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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.

Delegation led by Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who uplifted prestige of Myanmar throughout the world tumultuously welcomed back by the people

THE Myanmar high-level delegation members led by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing left Irkutsk of the Russian Federation by special flight of Myanmar Airways International yesterday afternoon local standard time for the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. They were seen off at the airport by Head of Government of Irkutsk State Mr Igor Ivanovich Kobzev and party, Myanmar Ambassador to Russia U Lwin Oo, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Moe Kyaw and officials.

Council members U Moungh Har and U Saw Daniel, Council Joint-Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw, Union Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Hla Moe, Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi, Union Minister for Electric Power U Thaung Han, Chief Minister of Kachin State U Khet Htein Nan, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), deputy ministers of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Information, military



Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who uplifted prestige of Myanmar throughout the world and party tumultuously welcomed back by the people at the military airport in Nay Pyi Taw on 11 September.

and civilian officials who accompanied the Senior General came back to Myanmar.

During the trips, the Senior General attended holding meetings with officials of the government of the Russian Federation in all sectors including attending the 7th Eastern Economic Forum-2022, holdings talks with

Russian Federation President H.E. Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, meeting with heads of governments of Republic of Primorsky, Buryatia and Irkutsk, visiting landmarks, universities and factories. Union ministers and deputy ministers also held working meetings in relevant sectors to emerge the positive

results in economic sector for the State. It was a successful trip to further cement the cooperation in friendly relations, economic and all sectors between the governments and peoples of both countries.

On arrival back at the Nay Pyi Taw Military Airport in the evening, the Senior General

and party were welcomed back by SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, council members, the secretary of the council, Union ministers, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), the commander of Nay Pyi Taw

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Command, Deputy Head of Mission of the Russian Embassy to Myanmar Mr Pavel A. Klabukov, Russian Military Attaché to Myanmar Colonel Sergei Kurchenko and officials.

As a gesture of honouring the Myanmar high-level delegation led by the Senior General who made utmost efforts for emergence of opportunities to cooperate peoples and businesspersons with each other in friendly relations, economic, health and education sectors of both countries during the trip with the emphasis for development of the nation, ethnic children, traditional dance troupes and local people waited for the delegation at the airport, and chanted “May SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing be physical and mental wellbeing” hold-



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing arrives back at the military airport in Nay Pyi Taw on 11 September.

ing the placards “Warmly welcomed Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who attended the 7th Eastern Economic Forum-2022”, “Specially thank for Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing who uplifted prestige of Myanmar in the world”, “Heartily take pride of efforts of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing for Myanmar”, “Let the State Administration Council be successful”, “Warmly welcome” and “Perpetually cement Myanmar-Russia fraternity” from the landing space to VIP lounge and from the military airport to the roundabout, and from the military airport roundabout to International Airport Roundabout, some 30 5x2 feet pictures bearing activities of the trips of the Senior General to Russia, waving miniature flags of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.—MNA



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing being welcomed back by diplomats at the Military Airport in Nay Pyi Taw on 11 September.



Ethnic people warmly welcome back SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing along the route by waving miniature State flags on 11 September

Those wishing to enter the legal fold can contact respective townships' Red Cross Society, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Social Welfare Office and social welfare organizations authorized by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in addition to reception centres in border areas, Tatmadaw units and police stations

THE Information Team of the State Administration Council has released statements inviting CDM staff, students and youths, who are in border areas and ethnic armed groups, they can contact the nearest reception centres in border areas, Tatmadaw units and police stations if they want to enter the legal fold and the government will guarantee their lives following the rules and regulations.

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. Meanwhile, 3,156 education workers, who were absent from their duties, another 1,009 people, who want to withdraw the cases that were opened against them, and 231 PDF members have contacted and returned to the legal fold. Then, they were given back to their parents systematically and the numbers of people who enter the legal fold and those who wish to are rising. Therefore, the government is making efforts to accept more numbers of those people.

The government opens reception centres in bor-

der areas for those who would like to return to the legal fold. Moreover, those wishing to return home can contact respective townships' Red Cross Society, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Social Welfare Office and social welfare organizations authorized by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. It is guaranteed that they will be able to lead their daily lives peacefully.

Information Team
State Administration Council

Federalism is a system of power-sharing among different regions and states, ethnicities and races

DEMOCRACY is a governance system where people choose their representative to represent them. Federalism is a system of power-sharing among different regions and states, ethnicities and races. Thus, a Union system based on democracy and federalism means that ethnic national people across the nation live together under a governance system of their own choice, with each state or region having the right to legislate. Only then will a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system emerge.

(The excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on the Occasion of the Eighteen Month of the Assumption of State Duties by the State Administration Council on 1st August 2022.)

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing arrives in Irkutsk from Ulan-Ude by special train, holds talks with Head of Government of Irkutsk

THE Myanmar high-level delegation led by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing went to Irkutsk via the railway station of Ulan-Ude on the morning of 10 September by special train.

On arrival at Ulan-Ude railway station in Ulan-Ude city which is important along Trans-Siberian and Trans-Mongolian railways, the Senior General and party were welcomed by General Director Mr Sergey Stolyarov of RZD International Railways under RZD "Russian Railways and conducted round the railway station.

He explained prospects for cooperate in manufacturing technologies, driving technology and rail transport services in electric-powered locomotives, diesel locomotives, natural gas powered locomotives and carriages of RZD Russian Railways Company, and railways conditions in Russia and construction of railways in European countries. The Senior General asked about technological cooperation in rail transportation and other measures.

The Senior General replied to queries raised by media from Republic of Buryatia on his visit to Republic of Buryatia, recommendations, attitude on the path of cooperation between the Russian Federation and Myanmar and others.

The Senior General and party proceeded to Irkutsk by special train from Ulan-Ude and viewed interior decoration of the train and formation of rooms, development of the railways technology, rural development, scenic beauties along the beach of Baikal which is the largest freshwater lake and others along the route.

RZD Russian Railways Company is a State-owned company opens its head office in the Red Gates Square of Moscow. It was established in September 2003,



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Head of Government of Irkutsk State Mr Igor Ivanovich Kobzev at the office of Irkutsk State on 10 September.

managing rail transport services. Moreover, it is a Joint-Stock company comprised with factories related to the rail transport.

At Passazhirskiy railway station in Irkutsk, the Senior General and party were welcomed by Head of Government of Irkutsk State Mr Igor Ivanovich Kobzev and officials.

The Senior General held a talk with Head of Government of Irkutsk State Mr Igor Ivanovich Kobzev at the office of Irkutsk State.

At the meeting, the Senior General was accompanied by Union level officials, senior military officers, Myanmar Ambassador to Russian U Lwin Oo and Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Moe Kyaw. The Head of Government of the Irkutsk State was also accompanied by regional head of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Ms Kurbatova Lyudmila Anatolyevna, officials of state government and businesspersons.

At the talks, they exchanged views on Myanmar's situation as the strategic partnership country of Russian Federation, the hub situation of Irkutsk state in the Russian Federation, settlement of many heavy industries of the Russian Federation



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing being welcomed by Head of Government of Irkutsk State Mr Igor Ivanovich Kobzev at Passazhirskiy railway station in Irkutsk on 10 September.

in Irkutsk state and operation of more than 18,000 businesses with investments, good prospects for successfully operating strategically economic investment and cooperation between both sides, promotion of cooperation in health, tourism and youth relations, prospect of cooperation and investment in all sectors as Myanmar is endowed with underground and aboveground resources and natural beauties which can successfully operate agriculture, livestock and tourism industries, and exchange of knowledge between ministries,

hospitals and medical universities in the health sector.

The Senior General and the head of government of Irkutsk state exchanged gifts and posed for documentary photos together with delegations.

At the Memorial Eternal Flame near the office of the government of Irkutsk State, the Senior General and party laid a wreath paying tributes to the fallen soldiers of the Soviet Union who sacrificed life for the State in the Second World War.

In the evening, the head of government of Irkutsk State host-

ed a dinner to the Senior General and party.

