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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 Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepts Credentials of Belarusian Ambassador to Myanmar

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepted the Credentials from newly accredited Belarusian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Uladzimir Baravikou at the Credentials Hall of the Office of the SAC Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am yesterday.

Both sides focused on the enhancement of diplomatic relations between the two countries, exchange of goodwill visits, trade promotion measures, cooperation in science and technology, and further cooperation in the defence sector.

After the ceremony, the Senior General and the newly accredited Belarusian Ambassador to Myanmar posed for documentary photos.

The ceremony was also attended by Joint Secretary of the Council Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and Director-General of the Protocol Department U Wunna Han. — MNA



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing takes the documentary photo with the newly accredited Belarusian Ambassador to Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw on 20 October 2022.

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2nd day of 2022 Mid-Year Gems Emporium continues

THE 2022 Mid-Year Gems Emporium continued its second day at the Maniradana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

Since the morning of the emporium, local and foreign gem merchants took tours in the Maniradana Jade Hall for viewing pearl lots, jade lots and gem lots on display, and continued to observe uncut jade lots which were displayed

at the designated areas outside the hall.

Pearl lots (from 1 to 200) that will be sold at the emporium were checked by local and foreign merchants. Then, they placed their bids in tender boxes.

Officials announced the bids at 1 pm and 5 pm respectively and declared that a total of 189 pearl lots were sold.

Pearl lots (from 201 to 400) will be displayed on the third day of the emporium for sale through an open tender system.

Responsible persons from the emporium conducted trainees from the Shwe Kyar Pin Gems & Jewellery Vocational School in Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, round the emporium.

The 2022 Mid-Year Gems Emporium is being held at the Maniradana Jade Hall between 19 and 25 October and altogether 400 lots of pearl, 120 lots of gems and 2,150 lots of jade will be on sale under the open tender system. — MNA



A gem merchant is seen submitting the tender.

Gem traders are looking into the jade lots.

Myanmar Gazette

Appointment of Heads of Service Organizations confirmed

1. THE State Administration Council has confirmed the appointment of U Han Min Aung as Director-General of Legal Affairs and Complaint Office of the State Administration Council as of 2 October 2022.

2. The State Administration Council has confirmed the appointment of the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations after the one-year probational period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Thein Lwin	Director-General Department of Rural Development Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development
(b) U Win Hlaing	Director-General Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River System Ministry of Transport and Communications

Myanmar Ambassador presents Credentials to President of the Republic of Malawi



Myanmar Ambassador U Myint Swe presents his Credentials to the President of the Republic of Malawi on 18 October 2022.

U Myint Swe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the

Republic of Malawi, presented his Credentials to Dr Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera, President of the Republic of

Malawi on 18 October 2022 in Lilongwe, Kamuzu Palace. — MNA

Tatmadaw decided to continue serving as the guardian of the country

THE Hluttaw is the highest platform in political trend in democracy, and more ethnic representatives must join the political platform in the Hluttaw so as to demand the rights of their regions under the law.

The Tatmadaw decided to continue serving as the guardian of the country and is carrying out the tasks under the law, adding that ethnic organizations are to do their tasks for enjoying the democracy and federal rights under the law, disciplines and democratic practice.

[Excerpts from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the Peace Talk with a peace delegation led by Vice-Chairman 1 of Shan State Progress Party (SSPP) Sao Khur Tai on 4 August 2022.]



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepts Credentials of Nepali Ambassador to Myanmar

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepted the Credentials from the newly accredited Nepali Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Harishchandra Ghimire at the Credentials Hall of the Office of the SAC Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw at 10:45 am yesterday.

Then, they frankly discussed bilateral diplomatic relations and friendly relations, the economic and trade pro-

motion and the enhancement of tourism services.

After the ceremony, the Senior General and the newly accredited Nepali Ambassador to Myanmar posed for documentary photos.

Also present at the ceremony were Joint Secretary of the Council Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and Director-General of the Protocol Department U Wunna Han. — MNA

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepts the Credentials from the Nepali Ambassador to Myanmar.

MoFA Union Minister receives Nepali Ambassador to Myanmar



U WUNNA MAUNG LWIN, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr Harishchandra Ghimire,

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Nepal to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at 1 pm on 20 October 2022 at the Ministry of

Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the call, the Union minister congratulated the ambassador for his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Nepal to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. They cordially exchanged views on matters pertaining to the further enhancement of the existing friendly bilateral relations and mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries, as well as closer collaboration in regional and multilateral fora including the BIMSTEC and the United Nations.—MNA

MoFA Union Minister receives Belarusian Ambassador to Myanmar



U WUNNA MAUNG LWIN, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received newly appointed Ambassador

Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Belarus to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Mr Uladzimir Baravikou with residence in Hanoi

at 2 pm on 20 October 2022 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, the Union minister congratulated the ambassador on his recent appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Belarus to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. They cordially exchanged views on matters pertaining to the further enhancement of friendly bilateral relations and mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries, as well as closer collaboration in multilateral contexts.—MNA

SAC members, Union Ministers attend opening ceremony of Inter-States & Regions U-16 Football Tournament



SAC members and Union ministers watch the football match at the opening ceremony of Inter-States and Regions U-16 Football Tourney in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

AIMING to raise the standard of Myanmar football sports and improve the standard of health and fitness of the whole nation, promote inter-ethnic friendship in various regions and turn out a new generation of outstanding athletes from the states and regions, Department of Sports and Physical Education the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs and the Myanmar Football Federation held the opening ceremony of the Inter-States/Regions under-16

men's football tournament at Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw at 3:00 pm yesterday. State Administration Council members Mahn Nye-in Maung, U Khin Maung Swe, Daw Aye Nu Sein, Jeng Phang Naw Taung, U Moug Har, U Sai Lone Seng, Dr Banyar Aung Moe, and U Shwe Kyein, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, U Ko Ko Hlaing, Dr Charlie Than, Dr Thet Khaing Win, U Min Thein Zan, Dr Htay Aung and U Saw Tun Aung

Myint, deputy ministers from ministries, staff and employees of the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, officials from the Myanmar Football Federation, students from basic education high schools in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, and administrators, coaches and athletes from participating teams attended the event. First, in his opening speech, Union Minister U Min Thein Zan said that the tournament aims to develop

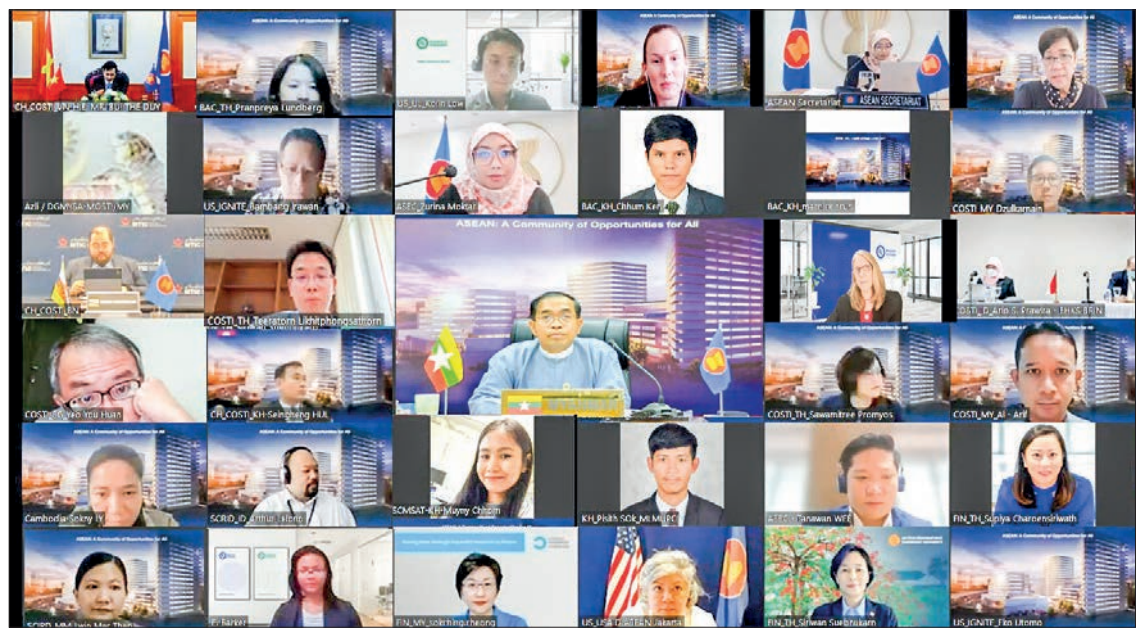
Myanmar's football sports, promoting the spirit of solidarity and Union spirit among football players from various states and regions, and continued that state and regional football competitions are held with the main aim of bringing out the best young blood football players. Officials tried for opening football academies for the emergence of a new generation athletes, holding competitions according to athletes' age, sending teams to compete in

