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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council: Five-Point Road Map

1. Priority will be given to fully realizing peace, stability and rule of law throughout the Union to safeguard the socioeconomic life of the people.
2. People-centred development work that enhances socioeconomic well-being will be undertaken to ensure the country's prosperity and food security.
3. Processes will further continue to consolidate a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system and build a Union based on democracy and federalism.
4. Priority will be accorded to work aligned with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, in order to achieve enduring peace for the entire nation.
5. Upon accomplishing the provisions of the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held in line with the 2008 Constitution, and further work will be undertaken to hand over State duties to the winning party in accordance with democratic standards.

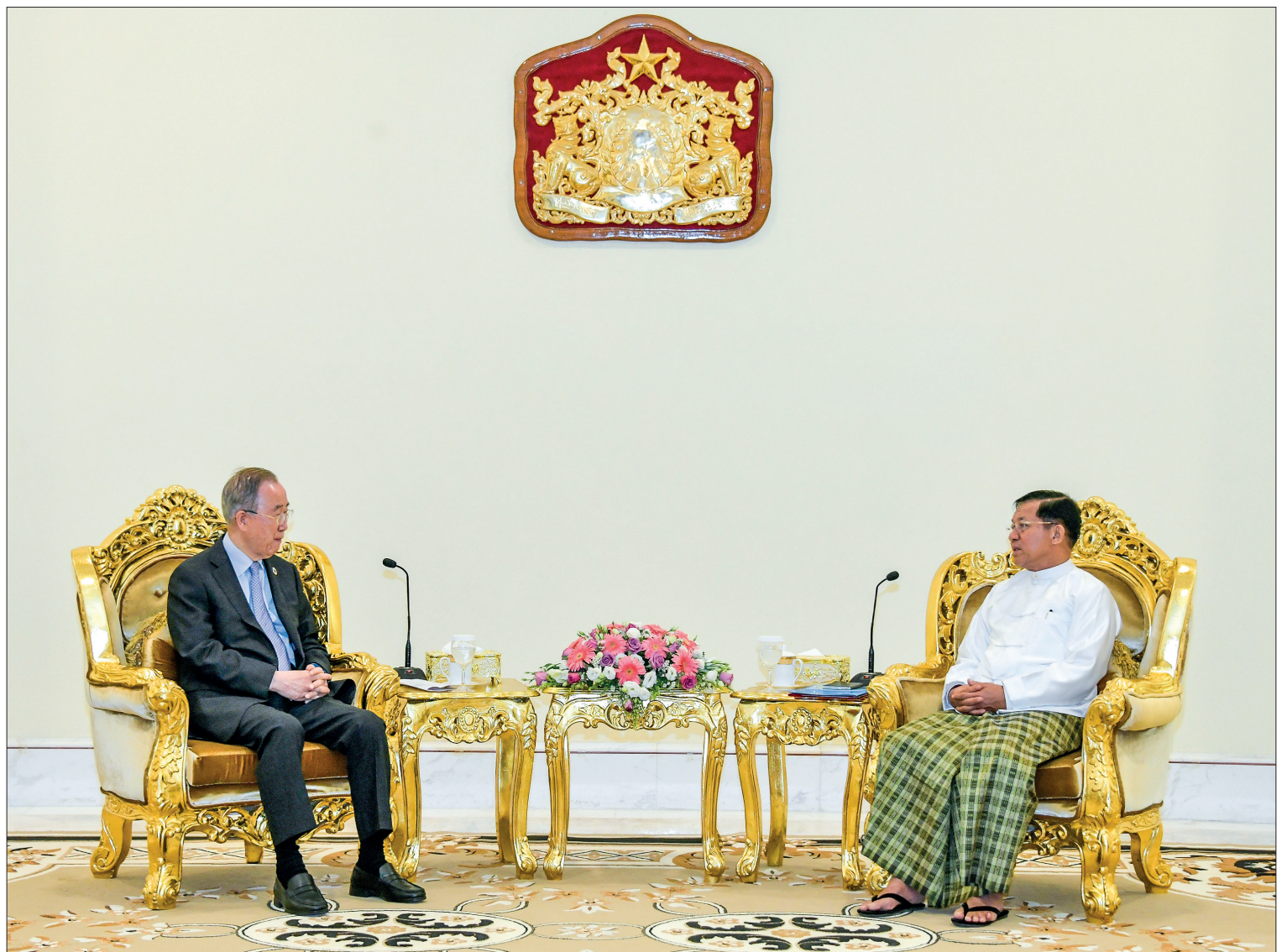
SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Deputy Chairman of the Elders former UNSG Mr Ban Ki-moon

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Deputy Chairman of the Elders former United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon at the hall of the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting, they exchanged views on the latest progress of Myanmar and cordially discussed it with constructive attitudes.

After the meeting, the Senior General and the Elders' Deputy Chair former UNSG exchanged commemorative gifts and had documentary photos taken.

Also present at the meeting were Joint Secretary of the SAC Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Defence General Mya Tun Oo and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe. The Deputy Chairman of the Elders former UNSG was accompanied by former Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Australia Mr Kim Bong-Hyun and officials. — MNA/TTA



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Mr Ban Ki-moon, Ex-UNSG and Deputy Chairman of the Elders in Nay Pyi Taw on 24 April 2023.

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A special appeal tribunal consisting of Chief Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union U Kyi Thein, Daw Khin May Yi, U Thein Ko Ko, and Daw Thin Thin Nwet, was convened yesterday morning at the Supreme Court of the Union and passed the judgement one special civil appeal case No 53/2022 (Mon).

In addition, a total of four special civil appeals, Nos 103/2019 (Mandalay); 20/2021 (Kachin); 41/2022 (Bago), and 42/2022 (Bago) were heard following the COVID-19 prevention and control guidelines. – MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Appointment of Head of Service Organization confirmed

THE State Administration Council has confirmed the appointment of U Khin Maung Swe as Director-General of the Department of Bridges under the Ministry of Construction on the expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Announcement No 7/2023

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Allowing Myanmar People's Democratic Party (MPD) to register as political party

AS of 24 April 2023, it was announced that Myanmar People's Democratic Party (MPD) with its headquarters located at No 83, Yangon-Bago Road, Htaukkyant, Yangon Region, has been allowed to register under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law.

The registration number of the Myanmar People's Democratic Party (MPD) is 2.

Sd/Thein Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Public Notice for Elimination of Violence

1. Declaring themselves to be "for the people", the so-called CRPH, NUG and PDF terrorist groups are lawlessly killing Buddhist monks, civil servants including schoolteachers, and members of the general public, as well as looting and robbing.
2. Not encouraging, supporting, or assisting "CRPH", "NUG", and "PDF" terrorists, who are intimidating and killing people and committing destructive activities, is to protect the lives and property of the general public.
3. Giving information secretly to the authorities on terrorists and on the possession and transport of weapons/ammunition is tantamount to protecting the lives and property of innocent people.

Delegation led by Deputy Chair of the Elders Ex- UNSG Mr Ban Ki-moon leaves from Nay Pyi Taw

THE delegation led by Deputy Chair of the Elders UN's former Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon visited the construction project of the Maravijaya Buddha Image in Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw and viewed the progress of work yesterday afternoon. Next, the

delegation departed from Nay Pyi Taw by air in the evening.

Deputy Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Aung Lin Tun, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Myo Htut and officials saw off the delegation at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. — MNA/KZW



Former UNSG Mr Ban Ki-moon and delegation are seen off by officials at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport yesterday.

Request to the public

1. THE Ministry of Health is continuously analyzing infection of Covid-19 not only in global countries and neighbouring countries but in Myanmar and is carrying out necessary prevention and control of the pandemic.
2. According to the press release of the World Health Organization on 20 April 2023, infection rate of Covid-19 is rising in Myanmar's neighbouring countries such as India, Thailand, Bangladesh and other regional countries as from January 2023, with infection of variant XBB. 1.16 (Arcturus).
3. It was found that infection of Covid-19 has been slightly increasing in Myanmar from the early April 2023.
4. According to the surveys and monitoring till today, variant XBB. 1.16 of Covid-19 is spreading 1.27 folds quicker than previously found variants but the former does not cause higher violent infection, situation of medical treatment at hospital and dead rate. But, suffering from the variant can be affected by current drugs. The drugs being used in Myanmar are effective over the prevention of the disease. Booster dose of vaccines can reduce infection of the disease, intensification and dead rate.
5. As such, all the people especially the aged and those suffering from chronicle diseases are –
 - (a) to specially take care of receiving Covid-19 vaccine and booster dose,
 - (b) to follow primary ways for prevention of Covid-19 pandemic with social distancing and wearing masks to go to the public places and closed sites,
 - (c) to take necessary treatment by contacting nearby health centres as quickly as possible if suspect symptoms of the pandemic are found,
 - (d) to follow the health protocols released by the Ministry of Health not to spread the virus to others and quarantine themselves at home.

