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## The Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council: Five-Point Road Map

1. Priority will be given to fully realizing peace, stability and rule of law throughout the Union to safeguard the socioeconomic life of the people.
2. People-centred development work that enhances socioeconomic well-being will be undertaken to ensure the country's prosperity and food security.
3. Processes will further continue to consolidate a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system and build a Union based on democracy and federalism.
4. Priority will be accorded to work aligned with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, in order to achieve enduring peace for the entire nation.
5. Upon accomplishing the provisions of the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held in line with the 2008 Constitution, and further work will be undertaken to hand over State duties to the winning party in accordance with democratic standards.

# Myanmar's honey exports exceed 330 tonnes in May



Thailand and Japan were the primary recipients, with 60.3 tonnes and 40.11 tonnes of honey, respectively. Photos depict a row of beehives in a field.

tonnes, Japan imported 176 tonnes, and the Republic of Korea purchased 20 tonnes. In total, Myanmar exported 336.7 tonnes of honey.

In April, Myanmar had already conveyed 100.41 tonnes of honey worth US\$0.15 million to foreign markets. Thailand and

Japan were the primary recipients, with 60.3 tonnes and 40.11 tonnes of honey, respectively.

Over the past two months, Myanmar's honey exports amounted to \$0.655 million, with a total volume exceeding 400 tonnes. The Republic of Korea,

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**I**N May of the current financial year 2023-2024, Myanmar achieved a significant milestone by exporting over

300 tonnes of honey, valued at US\$0.505 million, to international markets. These figures were reported by the Apiculture Division

under the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

Out of the total honey exports, Thailand received 140.7

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### Judgements passed on 2 special criminal appeal cases, 3 special civil appeal cases and 3 special civil appeal cases heard

A special appeal tribunal consisting of Chief Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union U Kyi Thein, U Khin Maung Gyi, U Thein Ko Ko and Daw Thin Thin Nwet was convened yesterday morning at the Supreme Court and passed the judgements on two special criminal appeal cases Nos 13/2022 (Magway) and 14/2022 (Mon), and three special civil appeal cases Nos 43/2020 (Yangon), 33/2022 (Mandalay) and 36/2022 (Mandalay).

In addition, a total of three special civil appeal cases Nos 103/2019 (Mandalay), 20/2021 (Kachin), and 46/2022 (Mandalay) were heard following the COVID-19 prevention and control guidelines. — MNA

### 43 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 19 June, total figure registers 640,092

MYANMAR'S COVID-19-positive cases rose to 640,092 after 43 new cases were reported on 19 June 2023 according to the Ministry of Health. Therefore, a total of 10,787,538 laboratory samples were examined and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached 640,092. The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached 618,941 including 28 new recoveries. The death toll from COVID-19 in the country registered 19,494 on 19-6-2023 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. — GNLMM

### Public Notice for Submitting Objection

- Under Section 5 of the Political Parties Registration Law, National Interest Development Party (NIDP), with its headquarters located at No 2, Phatkhin Street, Phatkhin Ward, Mawlamyine, Mon State, submitted to the Union Election Commission on 16-6-2023 that the party name, flag and emblem will be used as described below.
- Therefore, those who want to object to the mentioned party name, flag and emblem that will be used by the National Interest Development Party (NIDP), can object to the Union Election Commission with valid evidence within seven days from the date of this announcement. It is announced to the public under Rule 14 (d) of the Registration of Political Parties.



Flag of National Interest Development Party (NIDP)



Emblem of National Interest Development Party (NIDP)

Union Election Commission

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

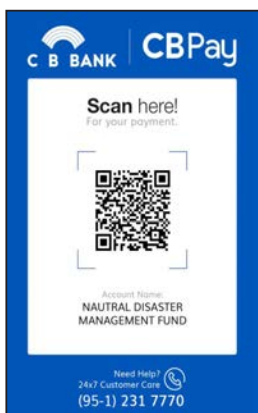
- AN announcement has been issued that well-wishers wishing to make donations for people who fell victim to the extremely severe cyclonic storm Mocha which hit Myanmar on 14-5-2023 can donate cash to Myanmar account OA-011834 and foreign account 1DA-0300086.
- In this announcement, it is duly mentioned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

tions 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.

- 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.
- 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
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National Disaster Management Committee

## Investment in education sector key to future democratic nation

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

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

# UEC examines activities of political parties in line with Political Parties Registration Law

UNION Election Commission Chairman U Thein Soe accompanied by UEC members U Myint Oo and U Khin Maung Oo met chairpersons and members of the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party (KKDUP) and Shan State Kokang Democratic Party and inspected the parties' processes at the local battalion guest house in Lashio yesterday morning.

The UEC chairman stressed the importance of complying with the financial regulations issued by the UEC to the registered political parties and urged them to gather party members and open party offices in a timely manner.

He ordered the party banners and flags should be under the law and instructions.

Building a strong political party is a must, he stated.

