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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.

## Agriculture and livestock farms must be arranged to meet the daily food demands of Yangon Region



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing gives guidance at the meeting of the implementation of the Thilawa Agriculture and Livestock Zone in Kyauktan Township of Yangon Region on 10 June 2023.

IT is necessary to produce goods in Yangon Region and collect products from other regions at fair prices so that the people of Yangon Region do not face the impacts of higher prices for goods, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in inspecting the implementation of the Thilawa Agriculture and

Livestock Zone between Yangon River and Hmawun Creek in Kyauktan Township of Yangon Region yesterday morning.

At the briefing hall, Chairman of Myanmar Economic Corporation Lt-Gen Nyo Saw, Chairman of Myanmar Economic Holdings Public Co Ltd Lt-Gen Hsan Oo and officials reported on the progress of Thilawa agricultural

and livestock farm, 26<sup>th</sup>-mile agricultural and livestock farm, Shwemayin fish farm in Twantay Township and Ngwe Pinle livestock and fishery farm, implementation of agricultural and livestock farms, selling chicken eggs and duck eggs at the disaster-hit region at fair prices, consumption of meat and fish in Yangon Region, and agriculture and livestock farms

of Yangon Command.

### Production of agriculture and livestock farms to ensure sufficiency of food in the region

Hearing the reports, the Senior General said that meat, fish, eggs and vegetables must be supplied to some eight million population of the Yangon Region on a daily basis. Re-

gions and states including Ayeyawady and Bago regions and Shan State send meat, fish and eggs to Yangon Region. Products from other regions will be sold at higher prices due to spending transport charges in addition to production costs. Hence, the agriculture and livestock zones were implemented in Yangon Region.

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PYIN OO LWIN (Flower City)

**Pwe Gauk**

(BE.FALLS)

**Waterfalls Resort**

Now, Sky Cable car has been just opened, you can see and enjoy the beauty of Pyin Oo Lwin(Flower City) while riding the Sky Cable car.



## Well Marked Low-Pressure Area Condition

Issued at (19:00) hours MST on 10-6-2023

ACCORDING to the observations at 17:30 hrs MST today, the Well Marked Low-Pressure Area over the Northeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining Southeast Bangladesh now lies over Southeast Bangladesh.

It is forecast likely to move Northwards and weaken into a Low-Pressure Area during the next 12 hours.

Due to the Well Marked Low-Pressure Area, occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach about (40-45) mph. Wave height will be about (9-13) feet off and along Rakhine Coasts from tonight to (11.6.2023).

Due to the Well Marked Low-Pressure Area, rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions and Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine states with the likelihood of regionally and isolated heavy falls in some regions and states with strong wind from tonight to (11.6.2023).

### Advisory

Due to the Well Marked Low-Pressure Area, people should be aware of heavy rains with strong winds, flash floods and landslides in the hilly areas and near small rivers and also domestic flights, trawlers, vessels and ships off and along Myanmar Coasts.

## Condition of Southwest Monsoon

Issued on 10 June 2023

DURING the past (24) hours, the Southwest monsoon has advanced into the Whole country of Myanmar areas.

## MYANMAR Daily Weather Report

(ISSUED at 4:00 pm Saturday 10 June 2023)

**BAY INFERENCE:** According to the observations at (15:30) hrs MST today, the Well Marked Low-Pressure Area now lies over the Northeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining Southeast of Bangladesh coast-North Rakhine Coastal of Myanmar now lies over the Northeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining Southeast of Bangladesh still persists. Monsoon is vigorous over the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal.

### FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF THE 11 June 2023:

Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Lower Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Southern Shan and Kayah states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with the likelihood of regionally heavy falls in Taninthayi Region and isolated heavy falls in Kachin, (Northern and Eastern) Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states. The degree of certainty is 100 per cent).

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The Cumulonimbus clouds are developing in the Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi regions and Kachin and (Northern and Eastern) Shan states. In the area along the Cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied by rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance of these phenomena.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (45) mph. Wave height will be about (9-13) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

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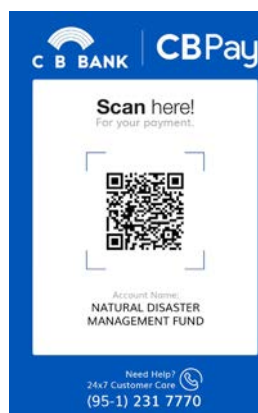
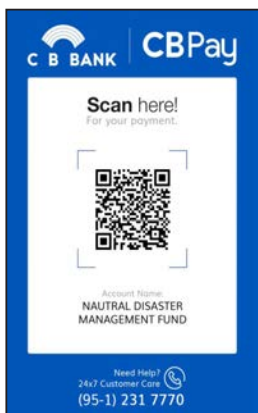
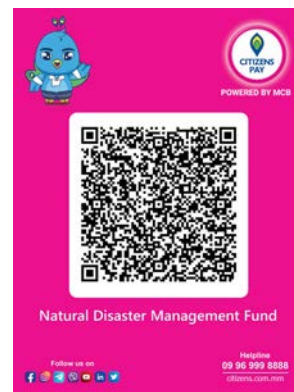
## Announcement for local and foreign well-wishers to donate cash to cyclonic storm Mocha victims

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 dona-

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, OK \$, UAB pay and

Citizens 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		

National Disaster Management Committee

## Building of a Union system is the most reliable system for our country

THROUGH historical experience, it is not enough to foster a multiparty democratic system alone in our nation-building, and it can be seen that the building of a Union system in the oneness of opportunity through a peaceful co-existence of multi-ethnicity is the most reliable system for our country.

*(Excerpts from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing at the Passing Out Parade of the 64<sup>th</sup> Intake of Defence Services Academy on 2 December 2022)*

# Agriculture and livestock farms must be arranged to meet the daily food demands of Yangon Region

### FROM PAGE-1 Striving for declining basic goods prices

Some unscrupulous persons not wishing to see peace and stability and development of the country attempted to cause political crises of the country by imposing economic sanctions and raising commodity prices. The government could overcome such difficulties. No to raise foodstuff prices, it is necessary to successfully improve agriculture and livestock farms. Agricultural lands in the region must be efficiently utilized. Agriculture and livestock farms must be actually beneficial, contributing to the food supplies of Yangon population. Ayethaya of southern Shan State sends eggs and Bago and Ayeyawady regions duck eggs to Yangon Region but the prices of goods are too much higher than the actual ones. The Senior General stressed the need



to scrutinize higher prices of consumer goods than the deserved prices. Primarily, it is necessary to produce goods in Yangon Region and collect products from other regions at fair prices so that the people of Yangon Region do not face the impacts of higher prices for goods.

### Making inspection tours

The Senior General and party viewed sample fish from Thilawa agriculture and livestock farm, duck eggs, Taiwan papaya and dairy products from agriculture and livestock farms.

The Senior General inspected hatching of fingerlings at the zone, fish farming and raising of duck, and gave necessary guidance to officials. Then, the Senior General viewed round fish farming processes and discussed production and food security for Yangon City. — MNA/TTA



The Senior General pays inspection tours round the Thilawa Agriculture and Livestock Zone in Kyauktan Township of Yangon Region on 10 June 2023 (top and above photos).

## Daily newspapers available online

FOR those who would like to read the Myanmar Alinn, the Kyemon and the Global New Light of Myanmar, published daily by the Ministry of Information, please visit [www.moi.gov.mm/mal](http://www.moi.gov.mm/mal), [www.moi.gov.mm/km](http://www.moi.gov.mm/km), [www.moi.gov.mm/nlm](http://www.moi.gov.mm/nlm) and [www.gnlm.com.mm/e-paper](http://www.gnlm.com.mm/e-paper).

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# Union Ministers inspect staff housing, healthcare services in Sittway Tsp



Photos show the distribution of electricity to the wards of Sittway yesterday.

UNION Ministers Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, U Myo Thant and Dr Thet Thet Khine and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin inspected the maintenance of staff housings and medical services of specialists of Sittway General Hospital in Sittway Township yesterday.

First, the Union minister and party visited the staff housing of the Township General Administration Department in Ballonkwin Ward and another staff housing of the Township Municipal Department in Pyitawtha Ward of Sittway Township and inspected the maintenance, health, education and living conditions of staff. They also provided eggs, instant noodles and other basic foodstuffs.

