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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.

## Those from organizations with various titles including PDFs in armed struggle line invited to return to legal fold

9 May 2023

1. The State Administration Council is discharging the State responsibilities under the Constitution (2008) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar while implementing the Five-Point Road Map and 12 Objectives to build a Union based on genuine, disciplined democracy and federalism. Meanwhile, as those wishing to politically indoctrinate the people and make attempts to cause the utter devastation of the State unlawfully formed the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH), the National Unity Government (NUG) and their subordinate People's Defence Forces (PDFs) and committed armed terror acts, the government declared them as the terrorist groups under the Counter-Terrorism Law. **SEE PAGE-4**

## Opening ceremony of Sittway-Kaladan international jetty



The inauguration ceremony of the Sittway-Kaladan international jetty in progress in Sittway, Rakhine State on 9 May 2023.

THE opening ceremony of the Sittway-Kaladan international jetty under the India-funded Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project was held in

Sittway Township of Rakhine State yesterday.

First, State Administration Council member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister

for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San welcomed the Indian delegation led by Minister Mr Shri Sarbananda Sonowal of Ports, Shipping and

Waterways at the Sittway-Kaladan international jetty.

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## Parties allowed to establish still applying for registration

THOSE who want to establish a political party are applying to the Union Election Commission stating the name of the party they want to establish. Out of the 13 groups that applied for this, five political parties have been allowed to establish.

Among five political parties allowed to be established, the Federal Democratic Party has applied for registration as a political party to the Commission under Rule 7 of the Registration of Political Parties within 30 days from the date of its establishment.

The Union Election Commission is doing the ongoing verification. — MNA/KZL

## Public Notice for Submitting Objection

UNDER Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law, Myanmar People's Democratic Party (MPD), with its headquarters located at No 83, Yangon-Bago Road, Htaukkyant, Yangon Region, has submitted to the Union Election Commission that the party's flag and emblem will be changed as described.

Therefore, those who want to object to the mentioned party flag and emblem that will be changed by the Myanmar People's Democratic Party (MPD) can object to the Union Election Commission with valid evidence within seven days from the date of this announcement. It is announced to the public under Rule 14 (d) of the Registration of Political Parties.



The Flag of the Myanmar People's Democratic Party (MPD)



The emblem of the Myanmar People's Democratic Party (MPD)

Union Election Commission

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# Opening ceremony of Sittway-Kaladan international jetty

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A to Z Exim Limited presented the work processes of the port to the Deputy Prime Minister and Indian officials.

Then, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Vinay Kumar, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin and Indian Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Mr Shri Sarbananda Sonowal made speeches respectively.

Speaking at the event, the Deputy Prime Minister said the opening of the Sittway-Kaladan international port, part of the India-funded Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project, is an achievement that brings benefits not only to India but also to Rakhine and Chin states. As it is a multimodal transport system by linking the sea route, inland waterways and roads, the flow of transport and goods between Rakhine and Chin states will be better and it can develop the socioeconomic status of residents. It will create more job opportunities. It is thankful for the efforts



Deputy Prime Minister MoTC Union Minister Admiral Tin Aung San speaks on the inaugural occasion yesterday.



of the two governments as the project creates direct trading services to the regional countries in addition to India through the Sittway port.

Then, the Deputy Prime Minister and Indian Minister pressed the button to inaugurate the monument of the port and exchanged gifts. They also had a documentary photo taken

together with the attendees.

They then conducted the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Sittway-Kaladan international jetty at Sittway-Kaladan International Port where the international cargo vessel ITT Lion docked at.

At noon, the Deputy Prime Minister, Indian Minister and party met with the members of the Rakhine State Chambers of

Commerce at the Royal Sittwe Resort Hotel. During the meeting, they discussed the potential of bilateral trade, trade volume to regional countries through Sittway Port, economic and job opportunities for Rakhine State residents, transport system between Rakhine State and Chin State.

The Deputy Prime Minister

met state-level departmental officials of Rakhine State at the cabinet office to discuss the cyclone that is likely to occur in the Bay of Bengal on 8 May.

During the meeting, the deputy director-general of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology explained the weather forecast and paths of the storm and the Rakhine State chief minister, the security and border affairs minister and the cabinet secretary reported on the preparations and measures to be conducted in the period of emergency.

Then, the Deputy Prime Minister gave proper instructions.

The Deputy Prime Minister and party then inspected the digging sandbank for 1,262 metres long waterway of Sateyoekya Creek conducted by the Rakhine State budget in 2022-2023 and 2023-2024FYs, nine wells in the Sittway agricultural farm and well-digging processes at Sittway General Hospital. — MNA/KTZH



Indian Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Mr Shri Sarbananda Sonowal speaks on the inauguration event yesterday.



## High knowledge and education key to nation's future

- As today is an age of technology, it should not be left behind.
- It is necessary for all to study for the improvement of one's knowledge and to help promote his or her children's education and knowledge.
- Only if knowledge is high will the democracy system and the nation's future be assured.

*(Excerpts from the discussion by State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at a meeting with officers, other ranks and family members of Myitkyina Station held on 13 December 2022)*

## Republic of the Union of Myanmar National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee Statement

9 May 2023

1. With regard to the Statement issued by the 17<sup>th</sup> KNU-Karen National Union Congress on 5 May 2023, Paragraph (2) stated “coup d'état of the military together with the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent challenges”; Paragraph (5) stipulated fighting against the chauvinism and military dictatorship, establishment of a federal democratic system, ensuring national equality Karen nationals deserve, and enjoying the rights of self-administration; and Paragraph (6) described “emergence of a federal democratic Union after fighting against chauvinism and military dictatorship, national equality and self-administration”.
2. As the government signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA together with eight ethnic armed organizations on 15 October 2015 with the witnesses of the United Nations, the European Union, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of India, Japan and the Kingdom of Thailand in order to restore the durable and perpetual peace, KNU also signed the NCA.
3. The State Administration Council declared the State of Emergency in accord with the Constitution (2008) and unavoidably and temporarily controlled the State as voting frauds in the 2020 election were not solved and attempts were made to grab the State power. The Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council clearly mentions “Priority will be accorded to work aligned with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA in order to achieve enduring peace for the entire nation” and “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 the democratic standards”. Moreover, it repeatedly mentioned that if the country is stable, the election will be held, and State power will be handed over to the winning civilian government.
4. The statement of KNU on the coup d'état of the military, the emergence of a federal democratic Union by fighting against chauvinism and military dictatorship, and its plan to cooperate with ethnic revolution forces, democratic forces and all strata of the people who pledged to enjoy democracy, national equality and self-administration does not show the constructive attitude, is against the provisions of the NCA and leads to the confrontation.
5. Current instabilities are conflicts triggered by instigation and external interference based on party attachment and personal cult. As Paragraph (1) (a) of the NCA shows agreements to build the Union based on democracy and federalism in accord with the results of political dialogues with full guarantees of democracy, national equality and rights of self-administration based on liberty, equality and justice, the armed struggle line based on the confrontation derails from the democratic system but leads to the terrorism. So, it causes hindrances to building the Union based on multiparty democratic and federal systems the entire ethnic national people aspire to as well as tremendous difficulties for the ethnics and the entire people who wish to enjoy internal peace, stability and development.
6. Currently, the government has talked about the peace process together with 10 ethnic armed organizations by inviting all ethnic armed organizations to seek solutions through dialogue. Good results and common agreements on peace and development have come out, and peace talks is open to all ethnic armed organizations up to now.
7. As such, the statement is hereby issued that the way of talks in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) only can help restore durable and perpetual peace, and it will be the correct way for the stability of the State, development, ethnic unity and national solidarity.

*National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee*

## DMC holds its work process meeting

THE Disaster Management Centre (DMC) opened at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and organized a meeting yesterday.