He highlighted that parties



UEC Chair U Thein Soe leads commissioners to check the activities of political parties in Lashio yesterday.

will be elected in the elections to be held with a proportional representation system, according to ethnic regions, and stressed the

participation in the legislative and administrative sectors.

Considering the vote fraud that occurred in the previous

election, the relevant Hluttaw election laws are being amended and enacted, he added.

After the enactment, politi-

cal parties must cooperate under the law, and they will be allowed to cooperate in the process of compiling and verifying votes, he stated.

The relevant party chairpersons and members briefed on the order for their preparations in advance.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party (KKDUP), located at No Hta/19/764, Humon Street, west of Mansu Shan Monastery, Ward 19, Quarter 12, Lashio, Shan State, has already received the right to register on 16 May 2023 under Notification No 21/2023.

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, located at Kyishan Street, Tongchan Ward 1, Lauk-kai, Shan State (North), have already received the right to register on 30 May 2023 under Notification No 24/2023, as stated by the UEC. — MNA/KZL

# Myanmar's honey exports exceed 330 tonnes in May

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Japan, the United States, and Singapore were the major destinations for Myanmar's honey exports.

Beekeeping businesses in Myanmar are mainly concentrated in Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region, Magway Region, and Shan State. The country produces various types of honey, including sesame honey, jujube honey, Niger honey, sunflower honey, lychee honey, and flower honey. The harvest season for sesame honey has commenced in June.

In Myanmar, honey serves as a traditional medicine and also contributes to the country's foreign income through exports. The beekeeping in-

dustry comprises both state-owned beekeeping stations with 6,200 beehives, and approximately 820 private beekeeping businesses operating with nearly 200,000 beehives. Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, and Shan State are the primary regions for apiculture and honey production businesses.

Furthermore, bee pollination is facilitated on approximately two million acres of crops annually. This year, 11 per cent of sunflower acreages have been designated as pollen sources. The proximity of beekeeping businesses to crop fields plays a crucial role in ensuring successful crop yields and high-quality honey production.

Myanmar has an annual honey production of about 7,000 tonnes, with an average production capacity of 70 pounds per beehive. Approximately 2,600 tonnes of honey are exported to foreign markets each year, with Myanmar's honey commanding a price of \$1,600 per tonne.

In the 2022-2023 financial year (April-March), Myanmar shipped more than 1,900 tonnes of honey to external markets, with an estimated value exceeding \$2.8 million. Of this total, 1,853.74 tonnes were exported by sea, while 63.44 tonnes were transported to neighbouring countries via cross-border channels. — NN/EM

## Press Release

AT the invitation of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand Mr Don Pramudwinai, U Than Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, attended an informal discussion on Myanmar, held on 19 June 2023 in Pattaya, Thailand. Foreign Ministers, Special Envoys, Ambassadors and representatives from ASEAN Member States: Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Viet Nam, the Philippines and neighbouring countries: China and India participated.

During the informal discussion, the participants exchanged views on matters related to the situation in Myanmar. U Than Swe, Union Minister, briefed the meeting on Myanmar's cooperation with ASEAN for implementing the ASEAN five-point consensus, building peace and stability and restoring democracy in line with the State Administration Council's Five Points Roadmap.

**Ministry of Foreign Affairs**  
**Nay Pyi Taw**  
**Date, 19 June 2023**

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.

# SAC Member DPM Union MoTC Minister, Union Ministers, officials inspect rehabilitation measures

SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, U Myo Thant and Dr Thet Thet Khine and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin, deputy ministers and officials attended a coordination meeting on the comprehensive renovation of the religious edifices damaged by Cyclone Mocha in Rakhine State yesterday.

The Deputy Prime Minister highlighted priorities given to rehabilitation work in education, health and religious edifices in the aftermath of Mocha, systematic maintenance of Myanmar traditional artistic works and buildings donated by well-wishers under the close supervision of trustee boards, relevant ministries, the state government and Sangha Maha Nayaka Committees in the restoration of damaged stupas and religious edifices.

Afterwards, the trustees of



Deputy Prime Minister Admiral Tin Aung San views the learning of students at the Government Technical High School (Sittway) yesterday.



pagodas in Sittway explained the damage to the religious edifices and the conditions of the comprehensive renovation. Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and Chief Minister U Htein Lin made suggestions in discussions and Admiral Tin Aung San coordinated the presentations.

Deputy Prime Minister Admiral Tin Aung San and party proceeded to the Government

Technical High School (Sittway) in the afternoon and viewed round the learning of students and the completion of the renovation of school buildings and classrooms. He also cordially greeted and encouraged students and teachers.

Next, the Admiral inspected the Rakhine State Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, Directorate of Marine Admin-

istration, and Myanmar Post's staff housing. He encouraged staff and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Similarly, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and party went to the Sittway University and Border Area Ethnic Youth Development Training School and inspected the rehabilitation measures under implementation. He gave

necessary instructions to officials.

