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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.

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1. Extremely severe cyclonic storm Mocha crossed the Rakhine coastal regions of Myanmar near Sittway on 14-5-2023.
2. Kyaukpyu, Manaung, Yanbye, An, Sittway, Pauktaw, Ponnagyun, Rathedaung, Gwa, Taungup, Thandwe, Maungtaw, Buthidaung, Kyauktaw, Minbya, MraukU and Myebon townships in Rakhine State which suffered loss and damage triggered by impacts of the extremely severe cyclonic storm Mocha were declared as natural disaster-affected regions under Section 11 of the Natural Disaster Management Law.

Sd/Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Chairman
State Administration Council

It is necessary to rehabilitate Rakhine State to be better than the original situation: Senior General

SEVERELY cyclonic storm Mocha passed the Rakhine coastal areas near Sittway on 14 May, causing losses and damage, and 17 townships in Rakhine State were declared as natural disaster-affected areas.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, yesterday afternoon, went to disaster-hit Sittway and gave guidance on emergency management, response, rescue and cooperation, and rehabilitation measures.

While in Sittway, the Senior General inspected the airport and losses and damage triggered by the cyclonic storm in Sittway by car.

Undertaking of preparations and current rescue and relief measures

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin reported to the

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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views round the loss and damage in Sittway, Rakhine State on 15 May 2023.

It is necessary to rehabilitate Rakhine State to be better ...

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Senior General on the formation of the state disaster management committee, the opening of the command post of the state disaster emergency management office at the Rakhine State government office on 7 May and similar offices in seven districts and 17 townships, arrangement for cyclone shelters, evacuation of people to safer places in respective townships, purchase of reserve rice, cooking oil, salt, fish-paste and fuel with the emergency fund of the state government, stockpiling of relief

these regions.

It is necessary to rehabilitate Rakhine State to be better than the original situation

After hearing the reports, the Senior General said that natural disasters are unavoidable, and if preparations are made to face the disaster, the country can overcome it with the least loss and damage. Five days before the storm, storm warnings have been released. It is necessary to rehabilitate Rakhine State to be better than the original situation. The Ministry of Home Af-



The Senior General presents K7 billion assistance for Rakhine State.

supplies under the arrangement of the state government, storage of 17 relief items by the Disaster Management Department.

Undertaking of ministries, Tatmadaw, and State government in relevant sectors

Union ministers and officials reported on efforts to repair telephone lines, repairing of Sittway Airport to admit landing of aircraft day and night, installation of flight direct communication systems, supply electricity to Sittway Hospital with the use of generators, healthcare services of two special medic teams at Sittway General Hospital, readiness for operation theatres, and distribution of health pamphlets and educative measures.

They also presented loading of rice bags and construction materials on naval vessels for Rakhine State, transport of foodstuffs and relief supplies to storm-hit areas to Sittway and then to Rathedaung Township and other affected areas, needs to manage losses of harvested summer paddy in Rakhine State, stockpiling of timbers in Rakhine State as well as in Magway, Ayeyawady and Bago regions and Chin State, and arrangements to start reconstruction tasks in

fairs primarily take responsibility for rescue and relief measures in cooperation with other ministries and staff, the Senior General stressed. The storm could not fall coconut plants. So, it is necessary to take a lesson from the disaster and extend the cultivation of windbreaks and coconut plants. At the ceremony



Sittway in the aftermath of Cyclone Mocha.

to donate relief supplies for the affected areas yesterday morning, the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) families and well-wishers donated K13.181 billion. Of them, K7 billion will be allotted to Rakhine State for relief and rehabilitation measures.

Plans to take rescue, relief and rehabilitation measures through united strength

Priority must be given to repairing basic education high schools for the learning of students. If all cooperate in relief and rehabilitation tasks, the affected areas will soonest have the original situation. Offers from the international community for providing aid have been accepted. But, relief and rehabilitation tasks must be done through existing united strength. Seventeen

townships of Rakhine State have been declared as disaster-hit regions for making donations to the emergency fund for undertaking relief and rehabilitation tasks. The Senior General pointed out that as the recent natural disaster left the least casualties, it is necessary to manage to overcome the impacts of the storm with a strong spirit.

The Senior General presented K7 billion for relief and rehabilitation tasks in Rakhine State and relief supplies to the Rakhine State chief minister.

The Senior General inspected losses and damage left by the severe cyclonic storm Mocha in Sittway and gave necessary guidance.

Rakhine State disaster management bodies have been formed to do rehabilitation tasks.

A total of 23,700 people from Sittway, MraukU, Maungtau, Kyaukpyu, Thandwe, Taungup and An townships were evacuated to safer places before the storm and 626,849 people to other safe places. Likewise, 62,319 people from IDP camps were moved to safe areas. The storm blew off roofs of houses and office buildings as well as religious edifices in Rakhine State and caused damage to some TV retransmission towers and communication towers. Up to 14 May, there were two dead persons and 28 injured persons, according to the initial information. The Senior General himself inspected Rakhine State to carry out necessary rescue, relief and rehabilitation tasks and gave necessary guidance to officials. — MNA/TTA



An aerial view of Sittway after being battered by Cyclone Mocha.

Investment in education sector key to future democratic nation

Investment plans in the education sector will be the groundwork for a future democratic nation.

(Excerpts from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing on 75th Anniversary (Diamond Jubilee) Independence Day ceremony on 4 January 2023)

As storm warnings were released in time, the country overcame the challenges of the storm with the least casualties: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing chairs the natural disaster management emergency meeting yesterday.

SEVERE cyclonic storm Mocha moved north-northeastward after entering the inland area near Matupi of Chin State and then degraded to a cyclonic storm. It is now moving to the north-northeastward near Katha of upper Sagaing Region, according to the cyclonic storm warning of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology at 7 am yesterday.

Relief teams must be sent to the storm-affected areas to carry out rescue and relief tasks as well as rehabilitation, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the natural disaster manage-

ment emergency meeting at the hall of the Commander-in-Chief yesterday morning.

Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Kyaw Swa Lin reported on the need for corrugated iron sheets and electricity in storm-affected areas, rescue process of emergency rescue teams and preparations to send more rescue teams, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Moe Aung on impacts of the storm, raining, loss and damage in Rakhine State, efforts for there being no ending disconnection in towns and villages along the route of the storm in accord with the guidance of the Senior General, preparedness of Tatmadaw, departmental personnel

and people, and overcoming the problems with least casualties.

In his speech, the Senior General stressed that the military engineer corps needs to transport corrugated iron sheets and construction materials to storm-affected areas in Rakhine State as quickly as possible by aircraft, naval vessels and vehicles. Military engineers must be sent to the affected areas to repair power lines. The Senior General pointed out that it is necessary to keep foodstuffs and personal goods for the storm-hit areas in the tents to prevent loss and damage.

