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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.

Myanmar ships 14,110 MT of rice in first week of July



Export rice bags are being loaded onto an overseas-going vessel at Yangon Port.

MYANMAR exported over 14,110 metric tons of rice worth US\$5.247 million via the maritime route in the first week of July, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation-MRF.

For this week, Myanmar delivers rice to the Philippines most with over 11,270 tonnes while over 1,118 tonnes to China, 80 tonnes to Hong Kong, 24 tonnes to Singapore, over 640 tonnes to Italy, 377 tonnes to Germany, 500 tonnes to Poland and 100 tonnes to the Czech Republic.

The country earned about \$0.899 million from the export of 2,560 tonnes of broken rice via the maritime route this week and exported 2,060 tonnes and 500 tonnes of broken rice to China and Belgium respectively.

Myanmar received \$6.146 million by exporting a total of 16,670 tonnes of rice and broken rice this week. Compared to the previous week's export, it was more than \$0.942 million and more than over 2,600 tonnes. — TWA/GNLM

Routes, charging stations for electric buses to be built in Yangon

ROUTES and charging stations for electric buses will be built in Yangon, according to U Bo Htay, Chairman of the Yangon City Development Committee

at the meeting of the Steering Committee for the National Development of Electric Vehicles and Related Industries.

Charging stations should

be available in wide places in Yangon for public transport, and the meeting also presented that it would be appropriate if private companies implement the charg-

ing stations.

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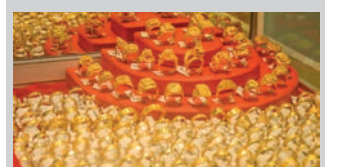
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Announcement for opening reception centres to receive CDM staff, students and youths

THE State Administration Council has been striving for the all-round development of the country including economic, social, education and health sectors. In addition, security forces are performing their duties day and night so that the entire mass of national people in various regions across the Union should be able to lead their lives and earn their living in the peace of mind. The State Administration Council gives priority to achieving genuine and perpetual peace, building up the united strength of the national brethren.

In order to prevent the unnecessary loss of human resources, the State Administration Council has publicly invited the basic education staff who are absent from duty to resume their duties and those who take part in armed resistance under various names of groups,

including PDFs, to return to the legal fold if they wish to, and is systematically receiving the returnees.

It is found that, due to the persuasion, instigation and coercion of CRPH and NUG terrorist groups, some CDM staff, students and youths went to the strongholds of some ethnic armed organizations and received training in arms, ammunition and explosives.

It is known that some of those who have completed the training no longer want to be involved in terrorist attacks and so they fled to the regions within and without the country and are working there for their living. When they see terrorist attacks with their own eyes, they cannot accept such terrible acts at all. On the other hand, they have come to believe in the government's five-point roadmap and its endeavour for

endurable peace. Moreover, they want to live peacefully in their hometowns again with their parents and relatives. Nevertheless, they cannot do so because of the coercion and intimidation by CRPH and NUG terrorist groups and their subordinates, it is learnt.

Therefore, the government is taking measures to be able to open reception centres in border areas for those who would like to return home to their respective regions. Moreover, those wishing to return home can contact Tatmadaw units and police stations. It is guaranteed that they will be able to lead their daily lives peacefully.

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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 393 people from

Tamway Township in Yangon Region, 6,618 people from twenty-six townships in Ayeyawady Region, 9,848 people from thirteen townships in Rakhine State, 18,429 people from seven districts in Mandalay Region and 439 from Toungoo and Bago Townships in Bago Region, respectively.

Similarly on that day, healthcare officials gave the vaccines to 5,110 students from twenty-six townships in Ayeyawady Region, 1,160 students



A student in Mandalay Region gets COVID-19 vaccine shot on 27 July.

from three townships in Rakhine State, and 230 from seven districts in Mandalay Region.

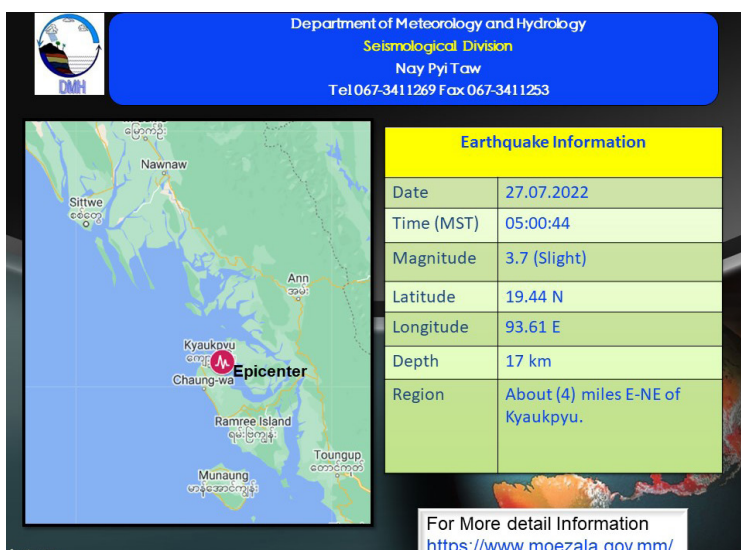
It is reported that officials

from the respective Military Commands visited the site and coordinated the necessary work. — MNA

Earthquakes hit inside and outside Myanmar

A 3.7 magnitude earthquake with its epicentre inside Myanmar about four miles east-northeast of Kyaukpyu, latitude 19.44°N, longitude 93.61°E. The depth of the earthquake was 17 kilometres, about 65 miles south-east of the Sittway Seismological Observatory, which occurred at 05 hours, 00 minute, 44 seconds MST on 27 July 2022.

Early in the day, a powerful earthquake of magnitude 6.9 Richter Scale with its epicentre outside Myanmar (Luzon, Philippines), latitude 17.57 °N, longitude 120.85 °E, depth of 39 kilometres, about 1,630 miles east of the Kaba Aye Seismological Observatory happened at 07 hours, 13 minutes 29 seconds MST. — DMH



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

Public Notification

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

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Illegal Trade Eradication Steering 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 Sovereignty as a national duty for the Union in which over 100 ethnic people live. National affairs mean safeguarding national interests, and 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 message sent by Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing on the occasion of 74th Anniversary Union Day which fell on 12 February 2021)

MoALI Union Minister promotes propagation of sunflower seed production for expansion of sunflower cultivation



MoALI Union Minister U Tin Htut Oo looks into the sunflower seed production process at the agricultural research farm in Nay Pyi Taw.

A briefing session on sunflower seed production for the expansion of sunflower cultivation was held yesterday morning at the agricultural research farm in

Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw. The discussion was attended by Union Minister U Tin Htut Oo of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, the

directors-general from departments, researchers and officials from the propagation of quality strains farmer educative farms. In the discussion, the direc-

tor-general of the Department of Agricultural Research discussed the propagation work that will be carried out in the rainy season and late rainy season of 2022-2023. The director-general of the Department of Agriculture explained the status of sunflower seed production in the department's farms according to the level of quality strains, cooperation between the department, farmers and private sectors for sunflower seed sufficiency. The person in charge of the Tatkon Agricultural Research Farm explained the ongoing activities and the expansion of research and development activities.

Regarding the presentations, the Union minister instructed those responsible to provide the necessary requirements of the areas where the sunflower crop will be cultivated, to implement seed production

zones in areas with suitable water and soil conditions, with the cooperation of water user groups and farmers who are working to identify farmland in a systematic way.

He also called for coordination among farmers and private entrepreneurs to carry out a contract farming system, for access to agricultural equipment, to enlist the cooperation of related departments and to invite and encourage people who want to increase investment in seed production and oil mill development.

In addition, the Union minister and party inspected the land for the systematic farmland development project to be implemented in the Shataw village and the agricultural water supply from the wells in Shaukgon, kyatheaing, and Nweyt villages. — MNA

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MoCRD Union Minister reviews progress of cooperative societies

ACCOMPANIED by Deputy Minister U Myint Soe, Permanent Secretary U Khant Zaw, the directors-general, personnel of the Cooperative Department and officials, Union Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Hla Moe reviewed the progress of cooperative societies on 25 July.

Firstly, the Union minister and officials observed the progress of the 2.7 acres farm, which was planted beside the department, the growing of GW 11 rice strain with the rope system, seeder system, scattered system and experimental planting of the monsoon rice by the Rainbow Service Cooperative Society.

Then, he visited the Rain-



MoCRD Union Minister U Hla Moe and party view round the Rainbow service cooperative society's dairy cattle farm.

bow service cooperative society's dairy cattle farm. It has 22 Friesian dairy cows and produc-

ing 60 visses of milk a day. The milk is sold to Sanwady livestock and organic fertilizer-producing

cooperative society. The Union minister inspected the cultivation of Napier grass, Mombasa grass and Evergreen grass on three acres of land to feed cows, and the production of nutritious corn pickle by the Nay Pyi Taw cooperative syndicate.