The Ministry of Electric Power completed the repair work of the 66 kV Ponnagyun-Kyauktaw power cable, which was damaged by Mocha, and 100 per cent electricity distribution to the city's neighbourhoods has resumed since 18 June, including Maha Muni Buddha image in Kyauktaw. — MNA/TS

# Ceremony to honour people involved in fundraising events for Mocha victims

THE ceremony to honour people who were involved in fundraising activities for Cyclone Mocha-affected people was held at Sky Star Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

The charity concert of artistes from the movie, music and theatrical industries to raised funds for Mocha victims was held

on 2, 3 and 4 June at the National Theatre in Yangon.

Moreover, the Mocha fundraising football matches of Movie FC, Music FC, Old Star FC and Forever FC were also played at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon on 16 and 17 June.

The stadium was crowded

with fans and they also made donations. The artistes will soon go to Rakhine State to donate the cash received from fundraising events.

Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and regional ministers,

patrons, chairpersons, vice-chairpersons and officials, members of the Myanmar Motion Picture Organization, Myanmar Music Association (Central), Central Myanmar Theatrical Association and Myanmar Comedians Association, the people who are involved in rehabilitation work for cyclone-affected people and about 300 guests attended the ceremony. First of all, the ceremony was opened by screening the documentary video of activities conducting rehabilitation tasks, supervision of senior officials, measures of ministries concerned, donation of local/foreign donors, comfort of artistes to storm victims in storm-hit areas, fundraising events and other collective response to natural disaster. Afterwards, Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn delivered a speech highlighting the current

rehabilitation processes in Rakhine State and the participation of people and artistes in relief and rehabilitation processes and expressed his willingness to work together for the interests of the country and people in the future. Then, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein expressed a word of thanks.

Moreover, officials of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization, Myanmar Music Association (Central), Central Myanmar Theatrical Association, Myanmar Comedians Association and the organizing committee for the Mocha fundraising football match and music concert also expressed words of thanks.

After the ceremony, the Union minister and the regional chief minister cordially greeted the artistes, former national football players and attendees. — MNA/KTZH



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn speaks on the honouring event for those involved in fundraising activities for Mocha victims yesterday in Yangon.



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# CRIME NEWS

## Illegal foodstuffs, consumer goods and vehicles confiscated

UNDER the supervision of the Yangon Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force, the No 2 Traffic Police branch seized a Toyota Alphard (worth K4 million) without a licence near Yangon-Nyaungdon Road in Htantabin township on 17 June. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

A combined team under the management of the Sagaing Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force impounded an unregistered Toyota Passo (worth K1.5 million) at the Paewai checkpoint. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

The Myeik Township Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force

nabbed two kinds of goods (worth about K1.96 million), including 480 bottles of Big Cola energy drink, without official documents at a warehouse on Mindhamma

Street in Myeik township on 17 June and a Jinbei Haise minibus (approximate value of K35 million) heading to Dawei from Kawthoung carrying 2,000 Esty

collagen soaps (worth K12 million) without official documents on 18 June. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

In addition, a combined

team of the Mayanchaung permanent checkpoint made unexpected checks on 18 June and confiscated a Toyota Hilux (estimated value of K17 million) carrying 1,440 litres of Gaysorn vegetable cooking oil (worth K3.6 million) near the detour of Thit-saintbin village at the 98/4 Milepost on Pyidaungsu Highway. These action was taken under Customs procedures.

As a result, a total of seven arrests were made on 17 and 18 June, with an estimated value of K75.06 million, according to the report by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS



Confiscated illegal goods in Taninthayi Region.

### Over K830 mln worth of stimulant tablets, Ice captured in Yangon Region

A total of 757,000 stimulant tablets and three kilogrammes of Ice (Methamphetamine) worth over K830 million were captured in Yangon Region, Myanmar Police Force stated.

Acting on a tip-off, a combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force searched two motorbikes driven by Htoo Khant Naung, Pyae Sone Kyaw Min and Hein Khin Zaw at the junction of Lower Mingaladon Raod and Pyidawtha 1 road in Insein township at 7 pm on 16 June. A total of 467,000 stimulant tablets were seized from them.

Moreover, the Police Force captured another 290,000 stimulant tablets and 3 kilogrammes of Ice (Methamphetamine) from a man called Pyae Sone Kyaw Min who lived in a rented house in Ward (8/4) in Shwepyitha township at 1 am on 17 June.

It is learnt that the drugs were to be sold to the youths who frequented the KTV, clubs, bars and restaurants in Yangon.

Police have taken legal action against the offenders and an ongoing investigation is being conducted to identify the persons involved. — MNA/MKKS



Three offenders are seen along with seized drugs and motorbikes.

### Six suspects involved in telecom fraud escorted back to China from Myanmar

SIX suspects involved in telecom fraud were escorted back to China from Myanmar on Monday, according to the statement of Chinese Embassy to Myanmar.

Six fraudsters had been captured during an anti-telecom fraud campaign jointly developed by China, Myanmar and Thailand along Myanmar-Thailand border.

The Chinese Embassy to Myanmar said the capture demonstrates the firm determination of the three countries to fight transnational crimes, especially gambling and fraud.