Before the dinner, the Senior General and the Head of Government of Irkutsk State purposed toasts. They cordially talked about the 85th establishment of Irkutsk State which falls on 10 September, and holding the commemorative ceremonies on a grand scale in the state, firm results from the discussions on his arrival of the Senior General in Irkutsk State, and wish of the Head of State of Myanmar for ensuring the physical and mental well-beings over local people of Irkutsk State and all the people

of the Russian Federation. And then, they had dinner together.

During the dinner, an artiste troupe performed traditional songs and dances and the Senior General presented cash award to them.

After the dinner, the Senior General and party and the Head of Government of Irkutsk State enjoyed the fireworks launched for commemorating the 85th establishment of the state together with the people, and presented gifts to the Head of Government of the state and expressed his wishes for them.—MNA

Myanmar high-level delegation led by SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Irkutsk Aviation Plant, Irkutsk Regional Children's Clinical Hospital, MBOU Zakharovkaya Secondary School Moscow

THE Myanmar high-level delegation led by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Head of Irkutsk State Mr Igor Ivanovich Kobzev and party, visited Irkutsk Aviation Plant and Irkutsk Regional Children's Clinical Hospital in Irkutsk City and MBOU Zakharovkaya Secondary School Moscow yesterday morning.

The Senior General and party were welcomed by General Director Mr. Veprev Aleksey Alexandrovich and party of Irkutsk Aviation Plant-Irkutsk Corporation Branch. In the workshop, they explained assembling of sector-wise parts for manufacturing MC-21 300 airplanes in Robotic system and by Automatic Machines, work process of assembling the airplane body, wings and engines, control system in the head of airplanes, testing the capacity and maintenance of the airplanes, assembling of Su-30 fighters for the Myanmar Tatmadaw, and test-running works to the Senior General who asked for further information.

Irkutsk Aviation Plant was established in 1932, and it is a branch of Irkutsk Corporation. The Irkutsk airplane manufacturing association is an oldest works in Transbaykal region. From 1932, it has manufactured more than 7,000 airplanes.



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits MBOU Zakharovkaya Secondary School Moscow in Irkutsk on 11 September.

After viewing round the hospital, the Senior General and party heard explanation on a plan to build the hospital and capacity of machinery to perform surgical operations through robotic technology in the hospital by officials. Then, a surgical operation was demonstrated. As successful completion of surgical operation, they posed for documentary photos. The Senior General presented gifts to the head of the hospital.

At MBOU Zakharovkaya Secondary School Moscow, the Senior General and party were welcomed by Education Minister for Irkutsk State Maxim Alexandrovich Parfenov, Principal Ms Lyudmila Leonidovna Tuchkova and school officials.



Head of Irkutsk Regional Children's Clinical Hospital Mr Kozolv Yuri Andreevich presents explanation on surgical operation through robotic technology to SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in Irkutsk on 11 September.



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Irkutsk Aviation Plant in Irkutsk on 11 September.

The Senior General and the General Director exchanged gifts.

On arrival at Irkutsk Regional Children's Clinical Hospital, Head of the hospital Mr Kozolv Yuri Andreevich and party welcomed the Senior General and party and explained health care services to children in the hospital, a plan for upgrading it to the 400-bed facility within two years, prospect for emergence of the building upon completion of the hospital through video presentation and VR technology. The Senior General discussed cooperation in health care services and other measures.

The Senior General and party interestingly viewed academic system for the primary students at the school, teaching of school children with the use of modern multimedia technology, libraries and playgrounds. The principal conducted the Senior General and party round the school. The Senior General asked about prospect for cooperation in upgrading the education qualification and other measures.

The Senior General and party posed for documentary photos together with the Head of Government of Irkutsk State, the principal and party.—MNA

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SAC member meets township administration body members in Pantanaw Township

STATE Administration Council member Mahn Nyein Maung met with local authorities and departmental officials at Pantanaw Township General Administration Department office yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, Chairman of the township administration body U Naing Win reported on local development activities, and economic, social, health, and educational matters plus and requirements.

Next SAC member Mahn Nyein Maung discussed the government's future plans, and arrangement of free and

fair elections led by local authorities and election for emergence of State leaders of the clean and fair government.

After construction of the community centre in the township, it can bring great benefits to the region, he said. It will be possible to produce more human resources, he added.

Local authorities reported on requirements in regional development measures and SAC member Mahn Nyein Maung pledged to coordinate with relevant departmental officials.— MNA



SAC member Mahn Nyein Maung meets officials of Township Administration Body, departmental officials and town elders in Pantanaw Township on 11 September.

Union Ministers who accompanied the SAC Chairman Prime Minister on Russian Federation trip discuss respective sectors



Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw holds discussions with Deputy Minister of Education Elena Apanovich and official in Irkutsk on 11 September.

THE Union Ministers who accompanied State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on a trip to the Russian Federation yesterday held meetings and discussions in the respective sectors.

In doing so, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw met with Deputy Minister of Education of the Irkutsk Elena Apanovich, Rector of the Irkutsk

National Research Technical University Mikhail Korniyov, and Pro-Rector of Irkutsk State University Konstantin Grigorichev at the Marroitt Hotel conferencing hall and discussed education sectors of the two countries.

In addition, Union Minister for Health, Dr Thet Khaing Win visited pharmaceutical manufacturing plant in Irkutsk City. During his visit, Shelekhov Alexey Vladimirovich,

Minister of Health of the State Government, and officials explained the steps of manufacturing medicine using modern machines.

They discussed issues export of medicines to international markets, doing research works, prospects of exporting medicines and raw medicines to Myanmar, opportunity of investment to build pharmaceutical factory in Myanmar.—MNA

COVID-19 vaccines delivered to different states, regions

IN collaboration with military doctors, health workers and civil society groups, COVID-19 vaccines are transported by Tatmadaw (Air) and motor vehicles as per cold-chain standards to other states and regions.

Authorities distributed Myancopharm, which can be given to five people at a time, Sinovac and Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccines stored at Central Medical Store Dept,

Public Health Department, on Mindhamma Road, Mayangon Township, Yangon. Yesterday, a total of 12,027 Myancopharm, 6,417 Sinovac and 900 Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccines with 4,200 syringes were transported by military aircraft to Thandwe Township of Rakhine State.

Responsible officials received them and will distribute them to the relevant areas.— MNA



Tatmadaw members loading cartons of COVID-19 vaccines onto Tatmadaw aircraft recently.

Objectives of 23rd Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2022

- (a) To uplift national prestige and integrity and to preserve the cultural heritage and national characteristics
- (b) To discover, preserve and uplift the traditional cultural heritage of performing arts of ethnic nationals and national cultural characteristics
- (c) To preserve traditional cultural performing arts in order to further revitalize adoration of the State and hand it down to new generation youths
- (d) To contribute much to the restoration of perpetual peace

DMH forecasts water levels rising at rivers across Myanmar in second 10-day this month

THE Department Meteorology and Hydrology issued the weather forecast for water levels of Ayeyawady, Chindwin, Myittha, Sittoung, Thanlwin, Thaungyin, Ngawun, Toe, Kaladan, Laymyo and Bilin rivers within the second 10-day period of September on 11 September 2022.

According to the DMH's announcement, the water levels of Ayeyawady River may rise above the present levels by about 1-2 feet at Myitkyina, Bhamo, Shwe-

gu, Katha, Thabeikkyin, Mandalay, Sagaing and Myinmu and about 2-4 feet at Pakokku, NyaungU, Chauk, Minbu, Magway, Aunglan, Pyay, Seiktha, Hinthada and Zalun.

The water levels of Chindwin River may rise above the present levels by about 1-3 feet at Khamti, Homalin, Phaungpyin, Mawlaik, Kalewa, Mingin, Kani and Monywa.

