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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.

## Tourism services for international travellers and homegrown visitors can change much for State economy and development undertakings: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing looks into the display at the event to mark the 2022 World Tourism Day in Nay Pyi Taw on 27 September 2022.

**T**HE Ministry of Hotels and Tourism is implementing the strategic roadmap for Myanmar tourism recovery (2021-2025) which comprises 18 strategies and 93 detailed action plans to be able to achieve success in short-, medium- and long-term plans, said the Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony to mark the 2022 World Tourism Day at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The UN World Tourism Organization, formed in 1946 with the aim of enhancing responsible and sustainable tourism development for global countries, aims to promote the tourism industry to become a driving force for economic growth, improve overall sectors and encourage environmental sustainability while implementing the tourism policies and knowledge accumulation process.

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Appointment and Duty Assignment of Deputy Auditor General

DAW Naing Thet Oo has been appointed and assigned to the duties of Deputy Auditor General by the State Administration Council under Article 419 of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe  
Lieutenant-General  
Secretary  
State Administration Council

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Heads of Service  
Organizations transferred  
and confirmed

1. The State Administration Council has transferred Director-General U Than Zaw, Union Minister Office of the former Ministry of Electricity and Energy to Director-General, Union Minister Office of the Ministry of Energy from the date he assumes charge of his duties.
2. The State Administration Council has confirmed the appointment of Dr Than Htut Lwin, Rector of Taungup University of the Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education on the expiry of the one-year probationary period.




356 new cases of COVID-19 reported on  
27 September, total figure rises to 622,042

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 622,042 after 356 new cases were reported on 27 September 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, 597,421 have been recovered from disease. Death toll still stands at 19,455 without more casualties.

Myanmar reported 145 COVID-19 deaths between 28-1-2022 and 26-9-2022. Of them, 102 deaths (70 per cent) had underlying chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, liver, kidney, lung and cancer.

According to the analysis of the COVID-19 vaccination rate of deaths with underlying chronic diseases, 81.4 per cent have received no vaccination at all and have not been fully inoculated, 17.2 per cent have received full vaccination and 1.4 per cent has received booster shots.

COVID-19 vaccination rate of deaths with underlying chronic diseases

Out of COVID-19 deaths with underlying chronic disease		
81.4 per cent	17.2 per cent	1.4 per cent
		
have not been vaccinated at all and have not been fully vaccinated	have been fully vaccinated	have received booster shots

Therefore, according to the analysis of the COVID-19 vaccination rate of deaths with underlying chronic diseases, it causes fewer deaths obviously among those who are fully vaccinated and those who receive the booster shots. The people who are suffering from chronic diseases should follow the COVID-19 health rules, wear face masks and contact the nearest health departments, and village/ward administrative offices to receive the vaccines and booster shots.

More detailed information about COVID-19 can be found on the website of the Ministry of Health: moh.gov.mm. — MNA

Public Notification

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

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

- Auto telephone number - 067 409 883
- Mobile phone - 09 404339969
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Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee

Public Notification

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# Free and fair multiparty democratic general election

THE basis for strengthening a genuine multiparty democratic system is a “free and fair multi-party democratic general election”. According to the results obtained through the election, the respective Hluttaws and the government can be structured and run the state apparatus. Therefore, I would like to present that it is necessary to be able to hold elections across the country in order for those who represent various classes of people in the regions and across the country to be elected.

*(The excerpt from the speech made by Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting (2/2022) of the National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 31 July 2022.)*

## Tourism services for international travellers and homegrown ...

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This year’s theme of World Tourism Day is Rethinking Tourism as the globe has faced the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic. Hence, the tourism industry needs to rethink, react and be resilient to facing challenges.

Due to the outbreak of Covid-19, the tourism industry in global countries including Myanmar almost came to a halt. People relying on tourism and related businesses lost jobs and opportunities.

Since the start of the Covid-19 infection, the government has adopted the plan to spend 3 to 4 per cent of the State budget under the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan with the disbursement of K21.4 billion to 244 tour companies and 339 hotels and lodges so far. Moreover, leasing charges for State-owned hotels were suspended for six months and the leasing charge was reduced to 50 per cent for 21 months from April 2020 to December 2021 and allowed an exemption for the licence fee for hotels, motels and tour agencies and tour guides for one year.

Currently, the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism is implementing the strategic roadmap for Myanmar tourism recovery (2021-2025) which comprises 18 strategies and 93 detailed action plans to be able to achieve success in short-, medium- and long-term plans. More than 250 million travellers paid visits to global countries from January to May 2022, exceeding some 173



The Senior General, dignitaries and attendees take the documentary group photo at the event.

million travellers rather than 77 million travellers in the corresponding period of last year.

Myanmar resumed the issuance of e-visa for tourists on 20 May 2022 to seek good prospects for the tourism industry. Hence, it is necessary to make preparations for welcoming international and local tourists in the open season.

The tourism industry is beneficial for all sectors. Hence, ethnic people will have a chance to show off their traditions and cultural heritage as well as natural resources to the world. As such, the government and private sector need to cooperate with each other

to focus on the responsible and sustainable development of the tourism industry.

Tourism services for international travellers and home-grown visitors can change much for the State economy and development undertakings. Hence, all sectors must participate in the development of the tourism sector.

Myanmar must cooperate with member countries of the World Tourism Organization to implement projects for climate change, reduction of carbon emission, sustainable development of natural resources and socio-economy, and application of internet technology

for the services of the tourism industry.

All relevant ministries are to make all the necessary arrangements for travellers to be able to pay convenient visits to the destinations by providing necessary information for tourists in digital technology, and easing the restriction of entry and exit procedures of travellers and health protocols.

The message of the Secretary-General of the UNWTO was presented through a video clip.

The Senior General presented awards to winners in the Myanmar Innovative Tourism Startup Competition and

colour photo contest.

The SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister also presented prizes to winners in the article contest and extempore contest respectively.

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Htay Aung presented prizes to winners in the university and basic education level essay contests.

The Senior General visited the booths for tourist destinations of regions and states at the exhibition to mark the 2022 World Tourism Day and booths of the Myanmar Tourism Federation and its associates as well as that of the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs. — MNA

The people are urged to receive vaccination of Covid-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of Covid-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increasing of death rate based on the disease.

# The Union State will be built based on the Constitution (2008) and NCA: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the SAC meeting 8/2022 in Nay Pyi Taw on 27 September 2022.

**N**O one must turn a blind eye to the Constitution (2008) and the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting 8/2022 of the State Administration Council at the Office of the SAC Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

## Discussions on bilateral cooperation during a goodwill visit to Russia

In his speech, the Senior General explained his attendance at the Eastern Economic Forum during his tour of Russian Federation, meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Myanmar as reliable and long-term partnership country in Southeast Asia for Russia, cooperation in all sectors, assistance of Russia to Myanmar, promotion of bilateral trade and investment, economic cooperation and good results,

visits to the regions with the potential to ensure economic cooperation between Myanmar and Russia, the situation of turning 75 years Russia-Myanmar diplomatic relations, successive good relations, sending of scholarship students to Russia, good friendship status of Russia with correct attitude and trusts for cooperation in defence sector between the two countries, observation of rail transportation, trade and investment matters with Russia, and further cooperation in health and education sectors.

## Encouragement for the agriculture sector to develop the State economy

The agricultural loans from State economic promotion fund were disbursed to local farmers in order to successfully grow summer paddy and green gram this cultivation season. The benefit obtained from this year's efforts aims to assist in the cultivation of summer and



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monsoon paddy and beans in 2024 and to increase sown acreage in coming years. Moreover, farmers will have a chance to repay their previous years' loans to the State. The funds were issued to regions and states with less economic strength such as Kayah, Chin, Rakhine, Shan, Mon, Kayin, and Kachin states and Taninthayi region as well as self-administered zones through the emerald green village project for the development of businesses in respective regions.