Speaking at the meeting, National Disaster Management Committee (NDMC) Vice-Chair 1 State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Soe Htut said the DMC was opened as per the guidance of NDMC Chairman made at the emergency meeting on 6 May. Depending on the situation of the cyclone, there will be four sections: normal, emergency and critical and rehabilitation. Currently, the measures for normal and emergency period

are being conducted. The systematically collected data should be reported to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council. The DMC should run for 24 hours. It should make preparations not to occur communication failures. Depending on the situation and changing path of the storm, it can carry out measures for the period of emergency and critical. It should prepare water and rations at the Cyclone Shelter and the DMC should share the information to make decisions. The DMC activities take a key role in this operation.

Then, NDMC Vice-Chair 2 Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine talked about the opening



The work process meeting of the Disaster Management Centre in progress at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

of DMC, data collection from respective region/state governments, plans to submit to the NDMC Chairman, preparation of working committees and procurement of emergency food supplies.

The officials of the working

committee also discussed the current weather condition, the weather forecast on the website of the international weather station, Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, stand-by rescues teams in regions/states, conveyance of people and materials,

plans to collect losses, water trucks, transportation service, the opening of Public Health Emergency Operation Centre (PBEOC), Rapid Respond Team (RRT) for emergency healthcare services and distribution of medical supplies. — MNA/KTZH

## Notice on licence applications for illegally owned arms and munitions

9 May 2023

1. It is learnt that people illegally carry arms and ammunition for their concerns about personal security due to the lethal attacks of terrorists on innocent people today. Although the original intention is for personal security, one's mind can change at any time when in possession of arms and munition. Moreover, it can cause firearm misuse for possessing illegally and it is not in conformity with the law. Therefore, the State Administration Council will manage to grant licences systematically as per the policy of carrying arms and munition.
2. In applying for the licence to carry arms and munition, applicants will not be asked how they get the gun, but they must apply for it together with the arms that they want to carry. Upon the applications, it will review as per the policy of carrying arms and munition and licences will be granted to those who meet the specific requirements. Action will be taken against those who do not apply for licences together with arms and munition during the fixed period.

*State Administration Council  
Information Team*

## Those from organizations with various titles including PDFs in armed struggle line invited to return to legal fold

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2. These terrorist groups persuaded innocent people to join the terror organizations with indoctrination based on frightening, sending them to the areas of ethnic armed organizations for attending the explosives courses and participate in the ethnic armed organizations to commit murders in terrorist acts and attacks. A large number of Buddhist monks, State service personnel and innocent people lost their lives in the terror attacks. These terror acts hindered the development of the nation.
  3. As the strength of the nation lies within, the nation will reach its goal in a short time only when the development of the nation and construction of the Union based on genuine, disciplined democracy and federalism can be carried out with concerted efforts of the people through might and main.
- Hence, now is the time to make cooperative efforts to build the State by struggling free from the indoctrination of those who attempt to cause utter devastation to the country, and those involved in terrorist groups including PDF for various reasons and illegal organizations are invited to return to the legal fold for participation in the nation-building tasks. If those who returned to the legal fold committed crimes such as murder, rape and harming others, they would face trials at the court under the law and the government would ease any restrictions over them depending on their crimes under the law.
4. If they return to the legal fold, necessary assistance will go to them, and cash awards will be given to those who bring arms and ammunition as follows:-
    - (a) K5 million per gun from the rifle types
    - (b) K2 million per gun from pistol types
    - (c) K3 million per shotgun
    - (d) K7.5 million per mortar, launcher, RPG
    - (e) K500,000 per homemade shotgun, homemade mortar, homemade gun
    - (f) K300,000 per homemade mine and grenades
    - (g) K200,000 per other equipment except for arms and munitions, (e.g., walkie-talkie)
    - (h) K5 million per drone which can be used in bombing
  5. As such, those wishing to return to the legal fold are invited and urged to contact district and township administration bodies, military camps and police stations.
- State Administration Council  
Information Team*

## DPM MoPF Union Minister attends coord meeting on tax collection

DEPUTY Prime Minister Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein attended the coordination meeting on the rightful collection of taxes for the State at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Union Ministers Dr Kan Zaw, U Min Naung, U Thaug Han, U Aung Naing Oo, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Tin Oo Lwin, deputy ministers and heads of respective ministries and departments.

At the meeting, the Dep-

uty Prime Minister said that, regarding the third quarterly report (2022-2023 financial year) of the State's revenue accounts, the State Administration Council Chairman has instructed that the respective ministries must coordinate with one another to be able to correctly collect revenues due to the State, that some ministries can collect revenues more than the target and some cannot meet the target.

Therefore, the Deputy Prime Minister urged the

ministries which are unable to meet the target to scrutinize and identify the reasons for the decrease in revenues, to address weaknesses and to make efforts to ensure that taxes are properly and fully collected in the financial year 2023-2024.

Then, the Union ministers, the deputy ministers and the heads of relevant departments discussed the issues of collecting taxes to meet the targets and effective spending of expenditure. — MNA//MKKS



Deputy Prime Minister U Win Shein chairs the coordination meeting on tax collection yesterday.

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# MoIC Union Minister attends meeting 1/ 2023 of Working Committee on International Relations under National Disaster Management Committee

THE meeting of the Working Committee on International Relations 1/2023 under the National Disaster Management Committee was held at the Ayeyawady Hall, Ministry of International Cooperation yesterday.

Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing, in the capacity of the Chairman of the Working Committee on International Relations, discussed the need to notify international organizations including the United Nations and the ASEAN as well as the friendly countries in advance to receive necessary assistance in time in case of Cyclone Mocha happens in Myanmar as well as to establish a Fast-Track Mechanism in facilitating the smooth

delivery and distribution of the international assistance to the affected areas.

U Kyaw Myo Htut, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Vice-Chair of the Working Committee briefed on a prior donation of over 150,000 instant noodle packets with the value of 1.07 million Thai Baht provided by the Myanmar community in Thailand for the potential affected population.

Subsequently, the permanent secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the capacity of the Secretary of the Working Committee, also discussed the work programme to be implemented by the Working Committee.

In addition, members of



Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing chairs the meeting 1/2023 of the Working Committee on International Relations in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

the Working Committee deliberated on the smooth facilitation of flight clearance and

landing permits of the flights, carrying assistance items for the affected people, tax exemp-

tions, entry visas, and loading and unloading matters among others. — MNA

# Basic, advanced maritime and aviation youth courses 2023 conducted in respective townships



Student trainees are seen being trained for maritime and aviation youth courses 2023 (above and below right photos).

FOR the new generation of youth to develop knowledge, make the most of holidays, and follow their hobbies during the summer vacation, and to turn out the future generation of maritime and aviation experts for the state, basic and ad-

vanced maritime youth courses, basic aviation youth courses (senior level), and basic aviation youth courses (junior level) were opened at training camps in the respective townships at the same time by Tatmadaw (Navy) and Tatmadaw (Air) on

24 April.

The trainers from Tatmadaw (Navy) are training 97 trainees at the Inya training camp in Yangon Region, 71 trainees at the Cocokyun training camp, 85 trainees at the Mawlamyine training camp in Mon State,

and 60 trainees at the Heinze training camp in Taninthayi Region. A total of 712 youths are also under training at 11 maritime youth training camps in respective townships.

Likewise, a total of 680 trainees from 17 basic aviation youth courses (senior level and junior level) carried out field studies on the daily operations of the Tatmadaw (Air) in the flight line and air traffic control

department at the pilot training school. They were also trained to drive the RC stimulator and RC aircraft and helicopter drones under the supervision of trainers.

Officials from the respective military commands visited the training sites, encouraged the youth and fulfilled the requirements in coordination with responsible personnel. — MNA/CT



## 211 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 9 May, total figure registers 636,388

MYANMAR'S COVID-19-positive cases rose to 636,388 after 211 new cases were reported on 9 May 2023 according to the Ministry of Health.

Therefore, a total of 10,462,121 laboratory samples were examined and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached 636,388. The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached 615,388 including 81 new recoveries. The death toll from COVID-19 in the country remained unchanged at 19,492 on 9-5-2023 with no new death reported from the pandemic.— GNLM

# Foodstuffs, school supplies provided to temporarily displaced people in Kayin State



The provision ceremony of foodstuffs and school supplies in progress (above) and Kayin State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo presents the aid (right below).

