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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.

## People peacefully visit stupas and temples in regions and states on full moon day of Tazaungmone (Samañaphala Day), enjoy Tazaungdaing lighting festival

AS the full moon day of Tazaungmone is one of the significant days for Buddhists, people hold the Tazaungdaing festival and lighting festival as part of preserving the Myanmar cultural traditions.

Buddhist people took Sabbath, recited Patthana treatises and Paritta, offered Kathina robes to monasteries and performed meritorious deeds while peacefully paying homage to pagodas.

Yesterday evening, Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives lit oil lamps and decorated multicoloured lightings as well as flowers, water and 1,000 oil lamps at Shwebonepwint Pagoda in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. Likewise, roads, buildings and trees in the compound of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief



State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing offers candlelight at Shwebonepwint Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Tazaungdaing festival with the happy participation of families of the Offices of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air). The Senior General and party viewed round the participation of families in the Tazaungdaing festival.

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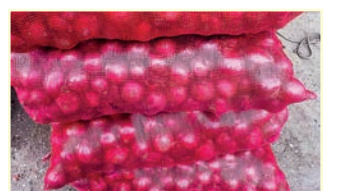
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Moreover, the ceremony to pay homage to Shin Uppagutta and ceremonies to set adrift oil lamps into the water and Tazaungdaing lighting festivals were held at stupas and temples in regions and states under the rules and regulations. The people visited there and joined the Neikban Zay festival (donation in dedicating to the Nibbana).

Famous vocalists performed songs at the entertainment programme of the Tazaungdaing night special sale at the Nay Pyi Taw water fountain park, crowded with people. In addition, recreation resorts, beaches and public parks were thronged with the people in regions and states on the Tazaungdaing holiday.

Fireworks were launched at Taboung ground near Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw and the People's Square in Yan-



gon to mark the Tazaungdaing festival, attracting the people who posed for documentary photos. All the people joyfully par-

ticipated in the Tazaungdaing festival on the full moon day of Tazaungmone across the nation. — MNA

## Tazaungdaing lighting and hot-air balloon festival held at Chaungtha beach

THE lighting and hot-air balloon festivals of Tazaungdaing were peacefully held in the field near the pagoda at the beach in Chaungtha of Patheingyi District, Ayeyawady Region at 6:30 pm on 6 November.

First, the township administrator, departmental personnel, ward/village administrators, hotel zone families, beach vendors, fisheries associations, social organizations and residents worshipped by lighting

colourful lanterns along the way from the entrance of the festival to the pagoda.

Afterwards, the hot-air balloon-releasing festival was opened with the release of two large hot-air balloons by the departments concerned and 24 hot-air balloons by other associations.

The festival will be held for two consecutive days and it is known that residents and tourists are welcome to release

their own hot-air balloons from the time of the festival until 8:00 pm every night.

The lighting and hot-air balloon festivals of Tazaungdaing were held for the first time this year at Chaungtha beach. The donation of Rakhine traditional food will be served on the second day of the festival in addition to oil lamp-offering and hot-air balloon-releasing activities. — Kyaw Kyaw (IPRD)/GNLM



## Local people participation needed for disaster preparedness measures

NATURAL disasters are unpredictable and can break out at any time. This being so, I'd like to warn you of conducting disaster preparedness. Region-wise measures are needed to be taken to ensure a smooth flow of water to prevent floods from breaking out. In this regard, it is needed to alert the local populace against the outbreak of floods. Additionally, it is required to persuade them to take an active part in disaster preparedness measures.

*(Excerpts from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to the third-day coordination meeting held on 10 August 2022 in regard to matters relating to the activities being carried out by the Union Government)*

# The supply and transport corps has been showing off its excellent capabilities in dutifully serving the assigned duties for the interests of the State, nationals and Tatmadaw in successive eras: Vice-Senior General

THE supply and transport corps uses modern vehicles for carrying out the logistic measures and stockpiling of rations for military units in military operations and security duties in relevant military commands on time, said Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win at the ceremony to mark the Diamond Jubilee Supply and Transport Corps at Hsinphyushin Hall of the Transit Centre in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Senior General recounted that the Directorate of Supply and Transport was set up in Yangon on 7 November 1947 and today is the significant day of the supply and transport corps which turns 75.

Currently, the Vice-Senior General noted that the directorate has been formed with different supply and transport units, battalions and training depots in addition to supply and transport camps and ration supply bases.

Members of the corps are serving the duties of supplying and transporting rations and fuel, farming pack animals and medical treatments. The directorate arranges the supply of rations and fuel for the whole Tatmadaw with the themes to be proper, to be full and transported in time.

The Tatmadaw took over some factories from the Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and Ministry of Commerce from 1991 to 1998 to launch the manufacturing of necessary rations



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win poses for the documentary group photo at the event in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

for the Tatmadaw.

Currently, the Vice-Senior General underlined that Tatmadaw Tea Factories in Namhsam and Thandaung, Tatmadaw Canned Factory in Thandwe, Tatmadaw Shrimp, Fish-paste and Fish Sauce Factory in Yangon, Tatmadaw Biscuit and Noodle Factory in Hmawby and Tatmadaw Flour Factory in Awba are producing the necessary rations for the Tatmadaw. Of them, Tatmadaw Biscuit and Noodle Factory in Hmawby established the meal ready to eat factory for manufacturing six items of rations for the military personnel on security duty from the military operation areas as of 2020.

During the period from 2011 to October 2022, Tatmadaw factories have been selling foodstuffs to Tatmadaw fam-

ilies, departmental officials and local people via supply and transport battalions at fair prices. In this regard, these factories have sold tea, dried tea, canned foods, fish paste and fish sauce, biscuits and noodles worth K6,600 million.

At present, the supply and transport corps uses modern vehicles for carrying out the logistic measures and stockpiling of rations for military units in military operations and security duties in relevant military commands on time.

Two supply and transport training depots, animal husbandry battalions and central supply and transport units are conducting training courses for officers and other ranks to have a high capacity in respective logistic fields.

Members of the directo-

rate participated in the search and rescue measures for the local people in natural disasters such as cyclone Nargis, storms, flooding, earthquakes and other disaster risk reduction measures in addition to the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic in regions and states from 2008 to 2019 by deploying Tatmadaw members and more than 2,000 vehicles.

During the 75 years, Tatmadaw members from the Supply and Transport Corps were awarded outstanding titles, gallantry medals, golden jubilee medals and diamond jubilee medals which recognized their outstanding performance and their sacrifice of life and limbs. The Vice-Senior General took pride in the outstanding performance and dutiful services of Tatmadaw members from

the corps.

The supply and transport corps born in the independence struggle period together with the Tatmadaw has been showing off its excellent capabilities in dutifully serving the assigned duties for the interests of the State, nationals and Tatmadaw in successive eras.

The Vice-Senior General unveiled the signboard of the diamond jubilee supply and transport corps day. Director of the Supply and Transport Maj-Gen Win Myat reported on the brief history of the corps and presented the commemorative gifts to the Vice-Senior General.

The Vice-Senior General visited the exhibition to mark the diamond jubilee supply and transport corps together with retired senior officers of the corps. — MNA

# 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kayin State Day marked

THE 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kayin State Day was marked at the lawn of the Kayin State government office yesterday morning, attended by members of the State Administration Council Mahn Nyein Maung and Saw Daniel, Union ministers, the chief minister of Kayin State, the commander of South-East Command, representatives of Karen National Union (KNU), Karen National Union/Karen National Liberation Army (KNU/KNLA), Democratic Karen Benevolent Army (DKBA), Kayin State Border Guard Force (BGF), political parties and local people.

SAC member Mahn Nyein Maung read the message sent by SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to the 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kayin State Day ceremony and the chief minister of Kayin State extended greetings.

Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan presented 100 sets of 90W solar panels and sports equipment to the chief minister.

The opening ceremony of the Kayin State Day commemorative archway and exhibition



The celebration of the 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kayin State Day is in progress in Kayin State yesterday.

followed. They then released 67 white doves in commemoration of the Kayin State Day.

They visited the exhibition to view round domestic products and MSME products at the ex-

hibition and presented prizes of best fruits to respective winners. — MNA

# Union Chief Justice-led Myanmar delegation attends 10<sup>th</sup> Council of ASEAN Chief Justices' Meeting-CACJ in Malaysia



Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo Myanmar delegation take the group photo at the event.

THE Myanmar delegation led by Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo attended the 10<sup>th</sup> Council of ASEAN Chief Justices'

Meeting-CACJ which was held from 4 to 5 November in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, organized by the Federal Court of Malay-

sia. The Union Chief Justice attended the 10<sup>th</sup> CACJ meeting together with the Chief Justices of ASEAN countries.