On arrival at the staff hous-

ing of the Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department in Pyitawtha Ward and staff housing of the Department of Development of Border Areas and Ethnic People, they also oversaw the completed maintenance work and provided basic foodstuffs to the staff.

Then, they headed to Thinponetan Monastery in Thinponetan Village of Sittway Township and viewed round the healthcare services and health awareness programmes of specialists from Sittway General Hospital and physicians of Sittway Traditional Medicine Hospital (50-bed).

During the visit, they also comforted the patients and provided foodstuffs.

At noon, the Union Minister and party attended the regular

coordination meeting on rehabilitation processes held at the Rakhine State government office.

During the meeting, the officials of respective working committees reported on the rehabilitation processes, completion and ongoing work plans and the Union Ministers U Myo Thant and Dr Thet Thet Khine, State Chief Minister and Deputy Ministers coordinated the discussion.

Then, Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung highlighted the need to conduct rapid maintenance of religious buildings, the providence of construction materials and teak, construct temporary school buildings for the students from destroyed schools who are currently

Pharmaceutical Factory for public healthcare services in storm-hit areas. Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin received the donations and expressed thanks.

The Ministry of Electric Power conducted maintenance to resume power distribution in Rakhine State starting 18 May and it fully completed maintenance of the 230 kV power cable of the An-MraukU-Ponnagyun section and 66 kV power cable of the Ponnagyun-Sittway section on 7 June. The power distribution resumed in Sittway and Ponnagyun townships on the evening of 7 June.

The maintenance work of the 66 kV power cable of the Ponnagyun-Kyauktaw, Ponnagyun-MraukU, Ponnagyun-Rathedaung, Rathedaung-Buth-



Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than donates medicines of the Pharmaceutical Factory for public healthcare services in storm-hit areas.

studying at the monasteries and religious halls and follow systematic disposal system in the township.

In the evening, Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than donated medicines of

idaung sections is being conducted and it is slated for completion in the fourth week of June and the first week of July, and the electricity will be distributed to all townships. — MNA/KTZH

## 53 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 10 June, total figure registers 639,604

MYANMAR'S COVID-19-positive cases rose to **639,604** after **53** new cases were reported on 10 June 2023 according to the Ministry of Health.

Therefore, a total of **10,726,968** laboratory samples were examined and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached **639,604**.

The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **618,527** including **67** new recoveries.

The death toll from COVID-19 in the country registered **19,494** on 10-6-2023 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

## Union Energy Minister inspects Nyaungdon-Maubin oil & natural gas field, repairing of natural gas pipelines in Ayeyawady Region

UNION Minister for Energy U Myo Myint Oo inspected the Nyaungdon-Maubin oil and natural gas field and the repairing work of natural gas pipelines in the Ayeyawady Region yesterday.

On arrival at the Nyaungdon-Maubin oil field, officials reported on the production and distribution of natural gas, the repairing of pipe lines and the conditions to distribute natural gas needed for factories and industries.

The Union minister called for more production of natural gas, timely completion of exploration works and continuous distribution of natural gas. He then inspected the

Nyaungdon Compressor and Maubin (south) oil and natural gas field and made proper instructions.

The Union minister and party then went to the LPG Plant (Nyaungdon) and the officials of the plant reported on LPG production and operations of the plant.

The Union minister instructed to make efforts for continuous production and security of the plant and inspected the plant site.

The Union Minister and party also inspected the Ball Valve Station on the Nyaungdon-Thabaung natural gas pipeline route. — MNA/KTZH



Union Minister for Energy U Myo Myint Oo inspects the Nyaungdon-Maubin oil and natural gas field in the Ayeyawady Region yesterday.

## Union Education Minister attends luncheon hosted by Russian Education Minister



Union Minister Dr Nyunt Pe and education ministers from various countries pose for the documentary group photo at luncheon hosted by Russian Education Minister Mr Sergey Sergeevich Kravstov at IT Park on 9 June 2023.

UNION Minister for Education Dr Nyunt Pe, who is in Kazan, Russian Federation, visited the

Old Tatar Sloboda on the morning of 9 June with other guests.

Then, the Union minister

attended a luncheon hosted by Russian Education Minister Mr Sergey Sergeevich Kravstov at

IT Park.

During the lunch, education ministers and representatives from various countries shared their experiences, discussed their good results of cooperation and exchanged opinions.

Union Minister Dr Nyunt Pe took part in the discussions by saying that the theme “Shaping the Future” reminds us that education plays a major role in shaping our societies and the world.

He also highlighted that in Myanmar, every school-age child will have to complete at least KG+9; students who complete KG+9 can attend high schools with vocational courses opened in 50 districts; that will support the country's small and medium-sized businesses; that universities with world-class curricula

teaching will produce qualified graduates; that it is necessary to promote cooperation between Myanmar universities and partner universities; that the future of education is in the hands of policymakers, teachers, parents and students; that these groups play a key role in shaping the future of education in a rapidly changing world.

Afterwards, Russian Education Minister Mr Sergey Sergeevich Kravstov went into further discussions with the education ministers and representatives from various countries before taking the documentary group photo.

In the evening, the Union minister attended a farewell dinner at Pashmir Restaurant. — MNA/KZL

## GMS Business Council holds its first 2023 BOD Meeting

THE first Board of Directors' Meeting for the year 2023 of the Greater Mekong Subregion Business Council was held on 9 June in the hybrid system.

Chairman of GMS Business Council U Zaw Min Win, GMS BC Myanmar Director U Moe Kyaw, General Secretary of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Daw Khaing Khaing Nwe, Central Executive Dr Aye Aye,

Executive Daw Hla Hla Yi and IR Advisor U Tint Swe attended the event.

At the meeting, GMS BC chairman U Zaw Min Win and vice-chairman Mr Oudet Souvannavong delivered an opening speech, and GMS BC Myanmar Director U Moe Kyaw explained the activities and plans of GMS BC and the processes to be implemented.

Participation of GMS BC in

ASEAN Joint Business Council, GMS Ministerial Conference, GMS Senior Officials' Meeting, and to jointly implement Web Based SME Forum, GMS Logistics Database, GMS Younger e.Entrepreneur Networks were discussed. The directors, members and officials of GMS BC participated in the discussions to jointly promote trade and investment and economic cooperation between countries in the Greater



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Mekong region.

The Migrant Worker Project, the Carbon Project, Lao-China Railways and the status of the initial completion of the Cross-Border Transportation Agreement were also discussed.

Chairmen and members from the GMS member countries: People's Republic of China (Yunnan Province), Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia, and Viet Nam attended the meeting. — Myo Min Thura/KZL

# Tatmadaw senior officers, officials oversee rehabilitation work in Rakhine State

UNDER Section 11 of the Natural Disaster Management Law, the State Administration Council declared the areas damaged by Cyclone Mocha as areas affected by natural disasters and appointed senior military officers to carry out rehabilitation activities in the areas mentioned in the announcement.

Lt-Gen Lu Aye, currently in Kyaukpyu in Rakhine State along with officials inspected the

cleaning process at No 3 Basic Education High School and the selling of foodstuffs at low prices to locals.

Maj-Gen Aung Myo Tun, currently in Rathedaung, provided tarpaulins, roofs, and foodstuffs to locals at the front of the warehouse of the Township Administration Department. Then, he donated rice and tarpaulins to monasteries in Rathedaung. — MNA/KZW



A collective cleaning activity in progress at BEHS No 3 Kyaukpyu yesterday.

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

RELIEF aid and food items contributed by 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 Cyclone Mocha in Rakhine State are being transported by Tatmadaw aircraft and helicopters.

A total of 2.3 tonnes of school materials and relief supplies donated by the Ministry of Education and foodstuffs donated by donors were delivered from Yangon International Airport to Sittway Airport by the Tatmadaw aircraft.

A total of 3,276 Tatmadaw members and departmental



Relief items are loaded aboard the Tatmadaw aircraft to transport them to Mocha-hit areas yesterday.

staff who will help in rehabilitation work and 493.3 tonnes of supplies were helicoptered to the storm-battered areas.

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

## Tatmadaw relief teams make rehabilitation efforts



Relief task forces and departmental staff seen cooperating in performing cleaning measures yesterday.

TO facilitate necessary relief and rehabilitation activities in areas affected by natural disasters, Tatmadaw has deployed relief teams consisting of local security forces.

In cooperation with social relief organizations, they are actively assisting in the affected areas.

Relief troops in Kyaukpyu are cooperating with departmental staff to perform a cleaning process along the side of the entrance to Kyaukpyu. — MNA/KZW

## Foodstuffs, commodities sold at fairer 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 buy foodstuffs at fairer prices.