KAYIN State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo, accompanied by the South-East Command commander and deputy commander, state cabinet members and local military officers, provided foodstuffs and school supplies to temporarily displaced people in Hlaingbwe Township of Hpa-an District and Myinegyingu Special Region in Kayin State on 8 May.

They then handed over household certificates and 151 citizenship scrutinization cards to temporarily displaced people in Hlaingbwe Township. The

mander and responsible officials provided over K33 million worth of foodstuffs and school supplies to 2,089 temporarily displaced persons in Myinegyingu Special Region.

Hlaingbwe Township Immigration Department is working to issue CSCs to the remaining 116 people. Next, the Kayin State chief minister and party provided more than K53 million worth of foodstuffs and school supplies to temporarily displaced people in Hlaingbwe Township. — Saw Myo Min Thein (IPRD)/TS



## Supplies delivered to families of temporarily displaced persons in Kamamaung

SUPERVISED by the Kayin State government, the ceremony to deliver supplies to families who are temporarily displaced persons was held at the No 2 ward administration office yesterday morning.

Essential supplies such as mosquito nets, blankets, bars of soap and nether garments for men and women were delivered to 778 households, according to the No 2 ward administrator U Aung Win Tun. — Kamamaung IPRD/KZW



One temporarily displaced person receives the provision of basic items.

## Foodstuffs, school supplies provided to temporarily displaced persons in Kayah State



The ceremony to provide foodstuffs and school supplies to temporarily displaced persons in progress yesterday in Kayah State.

THE Kayah State government provided foodstuffs and school supplies to temporarily displaced people in Kayah State at a ceremony held at the State Hall in Loikaw Township yesterday.

Kayah State Chief Minister U Zaw Myo Tin first underscored the implementation of the state government in the agriculture and livestock breeding sectors for the so-

cioeconomic development of the local people, the necessary peaceful settlement for bringing peace to the state and the need for public participation in these efforts.

Afterwards, Eastern Command Commander Maj-Gen Hla Moe clarified the resettlement issues in the state and the Kayah State chief minister, the Eastern Command commander and responsible

officials provided cash assistance, foodstuffs and school supplies to the representatives of relevant temporary shelter camps.

It was the sixth time that the Kayah State government provided foodstuffs totalling over K111.9 million worth of foodstuffs to 12,620 temporarily displaced persons, in temporary shelter camps in Loikaw Township. — MNA/MKKS

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 increase of death rate due to the disease.

# Authorities inspect natural disaster prevention training, storage of rescue and support equipment

THE low-pressure area that is forming in the southeast of the Bay of Bengal and the adjacent Andaman Sea is gradually strengthening and may become a cyclone, and according to the forecasts, it can enter Myanmar. Emergency management exercises focused on rehabilitation tasks are currently being carried out in various regions and states to prepare for potential natural disasters and ensure effective relief efforts and cooperation.

Military personnel from various cantonments under the command of Nay Pyi Taw Council

Area practice rehearsal in the interrogation and accommodation centre in Pobbathiri Township. Military personnel from South East Command practice at the Ahweiya hot balloon field in Taunggyi Township.

In addition, in the event of a natural disaster, disaster relief teams are preparing in advance to be able to provide assistance and carry out rescue operations, preparing storm protection buildings (Cyclone Shelter), and arrangements are being made to ensure that five types of food and drinking water are sufficient in the respective areas.

Ministers, Commanders and departmental officials from respective regions and states observe the preparation for natural disasters at the Myanmar Fire Service De-

partment Headquarters in Mayangon Township in Yangon, Phapun, Bogale, Shwe Thaug Yan, Chaung Tha, Ngwe Saung, Pathein, Thaboung, Hinegyi island and Mawlamyinekyun townships in Ayeyawady Region, factory and vehicle department of the Mandalay City Development Committee, Disaster Management Department in Chanmyathazi Township, relief storage facility, the Central Warehouse (Mandalay), Central Medicine Warehouse in Maha Aungmyay Township in Mandalay and PyinOoLwin Township on 8 and 9 May. — MNA /KZW



Military officers and responsible officials inspect preparedness measures in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Shan State, Yangon Region, Ayeyawady Region and Mandalay Region (top and above photos).

## Preparedness measures underway in various states, regions



At Sittway Township Fire Brigade.

THE Department of Fire Services under the Ministry of Home Affairs is accelerating its preparedness activities for relief, rescue and first-aid operations in the event of a storm in various states and regions.

Preparedness activities such as rehearsal exercises are being conducted at fire brigades in Kyauktaw, Kyaukpyu, Sittway, Taungup, Pauktaw, Buthidaung, Minpya, Manaung, Maungtaw,

Myaypon, MraukU, Yanbye, Thandwe and An townships in Rakhine State; in Shwepyitha and Hlaing townships of the Yangon Region, and in Kangyidaunt, Kyaiklat, Pantanaw, Pathein, Maubin, Mawlamyine, Laputta, Wakema and Hinthada of the Ayeyawady Region. People are informed and notified of well-preparedness measures against any possible incoming storm. — MNA/TS



Kyauktaw.



Kyaukphyu.



Taungup



Pauktaw.



Myaypon.



MraukU.

# OPINION

## Firmly join hands in defying the possible cyclonic storm

**P**OSSIBILITY is not a dead sure forecast but it is necessary to take special care of everything without reluctant efforts. In the case of weather forecasts, everybody wishes to be true for fine weather but they wish to be wrong for bad ones.

European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecast (EC-MWF), Global Forecast System (GFS) and the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology of Myanmar have issued weather forecasts that the occurrence of a storm from the low-pressure area in the Bay of Bengal on 8 May might change to a stronger cyclone and enter Yangon and Ayeyawady Region (or) coastal region of Myanmar.

These organizations also mentioned their forecasts that the cyclonic storm will enter the coastal regions of Myanmar in two ways. The first one is between Pyapon Township and Kungyangon townships of the Yangon Region and the second one is between Sittway and Kyaukpadaung townships passing through Rakhine coastal region.

Actually, they all issued relevant forecasts. They admitted that the exact way of such a storm is expected to enter Myanmar on 13 and 14 May after causing a depression in the Bay of Bengal. Due to possible effects of the storm, the likelihood of isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers will happen in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Shan, Kayah and Mon states.

The proper preparations should be made now as the country has experienced storms. Of the storms, the 2008 Nargis cyclone left regrettable losses. If the storm changes its ways, the preparations will benefit us as practices. Therefore, preparation is a must. Hence, not only government service personnel but the entire people are to join hands in taking preventive measures against the storm so as to minimize loss of life and property in the terrible event.

All the people residing in possible storm-prone areas need to follow the protocols on disaster risk reduction released by authorities and relevant ministries. The government also opens its Disaster Management Centre at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement on 8 May for solving the cyclone-related measures in a timely manner.

Myanmar experienced bitter days of cyclonic storm Nargis in 2008. Nobody wishes to see a similar scene in storm-hit areas. So, they all embrace the same attitude to protect their property against disasters as much as possible. The same idea and attitude are the best strength among the people to overcome the challenges of a possible severe storm.

## Disaster Preparedness and Response

By Dr Than Lwin Tun

**D**ISASTER preparedness and response refers to the actions and strategies put in place to mitigate the effects of disasters. Disaster preparedness involves the measures taken before a disaster occurs to reduce the probability of harm or damage, while disaster response involves the actions taken during and immediately after a disaster to save lives and prevent further damage.

Disaster preparedness refers to the measures taken to prepare for and reduce the devastating effects of a disaster. This might entail predicting when and where a disaster might take place, and whenever possible, preventing the disaster. When preventing a disaster is not possible, disaster preparation also includes the planning, organizing, training and equipping of local communities to have the resources and knowledge necessary to combat the effects of the disaster when and if it takes

place.