The Chief Justice made an opening speech together with Mr Tun Tengku Maimun Binti Tuan Mat, Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Malaysia, the new Chair of the CACJ and the Chief Justices of ASEAN countries. Then, Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo discussed the reports of the Working Group of ASEAN Judiciaries Portal (AJP), Facilitating Service of Civil Processes within ASEAN, Case Management and Court Technology, Judicial Education and Training and ASEAN+ Meetings. The Chief Justices and the Heads of Delegations agreed on the draft and signed the Kuala Lumpur Declaration. In the meeting, the Chief Justices of ASEAN countries agreed to the inaugural CACJ Retreat which reflects on CACJ's achievements over the past ten years and charted CACJ's stra-

tegic agenda for the next ten years, to be held in 2023.

On the second day of Inaugural ASEAN+ Meetings, the Chief Justices of ASEAN countries attended the meeting in person and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Korea, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Japan and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the People Republic of China attended the meeting online. Regarding the topic of Court Technology and Access to Justice: Challenges and Key Success Factors, Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo discussed the experience of the Myanmar Judiciary.

The Union Chief Justice attended the meeting along with the Supreme Court Justice U Thaug Naing and Myanmar Focal points of CACJ Working Groups. — MNA

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# MRTV staff and families hold Tazaungdaing festival



Union Information Minister U Maung Maung Ohn and his wife take part in the Tazaungdaing festival yesterday.

THE Tazaungdaing festival of the staff and family members of MRTV was held at the MRTV compound in Tatkon Township yesterday evening.

Before the opening of the festival Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn and party attended the thousand-oil-lamp festival of Mahabodhi Pagoda and offered flowers, water and candlelights to the pagoda.

Next, the Union minister and wife Daw Khin Swe Win cut the ribbon and opened the MRTV's family Tazaungdaing festival held at MRTV Park and greeted the staff and fam-

ilies warmly. After that, the Union minister and his wife lit candles and offered incense to the Buddha and Culamani Pagoda in Tavatimsa. And they watched and encouraged the launch of 11 hot-air-balloon from MRTV head office and branches.

Afterwards, they watched a music concert by MRTV staff, staff and families participated in the singing competition and prizes were given away.

Officials from the departments under the ministry, guests, artistes, staff and their family members attended the festival. — MNA

# Commander-in-Chief (Air)-led delegation attends 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Air Chiefs Conference

THE Myanmar delegation led by Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung that arrived in Laos for the 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Air Chiefs Conference – 19<sup>th</sup> AACC met with Laos Air Chief Brig-Gen Khamlek Sengphachanh, Brig-Gen Dato Seri Pahlawan Mohd Sharif bin Dato Paduka Haji Ibrahim of Brunei and Air Chief Marshal Alongkorn Vannarot of Thailand separately on 3 November. During the meeting, they discussed closer cooperation between air forces of their nations for humanitarian assistance natural disaster preven-

tive measures and combatting terrorism.

On 4 November, Myanmar delegates attended the 19<sup>th</sup> AACC and the ASEAN Air Chiefs discussed the topic of "Together for Peace and Stability of ASEAN".

Then, Laos Air Chief transferred the ASEAN Air Chief Conference Chairmanship for the 20<sup>th</sup> AACC 2023 to Myanmar. — MNA

Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung takes the group photo at the conference.



## 44 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 7 November, total figure rises to 632,318

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **632,318** after **44** new cases were reported on 7 November 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **606,559** have recovered from disease. Death toll registers **19,485** without more casualties.

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

## Donations offered to Jotikayon Pali University Monastery in Pyay

FAMILY members of Dr Hla Myint and Daw Mya Mya Win from Mayangon Township in Yangon Region donated Kathina robes to Jotikayon Pali University Monastery in Pyay on the morning of 7 November, the full-moon day of Tazaungmone.

They donated K10 million for meals and K5 million for electricity cost of the monastery. The Pariyatti Sasana Nuggaha Association chairman and members accepted the donation, and the certificate of honour was returned to well-wishers.

Ovadacariva Agga Maha Gandhavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Ottama Siri of the Laysu Datpyaw Shwesandaw Pagoda gave sermons to the donors. —Maung Shwe Win (Pyay)/GNLM



# Pagodas including Shwedagon packed with pilgrims on full moon day of Tazaungmone

ON Tazaungmone full moon day, it was recognized as a day of Samañaphala marking the day on which Buddha delivered Samañaphala Sutta to King Ajatasattu. Stars and constellations are in perfect condition on the full moon day of Tazaungmone and lighting festivals are also held.

The Samañaphala Day ceremony was held at Shwedagon Pagoda by the pagoda board of trustees yesterday. The pagoda board of trustees, staff and religious organizations donated alms meals, flowers, water, fruits and oil lamps at the pavilion first.

Then, they offered gold-

en lotus robes to five Buddha images after going round the pagoda clockwise. They took Nine Precepts from the State Ovada Cariya Sayadaw of the Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees and donated offerings to Sayadaws. They shared merits after donating day meals to Sayadaws.



At the Shwedagon Pagoda. PHOTOS: LATT LATT (MNA)



The oil lamps were offered to the Shwedagon Pagoda in the evening.

Similarly, the 38<sup>th</sup> Mathoe robe donation ceremony of Botahtaung Pagoda and the Buddha consecration Consecration and Paritta reciting ceremonies of Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagoda were held on the same morning.

Moreover, boards of trustees of famous pagodas in the Yangon Region offered alms meals, flowers, water, candles and fruits to pagodas and held Samañaphala Day ceremo-

nies on the full moon day of Tazaungmone. People across the nation celebrated Mathoe robe donation ceremonies, alms meals donation ceremonies, Paritta reciting ceremonies and Kathina festivals.

Moreover, lighting festivals were also held at offices, wards and streets and places were crowded with people for funfairs. People's Square, Maha Bandoola Park and other significant places were also decorated with colourful light bulbs. — Ko Ko Zaw, Kyaw Soe Win/GNLM

# Mandalay packed with people on Tazaungmone full moon day

BUDDHISTS celebrate the festivals of Tazaungmone full moon day – Samañaphala Day. Pagodas, temples and resorts in Mandalay were crowded with pilgrims and visitors yesterday.

People celebrated the Tazaungdaing lighting festival, Matho robe-offering ceremony, Kathina robe-offering ceremony and oil lamp offering at pagodas, temples and monasteries. Kathina robe offerings were also held at respective monasteries by families and associations

along with merit sharing after doing meritorious deeds and donating refreshments.

One of Mandalay's famous pagodas – Mahamuni Buddha Image – received its ritual of daily face washing led by the Yaytaw Sayadaw with lay helpers yesterday morning. Alms, water and flowers were offered after the sacred Matho robe was donated to the Buddha image. Religious associations recited Pathana.

In addition, the city park on



strand road, resorts in Pathingyi township, the Taungthaman Lake in Amarapura township and U Bein Bridge were alive with a teeming crowd of

families, friends and visitors.

It is reported that other famous pagodas in Mandalay were also packed with pilgrims and devotees across the country

for offering robes, alms, water, flowers and fruits and donating various traditional food. — Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)/GNLM



# Nay Pyi Taw pagodas crowded with visitors on full moon day of Tazaungmone

OF 12 months in Myanmar, Tazaungmone is the eighth month and a significant month as the Buddha delivered Samānaphala Sutta to the audience led by King Ajatasattu on the full moon day. Buddhists keep the sabbath, recite Pathan and Paritta, donate Kathina robes, celebrate Kathina donation ceremonies and make good deeds on that day.

Moreover, the pagodas in Nay Pyi Taw Council area are also packed with pilgrims. In the morning, the 14<sup>th</sup> Tazaungdaing

golden lotus robe donation ceremony was held at Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw.

It was attended by Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Tin Oo Lwin, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Aye Tun, council members and the deputy commander and other relevant officials.

During the 141<sup>st</sup> completion ceremony of the 141<sup>st</sup> Maha Pathana recitation ceremony, the audience took Nine Precepts from Ovada Cariya of Pagoda Presiding Sayadaw of Inntha

East Monastery Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Pandita.

Then, officials donated the offertories to the monks and shared merits.

The white-elephant camp, religious item stalls and souvenir shops were also crowded with visitors.

In the evening, the people donated oil lamps at the pagoda platform and there were also groups of people at the fireworks display in Taboung field near the pagoda.



At the Uppatasanti Pagoda.



Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Park. PHOTOS: KOGYI HTEIN

Similarly, famous pagodas in Nay Pyi Taw were crowded with religious organization members, locals, staff, and pilgrims across the nation. Moreover, streets and roads were packed with people celebrating the Kathina ceremony, Neikban Zay and the shopping centres and places of recreation were also packed with visitors.

The well-known DJ music and the band also entertained visitors at the night market

festival of Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Park.

People offered candlelight and oil lamps at pagodas and houses and Mezali (Cassia siamea) salad and Pantthaku (kind of discarding cash or materials).

The health workers and members of the Red Cross Society distributed masks to pilgrims and the traffic police and security members also provided security measures for the people. — Tet Thitsa/GNLM

## Public Notice

1. The Anti-Corruption Commission has established corruption prevention units within ministries to effectively curb corruption.
2. The ACC used SMS on the mobile phone to ask the public who seek services at an office of the department of the relevant ministries via Short Code No “1111” for feedbacks, including the Public Feedback Programme-PFP.
3. According to the PFP, the right replies of the citizens via Short Code No “1111” will provide the quality of services of each department and the requirements for corruption prevention to be fixed.
4. Therefore, the public should make a reply to the questions of the ACC and corruption prevention units of the ministries via SMS at Short Code No “1111” and such doing is a supportive measure for PFP, and the people are urged to cooperate in the operations.