Foodstuffs such as rice, edible oil, salt, meat, fish, egg, dairy products, vegetables, onions, garlic, and products of Tatmadaw factories and MEC

such as instant noodles, biscuits, and canned food in addition to the foodstuffs, electronic devices and construction materials of private entrepreneurs were sold at lower prices than the market prices at U Ottama Park in Sittway yesterday.

Locals and families of the departmental staff enjoyed buying foodstuffs and expressed thanks to officials for selling them at lower prices during difficult times. — MNA /KZW



Locals are seen purchasing foodstuffs at fairer prices in Sittway.

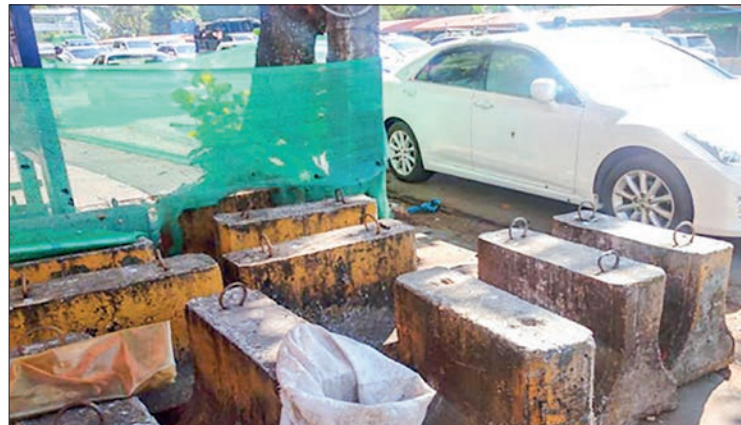
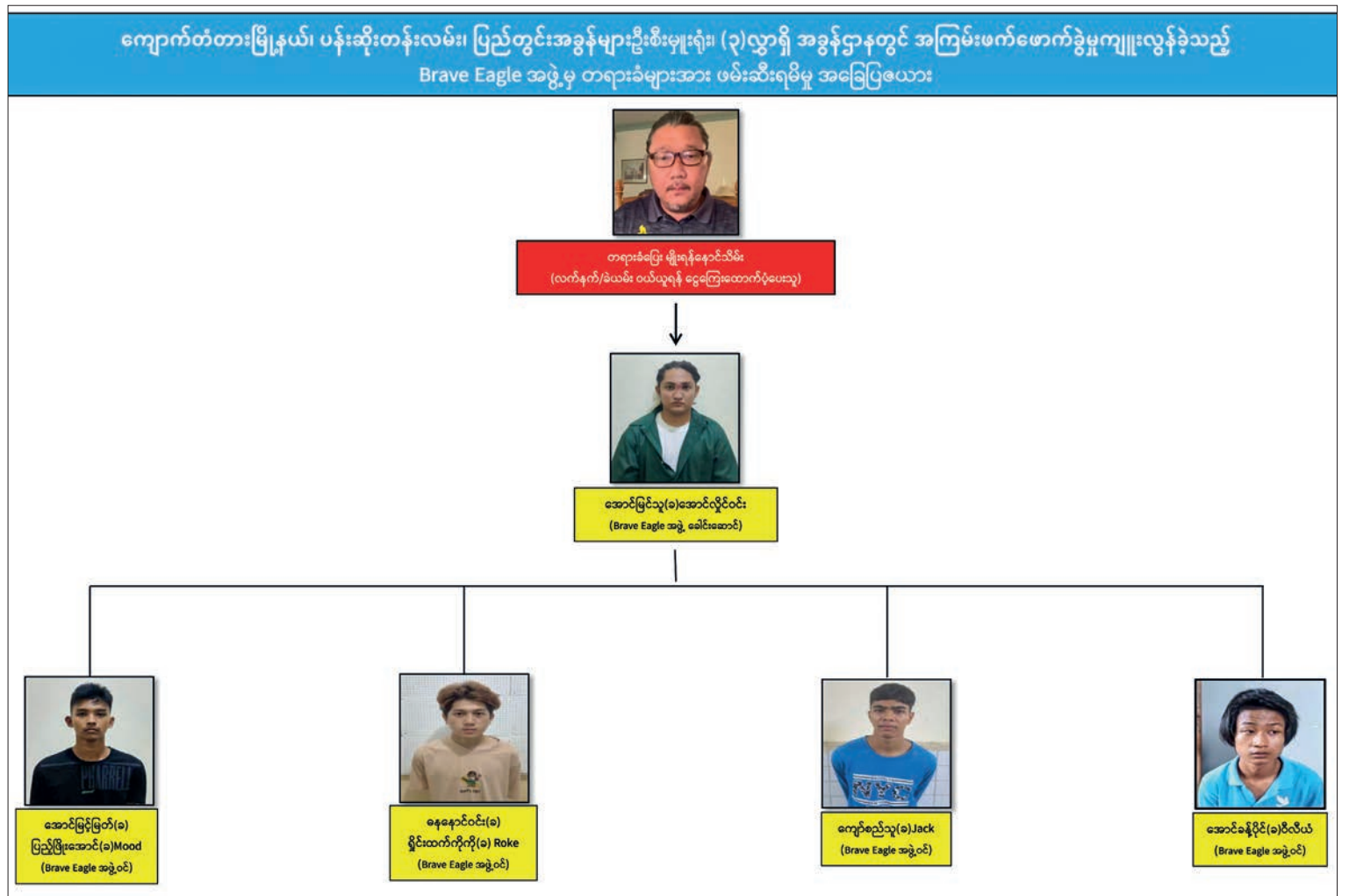
**The people are urged to receive vaccination of Covid-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of Covid-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.**

# Brave Eagle members arrested for exploding third floor of IRD Office in Kyauktada Township

AN explosion occurred at the third floor of a tax office of the Internal Revenue Department (IRD) office on Pansodan Road in Kyauktada Township, Yangon Region at 12:05 pm on 5 June. During the explosion, five staff and one civilian were injured.

Security Forces conducted the investigation and raided Room B, second floor of Apartment 27 on Ohnbin Street and Bo Thura Street in Kyimyindine Township to arrest the suspect on the morning of 7 June following the tip-off. The suspect was at large and Security Forces seized four homemade grenades, one homemade bomb, a shirt and a longyi.

According to the report of a real estate broker, the suspect rented an apartment at K250,000 per month from April to July 2023. Security Forces arrested Aung Myin Thu (aka) Aung Hlaing Win at Myaynigon southern ward of Sanchaung Township on the evening of 8 June.



A handmade mine blast at the Ahlon Township Administrator Office on 7 July 2022.



A handmade mine explosion at the Sangyaung Township Court on 15 July 2022.



A remote mine blast on the third floor of the Internal Revenue Department office in Yangon on 5 June 2023.

of Myaynigon Traffic light in Sangyaung Township on 12 July, Sangyaung Township Court on 15 July, South Okkalapa Township EPC Office on 21 August, car parking of National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Central Committee in Kamayut Township on 20 January 2023, People's Square in Dagon Township on 9 April and third floor of IRD Office in Kyauktada Township on 5 June.

The suspects testified that Aung Myin Thu (aka) Aung Hlaing Win received K5 million from former NLD member fugitive Myo Yan Naung Thein (still at large) to purchase weapons in the third week of September 2022 and he transferred that money to Chan Nyein Thu (aka) Panda to purchase arms.

The suspects Nway Nway and Chan Nyein Thu (aka) Panda (still at large) awarded K100,000 to those who launched a bomb explosion one time and K30,000 to those who wait and watch the situation for attacks.

The Brave Eagle arranged to plant mines at the Mytel Tower in Bahan Township and USDP office in Dagon Myothit (East) Township in June 2023.

Offenders will face serious legal actions and people are requested to report to officials regarding the movement and actions of suspects. — MNA/KTZH

According to his confession, the suspects of the remote-mine explosion at IRD office Aung Myint Myat (aka) Pyae Phyo Aung (aka) Mood and Dhana Naung Win (aka) Shine Htet Ko Ko (aka) Roke in Mayangon Township on the same day.

Moreover, other suspects Kyaw Sithu (aka) Jack and Aung Khant Paing (aka) Willian were arrested in Hlaine Township and Dawbon townships on the 8 and 9 June evening.

A total of five male suspects were arrested and four homemade grenades and one homemade bomb were seized in this case.