Disaster preparedness and response involve a comprehensive approach to emergency situations. At the moment some steps you can take: Assess your risks: Identify the types of disasters that are most likely to occur in your area, such as floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires, or tornadoes. Learn about warning signs, evacuation routes, and emergency procedures specific to each type of disaster; Develop a plan: Create a disaster plan for your household or workplace. This plan should include emergency contact information, evacuation routes, and a communication strategy. Practice your plan regularly; Build an emergency kit: Gather emergency supplies such as water, non-perishable food, first aid supplies, flashlights, batteries, and a radio. Keep the kit in a designated location that is easily accessible in case of an emergency; Stay informed: Keep

up to date with weather alerts, news reports, and emergency notifications. Follow your local emergency management agency on social media or sign up for alerts via text or email, Volunteer: Consider volunteering with local emergency response organizations or community groups to help with disaster relief efforts. This can involve helping with evacuation, providing first aid, or assisting with rescue efforts, and Practice evacuation drills: Regularly practice evacuation drills so that everyone in your household or workplace knows what to do in case of an emergency.

Disaster preparedness is an ongoing process, and it's important to regularly review and update your plan and emergency kit. By taking these steps, you can help minimize the impact of disasters and ensure a safe response.

Disaster response refers to

the actions taken directly after a destructive event occurs. This may include but is not limited to Search and rescue efforts, Emergency healthcare and injury assessment, Food and water management and Shelter assignment for displaced individuals and families.

Disaster preparedness and response require a proactive approach to minimize the impact of disasters and maximize the ability to respond effectively when they occur.

The effectiveness of disaster preparedness and response depends on various factors, including the level of preparedness, the magnitude of the disaster, and the resources available for response efforts. While it may not be possible to prevent disasters entirely, effective disaster preparedness and response can help to minimize the impact of disasters on individuals, com-

munities, and the environment.

Effective Disaster preparedness and response can be measured: Timeliness of response: The timeliness of response is critical to ensure that affected individuals receive timely assistance and support. The effectiveness of disaster preparedness and response can be measured by how quickly and efficiently aid is delivered to those in need, Coordination and communication: Effective coordination and communication among various stakeholders is crucial for a successful disaster response. Measuring the effectiveness of disaster preparedness and response involves evaluating how well response efforts have helped to protect lives and livelihoods, prevent further damage, and facilitate recovery.

Additionally, the effectiveness of disaster preparedness and response depends on various factors, and it requires a coordinated effort among various stakeholders. By investing in disaster preparedness and response, communities can build resilience and minimize the impact of disasters on their lives and livelihoods.

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## Level of passengers' travel has now surpassed pre-Covid levels: Indian Civil Aviation official

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**M**INISTRY of Civil Aviation Senior Economic Advisor Piyush Srivastava on Wednesday said the level of passengers' travel has now surpassed the pre-Covid levels.

During a media interaction at an event in New Delhi, the senior economic advisor of the ministry said, "It goes to show that the aviation industry and the Indian economy are on the right trajectory."

While speaking in terms of cargo business, he said there was a bit of lag. He said globally too, it was suffering. "In Europe, there is a slowdown. In the US, there is no growth," he added.

For the cargo business, he said it now depends on the do-

mestic cargo business since the international business is stagnant.

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Speaking on the lines of Go First case, he said, "The Go First case has gone to the National

The level of passengers' travel has now surpassed the pre-Covid levels. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ AFP**



Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). So, we will wait for the outcome." He also said, "I will not like to comment on something that is already with the Tribunal."

On the developments in Krishi Udan, he said, "We had given concessions on the navigation charges, etc, to all the airport that we had taken in the Krishi Udan scheme. Now, we have opened 21 defence airports, so Krishi Udan's reach has expanded."

Piyush Srivastava said, "It depends on the industry to take advantage of this situation. The industry has to bring in the filters and get the benefit of the concessions available on offer."

SOURCE: ANI

# ARTICLE WEATHER REPORT



## Well Marked Low Pressure Area Condition

Issued at (19:00) hours MST on 9-5-2023

- According to the observations at (17:30) hrs MST today, the Well Marked Low Pressure Area over the Southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining South Andaman Sea still persist. It is likely intensified into a Depression during next (6) hrs and into a Cyclonic Storm over the Southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining East Central Bay of Bengal and Andaman Sea around (10.5.2023). The Cyclonic Storm is likely to move North-Northwestwards and reach to East-central Bay of Bengal around (11.5.2023) and then recurve North-Northeastwards and move to Bangladesh-Myanmar Coasts.
- General caution**  
Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph from tonight to (11.5.2023). From (12.5.2023) to (14.5.2023), frequently squalls with rough to very rough seas will be experienced Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (70-80) mph and occasionally squalls with rough seas will be experienced Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Tanintharyi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph.
- Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady Regions and (Southern and Eastern) Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin, Mon States with regionally and isolated heavy falls in some Regions and States and scattered to fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin and Northern Shan from (11.5.2023) to (15.5.2023).

### Advisory

Under the influence of the Cyclonic Storm, people should be aware of strong wind, heavy rain, flash flood and landslide in the hilly areas and near small rivers and also domestic flight, trawlers, vessels and ships off and along Myanmar Coasts. Therefore, people should watch the forecasts of The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology and make the necessary preparations.

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# CURRENT AFFAIRS

## 23-31 May designated as school enrolment week for 2023-2024 academic year

ACCORDING to the announcement of the Ministry of Education, the week spanning from 23 to 31 May has been designated as the school enrolment week for the academic year 2023-2024.

During the 2023-2024 academic year enrolment week, five-year-old children will have to be enrolled in Kindergarten (KG) and

six-year-old children in Grade 1.

For the last 2022-2023 academic year, 26 May to 1 June was designated as the school enrolment week of basic education schools in various regions and states, private schools and monastic schools, according to the Department of Basic Education. —TWA/KZW



Students are seen waiting for enrolment process for the 2022.2023 Academic Year.



Fish farms in Wakema Township, Ayeyawady Region.

## MoALI warns fish farmers to prevent flooding

THE Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation has issued a warning to prevent flooding of fish and shrimp farms and reduce losses caused by heavy rains and inundation of rivers.

The warning said that sandbags should be placed in areas where the banks of fish farms are thin and low to strengthen them, nets should be fenced around to prevent fish from escaping in case of flooding, and measures should be taken to prevent erosion of fish farms close to water currents.

In addition, it is also required to prepare fishing nets, boats, and equipment in advance to relocate the fish if necessary and move fish feed and equipment to a safe place.

Likewise, it is essential to keep the fish from escaping through regular feeding, to always check the water outlets and overflow areas of the farms and to constantly listen to emergency weather alerts.

In the event of an emergency due to flooding, it is necessary to contact the nearest fisheries department and ask for help, according to the announcement. — TWA/CT

## MoC to rent out completed public rental housing in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Ministry of Construction (MoC) has announced that they will rent apartments to people, employees, and retired employees in Nay Pyi Taw.

The Thukha Waddy Housing in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, which has already been implemented, will be rented out to the people, employees still in service, and retired employees. Applications will be sold from 4 to 19 May and will be accepted between 10 and 26 May. The applications will be available at Office No 40 of the Department of Urban &

Housing Development, Nay Pyi Taw, and applications must be submitted to the same department, the MoC declared.

In Thukha Waddy Housing, an apartment for the public is 614 square feet wide, and one for retired civil servants is 650 square feet wide. Each building has five storeys with four apartments per floor.

Likewise, applications can also be made for apartments in Mingala Yankin Public Rental Housing, Mandalay Region, the MoC announced. — TWA/CT



Apartments in Thukha Waddy Public Rental Housing in Dekkhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

## People from villages come to Laputta to avoid storm

THOUSANDS of people from the villages below Laputta city in the delta region of Ayeyawady Region came to Labutta to avoid the storm, according to Heart Laputta, a health care organization in Laputta city.

The people of Laputta villages who have suffered from the effects of Cyclone Nargis arrived at monasteries in Laputta starting on 6 May, and there are thousands of people there on 9 May.

The people fleeing from the storm have been accommodated in some monasteries and schools in Laputta and fed by the collective donations of the residents.