*Anti-Corruption Commission*

*Answer “1111” to fight against corruption*

*Answer “1111” to improve services*

*Let's work together to eliminate corruption towards prosperity*

## Myanmar delegation to attend cooperation meeting between 7<sup>th</sup> World One Health Congress 2022 and Timarsat foundation in Singapore



Myanmar delegates are seen before departing for Singapore.

THE Myanmar delegation consisting of medical superintendents and officials from the Ministry of Health is going to attend the cooperation meeting between the 7<sup>th</sup> World One Health Congress 2022 and Timarsat foundation which is held in Singapore from 7 to 11 November. The delegation left Yangon for Singapore by air on 6 November.

At the meeting, medical sciences related to health will be discussed and international experts will exchange experiences regarding healthcare quality improvement of hospitals. — MNA

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# OPINION

## Focus on timely completion of hydropower projects

**E**LECTRICITY is essential for all industries and works operations. Hence, electricity must be supplied to micro, small and medium-scale enterprises which play a key role in the development of the nation, local production industries and factories as well as public residences for electricity consumption. Depending on the availability of natural resources, the Ministry of Electric Power is implementing cost-effective hydropower projects one after another to generate electricity at least harming the natural environment and social environment.

If electricity projects are successfully implemented, local businesses will surge whereas the local people will have to enjoy a higher living standard as well as create job opportunities. As

such, the is focusing on the soonest electrification for the people and searches the sites to implement the electricity projects for the people to always consume the electricity.

In this regard, the projects must minimize the environmental and social impacts. As these projects are purposed for the people, those people need to cooperate with the authorities and relevant ministries in implementation processes. Although hydropower projects take a long time for implementation with high costs, these much benefit the State.

As Myanmar is teeming with a various number of rivers and creeks, the implementation of hydropower projects is a smooth process. Currently, the upper Kengtawng hydropower project is being implemented on Namting Creek, 14 miles southwest of Kengtawng in Shan State (South) for generating electricity for

the people.

The project is being implemented on the zone-type gravel-filled dam with the 1,800 feet long and 230 feet high main embankment. The dam can store 104,000 acre-feet of water at the full brim. The power station of the project will be installed with three 17-megawatt turbines to generate 50 megawatts as well as 267 million kilowatt hours on a yearly basis.

So far, the project has been completed by 72.20 per cent, and it is slated to complete the project at 76.57 per cent by the 2022-23 financial year. As such, now is the time to strive for timely completion of the project so as to benefit the people in time.

As the government is making efforts for ensuring the prosperity and sufficiency of food, the electrification process is crucial for nation-building endeavours. According to the report, the whole Upper Kengtawng Hydropower Project is slated to complete in March 2025. As such, not only the government but also those relevant ministries and local people are to participate in the implementation of other hydropower projects across the nation in order to feed the electricity to the national grid which will distribute electricity to the people from necessary areas.

# The concept of “crowd guard” born from the tragedy in Japan

SUZUKA YOSHIDA

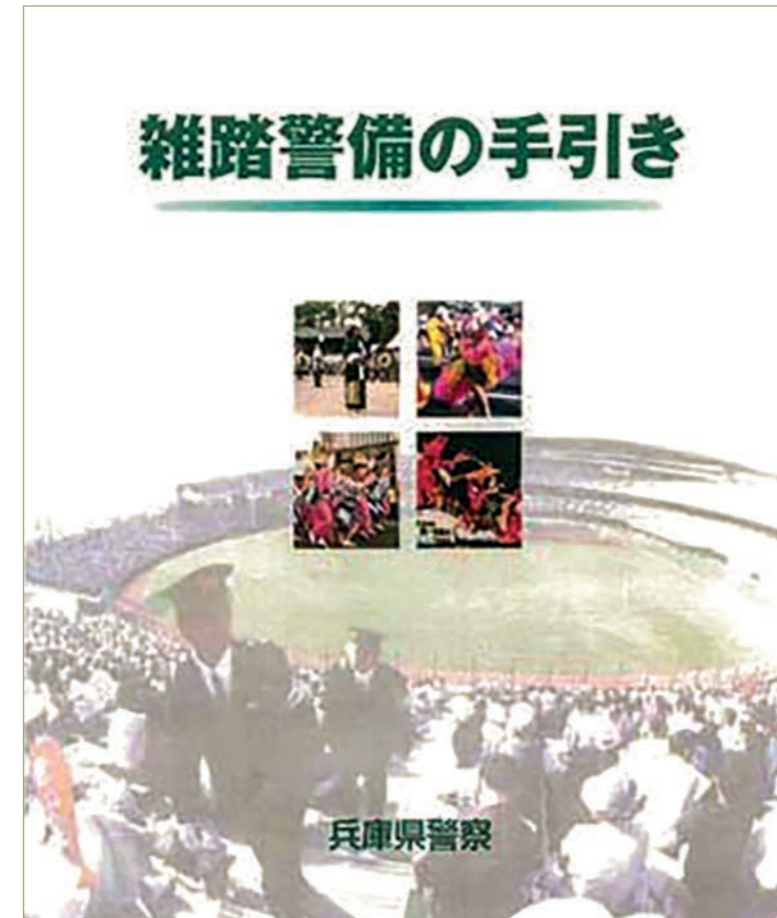
**I**N Seoul, the capital of South Korea, 156 young people were crushed to death due to overcrowding when they went to the downtown area with the intention of going to a Halloween party. The 4 metres x 32 metres = 128 square metres space was packed with people, and there was no space for the lungs to move when breathing. There were places where people were piled up in seven layers, but most of them died standing up because they couldn't breathe.

Every year in Japan, young people dress up in costumes and go out to Shibuya in Tokyo to make noise at intersections and streets, too. Unlike events, there are no organizers. Four years ago, a police car was overturned and young people danced on top of it. Also, in 2001, there was an accident in Hyogo Prefecture where people on their way to see fireworks gathered together and a large number of people were piled up due to crowd pressure, resulting in 11 fatalities. Also, similar accidents had happened in the past, and the Japanese police were aware of the importance of the stage before an accident occurred. Using the 2001 accident, the Hyogo Prefectural Police established the concept of “crowd guard,” and published a handbook that systematically summarizes theory and practice. In this column, I would like to introduce the key concepts, theories, and strategies that can be used as a reference from the handbook.

### Concept – Systematic theory – Engineering experiment – Preparation of manual

Not limited to this case, the government must first define the concept and define the applicable scope, then build a theory, and decide how to deal with it. Therefore, the handbook begins with an explanation of the concept of “crowd.”

Large numbers of people acting for their personal purpose of entertainment have gathered or created crowds on their way to other places. This is the concept of “crowd”. Indeed, the characteristic of



“Crowd Guard Guide” issued in December 2002 including 120 pages total produced by Hyogo Prefectural Police. Its contents are: The threat of crowds, Basic Matters, Crowd, From planning to implementation of crowd control, Examples of crowd accidents, Reference Materials, References/Conclusion.

the accident in Seoul was that it occurred by accident on a public road where an unspecified number of people go and go, unlike security guards in a closed space. Since there is no organizer, no common purpose such as labour movement or political activity, there is no ordering organization or authority. Nobody can predict what will happen, and nobody has a plan for what to do. Therefore, when plenty of people come together to form crowds, the risk of the unpredictability of what they will do or what will happen increases.

“Crowd Guard” to guard crowds against such risks means that when there is a risk of an accident or confusion occurring, the activities of the police force will help alleviate congestion, prevent crime, regulate traffic, etc. to prevent accidents. The gist of it is as follows.

- Accurate situational judgment,
- Promotion of a security system that assumes all kinds of situations (do not let the crowd stay, calm down, early response, etc.),
- Proactive guidance and advice to organizers and other stakeholders,
- Ensuring cooperation with the organizer and related organizations.

### 13 people per square metre are the limit of crowd density

What density is the crowd dangerously stuck?

The formula for rejecting the crowd density is;

Number of people in the crowd ÷ Area occupied by the crowd = Crowd density

There are results measured by university engineering department professors. That's 13 people per square meter.

crowd density	condition per 1m <sup>2</sup>
5 people	Clothes next to each other pass each other
6 people	You can pick up things at your feet and rotate your body freely
7 people	You feel pressure in your shoulders and elbows
8 people	Barely interruptible between people
9 people	Difficult to interrupt people
10 people	It is difficult to raise and lower hands due to the pressure resistance from the four enclosures.
11 or more	The resistance to pressure from the surroundings is intense, and the body cannot move, causing pain (screaming).

Add clothing and bag volume to this, and the limit appears to be even lower.

