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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.

Myanmar is capable of turning out experts who understand the green economy, blue economy and nature-based solutions to be applied in the practical fields: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing unveils the plaque of the centennial celebration at the Forestry and Environmental Science (Yezin) in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 May 2023.

IT is necessary to conduct the forestry undergraduate and post-graduate courses as well as turn out BSc forestry professionals, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the centenary of forestry at the University of Forestry and Environmental Science (Yezin) in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday morning.

SAC Joint Secretary Lt-

Gen Ye Win Oo, Council member Mahn Nyein Maung, Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein, Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi and Union Minister for Education Dr Nyunt Pe cut the ribbon to open the centennial celebration of the forestry education.

The Senior General unveiled the plaque of the centennial ceremony and sprinkled

scented water on it.

In his speech, the Senior General said that everybody knows forests in Myanmar are sound foundations for sustainable development of the country as well as root causes to develop socioeconomic life of the people and create job opportunities for them. The Indian government handed over Myanmar's forest management authority to the Myanmar government in 1922. So, the Myanmar government formed the Burma Forest Ser-

vices. Moreover, the Forestry Department was established under the Faculty of Sciences at Yangon University in 1923 to turn out those who would serve the forestry services. In 1958, the Faculty of Forestry was set up.

The Institute of Forestry was formed as a professional institute in 1922 and then it was upgraded to a university in 2003. Moreover, it was reconstituted as the University of Forestry and Environmental Science in

2017. The statistics stated that the university has turned out 3,052 graduates till 2023 including 353 female graduates.

As part of improving the education sector, the university conducted a master's course in forestry in 1996, including MSc (Forestry) and MSc (Forest Products). Hence, the university produced 62 MSc graduates and 17 diploma holders, totalling 79.

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The handover ceremony of the Cambodia-donated Sinovac vaccines and syringes in progress yesterday.

Handover event held for Cambodia-donated Sinovac vaccines, syringes

ONE million doses of COVID-19 vaccines and one million syringes donated by Cambodia to Myanmar arrived at the Yangon International Airport by KR3763 flight yesterday morning.

The donation is based on the friendship between the two countries and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Aye Htun and Dr Youk Sambath, Permanent

Secretary of State for Health Ministry in Cambodia attended the handover ceremony held at the VIP Lounge of Yangon International Airport.

Afterwards, the deputy minister and the permanent secretary signed the handover document for donations and the deputy minister returned the certificate of appreciation. Officials from the Minis-

try of Health and Nay Pyi Taw Council Public Health and Medical Services Departments to, representatives from the Embassy of Cambodia, and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also attended the event.

In previous years, Cambodia provided medications for use in the prevention and treatment activities of COVID-19 in Myanmar. — MNA/MKKS

Announcement for local and foreign well-wishers to donate cash to cyclonic storm Mocha victims

1. AN announcement has been issued that well-wishers wishing to make donations for people who fell victim to the extremely severe cyclonic storm Mocha which hit Myanmar on 14-5-2023 can donate cash to Myanmar account OA-011834 and foreign account 1DA-0300086.
2. In this announcement, it is duly mentioned that our commitment to receiving donations extends to additional electronic payment

systems and mobile payment systems. Further updates and notifications will be made in due course.

3. It has been announced that donations can be made to the previously announced phone number and to the account that was opened, and since it can be confusing to donate with a phone number, we have already made it possible to donate with a QR code instead of the phone number.

4. Donations can be made through KBZ Pay or Wave Money. If you wish to donate, please scan the QR codes provided by both KBZ Pay and Wave Money.

To contribute, enter the code included within the respective QR codes.

5. People make donations through CB Pay, AYA Pay and OK \$, which are widely used to enhance convenience for donors. To donate, please scan

6. The well-wishers can contact the following persons for further information: -



Nay Pyi Taw	Yangon	Mandalay
Daw Lei Lei Aye Director-General Department of Disaster Management 067-3404050 09-2021491	U Than Soe Director Department of Disaster Management Office of Yangon Region Department 09-250123885	U Aye Min Thu Director Department of Disaster Management Office of Mandalay Region Department 09-420708827
U Win Shwe Deputy Director-General Department of Disaster Management 067-3404048 09-254170011	Daw Than Than Win Deputy Director Department of Disaster Management Office of Yangon Region Department 09-420740160	
Daw Phyu Phyu Win Director Department of Disaster Management 067-3404316 09-43054844		

Continued efforts exerted to achieve nationwide peace

IN the political sector, multiparty democracy will be exercised and in the executive sector, a Union system will be adopted based on democracy and federalism. The NCA is a commitment made between the government and the EAOs with the international organizations acting as the witnesses. Positive results have been achieved in discussions with the EAOs. We will continue to make sustained efforts to achieve peace across the nation.

(Excerpts from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the SAC meeting 2/2023 on 23 February 2023)

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The university has turned out undergraduates, post-graduates and diploma holders. Now, the university has been formed with faculty members who secured doctoral degrees from foreign countries and experiences. Hence, the university is capable of turning out doctoral experts. The Senior General urged officials to produce experts specializing in the tropical and monsoon regions to keep abreast of the international community.

Myanmar is capable of turning out experts who understand the green economy, blue economy and nature-based solutions to be applied in the practical fields. It is necessary to conduct the forestry undergraduate and post-graduate courses as well as turn out BSc forestry professionals.

Moreover, the Senior General stressed the need to enhance the capacity of faculty members, provide assistance for them to conduct academic and research measures and assist in securing skills and experiences in combining the practical and theoretical processes. The Senior General presented K10 million in honour of the centenary of forestry to Rector Dr Khin Maung Hsint of Forestry and Environmental Science.

The Senior General presented prizes to first-prize winners in the university and high



The Premier views the display of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation at the event.

school-level poem, article, quiz and essay contests to mark the centenary of forestry.

SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win presented second prizes to relevant winners and Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, third prizes to the winners.

Artists from the Fine Arts Department and students of the University of Forestry and Environmental Science entertained the Senior General and party with dances and songs. The Senior General presented the flower basket to the artistes and students. Then, the Senior General and party visited the booths of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation. — MNA/TTA



The Senior General poses for the documentary group photo at the centennial celebration yesterday.

DPM Union Home Affairs Minister receives Sri Lankan Ambassador



STATE Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister of Home Affairs Lt-Gen Soe Htut received Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar Mr JM Janaka Priyantha Bandara yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Sri Lankan Ambassador Mr JM Janaka Priyantha Bandara calls on Deputy Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Htut yesterday.

Both sides cordially and frankly discussed and exchanged views on matters pertaining to combatting money laundering and financial support of terrorism, BIMSETC cybersecurity issues as Myanmar and Sri Lanka are member countries, exchange of information for the prevention and suppression of transborder crimi-

nal cases and further cooperation between the two countries.

The meeting was also attended by MPF Deputy Chief Police Maj-Gen Aung Aung, Criminal and Legal Department Chief Police Brig-Gen Kyaw Lin and Transnational Crime Department Chief Police Brig-Gen Aung Htay Myint. — MNA/TS

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pays homage to remains of SSMNC Chairman Bhamo Sayadaw



The Senior General pays homage to the remains of Bhamo Sayadaw.



The Premier presents supplication to Secretary Sayadaw.

CHAIRMAN of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Patron of Bhamo Monastery in Maha Nwesiin Ward of Mahaangmye Township in Mandalay Region Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa, aged 94, vasa 74, passed away at 11:11 pm on 25 May.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing paid homage to the remains of the Bhamo Sayadaw and then paid obeisance to Presiding Patron of Masoeyin Taikthit Monastery in Mandalay Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vasettha Bhivamsa and supplicated holding the final rites of the Chairman Sayadaw.