foreign tourneys and holding invitational events, and league competitions are still being held today, he elaborated. As the State encourages and supports sports, the sportspersons should respect the gratitude of the State and not do any actions that would tarnish the image of the nation. Next, the SAC members and the Union ministers greeted athletes of the participating teams. During the tourney, the Mandalay Region team played a 1-1 draw against the Kachin State team at Wunna Theikdi Stadium yesterday while the Shan State team shared points 2-2 with Ayeyawady Region team at training ground 3 of the Wunna Theikdi Stadium. The ISD U-16 Men's Football Tournament 2022 will be held till 3 November at the Wunna Theikdi Stadium, training grounds No 1 and 3, with a total of 297 athletes from 13 competing teams of states and regions. Spectators can watch the matches free of charge. —MNA

Myanmar attends 82nd Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation (COSTI-82)

THE 82nd Meeting of the ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation and related meetings were held on 19 and 20 October 2022 via videoconferencing. Myanmar National COSTI Chairman Permanent Secretary Dr Sai Kyaw Naing Oo attended the meeting. The meeting discussed highlights of relevant high-level meetings' outcomes, the status of funds and external partners' funding/facility, the status of projects in cooperation with dialogue partners and subcommittees, implementation of priority projects of 2022 and projects to be implemented in

2023. During the meeting, Myanmar as the ASEAN-China Country Coordinator discussed the cooperation projects between ASEAN and the People's Republic of China regarding science, technology and innovation. The meeting was also attended by officials from the ASEAN Secretariat, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, and Chairpersons of respective subcommittees from ASEAN countries and representatives from Dialogue Partners.—MNA



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MIFER Union Minister receives Belarusian Ambassador to Myanmar

UNION Minister Dr Kan Zaw of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations received a delegation led by Mr Uladzimir Baravikou, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Belarus to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, on yesterday afternoon at the Office No 1 in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, development of cooperation, trade and economic cooperation, agriculture, cooperation in SMEs and investment promotion between Myanmar and Belarus were discussed.

The meeting was also attended by the deputy minister, directors-general and officials from the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations. — MNA



MIFER Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw meets the delegation led by the Belarusian ambassador to Myanmar yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

MoIP Union Minister receives Chinese Ambassador



UNION Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing received Chinese Ambassador Mr Chen Hai and party at the Ministry of Immigration and Population in Nay Pyi Taw at 2 pm yesterday.

At the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on the cooperation in economic development between the two countries, the arranging and handling of matters related to the visa and residence permit of Chinese nationals entering Myanmar for various reasons in accordance with the rules

and regulations, China's provision of COVID-19 vaccines and medical goods.

In addition, they cordially discussed matters in connexion with China's assistance in repatriating the people who left for Bangladesh, helping the Myanmar Chinese Chamber of Commerce and people of Chinese origin under the law and cooperation in immigration activities, including border areas.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister U Htay Hlaing and officials. — MNA

Captain Daw Aye Thinza Kyaw from Tatmadaw Information Team clarifies accusations by some media destroying the nation related to some dead and wounded service personnel from the Correctional Department and innocent civilian people at mine blasts in Insein Central Jail in Insein Township of Yangon Region

Q: I have heard about an incident of blast at the Insein Jail. The mine blast left some service personnel wounded and dead whereas some civilian people were dead. Some media described that civilian people who came to meet with the prisoners were dead in shooting by security forces. So, tell me the real situation related to the case, please.

at the Insein Central Jail. In the incident, three service personnel and five civilian people including children were dead and five service personnel and 13 civilian people were wounded. Some media on the blacklist spread false news after the mine blast that the people were shot dead by security forces. In this regard, the forensic solution mentioned no service personnel were dead with wounds from the shots of small arms, and they were dead in mine blasts due to wounds of splin-



A: Mine blasts happened at the site where outsiders are allowed to meet with prisoners

ters. It is the first point. The second point is that, the distance between the place

of mine blasts and the position taken by the security forces is impossible for shooting the tar-

gets. As the blast happened inside the building, and it is out of sight of security forces and even if they shot, it is impossible to reach the target. It is the second point. According to the two points, if you review the forensic answers over the dead persons and positions taken by the security forces, it can be seen that these media mentioned on the blacklist and some media destroying the nation just accused security forces of the case. — MNA

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

Yangon to debut floating night market at Botahtaung Jetty

THE floating night market will be opened at the Love Boat Bridge near the Botahtaung Pagoda in Botahtaung Township by the end of this month, according to the organizing company, Tawwin Chantha.

The floating night market will be opened between 31 October and 8 November and it will mainly offer ethnic cuisines and international foods.

It aims to explore the cultures of ethnic people and strengthen the friendship among the ethnic people, said an official of the company.

There will be about 60 stalls and it will feature the tradition of the Inlay region such as selling the products by boat, and the sellers will provide various kinds of foods wearing their traditional costumes.

"It is the very first floating night market in Yangon. We organize it so that the people can enjoy and try ethnic cuisines and the beauty of the Yangon River," said an official of the company.

The shops will be five feet wide and people can sell there without paying a rental fee. Officials will offer food carts. It will be

K30,000 for keeping food carts per day. The company will arrange water, electricity and certain places for the customers, and every person can sell there. The market will be open from 3 pm to 9 pm and those who want to open a stall can contact 09-688237799.

In 2020, the authorities conducted a feasibility study to establish a standard floating night market by constructing 5,200 feet x 30 feet retaining wall between the concrete road of Myayamon Housing in Dagon Myothit (South) Township and Ngamoeyeik Creek. — TWA/GNLM



The Botahtaung Jetty is seen being prepared for the floating night market.

Bell pepper price remains elevated at K25,000 per viss

ON 20 October 2022, the prices of bell pepper from delta regions inched higher to K25,000 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kilogrammes), while long chilli pepper processed in cold storage fetched K20,000 per viss, Moe Htaung chilli pepper is priced at K15,500 per viss and bell pepper from the Sinbyukyun area at K24,500, according to the market data.

On 19 October, the wholesale price of bell pepper jumped to K23,000 per viss. The figures showed an increase of K2,000 per viss within a day, Ko Hla Han, an owner of chilli pepper brokerage, told the Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

The bell pepper is

worth K450,000 per 18-viss bag. In mid-2022, the commodity prices inflated in domestic markets, with K100,000 per bag of onion, K450,000 per bag of chilli pepper and K700,000 per 110-viss barrel of palm oil. The traders have to pump in large capital than before. Both retailers and wholesalers of groceries stressed the high capital input.

Nonetheless, depot operators receive more brokerage fees following the high prices of commodities, with five per cent of commissions imposed on the goods rate. The commission is K1,250 per viss of chilli pepper and K150 per viss of onion. —TWA/GNLM



Chilli pepper is seen in one grocery outlet.

ESE increases meter box installation fees



Meter boxes are seen at an apartment.

THE Electricity Supply Enterprise (ESE) under the Ministry of Electric Power has increased meter installation fees for home use.

It was increased to K120,000 up from K90,000 starting 20 October.

The MoEP Union minister submitted the proposal to increase fees on 16 October to the State Administration Council office and it was permitted on 20 October.

Such an increase is another burden to those who start using the power, some considered.

"We apply for a meter but haven't got a permit yet. The service fee rose an additional K30,000 when the previous fee was K90,000. K30,000 is such a large amount for us living hand-to-mouth. But we can't do anything. The prices of every item are on the rise. We have to pay that amount as we want access to power," said a housewife who applies for the meter.