In the case of Itaewon, Seoul, 40 m x 3.2 m = 128m<sup>2</sup>

Looking at the photos, it seems that there were more than 15 people per square meter.

Moreover, both sides of the slope were allowed up and down. It is easy imagining how the crowd was crammed to the point that it was impossible to breathe while people were jostling each other as like making SUSHI.

### Necessary preliminary survey, planning and implementation

When an unspecified number of people are expected to gather at an event, the police who have jurisdiction over the area conduct preliminary inspections of the site and survey the topography. Investigate the flow lines of how people move from public transportation such as slopes, road widths, and stations. For example, if the street spreads radially or has a sloping mortar shape, people tend to stay at the bottom of the mortar because people are coming and going out at the same time. Tend. In order to avoid crowding, it is necessary to create a flow of people and adjust the volume according to traffic rules. While doing such a simulation, Police should make a plan for a security system such as where and how many police officers are



DJ Police standing on the top of the command car at the Shibuya Scramble Crossing on 31 October 2022. Since the first DJ Police in 2013, the police officer who plays the role of crowd guard has become the star of the Riot Police Public Relations Department. They have to pass a rigorous test called the Publicity Skills Test. However, they don't play music, so it's more correct to call them MC Police, not DJs. Photographed by the author.

needed, what time to enter the scene, where to set up a control line, etc.

It is also important to cooperate with surrounding private businesses. Have a discussion with the chairperson of the shopping district about whether the stalls will be set up in a certain place or not. The chairperson informs each shopkeeper of the matters discussed with the police. Private networks increase the effectiveness of security.

Well, on the day of the event, there are some things that you should keep in mind. That is the “understanding” and “cooperation” of the crowd. For example, when a police officer says to a crowd, “Please go this way” or “Wait a minute”, the effect can be demonstrated only if the people understand its intention and cooperate with them. It is important to have a sense of “guiding” rather than “cracking down” or “regulating”. In order to shorten the distance between judicial institutions and the public, it is important to establish a habit of greeting each other on a daily basis and taking care of each other. In a country without it, it would be difficult to guard against crowds.

### “DJ Police” was born in Japan!

There is a method I would like to introduce as a way to guide the crowd safely and smoothly. It's a method that a police officer named DJ Police leads a crowd. There is no visible equipment but just a method that was born by pure chance.

It was 4 June 2013, the night Japan's national football team concluded to qualify for the FIFA World Cup. A riot police officer in charge of security (involved in a task that often takes stricter measures than ordinary police officers) calls for rules with a sense of humour at the Shibuya scramble crossing in Tokyo, Japan, which is crowded with

many young people.

A male officer holding a microphone on the top of the command car said, “I don't want to get angry on such a good day. We are teammates. Please listen to what your teammates' Players say.” “Please progress slowly with teamwork like the Japanese national team. If you got injured, your participation in the World Cup will have a bad aftertaste.” Police officers with angry faces don't mean to hate you. I'm happy to participate in the World Cup, too,” he said with humour.

The call was met with cheers and laughter from the streets. “Hi Cops!” a cry broke out. The police officer immediately replied, “I'm happy to cheer you on, but I'd be happier if you all stepped onto the sidewalk. “The figure of the police officer calling out to the crowd with a microphone was leaked on the Internet, and it came to be called “DJ Police”.

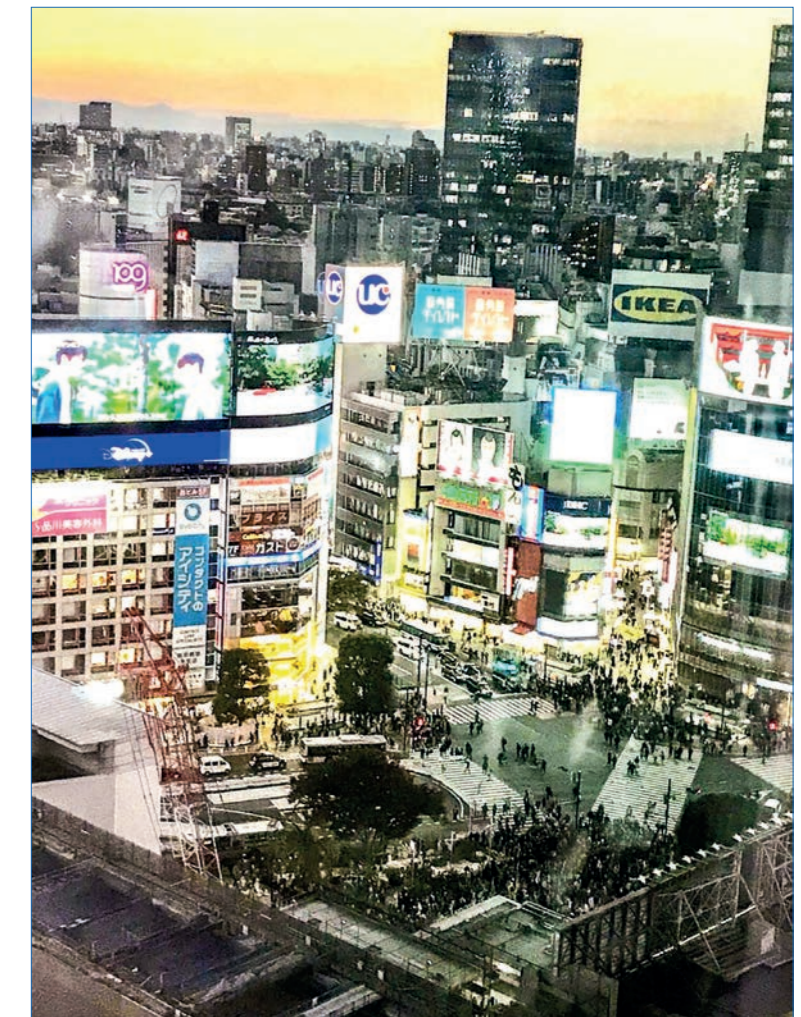
The morning has come without any arrests or injuries. And DJ Police and another female police officer won the Superintendent General Award. DJ Police was admired for bringing order to the crowd with his voice rather than his weapon. Polices across the country have seen an increase in the number of young cops who hope to become DJ police.

Of course, because Japan and South Korea do not have the prevalence of weapons, the police will not stop you even if you hide your face under your mask, and you will not be suspected of hiding a weapon under your clothes. It can be said that “crowd guard” is possibly implemented only in a country with good public order and democracy.

Source:

<https://www.police.pref.hyogo.lg.jp/zattou/index.htm> (Crowd Guard Guide)

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On 31 October 2022, the Shibuya scramble crossing in Tokyo is approaching dusk. It is famous as an intersection where people rush from all directions. Photographed by the author.



## CURRENT AFFAIRS

### 1,347 students admitted to join 1<sup>st</sup> MB courses of medical and dental universities



The Mandalay University of Medicine, where medical professionals are produced.

THE Ministry of Health announced that a total of 1,347 youths who passed the 2022 matriculation examination were admitted to the first MB courses of medical universities and dental universities.

The list of students who passed their matriculation exam with Chemistry, Physics, and Biology combination, has been released to enter the first MB courses of medical and dental universities under the Department of Human Resources for Health, according to the Ministry of Health.

According to the list of admissions, 345 students were admitted to Yangon University of Medicine-1, 272 to Mandalay University of Medicine, 337 to Yangon University of Medicine-2, 121 to Magway University of Medicine, 48 to Taunggyi University of Medicine, 145 to Yangon University of Dental Medicine and 79 to Mandalay University of Dental Medicine, totalling 1,347, according to the source of the Ministry of Health.

For those who passed the university entrance exam in 2022, the preliminary selection was based on the total scores of six subjects obtained in the entrance exam of 2022 and based on the plus/minus scores of three subjects (English, Chemistry and Biology).

Those who have been preliminarily selected, took an oral exam and a psychometric (written) test.

The final selection of the applicants for medical and dental universities was based on the scores in three subjects and the total scores of the oral exam.—TWA/GNLM

### Onion price expected to change in post-Tazaungdaing period

NEWLY harvested monsoon onions are likely to keep flowing into the market these days, according to a market report of Myingyan Commodity Centre.

The maximum price of monsoon onion is K2,700 per viss, whereas it is still K1,000 per viss lower than the summer old onion's price.

Following the entry of monsoon onions to the depots outside the Yangon Region in the post-Tazaungdaing Festival, they are expected to enter the Yangon market as well, some buyers forecast.

The large number of summer onions in the regions outside Yangon are sent to border markets and

the Yangon market also receives a supply of 100,000 visses of onions. Monsoon onions will have low moisture content after the Tazaungdaing holidays from 5 to 7 November. Those monsoon onions can be sold at high prices in the Yangon markets, said onion warehouses in Yangon city.

Chinese onions are also found in Yangon markets, with K2,400 per viss. Those Chinese onions that have the same size as the onions from the Myittha area are priced at K3,000 per viss, Ko Aung, a seller explained to the Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM), saying that he emphasized the morning onion market condition at the Bayintnaung Wholesale Market.