The Senior General welcomed members of the Sangha led by the Secretary of SSMNC Presiding Patron of Thanlyin's Minkyauing Pahtamapyan Buddhist Learning Centre Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa who paid homage to remains of the Chairman Sayadaw.

The Senior General presented supplication to Secretary Sayadaw, saying that



The Senior General offers donations to Sayadaws.

the long-lasting Sayadaw has served about 13 years as the Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee since 2010. Sayadaw served for the sake of Buddhism. Arrangements have been made to hold the final rites for Sayadaw at the State level on a grander scale. The Senior General expressed his sadness for the demise of Bhamo Sayadaw as the tremendous loss of the Sasana and the State.

The Senior General presented cash donated by the State Administration Council and Tatmadaw members and families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) for holding the final rites for Bhamo Sayadaw to the Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture.

Chairman of Myanmar Economic Corporation Lt-Gen Nyo Saw and Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Soe Min Oo presented cash donated by MEC and

Myanmar Economic Holdings Public Co Ltd for the final rites ceremony to the Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture.

The Senior General and party paid homage to the remains of Bhamo Sayadaw.

Bhamo Sayadaw was born to parents U Po Thit and Daw Aye Thaik in Yabe Village of Taungtha Township on Monday, the 14th waxing of Tawthalin, 1291 ME. He was initiated

into novice hood on Monday, the 8th waxing of Waso, 1304 ME and ordained on Monday, the 10th waxing of Tabodwe, 1310 ME. Sayadaw secured Pariyatti Sasana Hita Dhamma Cariya, Vamtamsaka, BA (Mandalay University), Sasana Dhaja Pavara Dhamma Cariya titles in 1315 ME, Pali Siromani title in 1318 ME, D Litt offered by State Pariyatti Sasana Universities Administration Central Body in 1378 ME, Doctor of Letters (D Litt) by Yangon University in 2003 and PhD by Sehan University of Korea in 2016. Sayadaw served as a member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha from the first to the sixth till March 2010, the Committee Secretary from March to July 2010 and the Committee Chairman from July 2010 to date. The government offered Abhidhaja Maha Saddhamma Jotika title to the Sayadaw in 2009 and the Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru title in 2011.

Arrangements are being made to hold the State-level final rites ceremony for Sayadaw on a grand scale in line with the guidance of the Prime Minister as the demise of the Chairman Sayadaw was an unprecedented loss for the Sasana and the State. — MNA/TTA

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SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views preservation of Myanansankyaw Golden Palace in Mandalay

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accompanied by Council Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Moe Aung, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung, senior military officers from the Office of Commander-in-Chief, the Commander of the Central Command, and officials checked the preservation of Myanansankyaw Golden Palace in Mandalay yesterday.

The Prime Minister looked round the golden palace including the glass palace, and conference halls.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko and Assistant Director of the Department of Archeology and Nation-



al Museum (Mandalay Branch) Daw Myo Myo Thaung and officials gave a briefing regarding the preservation of the entire area of the Palace.

In response to the briefings,

the Prime Minister said that the Myanansankyaw Golden Palace is unlike other palaces, which are full of records about its structure and location.

Since the colonial era, the

palace has had a complete set of domestic and foreign records and references, so all need to do their best to match the strong historical evidence and records, he commented.

There is a need to review the records of keeping ancient utensils and replicas in the rooms of the halls of the palace.

The Senior General stressed the need to decorate the pillars inside the palace to make it tidy. Some equipment including the throne needs to be covered with glass for long-term durability.

The roads connecting the palaces need to be made as much as possible according to the original patterns.

As the palace is an ancient heritage work, it needs to be preserved with special care, and if it is kept clean and tidy, it will attract more visitors, he added.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party viewed the documentary photographs of the Palace and the displays of royal accessories and gave guidance on necessary matters. — MNA/KZL



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views round the Myanansankyaw Golden Palace in Mandalay yesterday (top and above photos).

SAC member meets rectors, lecturers of universities

STATE Administration Council Member U Maung Ko met rectors, pro-rectors, professors, and lecturers from Universities, Degree Colleges, and Industrial Training Centres in Mahaaungmyay, Aungmyaythazan, and Amarapura Districts on 25 May regarding the increase in the number of students attending school.

First, the SAC member met school heads, and officials from Mahaaungmyay, and Aungmyaythazan Districts.

During the meeting, the SAC member further informed and explained the information of

the speech given by the Chairman of the State Administration Council at the Myanmar National Education Conference (2023) and highlighted the importance of increasing the number of school enrollees and the number of students attending school and the role of basic education schools.

Next, Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung said that the state is serious about promoting national education, and the attendees presented and discussed it.

The SAC member coordinated the necessary matters



SAC Member U Maung Ko meets academic personnel from universities, colleges and institutes in Mandalay on 25 May.

and presented K2,325,000 to teachers as a reward.

Next, the SAC member met rectors, pro-rectors, professors, and lecturers from Universities, Degree Colleges, and Industrial Training Centres in Mahaaung-

myay and Aungmyaythazan Districts and SAC member and family member donated the Yamaha keyboard to the Arts Association of Kyaukse University.

Next, the SAC member coordinated and fulfilled the

discussion and presentation of Mandalay Region Minister for Economy U Thein Htay regarding the use of funds for the development of the education sector in the region. — MNA/KZL

Severe action must be taken against those who repeatedly committed illegal trading activities: Vice-Senior General

THOSE who committed endless offences must be taken severe action not only under the Customs Law but other related laws, said Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win at the meeting 3/2023 of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee at the hall of the Ministry of Commerce in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Senior General, who is also in the capacity of Chairman of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, unveiled that cargo trucks along the trade routes were examined through the QR code system more quickly. Moreover, the E-lock system arranged for the transport of commodities is under arrangements to examine the trucks. The Vice-Senior General urged all to widely discuss applying the QR code and E-lock systems in examining the export of commodities.

The Vice-Senior General recounted that the Prime Minister has given guidance that efforts must be made for manufacturing the basic personal goods to meet the domestic demand and export the surplus to foreign markets. Only when necessary



State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win presides over the meeting 3/2023 the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee yesterday.



raw materials arrive in the market in time will production soonest kick-off. If not, cheaper products from other countries will flow into the domestic market through illegal routes, harming the existence of local SME businesses. As such, it is necessary to effectively eradicate illegal trade.

The Vice-Senior General stressed that severe action must be taken against those who repeatedly committed illegal trading activities. Those who committed endless offences must be taken severe action not only under the Customs Law but

other related laws.

If setting the fine for the value of seized commodities is less than the actual prices in the market, offenders will carelessly accept the fine for their seized commodities. As such, action against them must be taken severely without daring to commit more illegal trade measures.

Those from illegal trade eradication special task forces in regions and states have to make polite relations with the people at the checkpoints and security posts, and action must be taken against those who committed the disciplines.

The Vice-Senior General instructed chairpersons of the special task forces to take severe action against those from the task forces, one-stop service troops and security forces for the illegal measures harming the original duties.

Secretary of the steering committee Deputy Minister U Nyunt Aung reported on the accomplishment of the decisions adopted in the meeting 2/2023.

Departmental heads reported on letters submitted to the meeting 3/2023 of the steering committee.