According to the words of suspects, Aung Myin Thu (aka) Aung Hlaing Win introduced the leader of the Dark Shadow terrorist group Chan Nyein Thu (aka) Panda (still at large) and Nway Nway and Yathaw (still at

large) of STF group to conduct terrorist attacks in the second week of June 2022.

According to the instruction of Nway Nway, Aung Myin Thu (aka) Aung Hlaing Win organized the nine-member Brave Eagle group comprising Kyaw

Sithu (aka) Jack, Dana Naung Win (aka) Shine Htet Ko Ko (aka) Roke, Aung Myint Myat (aka) Pyae Phyo Aung (aka) Mood and Aung Khant Paing (aka) Willian in the first week of July 2022.

The Brave Eagle terrorist

group committed seven bomb explosions in Yangon under the instructions of Nway Nway and Chan Nyein Thu (Panda).

The group exploded Ahlon Township Administrative Office on 7 July 2022, the vicinity area of the Traffic Police Office

# OPINION

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## Do meritorious deeds by easing DHF tension among people

**D**ENGUE haemorrhagic fever is one of the very dangerous diseases which mostly starts outbreak in early monsoon in Myanmar. Such a disease can pose threats to people, mostly under 15 years of age but those people above 15 years are also suffering from DHF unexpectedly.

Unfortunately, patients may lose life in suffering from DHF. According to the statistics of the Ministry of Health, a total of 1,717 people became victims of DHF, seven of who died of the disease during the period from 1 January to 20 May 2023. It spotlighted that anyone should not underestimate outbreaks and impacts of DHF in society.

Social organizations and health staff need to inform people about the symptoms of DHF and ways to prevent such a disease in time before monsoon. Whenever they find DHF patients, they should have to provide necessary treatments to the patients so as to ease the tensions of patient families. If so, health staff and health organizations will win more trust and reliance of the people.

Till today, DHF generally breaks out in Yangon, Taninthayi and Ayeyawady regions and Mon and Kayin states. Before a decade, health experts set a record related to the disease, stating that children under 15 years of age may suffer from DHF. But, they reviewed their remarks and amended the findings that DHF may break out in people above 15 years of age.

People in Myanmar generally face impacts of mosquito-borne diseases such as DHF, malaria, elephantiasis and Japanese Encephalitis diseases. Especially, DHF is the most dangerous in the rainy season. DHF breaks out some 400 million global people on a yearly basis, 70 per cent of who live in Asia. Of them, DHF mostly happens in India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Myanmar.

As such, the people of Myanmar need to join hands with health staff, members of social organizations, volunteers and local authorities in controlling DHF in all parts of the country so as to save the children suffering from DHF in time. All the people need to clean up their environs not to leave any places any species of mosquitos can inhabit.

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As most of the DHF patients are children under 15 years of age, their sufferings can spread to their families. It can be said that easing or removal of plights from any other can be defined as doing meritorious deeds. As most of the Myanmar people are Buddhists, not only people but health personnel have to ease the tension, sufferings and plights of others for their worrying about outbreaks of DHF as much as possible.

**I**NDIA'S Jan Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile (JAM) trinity of technologies can be used to quickly establish Africa's digital and physical infrastructure to develop that Continent's food systems, and ease in logistics and trade barriers. These are among the top recommendations shortlisted by the Business 20 (B20) Council on African economic integration.

(According to latest available data, 99 per cent of households in India have access to banking. Of the 1.42 billion people in the country, 1.352 billion have Aadhaar (national identity) cards, and 1.2 billion people own mobile phones. This trinity of technologies has helped India become the fastest growing large economy in the world today).

The council will soon share its results with the Indian govern-

ment and the G20, Bharti Airtel Chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal, who is heading the B20 Council, has said.

The B20 is the official G20 dialogue forum with the global business community, and its recommendations are often incorporated in the G20's work programme.

African integration has evinced a special interest from Prime Minister Narendra Modi since it is an area where he wants to leave a legacy, Mittal said in an interview to Business Standard. The recommendations will be officially released at the B20's final upcoming final meeting in August.

"The main pillar on which



Sunil Bharti Mittal

our work is based is the need to establish digital and physical connectivity. A massive infrastructure intervention is required to create and connect border roads, waterways and train lines. To raise digital connectivity, India's digital stack, including our biometrics,

Jan Dhan technology and mobile connectivity, can be leveraged," he said.

India is also keen to share its indigenously developed digital stack with African nations, inquiries from many of which have already come, officials have confirmed.

"India wants to use this as an opportunity to project its soft power; rather than as an economic agenda or a business opportunity to populate as many countries across the globe, and especially the global south with the Indian stack," Mittal said.

Mittal has been closely associated with the continent since

2010 when Airtel Africa began operations. It now has the largest geographical and economic footprint in Africa among Indian corporates, serving 14 markets, primarily in east and central Africa. With a total user base of 140 million as of end-2022, the company is the second-largest in the African continent.

Equally, it is also the second-largest carrier in terms of subscribers in Africa's largest economy — Nigeria owing to its cheap data plans. With 54.6 million data customers and 31.5 million

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Our Special Correspondent

customers using mobile money, Airtel Africa is positioning itself to tap the vast well of consumer demand for these services.

Another pillar of B20's recommendations will be on transforming agriculture and the food system in Africa.

"Parts of Africa, such as the DRC (Democratic Republic of Congo), are extremely fertile, but still there aren't many crops. The Congo basin can feed the world, especially in the aftermath of the crisis in Ukraine and global wheat prices soaring. Africa can feed

the world for decades to come. There would be no food shortage if everybody focuses on Africa, and it would grow those nation's economies," Mittal stressed.

He suggested India's agriculture universities can take forward their collective work on the green and white revolutions and partner with African institutions.

Improving barriers to trade and logistics is another important focus area, a senior functionary of Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) said.

Africa is a huge continent of 54 countries, with a \$3.14 trillion nominal GDP as of 2023 and 1.43 billion people. But internal trade between African economies remains much lower than their trade with external partners.

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<b>Book Title</b>	-	<b>Kyeinzar</b> (The Painted Veil by W Somerset Maugham)
<b>Translator</b>	-	<b>Tin Maung Myint</b>
<b>Publishing House</b>	-	<b>Gangaw Wutyi</b>
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<b>Price</b>	-	<b>K4,200</b>

### Kyeinzar (The Painted Veil by W Somerset Maugham)

THIS novel by the world-famous writer known as Somerset Maugham is said to be his third-best work. The title of the original English version is The Painted Veil. And the translator of this novel is Saya Tin Maung Myint, the winner of the National Literary Award for the genre of translation. The Painted Wall is a classical novel in the field of literature. Although it has been a world-famous novel for many decades, the translated version was published only in 2020. This novel was made the movie three times – first in 1934, second in 1957 and third in 2006.

Somerset Maugham is a doctor turned writer. In 1897, his first novel was published with the title, 'Liza of Lambeth.' Dropping the stethoscope, he picked up the pen. In our country of Myanmar, there emerged doctor-turned-writers in the 1980s, which was the golden era of novels

in Myanmar.

All the novels of Somerset Maugham are the best sellers. They are all famous across the world. Thanks to the effort exerted by the translators, Somerset Maugham is not strange to the readers of Myanmar.

The Painted Veil is an American drama based on a woman called Kitty, who comes from the south of Kingston. Beautiful but dangerous, she is always surrounded by men. And she is always ready to dance with the man who invites her to do so. She is easy to make friends with but she will not hesitate to reject the proposal made by the men. However, her jealousy over her sister has forced her to get married to Walter, a young doctor working at a laboratory in Hong Kong as a bacteriologist. This is in fact not a love marriage. Bored with their unhappy

married life, she started an extramarital affair with a secretary from the Hong Kong Administration. In fact, his paramour is a married with two children. But their affair was discovered by her husband soon. And Walter threatened his rival with a lawsuit. As the secret lover of Kitty tended to become the Administrator of Hong Kong, he had no choice but to abandon her. Thus, Kitty and her paramour were separated, and Walter brought his wife Kitty to another place.

What is worth noting is the advice given by the headmistress of a Christian Convent School. The mother said, "You can't find peace at work or in happiness, in this convent school and on this earth. You can find peace only in your soul."



