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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.

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VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, accompanied by senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and the commander of Yangon Command, yesterday morning, went to the Defence Services Specialty Orthopaedic Hospital (500-bed), the special care centre at Defence Services General Hospital (1,000-bed) and Defence Services Liver Specialty Hospital in Mingaladon Township and comforted officers, other ranks and families receiving medical treatments there.

On arrival at Defence Services Specialty Orthopaedic Hospital (500-bed) and Defence Services General Hospi-

tal (1,000-bed), the Vice-Senior General and party were welcomed by commandants and officials.

At the meeting halls of relevant hospitals, the commandants reported on medical treatment, the undertaking of four military building tasks, and the progress of agriculture and livestock farms. The Vice-Senior General asked what he wanted to know and coordinated necessary measures.

The Vice-Senior General then asked about the diseases of patients individually and presented foodstuffs and aid.

Then, the Vice-Senior General presented cash awards for health staff from the hospitals through relevant commandants.

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**FROM PAGE-1****Chapter I****Title, Concerning and Definition**

1. (a) This law shall be called the Nay Pyi Taw Freshwater Fish Farming Law.
- (b) This law shall be concerned with the Union Territory Nay Pyi Taw.
2. The words involved in this law shall be defined as follows: -
  - (a) Council shall be defined as Nay Pyi Taw Council of the Union Territory.
  - (b) Department shall be defined as Nay Pyi Taw Department of Fisheries of Union Territory.
  - (c) Head of Nay Pyi Taw Department shall be defined as the Head of Nay Pyi Taw Department of Fisheries.
  - (d) Head shall be defined as Head of the Department of Fisheries in the District or Township in Nay Pyi Taw.
  - (e) The freshwater fish farming water shall be defined as water areas, lakes, water courses, rivers, creeks and ponds permanently or temporarily inhabited by fish in Nay Pyi Taw. Such a word shall be inclusive of granted lakes, separate lakes, licenced freshwater fish farming areas, reservoirs, diversion weirs, dams and ravine dams.
  - (f) The word fish shall comprise all water creatures which inhabit freshwater water areas along or partial life, their eggs, larva, fingerlings and seeds. Such a word shall be inclusive of plants, saplings and seeds which generate in the freshwater fish farming water.
  - (g) Marine products shall be defined as fish obtained from any freshwater fish water area, the fish proceeded objects, by-products and waste, cover, bones and skin.
  - (h) Freshwater fish industry shall be defined as undertakings to systematically manage the tasks related to fish obtained from the freshwater fish farming area, operate commercial-scale processes, preserve the pedigree strains and make efforts for development. Such a word shall be inclusive of fishing, exploration, research, propagation, processing, transport, storage and sale.
  - (i) Fish capturing shall be defined as capturing fish from the freshwater fish farming area, collection, attraction, threatening, dizziness and making death. Such a word shall be inclusive of supporting work and preparation for capturing fish.
  - (j) Fishery equipment shall be defined as the equipment used in capturing fish. Such a word shall be inclusive of the objects used in fishing.
  - (k) Vehicle shall be defined as a moveable boat with or without an engine used in fishing and any vehicle used in the freshwater fish farming industry.
  - (l) Granted lake shall be defined as setting disciplines for the border, varieties of fish, fishing equipment, time and fishing technique and allowing the water area by the department for operating freshwater fish industry granted by the council.
  - (m) Separate lake shall be defined as the designated water area for the freshwater fish industry sometimes prohibited by the department so as not to deplete fish species and to generate fish species.
  - (n) Licenced freshwater fish farming area shall be defined as the water area allowed by the department at other freshwater fish farming areas with licenced fishing equipment or licence in winning the tender for designated fishing plots except granted lake or separate lake.
  - (o) Rented grant shall be defined as the grant issued to operate freshwater fish farming in any granted lake.
  - (p) Long-term rented grant (land record lake) shall be defined as the lake allowed for three years except for the years for auction for preparing the granted lakes, releasing fingerlings, farming fish species and operating freshwater fish farms in order to improve fish production of granted lakes in the long run and prevent degradation.
  - (q) Tender shall be defined as the water area allowed with a tender licence for the fishing industry under the restrictions such as border, fishing equipment (type, number, location and time) and fishing techniques set by the department for the freshwater fish farming area.
  - (r) Fish habitat shall be defined as trees, forests, bushes, swamps, mangrove forests and sandbanks where fish inhabit, mate and regenerate whether it shall be covered by the tide or not, river water or not.
  - (s) Processing shall be defined as preparing or processing fish in any way from its original status. Such a word shall be inclusive of icing, freezing, cutting, roasting, drying, salting and making the fish paste, dried fish, dried shrimp, fish sauce, pickled fish, pickled shrimp, fish meal, canning, producing foodstuffs and other goods from fish.
  - (t) Licence shall be defined as the licence issued under this law for operating any freshwater fish industries. Such a word shall be inclusive of a tender licence and fishing equipment licence for the fishing process.

**To be continued**

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1. This law shall be named the Organization Registration Law.
2. The words involved in this law shall be defined as follows: -
  - (a) The State shall be defined as the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
  - (b) The organization shall be defined as an internal organization and a non-governmental international organization.
  - (c) The internal organization shall be defined as the non-governmental organization which was registered under this law, formed with five or more citizens in order to carry out social tasks without taking any benefit in accord with the entitlements mentioned in the Constitution for the sake of the State and the citizens. Such a word shall consist of its branches opened under the permission of the relevant registration body.
  - (d) The non-governmental international organization shall be defined as the organization officially formed in any foreign country to open its branch in the country with at least 40 per cent of Myanmar citizens in the executive committee which was registered at the Union Registration Board under this law in order to conduct any social task without taking benefit in the country. Such a word shall be inclusive of its branches in the country opened under the permission of the Union Registration Board.
  - (e) Registration Body shall be defined as Union Registration Board, Region or State Registration Board, Union Territorial Registration Board, Self-Administered Division or Zone Registration Board or Township Registration Board.
  - (f) Registration Certificate shall be defined as the certificate issued relevant registration board. Such a word shall be inclusive of a temporary certificate and renewed certificate issued by the relevant registration board.
  - (g) The social task shall be defined as any task which does not take any benefit with the purpose of the interests of the majority which is not directly or indirectly related to the political, economic and religious sectors. Such a word shall be inclusive of development tasks concerning the welfare tasks for the common interests of the society.
  - (h) An official of the organization shall be defined as the chair, secretary or executive member of the internal organization or head, in-charge, in-charge of a branch or executive member of a non-governmental international organization or an organization member assigned under the letter of authority to take any responsibility of the relevant organization.
  - (i) Ministry shall be confined to the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Union Government.
  - (j) Department shall be confined to the Department of General Administration under the Ministry of Home Affairs and its subordinate Union Territory, Region, State, Self-Administered Division, Zone, District and Township Departments of General Administration.

**Chapter II**  
**Vision**

3. Visions of this law are as follows:-
  - (a) To form the organization under the entitlements of the Constitution.
  - (b) To have the right for forming the organization under the law.
  - (c) To protect their right of standing by registering the organization under the law.
  - (d) To seek assistance for the undertakings and activities of the organization, accept and use them under the law and take assistance from relevant government departments under the law.
  - (e) To establish a monitoring system in order to emerge the organization with responsibility and accountability in its tasks.
  - (f) To strengthen the organization benefiting the State and the citizens.

**Chapter III****Formation of registration board, duties and functions**

4. In order to supervise and register the organization under the law, the registration boards shall be formed as follows:-
  - (a) Union Registration Board
  - (b) Region and State Registration Board

**To be continued****Daily newspapers available online**

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## Our public security system will accelerate efforts to stabilize the politics and security of the country

IN order to hold a free and fair election, the nation must be peaceful and stable. The entire people will need to cast their vote as they wish without being exposed to threats, coercion and pressures in any form. The coming election must be held in all parts of the nation freely and fairly. To ensure there is no unfairness, threats or coercion in the coming election, armed conflicts must cease. To be able to hold the elections, our public security system will accelerate efforts to stabilize the politics and security of the country.