Vice-Chairmen of the steer-

ing committee Union Ministers Lt-Gen Soe Htut and U Win Shein, member Union Minister U Aung Naing Oo also discussed the comparison of export and import process between Myanmar and Thailand, seizures of narcotic drugs, chemical precursors, illegal drugs and cosmetics, and applying QR Code in examining the illegal goods.

The leader of the office work of the steering committee read the draft decisions of the 3/2023 meeting. The meeting ended with the coordination of the Vice-Senior General.—MNA/TTA

SAC member meets students, teachers, town elders in Shan State

STATE Administration Council Member Dr Kyaw Tun met teachers, town elders and students at No 4 BEHS in Heho of Kalaw Township together with Shan State Chief Minister U Aung Zaw Aye and other relevant officials yesterday.

During the meeting, the SAC Member said the government is making efforts for the education sector and it should arrange to meet a certain percentage of school enrollment at No 4 BEHS. In the 2023-2024 academic year, the compulsory education system for Grade 9 is launched free of charge and the government provides stationaries, textbooks and uniforms for school enrollment. Moreover, the training for Grade 9 and Grade 12 is conducted as well as multiplier courses.

He then talked about the role of new curriculums, skills of teachers, efforts of government in education sector and coopera-

tion for students regarding their school enrollment.

The school headmistress reported on the maintenance of the school and then the SAC member and the state chief minister provided cash assistance for the school.

The SAC member then cordially greeted students, town elders and teachers.

On arrival at No 3 BEHS in Aungban of Kalaw Township, he urged the students, town elders and students to meet the 100 per cent of school enrollment highlighting the role of literature in promoting the country, reading skills, the free compulsory education system for Grade 9, responsibilities and accountabilities of teachers.

Then, the attendees presented the requirements for school and he made proper instructions.

He provided cash assistance for school together with



SAC Member Dr Kyaw Tun meets teachers, town elders and students in Kalaw Township yesterday.

that of state Ethnic Affairs Minister U Aung Kyi Win and cordially greeted the students, town elders and teachers.

Moreover, he headed to the BEHS (industrial zone) in Ayethaya Town with the state ethnic affairs minister and the Advocate-General of the state and met teachers, town elders

and students.

During the meeting, he mentioned the role of education as a foundation of a nation, the development of the country depending on the literature, the efforts of local teachers, the curtail role of teachers in promoting the lives of students, education as the drive of a nation, willing-

ness for the ethnic people to be educated persons and cooperation of parents and teachers.

Then, school officials reported on school-related matters and he made instructions and provided cash assistance.—Maung Maung Than (Taunggyi)/KTZH

Kayin BGF, Myinegyingu Special Region families donate cash for storm victims of Rakhine State



Telephone recharging counters are seen for the public in Sittway yesterday.

THE Kayin State Border Guard Force (BGF) and Myinegyingu Special Region families made cash donations for storm victims of Rakhine State under the auspices of Second-Myinegyingu Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nyanika dedicating to Mula Myinegyingu Sayadaw at Rakhine State Government Office yesterday.

The donation ceremony was attended by Second-Myinegyingu Sayadaw Maha Mingala Dhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Nyanika, Aungsay Sayadaw Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Ashin Pavarasiddhi, State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin



CI sheets are provided for monasteries in Sittway.

Aung San, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin, Lt-Gen Phone Myat of the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), Western Command Commander Maj-Gen

Htin Latt Oo, deputy ministers, governmental officials, Kayin BGF and Myinegyingu Special Region families.

At the event, officials donated K150 million on behalf of Kayin BGF and Myinegyingu Special

Region families and the state chief minister and the Western Command commander gave certificate of honour in return.

Then, the Deputy Prime Minister, Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and the state chief minister donated cash to Sayadaws.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung received the team led by acting Coordinator of UNRCD at Rakhine State Government office.

They discussed the cooperation work in assistance of UN regarding the Cyclone Mocha.

At noon, the Deputy Prime Minister, Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, State Chief Minister U Htein Lin and Lt-Gen Phone Myat attend-

and 9,016 inpatients at the general hospitals in respective townships of Rakhine State to date after Cyclone Mocha. The hospitals provided healthcare services to 13,892 patients at outpatient department, added water purification tablets for 2,123 times and conducted 1,694 health awareness campaigns.

Moreover, the RRTs and special medical teams offered health services and a total of 3,205 patients – 58 in Thetkeyyin, 556 in Minbya, 473 in Kyauktaw, 275 in Ponnagyun, 272 in Pauktaw, 848 in Manaung, 190 in Buthidaung and 533 in Maungtaw townships — received medical treatment.

The deputy minister of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture donated 8,525 CI sheets and 225 vises of roofing nails allotted by Rakhine State disaster management committee to the destroyed monasteries and nunneries in Sittway Township on 25 May, and 51 tonnes of sawn timber to 72 monasteries yesterday.

The charging points are designated at near bus terminal, Meesetkyi roundabout, airport junction, in front of Lawkananda pagoda, in front of the state government office, cultural museum, Biluma bridge and in front of township revenue office for the people to charge phones, electric bulbs and batteries. — MNA/KTZH



Healthcare services are provided for disaster-battered people.

ed the coordination meeting on rehabilitation processes.

During the meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister made proper instructions and concluded the meeting.

There are 4,876 outpatients

SAC member meets staff, public in Panlon Town

STATE Administration Council Member U Yan Kyaw accompanied by Chairman of Wa Self-Administered Division Administration Body U Nyi Nap met departmental and educational staff, and the public at Basic Education High School of Panlon, Hopan District, Wa Self-Administered Division yesterday morning.

In the meeting, the SAC member stated that in the social direction of the State Administration Council, "promoting the comprehensive education sector in order to produce the human resources needed for the construction of a modern and developed democratic state" was added.

Under Section 366 of the Constitution (2008) of the

Republic of the Republic of Myanmar, every citizen has the opportunity to learn basic education until the end of KG+9. He said that all school-age children must attend the school of all ages as the basic education policy of the country and are being implemented, he revealed.

He ordered teachers, parents, students, and administrative organizations to cooperate for all school-age children to attend school, and if there is a problem, they should report it through the different levels of the division, district, and township level administrations.

Afterwards, Daw S Khaung Say, headmistress of Panlon Basic Education High School, presented the educational as-

pects.

Furthermore, K1 million and school supplies were donated to the school, which was received by the headmistress and the SAC member greeted the attendees.

After that, the SAC member checked the integrity of the Panlon Saopha Haw Palace building and the restored lotus lake in Panlon.

Next, the SAC member visited the hospital to see and encourage the patients receiving medical treatment and gave them supplies.

Through this, the SAC member visited the Basic Education Primary School (Namkushel) in Ward 8 and met teachers, students and parents and encouraged them.



SAC Member U Yan Kyaw provides cash assistance, school supplies and uniforms in the Wa Self-Administered Division yesterday.

Next, the SAC member arrived at the Basic Education High School Branch in Pankauk Village, met the educational staff and the public, and ordered cooperation to ensure that all school-age

children attend the school.

The SAC member provided a grant of K1 million for the school, as well as school supplies and uniforms. — District IPRD/KZL

OPINION

ARTICLE WEATHER REPORT

Honour innovators and creators by protecting their works

INNOVATION and creation are essential for society as they decorate society with new and magnificent works. In fact, society is beautiful due to innovative and creative works. Such a couple of works have been changing and upgrading society year by year. Hence, everybody in society needs to honour those from innovative and creative arenas.