Afterwards, the Union minister viewed the construction of the messroom for staff, the farming of saffron carp, Hamilton's carp, swamp barbs, tilapia and ducks in two fish ponds. Furthermore, he instructed them for making the business successful and ensuring employee welfare from profits.

The Union minister and party also observed the Rainbow cooperative society's retail shop, it is reported. — MNA

Union Health Minister attends 11th traditional medicine research congress

THE opening ceremony of the 11th Traditional Medicine Research Congress was held yesterday morning in Mandalay.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Maung Ko, Mandalay Region Minister for Economy U Thein Htay, and officials from the Ministry of Health, the University of Traditional Medicine, the Department of Traditional Medicine, the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council, the Myanmar Tradition Medicine Practitioners Association, the Association of Traditional Medicine Producers and Pharmaceutical Manufacturers, representatives from regions and



The 11th Traditional Medicine Research Congress is in progress.

states, and invitees.

At the ceremony, the Union minister said that the research

papers released from today's research congress must be properly recorded, and it is

necessary to try to include them in local medical research journals and internationally

recognized research journals so that new generations can refer to them.

Afterwards, the Union minister, the regional chief minister and the party viewed the traditional medicine research posters. In this symposium, 22 research papers, and 6 posters will be submitted, and related ministries will also come and read the papers. The papers will be screened and awarded.

In the afternoon, the Union minister and the party attended the opening ceremony of the Ziwaka Hall (Mann Yadanabon) and Recreation Centre at the Medicine University (Mandalay) and the opening ceremony of the new main hall of Nursing University (Mandalay). —MNA

UEC inspects 86 political parties between August 2021-July 2022



Media personnel looks into the display panels at the 18th Press Conference.

THE Union Election Commission completed the inspection

on 86 political parties between August 2021 and the third week of July 2022.

Such completed inspections

per the parties' rules and reg-

ulations, funds, property, records, expenses of candidates who competed in the election, the annual budget of parties in respective financial years, annual lists of property, whether they form audit committee for these lists, seeking of approvals as per the parties' rules and regulations and other inventories.

The UEC inspected as per the law together with the departments concerned, a combined inspection team consisting of representatives of the organizations at the election sub commission offices of respective headquarters of political parties, he said.

They mainly investigated the setup of political parties, their members and offices, entrance fee for the party, monthly fees, donation of local well-wishers, materials and businesses owned by parties, expenses as per the parties' rules and reg-

The UEC has inspected 85 political parties out of 92 and will keep investigating the remaining 7 parties. — Htun Htun/GNLM

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11 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 27 July, total figure rises to 613,991

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,991** after **11** new cases were reported on 27 July 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,848** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll still stands at **19,434** without more casualties.

COVID-19 vaccine is being injected to those of priority groups in regions and states for prevention and control of the disease. Up to 26-7-2022, a total of **30,072,907** people above 18 have been vaccinated. A total of **5,974,187** people under 18 have been vaccinated. —MNA

Importers instructed not to raise medicine prices

THE authorities instructed the importers not to increase the medicine prices for the interests of the people, said an official of the Ministry of Health during the 18th press conference of the State Administration Council held on 26 July.

Currently, people are facing hardships as medicine prices are rising and some are out of stock in the market.

"The prices of medicines and medical supplies were high last week. It has risen about K500/1,000 per medicine. Some control the sale and the consumers have to buy the medicines under different brands with the same effectiveness," said Daw Khin May Oo from South Okkalapa township.

Due to the unstable ex-

change rate recently, the prices of commodities including medicines are drastically on the rise.

"The people should think of themselves and others and sell the medicines at correct prices without increasing the prices in advance for the public. We urge you to control the medicines and distribute them to the people," said Dr Than Soe Naing.

At the port, the medicines arrived and it cannot be proceeded for not having import licences and so the shortage problems occur and the prices become double in the market, said seller Ko Min.

Pharmaceutical companies can seek import licences if they can purchase the dollars on the over-the-counter market in their own ways, the Trade De-

partment under the Ministry of Commerce announced recently.

"The large wholesales face shortages of medicine stocks. We, resellers also face hardships as we don't have the medicines. We cannot set the prices. As the prices are not stable, we face losses even we purchase or sell. We are in dilemma for such two losses," said Ko Min Thu.

The high exchange rate hit the imported product prices and the importers increase the prices of medicines and the medicines and medical supplies are out of stock in the market.

The government conducts proper arrangements to stabilize the commodity prices and the Public Health Department of the Health Ministry and Tadmaw medics also proved med-



The eighteenth Press Conference of the SAC Information Team is underway in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 July.

ical treatment in the health sector, said Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun during the press conference.

"The rumours on medicines are spreading. The country produces basic essential medicines. They meet the quality of BPI

and so the prices may be high like paracetamol and burmeton. Some are imported. They can get in large quantities but they are substandard medicines. We also inspect such cases," he added. — TWA/GNLM

Roadblocks restored along Maha Bandoola Road

SMALL roadblocks were restored along the middle of the Maha Bandoola Road on 23 July, according to a taxi driver Ko Thaw.

Around 1970, there were large concrete plinths with trees planted in the middle of the road. Around the year 2000, the large plinths with trees were no longer seen, but concrete blocks were lined up in the middle of the road. There were some collisions between vehicles driving on the road with some blocks in the middle of the road.

Therefore, before 2020, these concrete blocks have been removed from most of Yangon City's roads. Instead, a series of small roadblocks were seen. It is learned that in the middle

of Pyay road, there are flower beds in the middle of the road.

Due to the roadblocks, various vehicles driving on the one side of the middle of the road, especially some large passenger cars, can no longer drive on the

white line drawn in the middle of the road. As there are also benches in the middle of the road, it is seen that vehicles, including slow vehicles, are driving in an orderly manner. — TWA/GNLM



Small roadblocks are seen on Maha Bandoola Road.

Routes, charging stations for electric buses to be built in Yangon

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malls, bus stops, and car parking were researched and presented to the steering committee. In addition, the YCDC is working to analyse ways to build charging stations by the battery swap system under the cooperation of relevant departments and development partner associations, and ways to develop special routes for electric buses and car parking and

draw up safety precautions for drivers and passengers.

The world economy is affected due to the impact of global warming and air pollution.

Therefore, infrastructures must be built for the operation and use of electric vehicles to reduce the use of fossil fuels, the deputy minister of the Ministry of Construction was quoted as saying. — TWA/GNLM

High sugar prices remain unchanged

IN Yangon market, most of the commodity prices are high but the sugar prices remain unchanged.

However, the sugar prices are on the rise and they are stable at that rate, said sugar purchaser Ko Aung Tun.

On 27 July, the well-known local brand sugar price was K2,230 per viss while K2,450 per viss of Thai white sugar and

K2,600 per viss of refined sugar.

The sugar sold in Yangon at K2,230 per viss in Yangon is priced K2,150 per viss in the Mandalay market. The sugar mills are concentrated in upper Myanmar and they trade based on Mandalay. The transportation charge from Mandalay to Yangon is K100 per viss and K70 per viss by train. Other brands are sold at the same prices.

The leftover sugar of last year was sold at proper prices recently, said a miller. The sugar mills will grind the sugarcanes by the end of this year and the new sugar will enter the market and the current sugar prices can change within four months.

The sugar price was below K1,000 per viss as of mid-January 2021. The prices were high month-on-month. The sugar

was priced at K2,000 per viss in mid-January 2022 while K2,150 per viss in early May and K2,230-2,240 per viss on 14 June. These prices remained unchanged for over one month in the Yangon market.

The wheat flour price is K130,000 per bag. It was K1,500 per viss of wheat flour last year but K3,400 during this year. It was K2,100 per viss last year and

K2,500 per viss this year, said a snack seller from Dala.

At the shopping centres, a 400-gramme sugar bag can be bought at K850 per bag. The instant sugar packs can be seen there. A K200 sugar bag can be bought in the market.

Although the sugar prices are high, the sellers sell small sugar packs for the consumers. — TWA/GNLM

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, restricted chemicals, consumer goods, foodstuffs, industrial materials and vehicles seized

SUPERVISED by the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee, effective action is being taken to prevent illegal trade under the law.

An on-duty inspection team conducted inspections at the 16th-mile Kyaukchaw checkpoint on 24 and 26 July under the instructions of the Chairman of the Anti-Illicit Trade Task Force.

Officials confiscated K3,161,000 worth of consumer goods without official documents from a Mitsubishi Canter car (approximately K8 million) and action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Similarly, 400 bags of restricted chemicals – ammonium nitrate – worth K40 million from a Nissan truck (approximately K30 million) were captured and action was taken under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

In addition, a combined



Seized items at Hteedan Port Terminal in Yangon Region.

on-duty team made inspections at the Mayanchaung Permanent Checkpoint in Mon State.