The new rate will be K120,000 including K85,000 for infrastructure, K17,000 for a meter box, K8,000 for a breaker, K10,000 for other expenses, K4,000 deposit, K2,000 for cabling, 2,000 for connection, K1,000 for supervision and K1,000 for application.

The former fee of K90,000 was set on 1 April 2018. — TWA/GNLM

12-wheeler truck plunges into cliff along PyinOoLwin-Mandalay Road

A 12-wheeler truck plunged into the roadside cliff while coming down along the PyinOoLwin-Mandalay Road in Mandalay Region on 20 October.

Around 8:50 am on that day, the 12-wheeler truck carrying maize seeds was unable to control its speed and overturned on the cliff, located near the Mile Post 19 of the PyinOoLwin-Mandalay Road.

The members of

Yadanabon Area Fire Station, Myanmar Rescue Body (Mandalay) and Cetana Mon Social Welfare Association (Ohnchaw) conducted rescue work at the scene.

The driver had broken his two arms and was taken to the hospital together with other injured persons by the Cetana Mon Social Welfare Association (Ohnchaw). — TWA/GNLM



Rescue work is being conducted at the scene of the accident.

LOCAL BUSINESS

3 new sugar mills including 10,000-tonne sugar mill to be constructed next FY2023-2024

THREE new sugar mills including a sugar mill with a cane crushing capacity of 10,000 tonnes will be constructed in the coming financial year 2023-2024, said U Win Htay, vice chair of Myanmar Sugar and Sugarcane Products Association.

The two sugar mills with a cane crushing capacity of 5,000 tonnes will be located in the upper Sagaing Region and one with over 10,000 tonnes will be built in the northern Shan State.

Sugarcane cultivation declined due to the low price of sugar and sugarcane in previous years. Some sugar mills cannot fully run operations. Nonetheless, the price of sugar climbed and sugarcane price also rose accordingly, said U Win Htay.

“The mills were suspended due to the lack of sugarcane supply in the previous years. For instance, the mills with a cane crushing capacity of 2,000 tonnes have to run for 100 days for 200,000 tonnes. The mills stopped working within 50 days as sugarcane is in short supply. As sugar price strength-

ens following the international markets, the number of mills has increased. We will open the two more mills in Sagaing and one more in northern Shan State next FY, U Win Htay elaborated.

There are approximately 30 sugar mills in Myanmar, according to the association.

During the last 2019-2020 sugar season, sugar prices stood below K1,000 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kilograms). At present, the price rockets to K2,500 per viss in the market.

Additionally, sugarcane will be offered at K90,000 per tonne for the upcoming sugarcane season, a sugar mill notified sugarcane growers.

For the last 2021-2022 sugarcane season, the price was quoted at K60,000 per tonne only.

This year, the offering price increased on account of the rise in sugar price, high agricultural input cost and expansion of acreage, sugar and sugarcane businesspersons said.

Despite the price hike, sugarcane growers called for better deals amid the soaring input cost and fuel price spike.



Sugarcane is commonly found in the upper Sagaing Region, followed by the northern Shan State. It is also found in the western and eastern Bago Region, Yangon Region and Mandalay Region.

Some mills have planned to provide K200,000 per acre in advance for those growers who are interested in sugarcane cultivation due to the price rise. The plan aims to support sugar production for the 2023-2024 season.

Approximately, 450,000 acres of sugarcane covers across the country this year,

with an annual production of 450,000 tonnes of sugar. Sugar was conveyed to China and Vietnam in the past years beyond self-sufficiency. Now, it is only shipped to Viet Nam, according to Myanmar Sugar and Sugarcane Products Association.

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Shan State. It is also found in the western and eastern Bago Region, Yangon Region and Mandalay Region.

The sugarcane is grown in December-January. It can be harvested from November to February of the following years. The sugarcane growing rotation cycle lasts four years in Myanmar. — NN/GNLM

18 types of imported medicines exempted from Customs tariff



The Custom House in Yangon.

EIGHTEEN types of imported pharmaceuticals are granted Customs tariff exemption, according to the notification (19/2022) of the Myanmar Automated Cargo Clearance System (MACCS) division under the Customs Department, dated 19 October.

The Customs Department shifted the Customs tariff rate on 18 October 2022. Those pharmaceutical importers of 18 types of medicines can enjoy tax exemption according to a

notification (85/2022).

They are Aspirin, Paracetamol, Chlorpheniramine maleate, Diazepam, Mebendazole, Gentamicin, Metronidazole, Propranolol, Oral Rehydration Salt, Chlorpromazine, Salbutamol, Intravenous Glucose, Rifampicin, Ethambutol, Isoniazid, Frusemide, Digoxin and Prednisolone.

Additionally, 21 types of medicines will be imposed five per cent of customs duty and 1.5 per cent of duty will be paid for

the remaining, presenting HS code along with obelisk code 4 in the customs declaration form.

For 18 types of medicine, Exemption Code – EMFD must be filled in the form, with the remark of notification letter number. For further details, the importers can enquire at the MACCS division through 01-379429 of the Help Desk Section and at the Export/Import Supervision Division within office hours. — NN/GNLM

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OPINION

Make efforts for holding successful peace talks

IN looking back at the history of Myanmar, whenever all ethnic people were in harmony to do nation-building tasks, the State had been peaceful and prosperous. Myanmar could build solidarity to set records in the first, second and third Myanmar empires established by King Anawrahta in the Bagan era, King Bayintnaung in the Toungoo era and King Alaungmintaya in the Konbaung era.

Whenever ethnic people faced disunity, armed conflicts happened in the country with a lack of peace and prosperity. In very recent days, the drama with the title of The Prestige Nobler than the Life presented by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture portrayed a partial view of Myanmar's history. It proved that each country requires a qualified and capable good leader and the good leader can build a strong-armed force and a peaceful and prosperous country.

Only when armed conflicts cease and genuine peace can be restored can effective development be undertaken for the State via relevant regions and ethnic national people. As such, all the people including the government need to take lessons from past events so as to continuously implement the restoration of perpetual peace through peace talks participated by the government and ethnic armed organizations.

Hence, Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing held peace talks with ten ethnic armed organizations from 21 May 2022. Now is the time of holding discussions for the second time as of 21 August. The efforts of the Tatmadaw aim to cease the armed conflicts.

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DAW Kyi Kyi Hla (28 March 1932-15 October 2022) has passed away. Among many other positions she had held in her long life, she was the Vice-Chairperson of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Sciences. This tribute will not repeat her achievements and contributions but would deal with personal reminiscences and some of the philosophical issues I have had the chance to discuss with 'Aunty Dawn' as it was known to some of her juniors including myself.

My recollection of Aunty Dawn goes back about six decades. The place was the compound of the University of Mandalay. My late parents' Dr San Baw (29 June 1922-7 December 1984) and Professor Dr Myint Myint Khin (15 December 1923-19 June 2014) resided in the late 1950s to early 1960s in Mandalay University compound. So did the family of Daw Kyi Kyi Hla, her husband and her three kids. She was then a staff of the Philosophy Department of the University of Mandalay. She subsequently became Head of both the Mandalay and Yangon Philosophy Departments.