Innovation and creation contribute to the improvement of the society and convenience of the people. As such, everybody needs to understand the important role of copyright in innovation and creation. Currently, the role of copyright is crucial for foreign trade, investment, trade promotion, and science and technological

operation to earn incomes for relevant governments as well as to improve relevant sectors.

Today's majority of global countries are exercising the protection of copyright as an economic tool to improve the socioeconomic life of the countries and to constantly promote trade and investment sectors. Only when the governments emphasize the role of copyright will the people including innovators and creators have the activeness to conduct more and more innovation and creations to improve the society and the people.

In Myanmar, Myanmar enacted copyright laws related to trademark, industrial design, creativity and innovation, and literary and artistic in 2019. Only when the country has economic, social, scientific and cultural sectors will the country develop. As such,

Myanmar needs to firmly build a copyright protection system in order to constantly enhance trade and investment sectors.

The World Intellectual Property Organization-WIPO releases the Global Innovation Index-GII on a yearly basis. The index mentions Myanmar stands in 129th position in the innovation capacity in 2020, 127th position in 2021 and 116th position in 2022. Hence, the government is implementing the intellectual property rights system to effectively protect the works of innovators and creators. If so, the enhancement of innovative and creative capacity will directly benefit the development of the country.

Implementing an IP protection system will contribute much to booming the State economy, rising foreign investments and enhancing the process of manufacturing and businesses through the transfer of advanced technologies. Moreover, entrepreneurs, creators and businesspersons will have the chance to enjoy IP rights under the law.

As such, the government and the people are to firmly join hands in implementing the IP right system which can improve the economic, social, scientific and cultural sectors of the country as well as innovative and creative activities for shaping a better country in the future.

DURING my recent observation, I came across important information regarding the upcoming academic year, specifically the enrolment week scheduled from 23 to 31 May for the 2023-2024 academic year. It is a pivotal time as basic education schools are preparing to reopen in June, eagerly welcoming students for another year of learning. The government has introduced the KG+9 scheme, which focuses on middle school-level education, aiming to enhance the overall learning experience for all citizens. This initiative plays a significant role in both state-building and sustainable learning, as knowledge is not only empowering but also serves as the fundamental stepping stone for children and youth as they enter the knowledge society. As a popular saying in Myanmar goes, wisdom, bravery, and knowledge are intertwined, emphasizing the value of these qualities.

Undoubtedly, knowledge holds immense importance in life. It serves as a catalyst for personal growth and development, allowing individuals to overcome challenges and seize opportunities. Additionally, knowledge acts as a powerful tool in shaping a person's understanding of the world and equips them to make informed decisions.

Furthermore, I would like to highlight the MDG-2, which stands for achieving universal primary education. This ambitious goal was set at the turn of the century, aiming to ensure that every child, regardless of their gender, receives a comprehensive primary school education by 2015. The progress towards this crucial objective is measured by assessing various factors, including enrollment rates in primary education, completion rates of the educational process, and literacy levels among individuals aged 15 to 24. By striving towards universal primary education, we not only empower children with knowledge but also pave the way for poverty reduction and overall societal development.

In my recollection of the 2021-2022 academic year, the government had made arrangements for the enrolment of students in basic education. However, this period was marred by unfortunate incidents orchestrated by the followers of the

Golden Syrup in the Sun: Illuminating Our School's Essence

By Dr Than Zaw Oo



Education helps children and youth learn the skills, knowledge, and values they need to make the world a better place. **ILLUSTRATION: FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY/FREEPIK**

NUG terrorist group. Primary schools became targets of their attacks, leading to the tragic loss of many teachers who dedicated their lives to education. This created a climate of fear and uncertainty among students, who were eager to learn but felt apprehensive about wearing their school uniforms.

I vividly remember an incident that occurred in my own neighbourhood. My daughter's school was just a short 10 to 15-minute walk from our house. To ensure her safety, we adopted the practice of carrying her school uniform separately and changing it at the school gate. This was a precautionary measure in response to the threats posed by the NUG terrorist group. Their despicable actions included issuing warnings to discourage school attendance and inflicting social punishments on those who dared to continue their education. It was truly disheartening to witness such a foolish and undignified reaction from the NUG's PDF.

Education is a fundamental right and an essential building block for the future of any nation. It is a source of empowerment

and a pathway towards personal and societal development. The attempts made by the NUG terrorist group to disrupt the education system and instil fear among students are not only senseless but also a gross violation of basic human rights.

In the face of such adversity, it is crucial for communities, educators, and government authorities to unite in safeguarding the right to education. By standing strong against the attempts to undermine our educational institutions, we can demonstrate resilience and send a powerful message that we will not succumb to fear and intimidation.

Let us strive to create an environment where every child can pursue their education without fear, where teachers can impart knowledge without threat, and where future generations can flourish and contribute positively to society. Together, we can overcome these challenges and build a brighter and more inclusive educational landscape for all.

I completely share your frustration and concern when it comes to acts of violence targeting individuals who advocate for education, such as the

heartbreaking incident involving Malala Yousafzai. Malala's story serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of education and the lengths some individuals will go to silence those who seek it. It is a stark reminder that we must continue to champion education as a fundamental human right and work tirelessly to ensure that every person, regardless of gender or background, has access to quality education in a safe and nurturing environment.

Similarly, in Myanmar, there have been reports of teachers being targeted by followers of the NUG in various regions, including North Okkalapa in Yangon, Tamu in Chin State, Ye in Mon State, Yedashe in Pegu Division, and others. These acts of violence bear similarities to the actions of extremist groups like the Islamic State (IS).

Education should be a fundamental right accessible to all individuals without fear or intimidation. It is through education that societies can progress, empower their citizens, and foster a better future. Acts of violence that hinder or discourage education are not only morally wrong but also impede the development

of individuals and communities.

It is important for governments, communities, and international organizations to work together to ensure the safety and protection of educators, students, and educational institutions. By promoting a culture of peace, tolerance, and respect for education, we can create an environment where everyone has the opportunity to learn and grow.

Let us continue to stand against violence, extremism, and any attempts to undermine the importance of education. Together, we can strive for a world where education is valued, protected, and cherished as a vital tool for personal and societal advancement.

In conclusion, the enrolment week and the government's implementation of the KG+9 scheme reflect the significance of education in our society. It is through education that we equip our children and youth with the necessary tools to navigate the world, contribute to their communities, and build a better future for themselves and their nation. Education is the key that unlocks doors of opportunity and equips our children and

youth with the necessary tools to navigate the complexities of the world they live in.

By enrolling children in schools and implementing educational programs like the KG+9 scheme, we are investing in their intellectual and personal growth. Education empowers individuals to become active participants in their communities, fostering a sense of responsibility and promoting positive social change. It provides them with knowledge, critical thinking skills, and the ability to make informed decisions, which are essential for personal and societal development.

Furthermore, education is the foundation upon which a nation's progress is built. By prioritizing education and ensuring that all children have access to quality schooling, we are investing in the future of our nation. Education not only enhances individual opportunities but also contributes to economic growth, social cohesion, and overall national prosperity.

By providing children and youth with quality education, we are empowering them to become active agents of positive change. They become equipped with the skills, knowledge, and values needed to address the challenges and opportunities of the future. Education cultivates responsible citizenship, empathy, and a sense of global interconnectedness, enabling individuals to contribute to a more inclusive and sustainable world.