Ministry of Health
23-4-2023

Systematic paddy cultivation needed

IT is necessary to procure seed paddy of pure stock, fertilizers, farm water and correct growing methods in the systematic implementation of agricultural activities.

(Excerpts from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with businesspersons of Micro-, Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) from Myeik District on 5 November 2022)

Good and able citizens must be turned out for benefiting themselves, society and the State: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets students from the five-year BEd course No 5 of the Development of the National Races of the Union yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

THE school must be a site for sharing knowledge, critical thinking, capacity of analyzing right and wrong and social ethics with the students, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with

students from the five-year BEd Course No 5 of the University for the Development of the National Races of the Union at the hall of SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that the democratic system is an admin-

istrative mechanism in which the people's representatives elected by the people take responsibility for administration on behalf of the people. Federalism is a concept to share powers with ethnic people from regions and states in the Union through gathering living and sharing entitlements.

Hence, the Union system based on democracy and federalism can be defined as living of all ethnic people in the Union together and sharing the self-administration and powers in regions and states.

The Senior General unveiled that the Union Election Commis-

sion holds meetings with political parties to exercise the First Past The Post-FPTP system combined with the Proportional Representation (PR) system for enabling national brethren to have rights of official talks, discussions and wide representation at relevant Hluttaws. The election must be free from intimidation, threat, forced urging and bullying to freely expose the attitudes of individual citizens. The government is striving for holding the election in all parts of the nation and for all citizens to be free from unfair acts.

Teachers have to teach youths to understand forms of a genuine, disciplined democratic system. They have to teach the nature of a genuine, disciplined democratic system and good practices of democracy to the students.

The Tatmadaw has extended the ceasefire period till the end of 2023 by releasing 22 ceasefire statements. Only when armed organizations follow the correct political way called the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA through the peace dialogue



The Senior General, dignitaries and students pose for the documentary group photo at the event yesterday.

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by leaving the armed struggling line and armed conflicts can the Union based on democracy and federalism be built. Teachers need to cooperate with the government in processes of peace and stability as well as socio-economic life development.

The Senior General continued to say that the State Administration Council is enhancing the education sector for all school-age children to complete the KG+9 scheme due to the requirement of technologies and human resources.

The government set an aim of the KG+9 scheme as a compulsory education system for all. From the coming academic year, 51 basic education high schools in 50 districts will give a teaching on agriculture, livestock breeding and industrial technology to students from grade-10 to grade-12. Similar schools will be extended in the remaining districts in the 2024-25 academic year.

School is not just a venue to give school education. The school must be a site for sharing knowledge, critical thinking, the capacity of analyzing right

and wrong and social ethics among the students. If so, good and able citizens must be turned out for benefiting themselves, society and the State.

The Senior General instructed the UDNR students to nurture a new generation of youths to be educated youths with the capacity of analyzing rights and wrongs and to be healthy and fit youths.

The country is a Union where more than 130 ethnic people are residing together. So, they have to forge the genuine Union spirit. The Union spirit is a foundation for build-



The Senior General warmly greets the students at the event yesterday.



The Senior General accepts the commemorative gift.

ing the future Union based on democracy and federalism.

The Senior General urged the students to be loyal to the State in serving their duties in relevant regions and nurture students to have patriotic spirit and national spirit, to have good morale and be honest, observe laws and regulations, reciprocally value culture, customs and religions among the ethnics in the regions and to forge the spirit of serving the society.

On behalf of the students, Rakhine ethnic student Maung Min Khant Hlaing of Thandwe Township of Rakhine State spoke words of thanks.

Two students presented a commemorative gift to the Senior General.

The Senior General and party had documentary photos taken together with students. Next, the Senior General cordially greeted them individually. — MNA/TTA

51 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 24 April, total figure registers 634,400

MYANMAR'S COVID-19-positive cases rose to **634,400** after **51** new cases were reported on 24 April 2023 according to the Ministry of Health.

Therefore, a total of **10,301,273** laboratory samples were examined and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached **634,400**. The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **614,695** including **nine** new recoveries. The death toll from COVID-19 in the country remained unchanged at **19,490** on 24-4-2023 with no new death reported from the pandemic.

According to the research, it is found that people who have been vaccinated do not suffer severely from the disease, need not be hospitalized and are unlikely to die. If they have received booster shots, the death rates can be reduced more.

As such, people need to follow the new normal way of living with COV-

ID. Hence, all people above five have to fully receive COVID-19 vaccination inoculated by the Ministry of Health free of charge. Six months after the vaccination, they have to take booster jabs at relevant health centres and ward/village administration offices without fail.

Moreover, they have to wear masks while in closed chambers and public places. They need to often wash their hands with soap and water or the hand gel containing alcohol (at least 60 per cent) for 20 seconds. People need to follow the social distancing rule and avoid crowds as much as possible.

While not wearing masks, if they cough and sneeze, they need to cover their mouth and noses with elbows in line with the personal hygienic ways. COVID-19 information can be browsed on the internet page moh.gov.mm of the Ministry of Health. — GNLM

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.

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SAC Member DPM MoD Union Minister receives Ex-UNSG

SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Defence General Mya Tun Oo received Deputy Chairman of the Elders former UNSG Mr Ban Ki-moon and party yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

They frankly and cordially discussed and exchanged views on the latest developments in Myanmar.

After the meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Defence presented souvenirs to the delegation led by the Deputy Chairman of the Elders former UNSG.

The meeting was also attended by Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe and officials.

In the evening, SAC Member DPM Union Minister for Defence General Mya Tun Oo hosted a dinner to the party led by Ex-UNSG Mr Ban Ki-moon Deputy Chairman of the Elders in Nay Pyi Taw.

— MNA/TS

Deputy Prime Minister General Mya Tun Oo receives Ex-UNSG Mr Ban Ki-moon yesterday.



Union Minister U Myo Myint Oo holds talks with the delegation headed by Vice-Chairperson Mr Anatoli Bulochnikov of the Russia-Myanmar Association of Friendship and Cooperation yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

MoE Union Minister receives delegation led by RMAFC Vice-Chair

UNION Minister for Energy U Myo Myint Oo met the delegation led by Mr Anatoli Bulochnikov, Vice-Chairperson of the Russia-Myanmar Association of Friendship and Cooperation of the Russian Federation yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Both sides had a frank and cordial exchange of views on the development of Myanmar's energy sector and the enhance-

ment of energy cooperation between Myanmar and Russia.

The meeting was attended by the deputy minister, the permanent secretary, directors-general, managing directors and responsible persons under the Ministry of Energy and representatives of the Russia-Myanmar Association of Friendship and Cooperation of the Russian Federation. — MNA/TS

State Administration Council Press Release

Re-invitation to Myanmar citizens who reside in various regions for many reasons

1. Some student youths, State service personnel and citizens, with worries, have evaded to areas of EAOs and foreign countries due to the incitements and intimidation of NLD members, extremist followers, unlawful associations and terrorist groups such as CRPH and NUG, stimulation of CDM, and persons and organizations at home and abroad not wishing to restore peace and stability of the State since Tatmadaw assumed the State responsibilities on 1 February 2021.
2. They are further worried about the dictatorship statement and speeches of unlawful association and terrorist group CRPH and NUG, and some relevant persons. As they face no security guarantee and difficulties in socio-economic life in those areas, they wish to return to their native lands.
3. **The State Administration Council will specifically ease restrictions for service personnel, intellectuals and intelligentsia, and persons from various arenas and citizens who, with worries, absconded from the country except for persons who committed murders, robberies, setting fires, mine explosions and intentional attacks on security troops, those who crowded to attack public service personnel and some people, those who destroyed government and private-owned buildings and those who are highly involved in the CDM activities by providing monetary assistance and other means.**
4. As those who evade their native areas are also citizens, the State Administration Council will arrange their returns from the evaded areas to various parts of Myanmar.
5. As such, the information was released that if those who evaded to various areas, except for persons who committed any kinds of crime, wish to return to their native lands in Myanmar of their own accord due to multiple worries, the citizens abroad can contact nearby ward, village, township and district administration bodies and relevant embassies, military attaché offices and consulates in accord with the easing restrictions under the law.

Information Team
State Administration Council

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Myanmar delegation leaves for China to attend opening ceremony of ASEAN-China Cooperation in Agriculture and Food Security Year



AT the invitation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China, a Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung left for Beijing to attend the opening ceremony of ASEAN-China Cooperation in Agriculture and Food Security Year. Officials from the People's Republic of China's Embassy to Myanmar and departmental officials saw off the delegation at the Yangon International Airport. — MNA/KZW

Union Minister U Min Naung is pictured before leaving for China yesterday.