According to the forecast of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology at 5:30 pm MST yesterday, the well-marked low-pressure area over the South-east Bay of Bengal and adjoining South Andaman Sea persist. It is



The storm-evading people are seen arriving at the monasteries in Laputta. PHOTO: Heart Laputta

likely to intensify into a depression during the next six hours and into a cyclonic storm over the East Central Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea around 10 May 2023. The cyclonic storm is likely to move North-Northwestwards and reach the east-central Bay of Bengal around 11 May 2023 and then recurve North-North-eastwards and move to Bangla-



desh-Myanmar Coasts.

In answer to Green Way's question: "Is Ayeyawady, which was predicted to be accessible by previous routes, missed?", Meteorologist U Win Naing said, "The storm will not hit directly. The current size of the storm is big, and it is a little bigger than the size of the Rakhine coast. Also, the storm's central wind speed is about 135 miles per hour. When the storm moves in, the wind speed and the mass of the cloud in the storm will have the strongest effect on the right side of the

storm. For example, if the storm hits Kyaukpyu, the Ayeyawady Delta region below Kyaukpyu, as well as Yangon, Bago, and Magway regions, are on the right side of the storm. Nay Pyi Taw, Shan State (South), Kayah State, Kayah State, and Mon State are also included. All of these are on the right side, so the wind speed will be stronger than on the left side. Another thing is that the impact of the storm and the clouds will be greater. To put these together, the wind will be strong, and there will be heavy rain." — Htun Htun/CT



# LOCAL BUSINESS

## Black gram, pigeon pea prices hit fresh new peak

THE prices of black gram and pigeon pea reached a record high in the domestic market, according to the Yangon Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Bayintnaung Commodity Wholesale Centre).

On 18 April, the opening prices after the Myanmar New Year holidays were K2.395 million per tonne of pigeon pea and K2.067 million per tonne of black gram. On 9 May, the prices surged to K2.495 million per tonne of pigeon pea and K2.195 million per tonne of black gram.

The figures showed an increase of K100,000 per tonne of pigeon pea and K128,000 per tonne of black gram within three weeks.

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India forecast Myanmar's black gram output is estimated at 650,000 tonnes. This year, the yield rate is likely to fall by half owing to a reduction in sowing acres and threats of invasive pests, the growers said.

Myanmar earned over US\$1.4 billion from over 1.9 million tonnes of pulses in the financial year 2022-2023, the Ministry of Commerce's statistics showed. Myanmar primarily exports black gram, green gram and pigeon peas. Of them, black gram and pigeon peas are mainly sent to India while green grams are shipped to China and Europe.

India has growing demand and consumption requirements

for black gram and pigeon peas. According to a Memorandum of Understanding between Myanmar and India signed on 18 June 2022, India will import 250,000 tonnes of black gram and 100,000 tonnes of pigeon peas (tur) from Myanmar for five consecutive years from 2021-2022 financial year to 2025-2026 FY. This G-to-G pact will not affect the pulses' annual quota set by India. Myanmar's exporters are also entitled to deliver the pulses to India under that annual quota.

Myanmar yearly produces approximately 400,000 tonnes of black gram and about 50,000 tonnes of pigeon peas. Myanmar is the top producer of the black gram that is primarily demanded by India, while pigeon peas, green grams and chickpeas are cultivated in Australia and African countries besides Myanmar. — NN/EM



Traders are seen evaluating various beans and pulses in the Mandalay market.

## Chinshwehaw border trade values surpass target in April 2023

THE cross-border trade value of Myanmar's Chinshwehaw border with the neighbouring country China exceeded its target in April 2023.

The Chinshwehaw border aimed to achieve a US\$25 million trade target in April 2023, comprising exports worth \$14 million and imports valued at \$11 million. The border saw total trade value worth \$48.755 million including \$10.57 million in exports and \$38.185 million in imports, the Global New Light of Myanmar cited the Ministry of Commerce's news report posted online.

Additionally, the trade value grew by \$37.768 million compared with that in the corresponding period last year, showing an increase of \$5.995 million in exports and \$31.773 million in imports.

The exports of broken rice, corn, black-eyed pea, green gram, kidney bean, peanut, butter bean, sesame seed, dried tea leaf, millet, dried gooseberry, fresh ginger, raw rubber, chilli pepper, dried yam, cotton, onion, castor oil, mineral and ore mineral and Myanmar beer cans increased last month against



that in the year-ago period.

Meanwhile, imports of capital goods, intermediate goods and consumer goods also rose in April 2023. Myanmar's border trade with China through Chinshwehaw returned to normalcy. Exports significantly grew in the Q2 of the last financial year 2022-2023. — KK

## Prices of fuel oil, gold and dollar on 9 May 2023

### Fuel Oil Price (Yangon)

Octane 92	K1,920
Octane 95	K2,015
Diesel	K1,885
Premium Diesel	K1,965

All of the prices are based on per litre.

### Gold Price

The reference price of high-purity gold set by YGEA	K2,385,700 per tical
High-purity gold in the gold market	K3,005,000 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.

## Broken rice price soars to K45,000 per bag

THE price of broken rice jumped to K45,000 per 108-pound bag on 8 May from K43,000 recorded on 2 May, Wahdan Rice Wholesale Centre stated.

The figures showed a sharp increase of K2,000 per bag within a few days.

Strong domestic and foreign demand drove the broken rice prices up, rice traders highlighted.

Myanmar shipped 47,888 tonnes of rice and 39,760 tonnes of broken rice to foreign trade partners in April during the

current financial year 2023-2024, totalling over 87,000 tonnes, Myanmar Rice Federation's report indicated.

MRF aims to achieve a 2.5 million tonnes of rice export target and generate an income of US\$1 billion from the rice ex-

ports. Last FY2022-2023 (April-March), Myanmar conveyed over 2.2 million tonnes of rice and broken rice to external markets.

Myanmar has been exerting concerted efforts to grow 10 per cent yearly in the rice export sector. To raise foreign

income, it has been prioritizing the exportation of high-grade rice and boosting export volume, MRF stated. Myanmar's export values swelled to over \$809.135 million from 2,164,681 tonnes of rice exported in the 2021-2022 FY. — NN/EM

# ECONOMY WORLD

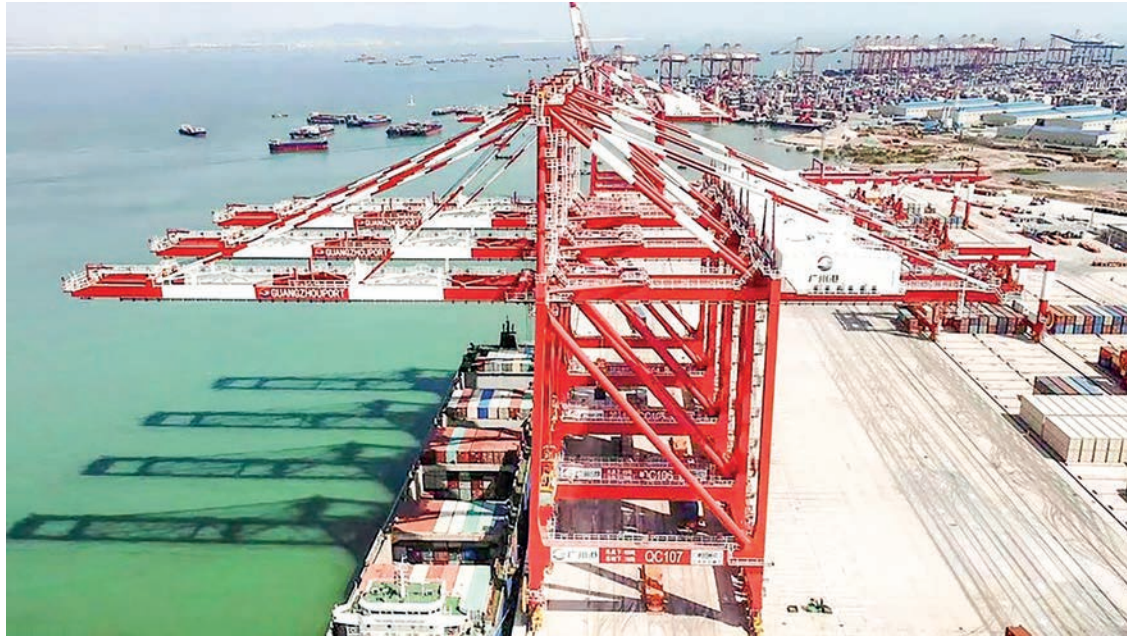
## China's foreign trade grows at faster pace, trade with Central Asia surges

CHINA'S foreign trade grew at a faster pace in the first four months of the year amid uncertain external demand, trade risks and other challenges.