*(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)*

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At the Defence Services Liver Specialty Hospital, the Vice-Senior General and party encouraged two patients who received liver transplant operations for the first time in the Tatmadaw on 27 and 28 September as a gesture of hailing the Diamond Jubilee Medical Corps Day and presented foodstuffs to those patients and cash awards to military specialists and medical officers from the Tatmadaw who successfully performed the liver transplant operations.

The liver transplant operations were successfully

performed on liver receiver Company Quartermaster Sergeant Aung Chit Win and liver donor his wife Daw Myo Thuza, liver receiver Daw Khin Thuza Myo and liver donor her elder sister Daw Kathy Myint. After performing successful surgical operations, the patients and donors are healthy and happy as usual on the 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> days. Although they are now in good conditions without the need for close care by relevant liver specialists, the specialists and medical officers continue their close care for the patients with goodwill for the betterment of the patients. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Soe Win provides foodstuffs to the patient.

### NSPNC receives working group of political parties



The discussion between the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee and the working group of political parties is in progress.

THE National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee (NSPNC) convened a discussion with the working group of political parties at the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Centre in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by SAC Member Union Minister at the Union Government Office Chairman of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and NSPNC members, and leader of the working group of political parties Shan Nationalities Democratic Party (SNDP) Chairman U Sai Aik Pao and representatives

of the working group.

At the meeting, NSPNC Chairman Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and SNDP Chairman U Sai Aik Pao gave opening remarks. Next, the working group of political parties proposed 11 points be amended to the 2008 Constitution, followed by the informal discussion of NSPNC on findings. Then, participants exchanged their views and opinions.

After that, the attitudes from both sides were collected and documented before the SNDP Chairman and the NSPNC Chairman made remarks to conclude the meeting.—MNA

# MoIC Union Minister meets MISIS executive board

UNION Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing of the Ministry of International Cooperation delivered the opening remarks at the meeting with the Executive Board of the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (MISIS), which was held at the meeting room of the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Yangon) at 2 pm on 28 October 2022.

In his speech, the Union minister shed the light on the ministry's cooperation with the countries in the region, the members of ASEAN and the United Nations, and the process of implementation of

humanitarian assistance management.

He also updated the current affairs in the region and the world, as a whole. Furthermore, the Union minister urged MISIS to expand research activities in the future in order to contribute to the national interests with suggestions and recommendations from academic points of view.

Then, the Chair and members of the Executive Board of the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies clarified their undertaking tasks, operational activities and developments of the MISIS. – MNA



Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing holds the meeting with the Executive Board of the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies-MISIS yesterday.

## 84<sup>th</sup> intake of pilot course of Tatmadaw (Air) concludes



Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung presents the silver sword prize to the best pilot awardee.

ON behalf of the Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung delivered an address at the graduation ceremony of the 84<sup>th</sup> intake of pilot course of the Tatmadaw (Air) in Meiktila yesterday morning.

Trainee companies marched past the Commander-in-Chief (Air) while trainer pilots saluted him by training aircraft and helicopters in squads.

The Commander-in-Chief

(Air) presented the wings to graduated pilots.

He then presented the best pilot award to Lt Htet Naing Win, the Excellent in Training Award to Lt Htet Myat Kyaw and the Excellent in Studies Award to Lt Daw Ingyin Khet respectively.

In his speech, the General said the pilots who will be assigned to respective squads must be reliable pilots in the flying sector. Hence, they have to strictly follow the ground disciplines and flight disciplines so as to be safe flying and ready for

operations.

The General posed for documentary photos with graduated officers after greeting the trainer pilots which flew over the parade ground. The General then met outstanding award-winning graduated officers and their parents at the hall of Aviation Operation Training School of the Flying Training Base and spoke words of honour.

Today's graduated officers need to continue advanced training courses related to planes and helicopters. —MNA

## Public Notice

### Government to provide cash assistance based on remittance amount of wage/salary of Myanmar citizens abroad

IN honour of Myanmar citizens abroad who earn foreign incomes for the State, the government will provide an additional K30 for one dollar (equal amount to the foreign currency) for transferring their foreign wages/salaries through AD banks, and the additional cash will be deposited in their accounts immediately on the day of their cash withdrawal and it will be effective on 1-11-2022.

Central Bank of Myanmar  
28-10-2022

## Announcement

ALL the universities, degree colleges and colleges under the Department of Higher Education, the Ministry of Education, will open the day classes for First Year (Second Semester) and all classes (from Second Year to Master's degree) on 10 November 2022. Students can enrol from 27-10-2022 to 18-11-2022 inclusive.

The day classes for First Year (First Semester) for those who matriculated in 2022 will be opened on 21 November 2022.

Department of Higher Education

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

# 6<sup>th</sup> Conference on Science and Technology Development 2022 concludes successfully

THE closing ceremony of the “Conference on Science and Technology Development – 2022” was held yesterday at the Defence Services Academy of PyinOoLwin Station in line with COVID-19 health rules.

It was attended by Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye, commandants, Rectors and Officials of Tatmadaw academies, Professors of civilian universities, trainee officers of Master and PhD classes, cadets and the guests while the Keynote Speakers, Rectors and Professors of civilian universities who could not attend in person joined via videoconferencing.

During the two-day conference, a total of 123 research

papers including four papers by invited Professors were read out and 23 posters were presented.

The seven best paper prizes and two best poster prizes were also presented at the conference.

Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye handed over the presents given by State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to rectors, professors and resource persons of papers for reading papers and giving suggestions at the Conference on Science and Technology Development

He then delivered a speech to conclude the conference. —MNA



Recipients of the presents from the Senior General pose for the documentary photo at the event.

## National Lifetime Awards for Literary Achievement and National Literary Awards for 2021 announced

THE National Literary Award Selection Committee of the Information Ministry announced that the National Lifetime Awards for Literary Achievement for 2021 were presented to Sayagyi U Myat Thu (Tekkatho Myat Thu), U Ohn Maung (Myinmu - Maung Naing Moe), Sayagyi Dr Myo Thant Tin and Sayamagyi Dr Ma Tin Win for their commitment to lifetime outstanding and excellent performances for the development of Myanmar literature.

In addition, the first published books have been selected and the names of the books and authors selected for the National Literary Award were announced and also presented to nine winners in nine genres of Collected Short Stories, belle-letter, Myanmar Culture and Arts, Youth Literature, Translation (Knowledge), and General Knowledge (Arts), General Knowledge (Applied Science), English Language (Knowledge) and English Language (Aesthetic).

It is learnt that K10 million cash awards will be presented each to recipients of the National Lifetime Award for Literary Achievement while K3 million each to awardees of the National Literary Award.

The prizes will be presented on 23 November at the awarding ceremony of the National Lifetime Award for Literary Achievement, and National Literary Award and the detail of the date and place will be announced.— MNA

## Sarpay Beikman manuscript awards for 2021 announced

THE Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Selection Committee announced the list of award-winning manuscripts and authors, of the Sarpay Beikman manuscript contest 2021 which was organized by the Printing and Publishing Department under the Ministry of Information yesterday.

Prizes will be awarded to winners in the following genres — novel, collection of short stories, collection of poems, general knowledge (arts), general knowledge (pure science and applied science), belle-letters, Myanmar culture and fine arts, children’s literature, youth’s literature, drama and translation.

The first, second and third winners of the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Contest will be honoured with K1.5 million, K1 million and K0.7 million respectively.

The Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Selection Committee is formed with 24 experienced persons, including intellectuals, intelligentsia, literary scholars and seniors from the world of Printing and Publishing. It is learnt that the committee members have been systematically screened and se-

lected from 262 manuscripts submitted to the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Contest 2021 in three stages, separated according to relevant genres.

Awardees need to contact 01-240048 — Secretary of the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Selection Committee and 01-381449 — the Administration Department as soon as possible. They also urged the winners to send out their two coloured photos in 5x8 inches size and passport size each, along with the resume within one week from the date of the announcement.

The prizes will be awarded at the forthcoming National Lifetime Award for Literary Achievement, National Literary Award and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award presentation ceremony, which is to be held on 23 November 2022 (1<sup>st</sup> waxing day of Nadaw 1384 ME). It is reported that the time and place of the ceremony will be issued later.

