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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.

SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win inspects preparations for successful holding of 23rd Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition

VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win who is also in the capacity of Patron of the Leading Committee on Organizing the 23rd Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition inspected preparations to successfully hold the 23rd Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition yesterday afternoon.

Accompanied by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Soe Htut and U Ko Ko, the Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council, deputy ministers and officials, went to the Myanmar International Convention Centre-II (MICC-II), the national library, the national museum and the training theatre of the Yinkyayhmu Yadana Hall of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture in Nay Pyi Taw where the Vice-Senior General inspected preparations for holding the Performing Arts Competitions. Officials reported on respective sectors. The Vice-Senior General attended to their needs.

The Vice-Senior Gener-



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win views the preparations for the successful holding of the 23rd Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition in Nay Pyi Taw on 8 October 2022.

al and party also inspected hostels for providing accommodation to contestants and members of the panel of judges

from regions and states to take part in the competition, mess halls, kitchens, restaurants and shops undertakings of subcom-

mittees, and grouping of health and medical teams. He coordinated with officials to fulfil the needs and cordially greeted the

members of the panel of judges and contestants who have already arrived at the hostels.

— MNA

5D-LED Modern digital glass bridge,
Jumping cloud, Children play ground, Jungle foopath,
Suspension bridge, Souvenir shop, Food court



PYIN OO LWIN

Pwe Gauk

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Waterfalls Resort

Special arrangements are made
for Package Tours and group Pilgrimages.




Statement on systematic purchase and registration of SIM cards

1. According to the investigation of the Department of Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, some SIM card users are using the SIM cards without filling up the correct user names and Citizenship Scrutiny Card numbers.
2. Currently, the Ministry of Immigration and Population builds a National Database listing over 52 million people, holders of any cards of citizens, associate citizens, naturalized citizens and any IDs through the e-ID Biographic Registration Software. Therefore, the user names and CSC numbers used in SIM card registration will be checked with the National Database of the Ministry of Immigration and Population, and the users should buy and use the SIM cards after registering with CSC (original) for names and card numbers, and if it is found the data of currently using SIM cards are completed incorrectly, they will be cancelled for good and the balances will be nationalized.
3. The operators and SIM card sellers should follow the instructions in selling the SIM cards and registration processes, and if they fail to do so, action will be taken against them under the procedures. The operators must send SMS to SIM card users.
4. Therefore, the users should fill in the correct data when they buy SIM cards and check whether the currently used SIM cards are registered correctly. If they are not, the users should register with correct data through the Online services of respective mobile operators, at sale counters and mobile shops in time to avert cancellation.

Posts and Telecommunications Department

Notification for public awareness

THE people are informed that they can solve the difficulties on citizenship scrutiny cards and household registration form-66/6 (AHtaSa) at relevant township immigration offices.

1. Citizenship scrutiny card
 - (a) Those who lost CSC or have damaged CSC must report it to relevant township immigration offices.
 - (b) Those who do not take CSC after turning 10 can apply for the cards at relevant immigration offices or join for the cards in the implementation of the Pankhinn project.
 - (c) Despite having made the CSC for 10 years old, they have to change new cards in respective age-wise terms.
 - (d) If they face some different facts in CSC, they have to amend these wrong facts at relevant township immigration offices.
 - (e) No one is to hold more than one CSC. If so, they have to hand over extra cards to relevant township immigration offices as quickly as possible. If they do not hand over the additional cards by 1 November 2022, the latest CSC will be approved, and the remaining ones will be inserted into the list of revocation.
 - (f) Those who hold the national registration cards must change their cards to the CSC at the relevant township immigration office (only for eligible persons).
 - (g) If the persons suspect somebody of holding their CSC, they have to report it to relevant township immigration offices.
2. Form-66/6 household registration (AHtaSa)
 - (a) Those who lost or have damaged Form-66/6 (AHtaSa) must report it to relevant township immigration offices for solving the problems.
 - (b) If members of the family mentioned in Form-66/6 (AHtaSa) receive CSC, they have to fill CSC number at relevant township immigration offices without fail.
 - (c) If facts and data at Form-66/6 (AHtaSa) are different from CSC, they have to amend them at relevant township immigration offices. (For example CSC number, name, date of birth, father's name and mother's name)
 - (d) Those holding more than one Form-66/6 (AHtaSa) must report it to relevant township immigration offices as quickly as possible. (For example: although they have made household registration in Pathein, they made one more registration again in Yangon.) If they do not hand over the additional registration till 1 November 2022, the latest registration will be approved and previous Forms-66/6 (AHtaSa) will be cancelled.
 - (e) Whenever they have changes of data for Form-66/6 (AHtaSa) for moving in and out, giving birth or death, they have to amend new information at relevant township immigration offices.
 - (f) Those who do not have any household registration form-66/6 (AHtaSa) in any area must contact nearby township immigration offices for receiving scrutiny under the Pankhinn project.
3. As the Ministry of Immigration and Population has listed more than 52 million people holding any cards of citizens, associate citizens, naturalized citizens and any IDs through e-ID biographic registration software, the people need to contact nearby township immigration offices for solving the problems of CSC and other IDs, additional IDs, differences in Form-66/6 (AHtaSa) and additional registration. Action will be taken against the overdue measures.

Ministry of Immigration and Population

Public Notice

THE Central Bank of Myanmar makes efforts for the emergence of a secure and quality national payment system, as the technologies are well developed, the money transfer services can be made easily through mobile payment.

Meanwhile, unscrupulous persons do not fill in the correct data to commit illegal money transfers and swindling of money using mobile payments. Solving such frauds can be done only when people fill in their personal data correctly. Moreover, it should follow the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering the Financing of Terrorism procedures in making cross-border payments.

Currently, the Ministry of Immigration and Population builds a National Database listing over 52 million people, holders of any cards of citizens, associate citizens, naturalized citizens and any IDs through the e-ID Biographic Registration Software.

According to the international standards for the Electronic – Know Your Customer (e-KYC) processes, the user names, citizenship scrutiny card numbers and SIM-card numbers filled in mobile payment accounts will be checked with the National Database of the Ministry of Immigration and Population and SIM Registration Database of the Posts and Telecommunications Department.

Therefore, the users need to fill up the correct data for KYC. The mobile payment accounts will be cancelled for good if the users fail to fill up the data within the fixed duration.

The users of bank-led mobile payment, banks and enterprises allowed for mobile banking, mobile banking services and merchant acquiring operating under the permission of CBM should go to the nearest Agents/banks to make Level 2 upgrade in time. The service providers must send SMS to the Level 1 customers to upgrade it to Level 2 of KYC. Those who do not want to upgrade it to Level-2 can contact the banks and mobile banking service counters to ensure the proper ways to use the remaining balance.

Central Bank of Myanmar

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News and Periodicals Enterprise

“Keep Moving Forward to Achieve Our Goal”

IN line with the theme “Keep Moving Forward to Achieve Our Goal” our government will build a better nation and improve the socio-economic conditions to serve the interests of the State and ethnic national people. In line with the theme “The Strength of the Nation Lies Within”, I would like to conclude by calling for unity and cooperation.

(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 Months of the Assumption of State Duties by the State Administration Council on 1 August 2022)

SAC member attends Rakhine State government-led rice donation ceremony in Sittway Tsp



SAC Member Daw Aye Nu Sein offers donation to the members of Sangha in Sittway Township yesterday.

THE Rakhine State government led a ceremony to donate rice to 500 monks as part of one-day ahead of the full moon of Thadingyut (end of Buddhist Lent) at the Sasana Beikman of the Lawka Nanda Pagoda in Sittway Township yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by State Administration Council Member Daw Aye Nu Sein, Rakhine State Chief Minister Dr Aung Kyaw Min, Western Command Commander Maj-Gen Htin Latt Oo, Chief Justice Daw Wah Wah Tun of Rakhine State High Court, state cabinet members, military personnel, donors and invited guests.

First, they took five precepts from State Ovadacariya Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Gandhavasaka Pandita Sayadaw

Bhaddanta Nanda Siri of Nanda Yama Pariyatti Monastery and the monks recited Metta Sutta.