## Encouragement for MSME for region-wise economic development

In his speech, the Senior General emphasized the development of MSME. He said: "I met all those concerned at the meeting on SME industries in very recent days for improvement of SME. SMEs grasp more than 90 per cent of the State economy. In doing so, the SME must be based on raw materials which must be produced locally. If there is no raw material, it

can do nothing. Business cannot be done without raw materials. Trade is based on buying and selling of finished goods. So, raw material is of importance. In my tenure, I instructed all regions and states to establish industrial zones. Among them, Chin State needs to set up an industrial zone or industrial ward. So, I instructed officials to operate industries based on coffee, elephant yam tuber and mithun.

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# The Union State will be built based on the Constitution ...

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All other regions and states have industrial zones. So, I purpose to allocate the fund to Chin State for the establishment of the industrial zone. As the government is striving for the recovery of businesses, SMEs will have a chance to seek loans at soft interest. SME industries must be operated in all regions and states. It is because if industries and production develop in respective regions and states, the number of migrant workers can be reduced. But they cannot be totally reduced to the bottom line. We have to reduce the number of migrant workers. Relevant regions must create job opportunities. If they do business, their budgets will increase. Regions and states will have increased budgets. So, we provide the capital for them to operate their businesses with their own budgets. We disbursed K10 billion, K8 billion and K5 billion to them. It means we give the federal chance for them to spend the fund on necessities.

“Moreover, we show if the governments do it, it will achieve success with emergence of jobs in relevant regions due to encouragement to SMEs. A government must do its tasks, not for show on TV and in newspapers. Actually, they have to improve their regions and the State. Our



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government must strive for the development of the nation and regional governments must do so as well. It is practical politics. It is working for the nation. We allotted capital funds for implementing the national cause. They have to do so based on their capacity. If they have the capacity, they will have good business. If so, their region will have a good income. So, region and state budgets will be booming. The central level can provide monetary assistance to them as much as it can. But their efforts will accumulate the funds with improvement. So, I instructed all region and state chief ministers to operate businesses. I provided you with capital funds. It is an aim of operating SMEs. It was

called SME. Now, it becomes MSME. So, I inform all council members about our efforts.”

### The tourism sector contributes to all sectors

The government is striving for more arrivals of international tourists to the nation. If inbound and outbound tourism can be enhanced, the State economy will achieve great progress.

### Efforts for peace, security and political stability being made

The promotion of the tourism sector needs peace, security and political stability. Political parties are allowed to hold internal meetings and other administrative measures except

for political mobilization. The Tatmadaw is paving the way for multiparty democracy for the State by building the Union based on democracy and federalism. Deserved federal rights will be given.

With regard to peace, the second phase of talks is in progress. No one must turn a blind eye to the Constitution (2008) and the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA. Ethnic armed organizations demanded an amendment to the Constitution. Amendments can be based on voting at the Hluttaw. The government is striving for holding a free and fair election. And, the government is meeting with EAOs to seek the agreements in advance.

### Opening more schools for education promotion

Nay Pyi Taw State Academy will be opened in coming October and it will be meeting the standards of Yangon and Mandalay universities. The academy will admit third-year courses at first, and in the coming four years, it will admit all year-term courses.

The SAC members discussed various sectors.

In his response, the Senior General said the appointment of teaching assistants and language teachers aims to sustain ethnic literature, culture and languages. Those teachers must be trained at education colleges in regions and states. Foreign investments are invited for safe development of Thilawa and other special economic zones. CDM campaigners and related persons who disturb government servants will be exposed and action taken against them.

In conclusion, the Senior General said the activities of political parties are not restricted. The Union State will be built based on the Constitution (2008) and NCA. Council members need to deeply consider the construction of the Union State which can guarantee the future of the nation on the right track. — MNA

## SPTT meets UWSP, NDAA and SSPP delegations



The first-day meeting between the State Peace Talks Team and the peace delegations from UWSP, NDAA and SSPP is in progress.

THE meeting between the State Peace Talks Team-SPTT and the delegations led by Vice-Chairman of the

United Wa State Party-UWSP, Vice-Chairman of the National Democratic Alliance Army-NDAA and Vice-Chair-

man-2 of the Shan State Progress Party-SSPP was held at the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Centre's meeting

room yesterday morning.

State Administration Council-SAC member Union Minister at the Government Office National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee-NSPNC Chairman Peace Talks Team Leader Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and members: SAC Member Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, NSPNC Secretary Lt-Gen Min Naung, and NSPNC members: Lt-Gen Min Naing, Lt-Gen Win Bo Shein and Lt-Gen Aye Win, and UWSP Vice-Chairman U Lau Yaku, Head of Political Department of UWSP U Aik Nap Ling, NDAA Vice-Chairman U San Pae, General-Secretary U Kyi Myint, SSPP Vice-Chairman-2 Sao Khun Seng and Secretary-2 of SSPP Sao Seng Hsu attended the meeting.

At the meeting, SPTT Leader Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and UWSP Vice-Chairman U Lau Yaku on behalf of the participat-

ing ethnic armed organizations gave opening speeches.

Afterwards, NSPNC member Lt-Gen Win Bo Shein gave a briefing about the status of experts, professional politicians and ethnic armed organizations' leaders being able to participate in drafting the Constitution (2008) seriously at the national conference, the list of Union legislation - Table 1 and the list of regional or state legislation - Table 2 in the 2008 Constitution.

Then, the SPTT clarified the ways and methods that can be done for the political preferences of the UWSP and NDAA according to the agreements during the first meeting.

Next, attendees mutually discussed their opinions and adjourned the first-day meeting. It is learnt that the second-day meeting will continue on 28 September. — MNA

# MoI Dy Minister discusses censorship for local, foreign films, series

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Ye Tint presided over a coordination meeting for seeking video censorship approvals by broadcasting companies and content providers of local and foreign films dramas and film series in Yangon on 26 September.

During the meeting, the deputy minister said the private media are conducting broadcasting services in the country in addition to the state-run media. The producers who are cooperating with MRTV seek censorship approvals for movies and videos, and they do not do so when broadcasting local and foreign series

with Myanmar subtitles and voice-bubbling in the Myanmar Language.

Currently, there are some inappropriate scenes and words in the series. Therefore, it needs censorship approval. Relevant companies' heads and broadcasting officials should coordinate with the movie and video censorship board.

Then, attendees coordinated the discussion and the deputy minister instructed the necessary things to monitor the words and scenes that affect political, religious, cultural entities and national unity as well as to avert obscenities. — MNA



The coordination meeting is underway to get censorship approvals by broadcasting companies and content providers in Yangon on 26 September 2022.

# Workshop held on conservation of forests in Mekong region

IT is a regional-level project that is jointly implemented by five countries of the Mekong region: Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Viet Nam, said Deputy Minister U Tun Ohn.

The establishment of test plots for planting various plants, including searching for pure teak trees and timber production areas in collaboration with the Department of Forest and the International Tropical Timber Organization-ITTO, was able to be established during the project.

Deputy Minister U Tun Ohn said that they are maintained at Forestry Research Stations such as No 5 Moe Swe Station and No 7 Lapamkong Station.

Deputy Minister for Nat-



The International Tropical Timber Organization-Mekong-Teak Project for sustainability workshop in progress.

ural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Tun Ohn said this while holding the International Tropical Timber Organization-ITTO-Mekong-Teak Project for sustainability workshop at 8:30 am yesterday at the Grand Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

Furthermore, there are four

countries in the world where teak grow naturally and Myanmar is one of these countries, the deputy minister added.