China's total imports and exports expanded 5.8 per cent year on year to 13.32 trillion yuan (about 1.92 trillion US dollars) in the period, the General Administration of Customs (GAC) said Tuesday. The growth rate accelerated by one percentage point from the pace recorded in the first quarter.

Exports grew 10.6 per cent year on year while imports rose 0.02 per cent in the first four months, it added.

From January to April, the growth rate of China's trade with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations and the European Union stood at 13.9 per cent



File photo shows the construction site of the fourth-phase project of Nansha Port in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

and 4.2 per cent, respectively, the data showed.

China's trade with Belt and

Road countries jumped by 16 per cent year on year to 4.61 trillion yuan in the period.

In particular, the country's trade with five Central Asian countries — Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan — surged 37.4 per cent, partly making up for the weak demand in traditional markets. Private enterprises saw a fast growth rate as imports and exports increased by 15.8 per cent to 7.05 trillion yuan in the first four months, accounting for more than half of the country's total.

In terms of types of goods, exports of mechanical and electrical products expanded by 10.5 per cent to account for 57.9 per cent of the total exports.

Driven by robust exports of new energy vehicles, automobile exports soared 120.3 per cent year on year during the period.

A monthly customs survey showed that the proportion of enterprises with growing export orders had increased for four consecutive months. — Xinhua

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## Philippine manufacturing output sustains growth in March

THE manufacturing production in the Philippines sustained its growth in March, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) said on Tuesday. Based on the preliminary results of a monthly survey, the year-on-year value of production index (VaPI) and the volume of production index (VoPI) increased by 4.9 per cent and 2.2 per cent in March, respectively.

The PSA said the March VaPI growth is slower than that

in February at nine per cent, attributing the slower growth in March mainly to the slower yearly increase in the index of manufacture of beverages industry division with an 11.1 per cent annual increment from 27.2 per cent in February. On the other hand, the agency also attributed the slower growth of VoPI in March to the lower annual rates in the manufacture of beverages, chemical products and basic metals. — Xinhua

## Malaysia natural rubber production slips 0.1% in March

MALAYSIA'S natural rubber production decreased by 0.1 per cent to 27,188 tonnes in March from 27,209 tonnes in February, official data showed Tuesday.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) said in a statement that a year-on-year comparison showed that the production of natural rubber increased by 10.8 per cent from

24,549 tonnes in March 2022.

Meanwhile, total stocks of natural rubber in March increased by 6.3 per cent to 203,372 tonnes as compared to 191,296 tonnes in February.

Exports of Malaysia's natural rubber amounted to 45,789 tonnes in March, a decrease of 5.4 per cent as against 48,393 tonnes in February. — Xinhua

## Iran, Oman agree to sign investment MoU, preferential trade agreement

IRAN and Oman on Monday agreed to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on making joint investments as well as a preferential trade agreement, according to official news agency IRNA.

The issues were discussed in a meeting between Iranian Minister of Economic Affairs and

Finance Ehsan Khandouzi and Omani Minister of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion Qais bin Mohammed Al Yousef in Tehran.

In the meeting, Khandouzi said the relations between Iran and Oman improved in different areas that gained greater momentum following the visit by

Iranian President Ebrahim Raisi to Muscat in May 2022.

He said his ministry completely agrees with the proposal and will raise and support the issue in the next meeting of the Iranian cabinet, expressing hope that the MoU will be signed in the first official event between the two states. — Xinhua

## Pakistan buys Russian oil but sees diversified future

FACING a deep economic crisis, Pakistan has started to buy Russian oil, but the country's petroleum minister says the future lies in diversified, especially green, energy.

Minister Musadik Malik was visiting the United States for talks with corporations as well as with the government, which has led global efforts to choke off Russia's oil exports that help fund its invasion of Ukraine.

Malik confirmed that a first order was placed for Russian oil and would arrive within a month in Pakistan, which will then assess how much to import in the future. "Based upon the



Pakistani Petroleum Minister Musadik Malik speaks during an interview with AFP at the Embassy of Pakistan in Washington DC on 8 May 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

results, we'll move forward and see for what part of our portfolio

we can use Russian energy," he told AFP. — AFP

# Asian, European markets mostly down as US inflation moves into focus

MARKETS struggled Tuesday as investors eyed the release of US inflation data later in the week, while mixed Chinese trade data suggested that recovery in the world's number two economy was still taking time.

While the region enjoyed a healthy start to the week, there remains plenty of nervousness on trading floors after last week's upheaval in the US banking sector, which hammered financial stocks.

The turmoil saw the sale of the embattled First Republic Bank to JPMorgan Chase and came just two months after the collapse of three other regional banks and the takeover of Swiss giant Credit Suisse by rival UBS.

Still, while a much-anticipated Federal Reserve survey of banks showed



(FILES) Credit Suisse CEO Ulrich Komer looks on during the annual general meeting of Credit Suisse bank in Zurich on 4 April 2023, following the takeover by UBS of Credit Suisse hastily arranged by the Swiss government on 19 March to prevent a financial meltdown. PHOTO: AFP

tighter lending standards in the first few months of the year, which they see lasting through 2023, analysts said the reading was not as bad as feared.

Asked about their outlook for lending standards over the rest of 2023, "banks reported expecting to tighten standards across all loan categories", the central bank reported.

National Australia Bank's Rodrigo Catril said: "The survey revealed a modest deterioration in lending standards to business at a rate that was slightly higher than in January.

"But, after concerns over the health of US regional banks, the good news is that the survey did not (yet) reveal evidence of a major credit crunch."

Focus is now on Wednesday's consumer price index report for April and the following day's wholesale prices data.

A drop in the inflation reading in recent months has fanned hopes that the Fed will soon pause its tightening campaign and even begin cutting by the end of the year, with the banking crisis reinforcing that view.

After lifting borrowing costs last week, officials hinted at a possible hold at their June meeting.

After a largely flat Monday on Wall Street, Asia was mostly in the red. Hong Kong and Shanghai sank as Chinese data showed April exports rising more than expected but slowing from March, while imports plunged far more than expected. — AFP

# Nintendo annual net profit beats forecast on strong game sales

HIT games Splatoon 3 and the new Pokemon titles helped Nintendo beat its annual net profit forecast on Tuesday, but the company predicted tougher times ahead as its Switch console ages.

The weak yen also inflated earnings for the Japanese gaming giant, which has recently seen huge success at the box office with "The Super Mario Bros. Movie".

Nintendo posted a

432.7 billion yen (\$3.2 billion) net profit for the year to March, beating its forecast of 370 billion yen but dipping 9.4 per cent year-on-year as the chip shortage drove down Switch production. Christmas sales were also weaker than usual, it said.

Strong software sales were a positive factor, with 35 game titles selling more than a million copies during the year. — AFP



This photo taken on 8 May 2023 shows people walking past an illustration (L) for Japanese gaming giant Nintendo's long-running "Legend of Zelda" game series, in the window of the company's official store in Tokyo's Shibuya district. PHOTO: AFP

# Sri Lanka to seek \$200 mln from World Bank for social security programmes

SRI Lanka's cabinet of ministers approved a proposal to start discussions with the World Bank to obtain 200 million US dollars for social security programmes, a spokesperson said on Tuesday.

Cabinet spokesperson Bandula Gunawardena told journalists that President Ranil Wickremesinghe made the proposal in his capacity as the finance minister. Gunawardena said that Sri Lanka has

agreed to implement a robust social security network to protect the most vulnerable groups in the country as a part of the International Monetary Fund-supported 48-month Extended Fund Facility. He

said the World Bank has already agreed to provide a loan of 200 million dollars to support social security programmes, and the discussions with the World Bank will be to finalize the funding. — Xinhua

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V LUDWIG SCHULTE VOY.NO. (318S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **10-5-2023** 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.