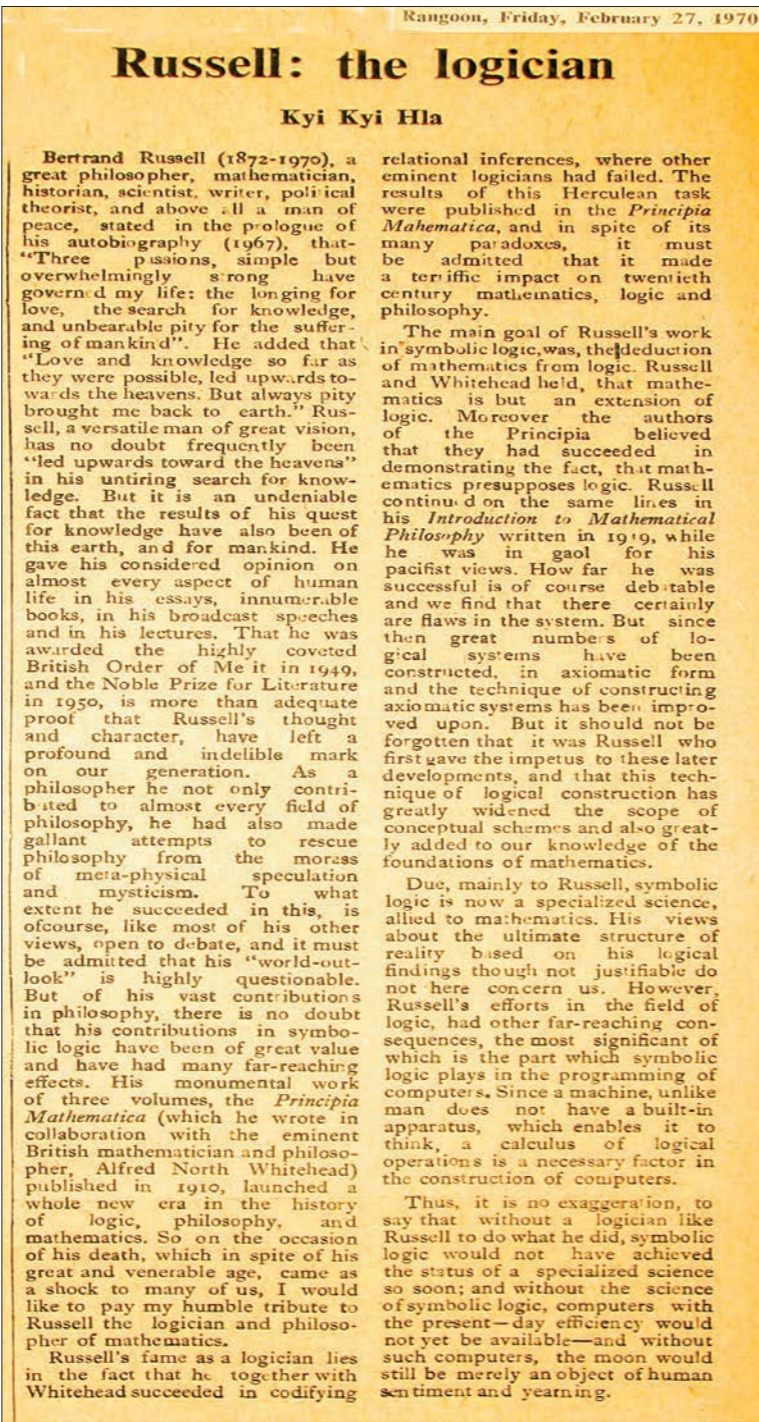
Retrieving 'Russell: The Logician' in The Working People's Daily

On 27 February 1970, (Daw) Kyi Kyi Hla published an article 'Russell: The Logician' in *The Working People's Daily* (WPD) (predecessor to *The Global New Light of Myanmar*). It was one of a few tributes to philosopher Bertrand Russell (18 May 1872-2 February 1970) written in English and published in newspapers in Burma. Russell was praised in the editorial of the 5 February 1970 issue of *The Guardian* (Rangoon, Burma) as the 'world's greatest philosopher and sceptic'.

More than four decades later,

Sayamagyi Daw Kyi Kyi Hla: A Reminiscence and Tribute

By Dr Myint Zan



I searched for several hours at the Universities Central Library in Yangon for the hard copies of the February 1970 issues of the WPD and found the article. I made some photocopies and presented a photocopy of her February 1970 article to her in August 2010. Aunty Dawn told me she did not have a copy of her own article and was appreciative of my efforts in searching for it and presenting it to her.

Not taking a philosophy major but a law major

Several months after (Daw) Kyi Kyi Hla's article appeared in the WPD I matriculated. Decades after my matriculation Daw Kyi Kyi Hla told me in front of my late mother Professor Dr Daw Myint Myint Khin and myself that my late mother told her (Aunty Dawn) not to encourage me to take up philosophy as a major. My mother probably was concerned that I might take up a philosophy major because even as a kid I and Aunty Dawn discussed philosophy occasionally. Instead, partly due to my late parents' suggestion, I chose law. I recall a sentence in William Somerset Maugham's semi-autobiographical novel *Of Human Bondage*. For Maugham's protagonist (or character) Philip Carey 'only the law remained' as a career choice. But Philip Carey and its creator Maugham did not take law

but medicine. Maugham became a multi-millionaire not through the practice of medicine but by writing.

For me 'the law' beckoned so to speak. A few years later when I occasionally visited Aunty Dawn's house which was near the Rangoon Arts and Science University (RASU) and complained about my unhappiness in then my law studies (so to speak) she said (in English) 'You should have taken English'. I was eligible to take the inaugural English major course having obtained distinctions in both Burmese and English in the Matriculation Exam. The then 'inaugural' English major took only 15 students (later extended to about 20 students) and only those who obtained distinctions in English could apply for the English major. Whereas the 'inaugural' English major there were intakes of only about 20 students in the 8th batch BA. LLB major to which I joined there were about 200 students. One of my law classmates obtained 40 per cent on the Burmese paper and 41 per cent on the English paper in the Matriculation exam but still got into law. None of my nearly 200 law classmates would have been eligible to take an English major and almost certainly about 20 of the inaugural English majors would have been eligible to take law if they have applied for it.

But I was stuck (so to speak) with my law studies and am grateful to my late parents for effecting my further law studies abroad.

Being inspired by Socrates' one-sentence statement in his trial but not necessarily following it

On another visit this time to her office around 1973 at RASU I noticed Daw Kyi Kyi Hla had written on her blackboard in English the following statement that the philosopher Socrates (Before the Current Era 469-399) made during his trial:

I would rather die and speak in my own manner than live and speak in your manner.

I read the statement on the blackboard and stared at it but I did not comment anything. Nevertheless, Aunty Dawn said to me in English 'I like that statement so I wrote it for me to be inspired by it: not that I would follow it or able to follow it'. Socrates, the 'father of (Western) philosophy', was a personage Aunty Daw Kyi Kyi Hla obviously admired. Who else among the philosophers did Professor of Philosophy Daw Kyi Kyi Hla admire?

Admirer of Spinoza but not that unqualifiedly

About twenty years or so ago in another visit to her house in Yangon, we discussed the Dutch philosopher Spinoza (24 November 1632-21 February 1677). After being comprehensively cursed and made an outcast so to speak by the Jewish leaders of Amsterdam, Spinoza lived simply, grinding lens while writing philosophical treatises. Spinoza's life was such that Aunty Dawn stated in Burmese သိင်္ဂါနားကောင်းတယ် (one can only view Spinoza's life with sympathy). Yet her admira-

tion of Spinoza though great was not boundless.

In a book titled *Looking for Spinoza: Joy, Sorrow and the Feeling Brain* by Antonio Damasio (2003), the author claimed that German philosopher Georg Hegel (27 August 1770-14 November 1831) claimed to the effect that:

You cannot be a philosopher without being a Spinozist. You have to be a Spinozist to become a philosopher.

I sent a paraphrase of that quote (perhaps by e-mail) to Daw Kyi Kyi Hla and solicited her opinion on this comment attributed to Hegel. She said she did not agree with that quotation from Hegel (as stated in Damasio's book). The implication is that a philosopher no matter how great he is ('it' has to be a he, male philosophers dominated throughout the ages) cannot be considered a paradigm-setting personage. Still, the Catholic philosopher Peter Kreeft (born 16 March 1937) published around 2015 a four-volume series *Socrates' Children: The 100 Greatest Philosophers*. Kreeft's 'Socrates' children' include Spinoza and obviously, Kreeft considered Socrates the paradigm-setting philosopher. Interestingly, more than a decade after I read Hegel's praise of Spinoza I read, online, an English translation of an article written by Hegel himself critiquing an aspect of Spinoza's philosophy.

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Appreciating Daw Kyi Kyi Hla's Introduction to my book at a book launch in October 2012

On 19 October 2012 (exactly 10 years ago as I write), there was a book launch of four of my books, three in Burmese, and one in English titled *Essays on International Law, Philosophy,*

Science and Literature. Aunty Kyi Kyi Hla was one of the speakers at the book launch. She spoke in English about my book and Saya Maung Khin Min (Danubyu) spoke in Burmese about the same book. Other speakers were Saya Goandoo U Thein Naing and Sayama writer Ju (Dr Tin Tin Win).