“Currently, the whole country has stopped teak and hardwood extraction and is cooperating with the international community to maintain forest resources.

“To preserve teak strains and proliferate good breeds, we were able to open training courses to improve the capacity of local people as well as forest employees.

Since the project has been completed in the 2022-2023 financial year, the conditions and results of the project and ex-

periences and conservation of forest resources are important,” he added.

The deputy minister said that they will receive advice and discussions for Timber Legality activities, and believe that the results of the discussions will be beneficial not only to the department but also to the country.

Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Min Thu, Permanent Secretary U Hla Maung Thein, directors-general, managing directors, the rector, the deputy permanent secretary, the deputy director-general of the Forestry Department and officials, the Forest Research Institute researchers and invitees attended the workshop. — MNA

# Tatmadaw launches its very first liver transplant marking Diamond Jubilee Medical Corps Day



Medical surgeons and professionals from Tatmadaw and Apollo Hospital of India perform the first-ever liver transplant.

TATMADAW performed its very first liver transplant at the special treatment centre of Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed) in Defence Services General Township of Yangon Region yesterday marking the Diamond Jubilee Medical Corps Day which will fall on 1 October.

The liver transplant operation was conducted by a surgical team led by Brig-Gen Khin Aung Tun, Rector of Defence Services Medical Academy and Lt-Col Thurein Kyaw Myint, the anaesthesia and intensive care unit led by Prof Col Daw Yu Aye Latt and the liver transplant surgical

team led by liver transplant surgeon Dr Neerav Goyal of Apollo Hospital in New Delhi of India.

The Indian liver transplant surgical team included Dr Neerav Goyal and Dr Arun Kumar as surgeons, Dr Sanjeev Aneja and Dr Anupam Raj as anesthesiologists, Dr Arvind Jerome Bose as intensive care medic, Mr Krishna Pathivada and Ms Priya Shanthi Lewis as OR nurses and Mr Priyank Uphdayay as special surgical/anaesthesia assistant.

The liver transplant was conducted on Quartermaster Sergeant Aung Chit Win and liver donor Daw Myo Thuzar, his wife.

The surgeons took out the liver from the donor yesterday morning and transplanted it into the patient at noon. It took about 11 hours.

The liver donor and the patient are in good condition and under the medical treatment of specialists.

Yangon Commander Maj-Gen Nyunt Win Swe, Maj-Gen Ko Ko Lwin, Director of Directorate of Medical Services office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and officials of GI and Liver Foundation (Myanmar) watched the liver transplant operation. — MNA

## LOCAL BUSINESS

# Drop in fuel oil price below K2,000 per litre yet to come



A sign displaying fuel oil prices at the petrol station in Yangon. PHOTO: AUNG KYAW KYAW

THE price of fuel oil has not dropped below K2,000 per litre, according to the fuel oil market.

The prices of fuel oil gradual-

ly decreased in the fourth week of September. On 27 September, the prices stood at K2,070 per litre for Octane 92, K2,140 for Octane 95,

K2,540 for diesel and K2,625 for premium diesel.

In late August, the prices touched a high of K2,605 per litre

for Octane 92, K2,670 for Octane 95, K3,245 for diesel and K3,330 for premium diesel.

The prices were therefore down by K500-700 per litre within one month.

The domestic fuel prices follow the decline in the price index set by Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS), the pricing basis for many refined products in southeast Asia, according to the Supervisory Committee on Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil.

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

The committee draws up Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on fuel import, storage and distribution and sends reports of fuel import matters to the Foreign Exchange Supervi-

sory Committee. This month, fuel importers have an import quota of 233,594.60 tonnes, with 80,499 tonnes of gasoline and 153,095.60 tonnes of diesel.

That is why fuel oil is sufficient in the domestic market. Oil tankers are unloading fuel oil at terminals of Thilawa Port.

The committee is issuing the daily reference rate for oil to offer a reasonable price to energy consumers. The reference rate is set on the MOPS' price assessment, shipping cost, profit margin, premium insurance and other general costs.

The rates for regions and states other than Yangon are evaluated after adding the transport costs 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. —NN/GNLM

# Pure gold price continues to fall to K2.7 mln per tical

THE price of pure gold continues to plunge to K2.7 million per tical (0.578 ounces or 0.016 kilogramme), according to the domestic gold market.

The downward trend of pure gold in the domestic market is due to the fall in gold prices in international markets and the slide in the Kyat-dollar exchange rate.

At present, gold price is US\$1,630 per ounce and a dollar is exchanged at K3,100 in the black market.

In late August, the dollar hit a tremendous high of over K4,500 in the unofficial markets. Following the depreciation of Kyat, the pure gold price reached a record-high of K3.7 million per tical.

The prevailing prices of pure gold are K2.7 million per tical for selling and K2.67 million per tical for buying.

The governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) and officials of the Monitoring and Steering Committee on the Gold and Currency Market discussed matters regarding the stability of the gold and currency market on the afternoon of 14 September in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, the governor of the CBM remarked the

further coordination of the departments concerned, gold bar transactions to be made with the banking system and operations of the banks, further support of the ministries concerned and the CBM to achieve price stability, and further cooperation between gold businesspersons and the officials.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation declared the sales of gold coins weighing one tical, 0.5 tical and 0.25 tical through state-run media on 2 September. The gold coins have been on sale at Nay Pyi Taw's Gems Emporium from 5 September.

Gold coins were sold at K2.95 million per tical on 5 September, K2.85 million from 6 to 13 September and K2.8 million from 14 to 16 September respectively. A citizenship scrutiny card and its copy are mandatory in buying gold coins cash down.

The accumulated sales of gold coins stood at 455.75 ticals as of 16 September, according to the Press Conference of the Information Team of the State Administration Council held on 20 September.

The State's gold coin market has expanded to Yangon and Mandalay regions from 23



The downward trend of pure gold in the domestic market is tracking the fall in gold spot prices in international markets and the slide in the Kyat-dollar exchange rate.

September other than Nay Pyi Taw, the ministry issued an announcement through the state-run media on 22 September.

On 28 September 2021, a dollar value hit a peak of over K3,000 in the black market, pushing the pure gold up to K2.22 million per tical.

Under the guidance of the Central Committee on Ensuring Smooth Flow of Trade and Goods, the Monitoring and Steer-

ing Committee on the Gold and Currency Market was formed on 17 December 2021 as gold and currency market stability plays 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 of 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.

Furthermore, the officials concerned will crack down on those people involved in charging a percentage for money withdrawals at the banks as shadow money. — NN/GNLM

# OPINION

## Honour the great benefactor of the vaccine of rabies

**L**OUIS Pasteur, who is best known for his development of pasteurization and vaccines for rabies and anthrax, is a great benefactor to the global people to escape from the bad impact of dog bites. As such, World Rabies Day has been marked in honour of Louis Pasteur since 28 September 2007.

Although rabies is a cent per cent preventable disease, more than 59,000 people die from the disease around the world each year. Hence, major health organizations including, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the World Health Organization (WHO), the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization are working together to eliminate human deaths from dog-transmitted rabies by 2030.

With the theme Rabies: One Health, Zero Deaths, World Rabies Day aims to raise public awareness and advocate for rabies elimination globally. It is an event designed to be inclusive, uniting people, organizations, and stakeholders across all sectors against rabies. If so, all-out efforts of relevant stakeholders will mitigate problems of dog bites in rabies.

Myanmar's health staff members at different health institutions and organizations are ready to give a helping hand to those who suffer from the bad impacts of rabies through most dog bites. To be able to do so, the government allocates

sufficient funds to the Ministry of Health in order to implement various health projects throughout the country.

