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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.

Qualified human resources must be turned out for steelware production: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pays inspection tours round the No 1 Steel Plant (Myingyan) of the Ministry of Industry in Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region, on 31 May 2023.

It is necessary to calculate the transport of raw materials to plants and distribution of iron and steelwares produced by them

by electric train in the future, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

on his inspection tour of the No 1 Steel Plant (Myingyan) under the Ministry of Industry in Myingyan Township of Mandalay Region

yesterday morning. Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than and Deputy Minister U Yin Maung Nyunt re-

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Russian delegation led by Deputy Chairman of State Duma leaves for home

THE Russian Federation delegation led by Mr Sholban Kara-Ool, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation left Yangon International Airport yesterday morning. The Russian ambassador and officials of the Russian Federation Embassy to Myanmar, Director-General U Wunna Han of the Protocol Department and officials saw the delegation off at the airport. The delegation of the Deputy Chairman of the State Duma, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, arrived in Myanmar on the evening of 28 May. — MNA/KZW



The Russian delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport yesterday.

71 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 31 May, total figure registers 638,889

MYANMAR'S COVID-19-positive cases rose to **638,889** after **71** new cases were reported on 31 May 2023 according to the Ministry of Health. Therefore, a total of **10,648,166** laboratory samples were examined to date and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached **638,889**. The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **617,892** including **118** new recoveries. The death toll from COVID-19 in the country registered **19,494** on 31-5-2023 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

The people are urged to receive vaccination of Covid-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of Covid-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.



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.

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

5. People make donations through CB Pay, AYA Pay, OK \$ and UAB pay which are widely used to enhance convenience for donors. To donate, please scan the QR code and enter the code provided within it.
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		

Prompt implementation of NCA peace process needed

AS NCA was drawn by stakeholders in accord with the proposals of ethnic armed organizations, only when all walk on that way will the peaceful and tranquil State we all aspire to. Hence, it is necessary to leave a peaceful legacy for posterity and quickly implement the peace process.

(Excerpts from the message sent by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to 67th Anniversary of Kayin State Day ceremony which falls on 7 November 2022)

Qualified human resources must be turned ...

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the guidance of the Senior General, running of the Melt Shop on 24 March 2023 and difficulties in implementation of the project.

In his speech, the Senior General said the government spent a large sum of foreign exchange on the import of iron and steelwares as the country needs some two million tonnes of iron and steelwares on a yearly basis. Manufacturing of steel needs electricity. Hence, ground surveys must be conducted and generating electricity through solar power should be considered. As the Melt Shop 1 has been built, implementation of the whole pro-



The Senior General presses the button to produce the cubic steel billet and to start the melting process.



The Senior General cordially greets the employees.

ject must be undertaken phase by phase. This plant and the Pinpet plant will meet the local demand for iron and steelwares. Qualified human resources must be turned

out for steelware production. The Senior General stressed that it is necessary to calculate the transport of raw materials to plants and the distribution of iron and

steelwares produced by them by electric train in the future.

In commemoration of launching the Melt Shop 1 of the plant, the Senior General pressed

the button to manufacture a steel billet and started running the melting process at the electric melt shop.

The Senior General inspected functions of the Melt Shop 1 and the production of steel billets.

The Senior General put his signature on a steel billet manufactured on 24 March 2023 by the electric melting section of the Melt Shop 1 in accord with his guidance.

The Senior General and party inspected the installation of machines at Melt Shop 2 and steel sheets manufactured on 17 August 2016 and gave necessary guidance to officials.

At the mess hall of No 1 Steel Plant (Myingyan), the Senior General had lunch together with employees and gave words of encouragement for increased production of steel products.

No 1 Steel Plant (Myingyan)

under the Ministry of Industry is located near Hsakha Village of Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region. It produced 2,000 tons of steel sheets from Melt Shop-2 in 2016. During the construction of the plant, although more than 90 per cent of the machinery arrived, the project tasks were halted due to decisions from the Union government's economic committee meeting 7/2017 and meeting decisions of the 11th-day meeting of the fourth regular session of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in 2017. During the period of halting the project as of 15 March 2017, investments amounted to K403,932.882 million and the project has been completed by 66.52 per cent. During the inspection tour of the No 1 Steel Plant (Myingyan) on 24 January 2022, the Senior General gave guidance on systematic supervision for the timely completion of the plant project in building it in phases. In implementing the project tasks, Melt Shop 1 has been completed for Phase 1. At a time when Phase 1 of the Melt Shop 1 is being operated at full capacity, tasks will be continued to run Phase 2 for the Melt Shop 2. The running of the whole project will be undertaken phase by phase. The No 1 Steel Plant (Myingyan) is striving as a main driving force for the revitalization of the iron and steel industry of Myanmar and developing Myanmar's industrial sector more in the future. — MNA/TTA



The Premier hears reports on the No 1 Steel Plant (Myingyan) and the Melt Shop.

Ethnic Affairs, Public Management and Services Committee holds 6/2023 meeting

THE meeting 6/2023 of the Ethnic Affairs, Public Management, and Services Committee took place at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Defence yesterday afternoon. Ethnic Affairs, Public Management, and Services Committee Chairman Union Minister for Defence General Mya Tun Oo gave his opening speech at the meeting.

Representatives of relevant ministries clarified the matters submitted by the ministries and agreed on them.

Afterwards, committee members continued to present committee matters, and the committee chairman supplemented the requirements. — MNA/CT



MoD Union Minister General Mya Tun Oo chairs the meeting 6/2023 of the Ethnic Affairs, Public Management and Services Committee yesterday.

SAC Member DPM Union Home Affairs Minister receives Chinese delegation led by Chinese Ambassador



STATE Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Soe Htut received Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chen Hai and

Union Minister Lt-Gen Soe Htut receives Mr Chen Hai, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar yesterday.

party at the parlour of the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting, they had discussions on China's readiness to offer help for rehabilitation work in Mocha-hit Rakhine State, online fraud and gambling on the Myanmar-China and Myanmar-Thailand borders, enhancement of cooperation in the fight against transnational crimes, arrests of fugitives,

the seventh Myanmar-China ministerial meeting on law enforcement and security cooperation, and Mekong-Lancang law enforcement cooperation.

Also present at the meeting were Permanent Secretary U Khaing Tun Oo, Deputy Chief of Police 1 Police Maj-Gen Aung Aung and Police Brig-Gen Aung Htay Myint of the Department of Transnational Crime. — MNA/MKKS

MoH Union Minister attends World No Tobacco Day 2023 Ceremony

A ceremony to mark World No Tobacco Day 2023 was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health yesterday morning.

Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win, deputy ministers from the Ministry of Planning and Finance, and Ministry of Health, permanent secretaries from ministries, directors-general and officials, chairpersons of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Medical Association, Public Health Foundation, and representatives attended the event.

At the ceremony, the Union minister said that 31 May is the World No Tobacco Day every year. Tobacco use is a major cause of many other diseases,

including chronic lung disease, but it is an avoidable cause.

Commemorative ceremonies have been held in countries around the world since 1989 with the aim of reducing tobacco consumption.

The theme of the World No Tobacco Day 2023 is "We need food, not tobacco".

As tobacco and tobacco product manufacturers find it difficult to find markets in developed countries, they have expanded their target markets in developing countries.

While the number of smokers in developed countries has decreased, tobacco use such as smoking and chewing betel has increased exponentially in low-income developing countries.

In addition, 90 per cent of be-

tel nut users and tobacco smokers worldwide live in Southeast Asian countries.

According to the research that studies the investment in tobacco and tobacco product consumption prevention and control activities in 2018, it is found that about 64,000 people die every year due to tobacco and tobacco consumption in Myanmar, and the annual economic loss value is equivalent to K2.6 trillion, the Union minister stated.

The theme of this year's theme is to reduce tobacco production by expanding the production of alternative tobacco crops and contributing to global food security and the elimination of hunger, which is one of the goals of the Sustainable Development Goals 2030.

In such doing, he urged the

ministries, partner organizations and the public to continue to work together to raise awareness among farmers about the cultivation of tobacco substitute trees, support technology and finance, and develop markets for tobacco

substitute crops, he added.