In essence, education is the cornerstone of progress and a catalyst for personal and societal transformation. It empowers individuals to shape their own destinies, break free from the cycle of poverty, and build a brighter future for themselves and their nation. Let us continue to prioritize and invest in education, ensuring that every child has the opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute to a better world.

Travel industry looks to Chinese tourists to cap post-Covid rebound

CHINESE tourists to destinations worldwide will top off a spectacular post-coronavirus global tourism revival this year, according to industry leaders. Jet makers, airline executives and hotel tycoons at this week's Qatar Economic Forum spoke of an apparently insatiable demand for travel. Chinese tourists, now unshackled from Covid-19 restrictions, will complete the boom, they said.

"The desire to travel has never been greater and the industry is struggling how to respond to that demand," said Boeing chairman David Calhoun as he told of the aviation giant's battle to meet demand for jets. Leisure travel has overtaken business as the main reason for taking a plane or booking a room, according to Sebastien Bazin, head of Accor, Europe's biggest hotel group. The northern hemisphere summer travel season is expected to send airline traffic back to levels last seen before the pandemic erupted in December 2019. Executives said China's free-spending tourists will play a key role in the revival, while putting new pressure on the travel industry.

Hotel group Accor has predicted that "millions" of Chinese could boost travel industry coffers in coming months. Akbar Al-Baker, Qatar Airways' chief executive, said all of its planes leaving China are "absolutely packed". "Not only are they paying the fares that I am asking due to the lack of capacity available to them, but also the amount of money they spend in our duty free at (Doha) airport is more than any other nationality," he added. William Ellwood Heinecke, the billionaire Thai-American owner of the Minor International hospitality group, said that in the first quarter of 2023 the number of Chinese tourists in Thailand was 85 per cent lower than in 2019. "I think we are definitely in rebound, but more importantly we haven't seen China come back yet," he said, predicting the boom would be completed in the second half.

"Strange position" Tony Fernandes, a Malaysian tycoon whose conglomerate includes the AirAsia budget carrier, said he hoped to have all 250 planes in his fleet, which were grounded during Covid-19, running again by August.

SOURCE: AFP



Executives say China's free-spending tourists will play a key role in the revival of the travel industry. **PHOTO: ISAAC LAWRENCE / AFP / FILE**

Condition of Southwest Monsoon

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During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon has advanced into the Southern Myanmar areas, Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay of Bengal.

MoSWRR Union Minister meets UNHCR Resident Representative



UNION Minister for Social Welfare Relief and Resettlement Dr Thet Thet Khine met Resident Representative Ms Noriko Takagi of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to Myanmar yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw. Both sides exchanged views on the status of the UNHCR Resident Representative, the provision of solar lamps and other relief items for storm-hit people in Sittway, the MoU signing, the lessening of casualties and damage due to the government's preparations before Cyclone Mocha, the establishment of the Disaster Management Centre-DMC on 8 May, the status of recovery efforts and transport of relief goods by Tatmadaw aircraft and naval vessels to Rakhine State, and arrangements to sell foodstuffs at reasonable prices in Rakhine State. The meeting was attended by Permanent Secretary Dr Ko Ko Naing, the director-general and officials from the Department of Social Welfare. — MNA/TS

Myanmar-China economic and trade cooperation discussion, signing ceremony held

THE Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization under the Ministry of Commerce, and the Lancang People's Government in Yunnan Province, the People's Republic of China, are co-hosting Myanmar (Nay Pyi Taw)-China (Lancang) Trade Fair from 25 to 28 May. As part of the programme of the second day, the Myanmar-China economic and trade cooperation discussion and the signing ceremony took place at the Plenary Hall of the Myanmar International Convention Centre II (MICC-II) yesterday morning. First of all, Lancang cultural dance troupes from the People's Republic of China performed traditional Chinese dances at the ceremony. Afterwards, Director-General Daw Naw Muta Kapaw of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization, Economic and Commercial Counsellor Mr Tan Shufu from the Chinese Embassy, and Director Mr Zhou Yongzhi of the Lancang Commerce Department gave their opening speeches. Next, companies from Myanmar and China presented the conditions under which the two countries will be able to operate in trade. Then, 17 companies from both countries signed nine agreements on cooperation and trade in areas such as agricultural products, foodstuffs, soft drinks and beverages, pharmaceutical products, household electronics, and electric vehicles. — MNA/CT



Nine agreements on Myanmar-China cooperation and trade underway yesterday. Organization, Economic and Commercial Counsellor Mr Tan Shufu from the Chinese Embassy, and Director Mr Zhou Yongzhi of the Lancang Commerce Department gave their opening speeches. Next, companies from Myanmar and China presented the conditions under which the two countries will be able to operate in trade. Then, 17 companies from both countries signed nine agreements on cooperation and trade in areas such as agricultural products, foodstuffs, soft drinks and beverages, pharmaceutical products, household electronics, and electric vehicles. — MNA/CT

Myanmar (Nay Pyi Taw)-China (Lancang) Trade Fair continues its second day



The second day of the Myanmar (Nay Pyi Taw)-China (Lancang) Trade Fair in progress yesterday. PHOTO: AAT



U Khin Aung Thet.



Dr Thet Lwin Oo.

THE second day of the Myanmar (Nay Pyi Taw)-China (Lancang) Trade Fair continued at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday and the business people, departmental staff and people participated in the event.

A total of 65 enterprises from Myanmar participated in the trade fair with 79 booths and 70 Chinese enterprises participated in the exhibition, using about 40 booths, exhibiting domestic foodstuffs, fish paste, dried fish, beans and pulses, dry tea leaf, tea, coffee, garments, cosmetics, rattan and bamboo products, wooden sculptures, furniture and other souvenirs and jewellery items. The booths were crowded with visitors. Regarding the signing of

China-Myanmar bilateral trade cooperation, Dr Thet Lwin Oo, director of the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization said, "We inked eight agreements with China for bilateral trade-nine Chinese companies and eight Myanmar companies. It is about the procurement of Myanmar's agricultural products by the China side. It also includes cooperation for other agricultural products like rice, maize and animal feed. "It also signed the small-scale home use of electronic materials and spare parts. Under the trade fair, the traders of both countries signed after discussing the sections to be cooperated in. By signing it, it will carry out the trade promotion measures. We will resolve the difficulties of companies that signed agreements as much as we can. The Myanmar traders no need to introduce their products by going abroad and they should explore the chances to cooperate in the future by observing the invited enterprises locally". U Khin Aung Thet, manager of Six Six Eight Co Ltd, which signed the China-Myanmar Trade Cooperation, said, "It is a wonderful case. We cannot sign such an agreement whenever we

open stalls. It is such a special change. As a result, we will sell beans to China. The business is making profits. If our bean is sold out, and they get the products that they want, it will be a win-win situation. We don't know exactly what kind of bean they will buy. They are satisfied with our samples. The agreement makes income for the country and our company. As we are sellers, we have to find buyers. When the government launch such trade fairs, we no longer have to look for buyers. We want the government to hold such events frequently. We will also try to take part in." The trade fair is a sign of the strength of the Pauk-Phaw friendship between Myanmar and China, bilateral trade and economic cooperation and sector-wise cooperation of regional people. The China side exhibited the products that are needed in Myanmar and the Myanmar side showcased potential products in the Chinese market. The Myanmar (Nay Pyi Taw)-China (Lancang) Trade Fair will be organized from 25 to 28 May. Myanmar merchants can visit the event and discuss or exchange experiences with suitable companies. — Aye Aye Thant/KTZH

Tatmadaw senior officers oversee rehabilitation efforts in Mocha-hit Rakhine State

THE State Administration Council has issued announcements on the areas affected by Cyclone Mocha as natural disaster areas under Section 11 of the Natural Disaster Management Law and assigned senior military officers to carry out restoration work in the areas of these announcements.