<b>Book Title</b>	-	<b>Lwan Maw Gai Ya Thaw Tekkatho Nway Nya Myar</b> (The Class by Erich Segal)
<b>Translator</b>	-	<b>Mya Than Tint</b>
<b>Publishing House</b>	-	<b>Bawa Tekkatho</b>
<b>Publication Date</b>	-	<b>March 2023 (5<sup>th</sup> Edition)</b>
<b>Price</b>	-	<b>K12,500</b>

### Lwan Maw Gai Ya Thaw Tekkatho Nway Nya Myar (The Class by Erich Segal)

THIS book under review was written by an American writer called Erich Segal and published in 1985. And Sayagyi Mya Than Tint translated The Class into Myanmar. Erich Segal has become popular with a novel titled, "Love Story". However, his later productions 'Oliver's Story' and 'Man, Woman and Child' have made him more successful.

The Class is a novel based on the student's life at the University of Harvard. The period was between 1954 and 1958. The book is about the five fictional members of this class: Andrew Eliot, Jason Gilbert, Theodore Lambros, Daniel Rossi and George Keller. The Class follows the diverse fates of five members of Harvard's Class of 1958,

recounting the way their lives intertwine, and coming to a dramatic conclusion at their class reunion 25 years later.

Andrew Eliot comes from the Boston Brahmin Eliot family. Due to his background, he feels the pressure of high expectations, which causes him to suffer from a lack of confidence. He is otherwise laid-back and friendly, and a good friend to all his classmates. To experience life without privilege and to fulfil his military obligation, he serves in the Navy as an ordinary swabbie. Unfortunately, his wife is a serial adulteress and alcoholic and demands a divorce, leaving him estranged from his own son and daughter with limited visitation. Jason Gilbert Jr has the

makings of a perfect son, of whom any parent would be proud. Despite this, the one thing that troubles him is his constant conflict with his identity as a Jew. He experiences prejudice at several points, when denied admission to Yale and when denied invitation to the punches of Harvard's final clubs. He sees more pervasive racism when a popular black athlete is denied entrance to the Hasty Pudding Club, and when a drill instructor punishes him during his service in the Marines.

Theodore Lambros was born to a working-class Greek family and is admitted to Harvard with no scholarship after graduating from Cambridge Latin School. He thus must work as

a waiter to support himself throughout his schooling, unable to afford to live on campus. This makes it difficult for him to truly 'belong' to his class. All the same, he endures and eventually achieves his ambition of securing a professorship in the classics at Harvard.

Daniel Rossi is a talented pianist. His father disowns him for his choice of Harvard in light of President Pusey's refusal to cooperate with the McCarthy hearings, particularly after the death of his older son in the Korean War. Daniel chooses Harvard on the advice of his mentor in music, who likens the McCarthy persecutions to those of the Third Reich which he himself fled.

George Keller enters the US as a Hungarian refugee following the student uprising in 1956 and is granted a place in the Harvard class of 1958. His determination and fierce loyalty to his country of refuge eventually result in a position in the White House as a protege of Henry Kissinger.

The lesson learnt from their ups and downs as well as successes and failures is that there is always a trade-off or opportunity cost.



# CURRENT AFFAIRS

## 101 returnees repatriated through Myawady-Maesot Friendship Bridge II

A total of 101 Myanmar nationals in Thailand who wanted to return home due to various reasons were repatriated on 7 June through the Myawady-Maesot Friendship Bridge II.

There were 62 males and 39 females totalling 101 Myanmar nationals, and Myanmar officials welcomed them.

Myanmar health officials conducted COVID-19 tests on returnees, and departmental personnel performed inspections. They are residents of Bago Region, Mon State, and Taninthayi Region. Thus, they were transported to the Se Township Quarantine Centre in Mawlamyine, and other returnees were delivered to the Shwe Myawaddy Quarantine Centre in Myawaddy for 10 days of restrictions. — TWA/CT



The picture shows some Myanmar nationals who were repatriated to the country.



Students are seen looking into the result list of the 2023 matric exam.

## 109,851 students pass 2023 matric exam with 67.87% pass rate

A total of 109,851 students passed the matriculation examination in 2023, with a passing percentage of 67.87, according to statistics from the Myanmar Examinations Department of the Ministry of Education.

In the 2023 matriculation examination of the Department of Basic Education, there were 109,851 successful candidates out of 161,850 applicants in all regions and states, including foreign exam centres.

The Myanmar Examinations

Department released the results at the schools in various regions and states at 6 am on 9 June. Likewise, notices have been published on the department's website, www.myanmarexam.org since 4 am.

According to the Myanmar Examinations Department, Mandalay Region had the highest number of 16,018 students who passed the exam, followed by Yangon Region with 15,285, Ayeyawady Region with 13,630, Sagaing Region with 6,520, Taninthayi Region with 2,658, Nay Pyi

Taw with 4,180, Bago Region with 8,531, Magway Region with 9,321, Kachin State with 7,075, Kayah State with 637, Kayin State with 1,665, Chin State with 2,045, Mon State with 4,172, Rakhine State with 9,964, Shan State with 8,230, and 10 from the foreign centres.

The results of examination centres in remote areas and those that do not have good internet connections are also being announced through the Myanmar Radio National Service. — TWA/CT

## PP extension fees increased to 48,000 won for Myanmar in S Korea

MYANMAR citizens in South Korea will be charged an increased amount of won for passport renewal as announced by the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul.

The embassy said that the passport extension fee was 40,000 Korean won before, but now it will be changed to 48,000 won from 11 June.

To extend the validity of Myanmar passports, the security level of ordinary passports starting with MH was upgraded, and the cost increased, according to the embassy announcement.

The announcement stated that fines for passport expiry, overdue and loss and damage of passports will remain unchanged as before. — TWA/KZW



The Embassy of Myanmar in Seoul, South Korea.

# Aungbarlay online lottery system launched on 8 June

PEOPLE can buy Aungbarlay lottery tickets online starting 8 June, according to the release of the Internal Revenue Department (IRD) of the Ministry of Planning and Finance.

The Aungbarlay online lottery system was jointly developed by the IRD and tender winning Service Provider Telecom International Myanmar Co Ltd.

Therefore, those who want to buy lottery tickets via the Aungbarlay application can use the Aungbarlay application download on the Landing Page URL Link <https://aungbarlay.ird.gov.mm/#/> for the link and URL Link <https://aungbarlayonline.ird.gov.mm/> for Web View.

The customers can choose the alphabets and numbers they like through the application and they can also get the automatically selected alphabets and numbers.

They can also recheck their purchased tickets in their account and if there is a winning prize from the lottery tickets chosen by the entrant, the SMS

will be sent to the winner and the security code will be sent to the winner to withdraw the cash prizes worth K1 million or less through the application.

The prizes for K1 million or less will be granted using an electronic payment system and the people can use KBZ Pay,

AYA Pay, CB Pay, UAB Pay and Mytel Pay for ticket procurements via application.

The IRD will keep adopting the print version of the Aungbarlay lottery system in addition to Aungbarlay online lottery system. The opening of the Aungbarlay online lottery will be held together with the 52nd Aungbarlay lottery on 1 July 2023.

The people can know further details in the terms and conditions and FAQ sections of the Aungbarlay application. Moreover, the people can contact Mytel Hotline No 777, the other operator hotline No 09 577000777 and e-mail: [abl@support.com.mm](mailto:abl@support.com.mm) Application, said the statement. — TWA/KTZH



An advertisement of Aungbarlay application

# ARTICLE/TECH/ENVIRON WORLD

## India's trinity of technologies can push Africa's digital and physical connectivity

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Pointing to the global Trade Facilitation Agreement at the World Trade Organization (WTO) that came into effect in 2017, Mittal said it was heavily geared towards Africa so that cross-border trade becomes

easy, and better technologies are introduced.

"A lot of money was also given to Africa to upgrade its tech, and harmonize its tariff codes. But it still did not happen," Mittal said. The B20 is therefore taking into account past experiences to chart a

quick road map towards intra-continent trade.

The African Free Trade Continental Agreement, which is envisaged to create a European Union (EU) type of economic bloc, is in various stages of implementation by 46 of the 54 countries across the continent.

Experts have pushed for Africa to trade as much as possible within the continent, and the AFCTA is expected to boost income by \$450 billion in trading economies by 2035.

Finding the funds needed for implementing the B20 recommendations, usually a challenging task when it comes from Africa, may be a smaller problem than earlier. While G20 nations have promised to prioritize the economic development

of the global south, funds have been scarce till now.