Union ministers, the Yangon Region chief minister and senior military officers clarified prepa-

rations to soonest send reserve rice to the storm-hit areas, the readiness of Tatmadaw aircraft and helicopter, efforts to soonest send instant noodles, purified drinking water, foodstuffs, relief supplies, personal goods, CI sheets and nails in time, repairing of communication lines in Rakhine State, sending of medic teams to storm-affected areas for providing healthcare services, loss and damage at some pagodas in Bagan ancient cultural region, needs to purify water not to cause dysentery in the affected areas, and releasing information on storm and loss and damage in the storm.

After hearing the reports, the Senior General said that as

storm warnings were released in time, the country overcame the challenges of the storm with the least casualties. Relief teams must be sent to the storm-affected areas to carry out rescue and relief tasks as well as rehabilitation. Moreover, foodstuffs, purified drinking water, personal goods and construction materials must be transported to the affected areas as quickly as possible. Communication networks must be repaired. Officials need to release follow-up news on the situation of the storm. The Senior General stressed the need to maintain the damaged ancient pagodas in the Bagan ancient cultural zone.—MNA/TTA

Notice on donation

Local and foreign donors can donate cash and kind to the victims of the extremely severe cyclonic storm Mocha that hit Myanmar on 14-5-2023.

People can donate Myanmar Kyats to OA-011834 of the National Disaster Management Fund and US dollars to 1DA-0300086 of the Natural Disaster Management Fund while materials to the governments of respective regions and states.

National Disaster Management Committee

Donations will be allotted to Rakhine State as well as to other storm-hit areas: Senior General

A CEREMONY to donate cash to the fund for rescue, relief and rehabilitation for the extremely severe cyclonic storm Mocha-hit areas took place at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta of Yangon Command Headquarters yesterday morning, attended by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

In his address, the Senior General said that due to proper preparations before the storm, only five persons were dead in the impacts of the storm according to the latest information. The Senior General thanked well-wishers for their donations. He disclosed that officials from the AHA Centre arrived in Myanmar to give necessary aid to the country whereas other countries also made offers to Myanmar for providing aid.



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attends the ceremony to donate cash for the rescue, relief and rehabilitation fund for Cyclone Mocha-battered areas yesterday in Yangon.

The Senior General revealed that donations will be allotted not only to Rakhine State but also to other storm-hit areas. In line with the motto which goes: "Strength of the nation lies within," if all the people

are united at a time when the country has requirements, he expressed his belief that the country will go forward to the goal along the smooth path.

On behalf of Tatmadaw members and families of Tat-

madaw (Army, Navy and Air), Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Soe Min Oo presented K1 billion to be spent on rescue, relief and rehabilitation tasks in the storm-affected areas to the Senior General.

The Senior General also accepted cash donations from well-wishers. Today, K13.181 billion in total is to be spent on rescue, relief and rehabilitation tasks in the storm-hit areas. — MNA/TTA



The Senior General accepts cash donations from well-wishers (above and below photos).



SAC to reward Myanmar football teams in XXXII SEA Games

THE XXXII Southeast Asian Games, hosted by Cambodia, is being held from 5 to 17 May, and sports teams from Myanmar are competing in the tourney.

The State Administration

Council will award US\$50,000 to the Myanmar national men's football team if they win the third prize in the SEA Games.

The Myanmar women's football team will also be awarded

US\$50,000 for reaching the final.

The Myanmar men's football team lost to Thailand 0-3 in the semifinal match. On 16 May, team Myanmar will take on Viet Nam in the third-place match.

In the semifinal match of women's football, the Myanmar team defeated the Thai team by 4-2, while defending champion Viet Nam won the host Cambodia 4-0.

With a wonderful performance, the Myanmar women's team scored four goals from two losses and defeated the Thai team to qualify for the final. — MNA/KZL

Coord meeting on Myanmar-China bilateral cooperation held

A coordination meeting on the implementation of bilateral cooperation between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China was held yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

The meeting was led by U Than Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and attended by senior officials from respective ministries of Myanmar.

Matters discussed at the meeting were related to the

acceleration of bilateral projects with the assistance of the Chinese government, the promotion of bilateral trade at the Myanmar-China border, trading smoothly at the cross-border posts, promotion of Yuan-Kyat direct payments in border trade, and increasing export of Myanmar's agricultural produce to China. — MNA

The coordination meeting on Myanmar-China cooperation in progress yesterday, chaired by Union Minister U Than Swe.



CBM to launch Digital Payment Switch

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) conducted a workshop on launching Digital Payment Switch using CBM's MMQR (Myanmar Quick Response) to the financial industry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the event, CBM Governor Daw Than Than Swe said the CBM developed the CBM-NET for large payments between the banks in accordance with the Myanmar National Payment System Strategy 2020-2025 and Myanmar Payment Union-MPU, and would introduce the Digital Payment Switch that can ensure real-time retail payment by using QR Code this year.

She then talked about the advantages of the Digital Payment Switch, preparations of the industry, interoperability for Digital Payment, updated version of MMQR Spec-



The workshop on launching Digital Payment Switch in progress yesterday.

ification (new version) for cross-border payment by using QR Code, Digital Payment Switch Network Readiness of participants to connect Digital Payment Switch and Timeline for Digital Payment Switch.

If the Digital Payment Switch is implemented, it can create a safe and transparent payment system. It can also reduce the use of cash as it can connect any mobile

wallet, develop the legal currency flow framework to prevent using digital payment for illegal cross-border payment like Hundi, ensure fast currency flow in the economic system, support the country's economy, supervise the payment system of the country, strengthen the Financial Inclusion and facilitate the delayed payment in the business sector. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar athletes arrive back from SEA Games

THE Myanmar sports team that competed in the XXXII SEA Games from 5 May in Cambodia arrived back at Yangon International Airport at 10 am on 14 May.

Principal and Director of the Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon) U Aung Nang Swe, Yangon Region Sports and Physical Education Department Director U Aung Moe and officials welcomed back the

sports team at the airport.

The Myanmar sports team includes Wushu athletes: gold medallist Su Sandi Oo, three silver medallists, three bronze medallists, and the coaching team. Bronze medallist Than Htike Soe in men's 10000-m race, nine track & field athletes, six Petanque players and nine tennis players also arrived back in the evening .. — MNA/KZL



The Myanmar sports contingent is seen at Yangon International Airport on their arrival yesterday.

72 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 15 May, total figure registers 637,321

MYANMAR'S COVID-19-positive cases rose to **637,321** after **72** new cases were reported on 15 May 2023 according to the Ministry of Health.

Therefore, a total of **10,519,883** laboratory samples were examined and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached **637,321**.

The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **616,122** including **126** new recoveries.

The death toll from COVID-19 in the country registered **19,494** on 15-5-2023 with no new death reported from the pandemic. COVID-19 information can be browsed on the internet page moh.gov.mm of the Ministry of Health. — GNLM

Tatmadaw (Navy) transports foodstuffs, relief items to Rakhine State



Foodstuffs and relief items are seen being loaded onto the naval vessel to transport them for storm victims in Rakhine State.

THE naval vessel 554 of Tatmadaw (Navy) on Monday left for Sittway Township from

No 6 naval jetty of Kyaukpyu carrying 5,000 eggs, about 500 visses of chicken, 100 cartons of

noodles and 600 packs of 1-litre water bottles as the township was demolished by a extremely

severe cyclone Mocha. They distributed foodstuffs and drinking water to the storm victims and further assistance will be provided to the people in Rathedaung.