Union Health Minister receives delegations led by IFRC Regional Director for Asia Pacific, MRCS President

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win met delegations led by Regional Director for Asia Pacific Mr Alexander James Matheou of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), IFRC Head of Delegation Ms Nadia Christine Houry and President Dr Myo Nyunt of Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) at the ministry yesterday.

ing humanitarian aid in conflict areas as per the principles of humanitarian aid without jeopardizing the country's interests, the participation of representatives from the MRCS in the workshops and executive meetings of the World Red Cross Societies to be held in the region, assisting in improving the capacity of the MRCS.

Attendees openly discussed matters related to providing humanitarian aid in Myanmar in collaboration with the IFRC and MRCS, including providing aid to the people and households affected by natural disasters without discrimination and giv-

The meeting was attended by the Deputy Minister, the Director-General (Union Minister's Office), the Director-General (Public Health Department), the Director-General (Medical Services Department), the MRCS Vice-President, and other responsible personnel. — MNA/CT



The IFRC Regional Director for Asia Pacific and the MRCS President call on Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win yesterday.

Meeting on launching subjects related to industry, agriculture, livestock breeding at high schools held



The unveiling event of industrial, agricultural and livestock breeding subjects in 51 high schools is underway.

A meeting on launching subjects related to the industry, agriculture and livestock breeding at 51 high schools in 50 districts starting the 2023-2024 academic year following the guidance of the Prime Minister was held at the meeting hall of No 1 BEHS in Pyawbwe Township yesterday.

nities and replied to the questions of attendees.

During the meeting, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Science and Technology Dr Sai Kyaw Naing Oo discussed the chances for the students who completed Grade-9 to learn vocational subjects such as industry, agriculture and animal husbandry in their high-school level education and job opportu-

The schools will deliver a three-year programme for Building Technology, Electrical Technology and Machining Technology and the eligible students for the qualified level can join the Government Technical Institute and those who pass with credit can join the Technological College and Technological University. The subjects on industry, agriculture and livestock breeding will be taught at the high schools starting the 2023-2024 academic year and the students who passed Grade 9 can study these subjects. — MNA/KTZH

“Russia-Myanmar Cooperation Strategies” forum starts in Moscow

ON 22 April 2023, an official delegation from Myanmar arrived in Moscow. The delegation includes representatives of the non-profit sector, the scientific and expert community, as well as members of public and state structures of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The forum is dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Russian Federation and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. The event is organized by the Russian-Myanmar Association for Friendship with the

direct support of the Embassy of the Russian Federation to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar; the Embassy of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Russian Federation and the Committee for External Relations of St. Petersburg.

The purpose of the forum is to strengthen humanitarian, economic and socio-political cooperation between Russia and Myanmar, as well as to familiarize the Myanmar delegation with the possibilities and prospects for cooperation with the Russian state and public institutions.

The forum involves a seven-day event from April 22 to 29 in Moscow and St. Petersburg, within which several academic and expert meetings are planned, with visits to relevant state and public organizations.

On the first day of their stay in Moscow, the delegates were greeted by the Russian-Myanmar Association for Friendship vice-presidents Mr Alexander Ostrovsky and Mr Vitaly Solonetskiy.

Afterwards, a cultural programme was organized for the members of the delegation in the

centre of the Russian capital, during which the participants examined the main sights of Moscow.

Additionally, Myanmar guests visited the Patriot Military Patriotic Park of Culture and Recreation of the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation. It is a unique multifaceted complex, impressive in its scale and diversity, recently built by the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation.

As part of the programme, the delegation members visited the Museum and Temple Complex of the Armed Forces

of the Russian Federation, built in honour of the Resurrection of Christ and dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the Victory in the Great Patriotic War. Additionally, Myanmar guests were shown the “guerrilla village” and the museum exposition dedicated to the special military operation, which is now taking place in Ukraine.

In the next five days, participants will have a rich program in Moscow and St. Petersburg, the purpose of which will be to strengthen the partnership between our countries in various areas of cooperation. — MNA

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, foodstuffs, consumer goods, electronics, auto parts and vehicles confiscated



Seized illegal items in Shan State.

THE Muse District Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force under the management of Shan State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force confiscated 21 kinds of goods (including 510 kilogrammes of bamboo chopsticks and 160 100-A breakers) worth K9,941,044 that were stacked on the side of the road over the Sinphyu checkpoint in Muse township on 19 April. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

On 20 April, an inspection team led by a police officer from Nyaungkhashay Police Station examined five vehicles near the Nyaungkhashay X-Ray checkpoint and captured 18 kinds of

goods (including 337 110-V used refrigerators) worth K73,874,600 without official documents from five vehicles (estimated value of K122 million). The action was taken under Customs procedures.

In addition, an inspection team led by a police officer from Phayagyi Police Station examined a vehicle and seized four kinds of foodstuffs and consumer goods and agricultural material worth K37.89 million from a vehicle (approximately K32 million). The action was taken under Customs procedures.

Similarly, a total of 115.770 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K5,952,820 was seized in Myit-

kyina township on 20 April. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

On 21 April, an on-duty team at the Thanlwin Bridge combined checkpoint nabbed two kinds of goods (including 65 cartons of Chang beer) worth K2 million without official documents from a vehicle (estimated value of K10 million). The action was taken under Customs procedures.

On the same day, an on-duty team conducted inspections and captured six kinds of goods (including foodstuffs and consumer goods) worth K12.675 million at the Yadanabon combined checkpoint in Sagaing township. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law. On 22 April, an unregistered Honda Fit vehicle (approximately K3.5 million) was captured in Lanmadaw township of Yangon West District and action was taken under relevant procedures. Therefore, 24 arrests (estimated value of K309,833,464) were made on four consecutive days from 19 to 22 April, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS



Confiscated commodities and vehicles in Bago Region.

Drugs seized in Kunlong, Tachilek townships

A combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force searched the house of Lauk El in Nanhou village of Kunlong township and captured 4,180 stimulant tablets and 0.12 kilogramme of heroin at 4 pm on 21 April.

In addition, at 4 pm on 23 April, members of the police force examined a Crown vehicle driven by Sai Thura Oo accompanied by Sai Tun Aung, Aik Ron and Aik Yawng on 1st Parshan Street in Yanaungmyay Ward of Tachilek and captured 5,000 Ecstasy tablets.

The offenders were taken action under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — MNA/MKKS



An offender is seen along with seized drugs.

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OPINION

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Address freshwater management of Myanmar in the best way

EVERY event unavoidably brings advantages and disadvantages to society. These good and bad consequences directly or indirectly reflect society. For example, the Covid-19 pandemic which terribly shook the world can bring advantages for the global people of society.

In order to cut the infection changes of the pandemic, the global countries shut down interrelations and transportation with other countries. Consequently, when the movements of people from relevant countries calm down, the natural environment improves by lessening pollution in all aspects.

Now is the best time to start the endeavours for the conservation of freshwater sources not only for current generations but for posterity. Taking lessons from the advantages and disadvantages of problems of water sources that other countries urgently face, Myanmar needs to address its freshwater supply ways and means in advance for avoiding the shortage of water and polluted water to have better freshwater management for the entire people.

In fact, pollution in water, ground, and atmosphere, environmental degradation, deterioration of the ecosystem, and depletion of biodiversity species are caused by human beings. Reciprocally, even those human beings will be victims of bad impacts triggered by pollution and environmental degradation. Hence, human beings regardless of country and racism should take care of their daily work not to harm their environment.

For example, the river Ganges had been clean in India, the neighbor of Myanmar, for many years. Local people could consume the water of the Ganges till half a last century when the water in the river was clean in which everybody could see the riverbed. Hence, the river water was useful for some 400 million Indian people residing along both sides of the river.

Gradually, societies improved in industrialization and civilization. In consequence, the water in the Ganges faced pollution. Varieties of wastewater such as sewage water and chemical waste from industries and public residences flowed into the river. Currently, fish from the river is uneatable due to various residues. Such a story should be taken as a lesson for Myanmar.

All Myanmar citizens need to value the four main arteries of Myanmar namely Ayeyawady, Chindwin, Sittoung, and Thanlwin for their long-term existence without environmental degradation and any pollution. Myanmar's ethnic people are blessed with such kinds of freshwater sources. As such, it is necessary to systematically manage freshwater utilization, conserve forests in the watershed areas and prevent water pollution. Such efforts will reflect the interests of the nation and the people in the long run.