Brig-Gen Khin Zaw who arrived in Minbya Township, MraukU District along with officials inspected the volunteering works of local battalions and department staff on the Kaladan 6 vessel belonging to the local shipping department



Brig-Gen Khin Zaw oversees the unloading of relief items in Minbya.

carrying rice and food items sent by the Rakhine State government.

Similarly, Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Soe, who has arrived in Myebon Township, coordinated



Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Soe inspects the repair of departmental buildings in Myebon.

with officials yesterday afternoon to repair the departmental buildings damaged by the

storm in the township. —MNA/KZL

Third batch of ASEAN countries' humanitarian aid for Mocha victims received



The photo shows the arrival of the third batch of humanitarian aid donated by ASEAN countries yesterday.

A Malaysian Airlines plane carrying a total of 16 and a half tonnes of emergency supplies worth about US\$53,000 arrived at Yangon International Airport yesterday afternoon. The relief items were sent from ASEAN countries to assist those affected by Cyclone Mocha.

An official from the AHA Centre, Director U Than Soe of the Natural Disaster Management Centre of Yangon Region and officials checked the supplies. The delivery will be handed over to the people in the storm-affected areas.

The third batch of relief

supplies that arrived yesterday consists of 52 packages of AHA-branded kitchen utensils suitable for a family of five and 210 packs of the shelter tool kit, 280 tarpaulin packages, totaling 542 packages, amounting to approximately 16 and a half tonnes of cargo. — MNA/KZW

Rice, food supplies sent by Rakhine State Government arrive in Minbya Tsp

BRIG-GEN Khin Zaw, who arrived in Minbya Township of MraukU District, Rakhine State, to perform rehabilitation activities, viewed the unloading process of rice and foodstuffs delivered by the Rakhine State Government from the Kelantan 6 vessel owned by the Inland Water Transport to motor vehicles by local military personnel,

township Police Force members, firefighters, and labourers at the Min Ba-Gyi Jetty on the morning of 25 May.

He urged responsible officials to put foodstuffs brought in by the Kelantan 6 vessel under shelter without being damaged and distribute them to displaced people as soon as possible. — Thaug Shwe (IPRD)/CT



The photo shows the discharging of relief items in Minbya.

Foodstuffs sold at fair prices in Mocha-hit Sittway, Kyaukpyu

MEMBERS of the local battalions under the Western Command and officials are selling essential foodstuffs at lower prices for the convenience of residents and departmental staff affected by Cyclone Mocha in Sittway and Kyaukphyu enabling them to buy food at fair prices.

Foodstuffs including rice, edible oil, salt, meat, fish, egg,

dairy products, vegetables, onions, garlic, and products of Tatmadaw including instant noodles, biscuits, and canned food were sold at lower prices than the ordinary market yesterday.

The local people and families of departmental staff enjoyed buying foodstuffs and are very grateful to officials for selling them at low prices during difficult times. — MNA /KZL



Tatmadaw (Navy) distributes relief items in Rakhine State



TO provide necessary assistance to cyclone-affected people in Sittway of Rakhine State where loss and damage were suffered by Mocha, a 29-metre landing craft of Tatmadaw Navy brought 3,000 CI sheets, 52 bundles of tarpaulins, 50 tarpaulin sheets, 216 boxes of nails, 16 tarpaulin tents, 6,000 eggs, 184 packs of instant noodles, 3,450 toothbrushes and 18,000 toothpaste tubes, 50 empty water bottles, 450 toilet bowls and

450 pipes, 5,000 oral rehydration salt sachets and construction tools totalling 55 tonnes from three vessels of MV Aquarius, MV Sunshine and MV Fortune at Essar port of Sittway and left for a docking place in Pauktaw Township yesterday.

The relief aids and materials carried by the Navy vessel were handed over to officials and they will be promptly distributed to storm-hit people. — MNA/KTZH

Relief goods are loaded onto the Tatmadaw naval vessel to transport them to Rakhine State.

Tatmadaw (Air) continues transporting foodstuffs, relief items to Rakhine State

THE relief materials and food items contributed by the families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and well-wishers and relief supplies provided by the National Disaster Management Committee for local communities affected by the natural disaster in Rakhine State are being transported by Tatmadaw aircraft, helicopters and vessels.

Foodstuffs, medical accessories, rehabilitation accessories, relief materials, clothes, communication accessories and personal use items donated by the families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy

and Air) were transported from Nay Pyi Taw airport to Sittway airport two times by Tatmadaw plane.

Tatmadaw members, rescue teams, departmental officials, medical equipment and supplies, communication equipment, clothes, personal goods and rescue equipment were also transported from Mingaladon Airport to Sittway Airport two times by Tatmadaw plane.

Officials in the respective areas received relief supplies and will distribute them to storm victims. — MNA/KZW



Relief items are loaded aboard the Tatmadaw aircraft to deliver them to Rakhine State.

Rakhine State: Tractors, ploughing equipment delivered in time for cultivation of rainfed rice

TO contribute to land improvement works performed to restore the livelihoods of farmers in Rakhine State which were destroyed by a very severe Cyclone Mocha, the Agricultural Mechanization Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MoALI) sent out 33 (50 horse-powered) New Holland tractors, 33 six-share ploughs, and 33 blade



The photos show the arrival of tractors in a bid to support recovery efforts in agriculture in Rakhine State yesterday.

ploughs to Rakhine State by vessel. Equipment was loaded onto the respective vessel from the Bo Aung Kyaw Port in Yangon yesterday afternoon.

Likewise, the Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department has started the excavation works with 12 excavators to repair

broken embankments in MraukU, Myebon, and Maungtaw townships. As of 26 May, more than 6,200 saddles had been completed, compared to the target of over 32,000 saddles for the restoration work. Responsible personnel are aiming to complete the restoration work before the rains in the first week of June.

MoALI Deputy Minister Dr Tin Htut is based in Sittway to closely support the restoration of agriculture and livestock in Rakhine State, which was damaged by Cyclone Mocha. Seeds and requirements for agricultural productions, including rainfed rice, and livestock disease treatment and prevention activities were carried out by cooperating with local officials and respective departments. — MNA/CT



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Replantation of amputated right arm conducted successfully at Yangon General Hospital

A three-year-old girl with an amputated right arm arrived at the Yangon General Hospital from Aunglan Hospital at 4 pm on 20 March following a motorcycle accident of her parents that occurred at 9 am on the same day.

The operation started at 5 pm on that day and was successfully completed at 10:20 pm.