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**

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# GLOBAL AFFAIRS

## World at 'turning point', 'war' unleashed on Russia: Putin

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin said on 9 May at Moscow's Red Square Victory Day parade that the world was at a "turning point" and claimed a "war" had been unleashed against Russia.

He vowed victory and said Russia's future "rests on" its soldiers fighting in Ukraine.

The traditional Soviet-style event celebrating Moscow's victory over the Nazis took place amid security fears, 15 months into Russia's Ukraine offensive.

"Today civilization is again at a decisive turning point," Putin said at the parade, which included elderly veterans and soldiers from Russia's Ukraine campaign.

"A war has been unleashed against our motherland," he claimed.

He called for Russia to be victorious: "For Russia, for our

armed forces, for victory! Hurrah!"

The Russian leader has increasingly portrayed the campaign in Ukraine as an existential conflict, which he says the West has escalated by supporting the Ukrainian government.

Putin told soldiers taking part in Moscow's Ukraine campaign, several hundreds of whom were present at the Red Square parade, that "the whole country is with you".

"There is nothing more important now than your combat effort," he said.

"The security of the country rests on you today, the future of our statehood and our people depend on you." Putin also railed against "Western globalist elites", accusing them of sowing conflicts and "coups" around the world.—AFP



Russian President Vladimir Putin gives a speech during the Victory Day military parade at Red Square in central Moscow on 9 May 2023. Russia celebrates the 78th anniversary of the victory over Nazi Germany during World War II. PHOTO: GAVRIIL GRIGOROV / SPUTNIK / AFP

## EU to host Armenia, Azerbaijan leaders for peace talks



Azerbaijani Foreign Minister Jeyhun Bayramov looks on during the bilateral peace negotiation closing session with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken at the George Shultz National Foreign Affairs Training Centre in Arlington, Virginia, on 4 May 2023. PHOTO: AFP

THE leaders of Armenia and Azerbaijan will hold talks in Brussels on Sunday, the European Union said, amid efforts to reach a peace deal over their three-decade territorial dispute.

European Council president Charles Michel will host Armenia's Nikol Pashinyan and Azerbaijan's Ilham Aliyev as part of the push "to promote stability in the South Caucasus and normalization between the two countries", a statement said Monday.

The meeting in Brussels comes after the United States said "tangible progress" was made towards a peace agreement to end the dispute over the enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh at talks between their foreign ministers in Washington last week.

The EU statement said the two leaders had also agreed to meet together with the leaders of France and Germany on the sidelines of a European summit in Moldova on 1 June. — AFP

## Over 700,000 displaced within Sudan since mid-April: UN

HEAVY fighting in Sudan has displaced 700,000 people within the country since the middle of April, the United Nations said on 9 May, adding the figure had doubled in a week.

Sudan was thrown into chaos when fighting broke out on 15 April between the forces of army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and his deputy turned rival Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, who heads the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF). At least 750 people have died.

"There are now more than 700,000 internally displaced by the fighting which began on 15 April," Paul Dillon, spokesman for the International Organization for Migration said. "Last Tuesday, the figure stood at 340,000," he added.

Even before the beginning

of the fighting, 3.7 million people were registered as internally displaced in Sudan, added Dillon.

Another 150,000 people have

fled the country since the beginning of the conflict, according to numbers released by the UN refugee agency on Monday. — AFP



People wait with their luggage at a bus stop in southern Khartoum on 8 May 2023 as fighting continues between Sudan's army and the paramilitary forces. As Sudan's warring generals have repeatedly failed to honour multiple agreed ceasefires, experts warn of protracted fighting, despite both sides preparing to meet in Saudi Arabia for direct talks. PHOTO: AFP

## Trump civil rape trial hears closing arguments

A lawyer for Donald Trump's rape accuser urged a New York jury to find the ex-president liable for damages in closing arguments in a US civil trial Monday.

"No one, not even a former

president, is above the law," E. Jean Carroll's attorney, Roberta Kaplan, told the Manhattan federal court. Carroll, 79, sued Trump last year alleging that he raped her in a New York department

store in the mid-1990s. The former columnist for Elle magazine also claims that Trump defamed her when he accused her of lying after she went public with the allegation in 2019. — AFP

## Japan eyes Hiroshima peace museum visit by G-7 spouses during summit



Yuko Kishida (C), wife of Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, is pictured along with the spouses of her husband's counterparts on the sidelines of a meeting of Group of Seven foreign ministers in Hiroshima in western Japan in April 2016. He was then Japan's foreign minister. **PHOTO: KYODO**

JAPAN is arranging a visit by the Group of Seven leaders' partners to a museum dedicated to documenting the 1945 US nuclear attack on Hiroshima, and a meeting with atomic bomb survivors on the sidelines of the G-7 summit starting next week in the city, government sources said Tuesday.

A similar programme is also being arranged for the G-7 leaders, with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida hoping to use the summit, to be held in his home constituency of Hiroshima in western Japan, to add fresh impetus to nuclear disarmament efforts towards achieving his vision of a world free of nuclear weapons. The sources believe that the visits to the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum are im-

portant for creating momentum towards nuclear disarmament, as the leaders' decision-making could be influenced by their partners' views. The museum displays belongings of the atomic bomb victims, photos and other materials to show the devastation of the world's first nuclear attack. The atomic bomb that was dropped on 6 August 1945, killed an estimated 140,000 people by the end of that year.

Kishida's wife Yuko, a native of Hiroshima Prefecture, will guide her counterparts, hoping to demonstrate their "desire for peace" to the international community, according to the sources.

It is customary for a G-7 host nation to prepare a programme for the leaders' partners.

A visit to the Hiroshima museum was not included in an earlier version of the itinerary for the leaders' partners on the sidelines of the three-day summit from 19 May.

On the first day, the spouses will experience a traditional tea ceremony and take part in a symposium to discuss peace issues with young people, according to the Foreign Ministry.

They will also take part in a makeup event with traditional Kumano brushes produced in Hiroshima Prefecture.

On the following day, the leaders' partners will visit Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima Island that has a torii gate built in the Seto Inland Sea which appears to float during high tide. — Kyodo

## "China threat" narrative needed to feed insatiable US military-industrial complex: SCMP

THE United States needs the "China threat" narrative to feed its insatiable military-industrial complex, according to an opinion piece recently published by the South China Morning Post (SCMP).

Without an "enemy," no taxpayer would fork out an average 1,087 US dollars for Pentagon contractors over 270 dollars for their children's sub-par education, the article said on Sunday.

Citing the latest study "Where your 2022 tax dollars went" released by the Washington-based Institute for Policy Studies, the article said, "the average American taxpayer

sent 1,087 US dollars of their hard-earned money to Pentagon contractors in 2022, equivalent to 21 days of work."

"That's four times the amount they paid — 270 dollars — for public education covering kindergarten to the last year of high school at grade 12," it added. Domestic gun violence, educational failure, drug addiction, the mental health crisis, widespread homelessness, the extreme wealth gap, crime and a militarized police regime, all have complex interrelated causes, but government budgetary neglect is surely a big contributing factor, noted the article. — Xinhua

## Search paused for schoolboy missing in New Zealand caves

NEW Zealand rescue teams suspended their search for a schoolboy who went missing Tuesday while caving with classmates and teachers during heavy rainfall.

The boy was part of an outdoor education class that "encountered a severe weather event" while visiting the popular Abbey Caves complex north of Auckland.

Heavy rain has lashed the area for days, with almost 10 centimetres (four inches) expected on Tuesday alone, making caves liable to flash flooding. It was not clear how the boy disappeared, but police, fire and emergency rescue crews searched for several hours in vain before suspending efforts as darkness fell. — AFP

## Experts warn of extreme summer weather in Viet Nam, raising climate change concerns

SCIENTISTS have warned that global warming is exacerbating adverse weather conditions in Viet Nam this summer after the country experienced a record 44.2 degrees Celsius last weekend, Viet Nam News reported on Tuesday.