Then, State Chief Minister reported on the religious affairs to Sayadaw and SAC Member Daw Aye Nu Sein, state chief minister, Regional Commander and officials donated the offertories.

Next, State Ovadacariya Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Agga Maha Gandhavasaka Pandita Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sawma of Dhamma Thukha Monastery delivered the sermons and the devotees shared the merits.

Finally, the SAC Member Daw Aye Nu Sein and party donated rice to 500 monks during the 3rd rice donation ceremony of the Rakhine State government at the Lawka Nanda Pagoda.—MNA

Union Tourism Minister meets officials from foreign investment hotels, attends Russian Language Course completion

UNION Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Htay Aung met officials from foreign investment hotels at Inya Lake Hotel in Yangon yesterday morning.

During the meeting, the Union minister said that international flights have reopened and e-business visas and e-tourist visas have been allowed since 17 April 2022, so foreign tourists from 79 countries are entering Myanmar.

“It is also allowed to apply for an e-Visa at Myanmar embassies in various relevant countries. The rents and taxes for hotels that have to be paid to the State should be paid regularly. The State has granted visa-free permits to Russia and ASEAN (eight) countries.

“Starting from this open season, when the tourism business is operating normally, citizen-owned hotels, guesthouses

and related tourism businesses will be fruitful in addition to foreign investment hotels,” he elaborated.

Afterwards, an official from the foreign investment hotel gave a presentation and the Union minister coordinated what was needed.

Next, the Union minister attended the opening ceremony of the tour guide (basic) course and the graduation ceremony of the Russian language course and gave an opening speech.

The ceremony was attended by Ambassador Dr Nikolai Liptoff of the Russian Federation to Myanmar, officials from the embassy, officials from departments, the pro-rector of the Yangon University of Foreign Languages, professors and heads of the Russian Language Department, officials



MoHT Union Minister Dr Htay Aung presents awards to one awardee from the Russian language (basic) course yesterday.

from the Myanmar Tourism Federation and affiliated associations, teachers and train-

ees. At the ceremony, the Union minister underscored that

the Russian Federation has a long-standing friendship with our country, and the Inya Lake Hotel, where this ceremony is held, Taunggyi Sao San Htun Hospital and Yangon University of Technology were also supported by Russia in 1962. The Inya Lake Hotel is a historical heritage of Russia-Myanmar friendship, he added.

The ambassador of the Russian Federation said, “Russia and Myanmar have established friendly relations, and the next year will be the 75th Anniversary — Diamond Jubilee.”

The Union minister then presented awards to those who won outstanding awards in the course, and the ambassador of the Russian Federation to Myanmar presented certificates to a representative of the course participants. — MNA

NPT Council Chairman attends award ceremony for outstanding students, inspects MAPCO Ltd

AN award-giving ceremony for those who outstandingly passed the matriculation examination of the 2021-2022 Academic Year, was held at the hall of No 19 Basic Education High School, Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory at 9 am on 8 October.

Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Tin Oo Lwin, Union Minister (retired) U Myint Hlaing, council members U Zayar Linn and U Myint Soe, departmental officials, awardee students and their parents, and invitees attended the ceremony.

At the ceremony, NPT Council Chairman U Tin Oo Lwin and Union Minister (retired) U Myint Hlaing made

opening speeches and donated K12 million to the school.

Additionally, Council Chairman U Tin Oo Lwin and party inspected the Integrated Rice Complex Project, farm mechanization services and contract farming activities of the Myanmar Agribusiness Public Corporation (MAPCO) Ltd in Pynmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

— MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Tin Oo Lwin views round the MAPCO Ltd in Pynmana yesterday.



CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, industrial raw materials and vehicles confiscated



Confiscated illegal commodities in Mandalay Region.

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

An on-duty team under the supervision of the Customs Department conducted inspections at the Myanmar Industrial Port Container Checkpoint on 7 October.

Officials confiscated 1,800 kilogrammes of fabric worth K2,494,800 that exceeded the Import Declaration (ID). The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

In addition, a combined inspection team at the 16th-mile Kyaukchaw Checkpoint captured K15,665,000 worth of suspected pesticides without official documents from a Dong-feng Dump truck (estimated value of K20 million) heading from Mandalay to Omathi-Omakha. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

On 8 October, an inspection team led by Myanmar Police Force seized an unregistered motorbike (approximately K200,000) and an unregistered car (approximately K3 million).

The action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

Similarly, the inspection teams led by the Region Forest Department under the management of the Bago Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force nabbed a total of 12.3880 tonnes of illegal timbers in Bago and Toungoo districts and the action was taken under the Forest Law.

Therefore, seven arrests (estimated value of K46,896,040) were made on 7 and 8 October, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA

Drugs seized in Bago, Nyaungshwe townships

DRUGS were seized in Bago and Nyaungshwe townships, the Myanmar Police Force stated.

A combined team consisting of the Anti-Narcotics Task Force examined suspicious Yan Min Aung and Kyaw Myint Tun on Bogyoke Aung San Street, Otha Myothit 4 quarter in Bago at 1:15 pm on 7 October. Officials found 9,750 stimulant tablets from

them. Similarly, a combined team consisting of the Shan State Police Force examined suspicious Maung Lay near Ingyingon village, Thaleoo village-tract in Nyaungshwe Township at 2:40 pm on 6 October and they found 1,100 stimulant tablets from him. Those suspects were prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — MNA



Two arrestees are seen along with seized stimulant pills.

CBM to grant 3.5% interest rate to banks with over K10 bln of Average Excess Reserve

THE Central Bank of Myanmar released a statement regarding the interest rate for the Average Excess Reserve of Banks Deposits at the Central Bank (CAB) on 7 October.

The CBM has already instructed to set 2.5 per cent of CAB and 0.5 per cent of Cash at the Bank out of three per cent of the Minimum Required Reserves (MRR) ratio.

In order to estimate the financial status of the business and carry out the Interest Rate Liberalization, the CBM launch-

es the interest rate system based on the Average Excess Reserve of CAB initializing the Interest Rate Corridor and luring the bank interest rate for CAB.

The banks with over K10 billion of Average Excess Reserve will get the interest and it will allow up to K50 billion.

Initially, the interest rate for Average Excess Reserve will be granted at 3.5 per cent of (O/N) for banks starting between 12 October- 8 November.

The CBM will carry out changes (increase/decrease) in

interest rate for the MRR and Average Excess Reserve to meet the market demand.

The interest rate will be calculated based on the average excess reserve of the final day of MRR and put in the bank account of CBM with the T+2 system.

Granting interest for average excess reserve will be conducted at the state-owned banks, private banks and foreign banks allowed for Retail Banking at Myanmar Kyats at the same time. — TWA/GNLM



Bank staff count Myanmar's kyat notes at the office of a local bank in Yangon. — TWA/GNLM

FDA announces unsuitable-to-eat chilli powder

ACCORDING to the laboratory tests, Ant Htoo chilli powder is unsuitable for eating announced by the Department of Food and Drug Administration under the Ministry of Health.

A combined team consisting of FDA members of Mayangon Township examined Ant Htoo chilli powder and shop in the Bayintnaung commodity market. They found illegal food dyeing in chilli powder. So, they destroyed

it and signed in pledge.

The FDA announced that illegal food dyeing can be causing the itching of skin, eyes, nose and throat, destroying the liver and kidneys and causing cancer diseases.

If sellers do distribute and sell such unfit food in the market and do not comply, action will be taken under Article 28 (a) of the National Food Law. — TWA/GNLM



FDA staff are seen examining foodstuffs.

Monsoon onions from Myittha area likely to fetch good price

MONSOON onions that will be produced from the Myittha area are expected to enter the market early with a good price, according to the market forecast.

In December 2021, fresh monsoon onions from Myittha were priced at K950-1,150 per viss, while those from Myingyan fetched K800-1,000 per viss. The prices of summer onions were at a low level so the late entry of monsoon onions was witnessed in the markets then.