The committee has notified that those wishing to participate in the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Contest 2022 will need to send out their manuscripts by 31 December 2022. — MNA

### 132 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 28 October, total figure rises to 631,367

MYANMAR’S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 631,367 after 132 new cases were reported on 28 October 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, 605,349 have recovered from disease. Death toll reaches 19,481 after one death.

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 over. 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](http://www.moh.gov.mm). —MNA

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## CURRENT AFFAIRS

### Smart Village projects launched in 44 villages



The coordination meeting on implementation of Smart Village projects is in progress.

THE Smart Village projects are expanded in 44 villages this year, said Union Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Hla Moe during the coordination meeting on socio-economic development programmes in the first six-month term of 2022-2023FY held on 26 October.

The project will cover 44 villages in 42 townships of respective regions and states.

The Union minister added that the projects aim to promote the vocational sectors of rural people and it should prioritize the activities that improve the rural manufacturing industry. It will develop local products-based businesses through increasing incomes and job opportunities.

Seventy per cent of the population lives in rural areas and the living styles of rural people will be modern lifestyles when the villages develop.

The project intends (1) to raise the standard of residents by developing village infrastructure, (2) to uplift the rural economy by providing agrochemicals, financial services and technology, (3) to create ideal villages that are friendly to the environment and pleasant to live and (4) to bring sustainable development by increasing the capacities of village associations and villagers.

The department concerned will implement the Smart Village projects using the 2022-2023FY budget in six sectors – village infrastructure development, the providing of agrochemicals and financial services, vocational development and village economy, technical assistance to strengthen associations, social protection and environmental conservation.

Moreover, there is also a budget estimate for the 2023-2024FY and the operations will be implemented continuously, according to Rural Development Department. —TWA/GNLM

### Price gap narrows between new Pawsan paddy and low-grade paddy

THE price gap between the new Pawsan paddy and low-grade paddy has narrowed. The monsoon paddy harvested is being transacted in the market.

The new low-grade paddy price is priced at K1.3 million per 100 baskets, while the new Pawsan Yin paddy is valued at K1.35 million per 100 baskets (52 pounds per basket), Taungpyan paddy variety, at K1.4 million and the Kyapyan variety, at K1.45 million, according to the rice price of delta regions.

At present, the price of new low-grade paddy is around K1.3 million per 100 baskets, according to the Wakema Kyungone area. The paddy for parboiled rice was priced at K1.2 million per 100 baskets with moisture and K1.3 million for dried one, as per the rice market in the Kyaiklat area.

On 27 October 2022, the price of new low-grade rice was approximately K40,000 per bag while the broken rice of old rice cultivated under the intercropping system was K44,000 per bag. The price of old short-matured rice (90 days) was K47,000 per bag and old Pawsan rice varieties from delta

regions fetched around K60,000 per bag. The price of old Pawsan paddy was about K1.8 million per 100-basket when it is calculated with the prevailing market price of Pawsan rice (K65,000).

Earlier, the State set 46 pounds for a basket of paddy. This year, traders set 50-52 pounds per basket of paddy. The paddy husk in a basket of paddy (46 pounds) is estimated at 12 pounds and about 34 pounds of rice and its products are produced per basket. For 100 baskets of paddy, about 28 rice and broken rice bags (3,000 pounds) and rice bran are produced.

If it calculated with 52 baskets, 30 rice and broken rice bags were produced.

There is a price difference of K20,000 per bag between the old low-grade rice and old high-grade rice. It showed a gap of K400,000 per 100 baskets of old paddy.

These days, there is only a K100,000 per 100 basket gap between the new low-grade paddy and high-grade paddy.

The yield of low-grade paddy is the highest and those rice millers and traders are buying them

in the competitive market. The majority of the farmers executing many farmlands are still observing the market prices.

In 2021, the price gap between the new low-grade paddy and Pawsan paddy was over K200,000 per 100-baskets. These days, the price gap has significantly narrowed. This way, the price gap between the new low-grade rice and Pawan rice is expected to be around K5,000 per bag, U Tin, a rice dealer, told the Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

The price of new paddy is around K400,000 higher than that of the previous year. When those traders who keep the stocks in their hands will sell them, the price is likely to increase. It could pose a burden of high food costs for the consumers, a market observer pointed out.

The prices of both new paddy varieties were above K1 million so the farmers do a roaring business despite the high agricultural input cost. Nonetheless, it sparked concerns among consumers over the possible price increase. —TWA/GNLM



A farmer is piling up the harvested paddy.

### Two weeks extended for holders of more than one CSC and Household Census

THE Ministry of Immigration and Population has announced that those who have more than one Citizenship Scrutiny Card (CSC) and Household Census have been given an extension of two weeks until 15 November to report to the nearest immigration offices and process.

If someone possesses more than one CSC and Household Census Form 66/6, he or she must go to the relevant township's immigration offices and submit it on 1 November. If no return is made, only the last one will be confirmed and the previously held lists will be cancelled.

The Ministry of Immigration and Population has registered more than 52 million citizens, guests, and those who are allowed to be citizens and holders of other types of recognition cards.

It was announced that additional holdings including Citi-

zenship Scrutiny Card and other identification cards and Form 66/6 Household demographics and differences during the specified period must be resolved by going to the nearest township immigration office and if the specified period is exceeded, they will be dealt with under the

law. Since the notice is related to certificates of public education, degree certificates, bank accounts, businesses, house and land ownership, and telecommunications such as telephones, it has been extended for further two weeks. —TWA/GNLM

## LOCAL BUSINESS

# 6-mln-gallon fuel oil unloaded at terminals of Thilawa Port, 14 mln more on way

OVER six million gallons of fuel oil have been unloaded from oil tankers at terminals of Thilawa Port and oil tankers carrying more than 14 million gallons are soon to be docked and oil unloading process will be undertaken, according to the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil.

The committee is scrutinizing and importing fuel oil to have an adequate supply in the domestic markets. On 24 October, 0.91 million gallons of Octane 92, 2.55 million gallons of diesel and 1.34 million gallons of premium diesel were discharged from the MT Synergy tanker. On 25 October, 2.01 million gallons of Octane 92 were unloaded from the MT Aulac Vision ship. Furthermore, the MT Yu Dong tanker carrying 2.76 million gallons of Octane 92, 0.92 million

gallons of Octane 95 and 1.65 million gallons of diesel, the MT Harmony One ship carrying 3.07 million gallons of diesel and 3.07 million gallons of premium diesel and the MT Intan Premier carrying 2.67 million gallons will dock at the respective terminals and the unloading of fuel oil will be undertaken. That being so, there is an adequate supply of fuel oil depending on the inventory conditions of oil tanks, fuel stations and distribution.

The prices of Octane have been sliding this week, whereas the prices of diesel slightly rose. There is no significant price movement in the domestic fuel oil market.

The committee is importing fuel oil to avoid a shortage in the market. A total of 2.26 million gallons of oil on 1 October, 5.05 million gallons on 3 October,



A tanker is pictured berthing at Thilawa Port to unload its cargoes – fuel oil.

2.96 million gallons on 10 October and 6.92 million gallons on 12 October were unloaded respectively at the terminals of

Thilawa Port.

The fuel oil has gradually declined since the last week of September. On 27 October, the oil

prices stood at K1,920 per litre of Octane 92, K2,015 for Octane 95, K2,610 for diesel and K2,695 for premium diesel. — NN/GNLM

## MoC to issue CO Form RCEP for free customs tariff to China from 1 Nov



Trade activities are seen on the Sino-Myanmar border.

THE Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce will issue Certificate of Origin (CO) Form RCEP to the products that originated in Myanmar and are designated to be exported to China so that the authorized traders can enjoy customs tariff relief, starting from 1 November.

The Regional Comprehensive Economic Partner-

ship-RCEP, a free trade agreement between the ten member states of ASEAN, Australia, China, Japan, the Republic of Korea and New Zealand has come into effect since January 2022.

According to the RCEP agreement, the CO form will be issued for the products that originated in Myanmar and that are to be sent to China to be free from customs duty from 1

November 2022. The exporters can apply for CO Form RCEP in compliance with the rules and regulations.