The water level of Myittha River may rise above the present

level by about 3 feet at Kalay, Dokhtawady River about 1-2 feet at Hsipaw, Shwesayan and Myitnge, Sittoung River about 1-2 feet at Toungoo and Madauk, Shwegyin River about 1.5 feet at Shwegyin, Bago River by about 1-3 feet at Zaungtu and Bago, Thanlwin River about 2-3 feet at Pasawng and Hpan, Thaungyin River about 2 feet at Myawady, Ngawun River about 1-3 feet at Ngathaingyoung, Thabaung and Pathein, Toe River one foot at Maubin, Kaladan River about 0.5-1 foot at Paletwa and Kyauktaw, Laymyo River about 1 foot at MraukU and Bilin River about 1.5 feet at Bilin.— TWA/GNLM



Photo shows flood-affected Kywetkyun Village of Hinthada Township, Ayeyawady Region last year.

Fault of 33kV power line over (Thakayta- North Dagon) Ngamoeyeik River under repairs



Electricians are repairing the power line at the site.



THE 33kV power line that supplies electricity to Thingangyun Township, Yangon, over (Thakayta-North Dagon) Ngamoeyeik River broke down near the river crossing tower at 5:20 pm on 10 September.

The downed power line is being repaired in a timely manner by Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation officials.

It is being repaired by electricians from Power Supply Department of Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation, Overhead Cable Installation Division, the Yangon Eastern District Electrical Manager's Office and the relevant township manager offices, officials said.

Therefore, the YESC has announced that after the repair of the broken power line, electrification will be restored in the near future.— TWA/GNLM

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, foodstuffs, consumer goods, vehicles seized

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

An on-duty inspection team from Mayanchaung checkpoint in Mon State under the supervision of the Customs Department inspected on the detour near Shwephyu rubber firm at 97th-mile and sixth-furlong milestone on Yangon-Myawady highway on 7 September. Officials seized a Toyota crown without licence, estimated K2.5 million, which

departed on the detour and the action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Similarly, a combined team comprising officials of the Customs Department conducted inspection at Myanmar Industrial Port container inspection camp on 9 September. They nabbed sport suits and shoes, which were excessive in ID from a container estimated at K27,373,500 and the action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Furthermore, a combined inspection team under the su-



Various customs dutyless foodstuffs and consumer goods seized in Mandalay Region on 9 September.



A Toyota Crown without registration seized on Yangon-Myawady Road on 7 September.

pervision of the Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force of Mandalay Region, led by Region Customs Department performed inspection near the Htonbo gate in Yangon-Mandalay highway. They seized illegal foodstuffs, without official documents, from a vehicle estimated at K68.510 million and a Mitsubishi Fuso six-wheel truck, which carried goods estimated at K10 million, and total estimated at K78.510 million were seized and the action was taken under the

Customs Procedures.

A combined inspection team under the supervision of the Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force of Sagaing Region, led by Myanmar Police Force conducted inspection at a checkpoint of the Sagaing City gate on 10 September. They seized a Toyota Wish, without licence estimated at K4.5 million and action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

Next, a combined team under the supervision of the Anti-Il-

legal Trade Task Force of Bago Region, led by Region Forest Department performed inspection at Khabaung forest reserve in Toungoo on 11 September. They found 0.5058 tonne of ironwood worth about K252,900 and action were taken under the Forest Law.

Therefore, nine cases at estimated value of K135,636,400 were taken action from 7, 9, 10 and 11 September; according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee.—MNA

LOCAL BUSINESS

Agricultural export value tops over \$1.5 bln over five months

THE value of agricultural exports amounted to US\$1.51 billion between 1 April and 2 September in the current financial year 2022-2023, indicating a small increase of \$27.28 million as against the year ago period.

The figures topped \$1.48 billion in the corresponding period last year.

Myanmar agricultural products are exported to China, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Bangladesh, India and countries in Europe and African countries.

The country shipped rice, corn, chili pepper, rubber, mango, various beans and pulses to the external markets through border posts and sea trade.

The country requires specific export plans for each agricultural product, as they are currently exported to external markets based upon supply and demand. The G to G pact also ensures a strong market for the farmers. Contract farming systems, involvement of

regional and state agriculture departments, exporters, traders, and some grower groups, are required in order to meet production targets, the Agriculture Department stated.

According to a Memorandum of Understanding between Myanmar and India, India will annually import 250,000 tonnes of black gram and 100,000 tonnes of pigeon peas (tur) from Myanmar for five consecutive years from 2021-2022 financial year to 2025-2026 FY.

The Commerce Ministry is endeavouring to help farmers deal with challenges such as high input costs, procurement of quality pedigree seeds, high cultivation costs, and erratic weather conditions.

Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) invited rice companies and millers who want to participate in the contract farming system in the coming summer paddy season.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation is supervising to implement

contract farming system on 850,000 acres of summer paddy in the 2022-2023 season, provide payment-in-kind (seeds, fertilizer and diesel) instead of cash and the summer paddy growers will be entitled to receive K200,000 worth of payment-in-kind per acre through Agricul-

ture Development Fund. This plan aims to boost the paddy yield through the support of agricultural inputs (fertilizer, seeds and others) and conduct supply chain financing strategy connecting the farmers, millers and companies, according to the MRF's statement.

Myanmar's agriculture sector is the backbone of the country's economy and it contributes to over 30 per cent of Gross Domestic Products. The country primarily cultivates paddy, corn, cotton, sugarcane, various pulses and beans.—KK/GNLM



A factory running production of value-added rubber products.

Edible oil dealers speculate on price movements in Yangon market

EDIBLE oil dealers told the Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM) that there might be changing market conditions in Yangon edible oil market in early September 2022.

At present, the prices of peanut oil, sesame oil and sunflower oil are surging. The palm oil prices stayed between K8,500-K9,700 per viss.

In the second week of Sep-

tember, the prices of palm oil slid to K8,500-K8,600 per viss. Traders speculated on further drop in prices.

The palm oil reference price in Yangon fell to the lowest of K3,525 per viss in early August. Thereafter, the price gradually went up according to the reference rates issued on a weekly basis. The reference price touched a high of K5,220

for a week ending 11 September. The reference price for a week from 13 to 19 September is still not revealed on 11 September. However, the prices of palm oil in the wholesale market drastically dropped. On 11 September, the palm oil was priced at K8,500-K8,600 in wholesale markets. They are sold at K8,000 only at oil tanks, citing the market reports. Therefore, there

is a price difference of K2,800 between the reference price and the prices set by distributors. There is also a large gap between the reference price and the wholesale price.

On 12 August, the wholesale price K8,600 per viss was around K5,000 higher than the reference price K3,525. At that time, the main distributors offered the same price as the reference price although it was hard to buy the palm oil.

In early August, the mobile market trucks with subsidized price schemes sold the palm oil at only K3,700 per viss while the wholesale price was estimated at K8,600 per viss. Some unscrupulous businesspersons resold them with a profit of K1,500-K2,000.

Some fried food businesses bought the edible oil from those sellers as they are K1,500-K2,000 cheaper than the wholesale prices. It is a win-win situation for both parties, Daw Hla Mu, a fritter seller from Kamayut Township, told the GNLM.

The consumers are antici-

pating the changing market conditions. In the previous months, the mobile market trucks sold them at the cheaper rate yet there is a limited supply and quota.

The wholesale price is about K4,000 higher than the reference price, Ko Myint Lwin, a trader who delivers palm oil to other regions and states from Nyaungpinlay and Bayintnaung markets, told the GNLM.

The wholesale price is doubled compared to the reference price. Majority of the consumers cannot get access to the subsidized scheme of mobile market trucks. They are forced to buy the palm oil at around K10,000 per viss, the GNLM quoted Daw Khaing who lives at a dormitory in Hlinethaya Township, as saying.

As the price movement is likely to happen in the coming days, traders do not make a big purchase when the price is decreasing. The consumers also expect to see palm oil and vegetable oil bottles in the shelves of city marts.—TWA/GNLM



Consumers standing in queue to buy the palm oil from a mobile market truck.

OPINION

Try to overcome the difficulties of monetary bullying in the international arena

POLITICS is defined as the activities associated with the governance of a country or area but it is really based on complexity, flexibility, tact, manipulating, exploiting, bullying, instigating, interfering and so on.

Currently, global affairs are based on the activities of powerful countries, based on their military might, monetary might and material might. Just global affairs are not affecting any other. In the current era, power big countries are making terrible attempts to interfere in the internal affairs of small countries in various ways and means.