Similarly, the naval vessel Mottama also left for Sittway today from Bo Aung Kyaw Jetty carrying 6,000 packs of ration (about 60 tonnes) donated by the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), 12,000 bags of rice donated by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, 1,000 tarpaulin rolls, about 105 tonnes of rice by the Office of State Administration Council, 35 tonnes of nails and 40,000 CI sheets by Myanmar Economic Holdings Public Company Limited, one MPT mobile truck, 17 tonnes of telecom towers and other devic-

es of the Ministry of Transport and Communications and another vessel (Maha Bandoola) from No 4 naval jetty carrying 113 cartons of noodle, 8,800 sachets of electrolyte drinks, 5,000 eggs, drinking water and meat and fish, 100 visses of fish paste, 800 visses of dried fish by the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Navy), 10,000 eggs by Yangon Command and 500 bags of rice by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Zaw Hein and officials inspected the loading processes of relief items and supplies yesterday.

Moreover, Tatmadaw (Navy) participated in the transport of relief items for the victims in storm-hit areas. — MNA/KTZH

Rehabilitation activities to be carried out in storm-hit areas

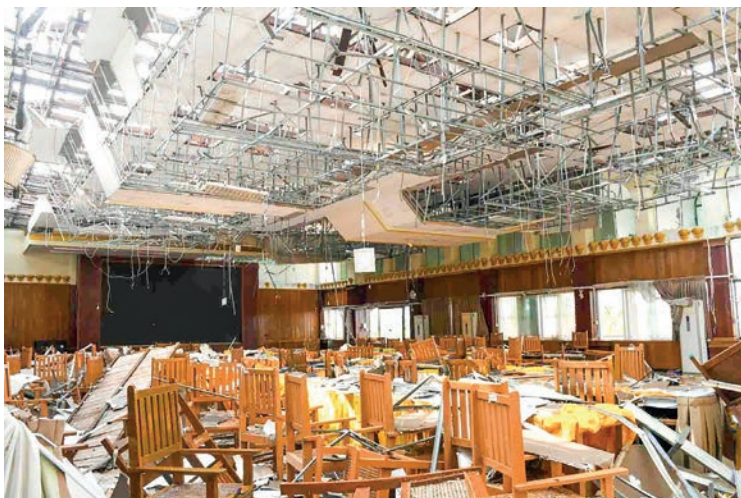
AN extremely severe cyclonic storm Mocha, which had developed in the northeast of the Bay of Bengal and the adjoining middle east of the Bay of Bengal, crossed the Rakhine coastal areas of Myanmar near Sittway at 10:30 am MST on 14 May.

The circumference of Cyclone Mocha entered Myanmar from the southwest of Sittway, and the wind blew at a speed of 60 miles per hour at 10:30 am and 80 miles per hour between 12 pm and 1 pm. The wind got stronger at 1 pm and the wind speed reached 120 miles per hour at 1:30 pm when the centre of the storm passed through. After 4 pm, the wind speed gradually decreased.

Due to the impact of the storm, heavy rain and strong

winds occurred in all the townships in Rakhine state. As a result, buildings collapsed, roofs were blown away, trees fell, lamp-posts and transformers were destroyed, lowland areas were flooded and creeks were swollen with torrential rain.

Rakhine State Disaster Management Committee Chairman Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin, Western Command Commander Maj-Gen Htin Latt Oo, and the Rakhine State Disaster Management Working Committee will carry out rehabilitation activities for the people in affected areas, including Sittway, under the leadership of the National Disaster Management Central Committee. — Rakhine State (IPRD)/CT

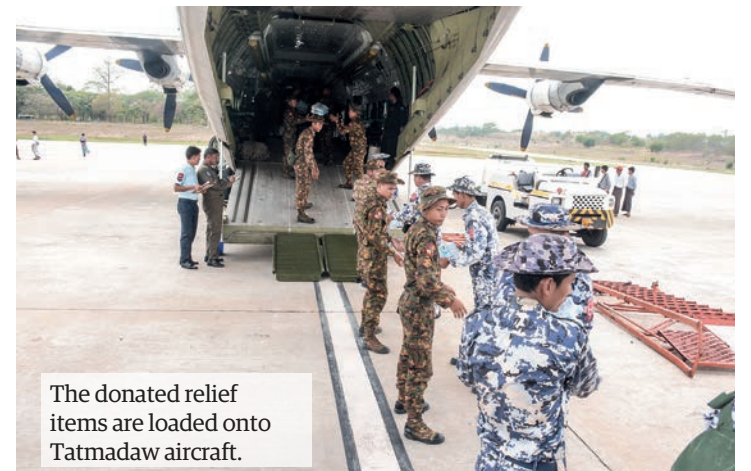


Debris is seen in the aftermath of Cyclone Mocha.

Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) families donate aid, relief materials, supplies to locals in Rakhine State

DUE to the impact of the powerful Cyclone Mocha in the Bay of Bengal, pagodas, monasteries, residences, departmental buildings, fallen trees, and flooded roads suffered losses and damage. Locals have taken refuge in cyclone shelters and temporary accommodation.

Families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) donated 500 bags of rice and 425 bags of biscuits for the local people. Relief teams were flown from Nay Pyi Taw airport to Sittway by Tatmadaw aircraft for the first time and Tatmadaw medical teams, medical supplies, 350 bags of rice, 325 bags of biscuits



The donated relief items are loaded onto Tatmadaw aircraft.

and communication equipment for the second time. In addition, 140 bags of biscuits and 70 bags of rice were delivered by

helicopter yesterday morning. Officials accepted the goods at the Sittway airport. — MNA/KZW

Departmental officials sent to Sittway to perform relief, rehabilitation activities



Department personnel are seen boarding the MNA plane for relief and rehabilitation measures in Rakhine State.

A extremely severe cyclonic storm Mocha crossed the coast of Myanmar near Sittway on 14 May, causing damage and losses.

According to the Ministry of Transport and Communi-

cations, a total of 36 departmental heads and officials from the Road Transport Administration Department, Marine Administration Department, Civil Aviation Department, Department of Water Resources

and Improvement of River Systems, Myanmar Port Authority, Inland Water Transport, Myanmar Railways, and Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications were sent to Sittway on the morning of 15 May by Myanmar National Airlines to deliver relief aid and materials to Rakhine State in time, install the necessary equipment, including runway lights, so that Sittway Airport can be used at any time day or night, and restore transport and communications to normal as soon as possible. — MNA/CT

Religious buildings in Magway and Mandalay Regions slightly damaged after Cyclone Mocha

THE high tide, strong winds, heavy rains, and floods occurred due to the intensity of the extremely severe cyclonic storm Mocha in the Bay of Bengal.

Due to Cyclone Mocha, an inflow of water up to a height of about five feet in Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda in Minbu Township, Magway Region, the collapse of the platform of Dhamma Razaka Pagoda in NyaungU Township, Bagan, the falling of the facade of Htilominlo Pagoda, and the fall of the brick wall of Thatbyinnyu Pagoda consequently happened. The Shwebontha Pagoda collapsed, and its umbrella fell as well.