Those traders can earn approved exporter status through an online CO application system <https://onlineco.myanmar-tradenet.com> from 1 November 2022.

There are many trade benefits of being a member of RCEP

As per the agreement, tariff incentives are based on the development status of the states. They have agreed especially for Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar to have access to preferential tariffs and grant moderate tariffs to Viet Nam.

Additionally, the least developing countries will enjoy more exemptions according to a charter of the United Nations to support the Least Developed Countries (LDCs).

For instance, the agreement stated Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar to be granted preferential tariffs over other states. The members of RCEP have to grant 65 per cent of custom tariff exemption in line with the agreement. However, Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos are entitled to give only 30 per cent tax-exempt to other entities.

Afterwards, the members have to grant 80 per cent tax exemption ten years after the agreement is effective. Meanwhile, Myanmar is given a transition period for the trade sector

of up to 15 years.

Moreover, the needs of the LDCs will be considered to implement the commitments under this agreement and enjoy customs duty relief while making efforts to spur trade and investment opportunities and participate in the regional and global trade and value chains.

Myanmar, being a member of RCEP and the ASEAN, will get access to great opportunities to step up the international level in amending laws, policy framework and regulations for its trade and investment promotion and in the capacity of the governmental and private institutions.

Likewise, Myanmar's exports see vast foreign markets as the developed and technologically advanced countries are part of the RCEP (Japan, the ROK, Australia, New Zealand, and Singapore). In line with the agreement, responsible and accountable large investments will flow into the country for sure. — NN/GNLM

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## OPINION

### Choose dignified livelihoods for own and new generations

EVERY developing country is to manage trade as well as investments for its standing. To operate these sectors, most developing countries are seeking ways of borrowing loans from other countries and international financial institutions.

Currently, some countries are facing a downtrend in the State economy due to a lack of capability to improve the State economy by spending foreign loans. In this regard, Myanmar pays back not only the loans for development measures but all foreign loans as much as possible.

As such, local people from all parts of the nation should not do everything beyond environmental limits. Their livelihoods must be done under the environmental conservation process. If so, their efforts will help raise the State economy and individual economy setting aside the illegal trade which breaks existing laws. Every honest livelihood is dignified. So, people have a chance to choose their livelihoods.

The State Administration Council is striving for minimizing foreign loans during its tenure. In so doing, efforts are being made to earn incomes from export products made of agricultural and livestock materials and underground and aboveground natural resources.

The government allows businesspersons to extract natural resources from aboveground and underground under the rules and regulations for selling products at home and abroad. Whenever businesspersons sell out the products of natural resources, the government can earn income through taxation in various ways.

But, illegal trade of natural resources causes a great loss of levying taxes for earning revenues of the State. As such,

the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee was formed for taking preventive measures against illegal trade on various commodities. So, relevant inspection task forces seize a large volume of illegal commodities on a daily basis so as to bar loss of income for the State.

Extraction of natural resources will cause difficulties in the future because such acts will happen deterioration and degradation of the environment, climate change and deforestation. The environmental degradation will affect people from these areas, leaving a devil legacy to new generations who will miss the chance to do livelihoods such as agriculture and livestock measures relying on the environment.

As such, people from all corners need to engage in non-environmental-affected businesses such as agriculture and livestock sectors which cannot harm the environment as well as help conserve the environment. In fact, environmental conservation is a universal award for the global people to enjoy the fruits of nature. Only when environmental development gains momentum will local people have development of livelihoods.

As such, local people from all parts of the nation should not do everything beyond environmental limits. Their livelihoods must be done under the environmental conservation process. If so, their efforts will help raise the State economy and individual economy setting aside the illegal trade which breaks existing laws. Every honest livelihood is dignified. So, people have a chance to choose their livelihoods.

# Health and Physical Activity

By Dr Than Lwin Tun

**H**EALTH is defined as “a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity” (WHO, 1948).

Exercise is Medicine Initiative (EIM) - Exercise is Medicine which calls for physical activity to be included as a standard part of medical treatment and the patient care process.

The scientifically proven benefits of physical activity remain indisputable, and they can be as powerful as any pharmaceutical agent in preventing and treating a range of chronic diseases and medical conditions.

What is physical activity - WHO defines physical activity as any bodily movement produced by skeletal muscles that require energy expenditure. Physical activity refers to all movement including during leisure time, for transport to get to and from places, or as part of a person's work. Both moderate- and vigorous-intensity physical activity improve health.

Popular ways to be active include walking, cycling, wheeling, sports, and active recreation and play and these can be done at any level of skill for enjoyment by everybody. Regular physical activity is proven to help prevent and manage non-communicable diseases such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes and several cancers. It also can prevent hypertension, maintain a healthy body weight and improve your mental health, quality of life and well-being.

Levels of physical activity globally - More than a quarter of the world's adult population (1.4 billion adults) are insufficiently active in their daily lives. Globally, 81 per cent of adolescents aged 11-17 years were insufficiently physically active in 2016.

Globally, round about one in three women and one in four men do not have enough physical activity to be a healthier life. This means they do not meet the global recommendations of at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity or



Popular ways to be active include walking, cycling, wheeling, sports, and active recreation and play and these can be done at any level of skill for enjoyment by everybody. ILLUSTRATION CREDIT: KINDPNG

75 minutes of vigorous-intensity physical activity per week.

In high-income countries, 26 per cent of men and 35 per cent of women were insufficiently physically active, as compared to 12

per cent of men and 24 per cent of women in low-income countries.

There has been no improvement in global levels of physical activity since 2001. Insufficient activity gradually increased by five per

cent (from 31.6 per cent to 36.8 per cent) in high-income countries between 2001 and 2016.

Low or decreasing physical activity levels often correspond with a high or rising gross nation-

al product. The drop in physical activity is partly due to inaction during leisure time and sedentary behaviour on the job and at home. Likewise, an increase in the use of “passive” modes of transporta-

tion also contributes to insufficient physical activity. Increased levels of physical inactivity have negative impacts on health systems, the environment, economic development, community well-being and quality of life.

How to increase physical activity - Countries and communities must take action to provide everyone with more opportunities to be active, in order to increase physical activity. This requires a collective effort, both national and local, across different sectors and disciplines to implement policy and solutions appropriate to a country's cultural and social environment to promote enable and encourage physical activity.

WHO response - In 2018 WHO launched a new Global Action Plan on Physical Activity 2018-2030 which outlines four policy action areas and twenty specific policy recommendations and actions for Member States, international partners and WHO, to increase physical activity worldwide. The global action plan calls for countries, cities and communities to adopt a ‘whole-of-system’ response involv-

ing all sectors and stakeholders taking action at global, regional and local levels to provide safe and supportive environments and more opportunities to help people increase their levels of physical activity.

In 2018, the World Health Assembly agreed on a global target to reduce physical inactivity by 15 per cent by 2030 and align with the Sustainable Development Goals. The commitments made by world leaders to develop ambitious national SDG responses provide an opportunity to refocus and renew efforts at promoting physical activity.

In addition, we would like to suggest that to conduct community-wide communication campaigns to raise awareness and knowledge of the multiple health, economic and social benefits of being physically active, investing in new technologies, innovation and research to develop cost-effective approaches to increasing physical activity, particularly in low resource contexts and ensure regular surveillance and monitoring of physical activity and policy implementation.

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## TB cases rise after years of decline: WHO



Most of the estimated increase in TB deaths globally was accounted for by four countries: India, Indonesia, Myanmar and the Philippines. PHOTO: ALBERTO PIZZOLI/AFP

**T**UBERCULOSIS case numbers increased last year for the first time in more than 20 years, fuelled by the Covid-19 pandemic which disrupted access to diagnosis and treatment, the World Health Organization (WHO) said Thursday.

TB has rebounded after years of decline, killing an estimated 1.6 million people in 2021 — up 14 per cent in two years.

Overtaken by Covid-19 during the worst of the pandemic as the world's biggest infectious killer, TB claimed an estimated 1.5 million lives in 2020 and 1.4 million in 2019.

Tereza Kasaeva, the director of the UN health agency's global TB programme, said it

was now a “pivotal moment” in the fight against the disease.