Afterwards, a documentary video was shown marking World No Tobacco Day 2023, and Union minister and officials toured the small gallery commemorating the event. — MNA/KZL



Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win looks round the commemorative display at the event yesterday.

DPM MoTC Union Minister provides cash, foodstuffs to staff of affiliated departments under ministry, inspects rehabilitation processes in Rakhine State

STATE Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San provided cash and foodstuffs to the departmental staff under the ministry who were affected Cyclone Mocha in Rakhine State and inspected the arrival of relief items at the jetties yesterday.

First, the Deputy Prime Minister attended the hand-over ceremony of cash assistance and relief items to the departmental staff under the ministry held at the briefing hall of Phaungtawgyi Jetty of Myanma Port Authority in Sittway Township.

During the ceremony, the Deputy Prime Minister talked about the damage to administrative buildings of departments and houses due to Cyclone Mocha, prioritized plans depending on the allocation of rescue and relief items and the purpose of providing current cash assistance.

On arrival at the Phaungtawgyi Jetty of Myanma Port Authority, he inspected the unloading work of materials for rehabilitation work from the



Deputy Prime Minister Admiral Tin Aung San inspects the unloading of relief supplies at the Phaungtawgyi Jetty.

Aquarius ship.

He also went to Sittway port together with Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin and inspected the arrival of the naval vessel Myitkyina and gave instructions to distribute the items to the respective storm-affected areas systematically.

At noon, Deputy Prime Minister Admiral Tin Aung San, Union Minister Lt-Gen

Tun Tun Naung, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin and Lt-Gen Phone Myat attended the coordination meeting on rehabilitation tasks held at the Rakhine State government office.

The Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development distributes clean drinking water with mobile water purification trucks, Life Straw water purifiers and mobile solar-powered water purifiers in storm-

hit townships in Rakhine State.

The three mobile water trucks are allotted in Sittway township while two in Yathedaung, one in Minbya township and another three will be distributed each to Kyauktaw, Ponnagyun and MraukU townships.

These mobile water trucks purify 800 gallons per hour and a total of 285,500 gallons of clean water is distributed to townships, wards and villages

between 16 and 31 May.

Similarly, a total of 210 Life Straw water purifiers each of which can purify about three gallons per hour are transported to 143 villages in Sittway, Ponnagyun, Yathedaung, Kyauktaw, Minbya, MraukU, Pauktaw, Buthidaung, Maungtaw and Myebon townships. One water purifier can purify water for 100 people a day.

Moreover, three solar-powered mobile water purifiers purify water in the wards in Sittway Township and they clean about 300 gallons per hour. Moreover, another 17 solar-powered mobile water purifiers will arrive soon and they will be transported to storm-hit areas.

Basic education schools will be opened on 1 June for the 2023-2024 academic year. The school enrolment week is from 23 to 31 May and a total of 374,904 students have been admitted to basic education schools, private schools and monastic schools (high, middle and primary) in 17 townships of Rakhine State to date. All high, middle and primary schools in Rakhine State will be opened on the same day. — MNA/KTZH



Distribution of drinking water in one of the Mocha-battered townships.



School children are seen during the school enrolment week at BEHS (Pauktaw).

Various organizations issue statements regarding shooting of Daw Lily Naing Kyaw by PDF terrorist

IT was heartbreaking to hear that singer-cum-actress Daw Lily Naing Kyaw, 58-year-old, who lives in Ward 2, Yankin Township, Thingangyun District, Yangon Region, was returning home by car at around 7 pm on 30 May when one PDF terrorist waiting in front of her house opened fire on her, and she was seriously injured as a result of the shooting.

Various religious organizations, Myanmar Press Council, Myanmar Music Association (Central), Myanmar Artists Association (Central), Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central), Myanmar

Comedians' Association, Myanmar Writers Association, United Parahita Group, and Buthidaung-Maungtau Regional Development Association have expressed strong objections to

the inhumane shooting of an innocent woman who was not carrying any weapon until she was seriously wounded. — MNA



Statement of Young Men's Buddhist Association (Central)

13th Waxing of Nayon 1385 ME
31 May 2023

1. YMBA (Central) has learnt that Daw Lily Naing Kyaw (singer) was shot by a PDF terrorist in front of her house in No 2 Ward of Yankin Township, Yangon Region, at 7 pm on 30 May.
2. Such doing aims to destroy the stability of the region and the attacks of PDF terrorists, subordinates of NUG, CRPH, and NLD targeting civilians who are not related to the military and NUG and CRPH are committing inhumane war crimes and so, YMBA expressed the strong condemnation of this disgusting and inhumane act of terrorism.

YMBA (Central)



Republic of the Union of Myanmar Statement of Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group (Central)

13th Waxing of Nayon 1385 ME
31 May 2023

1. Daw Lily Naing Kyaw who lives in Ward No 2 of Yankin Township in Yangon Region was shot by a PDF terrorist in front of her house while she was returning home after teaching 38 Mingala Principles to children on 30 May.
2. The terrorists attacking civilians brutally are committing war crimes, and the Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group (Central) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar issued this statement condemning such attacks.

Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group (Central)
Executive Committee



Myanmar Press Council Statement 4/2023

31 May 2023, Wednesday

1. Currently, the State Administration Council is exerting efforts to hand over State duties to the winning party following democratic standards by holding free and fair multiparty democratic elections.
2. In such doing, people who desire democracy and admire peace and tranquillity show their support ardently.
3. Nevertheless, terrorist groups that do not want such situations and democracy frequently killed supporters of the government's efforts brutally for no reason.
4. Myanmar Press Council strongly condemns and opposes any terrorist groups that launch the act of terrorism targeting non-military objects and innocent civilians.

Myanmar Press Council



Statement of Myanmar Artists Organization (Central)

Daw Lily Naing Kyaw, who lives in Yangon, Yangon Region, was brutally attacked by terrorists at 7 pm on 30 May 2023.

Such an inhumane attack of terrorists targeting innocent civilians was carried out to threaten the people who go round peacefully, not to support and work together with the SAC government and to affect the administrative machinery of the government. Myanmar Artists Organization (Central) issued this statement strongly condemning deliberate terrorist attacks.

Myanmar Artists Organization (Central)



Statement of Myanmar Comedians' Association

1. It was heartbreaking to hear that singer-cum-actress Daw Lily Naing Kyaw, who lives in Ward 2, Yankin Township, Yangon, was returning home by car at around 7 pm on 30 May when one PDF terrorist waiting in front of her house opened fire on her, and she was injured as a result of the shooting.
2. Myanmar Comedians' Association has condemned the acts of terrorism such as the intentional and inhumane killing of people who are peacefully living and those who do not support them are totally unacceptable and strongly condemned.

Myanmar Comedians' Association



Statement of Buthidaung Maungtau Regional Development Association

31 May 2023

1. Daw Lily Naing Kyaw who lives in Ward No 2 of Yankin Township in Yangon Region was shot by a PDF terrorist while she was returning home by car at 7 pm on 30 May.
2. The Buthidaung Maungtau Regional Development Association issued this statement strongly condemning the terrorists' inhumane attacks against people who are peacefully going round and those who do not support them.

Buthidaung Maungtau Region Development Association



Statement of Myanmar Music Association (Central)

31 May 2023

1. Myanmar Music Association (Central) has learnt that singer Daw Lily Naing Soe (aka) Daw Lily Naing Kyaw, who lives in No 2 Ward of Yankin Township, Thingangyun District of Yangon Region, was shot by an armed terrorist at 7 pm on 30 May.
2. The association issued this statement condemning the act of terrorism.

Myanmar Music Association (Central)



Statement of Myanmar Writers Association

31 May 2023

1. The State Administration Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar is making concerted efforts for the interests of the country and people by laying down 12 objectives for political affairs, economic affairs and social affairs.
2. The government's endeavours will succeed any with the participation of people from all walks of life, educated persons and intellectuals will make progress in these procedures.
3. Myanmar Writers Association strongly condemns the brutal attacks of terrorists and insurgents targeting people who are not related to the military and supporting the government.