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Salt... Salt... top with caution

THE history of salt dates back to prehistoric times when humans realized it's value in preserving food and enhancing the flavor. In ancient times, salt was highly valued commodity, and it was used as a form of currency in some cultures. The Romans, for example, paid their soldiers in salt, which is where the word 'salary' comes from.

The importance of salt in food preservation cannot be overstated. Before the invention of refrigeration salt was used to preserve meat, fish and other perishable foods. In fact, many traditional foods, such as salted fish, pickles and cure meats are still popular today because of the role that salt plays in preserving them. In addition to its culinary uses, salt has also been used for medicinal purposes. In ancient times, salt was used to treat a variety of ailments from sore throat to toothache. Today, salt is still used in some medicinal treatments for severe diarrhoea and vomiting, such as saline solution for intravenous drip and oral rehydration salt.

At present, salt is an essential ingredient in many foods, and it is used for a variety of purposes including food preservation, food processing, seasoning and even as a deicer for roads in cold

climates. Many forms of mineral salts can be found in many types of natural foods such as seafood, meat, poultry, dairy products, vegetables and legumes. Salt is also contained in natural and processed foods such as canned foods, cheese and bread. We eat various kinds of foods (including natural and processed foods) daily thus salt is inevitable. Salt (Sodium chloride) has many health benefits.

Sodium regulates the body's fluid balance. It helps balance the amount of fluid inside and outside of cells, which is important for maintaining blood pressure and preventing dehydration. It is also important for nerve and muscle function. It improves digestion, helps the electrolytes balance in the body, and enhances the flavour of food thus makes enjoyment of food.

Although the table salt has many health benefits, it also has ill effects when it is taken in excess. That is why health professionals recommend that to consume no more than 2,300 milligrammes of sodium per day for adult: which is equal to about one teaspoon: one gram of sodium chloride contains 40 per cent of sodium. Even though there are recommendations and health alerts,



Train yourself to read food labels and check the sodium content before purchasing the product. PHOTO: AFP

many people are consuming more than six-gram of table salt with or without noticing.

Overeating of salt comes mostly from restaurants and fast-food. A 2010 study of 20 sit-down and 65 fast-food restaurants showed that average sit-down meals contained roughly three-quarters of a teaspoon. The same study found that 40 per cent

of restaurant menu items exceed 1,500 milligrammes of sodium versus 18 per cent of fast-food items. Most Myanmar restaurants overuse sweet seasoning powder (monosodium glutamate) and it is also a sodium-rich ingredient which may harm the health of consumers.

According to the World Health Organization data, most

people consume between nine and twelve grammes of salt a day or around twice the recommended maximum. Health authorities said that 75 per cent of salt we consume comes from processed foods (in Myanmar it may be dried fish, salted fish in dry and wet forms and pickles) including cooking sauces. Foods generally considered low in salt contain

less than 120 milligrammes of sodium per 100 grammes of food. Although sodium levels in processed foods vary in different brands, the range is so huge. For example, tinned tomatoes can vary from no sodium to 300 milligrammes per 100 grammes of tomatoes.

It is sure that excess salt intake may harm the health but there is no way to tell how much salt is in our dish. That is why many developed countries tried to make laws to list salt amount of food products as well as the menus of restaurants. In developing countries like Myanmar actually need such a law because most food makers neglect the salt content. And also, Myanmar citizens should change their mindset of preferring salty taste (chin-ngan-sat).

Excess salt consumption has many bad effects. One of them is weight gain. A 2015 study found that eating just one extra gram of salt each day increased the risk of obesity in children by 28 per cent and in adult by 26 per cent. Salt makes food tastier so children may eat more because it tastes good. And because salty foods make thirst, children may be reaching for high-calorie soft drinks instead of water. Higher

salt intake makes frequent trips to the bathroom. Some studies showed that people over 60, who reduce their salt intake by 25 per cent decreased the numbers of times they got up to urinate in the night on average from 2.3 to 1.4 times.

Also, a diet high in salt can increase the risk of stomach cancer. Reducing salt intake would drop 19 per cent of stomach cancer worldwide. The most important health threat of salt is wreaking havoc on blood pressure. Sodium leads to small spikes in blood pressure for people who don't already have hypertension and large spikes people who do. In fact, hypertension is the key driver of several cardiovascular problems, including heart attacks, strokes and coronary artery diseases. Besides, sodium causes blood pressure to increase more later in life.

It also particularly damages the health of people over 50, over weight or having diabetes on the other hand, excess sodium threatens kidney health. Sodium likes to grab onto calcium before it's flushed out of the body through urine and the extra urine calcium

can form into crystals. Eventually it leads to kidney stones.

To maintain the proper health, we must reduce daily salt intake. Some people think that sea, rock and pink salts are better to reduce sodium and use those expensive ones as an option. According to the leading dietitians, switching to more expensive seasoning won't positively affect health. To reduce the consumption, the food must actually be low in sodium. In developed countries with sodium regulation Law, consumer can read the nutrition label and avoid. Countries without such a law like Myanmar, people need the help of taste buds. Salt reduction is beneficial for health and its effect is even greater in lowering blood pressure of Asian and black populations due to genetic difference. If individuals were able to reduce their salt consumption as recommended, it would substantially reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases and immature mortality. It only takes about six weeks for our taste buds to adapt to lower-salt foods. Salt is essential for our health, however, it also has some ill effects thus top your salt with great caution.

By Saya Norm

China's new COVID policy increases global demand, eases supply chain pressure: report



Tyres are exhibited at the Vehicles & Spare Parts exhibition section of the 133rd session of China Import and Export Fair, also known as Canton Fair, in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province, 15 April, 2023. PHOTO: LIU DAWEI/XINHUA

Positive economic development in China increases global demand and eases the pressure on supply chains, thus having a positive effect on the global economy.

THE optimization of China's COVID-19 response policies increases global demand and eases supply chain restrictions, Finland's Labour Institute for Economic Research (LABORE) said in its economic forecast for 2023-2025 published on Thursday.

Most forecasters expect the country's economy to grow sustainably in the coming years following its recent adjustments in its COVID-19 response, the institute said.

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supply chains, thus having a positive effect on the global economy.

Concerning the global economy, the Finnish economic forecast said that widespread inflation and the resulting tightening of monetary policy were expected to impact global economic growth significantly. The continuation of the conflict between Russia and Ukraine and the intensification of tensions between the United States and China also increase global uncertainty. According to major forecasting agencies, the U.S. economy will slow significantly in 2023 and is expected to recover in 2024 and 2025. The economy

in the eurozone will grow, even though the German economy is likely to weaken in 2023. The United Kingdom's economy is expected to contract this year and will not recover significantly in 2024.

Furthermore, LABORE's forecast says that Finland's economy will shrink 0.2 percent in the current year and will grow by one per cent in 2024 and 2.7 per cent in 2025.

Founded in 1971, LABORE's research focuses on labor economics, including education research, public finances and macroeconomics.

SOURCE: Xinhua



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Monday 24 April 2023)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the South Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal and a few cloud over the North Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 25 April 2023: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, (Northern and Southern) Shan States, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Taninthayi Regions and Eastern Shan, Chin, Kayah States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

The Condition of Cumulonimbus Cloud: The starting development of Cumulonimbus clouds over the Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi, Regions and Shan, Kayah, Kayin States. Along the area where the Cumulonimbus clouds move, strong winds and rain accompanied the rain, thunder, lightning weather phenomena such as lightning and hail may occur, so it is recommended to be aware in advance.

CURRENT AFFAIRS



The photo shows the processing of shrimp.

Myanmar exports 16,000 tonnes of shrimp to external markets in FY 2022-2023

MYANMAR shipped 16,050 tonnes of shrimp to external markets in the 2022-2023 financial year (April-March), with an estimated value of US\$56.647 million, according to the Fisheries Department.

As Myanmar sent 14,116 tonnes of shrimp in the 2021-2022 FY, the export volume this year is up by 2,000 tonnes com-

pared to that.

Myanmar exported 14,929.95 tonnes of shrimp to foreign markets through the seaborne trade in the FY 2022-2023, while 1,120.818 tonnes were sent to the neighbouring country through border posts.

Myanmar's shrimp are delivered to China, Australia, the US, Japan, Singapore,

Malaysia, Europe and African countries. The export values of fishery products stood at \$732.156 million in the 2018-2019 FY, \$858.96 million in the 2019-2020 FY, \$785.021 million in the 2020-2021 FY, \$481.657 million in the 2021-2022 (mini-budget), \$805.29 million in the 2021-2022 FY, and \$765.947 million in the 2022-2023 FY. — TWA/EM

Examination results from KG to Grade-11 to be released on 27 April

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Education, the examination results from KG to Grade-11 in the academic year 2022-2023 will be released on 27 April. The new education system (from KG to Grade-12) will start from the 2023-2024 academic year.