They seized K3,360,000 worth of baby shampoo without official documents from a Hino truck (approximately K40 million) heading from Myawady to Yangon on 25 July and K2,250,000 worth of foodstuffs without offi-

cial documents from a Hyundai Express bus (approximately K20 million) heading from Myawady to Yangon on 26 July. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Afterwards, on 26 July, the container checkpoint of Hteedan Port Terminal confiscated industrial materials worth K92,500,000



that exceeded the Import Declaration (ID) and action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Similarly, a total of 5.2108 tonnes of illegal Taungthayit timber worth K364,756 were captured at Phonso Jetty in Gwa township of Thandwe district under the Rakhine State Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force. The action was

taken under the Forest Law.

In addition, on 27 July, a total of 7.4320 tonnes of illegal teak and hardwood at an estimated value of K2,037,360 were impounded in Yoma protected forest in Yedashe township of Toungoo district and the action was taken under the Forest Law.

On the same day, a team led by the regional Customs Department conducted unexpected inspections near Phayagyi Tollgate and captured construction materials worth K10,064,000 without declaration in Import Declaration (ID) from an Isuzu truck with a trailer (approximately K60 million). The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Therefore, 14 arrests (approximately K311,737,116) were made on four consecutive days from 24 to 27 July, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA

Traffickers sentenced to jail for human trafficking

YANGON'S North District Court sentenced a man to ten years imprisonment with labour for his involvement in trafficking people to China on 22 July.

The victim Ma..., aged 29, from the Hlinethaya Township, was persuaded by her boyfriend Soe Tun Aung, from the Htantabin Township of Yangon Region, that they will be married and earned a living together in Mandalay Region. Then, Soe Tun Aung and his friend Aung Aung accompanied the victim to Ruili city through Muse and sold her

to a Chinese man for 30,000 Yuan and exploited her financial benefits. The suspect was prosecuted at the Hlinethaya Myoma police station under Section 24 of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law.

Similarly, Kyaukme District Court sentenced two women and a man to 10 years imprisonment with labour under Section 24 of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law on 22 July.

The victim Ma..., aged 19, from the Hsipaw Township of Shan State (North), was told that she will have K5 million per year

if she acts as a surrogate mother for others, by Daw Sein Htay, Ma Satsuma (aka) The Nu (aka) Mi Mi Win Htay, Shan Lay (aka) Ye Htut, Kyaw Tun Oo (aka) U Htwe and Saung Hnin Wai from the Hsipaw Township. The suspects took her to Guangdong, China, through Muse, and received financial benefits by selling her off to a Chinese man for 150,000 Yuan. The suspects were prosecuted at the Hsipaw Myoma police station under Section 28(A) of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law. —MNA

Drugs seized in Myeik, Toungoo, Loilem Townships

DRUGS were found in Myeik, Toungoo and Loilem townships, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

A coordinated team with the members of the Anti-Drug Police Force inspected a motorbike driven by Maung Toe (aka) Phoe Toe at the strand road of Nauklei in Nauklei Ward, Myeik Township at 9 pm on 24 July and confiscated 40,000 stimulant tablets. According to the investigation, the team searched a house of Aung Soe Oo and his wife Ma

The Maw at the Thiri Mingala Road in Kunthechaung Village of Sandawut Village-tract, Myeik Township at 10:30 pm, and then found 2,000 stimulant tablets from the empty house.

Similarly, a suspected man, Kyaw Kyaw (aka) Ko Ban was found when a combined inspection team including the members of the Anti-Drug Police Force made inspections on the Toungoo-Thantaung Road of Ward 23 in Toungoo Township, at 2:15 pm on 26 July. The team seized

9,850 stimulant tablets from him. On the same day, a coordinated inspection team stopped and searched a Toyota Crown car driven by Sai Arseinna (aka) Aung Phoo on the Panglong-Laikha Road near Kyuuyone Village of Panglong (East) Village-tract in Loilem Township at 5:40 pm and found 0.21 kilogramme of heroin from them.

The suspects were prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, stated the MPF. — MNA

K540 mln worth of Ice impounded in Tachilek



Four arrestees are seen along with seized Ice (methamphetamine) and a saloon.

THE Anti-Drug Police Force seized 68 kilogrammes of Ice (methamphetamine) worth K540 million in Tachilek of eastern Shan state.

The combined team consisting of the Anti-Drug Police Force searched a Mark II vehicle driven by Sai Yi (aka) Aik Yi accompanied by Aik Num (aka) Sai Num near Wankyauklone village, Tachilek township of Shan state (east) at 5:30 pm on 23 July. They found 51 kilogrammes of Ice (metham-

phetamine) and acting on an interrogation result, the team raided Nwe Yi's house, a drug dealer, and found Nwe Yi and Sai Lone with 17 kilogrammes of Ice (methamphetamine).

The total value of seizures amounted to over K540 million in 68 kilogrammes of Ice (methamphetamine). They are prosecuted under respective laws and perpetrators of the crime chain are being investigated and identified, it is learnt. —MNA

LOCAL BUSINESS

Prices of oil crops rise big time in Monywa market

THE prices of oil crops remarkably inflated in the Monywa market following changes in trade policy on the basis of the forex market.

Furthermore, the pulses market came to an abrupt stop for two days owing to red tape in licencing. Some traders keep the stocks in their hands and sell them at a higher price only, the traders stressed.

“The prices of oil crops rocketed. The prices of sesame seeds are up by K4,000-5,000 per basket. The prices of peanuts also increased by K500 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kilogrammes) on account of low supply. Pigeon pea price is also gradually increasing,” the traders said.



The prices inflated at over K5,000 per viss for peanuts, K140,000 per bag of chickpeas, K141,000 per bag of pigeon peas, and K270,000 per bag of white sesame.



Earlier, export earnings for beans were allowed to be made with Yuan-Kyat or Baht-Kyat direct payment. Starting from 30 June, transactions for beans

and pulses are instructed to be paid in US dollars.

After export earnings were set to be paid in dollars, the official exchange rate against

the US dollar was set at K1,850. Meanwhile, a dollar is worth around K2,500 in the unauthorized FX market, resulting in the large gap between the official

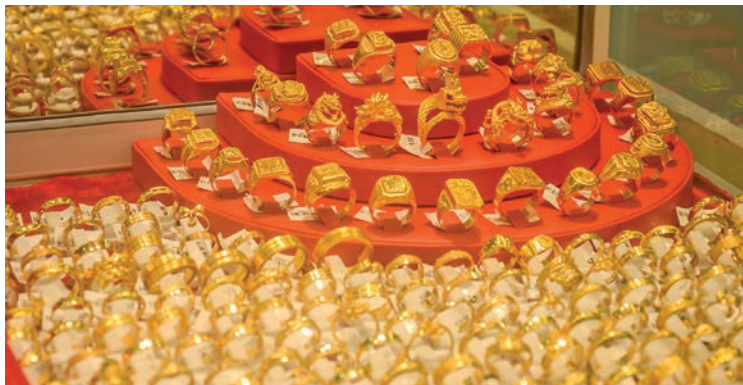
and unofficial exchange rates.

According to the newsletter (7/2022) dated 23 May issued by the Ministry of Commerce, traders need to seek an export licence for various beans and pulses, oil crops and edible oil whatever trade routes (sea, border or air) they use in order to alleviate the impacts on the domestic edible oil prices amid the global oil export slump.

Recent changes in export policy hampered trading in the Muse 105th-mile trade zone.

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YGEA: market manipulators making rumour of gold price at over K2.3 mln per tical



According to daily price data released by YGEA, global gold price stands at US\$1,717 per ounce, while pure gold is set at K2,060,000 per tical.

MARKET manipulators are attempting to artificially affect the price of pure gold. Trading with a market price of over K2.3 million per tical (0.578 ounce or 0.016 kilogramme) is unfounded in the market and it is just a rumour, said U Myo Myint, chair of the Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association (YGEA).

“There is no gold transaction with the price of K2.2-2.3 million per tical in the market. None of the gold retailers and shops dares to sell gold at that price. They just reply to it because of shortage of gold items,” U Myo Myint elaborated.

According to daily price data released by YGEA, global gold price stands at US\$1,717 per ounce, while pure gold is set at K2,060,000 per tical.

The domestic gold price was valued at only K2,050,000 per tical when the global gold price hit

over \$1,800 per ounce. Therefore, the global gold price slump does not affect the domestic gold market owing to a surge in production cost and depreciation of the Kyat against the US dollar in the local forex market. A dollar is worth over K2,500 in the informal market.

“We do not set the gold price based on the exchange rate at K2,500-2,800 over-the-counter market. We calculate the prices with just over K2,000. This being so, YGEA’s set price is quite lower than the actual market price which is determined by the unofficial exchange rate of K2,500-2,800,” U Myo Myint stated.

Additionally, daily prices issued by YGEA are lower than the actual market price. Consequently, the cross-border illegal market has arisen again, he added.

The soaring safe-haven dollar value against the weakening

Kyat in the domestic forex market halted pure gold bar transactions, U Myo Myint stressed.