Significantly, now is the time for all small and powerless countries to unite each other. They all need to choose powerful friendly countries in the international arena and try to raise mutual interests. It is necessary to build friendly relations with other countries in a common stance and attitude for peacefully standing in the global community.

ways and means to manipulate and bully other small countries by taking advantage of their interests. They always seek advantages in all events for exploiting the lesser power countries. Small and powerless countries should unite themselves in all sorts of might through concerted efforts for defying the powerful countries so as to escape from the manipulation by evil big countries.

Myanmar can use currencies such as the rouble, yuan and rupee in the placement of the dollar. Moreover, the dollar can be substituted with a barter system in order to have economic development with monetary might. If so, small countries can overcome the difficulties of monetary bullying. Hence, small countries need to request powerful friendly countries to give a helping hand to them.

Significantly, now is the time for all small and powerless countries to unite each other. They all need to choose powerful friendly countries in the international arena and try to raise mutual interests. It is necessary to build friendly relations with other countries in a common stance and attitude for peacefully standing in the global community.

But, some of the big countries as well as developed countries have a genuine attitude to giving a helping hand to small countries without attempts to bully others as they tried hard to escape from the total loss in the past events triggered by bitter experiences. So, global countries need to establish partnership relations with the aforesaid countries in honour of good attitudes.

Some big countries utilize dollars as a tool in bullying small countries because the status of dollars is in connection with financial security. As such, small countries become victims of dollar manipulation committed by big countries. It can be seen that those small countries are unable to defy the political and economic sectors against the big countries due to a lack of might.

The powerful countries with negative attitudes never benefit other countries. They are always considering the

Remedies for Breach of Contracts

BY KYAW KYAW (JUDICIAL OFFICER)

A contract is a legally enforceable agreement.

A contract is a legally binding agreement between two or more parties or companies. A contractual agreement creates a promise that certain rights and obligations will be fulfilled by each party. In essence, a promise is the foundation of every contract.

The principal purpose of a contract is to formalize new relationships and outline the various legal obligations each party is liable to the other.

The intention to be legally bound is an essential element of every contract, and it requires a contract to exist and be enforceable by law.

Gentlemen's agreement

A gentlemen's agreement, or gentleman's agreement, is informal and legally non-binding agreement between two or more parties, and it is typically oral, through mutually-beneficial etiquette.

Formation of contract

The basic elements required for the agreement to be a legally enforceable contract are mutual assent, expressed by a valid offer and acceptance, adequate consideration, capacity, and legality.

Before a contract process even begins, two or more parties will have agreed to work together in a mutually beneficial manner.

When a person expresses something to another person to invite him to make an offer it is known as an invitation to offer.

An invitation to offer becomes an offer when responded by the party to whom it is made.

When one person expresses his will to another to do or not to do something, to take his approval, is known as an offer. Offeror and offeree exchange promises to each other.

The offer becomes an agreement when it is accepted.

A contract is formed when the offeree promises to perform.

Free consent is an essential element of a contract based on Section 13 of the Contract Act and the meaning of free consent is an agreement made between

two parties for the same purpose with the union of thoughts without coercion, fraud, misrepresentation, undue influence and mistake.

Types of contracts

Contracts based on validity can come in eleven different forms, including valid contracts. Types of Contract are Valid contract, Void contract, Voidable contract, Express contract, Implied contract, Reciprocal contract, Constructive contract, Quasi contract, e-com Contract, Executed contract, and Executory contract.

A valid contract is one that is legally enforceable, while a void contract is unenforceable and imposes no obligations on the parties involved.

A contract to be valid two things are absolutely essential-lawful object and lawful consideration. Lawful consideration or object can never be fraudulent.

All contracts are agreements, but all agreements are not contractual.

A valid contract is an agreement, which is binding and enforceable. In a valid contract, all the parties are legally bound to perform the contract.

A void Contract implies a contract which lacks enforceability by law, whereas a Voidable Contract, alludes to a contract wherein one party has the right to enforce.

An E-contract, or electronic contract, is a legal document created and signed online. It is essentially a digital version of a traditional paper contract.

The executed agreement creates a contractual relationship between two or more parties and each must now fulfil the legal obligations they agreed upon in the written agreement.

An executory contract is a contract that has not yet been fully performed or fully executed. It is a contract in which both sides still have important performance remaining.

Breach of contract

When the parties to the contract performed their promises, the contract is to be executed.

If a party to a contract does not perform his obligations or expressly refuses to perform the contract, it is called a breach of contract.

The party committing a breach of contract is called the



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their intentions in an agreement.

An implied contract arises from the conduct of the parties, rather than from words. That is, the parties interact in a manner that constitutes a legally enforceable contract. This means that all of the elements of an enforceable contract can be inferred from the actions of the parties.

A reciprocal contract is one in which the parties enter into mutual agreements.

A civil action is a lawsuit filed by a private person (not the government) against another private person. Lawsuits seek monetary damages for injury or loss that the party suing (the plaintiff) alleges the party sued (the defendant) caused.

Civil actions are categorized according to the type of injury or damage involved.

Civil lawsuits arise out of disputes between parties to a contract. The plaintiff in such actions alleges that the defendant has failed to comply with some term(s) of the contract, causing damage to the plaintiff.

Some civil wrongs result from intentionally "wrong" acts by defendants, repudiation of expressed or implied contracts such as intentional misrepresentation, or defamation.

Generally, civil liability arises from wrongful acts and breaches of contracts.

The party committing a breach of contract is called the

defaulting party.

In the case of a breach of contract, the party who does not, or refuses to perform his obligations is called the aggrieved party. The aggrieved party entitles to claim remedy for breach of contract.

A person who suffers damage or injury from the breach of contract can seek financial remedies in Civil Court. If there are criminal elements appear the aggrieved person may seek criminal action.

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Wrongful acts may be intentional or negligently actions or omissions.

The breach of contracts or repudiation of contracts may be expressed or implied.

When civil liability arises and the aggrieved person is entitled to claim civil remedy.

Any kind of contract may be considered breached once one party unconditionally refuses to perform under the contract as promised, regardless of when the performance is supposed to take place. This unconditional refusal is known as a "repudiation" of a contract.

Remedy for breach of contract

The civil remedy may be declaration or damage or injunction or specific performance of contract or recovery of moveable or immovable property.

Remedy for breach of contract is a common type of civil lawsuit. This type of lawsuit will arise when one contracting party fails to perform the obligations due under the contract. When one party breaches the contract, the other party is often referred to as the innocent party. The innocent party can file a lawsuit and seek a legal remedy.

A Legal remedy is a method by which the court attempts to bring justice to, or compensate, the innocent party.

Remedy means of enforcing a right or preventing or redressing a wrong; legal or equitable relief.

Adequate remedy means a legal remedy (such as an award of damages) that provides sufficient relief to the petitioning party, thus preventing the party from obtaining equitable relief.

Judicial remedy means a remedy granted by a Court; esp; a tort remedy that is either ordinary (as in an action for damages) or extraordinary (as in an equitable suit for an injunction).

Legal remedy means a remedy available in a court of law, as distinguished from a remedy available only in equity.

There are several remedies for breach of contracts, such as the award of damages, specific performance, rescission, and restitution.

Damages are not recoverable for loss that the party in breach did not have reason to foresee as a probable result of the breach when the contract was made.

Often, the legal remedy for a breach of contract claim will include a remedy of damages. A damage award is money ordered to be paid as compensation for the injury or loss. There are several different types of monetary damages and several different methods that the courts use to calculate damages.

Functions of contracts are fundamental to commercial transactions. Contracts create rights and duties between the promisor and the promisee.

Benefits of valid contracts

Effective and proper communication of contractual relations prevents avoidable revocation and misunderstanding between parties.

The formation of a valid contract can eliminate unwanted disputes and litigations.

Clear conditions in a valid contract can also protect the misunderstanding and blame game in a contract. Every business contract is a primary foundation of the commercial relation and it will protect the contracting parties in the event of wrongdoing.

In any commercial transaction, a valid contract can secure the benefits of the contracting parties and promote commercial relations among all the parties involved in the transaction.