Although many people missed chances to take the vaccine to fight rabies in the past, they now have a wider range of health awareness raised by the health personnel as well as social organizations

to know the significant points of rabies and how to protect danger of rabies and how to take medical treatment for the patients of rabies. Currently, most people know that patients with rabies need to take vaccines in time.

Thanks to learning education and studying knowledge, people are able to open their scope of health knowledge. Moreover, media and charity organizations help them have health awareness of efforts of the government and relevant organizations for upgrading the health standard of the nation. In doing so, vaccinations are given to the people to be free from the impacts of rabies as well as to the pet animals to be free from infectious diseases not to be the root causes of rabies.

Nowadays, all the citizens need to join hands in the prevention of rabies for their generations to build a healthy society as well as a healthy nation as an honour of great benefactor Louis Pasteur for his adventuring the vaccine for rabies.

1. WE have an old saying as regards knowledge, learning, education and wealth. If informally interpreted into English, I think, it will read as follows: —

“Wealth of a male is knowledge, learning and education”. “And the wealth of a female is beauty”. So, even though I am a very old man, age 85, with a step to the grave, I am still learning. Never too old for seeking knowledge, learning and education. We also have an old saying something like that. We too have an old saying in English. It says, “never too old to learn”. From another point of view, we can also quote, “no educative process is ever the end, it is always the beginning of more education, more learning, more living”. To stop increasing your vocabulary is to stop your intellectual growth.

2. With these views in mind, I would like to expand my article “how to keep growing your vocabulary step by step” as follows: -

**STEP ONE: You must become actively receptive to new words.**

Words won't come chasing

after you – you must train yourself to be on a constant lookout, in your reading and listening, for any words that other people know and you don't.

**STEP TWO: You must read more.**

As an adult, you will find most of the sources of your supply of new words in books and magazines. Is your reading today largely restricted to a quick perusal of the daily newspaper? Then you will have to change your habits. If your aim is to have a superior vocabulary, you will have to make the time to read at least one book and several magazines every week. Not just this week and next week – but every week for the rest of your life. I have never met a single person who possessed a rich vocabulary and was not also an omnivorous reader.

**STEP THREE: You must learn to add to your own vocabulary the new words you meet in your reading.**

When you see an unfamiliar word in a book or magazine, do not skip over it impatiently. Instead,

# How to keep building your VOCABULARY

By U Khin Maung (A retired diplomat)



College students have large vocabularies because they are required to expose themselves constantly to new areas of learning. You must do the same. ILLUSTRATION COURTESY OF FREEPIK

pause for a moment and say it over to yourself – get used to its sound and appearance. Then puzzle out its possible meaning in the context of the sentence. Whether you come to the right conclusion or not, whether indeed you are able to come to any intelligent conclusion at all, is of no importance. What is important is that you are, by this process, becoming superconscious of the word. As a result, you will suddenly notice that this very word pops up unexpectedly again and again in all your reading – for you now have a mindset for it. And of course, after you have seen it a few times, you will know fairly

accurately not only what it means but the many ways in which it can be used.

**STEP FOUR: You must open your mind to new ideas.**

Every word you know is the translation of an idea. Think for a few minutes of the areas of human knowledge that may possibly be unknown to you – psychology, semantics, science, art, music, or whatever. Then attack one of these areas methodically – by reading books in the field. In every field, from the simplest to the most abstruse, there are several books written for the average, untrained lay reader that will give you both a good grasp of the subject and at the same time add immeasurably to your vocabulary. College students have large vocabularies because they are required to expose themselves constantly to new areas of learning. You must do the same.

**STEP FIVE: You must set a goal.**

If you do nothing about your vocabulary, you will learn,

at most, twenty-five to fifty new words in the next twelve months. By conscious effort, you can learn several thousand. Set yourself a goal of finding several new words every day. This may sound ambitious – but you will discover as soon as you start actively looking for new words in your reading, and actively doing reading of a more challenging type, that new words are all around you – that is, if you are ready for them. And understand this; vocabulary-building snowballs. The results of each new day's search will be greater and greater – once you provide the necessary initial push, once you gain momentum, once you become addicted to looking for, finding, and taking possession of new words.

And this is one addiction well worth cultivating!

**Reference:**

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## American scientists find new Covid variant in Russian bats that can infect human beings

*“As an apex virology institute, ICMR-National institute of Virology along with the wide network of Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs) will be able to handle public health emergency situation related to the emergence or reemergence of any viral pathogen in India. We have already exhibited this strength in past as during the times of Zika, Nipah, and Monkeypox viruses, and the COVID-19 pandemic.”: Dr Pragya Yadav*



A new SARS-CoV-2-like virus discovered in Russian bats is capable of infecting humans, and is resistant to current vaccines against Covid-19, a study has found. A researcher with Franceville International Medical Research Centre collects bats in a net inside a cave in the Zadié region in Gabon, 25 November 2020. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ STEVE JORDAN/AFP

**A** TEAM of American scientists have found another coronavirus variant, namely Khosta-2, in Russian bats, which is capable of infecting humans.

According to Senior Scientist of the Indian Council of Medical Research – National Institute of Virology (ICMR-NIV), Pune, Dr Pragya Yadav there are no cases of human infection from the Khosta virus, so far.

“There are no cases of human infection with Khosta viruses have been reported yet. Seifert et al. reported that Khosta-2 could infect cells expressing human ACE2,” the Senior Scientist told ANI in an exclusive conversation.

“However, the probability of the Zoonotic spillover of the sarbecoviruses from animals to

humans could not be denied like, it happened earlier with SARS-CoV-1 and 2 viruses,” she said further.

Dr Pragya Yadav further explained about Khosta-2 virus, “Khosta-2 virus is a SARS-like coronavirus belonging to the subgenus Sarbecovirus of the genus Betacoronavirus of the family Coronaviridae. The virus was identified in horseshoe bats from Russia.”

This virus which has been reported as vaccine restraint, Dr Pragya said, “In a recent study by Seifert et al., chimeric SARS-CoV-2-based spike with the RBD from the Khosta viruses have shown resistance to neutralization with SARS-CoV-2 RBD-specific monoclonal antibody, Bamlanivimab and serum of individuals who

SOURCE: ANI

### Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 27 September 2022)

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

**SPECIAL FEATURES:** According to the observations at (17:30 hrs MST today, the Typhoon “Noru” over South China sea is centered at about (160 miles east of Danao (Vientnam). It is continue to move Westwards and may cross into the middle Vietnam Coasts near Danaing at (28.9.2022) morning and it is forecast to downgrade as a Tropical Storm. It is likely continue to move Westwards and gradually weaken as a Land Depression.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 28 September, 2022:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated Sagaing Region and Kachin, (Northern and Eastern) Shan States, scattered in Southern Shan, Chin, Kayah States, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway Regions and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Taninthayi Region and Kayin, Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (5-8) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Increase of rain in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kayin, Mon States.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28 September 2022:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28 September 2022:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28 September 2022:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



## CURRENT AFFAIRS

# Over 6 mln gallons of oil unloaded at Terminals of Thilawa Port



A tanker is seen unloading fuel oil at Thailand Port.

THE tanker ships carrying more than six million gallons of fuel oil docked at the Terminals of

Thilawa Port in the Yangon Region, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

On 25 September, the MT Yu Yi ship unloaded 4.03 million gallons of diesel- 1.86 million gallons of diesel HSD and 2.17million gallons of premium diesel PHSD while the MT Harmony One vessel 2.13 million gallons of 92 Ron.

The Supervisory Committee on Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil drew up the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) on fuel import, storage and distribution and reported the fuel imports to the Foreign Exchange Supervisory Committee in September. It allowed 233,594.60 tonnes of fuel oil imports—80,499tonnes of petrol

and 153,095.60tonnes of diesel.