Flash floods in Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda.



Shwebontha Pagoda.

Religious buildings and stupas damaged by the cyclone are under repair by archaeologists and relevant officials, and the water has reportedly receded where the water entered. — MNA/CT



Htilominlo Pagoda.



Dhamma Razaka Pagoda.



Sulamuni Pagoda.

UMFCCI sets up task force to support for disaster-stricken areas caused by Cyclone Mocha

THE Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) formed a task force on 15 May in order to support disaster-stricken areas triggered by the Cyclone Mocha.

The move of this task force is to coordinate in the schemes to aid the disaster-stricken areas caused by the Cyclone Mocha by acting for the private sector, together with the affiliated associations, other institutions, entrepreneurs, experts and governmental committees.

The task force compris-

es 18 members led by vice president of the UMFCCI Dr Win Si Thu taking role of the chair, Vice Presidents U Ye Min Aung and U San Lin and joint general secretaries U Myo Thant, U Ye Myint Aung and U Zaw Min Thant as the members, general secretary Daw Khine Khine Nwe as secretary of the task force and other executive members, treasurer, auditor joining as the members.

The UMFCCI released a statement dated 8 May to make disaster preparedness, stating that it called on affiliated asso-

ciations and businesspersons engaged in the various sectors to ensure the effective disaster preparedness and response and steer the possible price hike of the staple food and pharmaceuticals, ensure effective management to avoid manipulation and shortage of supplies in the market as the negative consequences of the Cyclone Mocha.

The UMFCCI also notified the hot line numbers 09776999920, 09776999930, 09776999940 for emergency and disaster response plans.— NN/EM

UMFCCI donates K200 mln for areas hit by Mocha

THE Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) announced on 15 May that a donation of K200 million was made by the federation for the ruins caused by the storm.

The UMFCCI, representing the private sector, donated K200 million to support the areas that have been affected by Cyclone Mocha, which has recently hit Myanmar.

In cooperation with related associations, the UMFCCI will assist as quickly as possible in the areas damaged by natural disasters.

In addition, related associations, organizations, executives, members of the associations, entrepreneurs and well-wishers can also participate in the donation. It is reported that the donations that arrived at the UMFCCI will be mentioned.

Those who wish to contribute to the charity collection can contact the UMFCCI hotline numbers: 09 776999920, 09 776999930, and 09 776999940. — NN/CT

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OPINION

Minimize loss and waste of disaster-affected people

THE cyclone is moving forward to further areas. It crosses townships from Chin State to Sagaing Region and then may move to Kachin State. It left terrible loss and damage along its route. Loss and damaged ones cannot be renewed as original. Let it be! In fact, the storm gave all Myanmar citizens a severe lesson.

All the entire people had never heard the storm news about the devil cyclone Nargis before. All of the older persons did not have any experiences like a very terrible Nargis in their lives. Any historical records on cyclonic storm Nargis had not been released once. Hence, all the people including the government and other authorities underestimated the nature of Nargis. So, Saturn killed more than 130,000 people from Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Mon State. How terrible it is!

Whenever important events happen, they come out to the streets to help all. At present, those volunteers and charity associations start their initiatives for the convenience of the disaster-hit people as much as possible. So also, the authorities at different levels and various organizations are on duty of searching, rescuing, relieving, rehabilitating, resettling, and reconstructing step by step.

Now is the time for the governments at different levels and locals to firmly join hands in carrying out further duties. It is an unavoidable national duty that can be dubbed as follow-up duty in the aftermath of the storm. They all have to conduct search and rescue operations to save the life of storm-affected people, carry out the relief of their lives and rehabilitate and reconstruct their societies. It is a humane act as well as a charitable move.

Myanmar people are forging the voluntary spirit of giving a helping hand to others if necessary. Whenever important events happen, they come out to the streets to help all. At present, those volunteers and charity associations start their initiatives for the convenience of the disaster-hit people as much as possible. So also, the authorities at different levels and various organizations are on duty of searching, rescuing, relieving, rehabilitating, resettling, and reconstructing step by step.



Good Teacher Qualities Students Like

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

IT would be easy for a person to get into the teaching profession with his eyes open, but that will be absolutely difficult to become a success as a teacher. Of course, since a strong sense of vocation for teaching is also a sort of art, a good teacher should have got hard skills as well as soft skills when communicating first-hand with students. Those skills can be termed good teacher qualities, which include punctuality and regular attendance, remembering each individual student's name, mastery of language or subject teaching, pretty or clear handwriting, great patience, a welcoming smile, sweet talk, using reward power, checking and correcting students' homework, telling stories or providing enjoyable activities, keeping a promise, clean, neat, smart clothing styles, and not biasing. Here, these teacher qualities which students usually like will be explained as summarized below.

(1) Some teachers tend to arrive at school or a teaching space 15 minutes or so before school time, but others exactly at that time. Good as earlier attendance at school may sound, students like to admire the teachers who get to school in an exact open school hour more than the ones who come there earlier. The teachers that are always meticulous in going to and coming back from school are generally supposed to have had occupational exactitude, I mean. Then, students take care of teachers' school attendance regularly simply because this makes their school lessons uncontinuous and also arouses their intrinsic motivation for regular study.

(2) The headmistress from a private school where I attended is able to learn not only every individual student's name but also their fathers' by heart. After all, headmasters, class teachers

and subject teachers ought to know their individual students' names at least, even though they are dozens or hundreds in number. This is because students feel it highly likely that their teachers will be giving attention to them all the time.

(3) A teacher's mastery of instruction is his life in that as a teacher, he must have known a subject or language inside out and then studied how to teach it effectively as well as efficiently, including a reliable method of helping students understand every lesson of his. Students often want their teachers to answer or reply to any question that they wish to ask. That is why students have assumed their teachers to be a mine of information about subjects or languages. Sometimes the student would like to know the strange or imaginary or unnatural subject matter on the universe, religions and so forth from the teacher who is considered an all-rounder in these aspects.

(4) The teacher's bad handwriting might be a disturbance in students' learning process, in which they cannot see his writing well, that is to say, clearly. In addition, even some teachers' handwriting may involve spelling errors and careless mistakes in written form. Thus, students desire to look at a teacher's pretty, neat, or even clear handwriting which will not cause blurred senses of their sight. In my experience, many students hold teachers whose handwriting is of good quality in high regard and can even imitate it.