“For the first time in nearly two decades, WHO is reporting an increase in the number of people falling ill with TB and the burden of TB disease,” she said.

An estimated 10.6 million people fell ill with TB in 2021 — a 4.5 per cent increase on 2020, the WHO said in its annual Global TB report.

Most people who developed TB last year were in southeast Asia (45 per cent), Africa (23 per cent) and the Western Pacific region (18 per cent).

**Covid impact**  
The WHO blamed the resur-

gence of the disease on Covid.

“The overarching finding of this report is that the Covid-19 pandemic continues to have a damaging impact on access to TB diagnosis and treatment and the burden of TB disease,” the WHO said.

“Progress made in the years up to 2019 has slowed, stalled or reversed, and global TB targets are off track.

“Intensified efforts backed by increased funding are urgently required to mitigate and reverse the negative impacts of the pandemic on TB.”

The incidence rate — new cases per 100,000 population per year — increased by 3.6 per cent between 2020 and 2021, after declining by around two per cent

a year for most of the last two decades.

Tuberculosis is caused by a bacteria that most often affects the lungs. Like Covid, it is transmitted via the air by infected people, for example by coughing. It is preventable and curable.

The WHO said conflicts around the world, the global energy crisis and associated risks to food security were likely to worsen the situation further.

“The top priority is to restore access to and provision of essential TB services, so that levels of TB case detection and treatment can recover to at least 2019 levels,” the report said.

Eight countries accounted

for more than two thirds of the global total of cases: India, Indonesia, China, the Philippines, Pakistan, Nigeria, Bangladesh and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

### ‘Long-time killer’

“Globally, the annual estimated number of deaths from TB fell between 2005 and 2019, but the estimates for 2020 and 2021 suggest that this trend has been reversed,” the UN's health agency said in the report.

Most of the estimated increase in TB deaths globally was accounted for by four countries: India, Indonesia, Myanmar and the Philippines.

The report said it was possible TB would “once again be the

leading cause of death worldwide from a single infectious agent, replacing Covid-19”.

But Mel Spigelman, president of the non-profit TB Alliance, told AFP last week that that had already happened, comparing the annual TB death rate to the latest Covid-19 figures.

“If the pandemic has taught us anything, it's that with solidarity, determination, innovation and the equitable use of tools, we can overcome severe health threats,” said WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.

“Let's apply those lessons to tuberculosis. It is time to put a stop to this long-time killer.”

SOURCE: AFP



# SCI/ENVIRON WORLD

## Meteorite that smashed into Mars shook planet, NASA says



This illustration made available by NASA depicts the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter mission over the red planet. On Thursday, 27 Oct NASA announced two of their spacecraft, one on the surface and the other in orbit, have recorded the biggest meteor strike and impact craters yet. **PHOTO: YONHAP/AFP**

SCIENTISTS who study Mars on Thursday revealed the remarkable Christmas gift they received from the planet last year.

On 24 December 2021, a meteorite hit Mars' surface, triggering magnitude 4 tremors, which were detected by NASA's InSight spacecraft — which landed on the planet four years ago — some 2,200 miles (3,500 kilometres) away.

The true origin of this so-called marsquake was only confirmed when the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter (MRO) was able to take a picture of the newly formed crater created by the hit

when it flew over the impact site less than 24 hours later.

The image is impressive, showing blocks of ice that were spewed up onto the planet's surface around the 492-foot (150-metre) wide and 70-foot (21-metre) deep hole.

The crater is the largest ever observed since the MRO began its Mars orbit 16 years ago.

And though meteorite impacts on Mars are not rare, "we never thought we'd see anything that big", Ingrid Daubar, who works on the InSight and MRO missions, told reporters at a

press conference Thursday.

Researchers estimate that the meteorite itself would have measured between 16 to 39 feet across. An object of that size would have disintegrated in Earth's atmosphere before falling to the ground here.

"It is simply the biggest meteorite impact on the ground that we have heard since science has been done with seismographs or seismometers," said planetology professor Philippe Lognonne, who participated in two studies related to the observation published in the journal *Science* Thursday. —AFP

## At least 31 killed as storm lashes southern Philippines

LANDSLIDES and flooding killed at least 31 people as heavy rain from an approaching storm lashed the southern Philippines, a disaster official said Friday.

The storm unleashed flash floods carrying uprooted trees, rocks and mud overnight in nine mostly rural towns around Cotabato, a city of 300,000 people on Mindanao island.

Many residents were caught by surprise as floodwaters rose rapidly before dawn, Naguib Sinarimbo, the spokesman and civil defence chief for the regional government, told AFP.

Rescuers retrieved 16

bodies from Datu Odin Sinsuat, 10 from Datu Blah Sinsuat and five from Upi town, with at least seven other people missing, he told reporters.

A rescue team was also dispatched to a remote village after relatives reported that a community at the foot of a mountain was buried by mud, he said.

"Our fear is that there may be many casualties there, though we hope not," Sinarimbo said, adding the rescuers have yet to brief him on the progress of the search.

Elsewhere, teams in rubber boats rescued residents from rooftops, Sinarimbo added.—AFP



A storm in the Philippines unleashed flash floods carrying uprooted trees, rocks and mud overnight. **PHOTO: PHILIPPINE COAST GUARD (PCG)/AFP**

## Force firms to reveal their impact on nature: major businesses



A view of the cooling towers of the Drax coal-fired power station near Selby, northern England on 25 September 2015. **PHOTO: OLI SCARFF/AFP/FILE**

BUSINESSES must be compelled to reveal their impact on nature, more than 300 firms said in an open letter to world leaders published on Wednesday ahead of crunch United Nations negotiations to halt catastrophic biodiversity loss.

Consumer goods group Unilever, furniture maker IKEA and India's Tata Steel were among a

slew of high profile corporations calling for stricter measures to impel firms to act, amid growing alarm over the devastation being wrought upon the natural world.

"We need governments globally to transform the rules of the economic game and require business to act now," the Business for Nature coalition said. It said its open letter had been signed by

some 330 companies with combined revenues of more than \$1.5 trillion. International efforts to protect the world's natural life support systems — including air, food and water — are set to conclude in Canada in December. Negotiators are hammering out a global framework to "live in harmony with nature" by 2050, with key benchmarks in 2030.—AFP

## IEA sees global energy emissions peaking in 2025

THE International Energy Agency said Thursday it believes global energy emissions will peak in 2025 as surging prices due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine propel investment in renewables.

Only last year the IEA said

there was "no clear peak in sight" in energy emissions, but the new higher investment in wind and solar is setting up demand for all fossil fuels to peak or plateau, leading to a drop in emissions. "The global energy crisis triggered by Russia's in-

vasion of Ukraine is causing profound and long-lasting changes that have the potential to hasten the transition to a more sustainable and secure energy system," the IEA said as it released its latest annual World Energy Outlook report.—AFP

# HEALTH/PANDEMIC WORLD

## Cuban legislators blast US trade embargo

CUBAN legislators on Thursday condemned the intensification of the US trade embargo against the Caribbean nation during a parliamentary hearing.

Addressing the audience, Cuba's Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Carlos Fernandez de Cossio said the US economic sanctions are aimed at creating social discontent among the Cuban people.

"The US blockade is intended to avoid the success of a project committed to the Cuban people's interests," he said, adding that equity and social justice are guiding principles of the Cuban socialist revolution.

The remarks came ahead of the Cuban government's

presentation of its annual draft resolution against the embargo before the UN General Assembly scheduled for November.

Cuba's First Deputy Minister of Public Health Tania Cruz said the US government restricted the island's access to medical supplies, medicines and reagents during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Neither can we access valves and pacemakers made in the United States, which are used for the treatment of patients with cardiovascular diseases," she said.

According to Cuban official data, the US sanctions in the past six decades has cost the Cuban economy a total of 154.2 billion US dollars. —Xinhua



Cuba's First Deputy Minister of Public Health Tania Cruz said the US government restricted the island's access to medical supplies, medicines and reagents during the COVID-19 pandemic. Cubans wearing masks walk along a streets of Havana, on 11 Aug. PHOTO: YAMIL LAGE / AFP

## Air France-KLM Q3 turnover above pre-Covid levels

EUROPEAN airline group Air France-KLM said Friday that its third quarter revenues had exceeded its pre-pandemic turnover in 2019, fuelled by strong post-Covid demand for travel. The company recorded a net profit of 460 million euros (\$459 million) between July and September in a second consecutive quarter of profitability, despite the pressures of soaring inflation and fuel costs, it said in a statement.