On arrival at the Yangon General Hospital, the doctors, nurses and health workers of the emergency department, conducted the needed checks on the

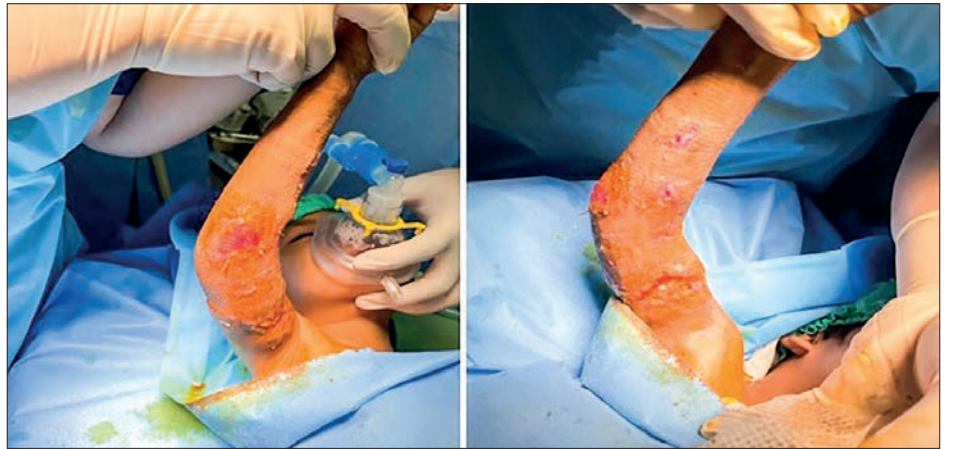
patient in a timely manner.

The arm surgical team led by Dr Tin Tun Aung, a specialist (in hand surgery) and Dr Phyo Maung Maung, a specialist (in hand surgery) of Yangon General Hospital, medics led by Prof/Head (Anesthesia) Prof Dr Mu Mu Naing and Prof Dr Mya Soe and a nursing group led by Staff Nurse Daw Aye Aye Khine conducted the replantation successfully.

According to the record of the hospital, the patient is the youngest one for the operation of the

amputated right arm. She was discharged on 24 April after completing the rehabilitation programmes at the hospital. She was readmitted to Yangon General Hospital on 10 May and the Sural Nerve Graft operation was conducted on 16 May. Currently, she does proper exercises and is in good condition.

If the amputees are transferred to the general hospitals, the amputated hands must be washed with clean water or normal saline or Ringer Lactate and wrapped in Gauze mois-



The photo shows the successful operation of the replantation for an amputated right arm of a three-year-old girl at Yangon General Hospital.

tened with normal saline or Ringer Lactate and put in a clean plastic bag or

box or a clean plastic bag and stored in a box filled with ice. — MNA/KTZH Saline or Ringer Lactate,

Myanmar-Bangladesh region commander-level border coordination meeting held



THE region commander-level border coordination meeting between the

Myanmar and Bangladesh border guards was held in Teknaf of Cox's Bazar in

Bangladesh on 24 and 25 May.

The event was attend-

ed by the Myanmar delegation led by Police Brig-Gen Htet Lwin and the Bangladeshi delegation led by Brig-Gen Najam-Us-Sakib.

The meeting focused on enhancing mutual cooperation of security at borders, prevention of illegal infiltration, cooperation of border trade development, prevention of drugs, joint patrols of border guards of two countries, exchange of information related to borders in time, preventing the illegal cross border of terrorism groups and cross-border criminal gangs. — MNA/MKKS

69 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 26 May, total figure registers 638,491

MYANMAR'S COVID-19-positive cases rose to **638,491** after **69** new cases were reported on 26 May 2023 according to the Ministry of Health.

Therefore, a total of **10,610,409** laboratory samples were examined to date and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached **638,491**. The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **617,455** including **88** new recoveries. The death toll from COVID-19 in the country registered **19,494** on 26-5-2023 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

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Two soldiers attach a flag on a Russian peacekeeping force military vehicle as they move on the road towards Martuni, Armenia, on 13 November 2020. **PHOTO: HANDOUT / RUSSIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY / FILE**

Putin: Nagorno-Karabakh situation developing towards conflict resolution

THE situation in Nagorno-Karabakh is developing towards conflict resolution, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Thursday at a trilateral meeting with his Azerbaijani and Armenian counterparts.

“In general, in my opinion, despite any difficulties and problems, which are still enough, the situation is still developing towards a settlement. One of these areas is work on transport communications,” Putin said. The

Russian president also stated that both Aliyev and Pashinyan agreed issues “can be resolved”. The trilateral meeting, which saw Putin hold earlier separate talks with the Azerbaijani and Armenian leaders, came to a close after about 20 minutes.

Not long after, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexei Overchuk detailed that the vice-premiers of Russia, Armenia and Azerbaijan will discuss the border crossing procedure

during a meeting next week in Moscow.

The official added that the leaders will decide if they need to meet again after talks of deputy prime ministers.

The latest comes after the Armenian government revealed it was willing to recognize the disputed territory as Azerbaijani grounds if its neighbour guaranteed ethnic Armenians in the area have their rights and safety respected.—SPUTNIK

WORLD: TOP HEADLINES

Norway setting up new radar chain dubbed ‘NATO’s Eyes in the north’

THE new network of eight radars across Norway is said to expand the range of its continuous surveillance, including on behalf of the NATO.

The Norwegian Defence Estates Agency (NDEA), a government body under the Defence Ministry, has presented construction plans for a radar chain designed to enhance Norway’s own radioelectronic capacity and, by extension, NATO’s.

The very first facility in the new chain commissioned by the parliament as part of a drastic upgrade of the country’s radar network will be built at Gyrihaugen in Ringerike municipality north of Oslo and by the fall of 2025, with work already underway.

The slopes of Gyrihaugen mountain, a popular tourist attraction, were closed this winter due to construction work. Overall, the armed forces are to invest NOK eight billion (\$720 million) in the eight new radar systems spread across the country from Ringerike in the south to Vardo in the north and operated by the country’s air force.

Five of them will be established in new locations, while three existing radar stations will undergo a dramatic upgrade. — SPUTNIK

Teens hand themselves in after Sydney blaze

Two 13-year-olds have turned themselves over to police after a blaze gutted a seven-storey heritage building in central Sydney, officers said Friday.

Australian police said an arson investigation had been launched after Thursday’s fire at a vacant former hat factory, which spread to an adjacent building and forced mass evacuations before being extinguished. A group of young people were “seen running from the fire scene shortly after 4 pm”, assistant commissioner Paul Dunstan said. “Two young people handed themselves in at two separate police stations in the late hours of last night.”

“We are speaking with these young people throughout the evening and they are now assisting police with our inquiries,” he added, saying both were 13 years old.

He called on three or four other “young people who were present during the fire” to come forward with their parents to “put their side of the story forward”. Shortly after the blaze erupted, flames higher than the building and a thick column of smoke could be seen across Sydney. The entire top floor wall toppled and crashed into pieces on the street below, fire service video showed, as the building glowed orange with flames. — AFP

French police teargas protesters at oil giant’s meeting

THE annual general meeting of TotalEnergies opened on Friday in Paris after police teargassed climate activists, as the oil giant also faces pressure from the French government to speed up the switch to renewable energy.

The demonstration caps a series of tumultuous shareholder meetings at major corporations in Europe as activists step up pressure on companies to reduce their carbon footprints.

“We regret that we had to take exceptional measures both in calling in the police and in strictly controlling access to this assembly,” TotalEnergies chief executive Patrick Pouyanne told a few hundred attendees in a concert hall in the French capital.



Activists are stepping up pressure on companies to reduce their carbon footprints. **PHOTO: AFP**

French police earlier in the morning used tear gas to disperse protesters who had managed to sit on the ground in front of the venue, the Salle Pleyel, but ignored three warnings to move.

A couple of hundred protesters, however, remained on either side of the street blocked off by police outside the venue, as shareholders entered the hall. — AFP

Iran frees Belgian aid worker in prisoner swap



Belgium announced Iran has freed aid worker Olivier Vandecasteele after 455 days in prison. **PHOTO: AFP**

IRAN freed Belgian aid worker Olivier Vandecasteele after al-

most 15 months in custody on Friday, in a prisoner exchange

for an Iranian diplomat convicted of terrorism.