In early October 2022, heavy rain in the Monywa area negatively affected onion cultivation acres. The loss of onion is estimated at 20 baskets of onion crop, Ko Myint, an onion seller, told the Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

However, onion cultivation in Myittha and Kyaukse areas did not face any damage as monsoon onions were grown there earlier than usual. Those

onions are likely to enter the market earlier. The price rise is expected for those onions which are not affected by rain in Monywa.

The wholesale price of onions surged to K3,850 per viss on 2 September amid the news of low stocks and high demand. Some traders speculating on a further rise sparked the consumers' concerns.

Nonetheless, the Yangon market sees regular supply. Additionally, foreign onions flowed into the market at a cheaper rate in September. The market sees only demand from Yangon residents. Buying onions for the border market are not seen in Yangon markets in recent days. Onion-producing regions primarily send the onions to the Yangon market although there is a demand from the border market there.

The prices of onions were

down by K500-600 per viss in Yangon markets. On 7 October, the wholesale prices stood at K2,600-2,850 per viss for Seikphyu's onion and K2,800-3,250 for Monywa's onions.

Approximately 90,000 visses of onions from various regions on 30 October and 48,000 onions on 1 October entered the Yangon market. Between 3 and 7 October, 750,000 visses of onions were supplied to Yangon markets, according to market data.

Normally, monsoon onions start to enter the market in December. This year, they are cultivated in late H2 of 2022, earlier than usual.

The wholesale price of monsoon onions was around K1,000 per viss in 2020 and 2021. This year, a one-time increase in price on average is expected, some traders forecast. — TWA/GNLM

Myanmar Rice Federation purchases 2,500 tonnes of rice from Rakhine State

THE Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) purchased 2,500 tonnes of rice from Rakhine State, according to the Rakhine State Rice Millers Association.

As the MRF plans to export 200,000 tonnes of rice to Bangladesh under the agreement the Rakhine State Rice Millers Association have permission to sell 2,500 tonnes of rice to the

MRF and is prepared to sell export-quality rice to the MRF.

The sale agreement of the two countries – Bangladesh and Myanmar – is based on the CIF (Cost, Insurance & Freight) price at US\$465.5 per tonne to Chittagong port. The Rakhine State Millers Association is carrying out negotiations to purchase from the MRF at \$400 per tonne.

There are three rice mills in Kyauktaw township, two rice mills in Ponnagyun township and two rice mills in Sittway of Rakhine State and will sell rice produced from the seven rice mills in Rakhine State. — TWA/GNLM

Rice bags are pictured being unloaded at the Myanmar Rice Federation.



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*

389 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 8 October, total figure rises to 626,262

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **626,262** after **389** new cases were reported on 8 October 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **600,110** have recovered from disease. Death toll reaches **19,467** after **one** deaths.

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

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



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INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (2022)

“ကြိုတင်သတိပေးထုတ်ပြန်ချက် ဆောလျင်ဆောင်ရွက်အားလုံးအတွက်”

“Early Warning and Early Action for All”

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The new White Elephant is pictured playing happily in the water.

New White Elephant lives healthy, happy with his mother mammal

A 33-year-old female elephant called Zar Nan Hla kept by the Myanma Timber Enterprise in Taungup Township of Rakhine State has given birth to one white male elephant at 6:30 am on 23 July 2022. The baby elephant is two feet and five inches in height, three feet and one inch in girth, two feet in back length and has one foot and six inches long tail with a birth weight of about 180

pounds.

The newly born white elephant has pearl-coloured eyes, a plantain branch-shaped back, white hair, a distinctive tail, auspicious plot signs on the skin, reddish-brown or pinkish skin, five claws on the front legs and big ears. Therefore, these features conform with seven out of eight characteristics.

Now, the baby white ele-

phant is two and half months old, two feet and eight inches in height, three feet and ten inches in girth and weighs about 225 pounds. He stays healthy and happy with his mother elephant. It is reported that the baby white elephant has been tame by humans since childhood and is being trained by the Human-Friendly Training system to be much tamer. —MNA



Shwedagon holds offering ceremony of Thadingyut pre-full moon day

THE electric light offering to Shwedagon Pagoda on Thadingyut pre-full moon day was held yesterday evening in line with the Covid-19 regulations.

Firstly, members of the Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees and staff of the Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees office, religious associations,

donors and pilgrims walked clock-wise the Shwedagon Pagoda by carrying the electric-lighted Cetus.

Next, the offering ceremony of oil light round every corner of the Shwedagon Pagoda was also convened on the pagoda precinct. — Zaw Min Latt (MNA)/GNLM

Liquidating authority statement: depositors of Asia Yangon Bank asked to withdraw money

WHEN Asia Yangon Bank (AYB) is placed under liquidation after the Central Bank of Myanmar revoked the licence of the bank, documents regarding the money withdrawal of depositors and the creditor settling the bank's remaining liabilities are requested to submit by 7 November according to the court order.

Those depositors at AYB located at No 319/321 in the corner of Maha Bandoola Road and Bo Aung Kyaw Road in Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region have to send their evidence to withdraw their money to the bank headquarter or the email address hn-insumon@winthinassociates.com by 7 November during the period of liquidation.

Those who fail to report it within the set period no longer get access to the money with-

drawal request, according to a statement.

The AYB had its licence revoked on 16 May 2020. The CBM forwarded this case to Yangon Region High Court to conduct the liquidation procedures, according to the provisions of section 120 of the Financial Institutions Law. The court made an order for the liquidation of the bank on 3 February 2022 and assigned a liquidating authority on 15 February.

That is why the creditors need to submit the evidence to ask for debt or requests by 7 November. If they fail to submit them within the set period, they will lose the rights to enjoy their share and to object share allocations.

The AYB was established on 17 March 1994. The CBM revoked the banking licence on 16 March 2020 due to the

breach of the existing laws of Myanmar.

The CBM has a duty to govern the stability of the monetary system according to the provision of Section 40 (f) of the Central Bank Law and the bank has the power to issue, deny and revoke the licence of financial institutions and supervise and inspect their operations under the provision of Section 68 of the Central Bank Law.

The AYB has 10 branches in the Bayint Naung depot, Mayangon Township, Lewe Township on Yangon-Mandalay highway, Chanayethazan Township, 83 street between 34x35 street Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay, Ward 16 in Taungoo, Ayethaya Ward, Monywa city, Yanmyoang Ward, Magway city, Patheingyi city, Pyaw city and Minbu city. —TWA/GNLM

Myanmar exports international-quality coffee to 14 countries

MYANMAR plants Arabica and Robusta and exports international quality Myanmar Coffee to 14 countries, according to PyinOoLwin Coffee Farm (Pway Taung).

The Specialty Coffee Association of America (SCAA) accepts the Arabica and Robusta planted in Myanmar as international standard Myanmar coffee at 89 marks for Arabica grown in highlands and 92 marks for Robusta grown in lowlands for their aroma and taste. The coffee with a score of 60 marks is regarded as normal commercial coffee and the coffee with a score of 70 marks and above are international quality coffee.

"Myanmar produces two types of coffee Robusta and Arabica coffee. The Robusta gets 92 marks while Arabica 89 marks to be world-class and so we have to give coffee samples to the buyer countries. After the test, they make offers such as one or two containers or one tonne. When the coffee is tested again, the smell of Myanmar coffee is like banana, apple, lime and orange and the Robusta smells like spices. The quality Myanmar coffee is in good demand paying higher than the global prices in western countries. The coffee consumption rate is higher and the small-scale production rate is also high locally.

"The PyinOoLwin coffee

centre launches coffee quality analyzing training course to share knowledge in producing the Myanmar coffee by inspecting the quality whether it is for local or for export," said Deputy Director Daw Mi Mi Myint, in charge of PyinOoLwin Township coffee research and technology dissemination centre under Agriculture Department.

At the PyinOoLwin Coffee Knowledge Centre, the basic coffee quality analyzing course was conducted on 5 and 6 October jointly by the Coffee Division of the Agriculture Department and the Myanmar Coffee Association. Those who get Pre-Q certificates after the Pre-Test also launch training sessions for others.