According to the remaining amount of fuel oil at the Thilawa fuel storage tank, fuel stations and distribution rate, the country has enough stocks of fuel oil, according to the committee. The officials distribute the fuel oil to the fuel stations across the nation by oil browsers, tankers and trains in time.

There are over 2,000 fuel stations and about 70 local oil import companies in Myanmar. Before the Ukraine-Russia conflict, the global crude oil price was \$91 per barrel on 24 February and it reaches about \$110 now. When

the global oil prices are increasing, the local prices are also on the rise, the oil trader said.

According to the global crude oil market on 27 September, the market started at \$84.05 and the market price was \$84.46 in trading. The price was higher by \$0.40 compared to the prices on 26 September. The global crude oil price plunges to the lowest level since January and it is stable and high again due to the rising dollar exchange rate and control of the Central Bank of the United States, market analysts said. —TWA/GNLM

## Prices of sugar, jaggery show upticks in foreign demand

THE prices of food commodities continued upward trajectory in 2022 and sugar and jaggery prices were included in that list, according to Yangon wholesale market.

The prices of sugar and jaggery also broke the record in 2022 along with chilli pepper, onion and palm oil, Ko Sein Chun, a trader, told the Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

Jaggery supply cannot meet the growing demand amid the shortage of toddy palm tree climbers and the decline in the number of palm tree forests. The jaggery price stayed below K1,000 per viss prior to 2010. The price quadrupled in 2022. Similarly, local sugar mills will supply fresh sugar at the end of the year.

The wholesale price of jaggery hit up to K3,700 per viss in Yangon markets. A few months are remaining for new sugar to enter the market. The sugar was priced at K2,550 per viss in the wholesale markets. The market prices of sugar and jaggery are the highest in history, Ko Chit Ko, a trader who sends commodities to regions outside Yangon, told the GNLM.

On 26 September 2022, the sugar price touched a high of K2,530 per viss and the jaggery price moved in the range of K2,550 and K3,750 per depending on different varieties produced from different regions.



Jaggery balls and sugar are seen in the market.

There were around 450,000 acres of sugarcane in 2019 and 2020 when the sugar price was below K1,000 per viss. The agricultural inputs cost only K500,000 per acre then. Approximately 20 tonnes of sugarcane were produced on average. The sugarcane fetched about K400,000 per tonne at that time in Shan State.

However, the sugarcane was offered only K33,000 per tonne by a mill in Bago Region without transport costs.

The annual sugar production is estimated at 500,000 tonnes and local consumption is about 450,000 tonnes. Beyond self-sufficiency, 40,000 tonnes of sugar were shipped to Viet Nam between January and April 2022.

Sugar price plunged to below K1,000 per viss in the

wholesale market in late September 2019. The price rose to K1,750 per viss after mid-2010. After that, the price plummeted to the lowest of K845 per viss on 26 September 2020.

The sugar market raised its head with K2,000 per viss in 2021. The prices increased to K2,230 in mid-June, K2,370 on 8 September and K2,550 on 21 September 2022 respectively.

The price decline is improbable as there is a strong foreign demand, a seller said. Following the high price of sugar, sugarcane will be offered K90,000 per tonne in the upcoming season, the sugar mills notified. —TWA/GNLM

## Yangon Water Bus to resume on 6 October to mark its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary

YANGON Water Bus will resume its operation on 6 October to commemorate its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary, according to Yangon Water Bus.

Although it is initially scheduled to resume on 1 October, it will operate from the Lanthit jetty of Latha township at 7 am on 6 October as a commemorative gesture of its fifth anniversary.

Yangon Water Bus will be re-started along the Yangon River on the main routes of Botahtaung, Pansodan, Lanthit, Sapachaung and Arntgyi for the public to enjoy free rides and get the gifts onboard on 6 October.

Yangon Water Bus has run since 6 October 2017 but was temporarily suspended due to many reasons.

When Yangon Water Bus resumes, commuters will receive a one-time Sunset ticket as a gift by showing the application on their phone of KPay, CBPay, AYAPay, A plus pay, and UABPay.

Yangon Water Bus began its operation in October 2017 in the Yangon River. It operated a day trip to Twantay township on weekends. —TWA/GNLM



One of the Yangon Water Bus fleet is pictured in the Yangon River.

**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 border 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*

**CRIME NEWS**

**Drug seized in some townships across Myanmar**

DRUGS were seized in Myeik, Mingaladon, Kalaw, Kengtung and Tachilek townships, the Myanmar Police Force stated.

A combined team consisting of members of the Thaninthayi Region Police Force examined Ma Yi Cho (aka) Larmazanmi, Zin Min Aung (aka) Nge Nge and Ma Ei Phyo Wai (aka) Kaung Ma Nge at Myoma 1 ward, Myeik Township at 6:30 pm on 23 September. The officials found 8,000 stimulant tablets from them.

Similarly, a combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Narcotics Task Force Police found suspicious Tun Tun Phyo (aka) Ko Phyo at Mingaladon market, Zay ward in Mingaladon Township on the afternoon of 24 September. The team seized 2,000 stimulant tablets from him. A team consisting of members of the

Anti-Narcotics Task Force Police examined suspicious Ma Htwe near the Aungban-Shwenyaung railroad, Hleyoe ward in Aungban of Kalaw Township at 4 pm on the same day and they found 2,000 stimulant drugs from her.

On 24 September at 1:45 pm, a combined team consisting of the Anti-Narcotics Task Force examined suspicious Yaw Hla near Wamwwe village in Kengtung Township and they found 2,000 stimulant tablets from him.

A combined team searched a motorcycle driven by Tun Kyaw Aung (aka) Hmwe Ni at Sengsai B ward in Tachilek township on 24 September. The team found 10,000 stimulant tablets from him.

Those suspects are prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. —MNA

**Illegal timbers, animal food, foodstuffs, consumer goods, industrial materials and vehicles confiscated**

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

A combined on-duty team under the instructions of the Taninthayi Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force conducted inspections.

Officials captured K1.5 million worth of illegal frozen meat from a vehicle (approximately K15 million) at Taninthayi Bridge Checkpoint on 25 September. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

In addition, an on-duty team under the supervision of the Mon State Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force made inspections. They confiscated K2,007,600 worth of consumer goods and industrial materials that exceeded the Import Declaration (ID) from a Hino Proflia truck (approximately K40 million). The action was taken under the Customs



Officials measure the seized illegal timbers.

Procedures.

Afterwards, the combined team captured a total of 0.7523 tonne of illegal timbers worth K68,053 in the East Yoma forest reserve of Aunglan township and a total of 4.1802 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K292,614 in Lewe township. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

On 26 September, an on-duty team confiscated unregistered Wish car — and Voxy car-to-

tally worth K16 million—at the Kwalye Combined Checkpoint of Monywa township. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

Similarly, K5,670,000 worth of 4,500 kilogrammes of animal feed without official documents were seized at the Myawady (OSS) Trade Zone under the management of the Kayin State Illegal Trade Task Force and the action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

A combined team led by the Region Forest Department under the supervision of the Bago Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force seized a total of 3.3488 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K1,148,456 in Bago and Toungoo districts.

Therefore, 12 arrests (approximately K81,686,723) were made on 25 and 26 September, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA



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# ECONOMY WORLD

## UAE agrees to supply Germany with gas, diesel as Scholz tours Gulf

THE United Arab Emirates agreed Sunday to supply natural gas and diesel to Germany as part of an “energy security” deal to replace Russian supplies.