Myanmar Writers Association



Statement of Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central)

13th Waxing of Nayon 1385 ME
31 May 2023

Daw Lily Naing Kyaw, who lives in Yangon, Yangon Region, was seriously injured in the brutal attack of terrorists at 7 pm on 30 May 2023.

Such an inhumane attack of terrorists targeting innocent civilians intended to threaten the people who go round peacefully, not to support and work together with the SAC government and to affect the administrative machinery of the government. Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central) issued this statement strongly condemning deliberate terrorist attacks.

Myanmar Theatrical Association (Central)



Statement of All Myanmar Islamic Organization

1. It was heartbreaking to hear that singer-cum-actress Daw Lily Naing Kyaw, who lives in Ward 2, Yankin Township, Yangon, was returning home by car at around 7 pm on 30 May when one PDF terrorist waiting in front of her house opened fire on her, and she was hurt as a result of the shooting.
2. All Myanmar Islamic Organization strongly condemns the acts of terrorism such as the deliberate and inhumane killing of people who are peacefully living and those who do not support them.

All Myanmar Islamic Organization

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PINNAYGONE YAKHINE JAAME MOSQUE
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Statement of Pinnaygone Yakhine Jaame Mosque

31 May 2023

1. Daw Lily Naing Kyaw (singer-cum-actress) was shot by a PDF terrorist in front of her house while she was returning home in No 2 Ward of Yankin Township in Yangon Region at 7 pm on 30 May.
2. Pinnaygon Yakhine Jaame Mosque issued this statement strongly condemning such inhumane attacks and acts of terrorism against civilians who go round peacefully and those who do not support them.

Pinnaygone Yakhine Jaame Mosque



Statement of All Myanmar Hindu Central Council

1. It was heartbreaking to hear that singer-cum-actress Daw Lily Naing Kyaw, who lives in Ward 2, Yankin Township, Yangon, was returning home by car at around 7 pm on 30 May when one PDF terrorist waiting in front of her house opened fire on her, and she was wounded as a result of the shooting.
2. All Myanmar Hindu Central Council strongly condemn the acts of terrorism such as deliberate and inhumane killing of people who are peacefully living and those who do not support them.

All Myanmar Hindu Central Council



Statement of All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (HQ)

1. It was heartbreaking to hear that singer-cum-actress Daw Lily Naing Kyaw, who lives in Ward 2, Yankin Township, Yangon, was returning home by car at around 7 pm on 30 May when one PDF terrorist waiting in front of her house opened fire on her, and she was wounded as a result of the shooting.
2. All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (HQ) strongly condemn the acts of terrorism such as the deliberate and inhumane killing of people who are peacefully living and those who do not support them are totally unacceptable and strongly condemned.

All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (HQ)

True information released for misinformation about sacking workers from Pioneer Manufacturing (Thailand) Co Ltd in Uthai, Ayutthaya, Thailand

WITH regard to the information mentioned on the social network pages about sacking employees from Pioneer Manufacturing (Thailand) Co Ltd in Uthai, Ayutthaya, Thailand, the Department of Labour verified the news and helps the employees get entitlements.

VOA Burmese Facebook page on 24 May 2023 mentioned that "Pioneer Manufacturing (Thailand) Co Ltd issued an announcement on sacking 411 Myanmar employees in Uthai of Ayutthaya in Thailand and gave some 97 million baht in total as compensation to them, but Thai Minister of Labour Mr Suchart

Chomklin instructed regional officials to verify whether such case was in conformity with the rules and regulations and to help those jobless enjoy the social security rights".

The labour diplomat in Bangkok of Thailand enquired the Thai Labour Department and Ayutthaya region labour right protection office about the event and received the information as follows: —

- (a) Pioneer Manufacturing (Thailand) Co Ltd is operating the manufacturing of audio electronic spare parts in cars with

the strength of 1,549 workers, and

- (b) It suspended 416 workers on 19 May 2023 due to the decline in offer, and those suspended workers were Thais, not Myanmar workers.

To have correct and accurate information, the labour diplomat from the Labour Diplomatic Office in Bangkok held a meeting with officials from the Thai Labour Department and Ayutthaya region labour right protection office on 26 May 2023. It was found that no Myanmar workers were involved in the list of

416 sacked workers due to declining of the work orders of Pioneer Manufacturing (Thailand) Co Ltd; and there were no Myanmar workers working at the factory. Japanese labour leaders and Thai workers are working at the factory; and compensation has been given to the sacked workers under the labour law.

As such, the true information was released that the news of sacking 411 Myanmar workers by Pioneer Manufacturing (Thailand) Co Ltd mentioned on VOA Burmese Facebook page was not correct.

Ministry of Labour

OPINION

Implement reform processes in education for posterity

EDUCATION is the best investment for society with a long-term plan to improve the socioeconomic life of the people. Such an investment can shape a poor country to enjoy a fruitful result of development through well-versed human resources based on an invested education sector.

Only when a country carries out a reform process in the education sector with short-term and long-term plans in harmony, will the society obtain remarkable results. If something derails from the reform process of the education sector, an unacceptable result will come out. As such, the State leaders with farsightedness emphasized improvement of the education sector not only for new generations but for the fortune of the country.

Stabilized education sector can turn out well-versed human resources as well as intellectuals and intelligentsia for the society. Hence, the reform process in the education sector should remove and stop experimentation over students under the firm policies which must be adopted as the long-term master plan. If so, education will grant the fortune of the country as well as its posterity.

In this regard, 1.9 per cent of those persons do not attend school because of ailing or injuries or disabilities; 21.5 per cent of them are unaffordable to learn school education; 29.2 of them help home business; 7.2 per cent of them join agriculture and livestock farming tasks; 12.2 per cent of them face loss in the examination or lack of ability to pursue education or cannot focus on learning; and 4.5 per cent of them live in a far distance from school.

Education standards and lesser learning opportunities will be hindrances to the development of the State economy. If the education sector does not have any progress, any country cannot successfully implement poverty alleviation programmes. As such, Myanmar should emphasize reform processes in the education sector to contribute towards the rapid development of the country.

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UNESCO'S Executive Board has endorsed the addition of 18 sites to the UNESCO Global Geoparks network on 24 May 2023. This brings the total number of geoparks to 195 in 48 countries. Two UNESCO Member States join the network: New Zealand and the Philippines.

The UNESCO Global Geopark label was created in 2015. It recognizes the geological heritage of international significance. Geoparks serve local communities by combining the conservation of their significant geological heritage with public outreach and a sustainable approach to development. The 18 new designations have brought the network up to 195 UNESCO Global Geoparks, covering a total surface area of 486,709 square kilometres, equivalent to twice the size of the United Kingdom. The 18 new geoparks are: -

BRAZIL

Caçapava UNESCO Global Geopark: For the Guarani, an indigenous people in Brazil, this geopark is 'the place where the jungle ends'. The geopark is located in Rio Grande do Sul State in southernmost Brazil. Its geological heritage, which consists of mining sulfide metals and marble, has been vital for the region's economic development.

Quarta Colônia UNESCO Global Geopark: This geopark is located in the south of Brazil between the Pampa and Atlantic Forest biomes. Its name is a reference to the period when Italians colonised the central part of the state of Rio Grande do Sul. The geopark is also rich in fossils of animal and plant life dated to 230 million years ago. It holds the record for the oldest dinosaurs on the planet, with Triassic fossils of great international significance.

GREECE

Lavreotiki UNESCO Global Geopark: Famous for the abundance and variety of its mineralogical specimens, many of which were first discovered in the area, this geopark is known around the world for the silver that is extracted from mixed sulfide deposits.

INDONESIA

Ijen UNESCO Global Geopark: This geopark is located in the Banyuwangi and Bondowoso Regencies in East Java Province. The geopark's strategic location between the strait and the sea has made it a crossroads for

UNESCO Names 18 New Global Geoparks



Jeonbuk West Coast UNESCO Global Geopark, The Republic of Korea

human migration and commerce. Ijen is one of the most active volcanoes in the Ijen caldera system.