During the end of September 2021, a dollar value hit an all-time high of over K3,000 in the gold exchanges and consequently, the pure gold reached a record high of K2.22 million per tical in history.

Under the guidance of the Central Committee on Ensuring Smooth Flow of Trade and Goods, the Monitoring and Steering Committee on Gold and Currency Market was formed on 17 December 2021 as gold and currency market stability play a crucial role in trade facilitation.

The objectives of the committee are inspecting and prosecuting market manipulation, checking if there is compliance with payment rules in the domestic market, and proceeding against those unscrupulous traders who intend to interfere with the free and fair operation in the market under the existing laws, by-laws and regulations in line with the official directives, illegal foreign currency holding, illegal trade and taking legal actions against price manipulators. — NN/GNLM

Domestic fuel prices up by K150 per litre within two days

THE prices of domestic fuel prices increased by about K150 per litre of Octane 92 and Octane 95 within two days, according to the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil.

As per the retail reference rate issued by the Committee on a daily basis, oil prices stood at K1,665 per litre for Octane 92, K1,715 for Octane 95, K2,110 for premium diesel and K2,050 for diesel on 25 July. The prices jumped to K1,810 for Octane 92, K1,860 for Octane 95, K2,135 for premium diesel and K2,080 for diesel.

The price hike is followed by the price set by Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS), the pricing basis for many refined products in southeast Asia. Singapore MOPS price has risen for now.

The committee is governing the fuel oil storage and distribution sector effectively not to have a shortage of oil in the domestic market and ensuring price stability for energy consumers.

Additionally, the Petroleum Products Regulatory Department, under the guidance of the committee, is issuing the daily reference rate for oil to offer a reasonable price to energy consumers. The reference rate in Yangon Region is set on the MOPS’ price assessment, shipping cost, premium insur-

ance, tax, other general cost and health profit per cent.

The rates for regions and states other than Yangon are evaluated after adding the transportation cost and the retail reference rates daily cover on the state-run newspapers and are posted on the media and official website and Facebook page of the department on a daily basis starting from 4 May.

As per the statement, 90 per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally. The domestic fuel price is highly correlated with international prices. The State is steering the market to mitigate the loss between the importers, sellers and energy consumers. Consequently, the government is trying to distribute the oil at a reasonable price compared to those of regional countries.

Some countries levied higher tax rates and hiked oil prices compared to Myanmar. However, Malaysia’s oil sector receives government subsidies and the prices are about 60 per cent cheaper than that of Myanmar. Every country lays down different patterns of policy to fix the oil prices. Myanmar also poses only a lower tax rate on fuel oil and strives for energy consumers to buy the oil at a cheaper rate. — NN/GNLM

OPINION

Create medical coverage for Hepatitis patients

WORLD Hepatitis Day falls on 28 July every year, because it is the birthday of Nobel-prize-winning scientist Dr Baruch Blumberg, who discovered hepatitis B virus (HBV) and developed a diagnostic test and vaccine for the virus.

Hepatitis is the term used to describe inflammation of the liver. It is usually the result of a viral infection or liver damage caused by drinking alcohol. It is caused by a variety of infectious viruses and noninfectious agents leading to a range of health problems, some of which can be fatal. There are five main strains of the hepatitis virus, referred to as types A, B, C, D and E.

The date of 28 July was chosen as World Hepatitis Day. Low coverage of testing and treatment is the most important gap to be addressed in order to achieve the global elimination goals by 2030.

Hepatitis affects hundreds of millions of people throughout the world, causing acute and chronic diseases and killing some 1.34 million people every year. In some countries, hepatitis B is the most common cause of cirrhosis and may also cause liver cancer.

World Hepatitis Day is now recognized in over 100 countries each year through events such as free screenings, poster campaigns, demonstrations, concerts, talk shows, flash mobs and vaccination drives, amongst many others. Each year a report is published by the WHO and the World Hepatitis Alliance detailing all the events across the world.

WHO aims to achieve hepatitis elimination by 2030. To get there, WHO calls on countries to achieve specific targets: Reduce new infections of hepatitis B and C by 90 per cent; Reduce

hepatitis-related deaths from liver cirrhosis and cancer by 65 per cent; Ensure that at least 90 per cent of people with hepatitis B and C viruses are diagnosed; At least 80 per cent of those eligible receive appropriate treatment.

Myanmar is making utmost efforts to ensure medical coverage for Hepatitis B patients by manufacturing drugs for the disease. The Hepatitis B Vaccine Factory was established in Ywathagyi of the Yangon Region to produce a sufficient number of pills for the patients and the surplus is exported to foreign countries.

Moreover, the government is fulfilling the needs of medicines for patients suffering from various types of Hepatitis viruses while conducting research to produce new pills for fighting against the virus of the diseases in various ways. That is why it is necessary to provide healthcare for Hepatitis patients in various types for saving their lives and recovering their livelihoods in a long-term plan.

An Open Letter of Education to My Little Sister

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

BELIEVE it or not, I have been yearning for you since you last went back to school. I also hope that you are in a good heart there. And I expect that you will be as busy as a bee with a lot of your studies. Whatever you do I have always wanted you to take good care of your health. 'Health is wealth', as the saying goes. Only if you are sick can you do nothing for sure. I would like you to stay safe both at school and at the hostel as well. I am satisfied that you are studying flat out too.

Did you know there are three types of education, little sister? These education types are termed formal education, informal education and non-formal education, of course. Formal education is a type of education that is usually obtained at schools, colleges and universities. Informal education is often given through literary talks, discussions and something like these, but non-formal education by tuition, courses, or whatever. Though all the education types have their pros and cons, formal education can be said to be more systematic, more valid, more reliable, and more legitimate than the other two, I think. This formal education will, in addition, give students the essentials of higher education, believe me. So, you should study every subject taught at schools for the best whether you are interested in them or not. You are still on the route to formal education, right?

As far as I can remember, I want to tell you about how to study as study styles are the key to learning subjects for all students. Since the beginning of an academic year, you should have had a fixed study timetable for all subjects that you must learn. This timetable can drive you to study all of your subjects, at the very least. You may give 30-minute, 45-minute, or 50-minute take time off study per subject. But I suggest that

you have to put a break time of at least 10 or 15 minutes between subjects for your restless brain. If not, maybe your brain will not absorb your studies anymore, even though you go on studying. Self-study time needs to be of regularity, quiet, very concentrated, ready, and with no housework to do.

You ought to start studying by far the weakest subject of yours because most students like to spend too much time on the subject which they enjoy learning most without being a little unaware of side effects on the other ones. What's more, you need to look for a study place of your own, for example, on a small table, at the corner of a room or even in a single room for study. That place of study will be better for you if it is kept away from radios, cassettes, TVs, phones, and crowds. Otherwise, those previously described things could lead you

would like to go and study there right now with your intrapersonal motivation. It would also be better if you are able to get enough light for you alone and good ventilation in any study place. I can accept that it depends whether or not you may change your own study area sometimes, yet you should not postpone nor waste your habitual time for study somehow or other.

Moreover, you had better study the subject matter that you have learned well again within 24 hours lest your comprehension of teachers' instruction is getting lost. Your study time can possibly be just on weekdays, that is to say excluding Saturdays and Sundays. At weekends, perhaps you will be able to read other books on essays, letters or others apart from textbooks. During the weekend, you can yet practise essay and letter writing in turn



Try hard for the best and study regularly as well as enough for your exams. Don't put off your study time for love or money. Remember that good learners have got their own learning styles, private study, practice, and revision of school lessons. As to revision, you have to know yourself if you have a short-term or long-term memory.

to external motivations that will make you have less attention to subjects while you are studying.

Strange to say, your regular study place might arouse your strong sense of studying, that is, when you see your place of regular study at a glance, you

only once a week, if you wish. Besides, you could even follow some useful leisure pursuits like knitting and sewing if you have got your spare time on a weekend. Effective and efficient study styles tend to require memory, repetition, and



continuous learning, you know.

Additionally, I would like to tell you about how to digest reading. Reading is a living art among young and old alike until now. U Chan Tha Soe, one of my university English teachers, said that western foreigners like to read or go on a tour whenever they have free time. Certainly, people will have a certain purpose for reading — for instance, some read just for pleasure; others for a wide knowledge. Speaking as a brother, you should read for your whole life since reading is of the essence in confronting the ups and downs of life. A person who has read a lot might be far more privileged than the ones that have not in many cases such as applying for a scholarship and delivering an impromptu speech.

In general, there are two kinds of first-step reading strategy: 1) skimming, reading something quickly in order to find a particular point or the main points, and 2) scanning, looking quickly but not very carefully, according to Oxford. Of course, these two strategies should be done for their guessing abilities to read by young readers only if they do not have much time of reading. As we all know, there are also three sorts of reading styles: 1) reading like chewing betel, 2) reading like sucking sugar cane, and 3) reading like drinking milk. Chewing betel is an ancient Myanmar tradition in which both betel saliva and betel bolus must be spat out by betel users and likewise, good

readers should read some books for a feeling of pure delight. In sucking sugar cane, its juice-sucked stems are spat out by eaters too and similarly, clever readers can read many books for sheer knowledge, neglecting authors' writing styles, choice of words and so on. As opposed to the above-mentioned two, drinking milk is having not only clotted cream but also skimmed milk. Bookworms, therefore, like reading a number of books for writings over and above reading material.