It also said China will keep

strengthening its cooperation with Myanmar and Thailand in law enforcement, maintaining a strong stance against such

crimes and effectively safeguard the property and security of the residents. — Chinese Embassy News/ KTZH



Six suspects are seen along with escort personnel.

### Stimulant tablets seized in Kalaw, Nawngkhio townships

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Police Force, stimulant tablets were seized in Kalaw and Nawngkhio townships.

A combined team comprising the anti-drug squad members from Kalaw Township inspected Kyaw Win near Pahtama Village in Kalaw Township and arrested him together with 4,000 stimulant tablets on 17 June. Similarly, another team from Nawngkhio Township searched a Honda Insight vehicle driven by Thet Wai Soe accompanied by Hla Win Myint and seized 140,000 stimulant tablets from them at the Dohtawady bridge on the Yaksawk-Nawngkhio road in the township.

Legal action has been taken against them and the perpetrators of chain crimes are being investigated and identified. —MNA/KZW

### Heroin worth K550 million seized in Mandalay Region

THE Myanmar Police Force reported the seizure of 22 kilos of heroin valued at K550 million, in Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay Region.

A combined team comprising members of the anti-drug squad raided the house of a man called Win Kyaw Soe (aka), Khant Soe, located on 53<sup>rd</sup> Street between 126<sup>th</sup> and 127<sup>th</sup> streets in Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay Region, on 15 June and seized 22 kilogrammes of heroin, concealed within 2,200 plastic soap cups. The estimated value of the seized drugs amounts to K550 million.

As an interrogation results, Ma Nar Wa (aka) Juu May, a drug carrier, was arrested at a hotel located between 42<sup>nd</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> streets. Legal action has been taken against them and the perpetrators of chain crimes are being investigated and identified. —MNA/KZW

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



Tatmadaw naval vessels laden with relief supplies are pictured transporting them to Rakhine State.

PYITAWAYE-2 from the Tatmadaw (Navy) left the Bo Aung Kyaw Port, Yangon, for Sittway yesterday afternoon to deliver the necessary materials to the people affected by the extremely severe Cyclone Mocha in Sittway, Rakhine State.

The vessel containing 13,850 bags of rice weighing 40 kilogrammes each, 568 six-pyi rice bags, 400 cartons of ready-to-eat rice, 10 mini tractors, and 14 power-tillers donated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation; 650

cartons of blankets and mosquito nets, and 18,930 sets of school uniforms provided by the Department of Disaster Management; and 2,333 cartons of nails donated by the Myanmar Economic Corporation, weighing a total of 665 tonnes of cargo.

Similarly, one 29-metre landing craft transported 4,000 CI sheets, 403 pieces of timbers, 169 packs of purified water bottles, 100 palm oil bottles, 120 bottles of vegetable oil, 10 peanut oil bottles, six sacks of

dried rice noodles, one sack of fish sauce bottles, 100 packs of instant noodles, two cartons of various snacks, 32 cartons of biscuits, and 38 cartons of medical supplies supported by the Rakhine State government to Minbya jetty.

The relief materials carried by the military vessels will be handed over to the officials in an orderly manner and distributed to the people affected by the storm as soon as possible. — MNA/CT

## Tatmadaw (Air) continues transporting relief supplies to Mocha victims

FOODSTUFFS and relief items contributed by families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and well-wishers, and supplies provided by the National Disaster Management Committee for regions affected by Cyclone Mocha are being transported by Tatmadaw aircraft and helicopters.

A total of 2.1 tonnes of foodstuffs such as beans and pulses, vermicelli, onions and garlic, noodles, and canned foods donated by families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, and Air) and well-wishers were

delivered from Yangon International Airport to Sittway Airport by an aircraft of Tatmadaw (Air) yesterday.

Relief materials are being delivered on time by plane and helicopter of Tatmadaw (Air), and as of yesterday, 534.5 tonnes of relief materials plus 3,380 military and departmental personnel who will assist in the rehabilitation work were transported. Helicopters are distributing relief supplies to cyclone-affected areas, and officials receive and distribute them in a timely manner. — MNA/CT



Relief materials are seen being loaded aboard the Tatmadaw plane.

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



Lt-Gen Lu Aye inspects the cleaning of drainage in Kyaukpyu.

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 departmental staff inspected the cleaning of drain in the Asoeya ward. Then they paid homage to the Sayadaw

of the Nagakyaung monastery, who is currently receiving medical treatment at the General Hospital of Kyaukpyu District.

Lt-Gen Aye Win currently in Buthidaung in Rakhine State along with officials inspected the cleaning process performed by departmental staff at schools in Myoma ward. Furthermore, they met the officials of the township-level disaster management committee in the meeting room of the General Administration Department and provided supplies to rep-

resentatives in seven village tracts at U Oattama hall in Myothit ward.

Similarly, Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Soe currently in Myebon along with officials inspected the relief supplies carried by Kalatan-6 vessel at Ngu port yesterday morning.