The coffee produced in Myanmar is exported to 14 countries including the UK, America, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Australia, Germany, Japan, Chi-



PyinOoLwin Township produces 500 metric tons of coffee per year while 700 metric tons are produced in Ywangan with Shan State being a top producer. **PHOTOS: KANU**

na, Korea, Chinese Taipei and Thailand. The coffee farmers are making efforts to produce quali-

ty coffee rather than conducting trading processes to receive foreign income.

The coffee culture has been developing in the country and there are four or five new cafes in Mandalay per month. In Yangon, the consumption of instant coffee drops and the number of coffee shops which sell coffee by grinding coffee seeds are enormously increasing and creating job opportunities.

Brazil is the world's largest coffee producer and European countries drink the most coffee. It is between US\$7,500 and \$8,000

per tonne. Depending on the production rate and job opportunities, it fetches \$9,000 per tonne if the females grow it. Coffee is the second-most traded commodity in the whole world, second only to crude oil. It is also the second most consumed beverage in the world.

PyinOoLwin Township produces 500 metric tons of coffee per year while 700 metric tons are produced in Ywangan with Shan State being a top producer. The country exports them to 14 countries at present. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/GNLM



One of the coffee training sessions.

OPINION

Let the postal service enjoy lifelong existence

THE postal service is one of the ancient communication services for people across the world. Postmen took an important role in society so as to communicate with each other through letters. As part of mass communication activities, the postal service gave satisfaction to the global people as well as Myanmar nationals many years ago.

When information and communication technologies are developing day by day, global people now contact each other with the use of modern electronic equipment as well as communication devices in a short time. Most people from developing countries and underdeveloped countries do not understand the theme of postal service. As such, they follow the newer and newer technologies throughout their lifetime but they cannot meet the compassion, pleasure and empathy among others in society. So, new generations in the current era

miss a chance to enjoy the attachment and warmth and amicability among the people in exchanging information through the postal service.

As a gesture of honouring the postal service, World Post Day is celebrated each year on 9 October, the anniversary of the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874 in the Swiss Capital, Bern. The Universal Postal Union declared World Post Day in Japan in 1969. From then on, global countries are celebrating the commemorative day year by year.

Until now, the Myanmar Post under the Ministry of Transport and Communications is still giving postal service to the people. It operates letter and parcel delivery services, remittance of money and other possible communication services to the people on a daily basis to catch the attention of the customers by publishing new postal stamps in creative designs for postal stamp collectors.

In truth, the post is the world's largest logistics network. Not only developed countries but underdeveloped countries do not discard postal services until today. Such a service is still

useful despite the difference in the certainty of usage for the services. It is because the postal service can save the charges of delivering letters, parcels, money and other materials from one place to another in a few days or hours.

Up to now, the postal service has been benefiting the global people regardless of the rich and the poor. The postal service like an experienced servant is giving services to the customers similar to marching towards the goal without taking a rest, focusing on the interests of global people all the time.

Exit Strategies

A Compass of Values and Mediators, with No Guns Necessary

By Suzuka YOSHIDA

THE Tatmadaw called the action taken on 1 February 2021 "an act approved by the constitution" as they judged Myanmar to be in a state of emergency to the extent that it was willing to be called a "coup d'état" by the international community. Certainly, foreign powers entered into domestic affairs, and NLD Members of Parliaments were unaware of this. A year and a half have now passed since that state of emergency. And yet NUG/PDF's attacks have not ceased and the Tatmadaw is also still working hard to pursue the network. In the meantime,

thousands of people have lost their lives and the reputation of the country itself, Myanmar, has deteriorated. I have been considering ideas on how to break this stalemate and during this time, the same following questions have kept recurring to me.

- Why is the Tatmadaw not clearly and carefully explaining why they are conducting airstrikes near the borders of Thailand, China, and India?
- Why does the PDF think that hunting down and killing military personnel and people associated with the Tatmadaw is a "fight for justice"?

- How did they procure weapons capable of mass riots so quickly?
- Do all ordinary people think that possessing guns and killing soldiers are necessary for democracy?
- Why don't NUG/PDF members collate their political opinions among their peers and submit them to former parliamentary members of either party or to local government officials?
- And why are there no human resources emerging from within Myanmar to mediate between the current govern-

ment (State Administration Council) and NUG?

What are you fighting for? A battle that began during the NLD regime

The NUG and independent media both report daily and repeatedly how many innocent civilians have been killed, tortured, and air-struck by the military. However, neither the media nor NUG's website has mentioned the original purpose or the significance of the fight.

I have never read a paper that properly describes the "democracy" that NUG/PDF are

claiming. Not even when the NLD was the ruling party did they have a vision and policies that clearly explained their aim in politics, instead, they repeatedly advocated for constitutional reform in order to reduce the political power of the military. If the opposition to the Tatmadaw's refusal to accept the results of the election had been called "undemocratic", then there would have been no need to pick up guns, as speech alone would have provoked public opinion. NUG/PDF's vision, plans, and processes for realizing democratic politics have not been embodied; only the positions and

human resources in their administration have been clarified. The opposition USDP is similarly without vision or expression in speech. It could therefore be said that the root cause of this chaotic situation was already in existence under the NLD government.

Both the Tatmadaw and the NUG seem to be in a gun-to-gun battle that has lost much of its significance, although much blood has been shed on both sides.

Suggestions for SAC key members and NUG key members



Image of Compass showing the direction you must proceed.

What is needed to overthrow the status is a candid dialogue between SAC key members and the NUG key members. Both the Myanmar government and NUG/PDF should stop relying on foreign countries. This is because foreigners and foreign governments are not aware of the meaning of Myanmar's constitution, nor are they aware of the frequent encroachments on

Myanmar's territory by neighbouring countries. Foreign countries cannot be neutral because of their tendency to approach with their own interests in mind. I would like the Myanmar people themselves to settle the post-coup confusion and take their own steps towards the exit strategy for Myanmar.

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	<p>Book Title - U Myo Nyunt (Sarpaylawka) Ah Hmat Ta Ya</p> <p>Author - Different Pens</p> <p>Publishing House - Sarpaylawka</p> <p>Publication Date - July 2021 (1st Edition)</p>	<p>the kind assistance of his good friends. This book reveals how he has got through the literary field, his mentality, his activities in the affairs of the state and his contribution towards the development of the literary field. Additionally, the readers will know his life events some of which are rather dramatic. He is found to have devoted his life to publishing books. And what's more, the readers will learn that he has had a dream; he has dreamed of winning the lifetime award for publishing. Yes, his dream has been fulfilled but at that time he was fighting with the King of Death. His family and friends have decided to celebrate his victory at the hospital he is in. Nonetheless, the event to honour him did not happen, for he passed away on that day marked for the celebration of his victory.</p> <p>This book has exposed the scenes behind the publishing of the books. The readers will find how he has steered the wheel, how he has helped writers and poets achieve success and what his visions and missions are. This book also serves as a guide for the youths who want to achieve success in life.</p>		<p>Book Title - Yoke Shin Kha Yee Thal</p> <p>Author - Director Aung Myint Myat</p> <p>Publishing House - Media Data</p> <p>Publication Date - February 2020 (1st Edition)</p> <p>Price - K9,000</p>	<p>uses the pen name Aung Myint Myat when he writes about his personal experience in the film world. Additionally, his articles were published in famous magazines. He has edited more than 150 films and acted as the director in the production of 85 movies, over 50 DVD/Video movies and 13 TV documentaries. His productions earned him the title of "Sithu" in 2012.</p> <p>The book includes three chapters: Chapter 1 deals with the menial jobs in the film industry while Chapter 2 is about motion picture editing, the use of still camera, documentation, dealing with the actors and the actresses, the black and white age, the colour movie age, cloning of the actors and actresses, transition from one scene to another, flexible plots, film studios and companies, the supporting roles to give the flare to the movies, travelling with the casts, the life-threatening scenes and the cameramen, the camera tricks and the historical movies, the outdoor scenes and the storyboards. Chapter 3 is concerned with the events in his later life and the latest developments in the film world. The book has over 400 pages of wood-free paper with an elegant binding.</p>
<p>U Myo Nyunt (Sarpaylawka) Ah Hmat Ta Ya</p> <p>HE is at the centre of a triangle with one angle being a publishing house in the name of Sarpaylawka, which is quite famous in the literary world while the second and the third being Thakin Khin Nyunt, a famous politician and the founder of Sarpaylawka, and Moe Moe (Inya), a famous woman writer respectively. He is the son of Thakin Khin Nyunt and the better half of Moe Moe (Inya). U Myo Nyunt has contributed dramatically towards the achievement of success in making the publishing house famous across the nation.</p> <p>His success cannot be attributed chiefly to the three big pillars; he has been recognized by the literary field mainly for his strenuous effort and talent. He has not only published the books written by others but also composed the poems himself. His pen names are: Lay Chit Thu, Maung Nyo Thway and Maung Maung Myo Nyunt. His famous book is titled, "Rabindranath Tagore Sar Nu Yin". When he passed away at 73, the bereaved family published a book in dedication to him.</p>		<p>Yoke Shin Kha Yee Thal</p> <p>I would like to introduce a book to movie fans they should not miss. The book is written by Director Aung Myint Myat under the title, "Yoke Shin Kha Yee Thal". The writer was born in New Burma Film Studio, and so, he has been engaged since 5 in menial shooting activities such as sweeping, holding the slight and mirror. Afterwards, he did the errand in the film studio like dissolving the films in the developer chemicals until 7 when he started to shoot the box camera with the film. The writer has laid bare his film career, depicting how he has tried to become a director,</p>		<p>friend, always holding respect for me. He is the most productive director, having used the most popular actors and actresses, and having turned many novels into scripts for movies. He is also known as the lightning director, who can produce a film within 21 days from the date of permission granted by the Motion Picture Enterprise according to Director Maung Hnin Moe.</p> <p>Commencing in 1962, the writer started to do film editing up to the diamond jubilee Myanmar Motion Picture. In addition to the director's name Aung Myint Myat, he has other names - Script Writer Myat Oo Maung and Editor Nay Win Aung. He</p>	