Emirati industry minister Sultan Ahmed Al Jaber called it a “landmark new agreement” that “reinforces the rapidly growing energy partnership between the UAE and Germany”, at a signing attended by German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, the UAE’s state news agency WAM reported.

Scholz signed the deal while on a Gulf tour that took him to the UAE, Saudi Arabia and Qatar

hunting for new energy sources.

He met with Emirati President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan, who said on Twitter they had discussed “cooperation in areas including energy security, emissions reduction and climate action”.

The German leader said he “welcomed” the “energy security” agreement, WAM said.

UAE state oil company ADNOC completed its first direct diesel delivery to Germany this month, and will “supply up to 250,000 tons of diesel per month in 2023”, it reported.

The first delivery of 137,000

cubic metres of liquefied natural gas will be made in December at Germany’s new floating LNG import terminal at Brunsbuettel, near Hamburg, the RWE energy firm said in a statement.

ADNOC will make more LNG deliveries to Germany in 2023, WAM said.

Scholz’s two-day Gulf tour aimed to seal new energy deals to replace Russian supplies and mitigate the energy crisis resulting from Moscow’s invasion of Ukraine.

On Saturday, he met Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman in Jeddah.—AFP



UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed al-Nahyan received German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Abu Dhabi, a stop on a Gulf tour that saw him travel to Saudi Arabia and Qatar to secure new energy sources. **PHOTO: UAE PRESIDENTIAL COURT/AFP**

## Cuba eyes rural tourism to boost economy



Tourists talk with a Cuban woman in the area of Old Havana, in Havana, capital of Cuba, 7 Sept 2018. **PHOTO: XINHUA/JOAQUIN HERNANDEZ**

CUBA is betting on rural tourism to help boost the economy amid stepped up US sanctions against the Caribbean nation.

To get a taste of rural life in Cuba, tourists can visit the Coastal Farm project in the fishing village of Santa Fe on the out-

skirts of Cuba’s capital Havana.

“Visitors enjoy interacting with people in their communities,” said artist Yoanka Esteves, who spearheaded the initiative. “We show the real life of a Cuban family.”

Covering half a hectare, this coastal haven was created when Esteves and her family decided to leave Havana’s Playa district and settle down by the sea.

“They thought I was crazy because of my decision to abandon the bustle and hustle of city life,” Esteves said. The farm combines food production with tourism and the arts while generating job opportunities in an underserved neighborhood and serving as a home to Esteves and her family.—Xinhua

## France to continue 16-bln-euro energy tariff shield in 2023 budget bill

FRANCE will continue its energy tariff shield costing 16 billion euros (15 billion US dollars) in the country’s 2023 budget bill, Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire and Minister Delegate for Public Accounts Gabriel Attal announced on Monday.

After a meeting of the Council of Ministers, Le Maire told the press that the goal for the country’s 2023 budget

bill is to spend “down to the last euro” to reduce inflation and protect purchasing power amid increasing energy prices.

The 2023 budget for France is based on economic growth forecasts of 2.7 per cent in 2022 and 1.0 per cent in 2023, while inflation is estimated at around 6 per cent in 2022 and 4 per cent in 2023, Le Maire said.

Another goal is to reduce France’s public accounts defi-

cit to below 3 per cent of its GDP, he added.

In order to boost full-time employment, in 2023 the government will allocate six billion euros more budget to its Ministry of Labor and Employment than in 2022.

The Ministry of National Education and Ministry of Defence will also receive more funds through the 2023 budget bill.—Xinhua

## Venezuela, Colombia reopen border to vehicles carrying goods

VENEZUELA and Colombia on Monday reopened their border to vehicles transporting goods following seven years of partial closure, including three years in which it was fully closed due to a political spat.

Colombian President Gustavo Petro and representatives of the government of Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro attended the ceremony.

The first truck left San Antonio del Tachira on the Venezuelan side of the border just after midday and crossed the Simon Bolivar bridge to Cucuta in Colombia.

“We are resuming relations and taking firm steps to advance in the total and absolute opening of the border between brother peoples,” said

Maduro on Twitter.

“It’s a historic and transcendental day!”

The South American neighbours broke off diplomatic relations in 2019 under Colombia’s conservative president Ivan Duque.

But since Petro succeeded him in August, Colombia’s first ever left-wing president has moved to mend relations with Venezuela’s populist leftist government.

“It is very, very important for us to progress on the fundamental rights of the people. Families have been separated, there was a break in our relationships of respect and trust,” Colombian lawmaker Jairo Cristo said during the ceremony.—AFP



Colombia President Gustavo Petro (L), Venezuelan transport minister Ramon Velasquez (2L) and Tachira state governor Freddy Bernal (4L) attend the ceremony to reopen the border between Colombia and Venezuela. **PHOTO: AFP**

## US pharma firm Biogen settles for \$900 mln with whistleblower in bribe case

US pharmaceutical company Biogen has reached a \$900 million settlement with a whistleblower who accused the firm of having paid bribes to doctors to encourage them to prescribe its drugs against multiple sclerosis.

The whistleblower behind the report, Michael Bawduniak, will receive about \$250 million directly, according to a statement released Monday by the US Justice Department.

The rest will essentially go to the federal government, and a smaller part – \$56 million – to 15 American states that had joined the lawsuit, to which the agreement puts an end.

Bawduniak, a former marketing executive at Biogen who left the company in 2012, took legal action using the False Claims Act, which authorizes a private citizen to sue in civil cases on behalf of the US government if it appears that the state has been financially cheated by an individual or a legal entity. The law allows for the whistleblower to receive part of any compensation awarded by the courts. In the case of Biogen, approximately 30 per cent of the cost of treatments related to multiple sclerosis is covered by the Medicare, the federal health coverage programme dedicated to people aged 65 and over. According to documents on file, the other major US government programme, Medicaid, supports about 10.5 per cent of patients with the disease who are under age 65. Biogen was accused of paying millions of dollars a year in kickbacks to doctors to get them to prescribe its drug Avonex, whose sales were declining, and its new treatment, called Tysabri. —AFP



A visitor tries a new smartphone during a launch of Vivo's new products in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, on 26 Sept 2022. Chinese phone maker Vivo unveiled on Monday two 5G smartphones in Riyadh. At its launch of new products in the kingdom, Vivo presented the latest additions to its 5G smartphones V series: V25 and V25 Pro, which feature superior photography. **PHOTO: XINHUA/WANG HAIZHOU**

## Chinese phone maker Vivo launches latest 5G smartphones in Saudi Arabia

CHINESE phone maker Vivo unveiled on Monday two 5G smartphones in Saudi Arabia's capital Riyadh.

At its first offline launch of new products in the kingdom, Vivo presented the latest additions to its 5G smartphones V series: V25 and V25 Pro, which feature superior photography.

The V25 and V25 Pro also come with a new Vlog Movie feature that improves the filming experience with video templates and tutorials to guide users on how to shoot in different scenarios.

Simon Hu, general manager of Vivo in Saudi Arabia, said during the past three years, Vivo has

expanded into nine regional markets, including Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Qatar, becoming the fastest growing smartphone brand in the region.

By the end of 2021, Vivo had gained 239 per cent year-on-year growth in sales in the UAE, and 272 per cent in Saudi Arabia, he added. — Xinhua

## US brings fraud charges in \$100 mln New Jersey deli case

US officials announced fraud charges Monday against three men who orchestrated a \$100 million scheme to inflate the market value of a company whose only revenue source was a small-town New Jersey delicatessen.

It is the latest twist in the odd saga of a Paulsboro, New Jersey deli owned by Hometown International, which saw its stock valuation soar in 2021 despite annual deli revenues of less than \$40,000.