Mittal, however, stressed that a large corpus of funds had been identified by the B20, which has already been committed. In 2022, the United States announced plans to invest at least \$55 billion in Africa over the next three years. The funds will be utilized to implement the B20 recommendations.

## Toxic smoke dissipates over northeastern US

RESIDENTS of the northeastern United States were breathing more easily Friday as smoke from Canadian fires gradually cleared after blanketing several cities in a noxious haze this week. In New York and Washington air quality was classified as "moderate" by the US Environmental Protection Agency.

In the American capital, the sky was blue again Friday morning, but as a measure of precaution, children at city public schools were still prohibited from spending recess outdoors.

In New York, public schools were closed and op-



A cyclist rides under a blanket of haze partially obscuring the US Capitol in Washington, DC, on 8 June 2023. PHOTO: MANDEL NGAN / AFP

erated remotely.

Air quality improved after winds blowing over the Canadian province of Quebec, where the fires are raging, changed direction, Ryan Stauffer, a NASA scientist specializing in air pollution, told AFP.

The concentration of fine particles in the air was up to twenty times lower Friday morning in Washington, compared to the same time on Thursday, Stauffer said.

Thick skies and an acrid smell hung over the region for days, with air pollution exceeding some of the most contaminated cities in the world in South Asia and China.

Flights were delayed at many airports due to reduced visibility, and masks reappeared on the streets. On Friday, some 140 fires were still active in Quebec, including nearly 80 that were deemed to be out of control. More than 13,000 people have been evacuated since the beginning of June. Hundreds of foreign firefighters were in Canada to assist with the gigantic fires, many of which are located in remote boreal forest areas. With nearly 900,000 hectares affected, according to official figures, Quebec is experiencing an unprecedented fire season. — AFP

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### GM reaches deal for access to Tesla's North American chargers

TESLA will open its North American electric vehicle charging network to cars from rival General Motors beginning in 2024, Tesla CEO Elon Musk and GM Chief Mary Barra announced Thursday.

Under the agreement – which is similar to a collaboration unveiled last month between Ford and Tesla – GM vehicle owners will have access to Tesla's 12,000 "superchargers," said a GM news release.

The Tesla network will initially require an adaptor for GM cars in 2024. But beginning in 2025, GM vehicles will be built with direct access to the Tesla system without an adaptor, GM said. — AFP

#### With bows and spears, Indigenous 'warriors' defend the Amazon

IN a remote pocket of the Brazilian Amazon under siege from illegal fishermen, poachers, loggers and drug traffickers, Indigenous people have taken it upon themselves to defend the land and its resources.

With bows, arrows and spears, young men of the Sao Luis village patrol the Javari River by motorboat in the valley of the same name.

They call themselves the "Warriors of the Forest," the self-styled heirs of Indigenous rights defender Bruno Pereira, who was murdered in the Javari Valley one year ago along with British journalist Dom Phillips. — AFP

## Paws and Popcorn: Thai cinema goes pet-friendly

A fluffy white cat in a yellow dress perched on the top of a Bangkok cinema seat while, nearby, a Chihuahua in a Sebastian the Crab costume geared up to watch Disney's 'The Little Mermaid' with their owner.

One terrier even channelled Ariel in a red wig and mermaid's tail.

They were among dozens of four-legged film-goers that arrived in strollers Saturday for the opening of Thailand's first pet-friendly cinema on the fringes of the capital.

The country's pet industry is considered the second-biggest in Asia, behind China's, with some 8.3 million dogs and 3.7 million cats in 2021, according to industry data.

Pet ownership grew further during the coronavirus pandem-



Thailand's pet industry is considered the second-biggest in Asia. PHOTO: LILLIAN SUWANRUMPHA/AFP

ic, and now some businesses are trying to cash in.

Mano, 37, had brought his rescue cat, Kati, to the cinema. "We take him to work some-

times... today is like an experiment," he told AFP. "We are seeing 'The Little Mermaid'. He will enjoy seeing all the fish on the screen." — AFP

# ECONOMY WORLD

## Small shops boom as Cuban private sector takes hold

LIKE mushrooms after the rain, small stores are springing up all over Havana, many run from homes or garages as the private sector finally gains a foothold in communist Cuba.

Small businesses, only authorized in 2021, are mounting a challenge to companies run by the one-party state which are emptier every day as Cuba battles a shortage of foreign currency and sky-high inflation amidst its worst economic crisis in 30 years.

From garages, porches or small rented shops, Cubans sell anything from beers and sweets, meat, dairy and groceries that are becoming increasingly difficult to find elsewhere.

"If you need something you can't find (in the state-run stores), they have it! They have the things you need," client Maria Leonor, 73, told AFP as she



In a private store, a kilogramme of milk powder sells for about 2,000 pesos (some \$16) -- just less than half the average monthly salary. **PHOTO: AFP**

emerged from one of the new private outlets.

After six decades of exclu-

sively state-owned commerce, in August 2021 the government approved a law approving small

and medium enterprises.

The sea change came as Cuba reeled from the after-ef-

fects of the Covid-19 pandemic, which flattened its critical tourism industry, and the tightening of US sanctions.

### Yogurt on the menu

At the neighborhood store "El Bodegon 21," a colorful array of products are arranged prettily on wooden shelves -- a stark contrast to the monotony of indistinguishable cans and empty refrigerators in grey-hued state shops.

For customers like Leonor, these new stores offer a chance to find products, like yogurt, missing from the official market.

An added benefit: Cubans can buy at the private stores with the local peso while government stores require payment in foreign currency, which is hard to come by.

But the downside, prices are "quite high," said Leonor. — AFP

## Australia's Qantas lets female cabin crew ditch high heels

AUSTRALIA'S national airline announced on Friday that it will scrap its gender-based uniform guidelines, allowing male cabin crew to wear make-up and giving women the option to ditch high heels.

Qantas said it had overhauled its guidelines to better reflect modern expectations, and to make uniforms more comfortable for staff from "diverse cultural backgrounds".

The airline has drawn attention for its fastidious style guide in the past, which banned handlebar moustaches, policed the length of sideburns, and specified the ideal shades of

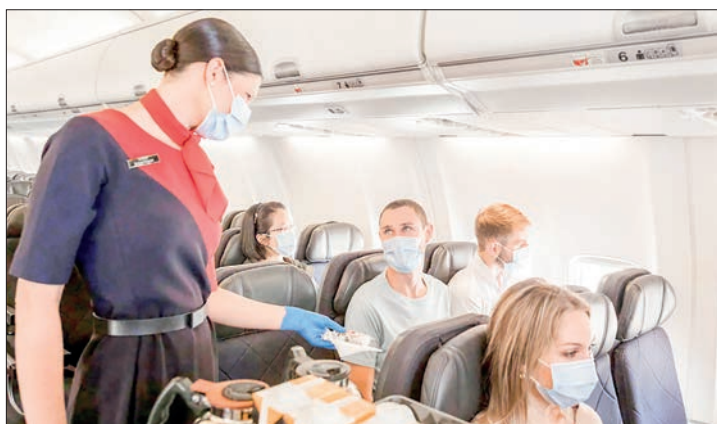
eyeliner.

The changes came at the insistence of labour unions, who urged Qantas to scrap rules such as the requirement that female staff wear make-up.

"Fashions change and so have our style guidelines over the years," the airline said in a statement.

"Our uniform standards have always been reflective of the times."

Qantas said the new "style and grooming guidelines" would ditch the previous "male" and "female" uniform categories. — AFP



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## Pakistan failing in every economic index: key survey



Women shop for jewellery at a market in Peshawar on 8 June a day before Pakistan releases its budget. **PHOTO: AFP**

PAKISTAN failed to meet any economic growth targets for the fiscal year 2022-23, according to a key government report released

Thursday — a day before the new budget is to be presented to the national assembly.

GDP growth was a miserly

0.3 per cent, while agriculture, industrial output, and exports all failed to meet their targets.

Pakistan's economy has been stricken by a balance-of-payments crisis as it attempts to service high levels of external debt, while months of political chaos have scared off potential foreign investment.

Inflation has rocketed, the rupee has plummeted and the country can no longer afford imports, causing a severe decline in industry. The country was also ravaged by record monsoon floods last year that left almost a third of its territory underwater, laying waste to vast swathes of farmland and leaving tens of millions homeless. — AFP

## India's central bank expects growth rate at 6.5% this fiscal year

THE rate of inflation in India during the current fiscal year (April 2023-March 2024) is expected to remain above four per cent, while the country's economy is likely to grow at 6.5 per cent, Governor of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Shaktikanta Das said on Thursday.