According to the National Education Law, basic education students will have to study for 12 years after completing KG.

Under Section 16 in Chapter 5 of the National Education Law, basic education will be conducted for a total of 12 months in the next academic year after the KG education.

In the 2021-2022 academic year, there were a total of 2,758 basic education schools, 230 monastic schools and 273 private schools in the Yangon Region. — TWA/MKKS



Students and parents are seen for school enrolment in 2022.

EV expresses to be introduced on Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay trips

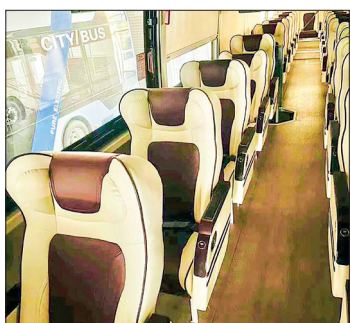


MANDALAMIN Transport Co Ltd will use EV Express Buses for the first time on its Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, and Mandalay trips.

Eight electric vehicles have been reportedly ordered and two will arrive in Myanmar in June initially. Mandalamin Co Ltd will be the first com-

pany to start using VIP EV Express Buses in Myanmar's passenger transport industry.

It has been announced that the EV cars can be charged for free for one year at the charging stations in Yangon, at the Zero Mile, 115th Mile and 200th Mile on Yangon-Nay Pyi Taw expressway. — TWA/MKKS



The EV Express (top photo) and its interior seatings (above).



YRG to take action against breachers for non-instalment of new number plates



Vehicles waiting in line to replace the new embossed vehicle number plates.

MINISTER for Security and Border Affairs of Yangon Region Chairman of Education and Inspection Subcommittee Colonel Win Tint stated that the education period for exchanging and installing new embossed vehicle number plates was over, and action will be taken against those who have not.

At a meeting of the Education and Inspection Subcommittee under the Yangon Region Road Safety Body on 21 April, he stressed the need to perform arrests as the ed-

ucation period for replacing embossed number plates has ended, and to act more effectively and systematically in the maintenance of traffic rules and regulations, and urged district- and township-level road safety teams to check and take strict action on drinking alcohol while driving, not fastening a seat belt, using a mobile phone while driving, and speeding. In addition, the issue of arresting tricycles was also discussed since it has been found that tricycles are being used for sabotage.

At the end of March, the Road Transport Administration Department under the Ministry of Transport and Communications issued a notification that all vehicles must have new embossed number plates.

The embossed number plates will help control and prevent the installation and use of vehicle number plates on other illegal vehicles as the new number plates have the additional printing of township-specific numerical descriptions and vehicle-type descriptions. — TWA/CT

LOCAL BUSINESS

Seintalone mango fetches good price this year

THE price of Seintalone mango exported to China's market is pretty high at the beginning of the mango season this year, said U Kyaw Soe Naing, general secretary of Myanmar Mango Market and Technology Development Association (Mandalay).

"Myanmar started to export mango to China. It fetches good prices depending on quality. Traders face some transport difficulties. Some growers harvested mango early in the premature stage of the previous season, making other growers face loss. If they take care of that, the market condition is expected to improve. About four to five 12-wheel trucks go to China. Mango will be harvested during the end-April and

early May. The price of mango is estimated at 150 Yuan (over K40,000) per 16 kilogrammes basket. The price varies depending on the quality," he elaborated.

The mango export to China is on a trial run in the post-Thingyan period. The prevailing price of quality mango is nearly 150 Yuan per 16 kg (48-50 per cent), while the low quality one fetched over 100 Yuan (over K20,000) per 16 kg (50-60%). This year, the mango price is expected to be offered higher. Myanmar will export other mango varieties such as Meithi, Shwehintha, Padamyar Ngamauk and Yinkwe besides Seintalone. The mango yields this year dropped yet the price is high. — Maung Aye Chan/EM



Varieties of mangoes are seen being organized well for sales.

Yangon Region palm oil wholesale reference price dips during week ending 1 May

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil for the Yangon market indicated a decrease of K100 per viss for the week ending 1 May, according to the Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution.

The reference price stood at K4,790 per viss in the week of 10 and 23 April. For the week ending 1 May, the price was set lower at K4,680 per viss, showing a small increase of K110 per viss this week.

The Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia including transport costs, tariffs and banking services, and issuing the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil every

week.

Regardless of the reference price, the current market price is too high at over K6,000-8,000 per viss.

If those edible oil retailers and wholesalers are found overcharging, storing inventory intentionally and attempting unscrupulous action to manipulate the market, they will face legal action under the Essential Supplies and Service Act, MoC released a statement.

The Ministry of Commerce is striving for consumers not to worry over the supply of edible oil. The ministry is also trying to secure edible oil sufficiency, supervise the market to offer reasonable prices to the consumers and maintain price stability.

At present, mobile market

trucks operated by oil importing companies, in coordination with Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association, were back to business in some townships on 17 July to offer palm oil at a subsidized rate. They offer palm oil at a fairer price to the consumers directly depending on the reference price. However, there are limited sources of supply although they directly sell palm oil at a reference rate depending on the volume quota.

The domestic consumption of edible oil is estimated at a million tonnes per year. The local cooking oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. To meet the oil sufficiency in the domestic market, about 700,000 tonnes of cooking oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia. — NN/EM

Prices of fuel oil, gold and dollar on 24 April 2023

Fuel Oil Price (Yangon)

Octane 92	K2,055
Octane 95	K2,145
Diesel	K1,975
Premium Diesel	K2,055

All of the prices are based on per litre.

Gold Price

The reference price of high-purity gold set by YGEA	K2,336,200 per tical
High-purity gold in the gold market	K2,978,000 per tical

US Dollar Vs Kyat

A US dollar set by the Central Bank of Myanmar	K2,100
A US dollar in the forex market	K2,850 to K2,865

The above prices may change from time to time.

High-grade Shwebo Pawsan rice price exceeds K100,000 per bag

THE domestic rice market sees an upward trajectory in prices. The price of high-grade Pawsan rice from the Shwebo area hit K100,000 per bag, according to the Wadan Rice Wholesale Centre.

The skyrocketing price is attributed to the increase in paddy prices. At present, the Shwebo Pawsan paddy touched a high of K2.7 million per 100 baskets.

Consequently, the price of

high-grade Shwebo Pawsan rice peaked at K1,050,000 per bag on 24 April from K97,000 per bag on 21 April. The figures indicated a sharp rise of K8,000 per bag within a few days.

Similarly, other rice varieties also continued rising in the Yangon market. Pawsan rice prices moved in the range between K72,000 and K85,000 per bag depending on the producing

areas (Myaungmya, Dedaye, Pyapon and Pathein). The new Pawsan rice price was priced at K80,000 per bag. Meanwhile, the prices stood at K88,000 per bag for Kyapyan, K70,000 for Khunni, K55,000 for Ngasein, K65,000 for short matured rice (90 days), K56,000 for Emahta, K70,000 for Pawkywe, K56,000 for rice grown under intercropping season.

Starting from 3 August 2022,

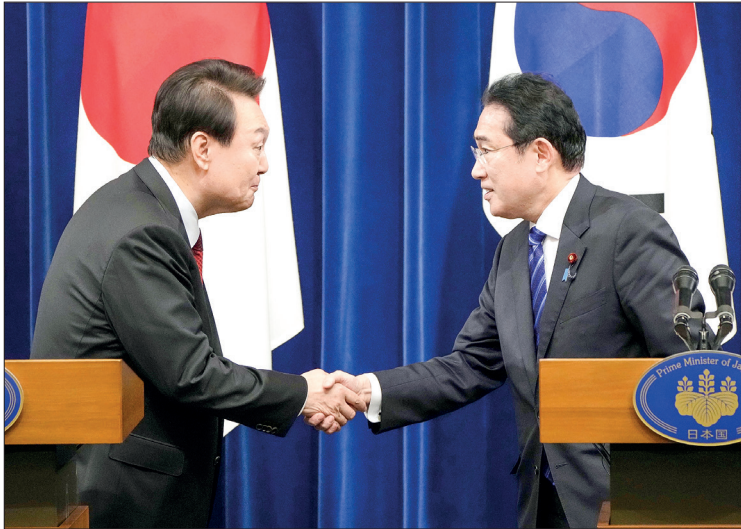
Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Rice Producers and Planters Association, Myanmar Rice Millers Association, and traders and brokers engaged in Wadan Rice Wholesale Centre and Bayintnaung Rice Wholesale Centre have been working together to offer fair prices for Shwebo Pawsan from K75,000-77,000 per bag and other rice varieties to the consumers at the Wadan Wholesale

Centre.