The Covid-19 pandemic grounded planes worldwide as the global health emergency triggered stringent travel

restrictions, devastating the aerospace and tourism industries.

But pent-up demand as economies and borders reopened saw the French-Dutch group record a turnover of 8.1 billion euros in the third quarter, its key summer season.

The result exceeded the equivalent figure for 2019, the last pre-pandemic year, by more than 500 million euros.

The airline group transported 25 million passengers in the third quarter, an increase of almost 50 per cent on the same period last year.—AFP

## China Covid curbs disrupt production at world's biggest iPhone factory



Workers are seen at a workshop in Longhua science and technology park of Foxconn Technology Group in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province, 22 Feb 2019. PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE

MILLIONS of people in China were under tight Covid restrictions on Wednesday as sporadic outbreaks across the country prompted business closures and disruption at the world's largest iPhone factory.

China is the last major economy welded to a zero-Covid strategy, persisting with snap lockdowns, mass testing and lengthy quarantines in a bid to keep infections to a minimum.

But fast-spreading virus variants have challenged that approach in recent months, with shutdowns and an ever-shifting patchwork of curbs sparking public exasperation and rare pockets

of protest.

The world's most populous nation recorded just 1,241 new local cases on Wednesday, the majority of which displayed no symptoms, according to the National Health Commission.

But they include an outbreak at a factory in the central city of Zhengzhou that employs around 300,000 people and is known as the largest producer of iPhones in the world.

Foxconn Technology Group, which runs the facility, acknowledged the flare-up on Wednesday but said "operation and production... is relatively stable".

"Health and safety measures

for employees (are) being maintained," the Taiwanese electronics maker said, adding that it was "providing the necessary guarantees for livelihoods, including material supplies, psychological comfort and responsive feedback".

The company did not specify how many staff were affected by the outbreak but said it was a "small number" and that unsubstantiated online rumours of tens of thousands of infections were "patently false".

"At present, the epidemic prevention work in Zhengzhou is progressing steadily, and the impact... is controllable," the statement said.

"The operating outlook for this quarter remains unchanged," it added. There were signs of further tightening in Beijing, with the capital's Universal Resort theme park saying on Wednesday that it had "closed temporarily... to implement epidemic control requirements".

"We will continue to evaluate the impact on operations and work hard to restore them as soon as possible", the resort said on its official Weibo social media account, without giving a timeline for reopening.—AFP

## YouTube to certify healthcare providers' accounts

DOCTORS, nurses and other healthcare professionals can apply to have their YouTube channels certified, the video sharing platform said Thursday, in a push to limit misinformation on the site.

The change will allow viewers to more easily access videos containing "high-quality health information", YouTube said.

"This is a big step towards helping people more easily find and connect with content that comes from the extraordinary community of healthcare professionals on YouTube," it added.

In addition to doctors and nurses, mental health professionals and healthcare informa-



Japanese electronics giant Casio Computer put on the market new cameras that feature a pre-installed YouTube Capture software to easily upload videos to the website. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/YOSHIKAZU TSUNO/AFP/FILE

tion providers may also apply for the YouTube verification that

allows their videos to be spotted easily by users.—AFP

# ECONOMY WORLD

## China's industrial profits down 2.3% in first nine months

PROFITS of China's major industrial firms declined 2.3 per cent year on year in the first nine months of the year, data from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) showed Thursday.

Industrial firms each with annual main business revenue of at least 20 million yuan (about 2.79 million US dollars) saw their combined profits reach 6.24 trillion yuan in the period, the NBS said.

The combined revenues of these firms sustained growth during the period, rising 8.2 per cent year on year to 100.17 trillion yuan, NBS data showed.

Highlighting the improvement in business profit structure, senior NBS statistician Zhu Hong noted that the performance of industrial firms is gaining recovery momentum as the country's pro-growth policies are taking effect.



Workers hoist steel bars at a logistics park in Huzhou, Zhejiang province. PHOTO: YAO HAIXIANG/FOR CHINA DAILY

A total of 19 out of 41 major industries saw growth in profits in the January-September period, the NBS said. The electrical machinery and equipment manufacturing sector saw profits jump 25.3 per cent year on year, while the oil and gas

exploitation industry saw its profits soar 112 per cent.

By the end of September, the total assets of industrial firms stood at 152.64 trillion yuan, up 9.5 per cent from a year earlier, the data showed.—Xinhua

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Canada central bank raises key lending rate to 3.75%

THE Bank of Canada on Wednesday announced a fifth major interest rate increase to 3.75 per cent, amid warnings that its fight against inflation may trigger a recession. It also signalled that the 0.5 percentage point hike would not be the last following a blistering pace of increases to its benchmark rate from a historic low in recent months, saying in a statement that rates "will need to rise further".

The bank increased in half-point increments its key lending rate in April and June, before hiking it a full percentage point in July and 75 basis points in September. Including a small increase in March that started all of this tightening, the total cost of borrowing has increased by 3.50 percentage points this year.—AFP

#### Uzbek economy grows 5.8% in first nine months

UZBEKISTAN'S gross domestic product (GDP) increased 5.8 per cent year on year in the first nine months of 2022, the Uzbek State Statistics Committee said on Wednesday.

The country's GDP in the nine-month period amounted to 627 trillion soums (about 56.2 billion US dollars), according to the committee.

And the per capita GDP in real terms for that period amounted to 17.6 million soums (about 1,600 dollars), an increase of 3.6 per cent year on year, the committee said.—Xinhua

## Australian inflation hits 32-year high



A sign, seen in a Coles supermarket, advises its customers of its plastic bag free in Sydney on 2 July 2018. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

AUSTRALIA'S annual inflation has climbed to its highest level in more than 30 years amid soaring prices for housing and gas.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics on Wednesday reported the consumer price index (CPI) rose by 1.8 per cent in the three months to 30 Sept and by 7.3 per cent over the last 12 months. It marks the highest annual figure since 1990.

According to the data, the

cost of buying or building a new home rose by 3.7 per cent in the September quarter and 20.7 per cent over the year.

Gas prices increased by 10.9 per cent in the quarter, furniture by 6.6 per cent and food prices by 3.2 per cent.

Those rises were slightly offset by a 4.3 per cent fall in petrol prices.

The data was released one day after Treasurer Jim Chalmers handed down the federal

budget for the financial year 2022-23.

The budget projected the inflation would peak at 7.75 per cent later this year before falling to 3.5 per cent through 2023-24.

Chalmers and Prime Minister Anthony Albanese on Wednesday faced criticism over a looming power crisis.

According to the budget, Australian electricity prices are set to increase by 56 per cent over the next 18 months and gas prices by 44 per cent.

Albanese blamed the conservative coalition, which governed for nine years before losing May's general election, for failing to prepare for a spike in power prices.

"Cheaper power bills will come as a result of investment in cheaper energy," he told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

"That will take time, of course. We can't turn it around in one month."—Xinhua

## Spain's unemployment rate inches up

SPAIN'S unemployment rate edged up slightly in the third quarter of this year after declining steadily since the end of 2020, official data showed Thursday.

The jobless rate inched up to 12.67 per cent in the period from July to September from 12.48 per cent in the previous three-month period, national statistics institute INE said in a statement. The number of unemployed people rose by 60,800 in the third quarter to a total of 2.98 million, with most jobs lost in services, including Spain's

key tourism sector, and agriculture. The jobless rate was still lower than during the same period a year ago when it stood at 14.57 per cent. The number of job seekers in Spain fell below three million in May for the first time since November 2008 at the start of the global financial crisis. The fall in joblessness was due to a rebound in Spain's tourism sector following the end of most pandemic travel restrictions and a labour market reform which limits the back-to-back use of temporary contracts.—AFP



The number of job seekers in Spain fell below three million in May for the first time since November 2008 at the start of the global financial crisis. PHOTO: AFP

## Samsung Electronics says Q3 operating profit down 31% on-year



Samsung Electronics reported its first year-on-year decline in operating profit in three years on Thursday. **PHOTO: AFP**

SOUTH Korean tech giant Samsung Electronics on Thursday said its third-quarter operating profits were down 31.39 per cent year on year after a global economic downturn hit demand for consumer electronics.