(5) Teachers need to be patient with explaining school lessons to students and will have to put up with their misbehaviours such as complaining to or answering back to some extent. It does not mean that a teacher has weak or no classroom control over his students. He must

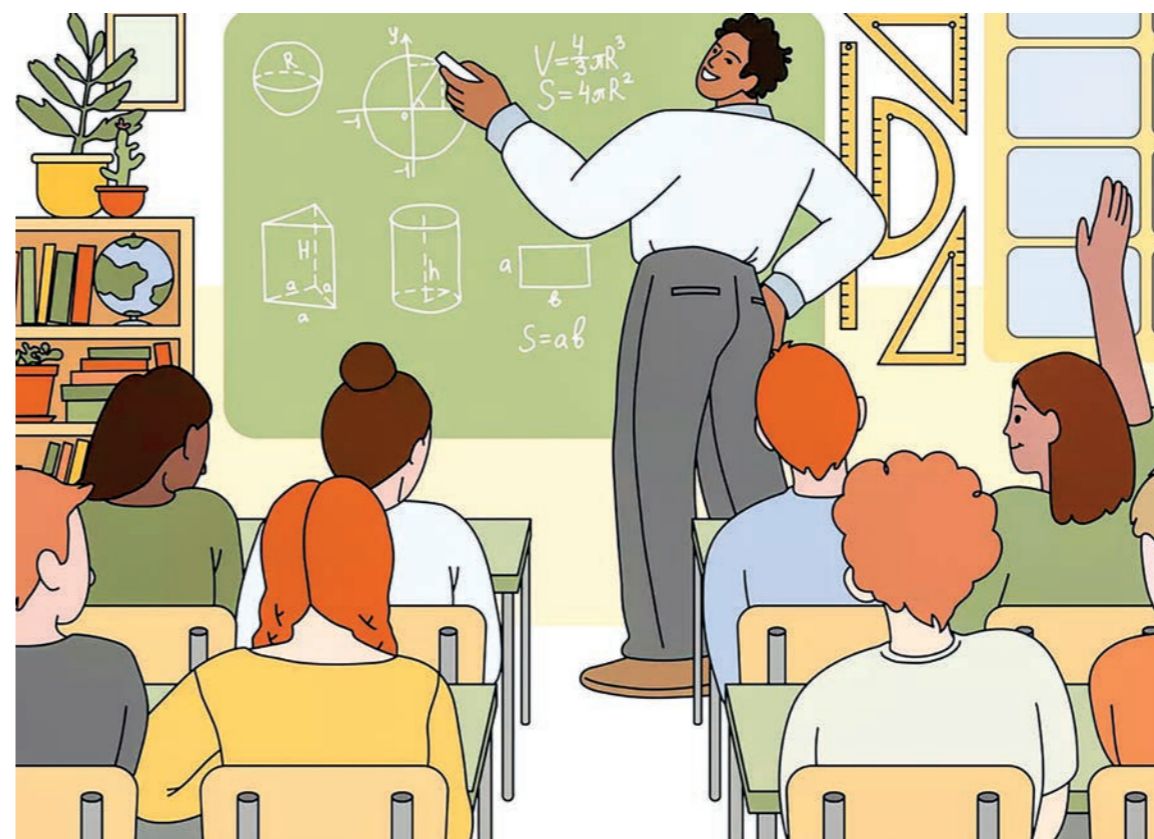
be on familiar terms with the students, especially when teaching mathematics. More patience turns out to be the key to winning popularity with students for a teacher as well. Students love teachers with great patience and nice teachers bear with bad students to their utmost.

(6) A welcoming smile automatically helps ease the tension in a teacher-student relationship. Usually, students smile sweetly at their teachers first. If and when, first off, teachers smile at their students, then the students will smile back for certain. As always, students welcome their teachers' broad smiles which can establish warmth and friendliness between them, to be sure.

(7) 'Sweet talk is the key to success' or 'Sweet talk can govern the whole country', as the Myanmar sayings go. In other words, there is no person who does not like sweet talk. Paying students a compliment every now and again is the sweetest talk given by teachers and so is saying suitable personal pronouns, for example, using 'we' instead of 'I'. Oddly enough, a number of students enjoy being called their nicknames, which are possibly sweet talk by teachers. It is best if a teacher has a good sense of humour. Also, care should be taken that sweet talk comes from mental beauty and emotional control as usual.

(8) As we are all probably aware, there are found five powers in teacher education: professional or expert power, legitimate power, reference power, reward power, and coercive power. Of these powers, students long for reward power from teachers, that is, they want to get material things or even a little pencil that is awarded as a prize by their teachers due to outstanding achievement in school lessons or activities. In essence, students wish to be

proud of being recognized as outstanding ones by their teachers.



Nice teachers have no biases towards or against students from all walks of life, rich and poor, good and bad. PHOTO: ILLUSTRATION: FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY/FREEPIK

After teachers have given students homework, they are responsible for checking it to the letter any other day. Every teacher should never forget to check homework as well as go for a homework-giving and correction habit. A thorough homework check-up still shows mutual respect between teacher and student and the student finds it the teacher's very concentration on his work.

(9) Any teacher will never have to content himself just with his subject knowledge; he had better take up co-curricular or extra-curricular activities like reading, singing, drawing, playing musical instruments and dancing. Telling stories or conducting enjoyable activities in the classroom are students' favourites.

(10) There is a Myanmar proverb, 'The promise of human being, the loyalty of the king', we know. But it will be seen that making or breaking a promise is

not difficult for a normal person apart from keeping it for everyone. A promise can be called even the most important part of a teacher's life. For instance, if the teacher has told his students that he will throw a party for them, he is going to have to celebrate that party. Often students totally dislike it when teachers are forgetful or negligent of their promises.

(11) Now the clothing styles of a teacher are a matter of the greatest importance to him, he should wear clothes for love, respect, and dignity. Teachers always have to remember that students are much given to seeing them from head to toe whether they have put on a watch or what type of shoes. If hairstyles are the second face of a person, clothes may turn out well to be his third face. Teachers' clothing must look adorable and admirable in the eyes of students, actually.

(12) Nice teachers have no biases towards or against students from all walks of life, rich and poor, good and bad. To be quite truthful with this article's read-

ers, the students are constantly meeting a lack of readiness - physical, mental, emotional, and social-psychological problems such as a broken family and domestic violence. They will feel able to guess straight away whether or not their teachers have biased them in favour of any other student. Hence, it would be better for them to have dropped their biases about teacher-pupil relations.

The above-mentioned facts have been founded on my own personal experience. There will be other teacher qualities arising in the world of education. Myself, I would still like to add effective and efficient use of boards, i.e. blackboards or whiteboards, successful teaching results, access to student evaluation, the utilization of fair coercive power, dependability, reliability or validity teaching practice and so on as the next teacher qualities. In short, only qualified teachers beloved by students will be able to attempt quality education, which is a foregone conclusion.



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Monday 15 May 2023)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 16 May 2023: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Magway and Taninthayi regions and Southern Shan and Kayah states and widespread in the Remaining regions and states with likelihood of regionally heavy falls in Mandalay Region and Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Kachin, Northern Shan, Kayin and Mon states. Degree of certainty is 100%.

THE Condition of Cumulonimbus Cloud: The Cumulonimbus clouds are developing over the Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway and Bago regions and Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states. The area along the Cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squall with rough seas will be experienced in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 40 mph. Squall with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 35 mph. Wave height will be about 9-11 feet in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts and 7-9 feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of advancement of Southwest Monsoon into the Southern Myanmar areas.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 16 May 2023: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 16 May 2023: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 16 May 2023: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Low Pressure Area Condition 15 May 2023 14:00 MST Today

Low Pressure Area Condition
According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the Depression crossed China-Myanmar Border continue moved nearly East-Northeastwards and gradually weaken into a Low Pressure Area.