Prior to the Tazaungdaing holidays, the onion price did not increase. The highest price of local onions is K4,300 per viss in the Yangon markets. They fetched

the highest of K3,800 per viss in the regions outside Yangon for the border market. The demand was weak at Bayintnaung Wholesale Market on 5 November, Ko Myint, an onion seller involved in a warehouse located on Tama Street, told the GNLM.

As the traders are organizing a Kathina robe donation drive in the pre-Tazaungdaing Festival, the market will return to normal after that. Those dealers who have summer onion stocks in hand will willingly sell them to buyers from border areas. The growers of monsoon onions are also likely to raise the price while the Chinese onions are expected to flood the market at lower prices in the post-Tazaungdaing festival.

Consumers may choose cheaper Chinese onions and newly harvested monsoon onions over expensive summer onions. Those summer onions will sprout with the coolness of winter, so the market will see the price changes of onions by the end of November. The Yangonites are also observing the market conditions.

Those traders who kept the stocks in their hands muttered regarding the entry of Chinese onions in mid-2022 when the onions prices were rocketing. Nevertheless, there is no complaint about Chinese onions at present after their onions were sold out.

The GNLM quoted Ko Aung as saying that new supply will shake up the market for sure.—TWA/GNLM



Newly harvested monsoon onions are seen entering the Bayintnaung Wholesale Market these days.



### MoH announces “Asia Shwe Kyel” as unsuitable arthritis medicine

THE Ministry of Health announced on 5 November that the Asia Shwe Kyel brand medicine, an anti-rheumatic medicine, should not be used due to the fact that it is mixed with western medicines and unmentioned ingredients.

It is reported that the Ministry of Health is continuously and systematically checking traditional medicines that are of good quality, safe and beneficial for the public to use. Upon inspection, another medicine found on the market, which

is arthritis medicine, did not mention the original address. Traditional medicine registration number of other medicine TMR number is used.

The medicine is “Asia Shwe Kyel” brand arthritis medicine, and it is Paracetamol, which is mixed with powdered medicine. As a side effect, this drug may cause damage to liver and kidney.

Businesses that manufacture and distribute traditional medicines and pharmacies that sell medicines are not to

sell traditional medicines not registered at the Department of Traditional Medicine, fake medicine, non-standard traditional medicines, and distribute traditional medicines declared unfit for public use. If they do not comply, they will be prosecuted under Sections 31 and 32 of the Traditional Medicines Law.—TWA/GNLM

Sacks of oral medicines are seen unsuitable for the public.



# LOCAL BUSINESS

## Auto sales worth K30 mln brisk; price relates to Kyat-Dollar exchange rate

THE domestic automobile market has a roaring trade of vehicles worth K30 million rather than those valued above K50 million. It is hard to guess the price as it is positively related to the Kyat-Dollar exchange rate, Ko Khin Maung Tun, a car dealer, told the Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

“The automobile deal is pretty good in end-October and early November. Before the Tazaungdaing Festival (5-7 November), automobiles worth approximately K30 million are highly demanded. As some people like to go on road trips with families during the Tazaungdaing holidays, the sales were up again. Yet, vehicles worth more than K50 million are less demanded. The market is expected to raise its head again after the holidays,” Ko Khin Maung Tun pointed out.

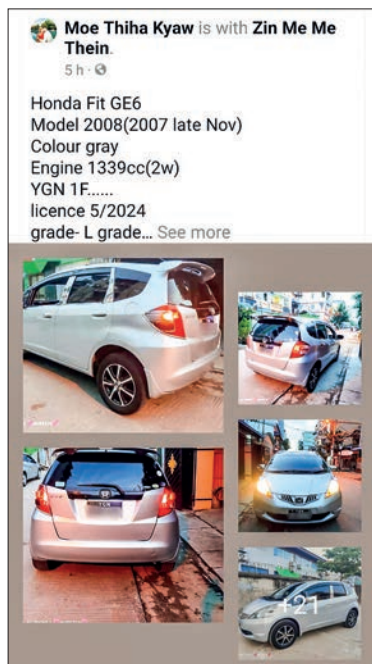
During the period between late August and early September, the dollar exchange rate hit K4,500 in the black market. Therefore, vehicle trade is active. At present, the trade is steadily

going.

“The price is volatile sometimes, causing loss to some investors. The price rise is improbable for now. Those dealers who keep the vehicles in their hands are willing to sell them. Nonetheless, the supply outperforms the demand,” Ko Thein Soe, a car dealer, told the GNLM.

When the strong dollar was exchanged at K4,500 in the markets, the price of the vehicle was up by six digits. As a result of this, the majority of the businessmen sold their cars and held safe-haven assets (pure gold items). Consequently, the price of gold significantly edged up then.

“When Kyat value is depreciating against foreign currencies in the forex market, some investors bought the automobiles in the hope of higher prices. However, the market price goes down and is stable at a certain level. The investors did not make a handsome profit as they expected. When some want to sell them and get their money back, the demand is still low. The market



Facebook posts of car sales are seen on 7 November.

is quite cool at present,” Ko Tin Sein, a dealer, told the GNLM.

The Hilux pickup locally assembled by Toyota Myanmar is priced at K150-200 million. The price of Hilux cars that are to be imported is gradually declining. Those who made orders and advanced purchases are calculating their loss, for now, Ko Tin Sein continued.

When those vehicles produced under the semi-knocked down system were given the go-ahead, a dollar was worth only K1,500. Now, the rate has doubled. The news of electric car import permits is spreading in the market. But the speculating rumour without official statement shakes up the automobile market,” said Ko Thein Soe.

On 10 October, Hozon Auto Company signed a strategic cooperation agreement with Grand Sirius Limited (GSE) for the electric vehicle market.

“People eye electric vehicles. After Myanmar is planning to construct charging stations in Yangon and on the Yangon-Mandalay expressway, it increases the attention of the public. As it is more affordable than gas and diesel-fueled cars, the locals are observing the automobile market, Ko Thein Soe added.

The automobile market climbed in the past three months and it plunges for now. The market in the region outside Yangon is cool. There is regular vehicle trading in Yangon markets.

The price of vehicles worth K30-50 million under the SKD system decreased by K5 million.

“The prices of vehicles were down by K2 million to K10 million depending on brands and specifications. The trade of family used cars is booming online,” Ko Khin Maung Tun told the GNLM.—TWA/GNLM

## Myanmar earns \$10.733 mln from exports to Bangladesh in 7 months

MYANMAR'S export has been surpassing imports in the cross-border trade with Bangladesh and 8,620.7 tonnes of exports to Bangladesh was estimated at US\$10.733 million be-

tween April and October in the 2022-2023 financial year.

Myanmar's fishery export accounted for 65 per cent and dried groceries constituted 35 per cent in Myanmar's two border

posts with Bangladesh; Sittway and Maungtauw border posts. The fishery products include farmed rohu, hilsa, mackerel, dried anchovy and dried fish powder. Tamarind, onion, ginger, dried

jujube powder, jaggery, longyi and clothes are also exported.

The values of fishery products to Bangladesh via two border posts stood at \$6.318 million (7,093.413 tonnes) in the 2019-2020FY, \$4.76 million (5,010.7 tonnes) in the 2020-2021FY and \$13.987 million (11,362.97 tonnes) in the 2021-2022 six-month mini-budget period (October-March).

“Bangladesh increasingly purchases locally farmed rohu. Myanmar's border trade with Bangladesh sees a trade surplus. The import is extremely less. The traders called for a legitimate trade of cattle as well. There are many steps to do if that normal trade can generate revenue for the two countries and curb inflation in border areas. Myanmar's border export with Bangladesh amounted to

\$10.733 million in the past seven months this FY. The surplus of trade can increase the interest of the entrepreneurs, fish farmers and growers,” U Thet Oo, head of the Rakhine State Fisheries Department, said.

The Maungtauw border post in Rakhine State has been suspended since the end of September. The export is flowing out of the Sittway border post to Bangladesh. Trade via the Maungtauw border saves time and trade flow is smooth. It takes about five hours to reach the Bangladesh border through Sittway.

Myanmar bagged a total of \$10.733 million from exports of 8,620 tonnes to Bangladesh in the past seven months. The State also received revenue of \$24,100 from licence fees of 26 vessels plying to Bangladesh's Port. —Nyein Thu (MNA)/GNLM



Export goods are loaded onto the vessel on the Myanmar-Bangladesh border.

# ECONOMY WORLD

## Japan aims to revive inbound tourism to pre-pandemic levels by 2025



Tourists from abroad arrive at Tokyo's Haneda airport on 11 October 2022, as Japan significantly eased COVID-19 border controls in hopes of shoring up its severely battered tourism industry. **PHOTO: KYODO**

JAPAN will aim to have inbound tourism recover to pre-pandemic levels by 2025, the tourism agency said Monday, with travel demand expected to return in line with a recovery in global air traffic. The plan outlining goals for

2025, presented by the Japan Tourism Agency at a meeting of experts, also seeks to have the number of overnight stays in regional areas by foreign visitors increase from the 2019 total of 43.09 million.