Earnings in its crucial memory chips division dropped, the company said in a statement, adding that “demand for consumer products remained weak”.

Operating profit for July to September 2022 fell to 10 trillion won (\$7

billion), down from 15.8 trillion won for the same period last year, the company said.

The results were released the same day the company announced de facto leader Lee Jae-yong – who received a presidential pardon in August over a fraud conviction – would be promoted to chairman of Samsung Electronics.

“Our survival depends on future technologies,” Lee said in a message posted on the company’s internal forum after his promotion, Yonhap reported. “We can turn this crisis into opportunity.” —AFP

## French state bank to end financing of oil and gas projects

THE French state investment bank said Wednesday it would no longer finance new oil and gas projects, as it stepped up its climate change commitments.

The Caisse des Dépôts adopted its first action plan to adapt to climate change.

The banking group will no longer make “investments and direct financing of new oil and gas production projects and the infrastructure directly related to these new projects”. It said it would also stop financing oil companies without plans to reduce production.



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The Caisse des Dépôts said it was also lowering the threshold for excluding companies with revenue from coal to five per cent of revenue. “Contributing to the environmental transformation is at the heart of the purpose of the Caisse des Dépôts group,” said its director, Eric Lombard. —AFP

## Greece's Piraeus Port posts positive results in Jan.-Sept.

GREECE'S Piraeus Port Authority SA (PPA SA) announced on Wednesday a 28.02 per cent increase in revenues in the first nine months of 2022, compared to the same period last year.

The Chinese-controlled harbour said its revenues amounted to 145.8 million euros (146.76 million US dollars) between 1 Jan and 30 Sept, compared to 113.8 million euros in the same period in 2021. —Xinhua

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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(1)	DMP/L-117(22-23)	Gasoline Engine Oil and Gas Compressor Oil (Third Retender)	(2) Items Ks
(2)	DMP/L-180(22-23)	Fuel Filter, Oil Filter and Air Cleaner Element	(8) Groups Ks

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from **28 October 2022** at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the **Technical Specifications and Commercial Quotation with Original Bid Bond in each separate sealed envelopes** on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than 12:00 pm on 11, November 2022.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time – **11-11-2022, 12:00 pm**

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise  
Ph No. + 95 67 – 411206

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SINAR BANDA VOY.NO. (265N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SINAR BANDA VOY.NO. (265N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **29-10-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

**M/S CMA-CGM SHIPPING LINES**

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V HANSA BREITENBURG VOY.NO. (241W/244E)

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Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

**M/S SEALAND MAERSK ASIA PTE LTD**

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V GSS YANGON VOY.NO. (154N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V GSS YANGON VOY.NO. (154N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **29-10-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **HPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

**M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA SHIPPING PTE LTD**

# GLOBAL AFFAIRS

## WORLD: TOP HEADLINES

### N. Korea fires ballistic missiles ahead of major US-S. Korea air drills

NORTH Korea fired two short-range ballistic missiles on Friday, the South's military said, the latest in a blitz of launches that Washington and Seoul have warned could culminate in another nuclear test.

The launch comes as the South wraps up 12 days of amphibious naval military exercises, involving key security ally America, and ahead of the Monday start of major combined air drills that will involve more than 200 US and South Korean fighter jets. Such exercises infuriate Pyongyang, which sees them as rehearsals for invasion and has repeatedly justified its blitz of missile launches as necessary "countermeasures" to what it

deems US aggression.

South Korea's military said it had "detected two ballistic missiles fired from the Tongchon area in Kangwon between 1159 (0259 GMT) and 1218", it said, referring to a province on North Korea's east coast.

"Our military has increased monitoring and surveillance and is maintaining a full readiness posture in close coordination with the US," Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement.

The missiles flew approximately 230 kilometres (143 miles) at an altitude of 24 kilometres and speeds of 5 Mach, the statement said, calling the launch "a serious provocation" that violated UN sanctions.—AFP



Kim Jong Un, centre, examines a device at an undisclosed location in an undated photo released by North Korea's official news agency. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

### Swedish Navy conducts inspections at Nord Stream pipeline leak site

THE Swedish Navy said on Wednesday that it had deployed two vessels to conduct further investigations into the Nord Stream pipeline leaks in the Baltic Sea.

"I can confirm that we are there with two minesweepers," Jimmie Adamsson, the Navy's head of communications, told Swedish Television on Wednesday, adding that the vessels

were deployed "to carry out work and investigations underwater."

"We felt the need to conduct further surveys to complement the investigation,"

Adamsson said.

He said the investigation was done on the Navy's initiative and was not part of the country's simultaneous criminal investigation.

Adamsson declined to divulge further information other than that the aim of the operation was to satisfy the needs of the Navy.—Xinhua

## RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

### Russia amends law to boost forces fighting in Ukraine



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov delivers a speech during a session of the State Duma, the lower house of Russia's parliament, Moscow, Russia, 26 Jan 2022. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

THE Russian parliament on Thursday passed a law allowing ex-convicts to be mobilized into the army and other measures to prop up Moscow's troops in Ukraine.

Last month President Vladimir Putin announced the mobilization of hundreds of thousands of reservists in the country to boost his Ukraine military campaign. People who were released

from prison but hold a criminal record for serious crimes can now be mobilized into the Russian armed forces. The decree introducing mobilization previously banned the recruitment of such ex-convicts.

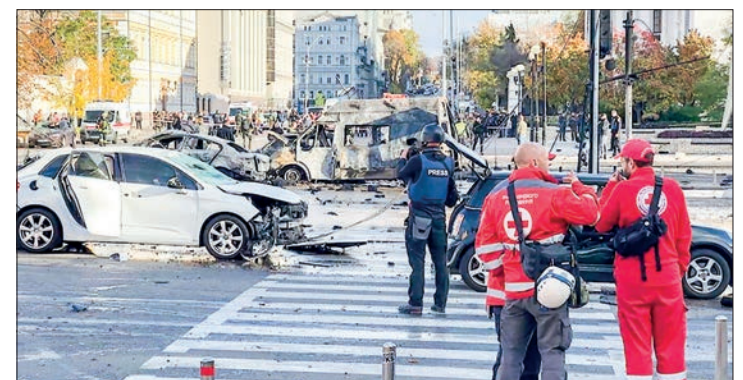
The change does not apply to people convicted of sexual assault against a minor, terrorist acts, traffic of radioactive material or crimes against the government, including treason and espionage.

The parliament, or Duma, also passed legislation reinforcing the status of people voluntarily supporting the Russia army during mobilization, in times of war, counter-terrorist operations, or abroad. "In terms of status, volunteers will be equal to our servicemen under contract," said Duma speaker Vyacheslav Volodin.—AFP

### Putin: Russia battling 'Western domination' as Ukraine war grinds on

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin said Thursday that the war in Ukraine was part of Russia's wider struggle against Western domination, and warned that the world is probably entering the "most dangerous" decade since the end of World War II.

The Russian leader showed no sign of backpedalling on the eight-month-old invasion of Ukraine, and indeed painted the current situation as part of the decline of Western dominance in global affairs.—AFP



This video grab taken from an AFPTV footage shows vehicles destroyed in Kyiv on 10 October 2022 as security and emergency forces work on the scene after several missile strikes were heard in the Ukrainian capital. **PHOTO: ARMAN SOLDIN/AFPTV/AFP**

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### Same-sex marriage now legal across Mexico

SAME-sex marriage has become legal throughout Mexico after the state of Tamaulipas became the last in the mostly Catholic country to approve it, the local Congress said Wednesday.

The northern border state's decision ends a 12-year journey toward national marriage equality beginning when the capital Mexico City became the first to celebrate same-sex unions in 2010.