Brig-Gen Tin Swe, currently in Maungtaw, along with departmental officials provided necessary items to the monasteries damaged by the storm in Maungtaw and inspected the schools. — MNA/KZW

## Foodstuffs sold at fairer prices in Mocha-hit Sittway

MEMBERS of the local battalions under the Western Command and officials sell essential foodstuffs at lower prices for the convenience of residents and departmental staff affected by Cyclone Mocha in Sittway, to be able to buy the food they want at a fair price.

Foodstuffs including rice, ed-

ible oil, salt, meat, fish, egg, dairy products, vegetables, onions, garlic, and products of Tatmadaw Factories and Myanmar Economic Corporation including instant noodles, biscuits, and canned food were sold at lower prices at U Ottama Park in Sittway yesterday.

The local people and the

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

Locals are purchasing goods at reduced prices in Sittway.



## MRF works to ensure fair rice prices amid market manipulation attempts

THE Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) is actively engaged in efforts to stabilize the rice market and ensure fair pricing in the face of attempts at market manipulation. Recognizing the long-term benefits of a thriving private-sector rice industry and aiming to alleviate the burden on consumers, a working committee was formed during a recent rice purchasing coordination meeting held on June 17. The committee discussed and planned further procedures to address the is-

sue. Key objectives in commercial rice trading include establishing fair prices for consumers, ensuring profitable pricing for growers, minimizing price fluctuations in line with international market rates, and promoting fair competition on the global stage. According to market data from the Rice Wholesale Centre (Wahdan), high-grade Pawsan rice from Shwebo is currently priced at K110,000 per bag at the wholesale level, while the retail price

exceeds K130,000 per bag. During the second week of June, the prices of Shwebo Pawsan rice experienced a slight increase in Shwebo, YeU, and Kalay districts. However, the Department of Consumer Affairs in Sagaing Region reported that prices have remained relatively stable in other districts of the region. Approximately 24,000 bags of Shwebo Pawsan rice entered the Yangon market in the first week, followed by 25,000 bags in the second week. — TWA/EM



The photo shows the General Conference of Myanmar Rice Federation held on 30 May 2023.

## Myanmar's earthquake rattles southern region, felt in Thailand

A powerful earthquake struck the southern coastal region of Myanmar at approximately 8 am on 19 June. The impact of the earthquake was felt in Phop Phra District of Tak Province in Thailand, as reported by the Bangkok Post news website.

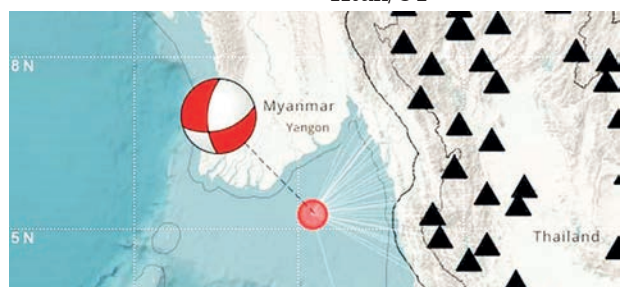
According to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, the earthquake was classified as a moderate tremor measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale. Its epicentre was located in the Myanmar Sea, approximately 70 miles southeast of Pyapon, at Latitude 15.50 °N, Longitude 96.33 °E.

The earthquake occurred at a depth of 10 kilometres and was recorded at 8:10:27 MST on 19 June 2023. The Kaba Aye seismological observatory, located about 95 miles south-southeast of

istered seismic activity. The Weather and Earthquake Surveillance Centre in Thailand reported that the epicentre of the earthquake was located 289 kilometres southwest of Tak Province.

The tremors were felt not only in Tak Province but also in Nonthaburi and Bangkok, particularly by residents of high-rise buildings, as reported by the Bangkok Post newspaper. Additionally, on 7 June, another earthquake with a magnitude of 4.8 on the Richter scale occurred in Maubin, Ayeyawady Region, resulting in the destruction of several buildings.

A nun and a woman lost their lives when a building in Mogok Vipassana Monastery in Ward No 6 of Maubin collapsed due to the quiver. — Htun Htun/CT



A graph shows the effect of an earthquake in Myanmar reaching Thailand.



The steering committee coordination meeting in progress.

## Urea fertilizer, Compound fertilizer cost K75,000, K115,000 respectively

THE Urea Fertilizer Purchasing, Distribution and Sales Steering Committee Chair Union Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Hla Moe said that urea fertilizer is being distributed and sold at a price of K75,000 per 50-kilogramme bag, while compound fertilizer is priced at K115,000 per 50-kg bag.

In the year 2023-2024, a total of 4.13 million tonnes of inputs will be required for the cultivation of 10 main crops across 33.78 million acres. A total of 5.3 lakh acres have been allocated for the implementation of the monsoon paddy project in four regions, funded by the State Economic Promotion Fund. The project will require a total of 79,500 tonnes of fertilizer.