This is the last news for the Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm.

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The following photos show the debris in the aftermath of Cyclone Mocha in states and regions.



Shwebontha Pagoda in NyaungU.



Heavy rains in the Bagan World Heritage Site.



Padaung Township, Bago Region.



Bogale Township, Ayeyawady Region.



Myebon, Rakhine State.



Mandalay, Mandalay Region.



Thandwe Township, Rakhine State.



Maei subtownship in Rakhine State.



Monyo Township in Bago Region.



Nyaungshwe Township in Shan State.

Relief and rehabilitation measures are underway in disaster-battered states and regions.



Flash floods are pumped out at the Sulamani Pagoda.



Meal boxes are distributed to people in Gwa Township, Thandwe District.



Evacuees at Chaungtha cyclone shelter return home.



Evacuees are transported to their homes in Taungup Township.



Paukhaung Township in Bago Region.



Pyay Township in Bago Region.



Bogale Township to Ayeyawady Region.



Relocation of the IDP camp in Rakhine State.



Nawngkhio Township in Shan State.



MraukU in Rakhine State.

Cyclone Mocha causes deaths, trails of destruction

THE severely cyclonic storm Mocha in the Bay of Bengal caused tides, strong winds, heavy rains and flash floods.

Due to Cyclone Mocha on 14 May, 12 houses, three religious buildings, one monastery, three schools, one airport lounge, eight lamp posts, one transformer and one wall were damaged and destroyed in 44 wards and villages of Nay Pyi Taw while two houses, one mon-

astery, two departmental buildings in five wards and villages of Chin State, one house, three telecom towers, one lamp-post and three walls in seven wards and villages of Sagaing Region, 113 houses, two telecom towers, one lamp-post and one signboard in 72 wards and villages of Bago Region, two houses, nine lamp posts, three walls and 78 paddy files in 14 wards and villages of Magway Region, four religious

building in Mandalay Region, 588 houses, three religious buildings, eight monasteries, 25 schools nine clinics, one market, one telecom tower, seven lamp-posts, one transformer, 26 departmental buildings and 181 losses in Mandalay Region, 15 houses, one monastery, four schools, one telecom tower, six departmental buildings and one football field in 35 wards and villages of Yangon Region, 131 houses, one religious building, five monasteries, 32 schools, five clinics, nine lamp posts and three departmental buildings in 114 wards and villages of Ayeyawady Region.

Three people – one each from Sittway, Taungup and Yekyi townships – were killed in the severe storm.

Detailed investigations are being made in Kyauktaw, MraukU, Minbya, Myebon, Ponnagyun, Rathedaung, Pauktaw, Buthidaung of Rakhine State and Paletwa of Chin State.



Maha Myatmuni Pagoda.

In the cyclone-affected areas, the rescue teams in respective regions and states are undertaking rescue measures together with volunteer organizations, and officials concerned went to the sites and provided necessary assistance. — MNA/KTZH



Clearing the fallen trees in Pyintaw village, An Township.



Relief measures are underway in Taungup.



Gwa Township.



Kyauktaw Township.



Kyaukpyu.



Maha Aungmyay Township.



Manaung Township.



Maungtaw Township.



The loss and damage in Maungtaw Township.



Yanbye Township.



Thandwe Township.

Indonesia's trade surplus rises to US\$3.94 billion in April



Containers are being loaded onto cargo ships at Jakarta's container port on 28 March 2023. PHOTO: AFP

INDONESIA recorded a trade surplus of 3.94 billion US dollars in April, up from the previous month's 2.91 billion dollars, according to Statistics Indonesia (BPS) on Monday. "Indonesia's trade balance has recorded surplus for 36 consecutive

months since May 2020," said BPS Deputy for Statistical Methodology and Information Imam Machdi in a press conference.

The non-oil and gas sector contributed a surplus of 5.64 billion dollars but was offset in part by a deficit of 1.70 billion dollars in the oil and gas sector.

The archipelagic country's export value was recorded at 19.29 billion dollars in April, down by 29.40 per cent compared to the same period last year, while the import totalled 15.35 billion dollars, a drop of 22.32 per cent from a year earlier.

From January to April, Indonesia's non-oil and gas exports were mainly to China, the United States and Japan, with a combined contribution of 42.90 per cent. — Xinhua

Macron, Musk to meet in Paris to discuss joint projects

FRENCH President Emmanuel Macron is to meet billionaire businessman Elon Musk on Monday to discuss joint projects six months after their last encounter in the United States, his office said.

The two men will talk about the "attractiveness of France and its industries", Macron's office announced, with the head of state hoping for fresh investment.

Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire told the BFMTV broadcaster that "negotiations are ongoing" with the boss of Twitter and

Tesla, who is in Paris for a meeting of 200 foreign business leaders with the French government.

Le Maire gave no details of Monday's talks with Musk, saying simply that "all of today's investments are the fruit of months or even years of negotiations".

During a US trip in December, Macron held an unannounced face-to-face meeting with Musk, saying later the two had had a "clear and honest" discussion during an hour-long meeting, including on electric cars and batteries. — AFP

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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.
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Agent For:

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The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Industry
No(3) Heavy Industrial Enterprise
Invitation for Expression of Interest (Eoi)

- The Ministry of Industry hereby announces an Invitation for Expression of Interest (Eoi) to both interested local and foreign investors and companies for Public-Private-Partnership for the following factories;
 - No.(10) Textile Factory (Taungtha)
 - No.(11) Textile Factory (Pakokku)
- The applicable information is as follow;
 - Available date for Eoi Form - (18-5-2023) to (30-6-2023)
 - Deadline for submission of Eoi - (21-7-2023) (16:00 hrs)
 - Place to sell Eoi form;
 - Planning Department, No(3) Heavy Industrial Enterprise, Office No. 37, Nay Pyi Taw.
 - Place of Tender Submission - No. (3) Heavy Industrial Enterprise, Office No. 37, Nay Pyi Taw.
- For further detail information, please contact to
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Email - textile.planning@gmail.com

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Japanese Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Minister Keiko Nagaoka (C, front row) speaks at a press conference after the conclusion of a meeting of education ministers of the Group of Seven nations in Kanazawa in Ishikawa Prefecture, central Japan, on 14 May 2023. **PHOTO: KYODO**

G-7 education ministers confirm need to curb risks from generative AI

EDUCATION ministers from the Group of Seven countries on Sunday confirmed the need to mitigate risks associated with generative artificial intelligence, including AI bot ChatGPT, on learning, while hailing the advance of the technology.

The ministers also agreed on the importance of continued understanding regarding issues stemming from the fast-developing technology that has captured public attention since the launch of ChatGPT by US firm OpenAI in November 2022.

AI bots are software applications trained using massive amounts of data from the internet and other sources, enabling them to process and simulate human-like conversations with users. ChatGPT can be prompted to edit text and produce essays.

Japan said that during the talks it presented arguments highlighting the benefits of using generative AI, but also raised concerns about the negative effects of the technology, such as a possible reduction in critical thinking skills and potential copyright infringement.