The move was followed by a Supreme Court declaration five years later stating a ban on same-sex marriage was unconstitutional that spurred changes at the state level.

"The Congress of Tamaulipas approved the reforms to article 132 of the Civil Code for the State, to recognize the right to same-sex marriage," the institution said in a statement. —AFP

### Canada gauges Haiti options ahead of talks on intervention force

CANADA said Thursday it was conducting an assessment mission in Haiti, as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in Ottawa for talks on setting up an intervention force to address the Caribbean nation's spiralling crises.

The Canadian delegation is due to assess options "to support Haitian people in resolving the humanitarian and security crises" facing the impoverished country and "restore access to essential goods and services," in consultation with regional partners the United Nations, the CARICOM Caribbean grouping and others, a statement said. —AFP

## Israel PM Lapid claims Lebanon 'recognizes' Israel in sea border deal

PRIME Minister Yair Lapid on Thursday claimed Israel's foe Lebanon de-facto "recognizes" the Jewish state, due to a sea border deal the two states are set to sign imminently.

"This is a political achievement — it is not every day that an enemy state recognizes the State of Israel, in a written agreement, in front of the entire international community," Lapid said.

The premier was speaking at the opening of a cabinet meeting convened to formally approve the deal, hours ahead of the expected signing by the two parties of separate copies of the agreement.

"The State of Israel won today. In security, economically, diplomatically, and in energy," Lapid said.

The final accord is due to be signed at the headquarters of the United Nations Interim



Italian UNIFIL peacekeepers in Naqura ahead of the planned signing. PHOTO: AFP

Force in Lebanon in the border town of Naqura, in the presence of US mediator Amos Hochstein and the UN's special coordinator for Lebanon Joanna Wronecka.

The deal was hailed by US President Joe Biden as a "historic breakthrough" on Wednesday. "It took principled and persistent diplomacy to get it done,"

Biden said, during a meeting in Washington with his Israeli counterpart Isaac Herzog.

Washington has played a key role in mediating the lengthy negotiations between Israel and Lebanon, who remain technically still at war after numerous conflicts between the two sides. —AFP

## T-rex in Singapore as experts decry 'harmful' auctions

DINOSAUR fans got a glimpse of a Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton as it went on display in Singapore Friday before an auction next month, as experts slammed the big-money bone trade as "harmful to science".

The 1,400-kilo frame, composed of about 80 bones, will be the first T-rex skeleton auctioned in Asia, according to Christie's, which has not given an estimate for the lot.

Dubbed Shen, meaning god-like, it will be on display for three days before being shipped to Hong Kong to be sold in November.

"None of the 20 T-Rex that exist in the world is owned by either an Asian institution or an Asian collector," said Francis Belin, president of Christie's Asia Pacific.

"We really wish that Shen will find a new home amongst our Asian collectors here." —AFP



Shen, which stands 4.6 metres tall and 12 metres long, is thought to be male. PHOTO: ROSLAN RAHMAN/AFP

## N. Ireland set for fresh elections over post-Brexit impasse



Northern Ireland has been without a functioning government since February. Locks on the closed gates outside Parliament Buildings on the Stormont Estate in Belfast. PHOTO: PAUL FAITH/AFP

NORTHERN Ireland on Thursday appeared headed for a second election this year, after UK government efforts to resolve months of political stalemate over its post-Brexit status failed to secure a breakthrough.

Chris Heaton-Harris, Britain's Northern Ireland minister, has been holding talks with the political parties in a fresh bid to get them to form a new ex-

ecutive.

If no agreement is reached by Friday, London will be legally required to call early elections for the devolved assembly in the volatile province.

Heaton-Harris spoke to party leaders in Belfast on Wednesday "to reiterate the importance of restoring the Northern Ireland executive", a government statement said.

"If the executive is not formed by 28 October, I will call an election," the minister said.

"Time is running out," he added. "People deserve an accountable devolved government."

Northern Ireland has been without a functioning government since February, when the pro-UK Democratic Unionist Party (DUP) collapsed the executive over its staunch opposition to post-Brexit trade rules there.

It wants the so-called Northern Ireland Protocol — agreed by London and Brussels as part of Britain's 2019 Brexit deal — overhauled or scrapped entirely. They say it weakens the province's place within the United Kingdom.

Many unionists also argue the pact is threatening the delicate balance of peace between the pro-Irish nationalist community and those in favour of continued union with Britain. —AFP

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ISPE players celebrate the victory as they beat YREO 3-1 after the Week 7 match of the Myanmar Women's League Week 7 in Yangon on 28 October 2022. **PHOTO:MWL**

## ISPE edges YREO 3-1 in Week 7 of Myanmar Women's League

ISPE FC thrashed YERO FC 3-1 in the Week 7 match of the Myanmar Women's League played at Thuwunna Training ground in Yangon yesterday.

With both teams fighting for first place in the league standings, yesterday's match was a thriller, with fast attacks by both teams. As both teams possessed talented defenders, the attacks on both sides were thwarted by effective clearances, resulting in a scoreless tie till the 17-minute-

mark.

YREO found an opener when Zin Moe Pyae rushed into the massive defence line of ISPE and scored beautifully. But ISPE could equalize in the 34 minutes with a strong kick from Su Pyae Kyaw. The first half ended in a 1-1 tie. The ISPE team was much better in the second half after a change in tactics.

ISPE attackers used power plays and accurate passing, while YREO was forced to change to a

defensive style of play.

With steady playmaking, ISPE got on the scoreboard with a beautiful goal by star player Zin Moe Htet, who was able to weave through a maze of defenders and score at the 75-minute mark.

Following ISPE's goal, YREO play turned fast and a little rough. Again the winning or third goal was scored by Nant May Thazin at 85 minutes and the goal made a 3-1 celebration for ISPE at the final whistle.—GNLM

## Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine Objectives

### 1. Political affairs

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

### 2. Economic affairs

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

### 3. Social affairs

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

## Los Angeles' SoFi Stadium to host CONCACAF Gold Cup final

LOS Angeles' SoFi Stadium will host the final of next year's CONCACAF Gold Cup, the regional football body said on Thursday.

The 70,000 stadium, which is home to the NFL's Los Angeles Chargers and Los Angeles Rams and opened in 2020, will host the deciding game of the 16-nation competition on 16 July.

The Gold Cup brings together national teams from North and Central America and the Caribbean and has traditionally been dominated by the United States and Mexico.

The Los Angeles venue is among the favourites to host the final of the 2026 World Cup which is being co-hosted by the United States, Mexico and Canada. New York's MetLife

Stadium and the Dallas Cowboys' AT&T Stadium are also reported to be contenders.

"SoFi Stadium is a world-class venue and Los Angeles has hosted so many iconic Gold Cup moments, making this stadium a fantastic choice to stage our 2023 Concacaf Gold Cup Final," said CONCACAF President and FIFA Vice President, Victor Montagliani.

CONCACAF also confirmed that next year's tournament will be preceded by a knockout preliminary competition with 12 teams competing for three spots in the tournament itself.

"This provides more access to top level competition for our members and is very much in keeping with our football first philosophy," said Montagliani.—AFP

## Mexico bids to host 2036 Olympics



Mexican former Olympic track and field athlete, Enriqueta Basilio symbolically lights the olympic cauldron, during the ceremony to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mexico's 1968 Summer Olympics, at the Olimpico Universitario stadium, in Mexico City, Mexico on 12 October 2018. **PHOTO:AFP/FILE**

MEXICO on Wednesday announced a bid to host the 2036 Olympics, more than half a century after first staging the Summer Games.

"We're starting on the path to once again be the organizers of the Olympic Games in 2036," Mexican Olympic Committee head Maria Jose Alcalá said at a

news conference alongside Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard.

Ebrard described Mexico as "a sports power", noting that it would be the first country to stage the men's FIFA World Cup for a third time in 2024, jointly with the United States and Canada.

"Our goal is to bring the Olympic Games to Mexico in 2036

and, if not, in 2040," he said, adding that the proposed locations of the main venues had not been decided. "Cities shouldn't adapt to the Olympic Games. Large facilities should not be built that are not used later. It has to be the other way around—the Olympic Games should be adapted to cities," Ebrard said.—AFP