The temperature was measured indoors at Tuong Duong station in the central province of

Nghe An last Sunday. It topped the high of 44.1 degrees Celsius in northern Thanh Hoa province one day earlier and far surpassed the record of 43.4 degrees Celsius in April 2019, according to the National Centre for Hydro Meteorological Forecasting.

The El Nino weather is likely to develop in June and July and continue in the second half of this

year, said Phan Van Tan, former head of the Department of Meteorology of the Hanoi University of Sciences.

During El Nino, storms are pushed further east, creating warmer surface ocean temperatures and less rainfall in the mainland with the central region of Viet Nam to be hardest hit, he added. — Xinhua

## Govt to pitch safety of Fukushima water release to S Korea experts

THE Japanese government hopes to pitch the safety of a planned release of treated radioactive water into the sea from the disaster-hit Fukushima nuclear complex when South Korean experts visit the site later this month, the industry minister said Tuesday.

"We hope the inspection will help deepen understanding in South Korea of the safety of the release," Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Yasutoshi Nishimura told a press conference after the two countries' leaders agreed Sunday to dispatch the experts amid concerns among the South Korean public over the issue. — Kyodo

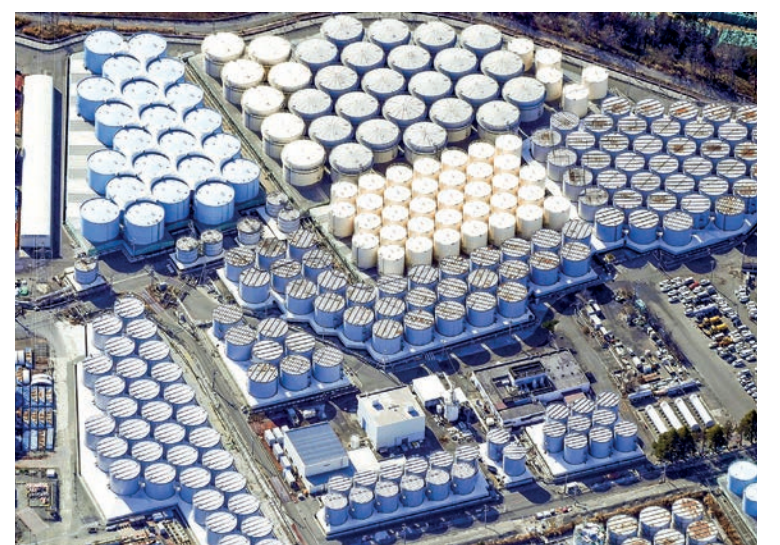


Photo taken from a Kyodo News helicopter on 13 February 2021, shows tanks at the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant storing treated radioactive water from the plant. The Japanese government decided on 13 April 2021 to release the water into the sea despite the worries of local fishermen. **PHOTO: KYODO**



## 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.



The Myanmar Women's Football Team is seen before the SEA Games Group A match against Malaysia on 9 March. PHOTO: MFF

## Women's Football: Myanmar secures semifinal spot with 5-1 win over Malaysia

MYANMAR women's football team have already advanced to the semifinal of the XXXII SEA Games Women's Football Event after passing Group A with second place, with a big win over Malaysia by 5-1 yesterday, played at the Phnom Penh's Stadium, Cambodia.

Myanmar was placed in the tough Group A with powerhouses Viet Nam, the Philippines, and Malaysia.

Myanmar, Viet Nam and the Philippines shared the same six points after the group matches but with different scores.

Viet Nam won first place in the group due to the better number of goals scored, while Myanmar came in second.

"Thank you to all the fans who supported the Myanmar women's team. It was a tough group match, but I am proud that the players overcame the best and made it to the semi-finals. We will prepare the best for the next step. Thank you to all the supporters behind this win," Myanmar head coach Uki Tetsuro stated.

In the semifinals, Viet Nam will face Group B's second-placed team while team Myanmar will meet Group B's first-placed team.

The semi-final matches will be played simultaneously at the National Stadium and the Army Stadium at 7 pm on 12 May. — KZL

## Myanmar Vovinam (Kun Bokator), Chinlone teams win further gold medals in XXXII SEA Games

MYANMAR Vovinam (Kun Bokator), and Chinlone (cane ball sport) teams grabbed one gold medal each in the XXXII SEA Games as the sports events were held at Chroy Changvar Hall C, Phnom Penh at 9 am on 8 May.

Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos, the Philippines, and Indonesia participated in the Kun Bokator (one woman + two men) attacking event, and a team of Paing Zeya Phyo, Maung Ank Bwe Nyein, and Ma Nila Soe Oo secured the gold medal for Myanmar, while Cambodia picked silver, and Laos and Indonesia got the joint bronze medal.

Cambodia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Laos, and Indonesia participated in the Women's Swordsman Competition, and Myanmar's Theingi Win Kyaw won the silver medal,

Next, Cambodia, Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines, and Lao competed in the Men's Swordsman Competition, and Myanmar's Maung Ank Bwe Nyein collected one bronze.

In the Three Women's Talent Competition, Ma Wuttyi Oo, Ma Myat Noe Oo, and Ma Theingi Win

Kyaw garnered another bronze while competing against Indonesia, Cambodia, and the Philippines in the Vovinam Event.

Other categories of Vovinam event were also held at Chroy Changvar Convention Centre, Hall (F), and Myanmar's Maung Aik Soe Lin won the gold medal, Viet Nam the silver, and Indonesia the bronze while competing in the Men's Sword Performance Event which was participated by Myanmar, Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam.

Next, Myanmar's Maung Tin Htoo Zaw won a silver medal at Men's Long Stick Performance Event while competing against Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines, and Thailand.

Myanmar's Eain Dray Phoo grabbed a silver medal at the Women's Aspect Broadsword Single Form Event while competing against Indonesia, the Philippines, and host Cambodia.

In the Men's Pair Knife Form Event, Myanmar's Maung Aung Khaing Lin, and Maung Hein Htet Aung garnered the bronze med-

al while competing with Cambodia, Indonesia, and Thailand.

Next, Maung Aung Khaing Lin and Ma Chit Nodi Saung won another bronze at (Men's and Women's) Self-Defence Form Event.

Next, Chinlone (cane ball sport) events were continued at Basketball Hall NSTC.

Myanmar Chinlone Team (Ma Lae Waddi Zaw, Maung Aung Myint Myat, Ma Nhin Wuttyi Bo, Maung Aung Naing Phyo Han, Ma Shun Lae Wai, Maung Thaw Wai Zin, Ma Nyein Ei Mon, and Maung Sai Zaw Zaw) bagged the gold medal with 459 points, while Lao Team secured the silver and Cambodia grabbed the bronze at the (Men + Women) Linking Event-3 Event.

Next, the Myanmar Chinlone Team (Maung Sai Zaw Zaw, Maung Pyae Phyo Kyaw, Maung Min Khaing Win, Maung Aung Naing Phyo, Maung Thurein Lin, Maung Duwun Kyaw, Maun Khaing Win Hein, and Maung Kaung Myat Thiha) won one silver medal with 407 points while competing in

the Men's Linking Event-3 against Lao, Malaysia, and Cambodia.

In the Women's Linking Event-3, Myanmar Chinlone Team (Ma Mhon Nantha, Ma Lae Waddu Zaw, Ma May Phoo Han, Ma Shun Lae Win, Ma May Phyo San, Ma Nhin Wuttyi Bo, Ma Nyein Ei Mon and Ma Khine Thazin Phyo) won another silver medal with 309 points while competing with Thailand, Laos, and host Cambodia.

On 8 May, Myanmar competed in Vovinam (Kun Bokator), Chess, Vovinam, Chinlone, Billiard, Athletics, Kun Khmer, Volleyball, and Lethwei (traditional boxing) competitions and won three golds, five silvers and five bronzes.

On 9 May, Myanmar also participated in Chess, Vovinam, Tennis, Chinlone, Badminton, Billiard, Volleyball, Kun Khmer, Cricket, Football, Lethwei and Athletics.

At the XXXII South-east Asian Games, Myanmar collected 38 medals in total including eight gold medals, seven silver medals and 23 bronze medals to date. — MNA/KZL