Maros Pangkep UNESCO Global Geopark: This geopark is located along the southern arm of the island of Sulawesi in the Maros and Pangkep Regencies. The local population is primarily composed of the indigenous peoples of Bugis and Makassar.

Merangin Jambi UNESCO Global Geopark: This geopark is home to the unique fossils of 'Jambi flora', which are the only exposed fossilized plants of their kind in the world today. These are located in the central part of Sumatra Island in Indonesia. The name 'Jambi flora' refers to fossilized plants found as part of a rock formation dating from the Early Permian (296 million years old).

Raja Ampat UNESCO Global Geopark: This geopark's territory includes four main islands and is special for having the oldest exposed rock unit in the country (Silurian-Devonian dating back 443.8-358.9 million years ago), which is almost one-tenth of the age of the Earth. The most unusual geological feature is the Tropical Islands which emerged as a consequence of sea-level rise in the Quaternary Period (between 2.58 million years ago and 11,700 years ago); here, karstification has created numerous caves both above

and below the water line.

IRAN

Aras UNESCO Global Geopark: The Aras River marks the northern limit of this geopark located in northwestern Iran at the southern end of the Lesser Caucasus mountain range. This mountain range acts as a natural barrier. It has created a range of climates, as well as rich geodiversity and biodiversity; it also links different cultures on the northern and southern sides of the mountain chain. The most important geological feature of international significance in this geopark is the traces of the extinction event that occurred 252 million years ago which marks the Permian-Triassic Boundary, one of the most important events in the Earth's history.

Tabas UNESCO Global Geopark: Many thinkers have referred to the 22,771 square kilometres of desert in northwest South Khorasan Province where this geopark is located as 'the geological paradise of Iran'. This is due to the fact that one can follow the evolution of the planet from the earliest part of the Earth's history 4.6 billion years ago (the Precambrian) to the Early Cretaceous about 145 million years ago without the slightest interruption. The geopark is home to Naybandan Wildlife Refuge, the largest in Iran, which covers an area of 1.5 million hectares and is

the most important habitat of the Asian cheetah.

JAPAN

Hakusan Tedorigawa UNESCO Global Geopark: Located in central Japan, where it follows the Tedoru River from Mount Hakusan down to the sea, the Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark records approximately 300 million years of history. It contains rocks that were formed by the collision of continents. It also has strata containing fossils of dinosaurs which accumulated in rivers and lakes on land at a time when Japan was attached to the Eurasian continent.

MALAYSIA

Kinabalu UNESCO Global Geopark: Mount Kinabalu dominates this geopark in the State of Sabah at the northern end of the island of Borneo. The highest mountain lying between the Himalayas and New Guinea, Mount Kinabalu has been attracting explorers for over a century. Covering an area of 4,750 square kilometres, the geopark is home to many endemic plants and animals, including 90 orchid species that exist only on Mount Kinabalu, and the crimson-headed partridge bird not found anywhere else on Earth.

NEW ZEALAND

Waitaki Whitestone UNESCO Global Geopark: New Zealand's first UNESCO Global Geopark lies on the east coast

of the South Island, extending over an area of 7,214 square kilometres from the Waitaki Valley to the base of the Southern Alps. The landscapes, rivers and tides of this geopark have enormous cultural significance for the local indigenous people, the Ngāi Tahu whānui. The geopark offers exceptional insights into the history of the Earth's eighth continent, Zealandia, or Te Riu-a-Māui in Maori.

NORWAY

Sunnhordland UNESCO Global Geopark: The landscapes in this geopark range from glacier-covered alpine mountains to archipelagos with thousands of islands situated on the strand flat along the coast. The geological landscape displays textbook examples of glacial erosion that occurred during the 40 ice ages. The Hardangerfjord Fault separates a billion years of geological evolution. The geopark showcases how volcanic systems build continents: at the place where two tectonic plates converge, the compressed plate crumples before being uplifted to form a mountain range in a process known as orogeny.

PHILIPPINES

Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark: The Philippines' first UNESCO Global Geopark, Bohol Island, sits in the Visayas island group. The island's geological identity has been pieced together over 150 million years, as periods of tectonic turbulence have raised the island from the ocean depths. Traces of the island's subterranean past can be found in the limestone which forms characteristic karstic structures. The geopark abounds in karstic geosites such as caves, sinkholes and cone karst, including the famous cone-shaped Chocolate Hills in the centre of the geopark.

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

Jeonbuk West Coast UNESCO Global Geopark: This geopark tells 2.5 billion years of well-exposed geological history in the western part of the country. The vast tidal flats dotted with volcanoes and islands allow us to travel through time to piece together elements of the Earth's history. The Korean word for tidal

By THAN HTUN (GEOSCIENCE MYANMAR)

SPAIN

Cabo Ortegal UNESCO Global Geopark: Take a journey into the interior of our planet by discovering rocks that emerged from the depths of the Earth almost 400 million years ago in what is now Cabo Ortegal UNESCO Global Geopark. This geopark provides some of the most complete evidence in Europe of the collision that caused Pangea, a process known as the Variscan Orogeny. Most of the rocks in this geopark were brought to the surface by the collision of two continents, Laurussia and Gondwana, which would eventually join the supercontinent Pangea about 350 million years ago. When this collision occurred, these rocks were situated in the Earth's upper mantle, at a depth of more than 70 km.