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report

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BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is weak to moderate over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 12 September 2022: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi regions and Kachin State and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, and Magway regions and Shan State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squall with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (30) mph. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar Waters. Wave height will be about (7-9) feet in off and along Rakhine Coasts and (5-7) feet in Deltaic, Gulf of mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Weak to moderate monsoon over the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 September 2022: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 September 2022: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Combatting human trafficking still cannot stop domestic slavery cases in the Middle East Labour Affairs

INSTITUTIONS concerned had better continue to investigate trafficking in persons of Myanmar women as domestic workers in the Middle East, advocates of labour affairs pointed out.

In recent days, seven Myanmar victims of human trafficking in Dubai, the UAE were rescued with the bilateral cooperation between Myanmar and Dubai police forces and they returned home. Those convicted traffickers faced legal actions at the Tamway Police Station.

Those Myanmar traffickers living in Dubai as permanent residence took advantage of vulnerable Myanmar girls with high salary scams. Then, they were forced to be sold in Iran, Iraq, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Jordan and Oman after they arrived in Dubai. The girls called for help on social media.

Some local oversea recruitment agents persuaded them to work overseas. Trafficking in persons is continuously happening

amid weak law enforcements, labour affairs advocates criticized.

The traffickers convinced the vulnerable girls that they would be hired with a good salary and they fell into the trap. They were detained by a group of Myanmar vicious people in Dubai.

They kept the girls' passports and mobile phones. They provided only one meal a day. The girls were entrapped to be sold in countries in the Middle East. They faced extortions, according to the stories of the

victims of trafficking who came back to Myanmar on 9 September.

Similar cases might happen again so investigations should be ongoing with the global alliance (Interpol) against human trafficking, advocates suggested.

"We do not have a Memorandum of Understanding on employment with the Middle East. Younger people fall for trafficking with higher salary scams. Some local recruitment agencies should also check the

accountability of the agents on other sides. Unless they do so, they can be involved in trafficking cases," an advocate said.

On 6 September, Union Minister Dr Pwin San of the Ministry of Labour addressed at a meeting with executive committee members of Myanmar Overseas Employment Agencies Federation that agencies must have full responsibility for workers' health and safety until they return to their home country.—TWA/GNLM

Yangon Region hits the highest record of COVID-19 infection in 1st week of September

IN the first week of September, the highest number of cluster infections occurred in Yangon Region among the domestic cases of COVID-19, according to a statement from the Ministry of Health.

According to the list of new patients confirmed by daily laboratory tests, the Yangon Region has the highest number of domestic transmissions and there are more cases of domestic infections than people who come from abroad, said Yangon Region COVID-19 Control and Emergency Response Commit-

tee Chairman Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein on 6 September.

A total of 64 patients from Yangon Region out of 84 suspicious patients were confirmed for COVID-19 on 1 and 2 September, 70 out of 90 patients on 2 and 3 September, 53 out of 70 suspicious patients on 3 and 4 September, 72 out of 95 patients on 4 and 5 September, 116 patients out of 146 on 5 and 6 September, 105 patients out of 223 on 6 and 7 September, 97 patients out of 187 on 7 and 8 September, and 88 patients

from Yangon Region out of 191 tests were confirmed for COVID-19.

The Covid-19 Control and Emergency Response Committee stressed the need to facilitate hand-washing basins and hand gel at shopping centres, factories, workshops, schools, offices, and departments, taking body temperature measurements, and urging the people to wear masks at YBS Bus terminals, airports, and ship ports with random inspections with the test kit for COVID-19 in public area.—TWA/GNLM



Department of Public Health Laboratory (Yangon).

Dental, medical universities admit 1,335 applicants for entrance interviews



University of Dental Medicine (Yangon).

A total of 1,355 applicants were allowed to join entrance interviews for Universities of Medicine and Universities of Dental Medicine, according to the Ministry of Health.

The applicants' seat numbers and interview schedules can be seen on social media page and websites of the Ministry of Health, the Department of Human Resource for Health, University of Medicine and University of Dental Medicine and the Higher Education Department and at 26 universities, which accepted entrance applications.

Applicants have to join the entrance interviews at Midwifery Training School (Nay Pyi Taw)

from 12 to 22 September by their seat numbers and exam dates respectively. The applicants from seat No 1 to 150 have to join the interviews on 12 September, from No 151 to 300 on 13 September and from No 301 to 450 on 14 September. Similarly, the applicants from seat No 451 to 600 must be joined the interviews on 15 September, from No 601 to 750 on 16 September, from No 751 to 900 on 19 September, from No 1051 to 1200 on 21 September and from seat No 1201 to 1335 on 22 September respectively.

Applicants have to read the information in the announcement carefully to join the interviews, according to the Ministry of Health.—TWA/GNLM

189 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 11 September, total figure rises to 616,852

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **616,852** after **189** new cases — **16** imported and **173** local transmission — were reported on 11 September 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **594,280** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll still stands at **19,442** 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 10-9-2022, a total of **30,446,337** people above 18 and a total of **6,498,356** people under 18 have been vaccinated. —MNA

HEALTH/PANDEMIC WORLD

Zenara Pharma launches Paxzen tablet against mild to moderate COVID

HYDERABAD-BASED Zenara Pharma, has announced that it has launched Nirmatrelvir and Ritonavir tablets in a combi pack as a treatment option for patients with mild to moderate symptoms of Covid-19.

Zenara Pharma is a fully owned subsidiary of Biophore India Pharmaceuticals.

The product will be sold at a Maximum Retail Price of Rs 5,200 per box, equivalent to one full course of treatment per patient, and contains 20 Tablets of Nirmatrelvir 150mg and 10 Tablets of Ritonavir 100mg.

The tablet, which will be sold under the brand name 'Paxzen', is being manufactured at Zenara's US FDA and EU-approved state-of-the-art facility in Hyderabad.

It is to be noted that Zenara Pharma received approval from the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) to manufacture and market this product last month.

Dr Jagadeesh Babu Rangisetty, Co-founder and Managing Director at Zenara Pharma, told ANI, "We have launched this product in India with an aim to



Paxzen, the first generic of Paxlovid for COVID-19 in India. PHOTO: ANI

bring the best treatment options against COVID within reach of

patients in our country. Our product, Paxzen, has been proven

equivalent to Paxlovid through a Bio Equivalence study, based on which we have received the approval from the regulatory authorities."

The statement further said that the product's breakthrough approval was given by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in December 2021 indicating for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults. It was the first oral pill that has been approved by US FDA and with a better safety profile than subsequently approved oral therapies. —ANI

After pandemic hiatus, Detroit Auto Show reboots itself

THE Detroit Auto Show, long a dead of winter mainstay that drew car industry brass and international media to America's "Motor City" ahead of a big public expo, will convene next week for the first time since the Covid-19 pandemic.

The event, reconceptualized as a partly outdoor gathering, will spotlight the growing class of electric vehicles (EV) that are beginning to hit showrooms, in what is still the early days of a lengthy transition.

With no Detroit show since 2019, event organizers tout a chance for media and the public to check out vehicles that they may have only seen virtually until now.

In another highlight, Pres-

ident Joe Biden plans to attend the show's media day on Wednesday to highlight policies to boost EV adoption.

But longtime Detroit show attendees are expecting a fanfare-light affair.

In its peak years, the January event was known for free-flowing champagne and fancy nibbles as CEOs from Detroit's "Big 3" and international giants like Toyota and Mercedes-Benz unveiled sparkling new four-wheel offerings.