The Union Minister stated that the national government has already established the National Economic Promotion initiative to drive agricultural-based economic activities and necessary fertilizers and inputs have been provided for the agricultural production projects covering 500,000 acres of wintergreen beans and 850,000 acres of summer paddy. — Htun Htun (GNLM)/ KZW

## Crackdown on overseas employment agencies for delayed deployment of workers

THE Labour Department has issued a stern warning to licensed overseas employment agencies that fail to fulfil their obligations regarding the timely despatch of workers to their respective countries. Failure to adhere to this requirement will result in the revocation of their licences. This announcement, made on 15 June, comes as a response to several issues, including fraudulent demand letters, upfront fees for training, and failure to deliver workers as promised.

Under the new guidelines, which will be effective from 26 June, managing directors of these agencies are now required to bring three photocopies of the Employment Contract (EC). These contracts should be signed by employers in the destination countries and countersigned by agency directors. This

documentation must be submitted to the nearest Township Labour Department office. The agency directors will then proceed to sign individual contracts with the workers. It is crucial to emphasize that the employer-employee agreement should only be finalized after obtaining the approval of the labour attaché, verifying the demand letters with the respective Myanmar embassies, and receiving approval from the Labour Department to proceed with the deployment process.

To complete the contract signing process, agencies will need to provide an authorization letter, a demand letter, and the original and photocopy of the employee's passport. These requirements aim to strengthen accountability and ensure transparency in the recruitment process. — TWA/CT



The picture shows Myanmar workers being sent to Thailand by overseas employment agencies.

# OPINION

## Modernize MSME businesses with digital technology

**M**ICRO-, small-, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) play a vital role in driving domestic production, reducing reliance on imports, and increasing export opportunities. To support these objectives, relevant authorities must focus on developing the manufacturing sector within each region and state.

Enabling MSME businesses to thrive is crucial for long-term economic growth and the production of diverse goods. Efforts should be directed towards bolstering the manufacturing sector, with technology, financial support, market access, land allocation, supply of raw materials, and handling various items of machinery as key considerations. The MSME development work committee collaborates with regional and state MSME businesses to ensure these essential requirements are provided to business owners.

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Identifying suitable product categories for MSME industries is essential, such as food products including oil crops, rice, tapioca, rubber, cotton, coffee, tea, forest products, rattan/bamboo crafts, fish, animal feed, and traditional medicines, based on the availability of raw materials. An emphasis should be placed on enhancing the exports of these products.

Regional and state authorities should devise strategic plans based on the selected products. To implement these plans successfully, it is crucial to provide financial capital and technology to local MSME entrepreneurs through cooperative and private systems. This support will help ensure smooth monetary circulation in the investment sector and overcome potential challenges. Additionally, authorities should expand the pool of MSME entrepreneurs and facilitate entrepreneurial initiatives.

Rapid dissemination of information is vital for MSME entrepreneurs and local communities to effectively navigate the market and optimize production. Efforts should also be made to cultivate a skilled workforce and human resources to meet the needs of MSME businesses. By doing so, the manufacturing sector can be modernized while maintaining robust marketing and export procedures.

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In order to strengthen the MSME sector, regional and state governments should prioritize the manufacturing of MSME products using domestic raw materials. Simultaneously, they should encourage MSME businesses to produce goods that align with the One Region-One Product plan, wherein each region focuses on manufacturing specific products. This approach allows for the production of domestic goods while facilitating export commodities to foreign markets.

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## Exploring the Vibrant Tapestry of TikTok

By Yin Nwe Ko



**T**IKTOK is a popular social media platform that allows users to create and share short videos. It was developed by the Chinese company ByteDance and launched in September 2016. TikTok quickly gained global popularity, particularly among younger audiences, and has since become one of the most downloaded apps worldwide. The following issues are the Key Features of TikTok that regular users should learn well.

**Video Creation:** TikTok enables users to create and edit short videos of up to 60 seconds in length. Users can add various effects, filters, stickers, text, and music to enhance their videos.

**Music and Sound Integration:** One of TikTok's defining features is its extensive library of licensed music and sound bites that users can incorporate into their videos. This has led to the rise of viral challenges and trends, where users create videos based on specific songs or audio clips.

**For You Page:** TikTok's algorithm-driven "For You" page displays a personalized feed of videos based on a user's preferences and interactions. This feature allows users to discover content from creators they may not be following, making it easier to explore and engage with a wide range of videos.

**Duets and Reactions:** Users can interact with each other's

content through features like "Duets" and "Reactions." Duets allow users to create split-screen videos alongside another user's video, while Reactions enable users to respond to videos with their own footage.

**Effects and Filters:** TikTok offers a variety of visual effects, filters, and editing tools to enhance videos. Users can adjust the speed of their videos, apply filters to change the appearance and access a wide range of augmented reality (AR) effects.

**Challenges and Trends:** TikTok is known for its viral challenges and trends that circulate within the community. Users participate by creating videos that follow a specific theme or choreography, often accompanied by a particular hashtag. Challenges and trends provide a sense of community engagement and contribute to the platform's overall dynamic.

**Live Streaming:** TikTok allows users to stream live videos, enabling real-time interaction with their followers. Live streams are often used for Q&A sessions, performances, tutorials, or simply to engage with the audience.