Unfortunately for readers, they might have met the difficulties of rare reading books and unavailable book resources. If so, any reader ought to pick up reading even from a few books close at hand. At the start of endless reading travel, real readers get to indulge in intensive and extensive reading after they have learnt to read pretty well.

The longer your reading age is, the better you can pick and choose a good read. It is said that anyone cannot decide whether a book is good or bad just by having a look at its cover. I agree with this to some extent. Nevertheless, a reading starter should begin to read any book with its content, foreword or preface, including writers' thanks. From the contents, you can know easily what reading matter a book has described, how many chapters there are in the book, and even which part of the book you want to read most as soon as possible. Then, you may see the writer's

instructions on how to read his book and what should be applied through forewords or prefaces.

Let me stop my letter of sympathy just in here, Nama Ngel. Before the end of my letter, I still have something else to say to you about your education.

You ought to study your subjects in advance before class time, if at all possible, which makes you understand better more than usual. When you begin to study, you have already got your readiness to study with study materials. Try hard for the best and study regularly as well as enough for your exams. Don't put off your study time for love or money. Remember that good learners have got their own learning styles, private study, practice, and revision of school lessons.

As to revision, you have to know yourself if you have a short-term or long-term memory. If you own short-term memory, you should do learning by as many repetitions as you could. And make sure that your lifelong ambition is the only one. Don't forget to relax whenever possible, please. Still, don't take a rest by reading, drawing, watching TV for the moment, and having a nap but walking here and there, going to the toilet, having snacks or drinks, and looking at distant views of green. If necessary, you can call me at home. May you be okay as always over there. Health first, my love. I am looking forward to your homecoming, actually. Have a nice day! Bye for now.

New York asks WHO to re-name 'stigmatizing' monkeypox

NEW York City asked the World Health Organization (WHO) on Tuesday to rename the monkeypox virus to avoid stigmatizing patients who might then hold off on seeking care.

New York has seen more cases of the disease, which the WHO declared a global health emergency over the weekend, than any other city in the United States, with 1,092 infections detected so far.

"We have a growing concern for the potentially devastating and stigmatizing effects that the messaging around the 'monkeypox' virus can have on... already vulnerable communities," New York City public health commissioner Ashwin Vasana said in a letter to WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus dated Tuesday.

The WHO had floated the idea of changing the name of the virus, which is related to the eradicated smallpox virus, during a press conference last month, a proposal Vasana mentioned in his letter.

Vasana referenced the "painful and racist history within which terminology like (monkeypox) is rooted for communities of colour."

He pointed to the fact that monkeypox did not actually originate in primates, as the name might suggest, and recalled the negative effects of misinformation during the early days of the HIV epidemic and the racism faced by Asian communities that was exacerbated by former president Donald Trump calling Covid-19 the "China virus".

"Continuing to use the term 'monkeypox' to describe the current outbreak may reignite these traumatic feelings of racism and stigma — particularly for Black people and other people of colour; as well as members of the LGBTQIA+ communities, and it is possible that they may avoid engaging in vital health care services because of it," Vasana said.

Anyone is susceptible

Anyone is susceptible to contracting monkeypox, which has long been endemic in Central and Western Africa, but so far its spread in Europe and the United States has been mostly concentrated among men who have sex with other men.

The first symptoms can include a fever and fatigue, followed a few days later by a rash that can turn into painful, fluid-filled skin lesions, which may last for a few weeks before turning into scabs that then fall off. No deaths have been reported so far in Europe or the United States.

Source: AFP



New York City public health commissioner Ashwin Vasana, seen 17 July 2022, wrote a letter to WHO head Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

ENVIRON WORLD

Miners unearth pink diamond believed to be largest seen in 300 years



Although The Lulo Rose would have to be cut and polished to realize its true value, similar pink diamonds have sold for record-breaking prices. **PHOTO: LUCAPA DIAMOND COMPANY LIMITED/AFP**

MINERS in Angola have unearthed a rare pure pink diamond that is believed to be the largest found in 300 years, the Australian site operator announced Wednesday.

A 170 carat pink diamond — dubbed The Lulo Rose — was

discovered at Lulo mine in the country's diamond-rich northeast and is among the largest pink diamonds ever found, the Lucapa Diamond Company said in a statement to investors.

The "historic" find of the Type Iia diamond, one of the

rarest and purest forms of natural stones, was welcomed by the Angolan government, which is also a partner in the mine.

"This record and spectacular pink diamond recovered from Lulo continues to showcase Angola as an important player on the world stage," Angola's Mineral Resources Minister Diamantino Azevedo said.

The diamond will be sold at international tender, likely at a dazzling price.

Although The Lulo Rose would have to be cut and polished to realise its true value, in a process that can see a stone lose 50 per cent of its weight, similar pink diamonds have sold for record-breaking prices.

The 59.6 carat Pink Star was sold at a Hong Kong auction in 2017 for 71.2 million US dollars. It remains the most expensive diamond ever sold.—AFP

Marauding monkey caught, killed after dozens injured in Japan

LOCAL authorities hunting for a gang of monkeys who attacked and wounded nearly 50 people in western Japan have caught and killed one of the marauding primates, an official said Wednesday.

The male simian was seized while roaming the grounds of a high school in Yamaguchi city —

but it may not be the end of the furry, twisting tale, with other monkeys feared to be at large.

City officials have been trying for weeks to track down the vicious gang who have made national headlines by assaulting residents with mostly mild scratches and bites.

On Tuesday evening, spe-

cially commissioned hunters shot the monkey with a tranquiliser gun and eventually caught it near a lake on the school premises, an official at the local agricultural department told AFP.

After identifying it as the same animal responsible for one of the attacks, the monkey was put down, he said. It had an estimated age of four and was around half a metre tall.

Patrols have been underway in Yamaguchi since the attacks on adults and children began around three weeks ago.

But with 49 people injured as of Tuesday midday and fresh attack reports coming in, the search is still on.

"Eyewitnesses describe monkeys of different sizes, and even after the capture, we've been getting reports of new attacks," said the city official, who declined to be named.—AFP



Japanese macaques are seen commonly across large parts of the country. **PHOTO: AFP**

'Don't go near': Japan beachgoers warned over biting dolphin

BEACHGOERS in the Japanese region of Fukui have been warned to stay away from a displeased dolphin accused of biting swimmers, with officials urging visitors to "watch from afar".

Beach attendants at the seafront in the central region on Wednesday set up a device that emits ultrasonic frequencies in a bid to repel the cantankerous creature, the city said.

A sign has been put up warning dolphin fans not to touch the animal.

Local media said at least 10 incidents involving dolphin bites have been recorded by attendants at the beach since it officially opened for the summer

on 9 July.

A local official told AFP that Fukui's fire department has been called over two incidents, both involving men in their 40s who were swimming near the local beach. Injuries have been minor so far, but local authorities have warned of "potentially severe wounds".

"Dolphins tend to be considered cute, but if you approach wild dolphins carelessly, you might get bitten and injured," Fukui prefectural police cautioned in a Twitter post Monday.

"If you spot any, don't go near them," the police said, citing the case of a man who was bitten on the hand on Sunday.—AFP



A single dolphin is believed to be behind at least 10 biting incidents near a beach in central Japan. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Airbus tests A400M military plane as water bomber

AIRBUS said Tuesday it had successfully tested its A400M military transporter as a water bomber as heatwaves cause an increasing number of wildfires during the summer in Europe.

"Airbus has successfully tested a removable firefighting demonstrator kit on the A400M new generation airlifter during a flight test campaign in Spain," the European plane maker said in a statement. The test involved dropping 20 tonnes of water in less than 10 seconds, the statement said.

Airbus said that the roll-on/roll-off kit requires no modification to the A400M aircraft.

The water is stored in a fixed tank in the cargo hold, and retained by two independent doors. These doors are connected to two flood pipes, so when the discharge is triggered, the water is expelled through two sections at the end of the ramp.

Because of its low-level flight capability and manoeuvrability at low speeds, the A400M can accurately drop payloads of water at very low heights, down to 150 feet (50 metres), Airbus said.—AFP

HEALTH/PANDEMIC WORLD

COVID-19 SITUATION UPDATE WORLDWIDE

White House pushes for next generation Covid vaccines



People pull up in their vehicles for Covid-19 vaccines in the parking lot of The Forum in Inglewood, California on 19 January 2021. **PHOTO: FREDERIC J. BROWN / AFP**

THE White House on Tuesday held a summit with vaccine makers and scientists as it pushed for “next generation” Covid-19 vaccines that offer broader and more durable protection against the virus.