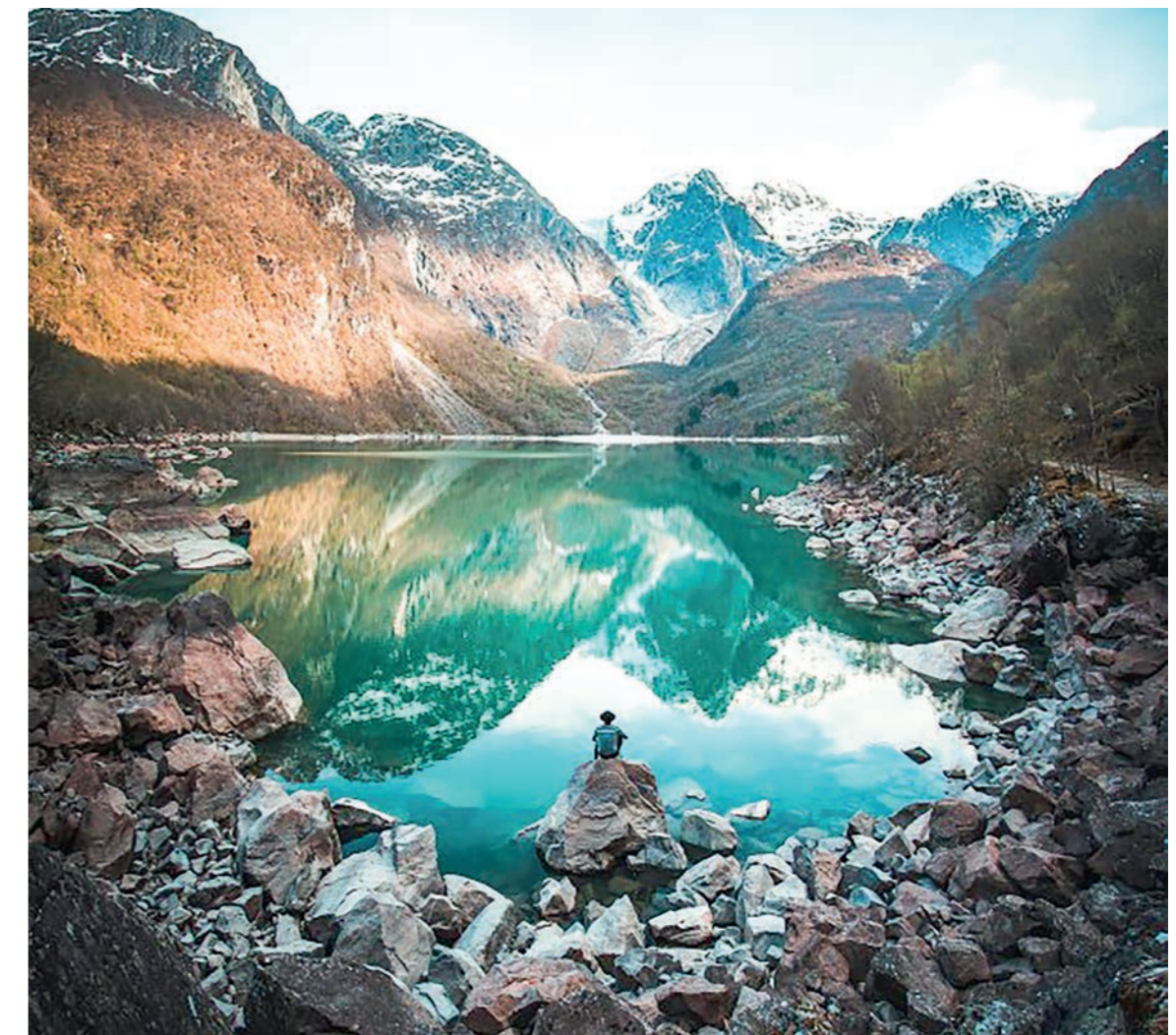
THAILAND

Khorat UNESCO Global Geopark: This geopark is mostly located in the LamTakhong river basin on the southwestern margin of the Khorat Plateau in Nakhon Ratchasima Province in northeast Thailand. Deciduous dipterocarp forests are the dominant forest type in the area. The unique geological feature of the region is the diversity and abundance of fossils ranging in age from 16 million to 10,000 years. A large range of dinosaurs and other animal fossils like ancient elephants have been found in Mueang District. Petrified wood has also been discovered in sand and gravel deposits both in the Chaloeam Phra Kiat and Mueang districts of Nakhon Ratchasima. This has prompted Khorat UNESCO Global Geopark to consider itself the Paleontopolis (City of Ancient Life) of the world.

UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Mourne Gullion Strangford UNESCO Global Geopark: This geopark tells the tale of how two oceans evolved over 400 million years of geological history. It charts the closure of the Iapetus Ocean and the birth of the North Atlantic Ocean, which generated large amounts of molten rock (or magma) both within the Earth's crust and on the surface. The subsequent rocks and landscapes have since been shaped by numerous Earth processes but dominated by those during the most recent Ice Age. The combination of mountain and coastal environments has led to the development of a hugely diverse range of glacial features not commonly seen in such a small area. These provide evidence of multiple stages of ice development and movement in the Mourne Mountains and in Strangford Lough. The geopark is located in the southeast of Northern Ireland, adjacent to the border with the Republic of Ireland, and covers an area of 1,932 square kilometres. People have inhabited this area since just after the end of the last glaciation.

References: UNESCO, Last update: 25 May 2023



Sunnhordland UNESCO Global Geopark, Norway

Hong Kong (China) – CLMV Online Investment Forum held

UNDER the economic and technological cooperation programme of the ASEAN-Hong Kong Free Trade Agreement (AHKFTA), Hong Kong (China) and the CLMV member countries held the HKC-CLMV Online Investment Forum online yesterday morning under the management of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

The forum aims to promote economic recovery during the Covid-19 period through investment promotion.

Union Minister of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw, in his video message, said he was glad that Myanmar was able to host the forum. He also expressed his belief that through investment cooperation, ways and means to support regional strategic economic development and promote the participation of CLMV member countries can be identified.

At the forum, investment opportunities in Hong Kong (China), Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Viet Nam were presented through video clips. Officials of investment agencies



MIFER Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw (C) speaks via a video message to the HKC-CLMV Online Investment Forum yesterday.

from respective countries also discussed the implementation processes.

The Director-General of the Directorate of Investment and

Company Administration, higher-level officers of the respective ministries, representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat and foreign embassies, officials from

investment promotion agencies, local and foreign chambers of commerce and industry teams, and investors attended the forum. — MNA/KZW



The UN Humanitarian Coordinator (a.i.) and OCHA Head of Office (a.i.) calls on Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing yesterday.

MoIC Union Minister receives UN Humanitarian Coordinator (a.i.) and OCHA Head of Office (a.i.)

U Ko Ko Hlaing, Union Minister for International Cooperation received Ms Danielle Parry, UN Humanitarian Coordinator ad interim and OCHA

Head of Office ad interim at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters of cooperation

for the smooth and effective provision of humanitarian assistance to the needy population affected by Cyclone Mocha in Myanmar. — MNA

Illegal timbers, consumer goods, industrial materials, auto parts and vehicles seized

A combined on-duty team seized 14,104 teak parquets of various sizes (worth K952,644) without official documents from a Nissan Fuso truck (worth K32 million) and a Hino truck (worth K30 million) heading from Namsam to Tachilek at the Tachilek Trading Post (Maeyang) on 26 May. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

An on-duty team at the Thanlwin Bridge combined checkpoint captured 3,500 kilograms of used china tableware (worth K3.5 million) without official documents from a JMC van (approximately K16 million) heading to Yangon from Hpa-an on 28 May. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

A combined team seized a Mazda car (estimated value of K2 million) without official documents in Oktwin township on 28 May and a total of 4.396 tonnes of teak and 2.056 tonnes of other hardwood (worth K2,611,044) in Thayawady district on 29 May.

The action was taken under the relevant law and the Forest Law.

The on-duty team confiscated 1,200 kilogrammes of Choho motorcycle spare parts (worth K4.2 million) that were not declared in the ID from a Nissan diesel tractor head and a trailer (estimated value of K40 million) at the Mayanchaung Permanent checkpoint, five kinds of goods (worth K5,379,000) including 20 electronic steam irons that exceeded the ID from a container at the Hteedan Port and 8,800 bags of CEO café (worth K6.6 million) without official documents from luggage at the Yangon International Airport

(Import Desk) on 29 May. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

A combined team nabbed 9,800 kilogrammes of hinges (worth K10,333,022) that exceeded the ID from a Mitsubishi Fuso lorry (approximately K30 million) heading to Yangon from Myawady near the Ywathagyi Tollgate on 29 May. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

Therefore, 14 arrests (estimated value of K183,575,710) were made on 16, 28 and 29 May, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS



Confiscated illegal sachets of CEO-brand instant coffee at Yangon International Airport.

MoIP Union Minister receives Chinese Ambassador



Union Minister U Myint Kyaing holds talks with the delegation led by the Chinese ambassador yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

UNION Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing received Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chen Hai and a delegation at the meeting hall of the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, both sides cordially discussed and frankly exchanged views on immigration cooperation, entry and exit through the border of the two countries, operational requirements to be carried out for upgrading border posts, the

extension of visas based on visa types, people of the two countries crossing the border using border passes, implementation of the agreement signed by the two countries in 1997 and cooperation of China in the work for accepting displaced persons from Rakhine State and communication and cooperation with Bangladesh for accepting them.

Also, present at the meeting were deputy ministers, directors-general and responsible personnel. — MNA/MKKS

Tatmadaw (Navy) transports supplies to people in Mocha-hit Rakhine State

A 29-metre landing craft from Tatmadaw (Navy) transported purified water, diesel, octane, tarpaulin, building materials, medicines, rice bags, biscuit cartoons, eggs and slippers weighing 34 tonnes from Yay-

chanpyin port to Rathedaung port yesterday morning. — MNA/KZW

Relief goods are discharged from the Tatmadaw landing craft in Rathedaung yesterday.



Senior military officers oversee recovery efforts in respective Mocha-hit regions

THE State Administration Council has released announcements for Mocha-hit areas declaring natural disaster-affected regions under Section 11 of the Natural Disaster Management Law and assigned senior military officers to the respective regions to conduct rehabilitation processes.

Meanwhile, the coordination meeting of the Chin State disaster management committee was organized on 30 May at the state government office in Haka Township. It was attended by Chin State Chief Minister Dr Wong Hsun Htan, Lt-Gen Min Naing of the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), Deputy Commander of North-West Com-



Lt-Gen Min Naing attends the coordination meeting of the Chin State disaster management committee in Haka on 30 May 2023.

mand Brig-Gen Myo Htut Hlaing and other relevant officials.

First, the state chief minister and Lt-Gen Min Naing made opening speeches and the rel-

evant officials reported on the damage and losses in Chin State due to the storm.