Architects of the event, officially called the North American International Auto Show, are not trying to replicate the panache of the show's earlier incarnation in light of profound changes since the last show in 2019. —AFP



General Motors President of Cadillac Steve Carlisle revealed the Cadillac XT6 in January 2019 during the last Detroit Auto Show prior to the pandemic. PHOTO: BILL PUGLIANO/AFP/FILE

Japan's COVID-19 cases more than doubled in 2 months

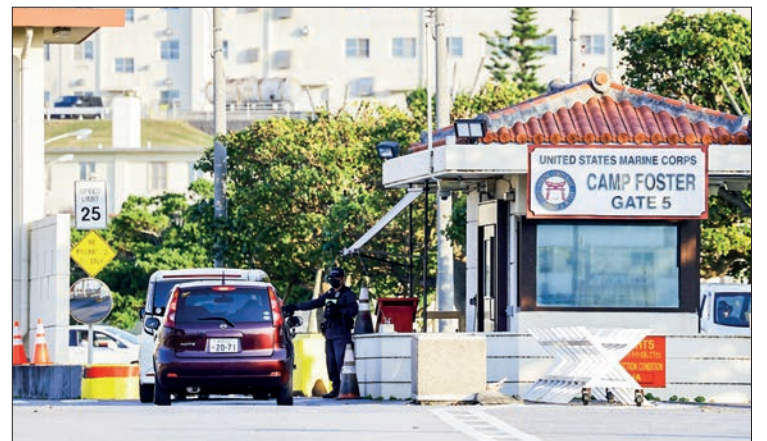
JAPAN reported a total of 20,000,343 COVID-19 cases as of Friday, more than doubled in less than two months from that logged on July 14, statistics showed.

The country registered 99,491 new COVID-19 cases on Friday. A total of 211 people were reported dead, bringing the total death toll to 42,363, according to data from the country's public broadcaster NHK.

Japan has seen its seventh wave of COVID-19 infections since July, and the number of new confirmed cases and deaths in a single day remains at a high level.

The rapid rise in the number of deaths has made it difficult to cremate the dead in some parts of Japan, local media has reported.

In Japan, the number of new



The bed occupancy rate for COVID patients has recently surpassed 100 per cent at one hospital on Okinawa's main island. The US Marine Corps' Camp Foster in the Okinawa Prefecture town of Chatan, southern Japan. PHOTO: KYODO

infections in the latest week was 69 per cent higher than the previous week, Japan's Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare said in a report Wednesday.

Most of the country's new coronavirus deaths in July and August were among people over

70 years old. People aged 70 and above accounted for about 91 per cent of COVID-19 deaths between 29 June and 30 August, Japanese newspaper Yomiuri Shimbun reported, citing data from the ministry. —Xinhua

Viet Nam reports 2,498 new COVID-19 cases

VIET NAM recorded 2,498 new COVID-19 cases on Saturday, down 1,151 from Friday, according to the Ministry of Health.

All the new cases were locally transmitted, said the ministry.

The newly reported infections brought the total tally to 11,437,970. The country reported no new deaths from the pandemic on Saturday, with the total fa-

talities staying at 43,126.

As of Saturday, there were 108 severe cases in need of assisted breathing in the Southeast Asian country, according to the ministry. Nationwide, 10,287,143 COVID-19 patients, or nearly 90 percent of the total infections, have recovered.

Approximately 258.5 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines

have been administered in the country, including nearly 219.8 million shots on people aged 18 and above, said the ministry.

Vietnam has already recorded COVID-19 infections with Omicron BA.4, BA.5, BA.2.12.1 and BA.2.74 sub-variants and is accelerating the inoculation of its people with a fourth vaccine dose. —Xinhua

ECONOMY WORLD

Japan says ready for 'necessary response' as yen dives

JAPAN is ready to take action if the yen's plummeting value remains volatile, officials repeated on Thursday, after the currency hit 24-year lows.

The yen has tumbled from around 115 per dollar in March to lower than 140 last week, as the Bank of Japan (BoJ) sticks with its monetary easing policies in contrast to rate hikes from other central banks including the US Federal Reserve.

It has continued to drop fast, nearly touching 145 per dollar overnight in New York, as investors flooded into the US currency hoping for better



Japan has so far not announced any specific measures to bolster the yen's value. **PHOTO: AFP**

returns and as a safe-haven hedge.

Japan has not announced any specific measures to bol-

ster the yen, such as instructing the central bank to buy it against other currencies.

But on Thursday, officials

from the BoJ, the finance ministry and the government's fiscal services agency held a meeting while the yen hovered close to 144 per dollar.

"If (the yen) continues to fluctuate like this, the government is ready to take the necessary response in financial markets," Masato Kanda, Vice-Minister of Finance for International Affairs, told reporters after the meeting.

"Various measures" are on the table, he said without giving details. His comments closely echoed remarks made Wednesday by Japan's finance minister, who said rapid shifts in foreign exchange rates were

"not desirable".

Ray Attrill, head of FX strategy at National Australia Bank, said the rhetoric would have little effect.

"The market's not buying what the Japanese officials are selling in terms of their public concerns about the moves in the yen. They've basically been singing from exactly the same hymn sheet," he told AFP.

A weaker yen can help Japanese companies to sell products overseas, but "at these levels, the disadvantages of a weak yen are starting to outweigh the benefits," with households and businesses facing higher import prices, Attrill said. —AFP

China automobile sector maintains rapid growth momentum



Visitors watch solar-powered cars at the environmental services exhibition during the 2022 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) in Beijing, capital of China, 3 September 2022. **PHOTO: XINHUA/HAN XU**

CHINA'S automobile industry continued to see robust growth in production and sales in August

despite COVID-19 outbreaks, industrial data showed Friday.

The world's largest automobile market produced 2.4 million units of automobiles and sold 2.38 million units last month, rising 38.3 per cent and 32.1 per cent year on year respectively, data from the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers showed. In the first eight months of this year, the automobile output reached 16.97 million units, up 4.8 per cent year on year. Automobile sales totaled 16.86 million units, rising 1.7 per cent compared with the same period of 2021.

The association expected that the steady growth trend of the automobile industry might continue. —Xinhua

Nigerian economy shows upward trajectory despite strong headwinds: president

NIGERIA'S economy has continued to be resilient and maintains an upward trajectory, despite the disruptions in the global economy, Nigerian President Muhammadu Buhari said on Friday.

Buhari, while inaugurating an 11-man Presidential Committee on the National Economy in Abuja, the Nigerian capital, said the loss of substantial volumes of oil, the mainstay of the economy, as well as the COVID-19 pan-

demic and the conflict between Russia and Ukraine, had brought negative impacts on the economy of Africa's most populous country.

"Starting with COVID-19 and now the conflict in Ukraine, the past three years have been turbulent ones for the global economy. Global interdependence has become more apparent as we have had to deal with volatility, uncertainty, complexity, and ambiguity," the Nigerian

leader said.

He said while the global economy was largely affected by challenges which include lockdowns as COVID-19 raged — with disruptions to supply chains around the world and sharp fluctuations in prices, the Nigerian economy continued to show resilience and growth, despite the adverse effects of rising interest rates, a stronger US dollar and higher inflation across the world. —Xinhua

Canada's unemployment rate rises in August

CANADA'S unemployment rate rose to 5.4 per cent in August for the first time in seven months, Statistics Canada said on Friday.

The unemployment rate, up 0.5 percentage points from the record low of 4.9 per cent observed in June and July, was the first increase not coinciding with a tightening of public health restrictions since May 2020, when the unemployment rate reached its pandemic peak, the national statistical agency said.

The unemployment rate increased for four of the six main demographic groups in August, including young men aged 15 to 24, women aged 55 and older, core-aged men, and core-aged women. It was little changed among young women and older men, the agency said.

The adjusted unemployment rate, which includes people who wanted a job but did not look for one, rose 0.5 percentage points to 7.3 per cent in August. This increase was largely due to the rise in the number of unemployed, rather than an increase in those who were outside the labour force but wanted work, according to the agency.

Long-term unemployment, the number of people who had been continuously unemployed for 27 weeks or more, rose by 22,000, or 13.7 per cent in August, offsetting a similar size decline in July. Long-term unemployment expressed as a proportion of the total labour force was 0.9 per cent in August, the same as its February 2020 pre-pandemic level, the agency said. —Xinhua



The unemployment rate of very recent immigrants has a particular impact on labour market conditions in Canada's largest cities. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Jeep's first electric SUV to arrive in Europe in 2023: CEO

JEEP will launch its first all-electric SUV for Europe, the "Avenger", next year, CEO Christian Meunier told AFP on Thursday, as its parent company Stellantis moves away from fossil fuel vehicles.