On Thursday, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said at a government panel to discuss AI strategy, "It is necessary for Japan, as the G-7 chair, to exercise leadership in promoting common understanding and establishing rules."

Responses to the technology among the G-7 major industrialized states have varied. Japan's Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology has said it plans to introduce guidelines on AI usage in school settings within the 2023 academic year. — Kyodo

Syria attends first Arab League meeting in 11 years

SYRIA ended over a decade of exile from the Arab League on Monday as officials participated in a preparatory session ahead of Friday's summit in Saudi Arabia.

"I... take this opportunity to welcome the Syrian Arab Republic to the League of Arab States," Saudi finance minister Mohammed al-Jadaan told the meeting, which was broadcast live by state TV channel Al Ekhbariya.

Jadaan added that he was "looking forward to working with everyone to achieve what we aspire to", as the camera panned to the Syrian delegation.

It is the first time Syrian officials have participated in an Arab League meeting since the body suspended Damascus in

November 2011 over its violent crackdown on protests which spiralled into a conflict that has killed more than 500,000 people and displaced millions.

Earlier this month, the pan-Arab body officially welcomed back Syria's government, securing President Bashar al-Assad's return to the Arab fold.

Saudi King Salman has invited Assad to attend Friday's summit in the Red Sea coastal city of Jeddah, which would be his first since the 2010 meeting in Libya.

Regional capitals have gradually been warming to Assad as he has held onto power and clawed back lost territory with crucial support from Iran and Russia. — AFP

Erdogan ascendant as Türkiye heads for historic runoff

TÜRKIYE on Monday woke up to the prospect of its first presidential runoff vote after conservative President Recep Tayyip Erdogan confounded pollsters and his secular rival to win the first round of the country's pivotal election.

Pre-election opinion polls had suggested Erdogan risked a first national election defeat to his main challenger's disparate six-party alliance, in a vote seen as the most important in the Muslim-majority nation's post-Ottoman history.

But the 69-year-old defied expectations in Sunday's ballot and could extend his two-decade grip on power on 28 May, after neither he nor Kemal Kilicdaroglu reached the 50-per-cent threshold for a first-round victory.

With almost all ballots count-



Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan addresses supporters at the AK Party headquarters after polls closed in Türkiye presidential and parliamentary elections in Ankara, Türkiye 15 May 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

ed on Monday morning, Erdogan led with 49.42 per cent of the vote to Kilicdaroglu's 44.95 per

cent, according to official figures provided by state news agency Anadolu. — AFP

A month into Sudan's brutal war, no end in sight

ONE month since Sudan's conflict erupted, its capital is a desolate war zone where terrorized families huddle in their homes as gun battles rage in the dusty, deserted streets outside.

As people hope to dodge stray bullets, they also endure desperate shortages of food and basic supplies, power blackouts, communications outages and runaway inflation.

Khartoum, a city of five million, was long a place of relative stability and wealth, even under



Smoke billows in the distance in Khartoum amid ongoing fighting between the forces of two rival generals, on 15 May 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

decades of sanctions against former strongman Omar al-Bashir.

Now it has become a shell of its former self.

Charred aircraft lie on the airport tarmac, foreign embassies are shuttered and hospitals, banks, shops and wheat silos have been ransacked by looters.

Fighting continued Monday morning, with loud explosions heard across Khartoum and thick smoke billowing in the sky while warplanes flying overhead drew anti-aircraft fire, according to

witnesses.

"The situation is becoming worse by the day," said a 37-year-old resident of southern Khartoum who did not wish to be named. "People are getting more and more scared because the two sides... are becoming more and more violent."

The fighting broke out on 15 April between army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and his former deputy Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, who leads the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF). — AFP

Thailand's Move Forward Party seeks coalition after oppositions win majority in general election

THAILAND'S Move Forward Party is seeking to form a coalition government with other opposition parties as unofficial vote counting results showed the oppositions have won the majority of seats in the lower house of parliament.

The Move Forward Party, with a strong base among young voters, emerged as the largest party in the House of Representatives with 151 seats, ahead of the other major opposition and pre-election favourite Pheu Thai Party which won 141 seats.

As of 99.18 per cent vote counting which is completed

so far, Move Forward Party and the Pheu Thai Party each captured 112 seats out of the 400 constituency seats in the House of Representatives, said Ittiporn Boonpracong, chairman of the Election Commission on Monday.

The Move Forward Party and Pheu Thai Party also secured around two-thirds of the 100 party-list seats decided in a separate poll, which put the two opposition parties well over the 250-seat threshold for a simple majority in the lower house of parliament.

More than 75 per cent of the

52 million eligible voters cast their ballots in the election on Sunday, according to the Election Commission.

Under the two-ballot system with one vote for the 400 constituency members of parliament (MPs) and another for their preferred party vying for the 100 party-list MPs, voters elect a total of 500 members to the House of Representatives.

The official result of the election is pending verification by the Election Commission, which is due in 60 days, as parties are expected to start negotiations for a coalition government. — Xinhua



Move Forward Party leader and prime ministerial candidate Pita Limjaroenrat (C) arrives for a press conference at the party headquarters in Bangkok on 15 May 2023. PHOTO: AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Australia plans to establish "reliable" warning network after 2022 flood season

THE Australian government has announced funding to establish a national and reliable flood warning network.

Tanya Plibersek, Minister for the Environment and Water, and Murray Watt, Minister for Emergency Management, on Monday said 236 million Australian dollars (157.2 million US dollars) will be spent over the next decade on the National Flood Warning Infrastructure Network to protect communities from disasters.

The funding will be used to purchase and upgrade flood gauges, with those in Queensland — the country's most disaster-affected state — to be prioritized.

"Severe weather events, including floods, are becoming more extreme and more frequent," Plibersek said in a statement.

"Reliable flood warnings will help Australians prepare for moments of extreme weather. It will keep people safer as they happen."

It comes after much of Australia's east coast was hit by floods in 2022.

Parts of Queensland and New South Wales received more than a year's worth of rain over a matter of days in February and March, causing one of the country's worst flood disasters.

Studies had previously found that the patchwork nature of the flood gauge network would increase risk during floods. — Xinhua

Sri Lankan navy rescues six fishermen from fishing trawler in distress off southern coast

THE Sri Lanka Navy and Coast Guard rescued six fishermen from a fishing trawler in distress off the country's southern coast on Sunday, said the Navy.

The Navy said in a press statement that the fishing trawler was at risk of sinking due to seeping sea water following adverse weather conditions while it was found at sea about eight nautical miles off the Beruwala lighthouse.

The statement said the Navy and the Coast Guard are on constant alert to provide relief to the maritime and fishing community in distress within the search and rescue region of Sri Lanka.

Earlier, Sri Lanka's meteorological department had warned fishermen to guard against heavy winds and rough seas due to a tropical cyclone. — Xinhua

G-7 to promote world without nuclear weapons: Japan PM Kishida



Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida speaks during an interview at his office in Tokyo on 15 May 2023. PHOTO: KYODO

JAPANESE Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said Monday that the Group of Seven leaders will show their resolve to promote a world without nuclear weapons when they meet later this week in Hiroshima.