Now the company is the target of a criminal indictment by the Justice Department and civil charges by the Securities and Exchange Commission over the inflated \$100 million market value. The Justice Department charged James Patten and the father-son duo of Peter Coker Sr and Peter Coker Jr with a conspiracy in which they took control of two companies and their stock trading to artificially pump up equity valuations. —AFP

## UK eyes big TikTok fine over child privacy lapse

BRITAIN on Monday warned it could fine TikTok £27 million (\$29 million) over a potential failure to protect children's privacy on the Chinese-owned video app.

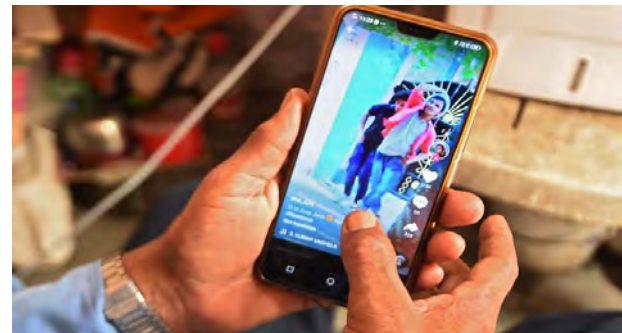
The Information Commissioner's Office said the social media company "may have processed the data of children under the age of 13 without appropriate parental consent".

The ICO also found that the short-form video platform may have "failed to provide proper information to its users in a concise,

transparent and easily understood way".

The watchdog has served the group with a notice of intent — which

is a legal document that precedes a possible fine — over the possible breach of UK data protection law. — AFP



The Information Commissioner's Office said the social media company "may have processed the data of children under the age of 13 without appropriate parental consent". **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/AFP/FILE**

### Transferring Distributor for Registered Products

Distribution of following pesticide registered by Asiatic Agricultural Industries Pte Ltd (Singapore) is transferring from Marga Min Company Limited to Farm Link Co., Ltd. Any Objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co Secretary, Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board, West Gyogone, Insein Township within two weeks.

Sr	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Type of Reg;	Reg No.
1.	Viron 80 WP	Diuron 800 g/kg WP	Prov.	P2017-3749

Asiatic Agricultural Industries Pte Ltd (Myanmar Branch). Room 209, Rangoun Business Centre; No. 97. West Shwe Gon Daing Road, Bahan Township, Yangon. Tele: 09-5145328

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Sr	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Type of Reg;	Reg No.
1.	Cyclop 180 EC	Cyhalofop-butyl 18 % EC	Prov.	P2022-5807

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## WORLD: TOP STORIES

### Japan vows to work with Australia, India for free, open Indo-Pacific

PRIME Minister Fumio Kishida agreed with his Australian and Indian counterparts on Tuesday to cooperate in achieving a free and open Indo-Pacific, a vision former leader Shinzo Abe advocated.

Kishida reached the agreements during separate meetings with Anthony Albanese and Narendra Modi ahead of the state funeral for Abe in Tokyo, according to the Japanese Foreign Ministry.

In the meeting with Modi, part of which was open to the media, Kishida said Japan will further develop diplomatic achievements made by Abe and continue cooperating with India to realize a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Modi said bilateral ties have reached a “new height” after ex-



Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida (R) and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi meet at the State Guest House in Tokyo on 27 Sept 2022. **PHOTO: KYODO**

panding in many areas under the administration of Abe, with whom he had built a personal relationship.

Modi also expressed his heartfelt condolences over

Abe’s death. Kishida and Modi exchanged views on Russia’s war on Ukraine and affirmed the importance of peacefully resolving conflicts, the ministry said.—Kyodo

### Nepal seeks Interpol’s help to find fugitive cricket star

NEPALI police have sought help from Interpol to locate the country’s fugitive suspended national cricket captain, they said Tuesday.

A Nepali court issued an arrest warrant for Sandeep Lamichhane earlier this month following an allegation of rape

by a 17-year-old girl.

But the leg-spinner is thought to have remained in the Caribbean where he was playing in a tournament. Interpol issued a “diffusion” notice against him on Sunday asking member countries for their co-operation locating him, Nepali police spokes-

person Tek Prasad Rai told AFP.

“We hope this will help the arrest of Lamichhane for the investigation of a rape complaint case against him,” he said.

Lamichhane had pledged on social media Sunday to return home “as soon as possible” to fight the accusation.—AFP

### UN nuclear chief meets with Iran lead negotiator

THE chief of the UN’s nuclear watchdog said Monday he had met with the head of Iran’s atomic energy agency, as attempts to revive the country’s nuclear deal stall.

Efforts to salvage a tattered 2015 agreement — which offered an easing of international sanctions in exchange for a drastic limitation of Iran’s nuclear activities — have flailed since then-president Donald Trump had America withdraw from it in 2018.

The United States reimposed biting sanctions, provoking Tehran into stepping back from its nuclear commitments, greatly increasing its stock of

enriched uranium and turning off monitoring cameras operated by the UN nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

But after months of friction the two sides met face-to-face in Vienna.

“Dialogue has restarted with Iran on clarification of outstanding safeguards issues,” Rafael Grossi tweeted Monday.

He said he had met with Mohammad Eslami — who is also vice-president — on the sidelines of the IAEA’s annual conference, and posted a picture of the two men shaking hands.—AFP



An Iranian security guard stands outside the building housing the reactor of Bushehr nuclear power plant at the Iranian port town of Bushehr, 1200 Kms south of Tehran. **PHOTO: BEHROUZ MEHRI/ AFP/FILE**

## RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

### Russia arrests 100 in Dagestan call-up protest: NGO

RUSSIAN police arrested more than 100 people at the weekend in the southern region of Dagestan at a protest against Moscow’s troop mobilization, NGO OVD-Info said.

Dagestan — a poor, Muslim-majority republic in the North Caucasus — has seen more men killed in the Kremlin’s military offensive in Ukraine than any other part of Russia, according to a tally made by independent Russian media of death notices published online.

OVD-Info, a human rights monitor, said late Sunday that police had arrested at least 101 people in Makhachkala, the capital of Dagestan in southwestern Russia.



Non-governmental organization OVD-Info claims that Russian police have arrested more than 100 people at the weekend in the southern region of Dagestan at a protest against Moscow’s troop mobilization. **PHOTO: AFP**

Russian media showed videos of women arguing with police during the protest.

“Why are you taking our

children?” one shouts.

Other videos show police violently detaining demonstrators.—AFP

### As Ukraine war grinds on, Saudi influence grows

SAUDI Arabia’s unexpected role in brokering the release of foreign fighters detained in Ukraine was just the latest example of how the kingdom is seeking to bolster its international standing, diplomats and analysts say.

It also enables Riyadh to argue that preserving ties with Moscow — a source of tension with Washington, especially since Russia’s invasion of Ukraine — can be a positive factor, while potentially deflecting attention from human rights concerns that consistently generate negative

headlines.

The release of the 10 foreign fighters, including two from the United States and five from Britain, came alongside a broader prisoner-of-war swap, brokered by Türkiye, that saw 215 Ukrainians walk free while Russia received 55 prisoners.

A former Ukrainian lawmaker and ally of Russian President Vladimir Putin were among those released.

The foreigners, who landed in Riyadh on a chartered jet last Wednesday, also hailed from Morocco, Sweden and Croatia. — AFP

## Erdogan vows to protect Türkiye's rights against Greece

TURKISH President Recep Tayyip Erdogan vowed on Monday to "use all means" to protect Türkiye's rights and interests against Greece.

"We will not fail to use all the means to defend our country's rights and interests against Greece, when necessary," Erdogan said at a press conference after a cabinet meeting.

His remarks came amid a recent escalation of tension between two neighbours over their disputes in the Aegean Sea.