Announcing the monetary policy in the financial capital Mumbai, the central bank governor said the Indian economy was strongly placed at a time of global uncertainties.

"We can derive satisfaction from the fact that the Indian economy and the financial sector stand out as strong and resilient in a world of unprecedented headwinds and swift cross currents. Unlike the previous three tumultuous years, the uncertainty on the horizon appears comparatively less and the path ahead somewhat clearer," he said in a statement. The RBI governor said India's economic activities remained resilient and surpassed previous projections. — Xinhua

## Rubber ducks come back to Hong Kong waters

TWO giant inflatable rubber ducks are making a splash in Hong Kong's Victoria Harbor, marking the return of an art installation last seen in the city's waters a decade ago. The pair of yellow ducks, titled "Double Ducks" and themed on the classic bathtub toy, was created by Dutch artist Florentijn Hofman. He has taken his installation on a world tour since launching it in the Netherlands in 2007.

The 2013 edition in Hong Kong featured a single duck 16.5 metres in height. The current ducks measure a more impressive 18 metres each. Project organizer AllRightsReserved in a press release said having

a pair of ducks brings to mind the Chinese characters meaning "happiness" and "friend", both featuring two identical components next to one another.

"Double duck is double luck" Hofman said in the release, adding the work emphasizes friendship and getting connected. "Due to COVID we learned that spending time together is so valuable. Making moments and memories for real, living in the here and now, are things to cling on to," said the 46-year-old Dutch artist. His work has travelled to 12 locations across four continents, according to the project organizer, including South Korea, Taiwan and Japan. — Kyodo



Two giant inflatable ducks float at Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong on 9 June 2023, an art installation called "Double Ducks" by Dutch artist Florentijn Hofman. PHOTO: KYODO

## Major Japan firms expect FY 2023 net profit to rise 4% to record high

MAJOR Japanese companies are expected to see a 4.0 percent rise in combined net profit to 42.9 trillion yen (\$307 billion) this fiscal year, on course to log a record profit for the third consecutive year led by the auto sector, according to the latest tally by a securities house.

The projected profit for the current fiscal year through March 2024 will eclipse an aggregated net profit of 41.3 trillion yen in the last fiscal year, according to SMBC Nikko Securities' data on earnings forecasts at about 1,400 listed companies on



File photo taken in January 2013 shows Toyota Motor Corp.'s Motomachi Plant in the central Japan city of Toyota. PHOTO: KYODO

the Tokyo stock market. Among the market's 33 sectors, net profit in the transportation equipment sector, which includes auto-

makers, is forecast to grow 11.4 percent in fiscal 2023 as a chip supply crunch eases and pent-up demand in the post-pandemic period revs

up vehicle production.

Toyota Motor Corp. expects net profit to rise 5.2 percent to 2.58 trillion yen this fiscal year, reversing a 14 percent drop last fiscal year. Honda Motor Co. and Nissan Motor Co. are also boosting output, projecting their net profit to jump 15.1 percent and 42 percent, respectively, this business year. "Automakers are making a strong comeback," Hikaru Yasuda, equity strategist at SMBC Nikko, said. "It's going to be manufacturers like them that will push up the total profit of Japanese companies." — Kyodo

## Canada's unemployment rate rises to 5.2% in May

CANADA'S unemployment rate rose 0.2 percentage points to 5.2 per cent in May, the first increase in nine months, Statistics Canada said on Friday.

According to the national statistical agency, the youth (aged 15 to 24) unemployment rate was 10.7 per cent in May, up 1.1 percentage points from April. Among people aged 55 and older, the unemployment rate edged up 0.2 percentage points to 4.1 per cent. The unemployment rate for those in the core working age (25 to 54) was 4.3

per cent without monthly change. Overall employment was little changed in May, as employment fell by 77,000 for youth, and it increased by 63,000 among people in the core working age, the agency said.

The employment rate, the percentage of people aged 15 and older who are employed, declined by 0.3 percentage points to 62.1 per cent in May. This reflected strong population growth in the month and little change in employment, the agency said.

The number of em-

ployees held steady in the private and public sector, while there was a decline

in the number of self-employed workers, said Statistics Canada. — Xinhua



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The Iskander is a short-range, nuclear-capable ballistic missile that has been in the Russian arsenal for more than a decade. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ EVGENY STETSKO / AFP**

## Russia to deploy weapons in Belarus: Putin

RUSSIA will deploy certain types of weapons in Belarus after 8 July, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday when meeting with his Belarusian counterpart Alexander Lukashenko.

“As you know, on 7-8 July, the preparation of relevant facilities will be completed, and we will immediately begin measures related to the deployment of the relevant types of weapons on your territory,” Putin said in a conversation with Lukashenko in Russia’s Black Sea resort of

Sochi.

“So everything is going as planned and everything is stable,” he added.

In March this year, Putin said that Russia, at the request of Minsk, would deploy its tactical nuclear weapons in Belarus, just as the United States had been doing on the territories of its allies.

The construction of a special storage facility for tactical nuclear weapons on Belarusian territory would be completed in July, he said. — Xinhua

## AI statue designed by Michelangelo on show in Sweden

A historical dream team of five master sculptors, including Michelangelo, Rodin and Takamura, have trained artificial intelligence (AI) to design a sculpture dubbed “the Impossible Statue”, now on show in a Swedish museum. “This

is a true statue created by five different masters that would never have been able to collaborate in real life,” said Pauliina Lunde, a spokeswoman for Swedish machine engineering group Sandvik that used three AI software pro-

grammes to create the artwork.

Shaking up traditional conceptions about creativity and art, the stainless steel statue depicts an androgynous person with the lower half of the body covered by a swath of material, holding a bronze globe in one hand.

On show at Stockholm’s National Museum of Science and Technology, the statue measures 150 centimetres (four feet 11 inches) and weighs 500 kilogrammes (1,100 pounds). The idea was to create a mix of styles from five famed sculptors who each made their mark on their era: Michelangelo (Italy 1475-1564), Auguste Rodin (France 1840-1917), Kathe Kollwitz (Germany 1867-1945), Kotaro Takamura (Japan 1883-1956) and Augusta Savage (US 1892-1962). — AFP



The world’s first AI sculpture “The Impossible Statue”, on display at Stockholm’s National Museum of Science and Technology. **PHOTO: JONATHAN NACKSTRAND/AFP**

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Russia working to ‘produce Iranian drones’ next year, White House says

RUSSIA is receiving materials from Iran to build a drone factory on its territory that “could be fully operational early next year,” White House national security spokesman John Kirby warned Friday.

The White House released a satellite image of the location of the prospective plant in the Alabuga special economic zone, some 900 kilometres (560 miles) east of Moscow. “The Russia-Iran military partnership appears to be deepening,” Kirby said in a statement, citing US intelligence information.

The White House said it would release a new government advisory to assist businesses and governments “to ensure they are not inadvertently contributing to Iran’s (drone) programme.” — AFP

#### Blast in Türkiye explosives factory kills five

A blast at a Türkiye military explosives factory killed five people on Saturday, a regional governor said. “According to preliminary information, a chemical reaction caused an explosion around 8:45 am (0545 GMT) in the dynamite preparation department. Unfortunately, five employees were killed,” Vasip Sahin, governor of the Ankara province, told reporters at the factory. — AFP

## Six civilians killed in Somalia hotel siege

SIX civilians were killed and 10 wounded in a six-hour siege by Islamist Al-Shabaab militants at a beachside hotel in Somalia’s capital Mogadishu, police said Saturday.

The Al-Qaeda-linked jihadists have been waging an insurgency against the internationally backed federal government for more than 15 years and have often targeted hotels, which tend to host high-ranking Somali and

foreign officials.

“Six civilians were martyred in the attack... and 10 others were wounded. Three brave members of the security forces were martyred during the rescue operation,” the Somali Police Force said in a statement.

The assault, for which Al-Shabaab claimed responsibility, began just before 8:00 pm on Friday (1700 GMT) when seven attackers stormed the Pearl

Beach hotel, a popular spot at Lido Beach along Mogadishu’s coastline.

It ended at around 2:00 am, police said, after a fierce gunfight between security forces and the militants, all of whom were killed during the battle.