The Cabinet of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida is set to approve the plan, which gained a broad consensus at Monday's meeting, at the end of March after considering specific measures.

In 2019, prior to the outbreak of the global coronavirus pandemic, a record 31.88 million tourists visited Japan. But the number fell sharply following the outbreak of COVID-19, totaling only 4.12 million in 2020 and 250,000 in 2021.—Kyodo

## Digital economy becomes China's major growth engine: white paper

CHINA'S digital economy, ranking second worldwide for many years, has become a major growth engine for the country, according to a white paper published Monday.

The white paper titled "Jointly Build a Community with a Shared Future in Cyberspace" was released by China's State Council Information Office.

By 2021, the value of China's digital economy had reached 45.5 trillion yuan, accounting for 39.8 per cent of its GDP, said the white paper.

By June 2022, there were 1.05 billion internet users in China, and the internet penetration rate had reached 74.4

per cent, read the white paper, adding that the country hosts the world's largest 5G network and becomes one of the global leaders in 5G standards and technology, with 1.85 million 5G cell towers and 455 million 5G cell phone subscribers.

With the BeiDou-3 global navigation satellite system now operational, and beginning to provide global services in July 2020, the BeiDou industrial system is in place and provides notable economic and social benefits, the white paper said, adding that China's satellite navigation and positioning services generated 469 billion yuan of industrial output in 2021.—Xinhua

## Viet Nam's wood export up 11.4% in 10 months

VIET Nam exported nearly 13.5 billion US dollars worth of wood and wood products in the first 10 months of this year, up 11.4 per cent year on year, according to the country's General Statistics Office on Monday.

In October alone, the country raked in about 1.2 billion dollars from exporting wood and wood products, posting a 25.9-per-cent year-on-year increase.

Viet Nam targets to become the world's leading wood processing hub for export. Its wood export turnover is forecasted to reach 25 billion dollars by 2030, according to the administration.

However, the wood sector is facing difficulties as the inflation in many major countries may make consumers tighten their spending and wood orders in key markets decline, said Bui Chinh Nghia, deputy director-general of the Viet Nam Administration of Forestry.

In 2021, Viet Nam reaped over 14.8 billion dollars from exporting wood and wood products, which increased 19.7 per cent year on year and accounted for 4.4 per cent of the country's total export revenue, with China, Japan, and the United States among the major markets.—Xinhua

## Indonesia Q3 growth rises but remains below forecasts

INDONESIA'S economic growth accelerated in the third quarter of 2022 on the back of strong exports and domestic consumption, official data showed on Monday, but it remained below forecasts.

It was the biggest jump for Southeast Asia's largest economy in more than a year, rising from 5.44 per cent in the second quarter to 5.72 per cent for the period between July and September, the Central Statistics Agency said.

The Indonesian economy performed better compared to the same period last year, when the country suffered tightened restrictions following a wave of cases of Covid-19's Delta strain.

Jakarta has also enjoyed some economic stability owing



This aerial picture shows a row of housing units (bottom) in downtown Jakarta on 1 November 2022. **PHOTO: BAY ISMOYO / AFP**

to soaring commodity prices after Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February. Indonesia is a major exporter of coal, petroleum gas, gold, nickel and palm oil, among other commodities.—AFP

## S Korea not facing liquidity risk in overall financial system: financial watchdog chief

SOUTH Korea's financial watchdog chief said Monday that the country has not been facing liquidity risk in its overall financial system amid rising worry about a credit crunch.

Lee Bok-hyun, chief of the Financial Supervisory Service (FSS), told foreign correspondents in Seoul that volatility in South Korea's economy and financial market grew on the back of the expanded external risk

factors, driven by rapid interest rate hikes in major economies and higher energy prices.

Despite the recent funding difficulty in short-term money markets, Lee noted that it was not believed to have been liquidity trouble with the overall financial system.

Worry emerged here over the credit crunch following an insurer's postponement to exercise its bond repayment option

and a local government-backed developer's failure to repay bonds.

Heungkuk Life Insurance decided last week to delay the redemption of new capital securities worth 500 million US dollars on the first call date of 9 November.

The new capital securities, also dubbed perpetual bonds with a call option, refer to a hybrid instrument with no or very

long maturity like equity but a fixed coupon rate offered to investors like bond.

If an issuer with the call option to buy back the perpetual bonds fails to exercise the option, investors generally see it as at least signs of a credit crunch.

The market confidence was already aggravated by a rare default of the asset-backed commercial paper (ABCP) from

Gangwon Jungdo Development Corp, the developer of the Legoland Korea theme park to east of the country, which was 44 per cent owned by the Gangwon provincial government.

The announcement of the default by the state-backed real estate developer with the highest credit rating boosted concerns about other property development projects.—Xinhua

## New Zealand locks horns with Canada in dairy trade row

NEW Zealand's trade minister accused Canada on Monday of having "locked out" his nation's farmers in a dispute over dairy exports destined to be settled by an independent panel.

Damien O'Connor said the Canadians are "not living up" to promises made under a 2018 trans-Pacific free trade agreement to allow dairy products into Canada.

"This is impacting New Zealand exporters, who remain effectively locked out of the Canadian market," O'Connor said in a statement.

The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership was signed in 2018 by Canada, New Zealand and nine other countries in the Asia-Pa-

cific region.

New Zealand first said in May it had beef with Canada's administration of tariff rate quotas to allow dairy products to be imported with lower import taxes.

New Zealand started dispute settlement proceedings against the Canadians over lost dairy market access — worth about \$40 million over two years — which "did not resolve matters", O'Connor said.

"New Zealand has therefore made the decision to request the establishment of a panel to hear and decide the dispute," he said.

New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern revealed Monday that she had already told her Canadian counterpart

Justin Trudeau "to his face" that her nation would escalate the trade dispute.

"I think it would be unusual that given the amount of contact we have for me not to raise the issue. Our relationship with Canada means I can be very forthright," Ardern told reporters in Wellington.

She said she had told Trudeau "we were at an impasse" and that Ardern didn't "see any reason why we should have officials continue a back and forth" which would only "waste time".

"If we can speak frankly as leaders and know we are between ourselves not going to be able to resolve it, it was time to escalate. That's what we've done," Ardern added.

There has been no official response from Canadian representatives. Diplomatic officials in Wellington said a response would have to come from Ottawa.

The government in Wellington wants three experts on the neutral panel, to be chosen by Canada and New Zealand, to settle the row.—AFP



A photo taken on 13 August 2022 shows a herd of cows during milking time on a dairy farm near Cambridge in New Zealand's Waikato region, known for its fertile land and dairy industry. PHOTO: AFP

## German industrial output posts unexpected Sept bounce



Employees of German car producer Porsche AG work on a Porsche Taycan electric sports car at the Porsche production site in Stuttgart, southwestern Germany, on 26 September 2022. PHOTO: AFP

GERMAN industrial production rose surprisingly in September, official figures published Monday showed, despite concerns the economy was slipping towards recession amid soaring energy costs.

Output increased 0.6 per cent in September on the previous month, according to preliminary data from federal statistics

agency Destatis.

Revised figures showed that output figures fell by 1.2 per cent in August on a month, more than previously reported.

Despite the rise in September, analysts and officials remain pessimistic about the outlook for the German economy, as Europe's powerhouse is squeezed by elevated en-

ergy costs. "The mood among companies is still very low and demand is noticeably decreasing," the economy ministry said in a statement.

In energy-intensive industries, such as chemicals or metals, production fell in September by 0.9 per cent, according to Destatis.

An "extreme shortage of intermediate products", resulting from the coronavirus pandemic and the war in Ukraine, also continued to drag on production.

Despite the strong headwinds, German GDP grew in the third quarter from July to September by 0.3 per cent.

"Industry didn't fall off a cliff in the third quarter but stagnated," said Carsten Brzeski, head of macro at the ING bank.—AFP

## Viet Nam's automobile import up 12% in 10 months

VIET Nam spent more than 7.8 billion US dollars on importing completely-built automobiles and components for assembly in the first 10 months of this year, posting a year-on-year rise of 12 per cent.

The country imported 128,996 completely-built automobiles worth approximately three billion dollars in the 10-month period, down 0.4 per cent in volume and up three per cent in value, according to the country's Gen-

eral Statistics Office on Monday.

Last year, Viet Nam spent nearly 8.7 billion dollars importing automobiles and components for assembly, up 36.2 per cent against 2020, according to the office.—Xinhua

## Australians expected to spend big in upcoming "Black Friday" sales

A report from the Australian Retailers Association (ARA) has shown that Aussie shoppers are expected to spend big during the country's two most anticipated shopping events, "Black Friday" and "Cyber Monday" in late November.

According to the report released on Monday, the sales are forecasted to reach 6.2 billion Australian dollars (about four

billion US dollars), an increase of 200 million Australian dollars (about 129 million US dollars) from last year.