He accused Athens of making policies based on "provocative actions" and suggested that Greece is being "dragged into a swamp with military buildups". "This is a dangerous game for both the Greek politicians, the Greek state, the Greek people," Erdogan said.

Relations between the two countries have long been tense over a series of issues, including



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan delivers a speech following a cabinet meeting in Ankara on 26 September 2022. PHOTO: JUAN BARRETO/AFP

territory and energy disputes in the Aegean and the Mediterranean Seas.

The semi-official Anadolu Agency reported on Sunday the footage of Greek ships, carrying military vehicles, landed on Lesbos and Samos islands on 18 Sept and 21 Sept. Türkiye warns

Greece that these islands have non-military status according to international treaties.

Earlier this month, Erdogan accused Greece of "harassing" Turkish fighter jets in the Aegean Sea and the eastern Mediterranean, a claim that Greece has rejected.—Xinhua

## Former PM Abe's state funeral held amid strong public opposition



People leave flowers and pay their respects to former Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abe outside the Nippon Budokan in Tokyo on 27 September 2022, ahead of his state funeral later in the day. PHOTO: POOL VIA JIJI PRESS / JIJI PRESS / AFP

MORE than 4,000 mourners attended a state funeral for assassinated former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe in Tokyo on Tuesday, with security tight amid strong opposition to the controversial ceremony for the country's longest-serving leader.

Ahead of the state-funded event, the first of its kind for a

former premier in 55 years, calls for its cancellation had grown. Critics say it lacks a legal basis, citing Abe's complicated political legacy for their opposition.

Abe built his profile overseas by emphasizing foreign and security policy while forging personal ties with world leaders such as former US President

Donald Trump. At home, however, opinion on his legacy is divided based on allegations he abused his power for personal gain.

During the postwar period, Japan had only held a state funeral for a former premier once. The honour was given in 1967 to former Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida, who led the country's recovery from World War II.

A private funeral for Abe took place four days after he was fatally shot during an election campaign speech on 8 July in the western city of Nara by a lone gunman. His remains were cremated.

The National Police Agency has mobilized up to 20,000 officers to enforce strict security in the capital and particularly around the Nippon Budokan hall where the ceremony was held. At a park near the venue, meanwhile, large numbers of people gathered to lay flowers from early in the morning.—Kyodo

## Italy takes step into unknown with far-right win

ITALY took a sharp turn to the right Monday after Giorgia Meloni's Eurosceptic populist party swept to victory in general elections, putting a one-time Mussolini admirer on course to become the first woman to lead the country. Meloni's Brothers of Italy party, which has neo-fascist roots, won 26 per cent in Sunday's election, according to partial results.

It leads a coalition set to win a majority in parliament and install the most right-wing government since World War II.

Her success represents a seismic change in Italy — a founding member of the European Union and the eurozone's third-largest economy — and for the EU, just weeks after

the far-right outperformed in elections in Sweden.

"Meloni takes Italy," read the Repubblica daily's headline, while editorialist Stefano Folli said Italy "awakes this morning very changed".

"It is the first time in decades that the country's political face has transformed so completely. We don't know yet whether its destiny in Europe has changed too, but that is the first of many questions" now facing Italians, he said.

Meloni, who campaigned on a motto of "God, country and family", is expected to become Italy's first woman prime minister, although the process of forming a new government could take weeks.—AFP



Leader of Italian far-right party "Fratelli d'Italia" (Brothers of Italy), Giorgia Meloni holds a placard reading "Thank You Italy" after she delivered an address at her party's campaign headquarters overnight on 26 September 2022 in Rome, after the country voted in a legislative election. Far-right leader Giorgia Meloni won big in Italian elections on 25 September the first projections suggested, putting her eurosceptic populists on course to take power at the heart of Europe. PHOTO: ANDREAS SOLARO / AFP

## Putin grants Edward Snowden Russian citizenship

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin on Monday granted Russian citizenship to US whistleblower Edward Snowden, who exposed massive surveillance by the US National Security Agency on Americans and then sought refuge in Russia.

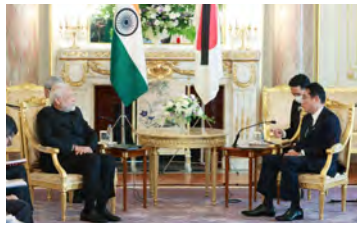
A presidential decree published Monday included Snowden on a list of newly-minted Russian citizens, at a time when relations between Washington and Moscow are at historic lows over the conflict in Ukraine.

Kremlin spokesman Dmi-

try Peskov told news agencies that Snowden had received Russian citizenship as a result of his own request, made in 2020 to make it easier for his American wife Lindsay Mills to travel back and forth.

"After years of separation from our parents, my wife and I have no desire to be separated from our SONS," Snowden wrote on Twitter.

"After two years of waiting and nearly ten years of exile, a little stability will make a difference for my family," he said.—AFP



## Pulisic to return for US in final World Cup warm-up



Chelsea forward Pulisic was a late withdrawal from the USA's 2-0 defeat to Japan last Friday, but has recovered and will lead the US attack against the Saudis in Murcia, southern Spain, on Tuesday.

Pulisic's absence was keenly felt in an abject US performance against Japan in Dusseldorf, where Berhalter's side failed to get a single shot on target in 90 minutes. Berhalter said he wants to "just let Christian be Christian" against fellow World Cup qualifiers Saudi Arabia.

"He does a great job of changing the game in moments, and that's all he needs to do," Berhalter said of Pulisic on a video call.

"He doesn't need to do anything more than he has done in the past. Just needs to continue to play our game, and he does that really well. He just needs to be himself." —AFP

Christian Pulisic will return to spearhead the United States in their final World Cup warm-up friendly against Saudi Arabia, US coach Gregg Berhalter confirmed. **PHOTO: AFP**

CHRISTIAN Pulisic will return to spearhead the United States in their final World Cup warm-

up friendly against Saudi Arabia, US coach Gregg Berhalter confirmed on Monday.

### 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 squad selected for Asian Cup U-17 qualifiers

MYANMAR U-16 national team head coach U Aung Zaw Myo announced on 27 September that the final 23 players who will compete in the 2023 Asian Cup U-17 qualifiers have been selected.

Team Administrator U Tin Myint Aung, head coach U Aung Zaw Myo, assistant coach U Paw Tun Kyaw and U Aya Maung, and Goal Coach U Myo Kyaw Thu will handle the team.

Goalkeepers Salai Antbwe Maung, Sai Thiha Naing, Kaung Kin Kyel, Defenders Lin Htet Oo, Thura Zaw, Nay Lin Htet, Thet Naing Oo, Myat Bhone Khant, Nay Lin Tun, Kaung Khant Zaw, Kaung Htet, Nay Min Htet, Midfielders Han Tun Zaw, Myo Htet Oo, Khun Cho Htoo, Wai Hlyan Shine, Myo Min Khant, Aung Kaung Myat, Aung Zaw Myo, and Strikers Pyae Sone Aung,

Shine Wunna Aung, Htoo Wai Yan, and Saw Myo Zaw will participate in the team ahead of the qualifiers.

The Myanmar U-16 team

that will compete in the qualifiers consists of outstanding players from Myanmar football academies, and youth stars from various regions and

states, officials said.

The 2023 Asian Cup U-17 Qualifier will be held from 1 to 9 October, and the team Myanmar will be in Group D

against Saudi Arabia, India, Kuwait, and the Maldives. The group matches will be hosted by Saudi Arabia. — Ko Nyi Lay/ GNLM



Young Myanmar footballers take their special training ahead of the 2023 Asian Cup U-17 qualifiers. **PHOTO: MFF**