“The security forces managed to rescue 84 people including women and children and elderly people,” the police statement added. — AFP



Damage after the attack at the Pearl Beach hotel and restaurant in Mogadishu **PHOTO: AFP**

# Italian special forces save Turkish cargo ship from ‘pirates’

ITALIAN special forces boarded a cargo ship sailing from Türkiye to France on Friday, after the crew were threatened by “pirates” off the Italian coast, the defence ministry said.

Marines dropped onto the vessel from helicopters after a number of “stowaways” used knives to threaten the crew, Defence Minister Guido Crosetto told reporters.

The ministry told AFP the aggressors appeared to be migrants, though their nationalities were unknown.

The ship was the Galata Seaways, a roll-on roll-off cargo ship — designed to carry vehicles — sailing under a Turkish flag with reportedly 22 crew members.

It set off from Topcular in Türkiye on 7 June and was headed for Sete in southern France.

Some 15 stowaways had



A photo taken by the crew of the Turkish ship “Galata Seaway” shows the Italian special forces launching a rescue operation. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ CREW OF GALATA SEAWAY**

boarded the ship in Türkiye, in the hope of reaching Europe, but were discovered by the crew, the

Repubblica daily said.

“The migrants tried to take some of the crew hostage inside

the bridge,” ANSA news agency said. The drama unfolded as the ship — some 200 metres long and

20 metres wide — was sailing in Italian waters, near the island of Ischia.

The captain managed to radio for help, sending an urgent request to Ankara, which then alerted the Italian authorities, according to reports.

After special forces stormed the ship, some of the stowaways were arrested but others “barri- caded themselves in the depths of the hold,” the Repubblica said.

“The ship is very big and it is not difficult to hide,” minister Crosetto told a television show.

“When they heard the heli- copter, (some of the stowaways) ran, then probably tried to escape by sea in the dark,” he said.

“However, the ship is sur- rounded. We will see in the next few hours... who the pirates are and what they wanted to do,” he said. — AFP

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Drone crashes in Russian city of Voronezh

A drone has fallen in the Russian city of Voronezh, injuring several people, Alexander Gusev, the region’s governor, said on Friday.

Photographs posted on social media show that a multi-sto- rey building received minor damage as a result of the incident. According to preliminary data, three people were lightly injured.

Drone attack in Voronezh was carried out by persons acting in interests of leadership of Ukraine, Russian Investigative Com- mittee states.

Head of Russia’s Voronezh Region introduced district state of emergency after drone attack. — SPUTNIK

### Nearly 4 million Ukrainian refugees receive temporary protection in EU

As of 30 April 2023, close to four million Ukrainian citizens have sought and received temporary sanctuary within the borders of the EU. Since the conflict erupted on 24 February 2022, these individuals have fled their homes, ultimately benefiting from the EU’s temporary protection status. — AFP

## Colombian government, ELN guerrillas sign six-month truce

COLOMBIA’S government and the ELN guerrilla group agreed to a six-month ceasefire in Havana Friday as they work towards a peace pact to end decades of conflict.

A deal for a “bilateral, national and temporary ceasefire”, according to Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez, was signed in the presence of Colombian President Gustavo Petro and ELN leader Antonio Garcia.

Rodriguez said the ceasefire — sealed at the conclusion of a third round of peace talks in the Cuban capital — would enter into force on 3 August.

Founded in 1964, the ELN had more than 5,800 combatants in 2022, according to authorities.



A ceasefire pact was signed in the presence of Colombian President Gustavo Petro (L) and ELN leader Antonio Garcia (R), here with Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel. **PHOTO: AFP**

It is Colombia’s last active guer- rilla group.

The ELN has taken part in failed negotiations with Colom-

bia’s last five governments, and has been party to only one pre- vious ceasefire which lasted for 101 days in 2017 and 2018. — AFP



## Plane contact leads to runway closure at Tokyo’s Haneda airport

TWO passenger planes came into contact at Tokyo’s Haneda airport Saturday morning, lead-

The wing of a Thai Airways plane appears to be partially damaged after it came into contact with an aircraft operated by Taiwan’s Eva Airways on a taxiway at Tokyo’s Haneda airport on 10 June 2023. **PHOTO: KYODO**

ing to the temporary closure of one of its four runways, the Jap- anese transport ministry said.

While no injuries were re- ported as a result of the inci- dent that occurred on a taxiway at around 11 am, Thai Airways confirmed that a winglet on its plane had been damaged. The closed runway resumed oper-

ation after about two hours.

The Thai Airways flight was carrying around 260 pas- sengers, while the other plane operated by Taiwan’s Eva Airways had about 200 peo- ple on board, according to the Ministry of Land, Infrastruc- ture, Transport and Tourism. — Kyodo

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# SPORT

## Athletes who competed in XII ASEAN Paralympic Games come back home

MYANMAR athletes returned to Yangon International Airport via Phenom Penh, Cambodia, after participating in the XII ASEAN Paralympic Games.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, departmental officials, Myanmar Paralympic Sports Federation officials, students, athletes and the public welcomed back the sports team.

Team Myanmar includes 126 persons including 44 coaches and 82 athletes.

Ten male athletes for Swimming Sports, 25 athletes for track & field, seven athletes for Weightlifting, 12 male athletes for Volleyball, six male athletes for Chess, two male athletes for Table Tennis, and 14 players for



Myanmar athletes who have taken part in XII ASEAN Paralympic Games are seen at the Yangon International Airport yesterday.

Men's Football totalling 82 represented Team Myanmar.

Team Myanmar stood in sixth place with total medals of 56 including 12 golds, 13 silvers, and ten bronzes for Swimming, three

gold, six silver, and four bronze medals for Track and Field, three silver and two bronze medals for Weightlifting, one bronze for Goalball, and two bronze medals for Chess. — MNA/KZL

## Tennis: Oda wins French Open, sets Grand Slam wheelchair record

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD Tokito Oda of Japan won the French Open men's wheelchair tennis singles title Saturday, making him the category's youngest Grand Slam champion in history.

Oda defeated top-seeded Alfie Hewett of Britain

6-1, 6-4, avenging his loss in their Australian Open final matchup this past January. The left-hander, who has emerged as Japan's next wheelchair tennis star following Shingo Kunieda's retirement, converted five of 10 break points he earned. — Kyodo

## Myanmar suffers 0-5 loss to China in AFC U-20 Women's Qualifiers

MYANMAR U-20 women's football team suffered a 0-5 defeat to China U-20 Women's team in the Round-2 Qualifiers for the AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup 2024 played at the Thuwunna

Stadium in Yangon yesterday. It rained heavily in yesterday's game, so both teams played with all their might.

Due to the height difference, the Myanmar team could

not play at the same level as China.

Lu Jiayu scored the first goal for China in eight minutes.

Next, the second goal for China was scored by Jiang Chenjing in 36 minutes and the third goal was scored by Huo Yuexin in 41 minutes.

Team China led the first half with triple goals.

In the second half, China did not slow down their game and played a high attack.

Zhao Xinyue produced the fourth and fifth goals in 69, and 74 minutes.

Near the end of the game, it was raining more heavily, so it was more difficult for the Myanmar team to get an equalizer.

China celebrated at the final whistle as they have already advanced to the AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup 2024 along with second-placed team Chinese Taipei. Myanmar and Nepal were eliminated from the group stage of the qualifiers. — KZL



A Myanmar player (white) vies for the ball against China (red) during the Round-2 Qualifiers for AFC U20 Women's Asian Cup played at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon on 10 June 2023. PHOTO: MFF

## 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.

## Messi gets rockstar welcome in China ahead of Australia friendly

FOOTBALL superstar Lionel Messi arrived in Beijing by private jet on Saturday and was greeted by hundreds of jubilant fans, with his World-Cup-winning Argentina set to face Australia in a friendly match next week.

"Messi! Messi!" chanted several hundred fans who were waiting for him at the airport, many wearing the blue-and-white striped jersey of the Albiceleste's No 10, according to social media images. Several hundred others waited outside his hotel, not far from the banks of the Liangma River, popular with Beijingers for strolls.

This is Messi's seventh trip to China, the last being in

2017, according to local media.

World champions Argentina will play a friendly against Australia on 15 June at Beijing's newly-renovated 68,000-capacity Workers' Stadium. By mid-day, the arrival of global sporting superstar Messi was the most talked-about topic on the Weibo social network.

"I absolutely want to see Messi!" wrote one user, echoing others' comments. "I am still feeling the emotions of the match of when Argentina secured the World Cup," said another, referring to the Albiceleste's victory after an epic final against France in December. — AFP