It also cited data from the customer relationship management platform Salesforce's Holiday Insights Hub, which suggested that around a quarter of Christmas shopping is set to be completed in the Black Friday week, and

33 per cent would already be completed in the first three weeks of November.

"We know that many people are more conscious about their household budgets with the cost of living going up and interest rates on the rise, so the Black Friday sales are an ideal time to complete your Christmas purchases, save money and ensure that your gifts are delivered on time,"

said ARA Chief Executive Officer Paul Zahra.

Last week, Australia's central bank lifted the cash rate to 2.85 per cent in a bid to rein in the country's "too high" inflation. The consumer price index (CPI), which measures the cost of major goods, had also risen to a 7.3 per cent year-on-year increase, the highest it has been in more than three decades.—Xinhua

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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# GLOBAL AFFAIRS

## World leaders gather for climate talks under cloud of crises



Participants enter the Green Zone during the COP27 climate summit at the Sharm El Sheikh International Convention Centre, in Egypt's Red Sea resort of the same name, on 7 November 2022. **PHOTO: MOHAMMED ABED / AFP**

WORLD leaders meeting Monday for climate talks in Egypt are under pressure to deepen cuts in emissions and financially back developing countries already devastated by the effects of rising temperatures.

The UN's COP27 climate

summit in the Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh comes as nations worldwide are facing increasingly intense natural disasters that have taken thousands of lives this year alone and cost billions of dollars.

At the opening ceremony on

Sunday, COP27 officials urged governments to keep up efforts to combat climate change despite the economic crises linked to Russia's war on Ukraine, an energy crunch, soaring inflation and the persistent Covid-19 pandemic.

"The fear is other priorities take precedence," top United Nations climate change official Simon Stiell told a news conference.

The "fear is that we lose another day, another week, another month, another year — because we can't", he said.

The world must slash greenhouse emissions 45 per cent by 2030 to cap global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius above late-19th-century levels.

But current trends would see carbon pollution increase 10 per cent by the end of the decade and Earth's surface heat up 2.8C, according to findings unveiled in recent days.—AFP

## Biden, Trump rally troops on eve of crucial midterms

JOE Biden and Donald Trump headline a frantic last day of campaigning Monday on the eve of a midterm election that will shape the rest of the US president's term — and could pave the way for a White House comeback by his predecessor.

Biden's Democrats are facing a gargantuan struggle to hang on to Congress, after a race the president has cast as a "defining" moment for US democracy — though kitchen-table issues like inflation have largely dominated the campaign.

Republicans are comfortably placed to snatch a House majority on Tuesday, and many Democrats fear the Senate also slipping away in a defeat that would see Biden's foes in near total charge of legislation during his last two years in the White House.

Polls show most Amer-

icans are anxious about the economy and feel the country is on the wrong track, emboldening Republican candidates in districts that once looked out of reach.

With all 435 seats in the House of Representatives up for grabs alongside a third of the 100-member Senate and a slew of state posts, Democrats were putting a brave face on their prospects.

"The party in the White House usually loses during midterms but the reality is we still have a very strong pathway, not just to keeping the Senate but really picking up seats," New Jersey's Cory Booker told ABC on Sunday.

Democratic candidates have been lent star power on the campaign trail by the party's most popular elder statesmen, including previous presidents Barack Obama and Bill Clinton.—AFP

## Planet Earth: 8 bln humans and dwindling resources

ARE eight billion humans too many for planet Earth? As we reach this milestone on 15 November, most experts say the bigger problem is the overconsumption of resources by the wealthiest residents.

"Eight billion people, it is a momentous milestone for humanity," said United Nations Population Fund chief Natalia Kanem, hailing an increase in life expectancy and fewer maternal and child deaths.

"Yet, I realize this moment might not be celebrated by all. Some express concerns that our world is overpopulated. I am here to say clearly that the

sheer number of human lives is not a cause for fear."

So, are there too many of us for Earth to sustain?

Many experts say that this is the wrong question. Instead of the fear of overpopulation, we should focus on the overconsumption of the planet's resources by the wealthiest among us.

"Too many for whom, too many for what? If you ask me, am I too many? I don't think so," Joel Cohen of Rockefeller University's Laboratory of Populations told AFP.

He said the question of how many people Earth can support

has two sides: natural limits and human choices.

**'Stupid and greedy'**

Our choices result in humans consuming far more biological resources, such as forests and land, than the planet can regenerate each year.

The overconsumption of fossil fuels, for example, leads to more carbon dioxide emissions, responsible for global warming.

We would need the biocapacity of 1.75 Earths to sustainably meet the needs of the current population, according to the Global Footprint Network and WWF NGOs.—AFP



This picture taken on 23 October 2022 shows people walking in a market in Jalandhar. The global population will breach the symbolic level of eight billion on 15 November, according to the UN. **PHOTO: SHAMMI MEHRA / AFP**

## New Zealand strengthens efforts to fight money laundering, terrorism financing

THE New Zealand government is strengthening its efforts to clamp down on money laundering and terrorism financing, making it easier for small businesses and consumers to comply.

"Our country is a safe place to do business, but we want to do as much as possible to disrupt the criminal economy, and improve how we detect, deter and

eliminate money laundering," said Justice Minister Kiri Allan.

New Zealand is one of the least corrupt countries in the world, which also makes it more attractive for international money-launderers, Allan said, adding money laundering can threaten the country's international reputation.

The justice minister cited an evaluation by the Financial

Action Task Force last year which found New Zealand was a highly effective international partner contributing to foreign investigations and tenaciously pursuing money laundering globally.

The government is now introducing changes aimed at improving the regime, following a review of the Anti-Money Laundering and Countering Fi-

nancing of Terrorism Act, she said.

The review also forms part of the government's response to the Royal Commission of Inquiry in response to the 15 March attacks in 2019 in which a gunman killed 51 people in two mosques in the city of Christchurch.

"The act disrupts serious and organized crime, as well as terrorism, by imposing obliga-

tions on businesses that provide specific financial and non-financial services, known as reporting entities," Allan said.

These obligations require reporting entities to assess their money laundering and terrorism financing risks, identify and know their customers, report suspicious activities and transactions, and maintain various records, she added.—Xinhua

## N Korea vows 'overwhelming' response to US-South Korea war games

THE North Korean military said its response to US-South Korean war drills would be "resolute and overwhelming", state media reported Monday.

The warning came after a spate of North Korean weapons tests last week — including an intercontinental ballistic missile — as the United States and South Korea conducted their biggest-ever air force exercise.

The United States and South Korea have warned that such missile launches could culminate in a nuclear test by North Korea.

The North Korean military, formally known as the Korean People's Army (KPA), said it was responding to Vigilant Storm — the US-South Korean exercise — describing it as "an open provocation", according to the official Korean

Central News Agency (KCNA).

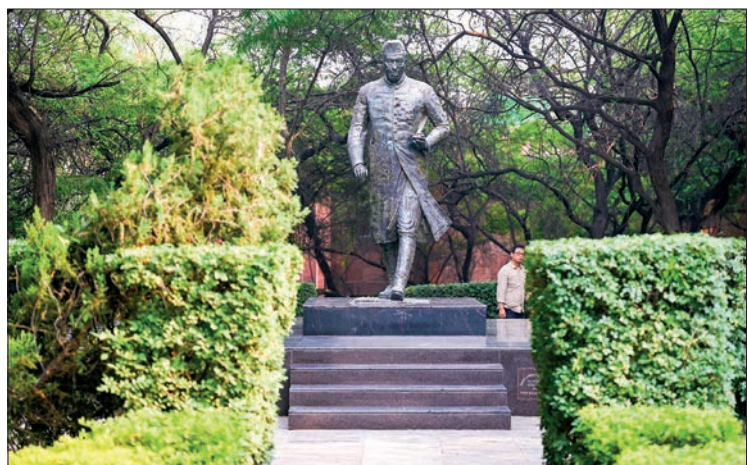
Vigilant Storm was "aimed at intentionally escalating the tension in the region and a dangerous war drill of very high aggressive nature directly targeting" North Korea, the KPA said.

North Korea will respond to all "anti-DPRK war drills" with "sustained, resolute and overwhelming" measures, it said.—AFP



Photo released on 7 November 2022, by Korean Central News Agency shows a missile being launched during North Korean military operations it says were staged from 2 to 5 November. PHOTO: KCNA/KYODO

## India at 75: upending narratives and rewriting history



In this photograph taken on 28 October 2022, a pedestrian walks past a statue of India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru on the campus of Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi. PHOTO: MONEY SHARMA / AFP

THE palatial family home of India's first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru, the freedom

struggle stalwart and close confidant of Mahatma Gandhi, is now a museum where loyalists

come to pay tribute.

But 75 years after independence, that history is being rewritten across the country as the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) seeks to promote its own Hindu nationalist agenda.

Critics accuse the BJP of upending settled narratives to fit its outlook, promoting the roles of its ideological forebears, and downgrading the contributions of Muslims to Indian history and society. The BJP ousted Nehru's Congress party at elections in 2014, after the dynasty he founded had dominated Indian politics for decades.