While current vaccines continue to confer strong protection against serious illness from Covid, the ongoing evolution of the virus has reduced their effec-

tiveness against infection and transmission.

Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said the efforts would be based on two pillars: “pan-coronavirus” vaccines that would stand up to variants and “mucosal” vaccines that are delivered nasally to stop the virus where it enters.

“The goal of that is not only

to protect against disease, but to protect against acquisition, and by acquisition, transmission,” he said of the intranasal vaccine.

Achieving a pan-coronavirus vaccine might be possible by taking pieces of different variants, which is called a “mosaic” approach.

Both ideas are far off from realization.

Nasal vaccines are being tested in mice, where they have shown promise, while vaccine developers Pfizer and BioNTech have announced they will work towards trials for universal coronavirus vaccines.

In a commentary for Science magazine, scientists Eric Topol and Akiko Iwasaki argued that a new funding programme for next generation vaccines was needed, along the lines of Operation Warp Speed, which funnelled \$10 billion into vaccine development early in the pandemic.—AFP

Osaka to raise COVID-19 alert to highest level as case numbers soar

OSAKA Prefecture decided Wednesday to raise its coronavirus alert to the highest of three levels starting Thursday, after its daily infection count hit a record 25,762 Tuesday amid a fresh wave of COVID-19.

The prefectural government will call on elderly people, who are more likely to develop severe symptoms if infected, to refrain from nonessential outings, and on their family mem-

bers who live with them to avoid actions that could raise the risks of infection until 27 August.

The alert level will be raised to red from yellow for the first time since late April, as Osaka’s hospital bed occupancy rate was expected to rise above 50 per cent Wednesday.

The prefectural government had said it would raise the level if the rate reached 50 per cent.—Kyodo



The Self-Defence Forces’ mass vaccination center opened in Osaka on 7 February, 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

Australia’s COVID-19 hospitalizations hit all-time high

THE number of Australians in hospital with coronavirus has reached the highest number since the start of the pandemic in 2020. According to data

from the Department of Health, there were 5,433 COVID-19 cases in hospital on Monday, up from 5,001 a week earlier. It marks a new high point for

COVID-19 hospitalizations, beating the previous record of 5,390 in January. It comes as Australia’s winter wave of COVID-19 infections is expect-

ed to peak in the coming weeks, increasing pressure on the hospital system.

Chris Moy, vice-president of the Australian Medical As-

sociation (AMA), described the figure as “massive”, calling for more government leadership on health measures including mask mandates.—Xinhua

2022 MONKEYPOX OUTBREAK

WHO donates to Uganda 2,400 monkeypox test kits

THE World Health Organization (WHO) on Tuesday donated 2,400 monkeypox test kits to Uganda to help with the African country’s response to the infectious disease. WHO Representative to Uganda Yonas Tegegn Woldemariam handed over the kits to Ugandan Minister of Health Ruth Aceng, saying that the WHO is committed to providing assistance to strengthen Uganda’s testing capacity. Aceng expressed gratitude for the donation, noting that Uganda has so far carried out 70 tests, which all turned out negative.—Xinhua



The World Health Organization (WHO) donated 2,400 monkeypox test kits to Uganda to help with the African country’s response to the infectious disease. **PHOTO: WHO UGANDA/TWITTER/XINHUA**

Mexico confirms 60 monkeypox cases

Mexico has confirmed 60 cases of monkeypox, Undersecretary of Prevention and Health Promotion Hugo Lopez-Gatell said on Tuesday.

To date, there have been no fatalities from monkeypox in Mexico, Lopez-Gatell said.

“Only about five or six people have been hospitalized because they had severe immunosuppression, but in general everyone has recovered in approximately 21 days,” he added. The cases of monkeypox, which is related to the virus that causes smallpox but leads to milder symptoms and is rarely fatal, have been detected in 11 Mexican cities.—Xinhua

Laos prepares for possible monkeypox outbreak

THE Lao Ministry of Health will work with concerned parties to deal with a possible outbreak of monkeypox cases, through surveillance and preparation of medical equipment including a laboratory equipped to identify the virus. Concerns over the virus are mounting in Laos after cases of monkeypox were detected in neighbouring countries, such as Singapore and Thailand.—Xinhua

ECONOMY WORLD

Industry minister gets new post to lead Japan green transformation

INDUSTRY minister Koichi Hagiuda on Wednesday took another post to spearhead Japan's efforts toward decarbonization and green growth.

The post of green transformation minister was created by Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, whose government is aiming to attain carbon neutrality by 2050 through changes to its economic and energy structures.

Hagiuda will concurrently serve as economy, trade, and industry minister.

"He will be in charge of

coordinating efforts to comprehensively promote so-called green transformation, or changing the economic, social and industrial structures, to achieve a decarbonized Japan through public-private sector cooperation," Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Seiji Kihara told a press briefing.

Energy security has taken on added importance since Russia's invasion of Ukraine exposed the vulnerability of economies that are heavily reliant on its fossil fuels and sent global energy prices surging

amid supply concerns.

Kishida is aiming for greater use of renewables to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, as they account for a small portion of the country's energy mix dominated by fossil fuels.

He is also calling for "maximum" use of nuclear power by restarting power plants that have passed stringent safety standards implemented following the 2011 Fukushima accident caused by a massive earthquake and tsunami.—Kyodo



Tokyu Corp.'s electricity-efficient 2020-series train introduced on the Denentoshi line in Tokyo. **PHOTO: TOKYU CORP./KYODO**

From war to peace: Vietnam's rubber sandals march on

MADE from recycled military truck or aircraft tyres, Vietnam's hand-made rubber sandals, the famously rugged footwear of the Viet Cong, have travelled vast distances over the decades.

In the bustling capital Hanoi, all kinds of shoes are on sale: from \$1,000 Gucci heels to \$2 plastic slippers.

But for those seeking a nod to yesteryear, the hard-soled rubber sandals -- evocative of the communist state's resourcefulness under fire -- are available at markets and small stores alike.

Uncle Ho's sandals

Dao Van Quang paid \$8 for a standard pair at a shop outside a Hanoi museum devoted



The rubber sandals are made from recycled military truck or aircraft tyres. **PHOTO: AFP**

to the country's revolutionary leader -- and dedicated rubber sandal wearer -- Ho Chi Minh.

"I wore rubber sandals when I was at school, in the

1980s," the 47-year-old from central Quang Nam province told AFP. "They are of historical value, easy to wear and look nice."—AFP

Spain eases immigration rules to offset labour shortages

SPAIN'S government on Tuesday eased the country's immigration laws to make it easier for citizens from outside the European Union to work in the country to address labour shortages in areas such as tourism and agriculture.

Under a reform approved at a weekly cabinet meeting, foreigners from outside of the bloc who have lived in the country for two years or more

can seek temporary residency papers.

The reform will also allow international students to work up to 30 hours a week while studying, and to start work in Spain at the end of their studies.

It will also make it easier for foreigners to obtain a work visa to come to Spain and take up jobs in areas facing labour shortages.

These measures will "improve the Spanish migratory model and its procedures, which are often slow and unsuitable" and have "high social and economic costs for Spain", the social security ministry said in a statement.

Social Security and Migration Minister Jose Luis Escrivá said the reform aims to "encourage regular, orderly and safe immigration".—AFP

German nuclear exit wobbles as energy crisis looms

A looming energy crisis has rekindled debate in Germany about the wisdom of shutting down the country's last three nuclear power plants, with even members of the ruling coalition saying an extension is no longer taboo.

The German government on Monday said it would await the outcome of a new "stress test" of the national electric grid before determining whether to stick with the long-promised nuclear phaseout by year's end.

The results are due in the coming weeks and could mark a pivotal moment for Europe's biggest economy, where households and businesses are bracing for a difficult winter.

The war in Ukraine has sent energy costs soaring and Russia has been squeezing gas deliveries to Europe, thwarting German efforts to fill stores before the cold weather arrives and raising the prospect of emergency

energy-saving measures.

It is a dramatically different picture from earlier this year, when an initial stress test in March found that Germany's remaining nuclear power plants were not needed to ensure energy security.

After the first report, the government maintained the plants would go offline by 31 December.

Merkel's legacy

Germany, under then-chancellor Angela Merkel, decided to definitively quit nuclear power in the wake of the 2011 Fukushima disaster in Japan, a move that had widespread public support.

Within Chancellor Olaf Scholz's three-party coalition government, his Social Democrats and their Green party partners have long argued against changing course — citing the costs, technical issues and safety concerns in keeping the nuclear plants going. — AFP



A man rides his motorcycle with a anti nuclear flag past the nuclear power plant in Brokdorf, northern Germany. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Walmart cuts profit outlook as inflation bites shoppers



The company now expects comparable sales growth of six per cent for US stores in the second quarter, a slight upgrade from its prior outlook, reflecting heavy sales of food and consumables. PHOTO: PAUL J.RICHARDS/AFP/FILE

WALMART cut its profit outlook Monday as surging inflation prompts shoppers to cut back on higher-margin items as they contend with increased prices for gasoline, food and other staples.