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First of all, you should better create an environment in which the SAC and NUG work for the people. I would suggest starting an informal dialogue with a very limited number of people. In an environment where any information does not leak to the media, starting with the building of relationships between individuals, they can discuss the motives and backgrounds of the actions of both parties. It will take time to consolidate the opinions of NUG and PDF as a whole and then have a dialogue, and it will be difficult to come to terms. The Five-Point Road map of the State Administration Council proposed can be considered a compass of values that represents the direction in which the nation and its people should head. By all means, please express NUG's opinion on that.

And an intermediary between NUG and SAC is needed. Academics, merchants, and religious people can do that role. Currently,



The series of weapons is evidence that PDF planned a well-organized riot.

they don't show up due to the danger of being shot by the PDF, but there's bound to be one among the population of over 50 million. Such a person is a true intermediary.

It is better to disclose

the contents of the agreements that both parties have reached. Talking between the two sides with the public in mind has the effect of calming domestic turmoil.

The current administration's peace consultation team is inviting delegations from ethnic armed groups to the capital to hold peace talks these days. The attempt I am proposing will encourage the

administration's desire for peace.

Elections are a mechanism for collecting the voice of the silent majority

Another point is that through the election mechanism, Myanmar can listen to the voices of the silent majority who do not belong to the NUG/PDF and do not support the SAC. Aspiring politicians, regardless of party, can use their experience of listening to and collecting the voices of voters in their constituencies. Now that the election is coming up next year, this will also be an activity to prepare for that.

First of all, I want PDF to put down their guns. I believe that both their gun abandonment and the candid dialogue between the SAC key members and NUG key members will allow a mediator to emerge. We foreigners will see this and follow in the footsteps of the Myanmar people.

Australia seeks to grow plants on Moon by 2025

AUSTRALIAN scientists are trying to grow plants on the Moon by 2025 in a new mission unveiled Friday that they said could help pave the way for a future colony.

Plant biologist Brett Williams, from the Queensland University of Technology, said seeds would be carried by the Beresheet 2 spacecraft — a private Israeli Moon mission.

They would be watered inside the sealed chamber after landing and monitored for signs of germination and growth.

Plants will be chosen based on how well they cope in extreme conditions, and how quickly they germinate, he said.

One likely choice is an Australian "resurrection grass" that can survive without water in a dormant state.— AFP



Australia's plant-growing experiment on the Moon will be carried on board the Israeli spacecraft 'Beresheet 2'. PHOTO: AFP

Deal reached for civil aviation to try for net-zero emissions by 2050

UN aviation agency members on Friday set the year 2050 as their goal for achieving net-zero carbon emissions for air travel — an industry often criticized for its outsized role in climate change.

The assembly, which brought together representatives from 193 nations at the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) headquarters in Montreal, reached a "historic agreement on a collective long-term aspirational goal of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050!" the United Nations agency said on Twitter.

It added that it "continues to advocate for much more ambition and investment by states to ensure aviation is fully decarbonized by 2050 or earlier".

"It's an excellent result," a diplomatic source told AFP, revealing that only four coun-



An aviation biofuel or bio-jet-fuel or bio-aviation fuel (BAF) is a biofuel used to power aircraft and is said to be a sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). PHOTO: ICAO

tries — including China, the main thrust of global growth in air travel — "had expressed reservations".

The agreement, however, was far from satisfying for some non-governmental organizations expressing regret it didn't go far enough and was not legally binding.

The air transportation in-

dustry has faced growing pressure to deal with its outsized role in the climate crisis.

Currently responsible for 2.5 per cent to three per cent of global CO2 emissions, the sector's switch to renewable fuels is proving difficult, even if the aeronautics industry and energy companies are seeking progress.—AFP

HEALTH/PANDEMIC WORLD

Japan eyes rollout of free BA.5-tailored COVID-19 shots on 13 Oct

THE health ministry plans to begin the rollout of Pfizer Inc.'s coronavirus vaccine tailored to protect against the BA.5 subvariant next Thursday after a panel approved providing the shots free of charge, a person familiar with the matter said Friday. The ministry panel also gave the nod to offer free COVID-19 vaccinations for children between six months and four years old, with the ministry planning to begin inocula-

tions on 24 Oct, the person said.

The health ministry is urging the public to take the shots to stem a potential surge of infections during the year-end holidays and to ensure that, through widespread vaccination, it will not coincide with the seasonal flu.

The vaccine for children aged six months to four years, also to be provided by Pfizer, is the first COVID-19 shot available in Japan for that age group. It

targets the original strain discovered in Wuhan, China, in 2019.

The bivalent vaccine is available next Thursday for people aged 12 and over who have received two previous shots. The panel will discuss the interval between vaccinations on 19 Oct. However, another person familiar with the matter has said that it may be shortened to three months from the current five months.—Kyodo



The health ministry plans to begin the rollout of Pfizer Inc.'s coronavirus vaccine tailored to protect against the BA.5 subvariant next Thursday. **PHOTO: PFIZER / KYODO**

US tightens travel screening as worries about Ebola mount

THE United States announced tighter screening Thursday for people who travelled to Uganda due to an outbreak of Ebola in the African country.

Beginning Friday, the State Department said, any air travellers entering the United States who have been in Uganda in the 21 days before arrival will have to route through one of five designated airports for screening by the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and US Customs and Border Protection.

The airports are in New York, Newark, Atlanta, Chicago and Washington.

The move came after the



Travellers walk through Washington's Dulles International Airport in Dulles, Virginia, on 24 November 2020. **PHOTO: NICHOLAS KAMM/ AFP**

CDC issued a warning over Ebola virus disease (EVD) since the Ugandan Health Ministry

declared an outbreak in the Mubende district on 20 September.—AFP

COVID-19 cases spike in Bavaria after Oktoberfest



People attend the Oktoberfest 2022 in Munich, Germany, 17 Sept 2022. **PHOTO: SHAN WEIYI/XINHUA**

SINCE the start of the Oktoberfest celebrations in mid-September in the German state of Bavaria, the seven-day incidence of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 peo-

ple has been on a steady increase in and around the state capital Munich, the local authorities said on Friday. The incidence rate in the state has nearly tripled to

818, the Robert Koch Institute said. At the federal level, the incidence rate has doubled to 577.5 over the same period.