The offer prices are K52,000-55,000 per bag of Pawsan from the Ayeyawady area, K55,000-60,000 per bag of Kyapyan, and K35,000-37,000 per bag of short-matured rice varieties (90 days) at the Wadan Rice Wholesale Centre.

Each household can buy only one bag. The traders and retailers are not entitled to buy them. — NN/EM

ECONOMY WORLD



File photo shows Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida (R) and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol shaking hands during a joint press conference following their talks at the prime minister's office in Tokyo in March 2023. **PHOTO: KYODO**

S Korea puts Japan back on its preferred trade list after 3 years

SOUTH Korea's trade ministry on Monday put Japan back on a list of countries entitled to preferential treatment for trade after its removal more than three years ago, in a move to improve ties between the two countries.

According to the revision announced by the Trade, Industry and Energy Ministry, Japan is listed back on the "White List", subjecting companies that export strategic items

to Japan to a shorter review period of five days, instead of the previous 15 days, with less paperwork. The change took effect the same day.

Both South Korea and Japan removed each other from their "White List" in 2019 as bilateral ties soured after the South Korean top court ordered Japanese firms to compensate wartime labour plaintiffs in 2018 and Japan tightened export curbs in what was regarded

by South Korea as a retaliation.

The two countries, however, vowed to rectify matters during a summit last month, held after South Korea announced it would compensate South Korean plaintiffs with a government-backed fund instead.

While Japan has yet to put South Korea back on its preferential trade list, South Korea's trade ministry officials said it takes longer for Tokyo to revise domestic regulations. — Kyodo

European summit to spur wind energy production in North Sea

NINE European countries were holding a summit Monday aimed at scaling up wind power generation in the North Sea, spurred by the fallout of the Ukraine war and the push for renewables.

Hosted by Belgium in the coastal town of Ostend, the meeting will gather the leaders of EU members France, Germany, Ireland, Denmark, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, with European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen also attending.

Norway and Britain will participate, too, though French officials said the UK's energy minister would lead the delegation and not Prime Minister Rishi Sunak who could not make it.

"We need offshore wind

turbines — and we need a lot of them," the leaders of the countries said in a joint op-ed published in Politico.

"We need them to reach our climate goals, and to rid ourselves of Russian gas, ensuring a more secure and independent Europe."

The collective goal, they said, was to boost offshore wind power generation to 120 gigawatts by 2030 — from just 30 GW now — and at least 300 GW by 2050.

The North Sea summit is the second one to be held, after the four countries in the inaugural gathering last year — Belgium, Denmark, Germany and the Netherlands — decided it was necessary to broaden cooperation. — AFP

Sunak seeks to boost business links amid CBI crisis

BRITISH Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Monday launched a new platform to bring together major UK companies, as a crisis engulfs the CBI, the nation's top business lobby.

The so-called "Business Connect" platform will enable companies to engage directly with Sunak's Conservative government, he told an audience of top business leaders in London.

The news comes as a small number of high-profile firms withdrew from the Confederation of British Industry on Friday after the business lobby was rocked by fresh rape allegations.

Business Connect will look to boost economic growth, Sunak insisted Monday before an audience of more than 200



Britain's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak delivers a speech on stage as he hosts a Business Connect event in North London, on 24 April 2023. **PHOTO: DANIEL LEAL / POOL / AFP**

high-profile chief executives and business leaders.

"We are going to keep engaging to make (Britain) the most pro-business pro-growth

country in the world," Sunak said in an address that was also broadcast on corporate social networking site LinkedIn. — AFP

Iran says receives Saudi Arabia's proposal to launch 3 direct flights

IRAN'S Civil Aviation Organization (CAO) has received a proposal from Saudi Arabia to launch three regular flights between the two countries, Iranian Transport and Urban Development Minister Mehrdad Bazrpash said on Sunday.

Lauding the two countries' firm determination to expand bilateral cooperation, the Iranian minister said that on this basis, Iran and Saudi Arabia have decided to establish direct flights, according to an interview

published on the website of the ministry.

He said the proposal, by Saudi Arabia's General Authority of Civil Aviation (GACA), calls for establishing three direct flights per week in addition to the Hajj flights. Bazrpash said the Iranian authorities would make every effort to launch direct flights between the two sides as soon as possible.

Tehran and Riyadh agreed in Beijing on 10 March to resume diplomatic ties and reopen em-

bassies within two months.

Then, in a meeting in Beijing on 6 April, Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian and his Saudi counterpart Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud signed a joint statement, announcing the resumption of diplomatic relations with immediate effect.

On Friday, the two ministers held a phone conversation to follow up on the progress of reopening diplomatic missions. — Xinhua

ADB operations reach US\$20.5 bln in 2022: report

THE Asian Development Bank (ADB) committed 20.5 billion US dollars from its resources last year to help Asia and the Pacific continue its recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic despite fresh economic headwinds and crises, according to the bank's report released on Monday.

The ADB's Annual Report 2022 said the 20.5 billion US dollars comprised loans and guarantees, grants, equity in-

vestments and technical assistance provided to governments and the private sector. The Manila-based lender mobilized an additional 11.4 billion US dollars in co-financing.

The ADB committed 6.7 billion US dollars in financing for climate mitigation and adaptation in 2022, making progress toward its ambition of providing 100 billion US dollars in cumulative climate financing during 2019-2030. — Xinhua

Asian stocks mixed ahead of tech earnings results

ASIAN stocks were mixed on Monday, with investors mostly treading water ahead of key data releases this week, including earnings results from US tech behemoths.

Europe opened lower and US equities futures were also down following a muted finish on Wall Street last week, with a wait-and-see mood taking hold of markets as they awaited results from the likes of Amazon, Microsoft, Google parent Alphabet and Facebook owner Meta.

“Mega tech earnings will be important this week for the rally in risk sentiment since the

beginning of the year,” Tapas Strickland of National Australia Bank said.

Traders will also be looking for clues about the US Federal Reserve’s next steps on interest rates.

Though swaps markets indicate that some traders think a peak and subsequent cuts are just around the corner, upcoming US data on growth, inflation and wages could see that forecast change, analysts say.

Meanwhile, moves by leveraged investors suggest they foresee more rate hikes to come.

“The thought that

the Fed is going to aggressively cut into year end is misleading,” Kim Strand, head of fundamental research and ESG integration for Franklin Templeton Investment Solutions, told Bloomberg Television.

“We believe what the Fed is saying: that it will hike and stay there until you see these areas of inflation coming down.”

Hong Kong, Shanghai, Sydney and Seoul were all down on Monday, while Singapore was flat.

London, Frankfurt and Paris also dropped in early Monday trade.

Mumbai, Tokyo, Wellington, Taipei and Manila all rose. — AFP

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ENERGY MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE (INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER) (3/2023-2024)

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats.

Sr No.	Tender No.	Description	Remarks
(1)	DMP/L-062(23-24)CAP	Seismic Interpretation and Processing Workstation & X-Terminal (3) Items	Ks
(2)	DMP/L-063(23-24)CAP	Seismic Acquisition Instruments & Accessories (3) Items	Ks
(3)	DMP/L-064(23-24)CAP	Assorted Sizes of Ball Valve and Pipe Fitting (2) Groups	Ks
(4)	DMP/L-065(23-24)CAP	Heat Shrinkable Sleeve and Closure Patches (7) Items	Ks
(5)	DMP/L-066(23-24)CAP	Welding Electrode (4) Items	Ks
(6)	DMP/L-067(23-24)CAP	Shale Shaker Unit, Desilter Unit, Degaser Unit and Desander Unit (4) Items	Ks
(7)	DMP/L-068(23-24)CAP	Skid Mounted Crude Transfer Pump with Motor (4) Items	Ks
(8)	DMP/L-069(23-24)CAP	Skid Mounted Water Transfer Pump with Engine (7) Items	Ks
(9)	DMP/L-070(23-24)CAP	Skid Mounted Water Transfer Pump with Motor (3) Items	Ks
(10)	DMP/L-071(23-24)CAP	Spare Parts for L-Type Compressor (1) Lot	Ks
(11)	DMP/L-072(23-24)CAP	Spare Parts for ZW-Type Compressor (1) Lot	Ks
(12)	DMP/L-073(23-24)CAP	Spare Parts for Safe Compressor (1) Lot	Ks
(13)	DMP/L-074(23-24)CAP	Spare Parts for Kwangshin Compressor (1) Lot	Ks
(14)	DMP/L-075(23-24)CAP	Spare Parts for Aspro Compressor (1) Lot	Ks
(15)	DMP/L-076(23-24)CAP	Spare Parts for IMW Compressor (1) Lot	Ks
(16)	DMP/L-077(23-24)CAP	Spare Parts for L-Type and ZW-Type Dispenser (1) Lot	Ks
(17)	DMP/L-078(23-24)CAP	Spare Parts for Aspro, Kwangshin & Enric Dispenser (1) Lot	Ks
(18)	DMP/L-079(23-24)CAP	Spare for Electrical Parts (Aspro Compressor) (1) Lot	Ks
(19)	DMP/L-080(23-24)CAP	Spare for Electrical Parts (Safe Compressor) (1) Lot	Ks
(20)	DMP/L-081(23-24)CAP	Spare for Electrical Parts (L-Type & ZW-Type Compressor) (1) Lot	Ks
(21)	DMP/L-082(23-24)CAP	Spare Parts for Generator (1) Lot	Ks
(22)	DMP/L-083(23-24)CAP	Foam Fire Fighting System for Crude Tank (4) Nos	Ks
(23)	DMP/L-084(23-24)CAP	Skid Mounted Crude Transfer Pump with Engine (5) Items	Ks
(24)	DMP/L-085(23-24)CAP	Raw Materials for Repairing of MTB-IV (3) 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 **24 April, 2023** 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 **13:00 pm on 9, May 2023**.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time – **9-5-2023, 13:00 pm**