I am grateful to Sayamagyi Daw Kyi Kyi Hla as well as other speakers for their kind words during the book launch.

The Last Comments of Sayamagyi Daw Kyi Kyi Hla

On 16 September 2022 less than a month before Sayamagyi Daw Kyi Kyi Hla passed away, she expressed her sorrow and condolences, on social media, to the family of the late Sayagyi Dr Khin Maung Nyunt (1929-2022) 'who contributed his knowledge of the arts, history, international affairs, archaeology for the benefit of the country and the people'.

And daughter Dr San San Myint also posted on social media that two days before she passed away Sayamagyi Daw Kyi Kyi Hla stated to her daughter to 'make her funeral simple'. I regret and apologize to the family of the late Aunty Dawn that I was unable to attend her funeral.

In her article published more than 52 years ago on 27 February 1970 in the WPD as stated above (Daw) Kyi Kyi Hla wrote that Bertrand Russell's death, 'which in spite of his great and venerable age came as a shock to many of us (and) I would like to pay my humble tribute to Russell the logician and philosopher of mathematics'.

Sayamagyi Daw Kyi Kyi Hla also lived to 'a great and venerable age'. With this article, I pay my humble tribute in appreciation and respect.

WHO seeking quick bucks from business via foundation

THE World Health Organization is sourcing rapid response financing directly from companies to help tackle international crises, through the foundation it set up to bridge the shortfall from member states.

The WHO Foundation — set up in May 2020 as the UN health agency scrambled for resources to fight the Covid-19 pandemic — was created to marshal new resources from business and

philanthropists.

The foundation, which went live in January 2021, aims to "mobilize more support for the WHO, from the public, from businesses, from philanthropists", its chief executive Anil Soni told AFP.

"No organization, no sector can solve the challenges that the world is facing alone," the 46-year-old American said.

The WHO has a two-year budget of \$5.8 billion but its finan-

cial independence has steadily declined.

Its 194 member states provide barely 16 per cent of the organization's financing through membership fees.

The rest comes from voluntary contributions, of which 88 per cent are "specified", meaning the money goes to projects earmarked by the donors.

And with national budgets tightening around the world,

governments "are having to make tough decisions about where they give their money", said Soni.

"That's why we should do more with the private sector."

'Matchmaker'

The foundation says it exists because the WHO lacks sufficient resources to fulfil its mandate.

The list of health crises cur-

rently being combatted by the WHO includes Covid-19, the cholera outbreak in Haiti, the war in Ukraine, the devastating floods in Pakistan, monkeypox and attempts to get aid into Ethiopia's besieged Tigray region.

The foundation has raised \$30 million since the start of 2021 — money which has mainly been focused on supporting the WHO's emergency response to Covid-19 and the war in Ukraine.

"Part of our job is to be a matchmaker, is to make sure that we can facilitate dialogue and share information," said Soni.

"So the WHO sees the benefit of working with the private sector, and the private sector sees the power of the WHO."

The foundation has around 40 staff compared to more than 8,600 for the WHO, which is also based in Geneva.

SOURCE: AFP



WHO Foundation chief executive Anil Soni says the organization has been created to marshal more resources from businesses. PHOTO: PATRICK T. FALLON/ AFP

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 PDF's. 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*

273 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 20 October, total figure rises to 629,926

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **629,926** after **273** new cases were reported on 20 October 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **603,534** have recovered from disease. Death toll stands at **19,472** without any casualty.

According to the study of people who had COVID-19 and people who died of COVID-19 from 28-1-2022 to 15-10-2022, it has been found that 90.4 per cent of Covid patients and 80.9 per cent of Covid deaths are not vaccinated at all or fully vaccinated, respectively.

Status of COVID-19 injection	COVID-19 Patient	Death with COVID-19
People have no vaccination and have not been fully inoculated.	90.4 %	80.9 %

According to the international study, it is found that people who have been vaccinated do not suffer severely from the disease, need not to be hospitalized and are unlikely to die. If they have received booster shots, the death rates can be reduced more. Therefore, it is a must for people aged five and above to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

The Ministry of Health is giving free vaccinations to all people aged five and above. Booster shots of vaccine are being given to students between the ages of 12 and 18 and people aged 18 and above. Therefore, people should contact local health centres and village/ward administration offices to receive vaccinations. The information about COVID-19 disease can be seen on the Ministry of Health official website www.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.

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

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Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, edible oil, foodstuffs, consumer goods, industrial materials, computer accessories, auto parts and vehicles confiscated

UNDER the supervision of the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee, effective action is being taken to curb illegal trade under the law.

A combined team led by the Kawthoung Township Customs Department and the Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force under the supervision of the Taninthayi Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force made unexpected inspections on 18 October.

Officials captured K24,532,000 worth of foodstuffs including 182 cartons of edible oil (made in Thailand) and 12 motorbikes worth K32,720,000 without official documents from a vehicle (estimated value of K50 million) at the bus station compound of Kawthoung township. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Afterwards, a combined team led by Myanmar Police Force nabbed an unregistered Toyota Crown (approximately K3 million) near the Yadana-bon Bridge in Sagaing township. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

In addition, a total of 2.1028 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K1,387,848 at the 3/2 Milepost on the Katha-Indaw Road was seized and the action was taken under the Forest Law.

On 18 October, an inspection team led by the Bago Township Customs Department seized K20,987,600 worth of sports accessories, cables, dolls, and car parts without official documents from an Isuzu car (estimated value of K50 million) heading from Myawady to Yangon. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Similarly, a combined team captured a total of 11.9738 tonnes of illegal teak in the Kabaung forest reserve of Toungoo district on 20 October and the action was taken under the Forest Law.

On 19 October, the Asia World Terminal Container Checkpoint confiscated K79,697,500 worth of waving machine, edge film tape and computer accessories that did not match the Import Declaration (ID) from three containers. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

A total of 3.0880 tonnes of illegal teak worth K881,580 was seized in Lewe township of Nay Pyi Taw and the action was taken under the Forest Law.

Therefore, 21 arrests estimated at K268,215,136 were made on three consecutive days from 18 to 20 October, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA

HEALTH/PANDEMIC WORLD

Hackers threaten to release Aussie celebs' health data

HACKERS have threatened to leak the stolen health data of 1,000 famous Australians in a cybersecurity incident described by the government on Thursday as a "huge wake-up call".

Medibank, one of Australia's largest private health insurers, said Thursday that the hackers were claiming to have stolen 200 gigabytes of data.

"The criminal has provided a sample of records for 100 policies," it said in a statement to the Australian stock market.

"This claims data includes the location of where a customer received medical services, and codes relating to their diagnosis and procedures."

The insurer announced a trading halt as details of the hack emerged on Wednesday morning.

The hackers threatened to leak or sell the data, starting with 1,000 high-profile Australians, unless Medibank paid a ransom.

The personal information of some nine million Australians —



Medibank, one of Australia's largest private health insurers, said Thursday that the hackers were claiming to have stolen 200 gigabytes of data. PHOTO: SHARECAFE.COM/AFP

almost a third of the population — was exposed last month in a hack targeting telecoms company Optus.

The Optus hack was one of largest data breaches in Australian history.

Home Affairs Minister Clare O'Neil said Thursday that cybersecurity could no longer be taken for granted.

"Combined with Optus, this is a huge wake-up call for the country," she told ABC Radio. — AFP

Long COVID patients in US Oregon endure economic blow: report



A customer shops at a supermarket in Oregon, the United States, 13 July 2022. PHOTO: XINHUA/WANG YING

MORE than 200,000 people in the US state of Oregon have likely experienced long COVID-19, causing significant health issues and financial pain, reported Oregon Public Broadcasting

on Monday.

Long COVID "has forced millions of people, in Oregon and across the country, to make hard, private choices about how to survive on diminished

income," said the report.

Researchers Robert Parker and Benjamin Clark from the University of Oregon found about seven per cent of working-age Oregonians, roughly 185,000 people, had experienced long COVID by spring of this year.