"We have very strong DNA — electrification is a means of reinforcing it," the French director of the US automaker told AFP as the company presented its first electric models to the media.

Jeep plans to sell only electric vehicles in Europe by 2030 under the Dare Forward plans of its parent company, Stellantis, a US-European group whose other brands include Peugeot, Fiat, Chrysler and Alfa Romeo.

Battery electric vehicles will account for

half of Stellantis car sales in the United States by the end of the decade.

The small and rugged Avenger has a range of 400 kilometres (250 miles) per charge.

Compared with petrol models it will be a "little heavier given its batteries, but the acceleration and the fun will be there," Meunier said.

Another electric model adding to the Jeep line-up is the boxier, more off-road-oriented "Recon", replete with power-sliding roof and removable doors.

Recon will be launched in North America in 2024. Jeep is also releasing an electric variant of its largest sport-utility vehicle, the 600-horsepower Wagoneer S, with a range of 600 kilometres. —AFP



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UK business mourns queen as souvenir sales boom



Souvenirs of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II are sold at the British-owned Tea & Sympathy in Manhattan, New York City. **PHOTO: AFP**

BRITISH business paid tribute Friday to Queen Elizabeth II, with department stores shut, flags lowered, clocks stopped and meetings postponed, but souvenir sales boomed

as well-wishers thronged. London's iconic Selfridges, on the capital's Oxford Street shopping thoroughfare, and nearby Liberty on Regent Street closed out of respect for the nation's longest serv-

ing monarch who died Thursday.

Many company headquarters lowered flags, while the Bank of England has delayed an interest rate meeting until after the funeral.

Fortnum and Mason, the Royal Family's tea supplier, was shuttered and even stopped the clock on the front of its luxury department store in London's Piccadilly quarter.

"We are proud to have held a warrant from Her Majesty since 1954, and to have served her and the royal household throughout her life," F&M said on their website. "As a sign of our deep respect, we have lowered our flag to half-mast and stopped the Piccadilly facade clock."

Elsewhere, the remembrance business was in full swing nearer the palace, as well-wishers gathered to pay respects to the Royal Family — and hoped to catch a glimpse of King Charles III and Queen Consort Camilla. —AFP

German gas importer VNG asks for state aid amid energy crisis

AFTER Germany's largest gas importer Uniper was rescued from insolvency by the government in July, the country's third largest gas importer VNG also applied for state aid due to soaring energy prices, the company said on Friday.

As was the case for Uniper, VNG had to procure gas volumes at "significantly higher prices" on the energy markets to fulfill supply contracts, the company said.

Since the start of the Russia-Ukraine conflict, gas prices in Europe have

tripled as supplies to Germany via the Nord Stream 1 pipeline were repeatedly reduced. Last week, Gazprom cut off supplies altogether, blaming an oil leak at a turbine.

Two gas contracts of 65 and 35 terawatt hour equivalents were affect-

ed by the Russian supply disruptions, according to VNG.

The company was still able to bear the additional costs of 1 billion euros (1 billion US dollars) for the smaller contract, but no longer those for the larger one. —Xinhua

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Iran condemns fresh US sanctions against its intelligence ministry

IRAN on Saturday condemned the new US sanctions against its intelligence ministry, which has been accused of launching an alleged cyber attack on Albania.

“This new sanctions label, just like the previous illegal US sanctions against the Intelligence Ministry, will never be able to create the slightest upset in the determination of the security servants of the Iranian people,” Nasser Kanaani, spokesman of the Iranian Foreign Ministry, said in a statement.

The US Treasury Department on Friday imposed sanctions on Iran’s Intelligence Ministry and its Minister Es-mail Khatib, citing alleged cy-



Albania blamed Iran for the July attack and on Wednesday cut diplomatic ties over the affair. **PHOTO: GENT SHKULLAKU/AFP**

ber attacks by Tehran on the Albanian government in July. On Wednesday, Albania severed diplomatic relations with Iran. The United States supported Albania’s move and vowed to

take action in response to the alleged attack on its NATO ally. Kanaani said that Washington is the “designer of this scenario” and Tirana is only a victim of Washington’s scheme. —Xinhua

Appeal to start in French court over Charlie Hebdo attack

AN appeal trial is set to begin Monday as two men ruled to have helped Islamist gunmen prepare a deadly 2015 attack on satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo seek to overturn their convictions.

Twelve people were killed at the magazine’s Paris office by brothers Said and Cherif Kouachi, who said they were acting on behalf of Al-Qaeda to avenge Charlie Hebdo’s decision to publish cartoons of the Prophet Mohammed.

The killings signalled the start of a deadly wave of Islamist attacks around Europe.

The first trial was held in 2020 with 14 defendants —

some tried in their absence — accused of helping the gunmen prepare and organise the attacks in the French capital.

Jail terms ranging from four years to life were handed out for those convicted of helping the gunmen, who attacked the magazine’s office and customers at a Jewish supermarket.

Only two, those given the heaviest sentences, have appealed.

Ali Riza Polat, 37, was sentenced to 30 years in prison after it was ruled he had helped the Kouachi brothers and Amedy Coulibaly secure weapons. —AFP

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NEWS IN BRIEF

German foreign minister arrives in Kyiv for surprise visit

GERMAN Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock arrived in Kyiv on Saturday on a surprise visit, which she said was to demonstrate Berlin’s unwavering support for Ukraine in its battle against Russia. It is her second trip to Ukraine and comes a week after Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmygal’s trip to Berlin where he had repeated Kyiv’s call for weapons.

“I have travelled to Kyiv today to show that they can continue to rely on us. That we will continue to stand by Ukraine for as long as necessary with deliveries of weapons, and with humanitarian and financial support,” Baerbock said in a statement. —Xinhua

EU Council adopts full suspension of visa facilitation with Russia

THE Council of the European Union (EU) on Friday adopted a decision on the full suspension of a visa facilitation agreement with Russia.

The decision “will result in an increase in the visa application fee from 35 euros to 80 euros, the need to present additional documentary evidence, increased visa processing time, and more restrictive rules for the issuance of multiple-entry visas,” the Czech Presidency of the Council of the EU said. —Xinhua

How Japan’s Justice Ministry led moves to accept Ukrainian evacuees

JAPAN has welcomed more than 1,800 evacuees since Russia’s war against Ukraine began over six months ago, in an uncharacteristic move for a country with a typically poor record accepting people seeking asylum.

On 1 March, just five days after the launch of the invasion, Justice Minister Yoshihisa Furukawa told senior immigration officials and others in his office that Japan “has a responsibility to act in this historic moment.”

Since then, the policy, announced by Prime Minister Fumio Kishida the next day, has been spearheaded by the ministry’s Immigration Services Agency.

One official recalled that Japan’s quick decision to accept people from Ukraine using a government plane was a sort of an “unprecedented mission,” and



Then Justice Minister Yoshihisa Furukawa (L) and his predecessor Yoko Kamikawa hold up the proposal to support Ukrainian evacuees, at the Justice Ministry in Tokyo on 21 April 2022. **PHOTO: KYODO**

interviews with those involved revealed that the initiative was propelled by the incumbent and previous justice ministers.

In the immediate aftermath of Russia’s assault, while numerous countries were expressing

solidarity with Ukraine, the question being asked in Japan was which ministry would handle accepting people fleeing the war. One government official even said the Foreign Ministry was “passive” on the issue. —Kyodo

Russia ‘regroups’ troops in east as Ukraine advances

RUSSIA said it was pulling back troops from the eastern Kharkiv region of Ukraine as Kyiv announced massive territorial gains in its lightning counter-offensive.

A Moscow-backed separa-

tist leader in the east meanwhile said Russian forces were fighting “difficult” battles against Kyiv’s troops in several parts of eastern Donetsk region.

A Ukrainian official also

said Kyiv’s troops were closing in on the eastern city of Lysychansk, captured by Russian troops after fierce artillery battles in July.

Moscow’s announcement of the pullback alongside Ky-

iv’s claim to have entered the town of Kupiansk are the most significant shifts in battlefield dynamics after months of fighting in eastern Ukraine that has been dominated by Moscow.