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



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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V OCEAN 86 VOY.NO. (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V OCEAN 86 VOY.NO. (-)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **25-4-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIPL** 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: **2301928**

**Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority**

Agent For:
M/S BEN LINE AGENCIES (S’PORE) PTE LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V TI2 APPLE VOY.NO. (018E)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V TI2 APPLE VOY.NO. (018E)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **25-4-2023** 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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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 TI2 LOGISTICS PTE LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SINAR BANDUNG VOY.NO. (781N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SINAR BANDUNG VOY.NO. (781N/S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **25-4-2023** 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.

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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 SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V NITHI BHUM VOY.NO. (269W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V NITHI BHUM VOY.NO. (269W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **25-4-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/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 REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

Mass exodus of foreigners as fighting rages in Sudan



This handout photograph taken on 23 April 2023 and released by the MEAE (French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs), shows French and other nationalities people as they disembark at French military air base in Djibouti during the "RESEVAC/Sagittaire" evacuation of around 100 people from Sudan on the first French flight out of the war-hit country after a "complicated" rescue operation. **PHOTO: JONATHAN SARAGO / MINISTRY OF EUROPE AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS / AFP**

FOREIGN nations pushed on Monday with frantic evacuations of their citizens from chaos-torn Sudan, where heavy fighting raged for a 10th day between forces loyal to two rival generals.

As army and paramilitary forces again clashed in Khartoum and across the country, terrified Sudanese have endured acute shortages of water, food, medicines and fuel as well as power and internet blackouts, the UN said.

At least 427 people have been killed and more than 3,700 wounded, according to United Nations agencies, which also reported Sudanese civilians "fleeing areas affected by fighting, including to Chad, Egypt and

South Sudan".

"Morgues are full, corpses litter the streets" and overwhelmed hospitals often have to stop operations for security reasons, said Dr Attiya Abdallah, head of the doctors' union.

The United States and multiple European, Middle Eastern, African and Asian nations have launched emergency missions to bring to safety their embassy staff and Sudan-based citizens by road, air and sea.

US special forces swooped in with Chinook helicopters Sunday to rescue diplomats and their dependents, while Britain launched a similar rescue mission involving more than 1,000 military personnel.

European Union foreign policy chief Josep Borrell said more than 1,000 of the bloc's citizens had been taken out during a "long and intense weekend" involving missions by France, Germany and other member nations.

With Khartoum international airport disabled after battles that left charred airplanes on the runways, many foreigners were airlifted out from smaller airstrips, many to nearby Djibouti.

Long convoys of UN cars and buses have made their way from the capital, where gunfire again echoed through the streets, to Port Sudan on the Red Sea coast, an arduous 850-kilometre (530 mile) road trip away. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Türkiye greatly reduces defence industry's foreign dependency: Erdogan

TÜRKIYE has reduced its foreign dependency in the defence industry from around 80 per cent to some 20 per cent in the past two decades, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Sunday.

"The number of the defence projects, which was merely 62 in 2002, has today surpassed 750," Erdogan said at the delivery ceremony of new Altay tanks to the Turkish Armed Forces for tests in the northwestern Sakarya province.

Türkiye has set a goal of an "independent defence industry", he said.

The country's budget for defence projects was 5.5 billion US dollars in 2002, now it has reached 75 billion US dollars, including the ones in the bidding process, the Turkish president explained.

BMC Defence delivered the main battle tank Altay for tests, which are expected to be completed in 2024. — Xinhua

UK citizens in Sudan say they feel 'abandoned'

THE UK on Monday promised it was doing "everything we can" to evacuate its citizens from conflict-hit Sudan, as some of those trapped complained they felt "abandoned".

Ferocious battles between the Sudanese army and a paramilitary group — which has seen fighting with tanks in densely populated Khartoum and air strikes launched by fighter jets — have killed more than 400 people and left thousands wounded.

Foreign office minister Andrew Mitchell defended prioritising a night-time military operation to extract embassy staff and their families, saying there had been a "very specific threat to the diplomatic community". Lawmaker Tobias Ellwood, chairman of a parliamentary defence committee, called for a "clear-cut plan" to get British passport-holders out of Sudan.

"If that plan does not emerge today, then individuals will then lose faith and then start making their own way back," he told the television channel GB News, saying that could lead to "some very difficult situations".

One Briton told the BBC he had been forced to make his own evacuation arrangements, even as other countries got their citizens out of the country. — AFP

Iran says Blinken's anti-Iran remarks aimed at selling US weapons

THE Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman on Sunday rebuked the remarks by the US secretary of state about Tehran's military program, saying they are aimed at marketing American weapons.

Nasser Kanaani made the response to a recent tweet by Antony Blinken, in which he said that they were "firmly committed to disrupting Iran's military procurement activities," according to a statement published on

the Iranian Foreign Ministry's website.

"The US state secretary's provocative remarks about Iran's military program are solely aimed at continuing marketing American armaments through spreading Iranophobia as well as sowing discord among regional countries," Kanaani said.

He reiterated that Iran's military program is "defensive and deterrent" in nature and not

against any country that does not harbor the idea of "aggression" against Iran.

Kanaani blamed the US "unwise and erroneous" actions over the past decades as the sources of insecurity, instability and wars in the region, adding it will be in the US interest if it stops its "wrong, meddlesome and irresponsible" approaches toward the regional countries. — Xinhua

Moscow slams US after Russian journalists denied visas for UN visit

RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Sunday said Moscow "will not forgive" Washington for denying US visas to Russian journalists meant to accompany him on a visit to United Nations headquarters.

"We won't forget, we will not forgive this," said Lavrov, who is set to chair several UN Security Council meetings in New York.

Russia took up the presidency of the 15-member Security Council in April despite the Ukraine offensive, which Kyiv said was "a slap in the face."

Lavrov denounced a "stupid" failure of the United States to give visas to Russian journalists.

"A country that calls itself the strongest, smartest, freest and



Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov meets with the media in Havana on 20 April 2023. **PHOTO: HANDOUT / RUSSIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY / AFP**

fairest, chickened out," Lavrov said.

He added that this "showed

the worth of their solemn assurances on freedom of speech." — AFP

Moscow says 'serious concern' over Armenia-Azerbaijan tensions

MOSCOW on Monday expressed "serious concern" over fresh tensions between Armenia and Azerbaijan and said any unilateral moves in violation of ceasefire agreements were unacceptable.

The comments came a day after Azerbaijan said it had set up a checkpoint on the only land link to the contested region of Nagorno-Karabakh, sparking an angry response from Armenia.

Armenia and Azerbaijan have fought two wars over Karabakh.

The latest fighting, in 2020 left more than 6,500 dead and ended with a Russian-brokered truce. But Armenia, which relies

on Russia as a security guarantor, has accused Moscow of failing to fulfil its peacekeeping role.

"We express our serious concern about the situation within the zone of responsibility of Russian peacekeepers in Nagorno-Karabakh," the Russian foreign ministry said.

"We call on the parties to immediately return to the existing agreements," the ministry said in a statement.

The statement also pointed to "the unacceptability of any unilateral steps" in violation of the Moscow-brokered ceasefire and stressed the "lack of progress" in Russia-mediated talks between

the arch-foes in recent months.

Experts say that Russia, which has been bogged down in Ukraine, does not want to hurt ties with Azerbaijan's patron Turkey over Armenia.

"The situation is not easy, it requires additional efforts," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. "The above-mentioned countries need to understand that there is no alternative to the implementation of the mentioned agreement," Peskov said.