**Privacy and Safety Concerns:** TikTok has faced scrutiny regarding privacy and data security due to its Chinese origins and the potential sharing of user data with the Chinese government. These concerns have led to calls for increased regulation and scrutiny of the platform.

In response to these concerns, TikTok has taken measures to address privacy issues, including transparency reports, clearer privacy policies, and increased moderation efforts to remove harmful content. They have also expanded their safety features, such as allowing users to set their accounts to private, restrict comments, and filter specific keywords.

**Community Guidelines and Moderation:** TikTok has community guidelines that prohibit various types of content, including hate speech, harassment, nudity, graphic violence, and dangerous challenges. The platform employs a combination of automated systems and human moderators to enforce these guidelines and remove or restrict content that violates the rules.

**Creators and Influencers:** TikTok has a vibrant community of creators and influencers who have gained significant popularity and even monetized their content. These creators often collaborate with brands, participate in sponsored campaigns, and generate income through various means, such as brand partnerships, merchandise sales, and live-streaming gifts.

**Impact and Cultural Influence:** TikTok has had a profound impact on popular culture, with viral TikTok trends and dances

frequently crossing over to mainstream media. The platform has also provided a space for under-represented voices, allowing marginalized communities to share their experiences and perspectives.

For those who would like to gain fame and popularity on TikTok, it essentially requires a combination of creativity, consistency, and engagement with the TikTok community. Then, let's study some tips to increase your chances of gaining popularity on the platform:

**Find Your Niche:** Identify a specific niche or theme for your content. This could be anything you're passionate about, whether it's dancing, comedy, fashion, beauty, cooking, or any other area of interest. Focusing on a niche helps you target a specific audience and build a dedicated following.

**Create Engaging Content:** Invest time in creating high-quality, visually appealing, and entertaining videos. Experiment with different video styles, effects, transitions, and trends to keep your content fresh and engaging. Pay attention to trends and challenges on the platform and participate in them when relevant.

**Use Popular Music and Sounds:** Incorporate trending music and sounds into your videos. Many TikTok users discover content through sounds they enjoy, so using popular songs or audio clips can increase the chances of your videos being discovered and shared.

**Master TikTok's Features:** Make the most of TikTok's creative features, such as filters, effects, and text overlays. These tools can help make your videos stand out and enhance the overall production value.

**Be Consistent:** Regularly post new content to maintain visibility and engage with your audience. Consistency is key to building a loyal following and increasing your chances of being noticed by TikTok's algorithm.

**Engage with the TikTok Community:** Actively engage with other TikTok users by liking, commenting, and sharing their content. This not only helps you build connections but also increases the visibility of your

profile. Respond to comments on your own videos and engage in conversations to foster a sense of community.

**Hashtags and Descriptions:** Use relevant and popular hashtags in your video descriptions to increase the discoverability of your content. Research trending hashtags and incorporate them when appropriate. Additionally, write compelling captions that encourage viewers to engage with your videos.

**Collaborate with Others:** Collaborating with other TikTok creators can help you tap into their audience and increase your reach. Duets, collaborations, and shoutouts are effective ways to cross-promote content and gain exposure.

**Promote Your TikTok Account:** Promote your TikTok account on other social media platforms, such as Instagram, Twitter, or YouTube. Share links to your TikTok profile and highlight your best videos to attract followers from your existing audience.

**Stay Positive and Authentic:** Be yourself and showcase your unique personality in your videos. TikTok users are drawn to authenticity and relatability, so staying positive, genuine, and true to yourself can help you connect with your audience on a deeper level.

**Remember that gaining fame on TikTok takes time and dedication.** It's essential to focus on creating content that you enjoy and that resonates with your audience. Keep experimenting, adapting to trends, and engaging with the TikTok community to increase your chances of becoming famous on the platform.

**Moreover, TikTok, like any social media platform, has its advantages and disadvantages.** Therefore, the followings are some pros and cons of TikTok that regular users should beware of too.

**Pros:** Creativity and Entertainment: TikTok provides a platform for users to express their creativity and showcase their talents through short videos. It offers a wide range of creative tools, effects, and music options that allow users to produce entertaining and visually appealing content.

**Global Reach and Virality:** TikTok has a massive user base and the potential for videos to quickly go viral. This can lead to increased exposure and the opportunity to reach a large audience worldwide, even for users who are just starting.

**Discoverability and Exploration:** The "For You" page algorithm on TikTok suggests personalized content based on user preferences, increasing the chances of users discovering new and interesting videos. This can expose users to diverse perspectives, trends, and content they may not have encountered otherwise.

**Community Engagement:** TikTok fosters a sense of community and encourages users to engage with each other through features like comments, duets, and reactions. This interactive environment can facilitate connections, collaborations, and conversations among users.

**The platform for Social Causes:** TikTok has been used as a platform for social activism and raising awareness about various issues. Users can leverage the platform to spread messages, support campaigns, and initiate positive change.