Similarly, Lt-Gen Lu Aye of the Office of Command-

er-in-Chief (Army) and officials held a meeting on compiling the net worth of losses due to Mocha at Kyaukpyu District General Administrative Department meeting hall yesterday and he instructed to report to the ministries concerned about the losses and activities in Kyaukpyu township.

Moreover, Lt-Gen Aye Win from the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army) inspected the arrival of relief items, storage at the warehouse of the Consumers Department in Buthidaung, damages of school buildings, houses, cattle deaths, distribution of relief items and lists of losses made by the committee

on loss calculation (engineer team).

Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye also provided foodstuffs, rice, cooking oil and salt to the storm victims in Matupi Township of Chin State yesterday.

Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Soe who arrived in Myebon township of MraukU District also discussed the rapid distribution system for relief items and construction materials provided by the state rehabilitation team and donors at the meeting hall of the Township General Administrative Department and provided 150 Family Kits and foodstuffs to the wind victims. — MNA/KTZH

Healthcare services provided in Cyclone-affected townships



Healthcare services are rendered to the disaster victims in Rakhine State yesterday.

HEALTHCARE services for diarrhoea and other diseases are given to Cyclone victims in Rakhine State at temporary clinics of rapid response teams at the relevant public hospitals and health departments.

A total of 42,807 patients — 37,792 people suffering from common illnesses, 4,224 pregnant women and 791 people suffering from common diar-

rhoea — received treatment at public hospitals and clinics from 16 to 31 May.

A total of 2,946 wells in the townships are purified and 236,975 water purification tablets are distributed in townships. Health awareness activities are undertaken for the public to be able to prevent the occurrence of other infectious diseases including

diarrhoea in the aftermath of Mocha.

Some media reports are not true and there is no epidemic of diarrhoea disease. A total of 44 people with the symptoms of diarrhoea came to the hospital and only ten people out of them are receiving treatment as in-patients and they are not in critical condition. — MNA/MKKS

Foodstuffs sold at fair prices in Mocha-hit Sittway

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 to enable them to buy the food they want at fair prices.

Foodstuffs including rice, edible oil, salt, meat, fish, egg, dairy products, vegetables, onions, garlic, and products of Myanmar Economic Corporation including instant noodles, biscuits, and

canned food were sold at lower prices than the ordinary market yesterday.

The local people and families of the departmental staff enjoyed buying foodstuffs and are very grateful to officials for selling them at low prices during difficult times. Lt-Gen Phone Myat from the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), and the Western Command commander and officials inspected the sale of foodstuffs and coordinated the necessary matters. — MNA/KZL



Locals are seen purchasing foodstuffs at fair prices in Sittway yesterday.

LOCAL BUSINESS

Above 600 E-motorbikes arrive at Muse trade zone under zero-customs tariff

MORE than 600 electric motorcycles were imported at the Muse 105th mile trade zone under the customs duty exemption system.

Under the approval of the national-level committee leading the development of electric vehicles and related business, Kenbo-branded 640 electric motorcycles imported by Aung Kan Bo Motorcycle Industrial Co Ltd arrived at the zone on 30 May in accordance with the rules and regulations.

Importation, manufacturing and trading of battery electric vehicles (BEVs) and their components are exempted from commercial tax, according to Notification 4/2023 dated 8 May 2023, released by the Union Government in the exercise of the power conferred by Section 37 of the Union Tax Law 2022, under the approval of the State Administration Council.

Also, the Customs duty exemption on electric vehicles



The general view of the Muse 105-Mile Trade Zone on the Myanmar-China border.

(EVs) and their components was extended until the end of March 2024 from 1 April 2023, according to the Ministry of Planning and Finance.

Myanmar Investment Commission also released a statement on 15 February that electric vehicles and related

businesses will be promoted as the priority sector, according to its notification dated 15 February.

In the exercise of the power conferred by Sections 43 and 100 (B) of the Myanmar Investment Law, the MIC issued this statement with the approval of the

Union government.

Enterprises executing installation, manufacturing and restoration services of the EVs, renewable electricity generation, EVs charging service businesses, electric vehicle battery production, EV battery and related service business, electric

bus operation services, electric taxi and transport service businesses and scientific research development business are included in those priority sectors.

During the establishment and ideation phase for incorporation and operations, those businesses can seek permits from MIC to enjoy tariff relief or zero-customs tariff status and the exemption for other taxes levied in the country under Section 77 (A) of the Myanmar Investment Law and income tax exemption under Section 75 (C) of the Myanmar Investment Law for the importations of machinery, essential equipment and accessories, spare parts and construction raw materials that cannot be found in domestic markets. Myanmar has been bringing in electric vehicles (EVs) under the customs tariff relaxation through seaborne and border trade routes, according to the Ministry of Commerce. — NN/EM

Black gram, pigeon pea prices hit fresh peak

THE prices of black grams and pigeon peas reached all-time highs in the domestic market, according to the Yangon Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Bayint Naung Commodity Wholesale Centre).

The prices touched a high of K2.445 million per tonne of pigeon peas and K2.18 million per tonne of black grams on 2 May and surged to K2.935 million per tonne of pigeon peas and K2.335 million per tonne of black grams on 31 May.

The figures showed an increase of K490,000 per tonne of pigeon peas and K155,000 per tonne of black grams within four weeks.

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

As a result of this, the Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association notified on 12 May

2023 that growers should primarily cultivate green grams and pigeon peas during this year's pulses season.

There is a strong market share of black grams and pigeon peas in India. Most of the growers also select them as main crops.

India notified that the free import policy of black grams (urad) and pigeon peas (tur) extended up to March 2024, bringing more benefits to the stockholders in the supply chain including growers and exporters. Therefore, they should be selected as the main crops this year, the association mentioned.

Myanmar bagged over US\$1.4 billion from over 1.9 million tonnes of various pulses exports in the past financial year 2022-2023, the Ministry of Commerce's statistics indicated.

Myanmar primarily exports black grams, green grams and pigeon peas to foreign markets. Of them, black grams and pigeon peas are mostly conveyed to India while green grams are shipped to

China and Europe.

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

Myanmar yearly produces approximately 400,000 tonnes of black grams and about 50,000 tonnes of pigeon peas.

Black grams that India primarily purchases are commonly found only in Myanmar, whereas pigeon peas, green grams and chickpeas are grown in African countries and Australia, stated the Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association. — NN/EM

YGEA to commence 25th gold training course FOC on 3 June

YANGON Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association (YGEA) will offer gold training free of charge at its office at No 42/50 on Shwebontha Street, Pabedan Township between 3 and 12 June.

Additionally, an awareness course (sixth batch) on anti-money laundering and combatting the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) will be provided as well.

The respective experts will share education and knowledge about gold mining, gold refining, gold trading, opening gold shops and refineries, gold mortgage, gold rate calculation, gold/silver coins and jewellery.

Those enthusiastic can take out enrollment forms free of charge at the office of the association. As the number of trainees is limited, they can contact YGEA's contact numbers at 09 450049282 and 09 251992727 for

further details.

The precious metal dealers' licences can be sought only with the completion certificate of the AML/CFT course, according to Chapter II Section 3 (G) of the directive 2/2022 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs' Central Body on Anti-Money Laundering.

The YGEA handed over 21 applications for precious metal dealers' licences to the registration board in Pabedan, Lanmadaw and Latha townships on 1 April.

U Myo Myint, chair of the YGEA, handed over 21 applications for precious metal dealers' licences to the authorities concerned from the General Administration Department and the respective registration boards of Lanmadaw (1 application), Latha (1 application), Pabedan (19 applications). — NN/EM

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NATIONAL/AD

Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal Condition

Issued at (19:00) hours M.S.T on 31-5-2023

ACCORDING to the observations at (17:30)hrs M.S.T today, a low pressure area possibility may form due to the unstable air condition over the East Central Bay and Southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining Andaman sea from (5.6.2023) to (10.6.2023). Due to the unstable air condition, rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and (Southern and Eastern) Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin, Mon States with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavyfalls with strong wind from (5.6.2023) to (10.6.2023).— DMH

Condition of Southwest Monsoon

Issued at 31st May, 2023

During the past (24) hours, Southwest monsoon has advanced into the Deltaic Myanmar areas and Southwest Bay of Bengal.— DMH

19th SOMTC Working Group on Trafficking in Persons workshop held

THE 19th SOMTC Working Group on Trafficking in Persons Workshop was held at the meeting room of the Anti-Human Trafficking Police Force via video conferencing. Representatives led by the Commander of the Anti-Trafficking Police Force Police Brig-Gen Myint Htoo, representatives from ASEAN member countries and representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat attended the workshop.