Even if a connection with the festival cannot be proven scientifically due to insufficient data, Bavaria's Health Minister Klaus Holetschek acknowledged last week that he believed the event "has had an impact".

Following a two-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, millions of revelers from all corners of the world converged on Bavaria to attend the world's largest Volksfest featuring beer, veal sausages and folk music. The organizers estimated that the event attracted around 5.7 million visitors this year, 600,000 fewer than in 2019.—Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

After the floods, a wave of disease plagues Pakistan

HIS head haloed by a whirlwind of mosquitoes, Aamir Hussain stands on the roof of his home in southern Pakistan surveying the fetid floodwaters all around.

Four months after the start of record monsoon rains linked to climate change, the standing water has curdled into a pestilent soup breeding malaria, cholera and dengue.

The UN has warned of a "second wave" of catastrophe, with the risk that deaths from water-borne disease and malnutrition will outstrip the 1,700 drowned and electrocuted in the initial cascade.

As dusk arrives in Hussain's submerged village in Dadu district of Sindh province, so do the bugs, and the gamble that they will infect his wife and two children.

"The mosquitoes bite a lot and we fall sick," said the 25-year-old, atop a brickwork compound framing a courtyard awash with putrid, sucking mud.

His brother, who shares this home, has already ventured off the roof to treat his sick children at hospital with borrowed cash.

"Some of our nets are torn now so we are worried," said Hussain, whose infant son has fallen ill. —AFP

UN warns cholera cases in Haiti could skyrocket

THE United Nations warned Thursday of a possible explosion of cholera cases in crisis-wracked Haiti.

The international body called for the creation of a humanitarian corridor to ease a blockage of the country's main fuel import terminal so as to get services running again and make clean water available.

Haiti announced Sunday its first cases of cholera in three years, with seven people dead of the disease.

Eleven cases have been confirmed, and there are another 111 suspected cases, but the real numbers could be much higher, said Ulrika Richardson, UN resident and humanitarian coordinator for Haiti.

Speaking from Haiti via video, she said that for now, the cases seem to be limited mainly to the capital Port-au-Prince.

"With the current conditions in Haiti, and if not all the good conditions are met, we are actually in for quite an exponential if not explosive increase of cholera cases," she said.

"One could even say that perhaps the conditions are there for a perfect storm, unfortunately."

Richardson said "the numbers (of infected) could be much higher".—AFP

ECONOMY WORLD

Japan says Britain may join trans-Pacific free trade pact this year

MEMBERS of a trans-Pacific free trade pact could agree in principle to allow Britain to join as a new member this year, using the European country's case as a model for future aspirants, Japan's economic minister Daishiro Yamagiwa said Saturday.

Yamagiwa said at a joint press conference, following a ministerial meeting in Singapore of the regional trade deal, he believes that based on the views of some members, there could be a basic agreement "perhaps within this year".

The process of Britain's accession to the 11-member pact, formally known as the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, "will be a good precedent" in meeting the high standards for trade rules and transparency, said Yamagiwa, minister in charge of economic revitalization.

The one-day meeting discussed Britain's entry into the



Singapore Trade and Industry Minister Gan Kim Yong (L) and Japan's economic minister Daishiro Yamagiwa hold a press conference in Singapore on 8 Oct 2022. **PHOTO: KYODO**

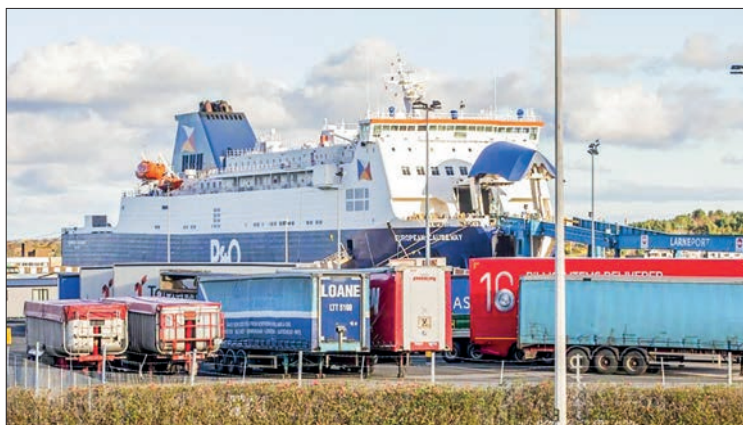
CPTPP, or the acronym for the regional free trade deal. Japan is chair of a working group on Britain's envisaged membership.

The country applied for accession in February last year, and a few months later, the CPTPP Commission, the group's top decision-making body, agreed to formally commence negotiations with Britain. "Our energies are

focused on getting the accession of the United Kingdom completed, this will serve as a pathfinder," Singapore Trade and Industry Minister Gan Kim Yong said at the same press conference.

Gan said at outset of the meeting that five countries have expressed interest in joining the CPTPP, without naming them.—Kyodo

Ireland voices hope of end to post-Brexit trade row in N.Ireland



Containers and lorries at the Port of Larne in Co Antrim, Northern Ireland. **PHOTO: AFP**

IRELAND'S foreign minister Simon Coveney on Friday gave hope of an end to wrangling over post-Brexit trading rules in Northern Ireland, as talks resumed to break the impasse.

Coveney met his UK counterpart James Cleverly in London on Thursday night and said there was a "real focus" on making progress and a "new air of positivity". "There is a genuine effort coming from this new team in the British government to try

to reach out to Dublin and indeed to Brussels," he told Ireland's national broadcaster RTE.

"But time will tell whether, of course, the compromises necessary to get a deal are possible."

Relations between Ireland and the UK have been soured by long-running disagreements over the implementation of trade arrangements between London and Brussels known as the Northern Ireland Protocol.

The deal, signed separate-

ly from the Brexit trade agreement that took the UK out of the European Union, effectively keeps Northern Ireland within the European single market and customs union.

London and pro-UK unionist parties in Northern Ireland object to having checks on goods heading to the province from mainland Britain, arguing it impinges on the country's sovereignty. The UK is seeking to unilaterally overhaul the agreement, despite EU warnings it could spark reprisals.

But there are signs of a thaw in frosty relations: last week Steve Baker, a junior UK Northern Ireland minister, apologized for the effect of the hardline stance on relations with Ireland.

On Thursday, Ireland's deputy prime minister Leo Varadkar, who will become prime minister in December under a coalition deal in Dublin, conceded that the protocol had been "a little too strict".—AFP

Global food prices decline but remain near all-time highs

GLOBAL food prices slipped for the sixth consecutive month in September, as lower demand and strong production levels helped balance the impacts of higher energy and transportation costs, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) reported Friday.

The monthly FAO Food Price Index, averaging 136.3 points, was down 1.1 per cent compared to August. This was the sixth consecutive month the index declined since it surged to its highest level in March, after the conflict between Russia and Ukraine sent energy prices soaring and interrupted trade routes.

Despite the decline, the

broad index — which tracks changes in global prices for common food commodities — remained higher than at the start of the year and, in real terms, higher than at any point previous to 2022 since the 1970s.

Prices for grains and cereals, a component in the index, rose by 2.2 per cent due in part to uncertainty connected to the supply of wheat through the Black Sea, the trade route most affected by the Ukraine crisis. Dry conditions in the United States and Argentina have also had an impact on production in those countries, with rice prices also climbing based in part on changes in export policies from India.—Xinhua



The FAO said 45 countries, including 33 in Africa, nine in Asia, two in Latin America and the Caribbean, and one in Europe "are in need of external assistance for food". **PHOTO: LILLIAN SUWANRUMPHA / AFP**

Political paralysis in Iraq hampers economic growth

A year since Iraq's last elections, it remains without not only a new government but a budget too, obstructing much-needed reforms and infrastructure projects in the oil-rich but war-ravaged country.

Iraq has raked in huge revenues from oil exports this year, but the profits are locked up in the central bank's coffers, which have amassed a colossal \$87 billion in foreign exchange reserves.

The government can't invest that money without an annual state budget -- which Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhemi is not authorized to submit to parliament in his

capacity as caretaker.

"Infrastructure projects require years of steady financial planning by government," said Yesar al-Maleki, Gulf analyst at the Middle East Economic Survey (MEES).