That's cost between 300 million and 1.1 billion US dollars in lost wages as of May, the researchers say, not counting replacement income such as paid sick leave or unemployment benefits.

Nationally, up to four million Americans are out of work due to long COVID, according to the report. The estimated cost is about 170 billion dollars in lost wages annually, it added. —Xinhua

Some 250 health journals call for Africa climate help

RICHER countries must increase climate support for African nations as accelerating impacts of global warming sicken and kill hundreds of thousands every year across the continent, scores of scientific health journals warned Wednesday, ahead of UN negotiations next month.

The call, written by 16 editors of leading biomedical journals across Africa, said damage already being wrought across the continent "should be of supreme concern to all nations".

"It is highly unjust that the most impacted nations have contributed the least to global cumulative emissions, which are driving the climate crisis and its increasingly severe effects," said



A woman looks at a newly formed crack in a walkway after a storm in Bargny, a fishing village in Senegal, on 18 Sept 2020. PHOTO: JOHN WESSELS/AFP

the editorial. It was published in some 250 scientific journals, including 50 African titles and international medical journals

like The BMJ, The Lancet, the New England Journal of Medicine and the National Medical Journal of India. — AFP

HEALTH: TOP STORIES

'Shocking' UK report links poor care to death of 45 babies

A damning report Wednesday found that 45 babies who died at two British hospitals might have survived if their care had been up to standard, in the latest UK maternity scandal.

Dr Bill Kirkup who led the official independent investigation described his findings as "stark" and "shocking".

"Had care been given to the nationally recognized standards, the outcome could have been different... in 45 of the 65 baby deaths" examined, he told reporters.

Kirkup said there had been "failures of professionalism, of compassion and of kindness" at the hospitals run by East Kent Hospitals NHS Trust in southeast England.

"Women were not listened to... they were disregarded and that led directly to instances of harm" including baby deaths, he said.

The doctor, who seven years ago published similar findings after probing baby deaths at another group of hospitals in northwestern England, said lessons had once again not been learned.

"On at least eight separate occasions over a 10-year period, the trust board (at East Kent) was presented with what should have been inescapable signals that there were serious problems.

"They could have put it right. The first instance was in 2010 but they didn't. In every single case they found a way to deny that there were problems." —AFP

Portuguese multibacterial vaccine project to receive 2.5-mln-euro investment

THE world's first multibacterial vaccine, Paragon Novel Vaccine (PNV), will receive 2.5 million euros (2.47 billion US dollars) to advance clinical trials in humans, Portuguese startup Immunethep said on Tuesday.

The trials would assess the "safety, immunogenicity and initial efficacy" of the immunizer, which may receive a global investment of 17.5 million euros in the long term, according to the company.

Previous reports said the vaccine can prevent infection from five different bacteria, including pneumococcus, calling the product "revolutionary".

The PNV would "combat antibiotic-resistant bacteria associated with hospital-acquired infections that create very serious problems on a global scale," said Immunethep co-founder and executive director Bruno Santos.

For the clinical trials of PNV, the company has already "advanced negotiations" with venture capital investors, said Bruno. —Xinhua

ECONOMY WORLD

OPEC+ oil cut 'nothing political', UAE insists

THE United Arab Emirates on Tuesday insisted the output cut announced this month by oil cartel OPEC and its allies, including Russia, was not politically motivated against the United States.

The 13-nation, Saudi-led OPEC cartel and its 10 allies headed by Russia angered Washington by cutting production by two million barrels a day from November, adding further upward pressure on elevated crude prices.

The decision drew a swift rebuke from the administration of President Joe Biden, which had hoped for lower prices ahead



Qatar's production of liquefied natural gas and gas-to-liquid, administrated by Qatar Petroleum in Doha, on 6 February 2017. **PHOTO: KARIM JAAFAR/AFP/FILE**

of November midterm elections, and drew criticism that Riyadh was providing Moscow with economic support that would help to finance its war in Ukraine.

Saudi Arabia has already previously insisted that the 5 October move by OPEC+ was taken "purely on economic considerations" and rejected as baseless allegations that it was politically motivated against Washington.

On Tuesday, UAE energy minister Suhail al-Mazrouei said the OPEC+ decision was "good", and that it had made it possible to "bring prices back and stabilize them at a level close to that of

October 2021". "I would like to reiterate that there is nothing political about any decision we take within OPEC," he told reporters in the UAE capital Abu Dhabi, one of the largest oil exporters in the world. However, "there was an attempt to politicise the decision, which forced many officials to clarify for the hundredth time that our decisions are technical decisions," he added.

Each member of OPEC+ "takes into account the interest of their country and the interest of this industry, which is based on the balance between supply and demand". —AFP

Biden to release 15 mln barrels from US oil reserves: official

PRESIDENT Joe Biden will announce Wednesday he's putting the final 15 million barrels on the market from a record release of US strategic oil reserves, with more releases possible if energy prices spike, a senior US official said.

The new tranche of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve will be "completing the 180 million barrel release authorized in the spring", in response to price hikes linked to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, a senior US official said Tuesday.

The order, which Biden will announce in a speech, means the president will be "making clear that the administration is prepared to undertake significant additional... sales this winter if they are needed due to Russian or other actions dis-

rupting global markets," the official added.

The decision to make the biggest ever dip into the emergency oil reserves — usually kept for responding to situations such as hurricane-related shutdowns at oil refineries — was Biden's gambit to calm energy markets and shield the world's biggest economy from Ukraine war shocks.

Major energy exporter Russia was hit with US and European sanctions soon after it invaded Ukraine in February, causing turmoil on markets. In addition, the Kremlin has threatened to use its leverage over energy supplies as an economic weapon against the West, which supports Ukraine's fight to repel the invasion. —AFP



This picture taken on 28 Sept 2022 shows oil pump jacks along a section of Highway 33 known as the Petroleum Highway north of McKittrick in Kern County, California. **PHOTO: FREDERIC J. BROWN / AFP**

EU and Morocco sign green energy deal

THE European Union and Morocco on Tuesday signed a "green partnership" deal they hope will bolster cooperation on renewable energy. The sun-baked North African country is seeking to offer alternatives for European nations trying to wean themselves off fossil fuels, whose prices have soared following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Tuesday's deal, signed by European Commission deputy head Frans Timmermans and Moroccan chief diplomat Nasser Bourita, is the first of its kind, Timmermans said at the signing ceremony in Rabat.

It aims to create "sustainable growth that reflects today's challenges", he added.

Bouritasaid that the "harsh international reality has shown, both in Europe and in North Africa, that when it comes to energy, it is reliability and only reliability



Ouarzazate Solar Power Station, also called Noor Power Station is a solar power complex and auxiliary diesel fuel system located in the Drâa-Tafilalet region in Morocco, 10 kilometres from Ouarzazate town, in Ghesat rural council area. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE / WORLD BANK**

that counts".

The remarks, an allusion to Russia's move to cut off gas supplies to Europe in suspected retaliation for Western sanctions, also come after neighbouring

Algeria halted gas deliveries to Spain via a pipeline running across Moroccan territory. A diplomatic spat with Rabat coincided with the end of a long-running supply contract. —AFP

UK inflation returns above 10%

BRITISH inflation jumped back above 10 per cent in September on soaring food prices, official data showed Wednesday, with the country gripped by a cost-of-living crisis bedevilling the government.

The Consumer Prices Index accelerated to 10.1 per cent on an annual basis, up from 9.9 per cent in August, the Office for National Statistics said in a statement.

The September rate

matched the level in July and is the highest in 40 years as a result also of sky-high energy bills.

"I understand that families across the country are struggling with rising prices and higher energy bills," Britain's new finance minister Jeremy Hunt said in a separate statement.

"This government will prioritize help for the most vulnerable while delivering wider economic stability and driving long-term growth that will help everyone."

The government has been rocked by chaos in markets in the wake a budget that pledged tax cuts that would have been funded by state debt.

Most of those measures have since been reversed, leaving Prime Minister Liz Truss fighting to save her job.