The meeting was held under 14 programmes, and the Chairman of the SOMTC Task Force on Human Trafficking of the Philippines gave an opening speech. Commander of the Anti-Trafficking Police Force Police Brig-Gen Myint Htoo discussed the challenges faced in combating human trafficking. He also discussed the matter of Viber QR Codes and WhatsApp QR Codes being provided for contact



with the anti-human trafficking police for help at international airports and preventive activities being carried out.

Then, ASEAN member countries discussed the anti-human trafficking

efforts and in particular, the duties and powers of national representatives for the implementation of the ASEAN Convention Against Trafficking in Persons (ACTIP). — MNA/KZW

EARTHQUAKE NEWS

(Issued at 18:00 hour M.S.T.)

A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.9) Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about (22) miles northwest of Hopin), latitude 25.17°N, longitude 96.22 °E, depth (10) kilometres, about (68) miles north-northwest of Katha seismological observatory was recorded at (17) hr (50) min (22) sec M.S.T on 31 May 2023.— DMH



Myanma Port Authority

Open Tender Invitation for Dredging Work in Yangon River for the Purpose of Channel Improvement

- For the purpose of Channel Improvement, especially dredging work in the Yangon River, the Myanma Port Authority is planning to contract with a preferred bidder (local or international company), which has strong experience and technology in channel dredging (intensive and maintenance) and adequate equipment for dredging. The tender process will be conducted according to paragraphs 26/27/28/29/30 of Directive No. (1/2017) for Government Procurement. The term for the Dredging Work is for six (6) months, from 1st October 2023 to 31st March 2024 (2023-2024 Fiscal Year).
- The companies interested therefore are invited to enter the tender. The tender applications and forms can be purchased and submitted in accordance with the following date, time, and place: (International companies may need to form a JV with local company or must have a branch office in Myanmar);
 - Address (to purchase): Store Department, Botataung township
 - Date & Time (to purchase): 2-6-2023 to 28-6-2023 (formal day & time)
 - Address (to submit): Myanmar Port Authority
 - Date & time (to submit): 4-7-2023 (13:00)
 - Date & Time (Tender opening): 4-7-2023 (14:00)
- For detailed information, please contact the following contact points:
 - Marine Department - 018246380, 018387117 (ex) 211
 - Store Department - 018610230

Myanma Port Authority
Tender Acceptance and Evaluation Committee

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V METHI BHUM VOY.NO. (389W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V METHI BHUM VOY.NO. (389W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **22-5-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

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M.V MCL 20 VOY.NO. (1)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MCL 20 VOY.NO. (1)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **1-6-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **WILMAR** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Brazil lawmakers vote to limit demarcation of Indigenous reserves



Indigenous people in Brazil own 764 different territories, but the government has not officially said where the borders of those territories are for about a third of them. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

BRAZIL'S lower house of Congress approved legislation Tuesday that would limit expanded demarcations of Indigenous lands, which are considered key to protecting the Amazon and its native peoples.

The text, passed by the Chamber of Deputies on a 283-155 vote, establishes that reserves can only be on land occupied by Indigenous people at the time of the promulgation of the current constitution, in 1988.

The bill, which has yet to move to the Senate, was promoted by representatives sympathetic to the agribusiness sector

and other opposition groups, and represents a setback for President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's environmental goals.

According to scientists, Indigenous lands create key buffer zones against deforestation in the Amazon, the largest tropical forest in the world.

Hours ahead of the vote, about 100 indigenous people temporarily blocked a highway on the outskirts of Brazil's largest city Sao Paulo, before the police dispersed them with tear gas, according to images broadcast by local TV.

Brazilian Indigenous com-

munities reject the premise of the bill, arguing they have the right to their original territories, regardless of the status of their occupation in 1988.

Critics say many Indigenous peoples did not occupy certain areas that year because they had been expelled during the preceding military dictatorship, which ended in 1985.

There are a total of 764 Indigenous territories in Brazil, but around a third of them have not yet been demarcated, according to figures from the National Foundation for Indigenous Peoples (FUNAI).—AFP

Sudan army quits truce talks with paramilitary foes



Sudanese army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan rallies his troops battling rival paramilitaries in the capital Khartoum on Tuesday. **PHOTO: SUDAN'S ARMED FORCES FACEBOOK PAGE/AFP**

THE Sudanese army suspended its participation in US- and Saudi-brokered ceasefire talks Wednesday accusing its paramilitary foes of failing to honour

their commitments.

The mediators of the talks in the Saudi Red Sea city of Jeddah have acknowledged repeated violations of the truce by both sides

but have so far held off imposing any sanctions in the hope of keeping the warring parties at the negotiating table.

The army walked out "because the rebels have never implemented a single one of the provisions of a short-term ceasefire which required their withdrawal from hospitals and residential buildings," a Sudanese government official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The army said the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) had also "repeatedly violated the truce", the official added.

US and Saudi mediators said late Monday that the warring parties had agreed to extend by five days a humanitarian truce they had frequently violated over the previous week.—AFP

Ex-Pakistan PM Khan to be tried in military court: interior minister

FORMER Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan will be tried in a military court for his alleged role in riots that occurred in the wake of his arrest earlier this month, the country's interior minister said.

Interior Minister Rana Sanaullah said in a TV interview with Dawn News on Tuesday that Khan personally planned violence targeting military installations, adding he believes the case will be heard in a military court.

The violent protests broke out on 9 May after Khan's arrest at the Islamabad High Court,

where he went to attend a hearing in separate graft cases.

Khan's supporters protested his arrest and attacked military installations in several cities.

Following the unrest, the Pakistan Army has decided that rioters will be tried under military laws, according to the government.

Human Rights Watch has said that at least 4,000 people, including members of the opposition Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party led by Khan, have been detained for their role in the protests.—Kyodo



Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party activists and supporters of former Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran shout slogans as they block a road during a protest against the arrest of their leader in Hyderabad on 9 May 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

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Putin confirms strike on Ukrainian military intelligence HQ

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has confirmed that Russia carried out an attack on the headquarters of the Main Intelligence Directorate of Ukraine's Defence Ministry in Kyiv. "Since the start of the special military operation, the Russian Armed Forces are striking Ukraine, but using high-precision weapons. They are targeting military infrastructure, arms depots and other targets that could be used for military action," Putin said, speaking to a reporter at an economic exhibition on Tuesday. The president expressed contentment with the state of Moscow's air defences, saying they had worked "in a satisfactory manner" in deflecting Tuesday's morning attack, although "there's still some progress to be made".

Putin said he was concerned by Kyiv's apparent attempt to push Russia into a mirror response. "We'll see what we do with this," he said, while expressing hope that ordinary Ukrainians will come to recognize what their government is pushing them towards, not only through the drone attack on Moscow, but attempts to target the Zaporozhye Nuclear Power Plant. The Russian president also delved into a bit of history surrounding the Ukrainian crisis, saying that after the collapse of the USSR in 1991, the country came under the control of people seeking to create a Western-backed "anti-Russia".—SPUTNIK

UN nuclear chief encouraged by Russia, Ukraine support of ‘principles’



A Russian serviceman stands guard outside the second reactor of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Station in Enerhodar, Ukraine, on 1 May. **PHOTO: ANDREY BORODULIN/AFP**

UN nuclear watchdog chief Rafael Grossi said Tuesday he was encouraged by the reaction of Ukraine and Russia to “concrete principles” laid out by the body to prevent catastrophe at Ukraine’s Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant.