His daughter Indira Gandhi, who grew up in the house, and grandson Rajiv both went on to become prime ministers.—AFP

## ADB approves 70 mln USD loan to Cambodia for education reforms

THE Manila-based Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a 70-million-US dollar loan to Cambodia to support government efforts to deepen reforms in upper secondary science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education across the country, the lender said in a press statement on Monday.

The Science and Technology Project in Upper Secondary Education will help Cambodia develop high-quality human resources, especially in the STEM field, as the country aspires to transform its economy to a technology-driven and knowledge-based economy, the statement said.

"Given the significant STEM skills gap, the project will help to strengthen Cambodia's education system by upgrading its traditional STEM education to keep up with the growing demand for a highly qualified labour force," said ADB principal education specialist for Southeast Asia Lynnette Perez.

"This will be instrumental for Cambodia to integrate 21<sup>st</sup>-century skills, knowledge, and competencies into its STEM education. This would improve student proficiency in critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, and collaboration, all of which are needed for a knowledge-based economy," she added.—Xinhua

## Japan gov't urged to end free rollout of COVID-19 vaccines

A panel of experts on Monday proposed that the Japanese government end the free rollout of COVID-19 vaccines administered as a special measure, citing concerns over a further deterioration of its fiscal health, already considered one of the worst among major economies.

The Finance Ministry, which convened a subcommittee meeting of the Fiscal System Council, has also said the COVID-19 vaccine inoculation programme should be normalized, as people have started to live with the coronavirus as part of their everyday life and restrictions on social and busi-

ness activities have been lifted.

The government has spent about 17 trillion yen (\$115.55 billion) to aid medical services in the fight against the coronavirus pandemic, with expenditures including the securing of hospital beds and facilitating the supply of vaccines free of charge.

In fiscal 2021 ending March this year, Japan, with a population of 125 million, has administered 257 million coronavirus shots, spending 2.3 trillion yen. Each vaccine shot costs around 9,600 yen.

During their discussions, the ministry said that as is the

case with seasonal influenza and other infectious diseases, those who wish to be vaccinated should pay part of the costs.

It also said COVID-19 antigen testing kits that the government has purchased for distribution free of charge should now be supplied by the private sector.

Given that vaccine development efforts by Japanese companies have not borne fruit, despite backing by a government fund of around 500 billion yen, the ministry said the research and development capability of each firm should be "sufficiently reviewed."—Kyodo



Tokyo Gov Yuriko Koike receives her fifth COVID-19 vaccine shot at the Tokyo metropolitan government headquarters in the Japanese capital on 1 November 2022. PHOTO: KYODO

World leaders gather for climate talks under cloud of crises

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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.

## Liverpool handed Real Madrid rematch in Champions League last 16, PSG draw Bayern

LIVERPOOL will have the chance to avenge last season's Champions League final defeat at the hands of Real Madrid after Jurgen Klopp's side were drawn on Monday to face the holders again in the last 16.

Meanwhile, the other stand-out tie saw Paris Saint-Germain drawn to play Bayern Munich in a repeat of the 2020 final which was won by the German club.

Liverpool won five of their six group games but missed out on top spot to Napoli after losing 4-1 when the sides met in Italy.

The Anfield club also lost the 2018 Champions League final to Real, who won their group ahead of RB Leipzig.



This picture shows the draw result for the round of 16 of the 2022-2023 UEFA Champions League football tournament in Nyon on 7 November 2022. PHOTO: AFP

“They are two historic teams and the tie is going to be electric, fascinating for the fans,” said Emilio Butragueno, a great former Real player who is now the director of institutional relations for the 14-time European champions.—AFP

## Barcelona draw Manchester United in Europa League

BARCELONA and Manchester United will face each other in the Europa League knockout round play-offs following Monday's draw.

Barca were eliminated from the Champions League group stage to drop into the Europa League for the second season running, while United came second in their Europa League group.

The last meeting of the clubs came in the quarter-finals of the Champions League in 2018/19, with Barca winning 4-0 on aggregate.

They have met in two Champions League finals and in the 1991 Cup Winners' Cup final, but this will be the first ever encounter of the sides in the Europa League.

The winners of the eight

knockout round play-off ties will advance to the last 16, for which the eight Europa League group winners all qualified automatically.

Having also dropped out of Europe's elite club competition, Juventus were drawn to play French club Nantes in what will be a repeat of the 1996 Champions League semi-final tie won by the Italians.—AFP

## Teenager Rune upsets Djokovic to win Paris Masters

DANISH teenager Holger Rune shocked six-time champion Novak Djokovic to clinch his first Masters title in Paris on Sunday after coming from a set down to

win 3-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Rune, 19, became the youngest winner of the Paris tournament since an 18-year-old Boris Becker in 1986 after beating five

top-10 players in as many days — the first to do so in the same tournament.

He is the fifth first-time Masters winner this season and

will be the first Danish man to break into the top 10 on Monday.

“It's probably the best feeling of my life, of my whole career,” said Rune.

“It's kind of a small dream come true, even though I have bigger dreams.”

After winning the title in Stockholm either side of runner-up finishes in Sofia and Basel, Rune began his run to a fourth straight final by saving three match points in the opening round to beat Stan Wawrinka.

He then took down Hubert Hurkacz followed by Andrey Rublev before seeing off Carlos Alcaraz as the world number one retired with injury while trailing by a set in the quarter-finals.

Rune snapped Felix Auger-Aliassime's 16-match winning streak to set up the clash

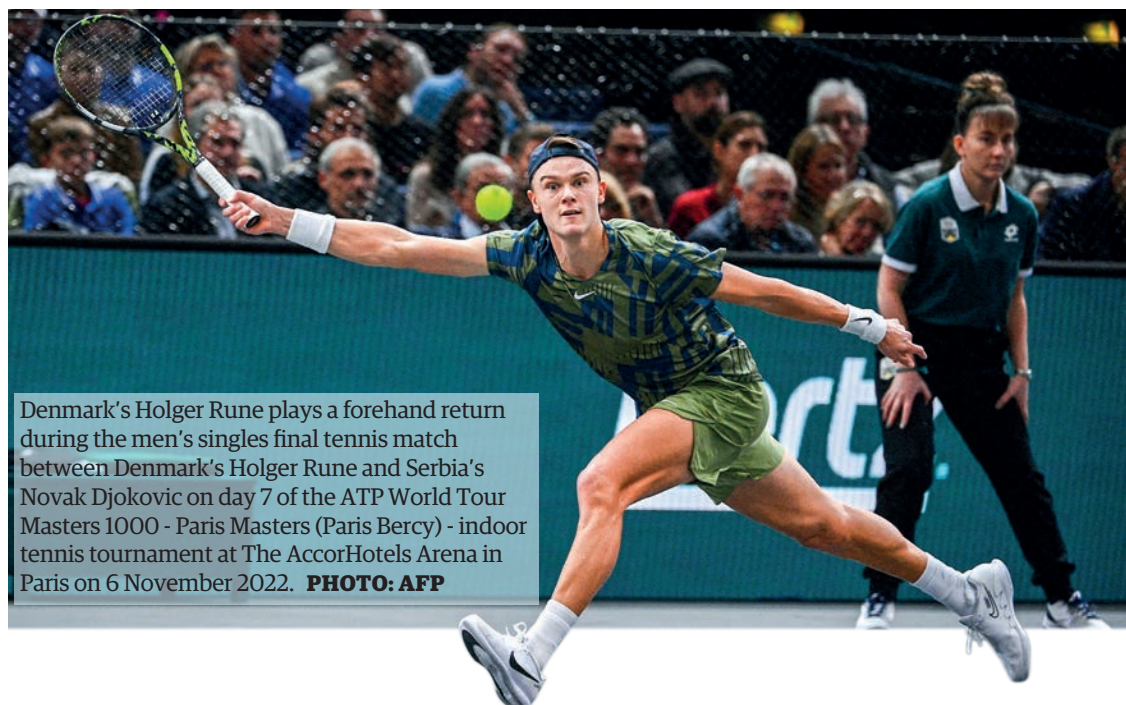
with Djokovic, who had not lost at Bercy since his defeat to Karen Khachanov in the 2018 final.

“It was also very important for me to beat Felix and Alcaraz and these guys,” said Rune.

“But still, to be able to beat Novak on such an occasion, and he's probably one of the greatest we have ever had in this sport — it's a crazy feeling to be able to beat him in this final.”

Serbia's Djokovic came into Sunday's final having won 21 of 22 matches since the start of Wimbledon, which he won for the seventh time in July to match Pete Sampras.

“For somebody who is so young to show this composure and maturity in the big match like this is very impressive. He's had a week of his life,” said Djokovic.—AFP



Denmark's Holger Rune plays a forehand return during the men's singles final tennis match between Denmark's Holger Rune and Serbia's Novak Djokovic on day 7 of the ATP World Tour Masters 1000 - Paris Masters (Paris Bercy) - indoor tennis tournament at The AccorHotels Arena in Paris on 6 November 2022. PHOTO: AFP