Following widespread criticism over the budget, Truss sacked Hunt's predecessor, Kwasi Kwarteng, after less than six weeks in the role. —AFP

Mitsui Fudosan's skyscraper "50 Hudson Yards" in New York completed

JAPANESE real estate giant Mitsui Fudosan Co. announced Wednesday the completion of "50 Hudson Yards", a 58-floor building in New York, which it hopes will be one of its flagship properties as it continues to advance into the international market.

Located in Manhattan's large-scale Hudson Yards development district and equipped with luxury condominiums and commercial facilities, the building will house Meta, formerly Facebook Inc., and global investment firm BlackRock as anchor tenants.

According to the real estate company, the building is the largest in terms of total floor space constructed by a Japanese firm in the city at approximately 269,000 square metres.

Amid rising recession fears in the United States, the company said 80 per cent of its capacity has already been pre-let.

"We have been well received by



Photo shows 50 Hudson Yards in New York City on 19 Oct 2022. PHOTO: KYODO

companies that value face-to-face interactions," US subsidiary Mitsui Fudosan America Inc.'s President Takeyoshi Sugimoto said.—Kyodo

Nestle sales jump on price increases

NESTLE'S sales surged in the first nine months of the year as the maker of Nespresso capsules, Purina pet food and Haagen-Dazs ice cream raised its prices in response to soaring inflation.

The Swiss global food giant, which also

makes Gerber baby food and S.Pellegrino water, reported on Wednesday total sales of 69.1 billion Swiss francs (\$69.1 billion) between January and September, up 9.2 per cent from the same period last year.

Pricing was up 7.5 per cent over that peri-

od, "reflecting significant cost inflation", the company said in a results statement.

"We delivered strong organic growth as we continued to adjust prices responsibly to reflect inflation," Nestle chief executive Mark Schneider said in the statement.—AFP

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

60 years after Cuba crisis, nuclear war suddenly thinkable again

FOR 60 years, the Cuban missile crisis has loomed both as a frightening lesson on how close the world came to nuclear doomsday -- and how skillful leadership averted it.

With Russian President Vladimir Putin brandishing the

nuclear option in Ukraine, the threat has come roaring back, but this time, experts are less certain of a way to end it.

US President Joe Biden in early October warned bluntly that the world risked nuclear destruction for the first time

since 1962.

"I think this situation, more than any since 1962, could escalate to the use of nuclear weapons," said George Perkovich, vice president for studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

"I've been working in this field for 40 years and this is the most challenging situation because you have a nuclear-armed state, Russia, whose leader has defined a situation as an existential one."

Unlike in 1962, the world is now facing a number of nuclear flashpoints with signs North Korea is gearing up for another atomic test, tensions still on low-boil between nuclear-armed India and Pakistan and Iran ramping up nuclear work.—AFP



A Sopka missile deployed during the missile crisis of 1962 is displayed at Morro Cabana complex, on 11 October 2012 in Havana as Cuba celebrates the 50th anniversary of the missile crisis. **PHOTO: AFP /FILE**

Ukraine restricts electricity use after Russian strikes

UKRAINE has urged residents to drastically restrict their electricity consumption starting Thursday to cope with the destruction of power stations by the Russian army as winter approaches.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said after a meeting with energy companies that they were preparing "for all

possible scenarios with a view to winter", as Kyiv accused Moscow of orchestrating a "mass deportation" of civilians from the occupied region of Kherson.

Russian President Vladimir Putin imposed martial law on Wednesday in four areas recently annexed by the Kremlin, with his forces raining down munitions across Ukraine, in-

cluding on Kyiv and the country's west, which had previously been spared the brunt of the onslaught.

In an evening address, Zelensky warned that "Russian terror will be directed at energy facilities", and urged the country to conserve electricity starting at 7 am (0400 GMT) on Thursday.—AFP

Kremlin says Putin not ending mobilization 'yet'



A food delivery courier cycles past a billboard promoting army service in St. Petersburg, Russia, on 5 Oct. **PHOTO: OLGA MALTSEVA/AFP**

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin does not plan to end a military mobilization in Russia "yet" but some of the country's regions completed the process, the Kremlin said Tuesday.

"For the moment, there is no presidential decree (on ending mobilization)," Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov said.

He spoke a day after Moscow's mayor Sergei Sobyanyin announced an end to the mobilization in the capital, closing the city's draft offices.

Putin announced a nationwide military call-up to prop up Moscow's forces in Ukraine on 21 September, in a move that has led to an exodus of men and some discontent.—AFP

Ukraine removes ambassador to Kazakhstan after row with Moscow

UKRAINE has removed its ambassador to Kazakhstan in Central Asia, according to a decree published on the presidential website, after remarks he made about Russia spurred condemnation from Moscow.

Russia's foreign ministry had urged Kazakhstan to expel Petro Vrublevsky after he

gave an interview in which he made comments about "killing" Russians.

He later apologized for the remarks.

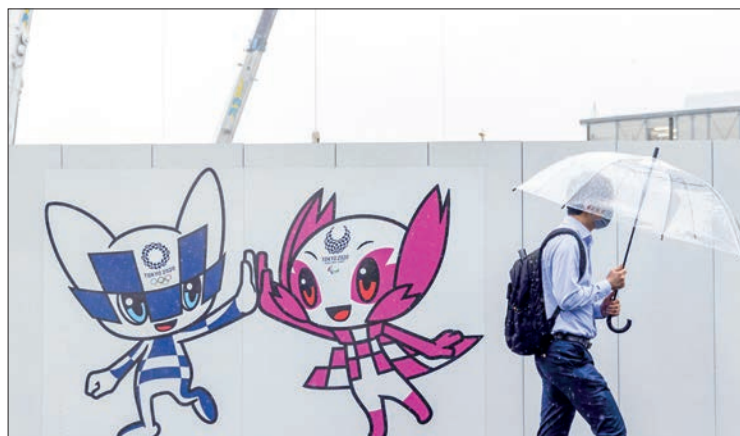
Astana had said it communicated the "unacceptability" of Vrublevsky's statement to Kyiv and an agreement had been reached for his recall.—AFP

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Tokyo Olympics bribery scandal widens with mascot allegations

A corruption scandal surrounding the Tokyo Olympics widened on Wednesday as a former Games executive was re-arrested on suspicion of taking bribes from two firms, one of which reportedly sold official mascot toys.

Prosecution documents seen by AFP accused former Tokyo 2020 board member Haruyuki Takahashi of accepting 54 million yen (\$360,000) in bribes from a major advertising firm and a merchandise company. It was the fourth time the 78-year-old has been arrested over the scandal, following allegations that he re-



The Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games are at the centre of a growing bribery scandal. **PHOTO: BEHROUZ MEHRI/AFP/FILE**

ceived a similar amount from a partner of last year's pandemic-delayed event.—AFP

Flood of forlorn Venezuelans brave jungle crossing in Panama

WADING through knee-deep mud, some limping, hundreds of Venezuelan migrants battle against fatigue with their eye on the prize: hope for a new life in the United States.

With sore feet, injuries and dented spirits several days into their ordeal - still far from halfway - they trudge in single file through the infamous Darien Jungle linking Colombia to Panama.

With a long way still ahead through Central America and Mexico, the group of men, women and children, some babies, already has many horrors

to recount. And it may all have been in vain. Last week, the United States announced that Venezuelans arriving by land without travel documents will be returned to Mexico.

For Jesus Arias, 45, sometimes one has to "risk one's life to have a future". "But honestly, I would not advise anyone to come through the jungle. It is very hard," he told AFP as he and others arrived at an indigenous settlement in Panama, Canaan Membrillo - one of several border control points in the 575,000-hectare (1,420,900-acre) jungle.—AFP

India's Congress party elects first non-Gandhi head in 24 years: media

INDIA'S main opposition Congress party appointed on Wednesday its first leader not from the Gandhi dynasty in 24 years in an effort to reverse its slow decline, local media reports said.

Former minister Mallikarjun Kharge, 80, was elected by members to replace Sonia Gandhi as president of the once-mighty party that helped win India's independence 75 years ago, the reports said.

Congress governed India for decades after independence from Britain in 1947, but is now a shadow of its former self, discredited and crushed under the

electoral juggernaut of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

The Gandhi family is not related to India's independence icon Mahatma Gandhi but descended from the country's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru.