The world's biggest retailer now expects a double-digit decline in

operating income for both the second quarter and full year after previously projecting the potential for a slight increase for the second quarter and a decrease of about one per cent for the year.

Not all of the latest figures were downgrades to Walmart's forecast, however. The company

now expects comparable sales growth of six per cent for US stores in the second quarter, a slight upgrade from its prior outlook, reflecting heavy sales of food and consumables.

But this shift has come at the expense of other categories of merchandise, with the chain flagging apparel as a particularly weak domain in which it has cut prices to unload merchandise. "The increasing levels of food and fuel inflation are affecting how customers spend, and while we've made good progress clearing hardline categories, apparel in Walmart US is requiring more markdown dollars," said Chief Executive Doug McMillon.

"We're now anticipating more pressure on general merchandise in the back half."—AFP

Satellite operators Eutelsat, OneWeb agree to merge

FRENCH and British satellite operators Eutelsat and OneWeb announced Tuesday plans to merge and create a "global champion" in broadband internet, rivalling US giants such as Elon Musk's Starlink.

Eutelsat and OneWeb said in a joint statement that they have signed a memorandum of understanding to join forces to

become "a leading global player in connectivity... in an all-share transaction".

Each would hold a 50 per cent stake in the combined entity, the statements said. In what they said would be "a game-changer in the industry," Eutelsat would combine its 36-strong fleet of geostationary Earth orbit (GEO) satellites with OneWeb's constellation of

648 low Earth orbit satellites (LEO), of which 428 are currently in orbit.

"This ground-breaking combination will create a powerful global player with the financial strength and technical expertise to accelerate both OneWeb's commercial deployment, and Eutelsat's pivot to connectivity," said Eutelsat chief executive, Eva Berneke.—AFP

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Bitter harvest: Malaysian palm oil farmers face labour crunch

OVERRIPE palm oil fruits hang untouched in trees while others lie rotting scattered around a plantation, as Malaysian farmers reap the bitter harvest of a severe labour shortage.

The tropical country is the world's second-biggest producer of the edible vegetable oil, which is found in many everyday goods from chocolate to cosmetics.

The sector has long been reliant on migrants from neighbouring Indonesia for back-breaking plantation work, which is shunned by most in more affluent Malaysia.—AFP

Ex-TEPCO execs appeal \$95 bil. damages ruling over Fukushima crisis

FOUR former executives of Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings Inc. on Wednesday appealed a court ruling that ordered them to pay the utility some 13 trillion yen (\$95 billion) in damages for failing to prevent the tsunami-induced 2011 crisis at the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant, their lawyer said.

The 13 July ruling of the Tokyo District Court was the first to find former TEPCO executives liable for compensation after the combined impact of a massive earthquake and tsunami on the plant in northeastern Japan in March 2011 caused one of the worst nuclear disasters in history.—Kyodo

Notice for Change of Pesticides Trade Name

The foreign manufacture AgriGate CropSciences Pte., Ltd will import and distribute the following insecticides registered in Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board Changing trading name.

No.	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	A.I	Reg: Type	Reg: No.
1	Lal Kaung Paung Thae 240OD	Hmaw Sa Yar 240OD	Cyhalofop-butyl 20% + Penoxsulam 4% OD	Provisional	P2021-5332

It is therefore announced to come and reject within 14 days to joint Secretary, Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein in wishing to make any objection in respect of the said changing trading name of insecticide.
 Address- **Myanma Awba Group Co., Ltd**
 No.(95-A), Kyaik Wine Pagoda Road, 8th mile, Mayangone Township, Yangon Region, The Republic of Union of Myanmar.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V BD PIONEER 1 VOY.NO. (2207)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BD PIONEER 1 VOY.NO. (2207)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **25-7-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIPL** 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.
Phone No: **2301928**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S NEW HIGHEST MARINE CO LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V VTC OCEAN VOY.NO. (2208)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V VTC OCEAN VOY.NO. (2208)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **28-7-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **SPW-7** 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.
Phone No: **2301928**

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M/S BEN LINE AGENCIES (S'PORE) PTE LTD.

GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Tourism rebounds in east China's UNESCO world heritage site

HUANGSHAN Mountain, a UNESCO world heritage site in east China's Anhui Province, has seen a rising number of tourists, thanks to effective containment of the COVID-19 resurgence.

The number of tourists to the scenic spot, famous for its majestic scenic beauty, strange rocks, cloud-shrouded peaks and ancient pines, exceeded 12,200 on 23 July. The total tourist number has topped 150,000 so far this month, according to

the management of the scenic area.

Anhui reported a COVID-19 resurgence in late June, which prompted it to take swift measures to contain the spread of the virus. The epidemic situation has gradually eased and no new infections were reported in the province on Monday.

Local authorities have rolled out a slew of stimulus measures to revitalize the tourism market, such as granting

free tickets to students who took this year's college entrance exam or high school entrance exam and offering a 50 per cent discount on ticket prices between 9 June and 31 August, a busy tourist season.

"I'm enthralled by the scenic beauty of this place. I particularly enjoyed the rugged peaks. The temperature is pretty cool at the summit," said Pan Yiran, who visited Huangshan for the first time. —Xinhua



Photo taken on 4 June 2022 shows the scenery of Mount Huangshan. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Russia to quit International Space Station 'after 2024'

RUSSIA said on Tuesday it was leaving the International Space Station "after 2024", amid tensions with the West, in a move analysts warned could lead to a halt to manned flights.

The confirmation of the long-mooted move comes as ties unravel between the Kremlin and the West over Moscow's military intervention in Ukraine and several rounds of devastating sanctions against Russia, including its space sector.

Space experts said the departure from the International Space Station would seriously affect the country's space sector and deal a major blow to the programme of manned flights, a



The ISS was launched in 1998 at a time of hope for US-Russia cooperation following their Space Race competition during the Cold War. **PHOTO: NASA/AFP / FILE**

major source of Russian pride.

"Of course we will fulfil all our obligations to our partners but the decision to leave this station after 2024 has been made,"

Yury Borisov, the new head of Russian space agency Roscosmos, told President Vladimir Putin, according to a Kremlin account of their meeting.—AFP

Black Sea grain shipments centre to open in Istanbul

THE United Nations and Türkiye will open a joint centre with

Russia and Ukraine in Istanbul on Wednesday to coordinate the

resumption of grain deliveries across the Black Sea.

Türkiye's defence ministry said on Tuesday that the centre will be officially opened at a ceremony attended by Turkish Defence Minister Hulusi Akar.

Russia's TASS state news agency said a Russian defence delegation had flown to Istanbul for the ceremony on Tuesday.

The joint command and control centre was agreed as part of a landmark deal signed by the warring parties with the UN and Türkiye in Istanbul on Friday.—AFP



Workers assist the loading of corn on to a ship at Pier 80 in the Black Sea port of Constanta, Romania on 3 May 2022. **PHOTO: DANIEL MIHAILESCU / AFP**

NEWS IN BRIEF

EU debates plan to cut Russian gas and protect Germany

EU ministers debated Tuesday how to reduce gas consumption this winter, an act of solidarity for Germany and a response to Russia's manipulation of supplies as an economic weapon.

The plan, under discussion in Brussels, could see exceptions and carve-outs as European Union countries blanched at making too deep a sacrifice for Berlin and a few landlocked member states.

Germany, the EU's economic powerhouse, is hugely dependent on Russian gas and remains at the mercy of the supply from Gazprom for the years still needed to find alternative sources.

"It is true that Germany... with its dependence on Russian gas... has made a strategic mistake but our government is working... to correct this," German Economy Minister Robert Habeck said as he arrived. "It's not only a German problem, it's a central-eastern European problem. We have to solve it together."

France said showing solidarity to Berlin would help all of Europe, even though Germany takes a major share of the 40 per cent of EU gas imports that came from Russia last year.—AFP

UK sanctions more Russian ministers over Ukraine invasion

THE UK on Tuesday announced a new slew of sanctions on Russian ministers, members of Kremlin-linked families and senior figures in the Moscow-backed breakaway regions of eastern Ukraine.

Justice Minister Konstantin Chuychenko and his deputy Oleg Sviridenko have both been targeted with travel bans and asset freezes for "suppressing their own people by targeting those speaking out against the war", the Foreign Office said in a statement.

Vitaly Khotsenko and Vladislav Kuznetsov, the Russian-imposed prime minister and first deputy chairman of the so-called "Donetsk and Lugansk People's Republics", have also been sanctioned for "undermining Ukrainian territorial integrity".

The UK has also targeted Sarvar and Sanjar Ismailov, nephews of Kremlin-linked oligarch Alisher Usmanov.

Sarvar Ismailov was previously a director at Everton Football Club.

