attempting to tow it, the Japan Coast Guard said Tuesday, in a setback to efforts to bring it to port for an investigation into the cause of the accident.

The company was scheduled to tow the 19-tonne Kazu I to shallow waters in order to load it onto a barge and drain it of seawater for several days before transporting it to the nearby port of Abashiri.—Kyodo

Chinese FM meets UN human rights chief



Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi meets the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet in Guangzhou, south China’s Guangdong Province, 23 May 2022. PHOTO: TWITTER (@UNHUMANRIGHTS)

CHINESE State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi met the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet in Guangzhou on Monday.

Wang welcomed Bache-

let’s first visit to China as the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, saying it is the first time after an interval of 17 years that China has hosted a UN high commissioner for human rights, which is of

landmark significance to both sides.

Wang said that he hoped that Bachelet’s visit will be a trip of enhancing mutual understanding, a trip of strengthening cooperation, and a trip of clarifying matters.

Stressing that the Communist Party of China (CPC) always puts people first, Wang said the CPC has led the Chinese people on a path of socialism with Chinese characteristics that suits the national conditions, and made historic achievements in reform and opening up, and is widely supported by the Chinese people.

China has always prioritized the rights to subsistence and development, protected citizens’ legitimate rights and interests, and safeguarded the rights of ethnic minorities, Wang said.—Xinhua

Young Lebanese voters shake grip of traditional parties

LEBANESE law student Charbel Chaaya spent the election campaign distributing flyers in Beirut and trying to convince his parents to vote for independents to shake the grip of established parties.

The 21-year-old activist is one of many young voters who went against their parents’ political views, and helped propel at least 13 independents to parliament last week for the first time

in decades. “My parents think I’m too idealistic, that this country will never change,” he said, adding that his father voted for a traditional Christian party, the Lebanese Forces.—AFP



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.

Myanmar team draws Hong Kong in football friendly match

THE Myanmar national team is currently taking training in Thailand in preparation for the third round of the 2023 Asian Cup and played a 0-0 draw friendly match against Hong Kong at Pattana Stadium yesterday.

The tune-up match allowed unlimited substitutions and both teams made many players substitutions in both the first and second halves.

In the first half, the Myanmar team's strikers Than Paing, Maung Maung Lwin, Hein Phyo Win, and Hlaing Bo Bo came close to scoring, but Hong Kong's backside and goalkeeper were able to defend.

In the first half, both teams were able to penetrate each other but did not score and the first

half ended.

The Hong Kong team is also preparing for the Asian Cup and has changed good players, including nationals.

The taller Hong Kong players used high balls but the Myanmar team was able to handle it systematically.

In the second half, Ye Min Thu's own kick hit the goal post within 18 yards, and Myat Kaung Khant's free-kick missed a little bit.

The Hong Kong team's long-range shots and headers were saved by substitute goalkeeper Pyae Phyo Thu, which ended in a goalless draw.

The Myanmar national team will play the last tune-up match before the third round of the



Myanmar team players (red) eyes on the ball against Hong Kong team players during their friendly match played at Pattana Stadium in Thailand on 24 May 2022. PHOTO: MFF

Asian Cup on 27 May.

The FIFA "A" International Friendly Match will be played

against Bahrain, ranked 89th in the world, at BG Stadium in Bangkok at 6:30 pm Myanmar

Standard Time. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

AFC U-17 & U-20 Asian Cup Qualifiers Draws set the scene

THE drawing-lots ceremony for the 2023 Asian Cup U-17 and U-20 qualifiers in which Myanmar teams participated was held on 24 May.

The AFC U-17 Asian Cup Qualifiers will divide 44 participating teams into 10 centralised qualifying groups, six of which will feature four teams, while four groups will include five teams when the Qualifiers take place from 1 to 9 October 2022.

Japan, Korea Republic, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Yemen and Thailand occupy Pot 1 followed by Iraq, Malaysia, Afghanistan, China, Hong Kong and Brunei Darussalam in Pot 2.

Myanmar, Timor-Leste, Qatar, Palestine, Cambodia, Syria, Singapore and China Taipei will be drawn from Pot 3 while Nepal, Lebanon, Laos, the Philippines, Mongolia, Maldives, Guam, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and the Northern Mariana Islands are in Pot 4. Kuwait, Turkmenistan, the United Arab Emirates and Bahrain will have their names pulled

out from Pot 5.

Similarly, 44 teams will be allocated to six groups of four teams and four groups of five in the AFC U20 Asian Cup Qualifiers based on their AFC U-19 Championship Indonesia 2018 ranking.

Bahrain, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kyrgyz Republic, Laos, Mongolia, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Tajikistan, which will host the Qualifiers and will occupy the Host Pot followed by Korea Republic, Qatar, Japan, Thailand, Australia and UAE in Pot 1.

Pot 2 will include China PR, Malaysia, Vietnam, China Taipei, Cambodia, IR Iran and Yemen while Syria, Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Lebanon, Hong Kong, the Philippines and Palestine occupy Pot 3.

Turkmenistan, Singapore, Timor-Leste, Maldives, Brunei Darussalam, Sri Lanka and Nepal are allocated in Pot 4 while Afghanistan, Bhutan, Guam, Kuwait, the Northern Mariana Islands and Uzbekistan sit in Pot 5. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Son Heung-min's 'joyous' Golden Boot hailed by S Korea president

SON Heung-min has been congratulated by South Korean President Yoon Suk-yeol for winning the Premier League's Golden Boot, as his club Tottenham Hotspur announced Tuesday they would play a pre-season friendly against Sevilla in Suwon on 16 July. Son on Sunday became the first Asian footballer to be the English top flight's leading scorer with 23 goals, with President Yoon calling it a "joyous occasion to be celebrated by the entire Asian football community".

"I believe this award is the result of your passion after hav-

ing devoted yourself and worked endlessly for your team all season," Yoon said in a message to Son, posted on Facebook.

Son's achievement was "a message of hope" for South Koreans during the Covid-19 pandemic, Yoon said, adding that he was looking forward to watching Son lead South Korea at the World Cup in Qatar in November and December.

Tottenham's final match of the season against Norwich on Sunday was aired live in South Korea, kicking off at midnight and ending at 2:00 am Monday. — AFP