“A decision was made to regroup Russian troops stationed in the Balakliya and Izyum regions to bolster efforts along the Donetsk front,” Russia’s defence ministry said in a statement. —Xinhua

Queen's coffin heads to Scottish palace, historic church

THE Palace of Holyroodhouse and St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh, where Queen Elizabeth II's coffin will rest in the coming days, are both steeped in royal history — and anti-English sentiment.

Since the queen's death aged 96 on Thursday, her body has remained at her Balmoral estate in northeast Scotland while her eldest son travelled to London to be formally proclaimed King Charles III.

On Sunday, the coffin will be taken by road to the 500-year-old Holyroodhouse palace, set against the dramatic backdrop of Arthur's Seat, an ancient volcano that dominates Edinburgh's sweeping Holyrood Park.

The palace has been used by Scottish and English monarchs for centuries, since James IV began construction

on the site of the Holyrood ("holy cross") abbey.

According to legend, the abbey was founded in 1128 by King David I after he saw a vision of a stag with a glowing cross between its antlers, which he took as a sign from God.

One of the palace's most notable residents was Mary Queen of Scots. It was in her private apartments there that, in 1566, she witnessed the brutal murder of her secretary instigated by her jealous husband.

In 1633, Holyroodhouse was the site of the Scottish coronation of King Charles I, whose reign led to a civil war in which he was executed, and the palace was damaged and abandoned.

After a brief republic, his son returned as King Charles



Queen Elizabeth II last stayed at the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh in June 2022. PHOTO: AFP

II in 1660 and renovated the palace.

Elizabeth was a regular

visitor during her reign, holding an annual garden party attended by around 8,000 people,

and in 2010 she received Pope Benedict XVI there during his UK visit. —AFP

Close Swedish election predicted as far-right surges

SWEDES vote Sunday in legislative elections that will either pave the way for an unprecedented right-wing government supported by the far-right or a third straight mandate for the ruling Social Democrats.

Opinion polls have predicted a close race with a razor-thin lead for Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson's Social Democrats and the left bloc, following a campaign dominated by rising gang shootings and soaring electricity prices.

Polling stations open at 8:00 am (0600 GMT) and close at 8:00 pm, with final results due around midnight. The right-wing



People queue to vote at a polling station for advanced voting, 10 September, in Rinkeby, north of Stockholm, Sweden, one day ahead of the general elections. PHOTO: AFP

bloc has never before agreed to cooperate with the nationalist and anti-immigration Sweden

Democrats, treated as "pariahs" by other political parties until recently. —AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

UN global congress vows to support terrorism victims

THE first United Nations Global Congress of Victims of Terrorism concluded Friday at the UN headquarters in New York with a commitment to strengthen support for terrorism victims. Themed "Advancing the Rights and Needs of Victims of Terrorism," the congress aims to adopt a victim-centric approach to countering terrorism and preventing violent extremism, said a press release of its organizer, the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism. More than 600 participants, including close to 100 victims of terrorism from 25 countries across the globe, attended the congress in person. The congress concluded with the presentation of the chair's summary by Vladimir Voronkov, the under-secretary-general for counter-terrorism. In his remarks, Voronkov reiterated a three-pronged approach to promote the rights of victims of terrorism and better support their financial, legal, medical, and psychosocial needs. —Xinhua



Looking good: German actress Nina Hoss, French actress Noemie Merlant, American director Todd Field, British-German actress Sophie Kauer and Australian American actress Cate Blanchett (pictured left to right) who attended the star-studded event. PHOTO: AFP

Wide open race for Venice film fest prizes

THE race was wide open ahead of awards night in Venice on Saturday, after a festival featuring a dark Marilyn Monroe biopic, an imprisoned Iranian director and a morbidly obese Brendan Fraser.

Critics have been deeply divided on many of the 23 films in competition at the 79th Venice

Film Festival, but it has been a stellar year for individual actors.

There was a huge standing ovation for Fraser, who made an unlikely comeback from the Hollywood wilderness as a 600-pound (272-kilogram) English professor in "The Whale", sparking talk of Oscar nominations and a "Brendanaissance".

Cate Blanchett is also an awards frontrunner for her performance as a classical music conductor in "Tar", which takes a nuanced look at cancel culture. And Hugh Jackman's performance as a father dealing with a depressed teenager in "The Son" has been labelled the best of his career.—AFP

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Myanmar team player (red) eyes on the ball during the Group A opener of the Asian U-20 Qualifiers at the Prince Saud bin Jalawi Stadium in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia on 11 September. PHOTO:MFF

Myanmar lose to China with two late penalties in Asian U-20 Qualifiers opener

MYANMAR U-20 faced a shock loss to China U-20 team 1-3 with two late penalties in the Group A opener of the Asian U-20 Qualifiers at the Prince Saud bin Jalawi Stadium in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia at 1 am Myanmar Standard Time on 11 September.

In the first half, the score was tied at 1-1, but in the extra time of 90 + 3 and 90 + 5 minutes of the second half, the Myanmar team gave two consecutive penalties to the Chinese team, and the Chinese team won.

In the earlier Group (A) match between the Maldives

and Uzbekistan, Uzbekistan team won with a goal of 7-0.

In the Asian U-20 Championship qualifying match, the Myanmar team will play against Uzbekistan on 12 September, Saudi Arabia on 16 September and the Maldives on 18 September respectively.—GNLM

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine Objectives

1. Political affairs

- (a) To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, through a disciplined and genuine multiparty democratic system that is fair and just.
- (b) To emphasize the achievement of enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).
- (c) To continue implementing the principle of peaceful co-existence among countries through an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy.

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.
- (b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.
- (c) To promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.

3. Social affairs

- (a) To ensure a strong and dynamic Union spirit, the genuine spirit of patriotism.
- (b) To respect and promote the customs and traditions of all National peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics.
- (c) To enhance the health, fitness and education quality of the entire nation.

Neymar takes PSG back to top spot in France, Marseille beat Lille



Neymar scored the only goal in Paris Saint-Germain's win over Brest. PHOTO: FRANCK FIFE/AFP

NEYMAR notched his 10th goal of the season but a lethargic Paris Saint-Germain needed a second-half Gianluigi Donnarumma penalty save to secure a 1-0 win over Brest in Ligue 1 on Saturday.

The result took PSG back to the top of the table and maintains their unbeaten start to the campaign under new

coach Christophe Galtier.

PSG are top on goal difference from Marseille, who also remain unbeaten in the league after beating Lille 2-1 in Saturday's other game.

Lens had briefly seized first place after beating Troyes 1-0 on Friday, but are now two points behind the leaders in third position.

Despite their victory, PSG put in their least convincing performance of the season so far against a Brest side who just two weeks ago lost 7-0 at home to Montpellier.

Galtier may reflect that he should have made more changes to his starting lineup, with Saturday's match falling in between their 2-1 midweek Champions League win over Juventus and a trip to Israel to play Maccabi Haifa this Wednesday.—AFP

Raspadori fires buoyant Napoli top ahead of champions Milan

GIACOMO Raspadori made Napoli provisional leaders of Serie A with the late winner in Saturday's 1-0 home win over Spezia which put them ahead on goal difference from 10-man AC Milan, 2-1 winners at Sampdoria.

Italy forward Raspadori struck the decisive goal in the final moments of a stodgy encounter at the Stadio Mara-

dona, sweeping home Hirving Lozano's cross to net his first goal for Napoli on his second start after arriving on loan from Sassuolo last month.

"It's a moment that will stay in my head and heart," Raspadori told DAZN. "I missed two chances which I should have scored but thankfully the team put me in the position to score and I kept my head."

Raspadori was one of three signings made in quick succession by Napoli just after the season started alongside Giovanni

tack in the absence of starting striker Victor Osimhen after the Nigeria forward was ruled out until at least after the international break.—AFP



Giacomo Raspadori's winner was his first goal for Napoli. PHOTO: FILIPPO MONTEFORTE / AFP

Simone and Tanguy Ndombele. The 22-year-old led their at-