Belgium’s Prime Minister Alexander de Croo said the 42-year-old had arrived in Oman and added: “If all goes to plan, he’ll be with us this evening. Free at last!”

Separately, Oman’s foreign ministry announced it had helped broker an “exchange deal” and that an Iranian previously held in Belgium was on his way to Tehran. Iran announced that the freed Iranian is diplomat Assadollah Assadi, who was jailed in Belgium over a 2018 plot to bomb an Iranian opposition rally outside Paris. — AFP

WORLD: TOP HEADLINES

China warns against Japan PM's attendance at NATO summit

CHINA expressed caution Friday at Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida's attendance at a NATO summit scheduled for July, saying Tokyo should not do anything that damages mutual trust between regional countries.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said at a press conference in Beijing that NATO's eastward foray into the Asia-Pacific "undermines regional peace and stability" and countries in the area "should be on high alert".

Mao urged Japan to "draw lessons from history and be committed to peaceful development", referring to the neighbouring country's past military aggression. — Kyodo

Cannes fans dig deep for black-market tickets

TWO thousand euros for the world premiere of the latest "Indiana Jones", or how about 20,000 for an evening in the presence of Leonardo DiCaprio?

The black market for the top tickets at the Cannes Film Festival is in full swing.

While industry professionals and accredited journalists get in free, there are many general punters who show up in the hope of blagging or buying entry to the hottest events on the Cannes Croisette. —AFP

Passenger opens plane door mid-air on Asiana Flight

A passenger opened an emergency exit on an Asiana Airlines flight as it was preparing to land on Friday, the carrier told AFP, adding that the plane landed safely but several people were hospitalised.

The plane was carrying nearly 200 passengers as it approached the runway at Daegu International Airport in South Korea, about 240 kilometres (149 miles) southeast of Seoul, on a domestic flight.

When the plane was around 200 metres (650 feet) above the ground, a passenger sitting near the emergency exit "opened the door manually by touching the lever", the carrier's representative told AFP.

The incident caused some passengers to have breathing difficulties, and several people were taken to a hospital after the landing, Asiana said, adding that there were no major injuries or damage. — AFP



The Asiana Airlines plane landed at Daegu with its door open. PHOTO: AFP

FBI files uncover plot to kill UK's Queen Elizabeth II

A newly released cache of FBI files has revealed a potential plot to assassinate Queen Elizabeth II during her 1983 visit to California.

The possible threat followed a phone call made by "a man who claimed that his daughter had been killed in Northern Ireland by a rubber bullet", according to the document that also refers to a bar frequented by Irish Republican Army (IRA) sympathisers.

The queen and her husband Prince Philip visited the west coast of the United States in February and March 1983, and the trip passed off without incident.

Four years earlier in 1979, IRA paramilitaries opposed to British rule in Northern Ireland killed Louis Mountbatten, the last colonial governor of India and an uncle of Philip, in a



Files show how the FBI, which helped secure the monarch's safety during her visits, was worried about IRA threats. PHOTO: PUBLIC DOMAIN/AFP/FILE

bomb attack.

The file states that the man claimed he was going to attempt to harm the queen "either by dropping some object off the Golden Gate Bridge onto the

royal yacht Britannia when it sails underneath".

Alternatively he "would attempt to kill Queen Elizabeth when she visited Yosemite National Park", they added.—AFP

Cambodian opposition party loses bid to overturn election ban



Supporters of Candlelight Party shout slogans during a rally on the last day of campaigning for the commune elections in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, 3 June 2022. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

CAMBODIA'S main opposition party on Thursday lost a bid to overturn its ban from the upcoming elections, paving the way for long-serving leader Hun Sen to run a one-horse race.

Last week, the National Election Committee (NEC) refused to register the Candlelight Party — the chief challenger to Hun Sen — for the July polls

after it failed to submit certain documents. The Constitutional Council said in a statement it had rejected the appeal against NEC's ruling.

"We are so regretful... Our party was rejected (from the polls), we are so disappointed," Candlelight Party (CP) spokesman Kimsour Phirith told AFP.

He said CP had hoped to take

part in the elections "to restore the base of democracy in our country". "The absence of the party that has grassroots support will shrink the space of democracy." Hun Sen is among the world's longest-serving leaders. Critics and rights groups accuse him of using the legal system to crush opposition to his rule, particularly in the run-up to elections.—AFP

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Myanmar falls in Group B of Asian Cup Qualifiers

MYANMAR men's national football team is placed in Group B of the AFC U23 Asian Cup Qatar 2024 Qualifiers as the drawing-lots ceremony for the tourney was held at the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) House in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Thursday.

Group B will see Myanmar, 2020 champions South Korea (Host), Kyrgyzstan and Qatar.

Next, Brunei is in Group A with Host Jordan, Syria, and

Oman. Meanwhile, Host Viet Nam is falling in Group C with Singapore, Yemen and Guam.

The 2016 champions, Japan is the top seeds in Group D with host Bahrain, Pakistan, and Palestine. Host Uzbekistan, the 2018 Champion is in Group E with Iran, Hong Kong, China and Afghanistan.

Group F will see 2013 winners Iraq, Host Kuwait, Timor-Leste and Macau, while the UAE, India, Maldives and hosts China are in

Group G. Host Thailand sits in Group H with Malaysia, Bangladesh and the Philippines while Group I will see Australia, Host Tajikistan, Laos and North Korea.

Defending champions Saudi Arabia (Host), Cambodia, Lebanon and Mongolia were drawn in Group J while the three-team Group K will see Turkmenistan, Host Indonesia and China Taipei. The group matches of the qualifiers will be held from 4 to 12 September. — KZL

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.

Djokovic eyes history at French Open as Swiatek launches title defence

NOVAK Djokovic will bid for a record-breaking 23rd Grand Slam title at a French Open without his old rival Rafael Nadal for the first time since 2004, while Iga Swiatek attempts to become the first woman to defend the title in 16 years.

Serbian veteran Djokovic will not be the favourite for the title, though, after struggling with an elbow injury and failing to get past the quarter-finals in any of his three clay-court events so far this season. — AFP

Man Utd's Champions League return clouded by ownership uncertainty

MANCHESTER United are back in the Champions League but a bright future under Erik ten Hag remains clouded by uncertainty over the ownership of the English giants.

Ten Hag ensured a top-four

finish in his first season in charge of the Red Devils on Thursday with a 4-1 demolition of Chelsea.

The Dutchman has also ended United's six-year trophy drought by lifting the League Cup in February and the best could

even be yet to come should Ten Hag's men upset Manchester City's charge towards the treble at Wembley on 3 June.

Ten Hag has performed a miraculous turnaround since getting off to the worst start of

any United manager since 1921.

Embarrassing defeats to Brighton and Brentford in his first two matches are now long forgotten. The former Ajax boss earned a reputation as a disciplinarian after making his players run 14 kilometres after the 4-0 humiliation at Brentford in August - the combined distance the Bees ran more than his players during the game. But Ten Hag's strict approach has paid dividends as he also won the club's backing in a standoff that saw Cristiano Ronaldo depart mid-season for Saudi Arabia.

"He's proved that he's got the seriousness, the confidence and the authority to be able to make big decisions," said former United captain Gary Neville on Ten Hag's man-management. — AFP



Manchester United fans displayed "Glazers out" banners as they secured a return to Champions League football next season. PHOTO: AFP