The safety of Europe’s largest nuclear power facility, located in Ukraine’s southeastern region of Zaporizhzhia, has been a concern since Russian forces seized it over a year ago during Moscow’s war on its neighbour.

It has been subject to frequent shelling that caused several outages of power that is vital to cooling the plant’s reactors.

Ahead of an expected Ukraine counteroffensive, fears have increased that a nuclear disaster could occur amid in-

creased military activity.

Grossi, director-general of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), briefed the UN Security Council in New York on his proposals to ensure the plant’s safety after months of negotiations.

“Today constitutes a step in the right direction when it comes to the safety and the security of the Zaporizhzhia nuclear power plant,” Grossi told the council.

“We are encouraged by the expressions of support to our work, including on... the five principles that I have established today.”

Chief among them, said the diplomat, “there should be no attack of any kind from or against the plant.” — AFP

Iraq’s Christians fight to save threatened ancient language

IRAQ’S shrunken and conflict-scarred Christian community is launching a new television

channel as part of efforts to save their dying language, spoken for more than 2,000 years.



In this picture taken 10 May artist and museum curator Saliwa Shamoun Abba cleans a Syriac-inscribed plaque detailing information about the history of the Syriac Museum, in Iraq’s predominantly Christian town of Qaraqosh (Baghdada), in Nineveh province. **PHOTO: AFP**

Syriac, an ancient dialect of Aramaic, has traditionally been the language spoken by Christians in Iraq and neighbouring Syria, mostly in homes but also in some schools and during church services. However, Syriac-speaking communities in the two countries have declined over the years, owing to decades of conflict driving many to seek homes in safer countries. In Iraq, the Christian population is thought to have fallen by more than two-thirds in just over two decades. “It’s true that we speak Syriac at home, but unfortunately I feel that our language is disappearing slowly but surely,” said Mariam Albert, a news presenter on the Syriac-language Al-Syriania television channel. — AFP

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‘Boy who cried wolf’: Seoul residents panic after false rocket alarm

AN emergency evacuation alert sent in error across Seoul over a North Korean rocket launch triggered widespread panic on Wednesday, crashing internet services and raising fears the government could not be trusted to handle a real crisis.

The alert, sent at 6:41 am local time to all mobile phones in Seoul, said: “Citizens, please prepare to evacuate and allow children and the elderly to evacuate first.”

The message did not specify why residents should evacuate or explain where they should go — Seoul has long had a network of underground bomb shelters, but they have not been used in emergencies in living memory.

Naver, South Korea’s largest internet portal, told AFP its network went down for around five minutes due to the excess traffic sparked by the alert.

After around 20 minutes of confusion, the government retracted the alert.

“We inform you that the alarm sent at 6:41am was incorrectly issued,” a second alert said.

The retraction prompted anger and frustration, including calls on social media for Seoul Mayor Oh Se-hoon to resign. — AFP

Salvage of oil tanker stranded off Yemen can begin: UN

THE United Nations said Tuesday it is ready to start salvage work on an oil tanker stranded off Yemen’s coast with more than one million barrels of crude that pose an acute risk to the environment.

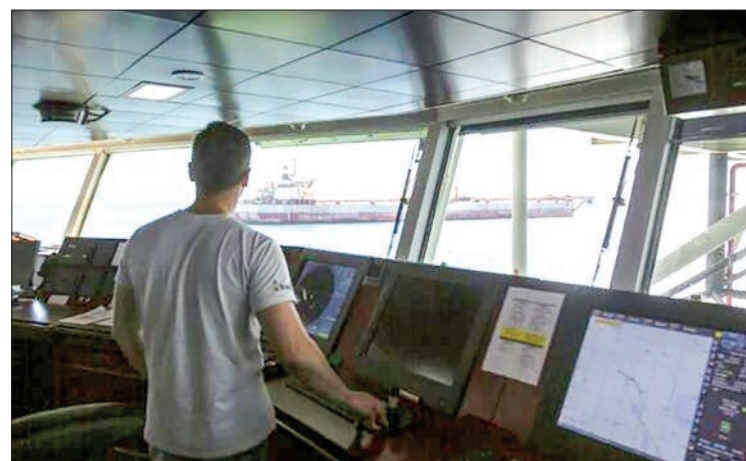
“We’re very happy to be on site where we can start the work,” David Gressly, the UN

coordinator for Yemen, said by videoconference from aboard a support vessel that has arrived at the stricken ship, the FSO Safer.

In an unprecedented salvage plan, the UN has purchased a super-tanker to remove the oil from the vessel in the Red Sea. The actual pumping will start

in about 10 days to two weeks, said Gressly.

The 47-year-old Safer has not been serviced since Yemen’s civil war broke out in 2015 and it was left abandoned off the rebel-held port of Hodeida, a critical gateway for shipments into a country heavily dependent on foreign aid. — AFP



The ship has a lot of oil on it that could hurt the environment if it spills. **PHOTO: AFP**

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

1. Political affairs

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

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance development based on agriculture and livestock using modern production techniques and to strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.
- (b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.
- (c) To assure support for the sustainability of Micro-, Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) that prioritize import substitution, export production, and the use of domestically produced raw materials, in order to increase domestic production and generate employment opportunities.
- (d) To advance the socioeconomic life of the people, in order to ensure the country's prosperity and food security.

3. Social affairs

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

Team Myanmar's qualifiers for AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup to be held on 6 June

THE Myanmar Women's U-20 team's qualifiers for the AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup will start on 6 June, according to the statement from the Myanmar Football Federation.

The Myanmar Women's U-20 team is in Group B along with China, Nepal, and Chinese Taipei.

Australia, Viet Nam, Iran, and Lebanon are in Group A.

Myanmar will host Group B qualifiers and all the matches will be played at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon starting from 6:30 pm.

Myanmar will play against Nepal on 6 June, Chinese Taipei on 8 June, and China on 10 June.

The first- and second-placed teams from

two groups for the second round will advance to the next stage along with Uzbekistan, Japan, North Korea, and South Korea.

Uzbekistan will host the final stage of the 2024 Asian Women's U-20 Championship. The winner, first-runner-up and second-runner-up teams will qualify for the 2024 FIFA Women's U-20 World Cup.

SkyNet TV will be responsible for the games of the Myanmar team as the host broadcaster, and MFF will continue to announce the channels that will show the matches. — KZL

Dembele, Nkunku back in France squad for Euro 2024 qualifiers

BARCELONA'S Ousmane Dembele and RB Leipzig forward Christopher Nkunku are among the players recalled to the France squad named on Thursday by coach Didier Deschamps ahead of two Euro 2024 qualifiers in for June.

Fitness problems meant

both players missed France's opening qualifying matches in March, when they beat the Netherlands 4-0 at home and won 1-0 away to the Republic of Ireland.

They now go into a match against minnows Gibraltar in Faro, Portugal on 16 June, and a home clash with Greece three

days later, on top of qualifying Group B with six points.

"You will say I am very pragmatic, but the three points that are available against Gibraltar have the same value as those we took against the Netherlands or in Ireland," Deschamps told reporters in Paris. — AFP

Team Myanmar leaves for XII ASEAN Para Games

THE Myanmar Paralympic Sports Team left for Cambodia by a Myanmar National Airlines chartered flight from Yangon yesterday afternoon to compete in the XII ASEAN Para Games that will be held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, from 3 to 9 June.

Athletes were seen off by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, and Yangon Region government ministers, Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Zaw Hein, the director-general of the Department of Sports and Physical Education, Principal U Aung Naing Swe of the Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon), Yangon Region Sports and Physical Educa-



The Myanmar Paralympic Sports Team are seen at Yangon International Airport before leaving for Cambodia yesterday.

tion Department Director U Aung Moe, and officials at the Yangon International Airport yesterday.

Maj-Gen Hla Moe, Director of Resettlements from the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), Ministry of Defence, who is also the chairman of the Myanmar Paralympic Sports Federation, and other guests including coaches, administrators, referees and athletes totalling 126 persons are on the sports contingent.

Team Myanmar will compete in eight kinds of sports: athletics, swimming, football, goalball, weightlifting, chess, table tennis, and sitting volleyball. — MNA/KZL