The G-7 "will send out a strong message to realize a world free of nuclear weapons and will steadily proceed with more realistic and concrete efforts," Kishida said during an interview with Kyodo News and other media outlets at the prime minister's office.

Kishida will host the three-day summit from Friday in his home constituency of Hiroshima, which was devastated by a US

atomic bomb in 1945, amid growing concerns that Russia may use a nuclear weapon against Ukraine in its invasion of the country, ongoing since February last year.

The G-7 leaders are expected to visit the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum, which is dedicated to documenting the world's first use of a nuclear weapon during war, and meet with atomic bomb survivors, known as hibakusha in Japan.

"Conveying the reality of the nuclear attack is important as a starting point for all nuclear disarmament efforts," Kishida said. — Kyodo

Singapore to host Prince William's Earthshot Prize

SINGAPORE will host the next awards ceremony for Prince William's Earthshot Prize that aims to reward innovative efforts to combat climate change, a statement said Monday.

A winner is selected in each of the prize's five categories such as "Clean our Air" or "Revive our Oceans". The winners are awarded £1 million (\$1.2 million) each.

"The Earthshot Prize is all about showing the world that solutions to some of the biggest environmental challenges we

face are out there," said William, who is heir to his father King Charles III.

The ceremony in Singapore will take place on 7 November and will feature performances by "world-renowned musicians and artists", according to the statement.

This year's finalists will be revealed toward the end of this year, it added.

Founded by the prince in 2020, the Earthshot Prize's name was inspired US president John F. Kennedy's "Moonshot" project

in the 1960s to put a man on the moon.

The inaugural awards ceremony took place in London in 2021. Last year's prize was awarded at a star-studded ceremony in Boston with television presenter David Attenborough and actress Cate Blanchett among the judges.

Winners included a female-founded start-up providing cleaner-burning stoves to women in Kenya and a British company that crafts biodegradable packaging from seaweed. — AFP

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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council: Twelve Objectives

1. Political affairs

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

2. Economic affairs

- To enhance development based on agriculture and livestock using modern production techniques and to strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.
- To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.

- To 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.
- To advance the socioeconomic life of the people, in order to ensure the country's prosperity and food security.

3. Social affairs

- To ensure a strong and dynamic Union spirit, the genuine spirit of patriotism.
- To respect and promote the customs and traditions of all National people and preserve and safeguard their faiths, beliefs, culture, and characteristics of patriotic nationalism.
- 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.
- 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.



Women's Football Final: Myanmar miss gold with 0-2 defeat to Viet Nam

DUE to a 0-2 loss to Viet Nam, Myanmar was satisfied with a silver medal during the XXXII SEA Games Women's Football final match played at Olympic Stadium, Phnom Penh, Cambodia yesterday.

Both teams pushed the pace of the game high from the start.

Viet Nam found their first goal at 12 minutes as the Myanmar goalkeeper made a mistake when she left the goal at the wrong time, and Captain Huynh Nhu quickly tapped the



Myanmar's Captain Khin Mar Lar Tun (white) eyes the pass during the XXXII SEA Games Women's Football Final Match against Viet Nam at Olympic Stadium, Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 15 May 2023. PHOTO: MFF

ball into the empty net.

Myanmar responded with long passes right after conceding.

From a free kick on the left, Lin Myint Mo tried to score but the ball hit the bar.

Myanmar made two early substitutions at 17 minutes as

they were eager to make equalizers.

In the later minutes, both sides played an equal attack.

The first half ended with Viet Nam leading 1-0.

In search of the equalizers, team Myanmar pushed forward right after the whistle.

Myanmar relied on short passes but Viet Nam's defence was too strong for the counter-play.

At the 76 minutes, Viet Nam produced their winning or second goal with a touch of Thanh

Nha.

Despite allowing 2-goals, the Myanmar team did not give up and continued to attack, but the fortune did not stay at the side.

At the final whistle, Viet Nam celebrated over Myanmar by a score of 2-0 and won the gold medal for the XXXII SEA Games Women's Football Event while Myanmar finished second and garnered the silver. Team Thailand took the bronze as they beat host Cambodia 6-0 in the third-place match. — KZL

Myanmar bags three more golds in XXXII SEA Games

MYANMAR sports teams garnered three more gold medals as the XXXII SEA Games is being held at various stadiums and sports halls in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

Team Myanmar won one gold, one silver and two bronzes in Vovinam, one gold, and two bronzes in Taekwondo, one gold in Billiards and Snooker, one silver and two bronzes in Judo, one bronze in e-Sports, and one silver and two bronzes in Traditional Boat Race on 14 May.

Vovinam events were held at Chroy Changvar Convention Centre, Hall A, Phnom Penh.

Myanmar's Sithu Maung secured one gold medal in Men's 55-60 kilogrammes event while Moe Moe Aye grabbed silver in-

the Women's Under 55 kg event.

Next Myanmar's Thanda Khaing earned one bronze in the Women's 50-55 kg Event, while Waing Thet Aung picked one more bronze in Men's 60-65 kg Event.

Next, Taekwondo events were continued at Chroy Changvar Convention Centre, Hall F.

Myanmar's Kyaw Min Naing won one gold medal in Men's 87-kg event, while Myint Ko Ko secured one silver in Men's Under 74 kg Event.

Moe Pwint Phyu garnered one more bronze for Myanmar in the Women's 73 kg Event.

Afterwards, the final match of the Men's 9 Ball Pool Doubles was held at Aeon Hall, Aeon Mall Sen Sok and Maung Maung (ali-

as) Bhone Myint Kyaw and Thaw Zin Htet secured one gold medal by trouncing Malaysia 9-3.

Meanwhile, Judo events were continued at Chroy Changvar Convention Centre, Hall C, and Chue Myat Noe Wai won a silver medal for Myanmar in the Women's 57 kg Event.

Myanmar's Phyo Swe Zin Kyaw got one bronze in the Women's Under 70 kg event, and Htike Htike Kyaw picked one more bronze in the Men's Under 55 kg event. Next, Myanmar won a bronze medal in the Mobile Legends e-Sports Event.

At the same time, Traditional Boat Race Events were held at Perk Kampot, Kampot City, Kampot Province. Myanmar won a silver medal in the Mixed 12-Oar



(U-24) 500 metres Event, a bronze in the Men's 12-Oar (open) 500-m Event, and another bronze in the Men's 12-Oar (U-24) 500-m Event.

On 14 May, Myanmar competed in Traditional Boat Race, e-Sports, Sepak Takraw, Cricket, Volleyball, Judo, Billiard and Snooker, Weightlifting, Taekwondo, and Vovinam events and secured three gold, three silver and

nine bronze medals.

On 15 May, Myanmar sports teams participated in Sepak Takraw, e-Sports, Weightlifting, Judo, Taekwondo, Vovinam, and Women's Football events.

In the XXXII SEA Games, Myanmar has collected 97 medals so far (20 golds, 19 silvers, and 58 bronzes). — MNA/KZL