Under the Russia-brokered ceasefire, Azerbaijan is required to guarantee safe passage through the Lachin corridor. — AFP



Russian peacekeepers are seen deployed at the Lachin corridor, the Armenian-populated breakaway Nagorno-Karabakh region's only land link with Armenia, as Azerbaijani environmental activists protest what they claim is illegal mining, on 26 December 2022. PHOTO: AFP

Australia's oldest library starts daily opening of Shakespeare Room for 1st time in history

AS the oldest library in Australia, the State Library of New South Wales (NSW) on Monday started opening Shakespeare Room seven days a week to the public for the first time in its history.

Welcoming visitors in a so-

cial media post, the NSW State Library said that the Tudor-style room, opened in the early 1940s, was built to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Shakespeare's death.

"Inside you'll find thousands of books by and about

Shakespeare, as well as stained-glass windows that depict the seven ages of man from his play 'As You Like It'," the state library noted.

On Monday midday, Sydneysider Andrea made her first-ever visit to the Shakespeare Room, after looking at the state library website and knowing that the room is now open every day.

"It's very peaceful, actually. And it's astounding to see how many reproductions of his work there actually are," Andrea told Xinhua, also adding that the architecture of the room left a deep impression on her.

"It feels like you're back in the time when Shakespeare lived and like you're not in 2023," said Andrea.

In a statement released on Friday, NSW State Librarian John Vallance called the Shakespeare Room "one of Sydney's true hidden gems". — Xinhua



This photo taken on 21 April 2023 shows a reading room inside the New South Wales State Library in Sydney, Australia. Every year on 23 April, when World Book Day coincides with the death anniversary of William Shakespeare, a hidden gem in the heart of Australia's Sydney will open its door and welcome bookworms as promised. PHOTO: XINHUA

NEWS IN BRIEF

Second cheetah brought from Africa dies in India

A cheetah brought from South Africa to India has died, wildlife officials said, the second such death within a month in a country where the big spotted cat was declared extinct seven decades ago.

So far, 12 cheetahs from South Africa and eight from Namibia have been brought to India after its top court ruled in 2020 that the species should be reintroduced. The male cheetah, named Uday, was found unwell in an enclosure in central India's Kuno National Park and tranquilised for treatment, but died later in the day, forest official J. S. Chauhan said in a statement issued Sunday. — AFP

China, Singapore to hold joint naval drills

CHINA and Singapore will hold joint naval drills this week, Beijing's defence ministry said on Monday.

The Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy will dispatch its frigate Yulin as well as the Chibi minesweeper for the drills, which will take place around Singapore from "end-April to early May", the ministry said in a statement.

The two countries agreed last year to hold the drills at a meeting of defence ministers, though details were not announced at the time.

Singapore regularly conducts drills with countries from the region and around the world, with personnel from the city-state taking part in the massive Cobra Gold exercises with US soldiers in Thailand in March. — AFP

Chinese president calls for intl data cooperation

CHINA is willing to deepen international data cooperation with other countries within the framework of the Global Development Initiative, Chinese President Xi Jinping said on Monday.

Xi's remarks were made in a congratulatory message to the 4th United Nations World Data Forum in Hangzhou, the

capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, scheduled from 24 to 27 April.

Xi said sustainable development is the inevitable choice for the prosperity and progress of human society, and achieving strong, green, and healthy global development is the common aspiration of people around the

world.

China supports and implements the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and adheres to a new philosophy of innovative, coordinated, green, open, and shared development, Xi said.

He said China constantly improves digital infrastructure,

strengthens data and statistical capacity building, and actively shares its practice and experience in monitoring the Sustainable Development Goals.

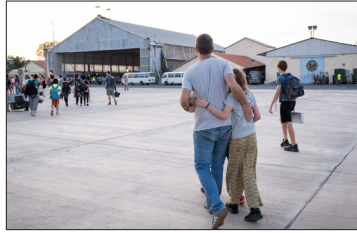
China will work with other countries to help promote the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through "data govern-

ance," build an open and win-win international cooperation in the data field, and promote common development and progress of all countries, Xi said.

The forum is organized by the United Nations and co-hosted by the National Bureau of Statistics and the government of Zhejiang Province. — Xinhua

Mass exodus of foreigners as fighting rages in Sudan

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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council: Twelve 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 prioritize 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.
- (d) To ensure peace, stability, rule of law, and the safe and smooth functioning of transport networks across the Union.

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance development based on agriculture and livestock using modern production techniques and to 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 assure support for the sustainability of Micro-, Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) that prioritize import substitution, export production, and the use of domestically produced raw materials, in order to increase domestic production and generate employment opportunities.
- (d) To advance the socioeconomic life of the people, in order to ensure the country's prosperity and food security.

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 people and preserve and safeguard their faiths, beliefs, culture, and characteristics of patriotic nationalism.
- (c) To strengthen basic health care in order to achieve the emergence of a health system that enhances the longevity and health of the entire nation.
- (d) To comprehensively promote the education sector to make it capable of producing the human resources necessary for building a modern, developed, and progressive democratic nation.



AFF FUTSAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 2023
NAKHON RATCHASIMA, THAILAND

DRAW CONCLUDED

GROUP A	GROUP B
 HONGYEN THAKAM THAILAND	 BLACK STEEL FC INDONESIA
 PAHANG RANGERS FC MALAYSIA	 THAI SON NAM VIETNAM
 VICTORIA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE MYANMAR	 FOOTBALL VICTORIA AUSTRALIA

PHOTO: MFF

Myanmar's VUC FC placed in Group A of AFF Futsal Club Championship 2023

THE drawing-lots ceremony for the AFF Futsal Club Championship 2023 was held this week in Thailand, which will host the tournament, and Myanmar's Victoria University College (VUC) Futsal Club was placed in Group A.

The VUC FC will compete against Thai club Hongyen

Thakam FC and Malaysian club Pahang Rangers FC in the same group.

The AFF Futsal Club Championship 2023 will kick off on 1 May, and VUC FC will play against Thai club Hongyen Thakam FC at 5:00 pm local time on that day. VUC's second group match

will be played against Malaysian club Pahang Rangers FC on 3 May at 5:00 pm local time.

The semi-finals of the AFF Futsal Club Championship 2023 will be held on 5 May and the third-place match and the final will continue on 7 May. — KZL

Thousands of fans greet Napoli after win over Juve

THOUSANDS of joyous Napoli supporters greeted the team early Monday as they returned from their victory over Juventus, which brought the prospect of a historic Serie A title within touching distance.

Fans flew banners and flags and sang songs as the

team arrived shortly before 3:00 am (0100 GMT) at Naples-Capodichino Airport from Turin.

Victor Osimhen and Khvicha Kvaratskhelia, the two stars of Luciano Spalletti's team, climbed onto the roof of the team bus to hail the fans

below.

After the vehicle carefully navigated its way out of the crowd, it drove into town followed by dozens of scooters.

Napoli's 1-0 triumph at Juventus on Sunday left them 17 points clear at the top of the table. — AFP

Man Utd will fight to derail Man City's treble bid: Ten Hag



Manchester United's Swedish defender Victor Lindelof scores the winning penalty past Brighton's Spanish goalkeeper Robert Sanchez in a penalty shoot out during the English FA Cup semi-final football match between Manchester United and Brighton and Hove Albion at Wembley Stadium in north west London on 23 April 2023. PHOTO: AFP

ERIK ten Hag vowed Manchester United would "give everything" to prevent Manchester City from matching his club's treasured treble after they beat Brighton to set up an FA Cup final against their fierce rivals.

United won 7-6 on penalties at Wembley on Sunday after the game finished goalless, with defender Victor Lindelof scoring the decisive spot-kick.

It went some way to banishing the agony of their shocking Europa League performance in midweek, when they lost 3-0 to Sevilla in the quarter-finals to lose 5-2 on aggregate.

But they will have to find more of a cutting edge in the FA Cup final on 3 June if they are to beat Pep Guardiola's City, who are targeting the treble of Champions League, Premier League and FA Cup.

City are favourites to win all three of the trophies this season after moving up through the gears in recent weeks.

United were on course for three trophies of their own before Thursday's blowout in Spain, but they are still chasing a domestic double after winning the League Cup in February to end a six-year silverware drought.

United boss Ten Hag, speaking after the nail-biting Wembley shootout, praised his team's ability to bounce back.

"First we are physical, strong, we are mentally strong, so we showed the character and personality necessary... we were determined to win this game," he said.

But the Dutch boss said his men must learn to change the script during tough matches — they have suffered a number of punishing defeats this season, including a 6-3 defeat at City and a 7-0 reverse at Liverpool. — AFP