"We will not keep quiet and watch Kremlin-appointed state actors suppress the people of Ukraine or the freedoms of their own people," said Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, the favourite to become the UK's next prime minister.—AFP

After the apology, the 'healing': Pope visits sacred lake in Canada

POPE Francis called for "healing" Tuesday as he joined a pilgrimage to a sacred lake in Canada, one day after making a landmark apology for the abuse of Indigenous children at Catholic-run schools.

The 85-year-old pontiff prayed for the Church to choose "truth" over "defending the institution" as he visited Lac Ste Anne, some 80 kilometres (50 miles) west of Edmonton, where some of Canada's Indigenous people began their relationship with Catholicism generations

ago. The lake is one of the most important pilgrimage sites in North America. Every year since the end of the 19th century, thousands of pilgrims mainly from Canada and the United States have come to bathe and pray in the healing waters, according to Indigenous rites.

Hundreds of faithful, many of them Indigenous, fell silent as the pope, who has been suffering with knee pain, was wheeled carefully to the water's edge and prayed in silence there for



Pope Francis blesses the Lac Ste. Anne, northwest of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, 26 July 2022. PHOTO: AFP

several minutes. He was then wheeled to a shrine, sprinkling some of those assembled with water he had blessed from the lake on the way, as Indigenous

people drummed and chanted. Lamenting the "terrible effects of colonization, the indelible pain of so many families, grandparents and children,"

Francis told those gathered for a liturgical celebration that their presence was "testimony of resilience and a fresh start".—AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

UK Tory leadership debate halted after moderator faints

THE latest televised debate between the two Conservative contenders vying to become Britain's next prime minister was abruptly halted Tuesday evening after the moderator fainted on stage.

Live footage of the debate, between former finance minister Rishi Sunak and Foreign Secretary Liz Truss on media tycoon Rupert Murdoch's new "TalkTV" channel, was suddenly interrupted about halfway into the hour-long event.

Moments earlier, Truss had stopped speaking mid-sentence with a shocked look on her face as the sound of crashing in front of her engulfed the broadcast.—AFP

Japan, Indonesian leaders meet to prepare for G-20 summit

JAPANESE Prime Minister Fumio Kishida met with Indonesian President Joko Widodo on Wednesday as they seek to strengthen ties ahead of a summit of the Group of 20 major economies later this year.—Kyodo

EU submits draft Iran nuclear deal text: Borrell



Picture shows general view of Isfahan (UCF) nuclear power plant (UCF) 295 km from Tehran. PHOTO: HENGHAMEH FAHIMI/AFP/FILE

THE EU's foreign policy chief said Tuesday he has submitted a draft text of a deal on Iran's nuclear programme, urging parties to accept it or "risk a dangerous nuclear crisis".

It comes after Iran warned

on Monday it would not be rushed into a "quick" deal reviving its faltering 2015 nuclear accord with world powers, as negotiations in Vienna remain deadlocked.

Writing in the Financial Times, the EU's top diplomat

Josep Borrell said: "This text represents the best possible deal that I, as facilitator of the negotiations, see as feasible. "It is not a perfect agreement, but it addresses all essential elements and includes hard-won compromises by all sides".

Iran's chief nuclear negotiator Ali Bagheri wrote on Twitter on Tuesday: "The Coordinator has shared his ideas to conclude the negotiations. We, too, have our own ideas, both in substance and form, to conclude the negotiations which would be shared."

The 2015 deal gave Iran sanctions relief in exchange for curbs on its atomic programme to guarantee that it could not develop a nuclear weapon — something it has always denied seeking.—AFP



Residents evacuate their building after a 7.1 magnitude earthquake, some 300km away, was felt in Manila. PHOTO: AFP

Powerful earthquake hits northern Philippines

A 7.0-magnitude earthquake hit the northern Philippines Wednesday, authorities said, killing one person, shattering windows at the epicentre and shaking high-rise towers more than 300 kilometres (185 miles) away in the capital Manila.

The shallow but powerful quake struck the mountainous

and lightly populated province of Abra on the main island of Luzon at 8:43 am (0043 GMT), the US Geological Survey said.

Shallow earthquakes tend to cause more damage than deeper ones. A 25-year-old construction worker in La Trinidad, the capital of the landlocked province Benguet, died when the three-storey

building he was working on collapsed, police said. Seven other workers escaped unharmed.

In the municipality of Dolores in Abra, which felt the full force of the quake, terrified people ran outside their homes and shops, and the local market's windows were broken, Police Major Edwin Sergio told AFP.—AFP

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SPORT

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's traditional boxing challenges to be held for new generations

THE 360 Fight Club II Myanmar traditional boxing challenges organized by 360 Sports will be held at 1 pm on 31 July at Yangon Theinphyu Boxing Gymnasium with 12 rounds, including a four-round special round of the new generation boxers.

In the 45-48-kilo event, Kyaw Zaw Thwe (Aphyu Yaung Thwe Thit) will face Chaw Hla Naing (SMART Fight Club Shwe Dawbon).

In the 50-53-kilo event, Zin Ko Htet (Fighting Fight Club) will face Kasaw Htoo (Yoe Yar Kyar) while Shine Htet Aung (Zwe Myanmar) will fight with Htet Oo Hlu (Aphyu Yaung Thwe Thit). In the other 50-53-kilo event, Jala (Python) will meet

Saw Ke Do (Holy Power) and Wa El Do (Yoe Yar Kyar) will take on Lin Yar Zar (Zarti Marn). In the 55-58-kilo event, Waing Khant Aung (STL) Zarti Marn).

In the 60-63-kilo event, Zin Naing Win (BBH) will take on Htwal Shaung (Python), and Kyaw Ko Ko Swe (Oscar Lethwei Club) will face Ye Lin Oo (SMART Fight Club Shwe Dawbon).

In the 65-68-kilo event, Saw Ke (Yangon Fight Club) will face Zarti Thwe (Player one Fight Club).

In the 48-kilo challenge fight, Kar Wi (Factory) will take on Kyauk Yine (Dhamma Haywun). In the 51-kilo challenge fight, Kyaw Zaw (Shwe Phoo) will launch attack with Ko Ko (Fac-



tory). In the 60-63-kilo challenge fight, Saw John (Naga Marn) will battle with Naing Win Tun (BBH).

The traditional boxing competition is organized by boxing clubs in Yangon. The purpose of

the event is to identify the best boxers from gyms, and the boxing competition will be broadcast on the 360 Sports Facebook Page and 360 Sports YouTube Channel. It will also be broadcast live by Fortune TV. — Bala Soe/GNLM

Defending Champions Shan United still leading MNL table with consecutive wins

THE fourth day of the 2022 season of Myanmar National League Week 5 continued yesterday, and the current champion Shan United defeated the Myawady team 1-0.

Shan United, continued to lead at the top of the standings with a five-game winning streak.

Mark Saki's single goal assisted the Shan team in winning this match.

Both teams made the best line-ups with star players.

In the 26th minute, Shan United scored a goal, and midfielder Mark Saki took a long shot.

In the second half, the Myawady team tried to equalize, but the Shan United team did not make any mistakes and won with the goal scored in the first half.

The Shan United team managed to win in Week 5 and has won five games in a row.

After playing five games, Shan United is leading the Myanmar National League table with 15 points while the Myawady team has won three games: three wins, two losses and has earned nine points.

Rakhine United will play against Yadanabon FC as a final match of the Week 5 today. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Myanmar U-18 women's team advance to semi-finals after winning two games in row



A Myanmar women's player (red) vies for a football against the Philippine player during their Group B match of the AFF Women's Championship 2022 in Indonesia yesterday. PHOTO: MFF

Group B, continued yesterday in Planbun, Indonesia, where the Myanmar team beat the Philippines by three goals to one goal and advanced to the semi-finals.

After winning over Malaysia in the previous group match, the Myanmar team defeated the Philippines team again in the second match and qualified for the semi-finals with one game remaining. The Myanmar women's team was able to show good form in each match and was able to get full points. The Myanmar U-18 wom-

en's team made some changes to the starting lineup.

Since it was an important match for the semi-finals, the Myanmar team played hard from the start. Since the Philippines team was defeated in the opening game, they tried to get a good result this game, but the team Myanmar got goals after 30 minutes. In the 33rd minute, the Myanmar team got an opening goal, and the goal was scored by Hnin Pwint Aye.

Four minutes later, Myanmar got a second goal, and the goal was beautifully scored by Su Myat Noe. Myanmar led by two goals at the end of the first half. In the second half, the Philippines

team tried to score an equalizing goal, but team Myanmar was able to control the match the best. In the 87th minute, Jonalin Lubam scored an equalizing goal for the Philippines, but in the 90th minute, Hnin Pwint Aye scored the third goal to ensure victory for the Myanmar team.

In Group B, Myanmar and Australia have secured six points each before the meeting and are sure to enter the semi-finals, while the Philippines and Malaysia, which have lost both matches, have been eliminated from the group stage. The Myanmar team will play against the Australian team on 29 July as the final group game. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

THE second day of the 2022 ASEAN U-18 Women's Championship,