"The political situation has caused a massive disruption that has further weakened Iraq's poor standing with investors."

Iraqis voted on 10 October 2021 in an early election triggered by a wave of protests that began two years earlier, condemning endemic corruption, rampant unemployment and decaying infrastructure.—AFP

Toyota truck arm Hino execs resign over data fraud

TOYOTA Motor Corp.'s truck-making subsidiary Hino Motors Ltd. on Friday announced the resignations of four executives over a fraudulent emission data reporting scandal that goes back some 20 years, saying it will also ask former executives to return part of their compensations.



Hino Motors admitted in March this year that it submitted fraudulent emissions and fuel economy data to transport authorities, suspending the shipment of vehicles with engines for which the figures had been doctored. **PHOTO: HINO**

The four – three board members, including one in charge of production, as well as an executive who leads the company's technological development division – resigned Friday.

The company also said it plans to ask 11 former executives who served in their roles from 2003 and after to return part of their

salaries.

President Satoshi Ogiso will remain in his post to oversee the process of management renewal, though his monthly salary will be halved for the next six months. Other execu-

tives are also taking a pay cut. At a press conference in Tokyo, Ogiso apologized for the data rigging, vowing to "propel the reform so we can be reborn and not repeat the same mistake".—Kyodo

Google looks to raise its smartphone game with latest Pixel 7

GOOGLE is looking to up its smartphone game with the Pixel 7, the latest entrant in a competitive corner of personal electronics where it has traditionally been a bit player.

The device was unveiled this week in Brooklyn, where representatives from the Mountain View, California giant highlighted top-flight features that can silence background noise on the phone.

First introduced in 2016, the Pixel was a late-comer to the portable phone trend, arriving nearly a decade after Apple's iPhone and seven years after Samsung's Galaxy model, the two

products that dominate today's market.

In 2020, global deliveries of the Google phone were just 2.7 million, next to more than 200 million for both the Apple and Samsung options.

Those paltry sales

figures are partly due to the Google phone's limited availability, with the Pixel 5 sold in less than 10 countries as the tech giant has focused its smartphone investment on software rather than its own hardware.—AFP



Google unveiled its Pixel 7 as it makes a bigger push into smartphone hardware. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

China EximBank increases inclusive loans

THE balance of on-lending loans for smaller banks issued by the Export-Import Bank of China (China EximBank) hit 140 billion yuan (about 19.72 billion US dollars) at the end of August, data shows.

The figure increased 15 per cent from the beginning of the year, the bank said.

It has been pooling efforts to boost inclusive

finance. By the end of August, the bank had waived 451 million yuan worth of loan interest payments for micro, small and medium-sized enterprises affected by the COVID-19.

China EximBank is a state-funded and state-owned policy bank supporting China's foreign trade, investment and international economic cooperation.—Xinhua

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V CHATTANOOGA VOY.NO. (N055)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **9-10-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

RUSSIA - UKRAINE CONFLICT

Putin signs decree to create new operator for Sakhalin 1 oil project

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin on Friday signed a decree to create a new operating company for the Sakhalin 1 oil and gas project, according to Russian media.

With the signing, Russia will ask foreign stakeholders if they wish to remain part of the project, which is partly financed by the Japanese government and companies, including Itochu Corp. and Marubeni Corp., through Sakhalin Oil and Gas Development Co., or SODECO.

SODECO holds a 30 per cent stake in the project, which started producing crude oil in 2005. The decree was quoted as stating that foreign business partners will have one month to decide whether to invest in the



Undated photo shows a facility of the Sakhalin 1 oil and gas development project. **PHOTO: COURTESY OF EXXON NEFTEGAS LTD. KYODO**

new company.

“It remains an important project for the stable supply of energy,” a senior Japanese industry ministry official said Saturday, although Japan currently does not import crude oil from Sakhalin 1.

The government has said Japan, which is highly dependent on energy imports, will maintain stakes in the Sakhalin 1 and 2 energy projects, despite the imposition of economic sanctions on Russia since its invasion of Ukraine.—Kyodo

Hong Kong to not enforce sanctions on megayacht linked to Putin ally

HONG Kong said Friday it will not act on any “unilateral” Western sanctions, after a luxury megayacht linked to one of Russia’s wealthiest oligarchs docked in its waters.

The vessel, named Nord, is reportedly tied to billionaire Alexei Mordashov, one of the many oligarchs close to Russian President Vladimir Putin who have been sanctioned by the United States, the European Union and Britain following the invasion of Ukraine.

Authorities in Spain, Italy, France and Fiji have impounded yachts linked to Putin-linked sanctioned oligarchs to try and add pressure on him.

Hong Kong, however, has said it will not take such action after the 142-metre (466-foot) yacht was spotted west of the city by eagle-eyed locals on Thursday.

The Marine Department said it implements United Nations sanctions but not those imposed by individual nations

or blocs.

“The Hong Kong government does not implement, nor do we have the legal authority to take action on, unilateral sanctions imposed by other jurisdictions,” a spokesperson told AFP on Friday.

Mordashov, the main shareholder in steelmaker Severstal, is among Russia’s ultrawealthy, who have long been major buyers of superyachts — pleasure vessels classed as more than 30 metres long.—AFP

Kremlin says OPEC+ cut output to stabilize oil markets

THE Kremlin said Thursday that an OPEC+ decision to sharply cut production was designed to stabilize global oil markets, after Washington said the move was a concession to Moscow.

“The decisions that were taken were aimed at stabilizing oil markets,” Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

He said it was proof that

“some countries understand the absurdity” of Washington’s demand for a price cap on Russian oil. The decision from the 13-nation OPEC cartel helmed by Saudi Arabia and a group of 10 exporters led by Russia angered the United States, which has been lobbying to hold down fuel prices and isolate Russia over its Ukraine aggression.—

AFP

Belarus activist, Russian, Ukrainian groups get Nobel Peace prize



Staff members of the Centre for Civil Liberties celebrate in Kyiv after the Ukrainian human rights group won the Nobel Peace Prize on 7 Oct 2022. **PHOTO: KYODO**

THE Royal Swedish Academy on Friday jointly awarded the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize to human rights advocate Ales Bialatski from Belarus, the Russian human rights organization Memorial and the Ukrainian human rights organization Centre for Civil Liberties.

“The #NobelPeacePrize laureates represent civil society in their home countries. They

have for many years promoted the right to criticize power and protect the fundamental rights of citizens,” the official Twitter handle of the Nobel Prize said. The organizations have made an outstanding effort to document war crimes, human right abuses and the abuse of power. Together they demonstrate the significance of civil society for peace and democracy.—ANI

WORLD: TOP HEADLINE

N. Korea says missile tests are for self-defence, pose no threat

NORTH Korea said Saturday its missile tests are for self-defence in response to US military threats and do not pose a danger to air traffic or neighbouring countries.

The statement by a spokesman for the country’s National Aviation Administration came after North Korea on Thursday conducted its sixth round of ballistic missile launches since late September, following one that flew over Japan for the first time since 2017.

The missile testing is “regular and planned self-defensive step for defending the country’s security and the regional peace from the US direct military threats that have lasted for more than half a century,” the state-run Korean Central News Agency quoted the unnamed spokesman as saying.

He said the tests do not “pose any threat and harm to the safety of not only civil aviation but also the neighbouring countries and region,” according

to KCNA.

The statement was released after the International Civil Aviation Organization recently condemned North Korea’s continued ballistic missile launches over or near international air routes.

The spokesman said Pyongyang “categorically condemns and rejects” the ICAO move “as a political provocation of the US and its vassal forces aimed to infringe upon the sovereignty” of North Korea.—Kyodo



Japan’s Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno, centre, arrives at the prime minister’s office in Tokyo Tuesday, 4 Oct 2022. South Korea says North Korea has fired a ballistic missile toward its eastern waters. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Biden signs executive order on US-EU personal data privacy

US President Joe Biden signed an executive order on Friday designed to protect the privacy of personal data transfers between the EU and the United States and address European concerns about US intelligence collection activities.