Nehru was the father of prime minister Indira Gandhi, assassinated in 1984. She was the mother of Rajiv Gandhi, killed by a suicide bomber in 1991.

The BJP thrashed Congress at the last two elections, with Modi deriding Rahul Gandhi — son of Rajiv and Sonia



India's Congress party Leader Mallikarjun Kharge speaks to the media after he got elected as the new Congress President in New Delhi. PHOTO: AFP

— as an out-of-touch princeling and playboy.

After the latest defeat in

2019, he resigned as party president and handed the reins back to his Italian-born mother Sonia,

now 75.

Kharge, a veteran politician from southern Karnataka state, is widely believed to have the backing of both Sonia and Rahul.

He now faces the mammoth challenge of winning the next national election due in 2024 and three state elections next year, including in his home state where he personally has won 11 of the dozen elections he has contested during his long career in the Congress party.

Kharge faced off against Shashi Tharoor, 66, who campaigned for "change" in the leadership.—AFP

UK Prime Minister Truss quits after only 6 weeks in office



Britain's Prime Minister Liz Truss gesturing and speaking during her first weekly Prime Minister's Questions (PMQs) session at the House of Commons in London, on 7 September 2022. PHOTO: AFP

BRITISH Prime Minister Liz Truss on Thursday dramatically announced her resignation just six weeks after taking office.

Truss bowed to the inevitable after her right-wing platform of tax cuts disintegrated and as many MPs among the ruling Conservatives revolted.

Speaking in Downing Street, Truss said she would stay on as prime minister until a successor is chosen to serve as Tory leader.

"We've agreed that there will be a leadership election to be completed within the next week," she said, after senior backbench MP Graham Brady told her the game was up.

"This will ensure that we remain on a path to deliver our fiscal plan and maintain our country's economic stability and

national security.

"I will remain as prime minister until a successor has been chosen."

Labour leader Keir Starmer, whose opposition party has surged in opinion polls on the back of Truss's short, crisis-plagued tenure, demanded a general election "now".

The end for Truss came after a key minister resigned and many Tory MPs rebelled over an important vote in chaotic scenes at the House of Commons late Wednesday.

By Thursday morning, more than a dozen Conservative MPs had publicly urged Truss to resign, after her tax-cutting plans caused a market meltdown during an already severe cost-of-living crisis.

Many more were reported to have submitted letters to Brady calling for her to be removed, although party rules would have forbidden another leadership campaign for 12 months.

"The prime minister acknowledges yesterday was a difficult day and she recognizes the public wanted to see the government focusing less on politics and more on delivering their priorities," her official spokesman told reporters. Barely two hours later, she quit.

Events reached a head after what right-wing tabloid The Sun called "a day of extraordinary mayhem" on Wednesday.

Interior minister Suella Braverman left, apparently at Truss's demand after she sent a government document in a personal email.

But Braverman, an arch right-winger who enjoys strong support among the Tory membership, used her resignation message to attack Truss in blistering terms.

Clinging to power

There then followed farcical scenes in parliament as many Tory MPs rebelled against the government's demand that they drop the party's manifesto commitment to maintain a ban on fracking.—AFP

Trump testifies in case filed by rape accuser

FORMER United States president Donald Trump testified yesterday in a defamation case pitting him against a prominent former American columnist who says he raped her in the 1990s.

E. Jean Carroll, 78, alleges that Trump sexually assaulted her in a New York department store.

Last week, a New York federal court judge rejected a motion by Trump, who has denied the accusation, to further delay his deposition.

The New York law firm representing Carroll said in a statement: "We're pleased that on behalf of our client... we were able to take Donald Trump's deposition today."

The firm, Kaplan Hecker & Fink, said it is "not able to comment further".

In ruling on the deposition last week, judge Lewis Kaplan said that Carroll's and Trump's depositions should be held on 14 and 19 October, respectively.

It is not known if Carroll testified last Friday.

It also was not immediately clear if Trump submitted the sworn deposition from his Mar-a-Lago residence in Florida. Carroll on Tuesday shared a photo of her lawyer Roberta Kaplan on Twitter captioned "Carroll versus Trump", and wished Kaplan "Good luck for tomorrow". She later deleted the tweet.—AFP



Former US President Donald Trump and writer E. Jean Carroll. E. Jean Carroll, 78, alleges that Trump sexually assaulted her in a New York department store. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

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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.

Fury to defend world heavyweight title against Chisora



Britain's Tyson Fury will take on compatriot Derek Chisora for the third time on 3 December. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

TYSON Fury will defend his world heavyweight title in an all-British trilogy fight against Derek Chisora in London on 3 December after the collapse of negotiations for a prospective showdown with Anthony Joshua.

The bout against Chisora, whom Fury beat in 2011 and 2014, will take place at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium and will be the "Gypsy King's" first outing since a routine sixth-round stoppage of another domestic rival, Dillian Whyte, in April. The unbeaten Fury, whose WBC belt will be on

the line, tweeted: "Let's have it then Del Boy!!! See you December 3rd, London!". Fury's promoter Frank Warren said he was "thrilled" to be putting on a Fury title defence in front of British fans.

"Tyson clearly conquered America across his trilogy with Deontay Wilder and there is also huge demand to stage his fights from sites across the world," he said. "Tyson wanted to fight in his home country again this year following his special night at Wembley Stadium in April. This brings us to the magnificent Tottenham Hotspur Stadium and a match against an old rival in Derek Chisora." Warren reiterated Fury's plan to take on Joshua's conqueror Oleksandr Usyk in a unification fight early next year.

The Ukrainian previously indicated he had no desire to fight before 2023.—AFP

Rakhine United draws GFA 2-2 in Week 16 of Myanmar National League

RAKHINE United which is leading to the relegation zone of the Myanmar National League played a tie match against GFA FC in their Week 16 match at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

Both teams played productively and tried to get points.

The Rakhine United has been losing for a long time in the 2022 season of the MNL, but in this match, they managed to get a draw.

Both teams were fielded by local players, and the competition was very aggressive with counter-

ter-attacks and power passes.

Rakhine United got an opener even at six minutes and the goal was scored by Than Kyaw Htay.

After breaking the deadlock, the Rakhine United did not stay defensively at all and played with the best attack, raising the tempo.

While playing with understanding, Thet Tun Aung scored the second goal for Rakhine United in the 45+2 minutes.

Rakhine led the first half with a double goal.

The second half was for GFA, which scored a series of equalizers and broke the hearts of Rakhine United's fans.

Than Toe Aung scored the first equalizer at 72 minutes and Hlaing Myo Aung scored the second at 78 minutes for Rakhine United.

Just before the end of the game, GFA scored a goal, but the referee ruled that the goal was offside, so they lost a big chance and were satisfied with a 2-2 result.—GNLM



Rakhine United player Aung Kyaw Aye (yellow) tries to touch the ball against GFA player Mung Theih Pau (red) during their Week 16 match of Myanmar National League at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon on 20 October 2022. PHOTO: MNL

Qatar's glitzy World Cup is ready and expensive

THE bill being paid by Qatar for the most expensive World Cup ever held is set to rise to fantasy levels in the one month left to the 20 November kickoff.

Gleaming new stadiums that cost more than \$6.5 billion are ready, a driver-less metro system with a price tag of \$36 billion serves five of the eight venues. The palm tree-styled street lamps and neon office blocks that line the highway from the expanded international airport to central Doha will be an instant sign to the million-plus incoming fans that the first World Cup in an Arab nation is going to be a glitzy affair.

But with Qatar's organizers desperate to convince the world of the event's lasting legacy — clouded by a corruption investigation, and criticism of Qatar's rights record and even of the use of stadium air-conditioning

— more cost is likely.

Thousands of labourers are working through the night to finish some hotels, apartment blocks and roads. Qatar's natural gas riches have given the emirate seemingly bottomless pockets to pay for the football extravaganza.

But mind-boggling estimates of up to \$300 billion have been given for the total infrastructure spending over the past decade.

By contrast, the 2014 World Cup in Brazil cost an estimated \$11.5 billion and Russia 2018 about \$14 billion.—AFP



A woman takes a photograph of the FIFA World Cup Qatar 2022 countdown clock. PHOTO: AFP