The executive order provides a new legal framework for trans-Atlantic data flows that are critical to the digital economy, the White House said.

It will be subject to review and ratification by the European Commission, a process expected to take several months.

“This is a culmination of our joint efforts to restore trust and stability to trans-Atlantic data flows,” Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo told reporters.

“It will enable a continued flow of data that underpins more than a trillion dollars in cross-border trade and investment every year.”

US tech giants have faced a barrage of lawsuits from EU privacy activists concerned about the ability of US intelligence services to access the personal data of Europeans.

Europe’s top court has inval-

idated previous arrangements after hearing complaints that US laws violate the fundamental rights of EU citizens.

The White House said the executive order addresses concerns raised by the Court of Justice of the European Union when it ruled that the previous framework known as Privacy Shield did not provide adequate protection. Privacy Shield, struck down in July 2020, was the successor to another EU-US deal, Safe Harbour, which was itself torpedoed by a court ruling in 2015.

Businesses have since



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resorted to legally uncertain workarounds to keep the data flow moving, with hope that the two sides could come up with something stronger in the long term.—AFP

Cover-up complaints fly over Greek wire-tapping scandal



Greece’s then-intelligence chief Panagiotis Kontoleon is seen in Athens on 29 July 2022. Several days later, Kontoleon resigned amid a scandal involving the alleged spying of an opposition politician. **PHOTO: YIANNIS PANAGOPOULOS/EUROKINISSI/AFP**

COVER-UP allegations are dogging a short-lived Greek parliamentary investigation into a

state wire-tapping scandal that wraps up next week without providing any real answers.

But the case, which has cast an unflattering light on the conservative government of Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis, remains a priority for the European Parliament.

The European Union assembly is sending a fact-finding delegation in November to interview key witnesses.

The scandal could also impact the formation of a future Greek government, following a general election scheduled for 2023. The affair broke in July when Nikos Androulakis — a European Parliament lawmaker and leader of the Greek Socialist party (Pasok/Kinal) — filed a legal complaint alleging there had been attempts to tap his mobile phone using illegal spyware known as Predator.—AFP

Bosnian Serb opposition protests against vote ‘fraud’

SEVERAL thousand Bosnian Serbs on Thursday joined a protest staged by the opposition against their long-time nationalist leader Milorad Dodik whom they accuse of electoral fraud at last weekend’s vote.

With nearly all votes counted, the pro-Russian Dodik was set to become president of the Bosnian Serb entity of Republika Srpska (RS).

RS along with the Muslim-Croat Federation makes up Bosnia since its 1990s war.

But the opposition, which organized Thursday’s rally in the northern town of Banja Luka, accused Dodik of fraud, claims that he had firmly rejected, and called for a recount.

Organizers said more than 30,000 people marched through Banja Luka without incidents before gathering at the town’s main square.

“Mile, thief!” and “Mile, go away!” they chanted in a reference to Dodik.

Dodik had garnered 48 per

cent of the vote while his rival Jelena Trivic secured 43 per cent, according to results from more than 97 per cent of the entity’s polling stations.

Trivic claimed victory after the polls closed on Sunday, but just hours later Dodik did the same. “It is not me who was robbed, it is the popular will, it is the people of Republika Srpska and I will never recognize that,” Trivic — a 39-year-old professor of economics — told the crowd.—AFP

Morocco triples migrants’ jail terms over border storming

A Moroccan appeals court more than tripled to three years prison sentences against 18 African migrants over the deadly storming of a Spanish enclave in June, a lawyer said.

The migrants had been arrested after some 2,000 people, mostly from Sudan, tried to breach the frontier with the enclave of Melilla on 24 June in a bid to reach Europe. At least 23 migrants died in a crush.

“Eighteen migrants arrested on 24 June were sentenced to three years in prison” by the appeals court in Nador, a town near the border with Melilla, defence lawyer Mbarek Bouirig told AFP late Thursday.

The 18 migrants — among more than 60 arrested following the Melilla tragedy — had initially been sentenced to 11

months in prison.

The Moroccan Association of Human Rights denounced the ruling in a tweet, blasting what it described as a “repressive judicial system”.

The migrants had been convicted of “illegal entry into Morocco”, “violence against law enforcement officers”, “armed gathering” and “refusal to comply”. The Spanish enclaves of Melilla and Ceuta have long been a magnet for people fleeing violence and poverty across Africa and seeking refuge via the continent’s only land borders with the EU.

Since the 24 June incident, dozens of mostly Sudanese migrants have been sentenced to prison terms ranging from eight months to two years in prison without parole.—AFP



The border fence separating Morocco (R) from Spain’s North African Melilla enclave (L), near Nador in Morocco. **PHOTO: FADEL SENNA/AFP**



Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine Objectives

1. Political affairs

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

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.

- (b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.
- (c) To promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.

3. Social affairs

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

Defending Champions Shan United regain victory for top spot

CURRENT Champions Shan United FC has retained their win in the opening match of Week 15 Myanmar National League after beating Maha United 2-0 at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

Shan Team managed to stop a two-game draw streak and regain their lead at the top of the table. Meanwhile, Maha United suffered another defeat and came closer to the danger of relegation.

Shan United team line-up includes star players Hein Thiha Zaw, Nanda Kyaw, Goalie Kyaw Zin Phyo, Kyaw Zin Lwin, Myat Kaung Khant, and Zin Min Tun while the Maha United team manager used core players: Kyaw

Swar Min, Myo Min Phyo, and Soe Moe Naing.

Shan team started to attack from the kick-off in order to return to victory, and Myat Kaung Khant opened the scoring in the 23rd minute.

After scoring the goal, the Shan United team was able to control the game, and the Maha United team tried to equalize, but the Shan United team was able to play skillfully.

In the second half, both teams tried to score again, and Nanda Kyaw scored the second goal that would ensure victory for Shan United in the 50th minute.

After this match, the Shan United team continues to lead



A Shan United player (white) tries for a header during the Week 15 Myanmar National League against Maha United at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon on 8 October 2022. **PHOTO: MNL**

with 33 points in 13 games, while the Maha United team has nine points in 15 games.

The second day of the Week

15 match will be held on 9 October and Rakhine team will play against ISPE FC. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

US coach praises players for stand against sexual abuse in football

US manager Vlatko Anonovski said the players “did an incredible” job of using the women’s international between the world champions and Euro 2022 winners England as a platform to fight against sexual violence.

England beat the US 2-1 in Friday’s friendly at Wembley with a Lauren Hemp goal and a penalty from Georgia Stanway either side of a Sophia Smith strike.

But the build-up to the match in London was overshadowed by the damning revelations in a report detailing “systemic” sexual abuse and misconduct in the US domestic game. The report by former US attorney-general Sally Yates included interviews with more than 200 National Women’s Soccer League players and detailed patterns of abuse from team coaches, including manipulation and tirades.

A number of senior officials have since lost their jobs or stepped down from their roles.

Players from both teams at Wembley wore teal-coloured armbands as a show of solidarity with victims of sexual abuse, gathering behind a banner before kick-off that said “Protect the Players”.

The famous arch at England’s national stadium was also lit up in teal. —AFP

Indonesian football faces pivotal moment after stadium disaster



The gates at the 42,000-capacity Kanjuruhan stadium in East Java’s Malang were big enough to fit only two people at a time and some were not open on time, officials said. **PHOTO: AFP**

THE deadly stampede at an Indonesian football stadium has shaken the foundations of the country’s most popular sport and was the culmination of decades of mismanagement and violence, experts say.

The tragedy a week ago that killed 131 people, including 32 children, in the aftermath of a top-tier match has forced officials and fans to confront failings in every aspect of the game in the country. Experts on Indonesian football speak of shaky infrastructure, mismanagement, hours-long waits to leave outdated stadiums and the potential for heated passions to descend into violence that has killed scores since the 1990s. “This is a wake-up call, one that has cost us greatly,” Indonesian football commentator Mohamad Kusnaeni told AFP. President Joko Widodo visited the site of the tragedy on Wednesday, ordering an audit of all stadia and pointing to the country’s 78,000-seater national stadium in Jakarta as the standard he expects across the 18-team league.—AFP