**Cons:** Privacy and Data Concerns: TikTok has faced scrutiny over privacy and data security due to its Chinese ownership and concerns about the potential sharing of user data. This has led to questions about the platform's handling of personal information and its relationship with the Chinese government.

**Inappropriate Content and Cyberbullying:** Like any social media platform, TikTok is not immune to the presence of inappropriate or harmful content. There have been instances of cyberbullying, hate speech, and graphic content circulating on the platform, despite efforts to moderate and remove such content.

**Time-Consuming and Addiction:** TikTok's addictive nature can lead to excessive usage and distraction from other responsibilities. Spending too much time on the platform can impact productivity, mental health, and overall well-being if not managed properly.

**Copyright Infringement:** TikTok's music integration has raised concerns about copyright infringement. Users may inadvertently or intentionally use copyrighted music without permission, potentially leading to legal issues or content removal.

**Lack of Control over Algorithm:** TikTok's algorithm determines what content users see on their "For You" page, which can sometimes limit exposure for certain users or result in a lack of diversity in the content shown. The algorithmic nature of content distribution can also make it challenging for new users to gain visibility.

**It's important to be aware of both the positive and negative aspects of TikTok and to use the platform responsibly.** Users should prioritize privacy, engage with the community in a positive manner, and be mindful of the time spent on the app. Nevertheless, TikTok is a highly popular social media platform that revolves around the creation and sharing of short videos. Its unique features, such as music integration, personalized content feeds, and creative tools, have contributed to its widespread appeal.

# ARTICLE WEATHER REPORT

## Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Monday 19 June 2023)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Monsoon is moderate to strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 20 June 2023:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions, fairly widespread in Northern Shan, Rakhine and Kayah states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Kachin, Rakhine and Mon states. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The Cumulonimbus clouds are developing in the whole country. The area along the Cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance these phenomena.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30-35) mph. Wave height will be about (6-9) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Increase of rain in Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Kachin and Rakhine states.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 June 2023:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 June 2023:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 June 2023:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Reference: Spotlight April 2023



# ENVIRON WORLD

## Amid melting glaciers, Swiss vote on new climate law

THE Swiss, feeling the impact of global warming on their rapidly melting glaciers, were voting on Sunday on a new climate bill aimed at steering the country towards carbon neutrality.

Recent opinion polls indicate strong support for the proposed law, which would require Switzerland to slash its dependence on imported oil and gas, scaling up the development and use of greener and more home-grown alternatives.

But the backing slipped in the most recent survey by pollster gfs.bern, albeit remaining

at 63 per cent in favour, amid claims by the populist right-wing Swiss People's Party (SVP) that the law, which would commit the country to become carbon neutral by 2050, could harm the economy.

Polling stations were to open for a few hours on Sunday morning before closing at noon (1000 GMT).

But most votes are typically cast in advance for popular votes held under Switzerland's famous direct democratic system, and initial results were expected by mid-afternoon.

Supporters say the pro-



Last September the Tsanfleuron pass lost the ice that had covered it for 2,000 years. **PHOTO: AFP**

posed "Federal Act on Climate Protection Targets, Innovation and Strengthening Energy Security" is needed to ensure energy

security.

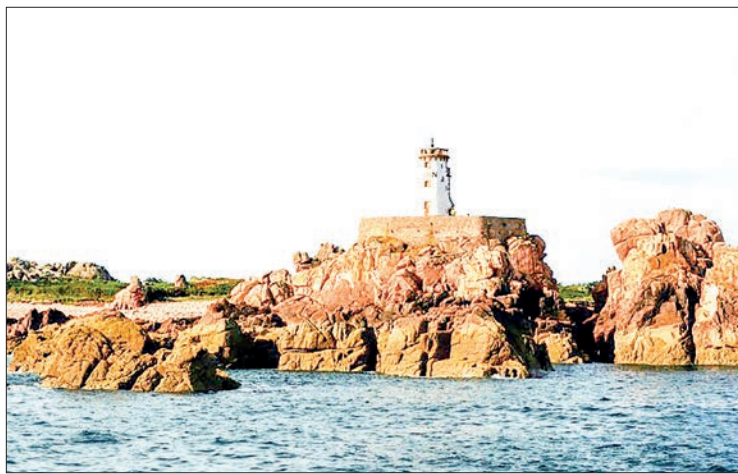
They say it will also help address the ravages of climate change, highlighted by the dra-

matic melting of glaciers in the Swiss Alps, which lost a third of their ice volume between 2001 and 2022. — AFP

## Trendy French island limits visitors to fight 'overtourism'

THE small French island of Brehat, a popular north coast tourist destination, is restricting the number of visitors this summer after seeing as much as 15 times its population arrive at its rocky shores in a single day.

Off the coast of Brittany, Brehat is joining numerous other sites around France pushing back against "overtourism" amid concerns over waste management and environmental protection. The number of day visitors, who access the island via a 10-minute boat ride from the mainland, would be limited to a maximum of 4,700 between 14 July and 25 August, Mayor Olivier Carre said in a decree



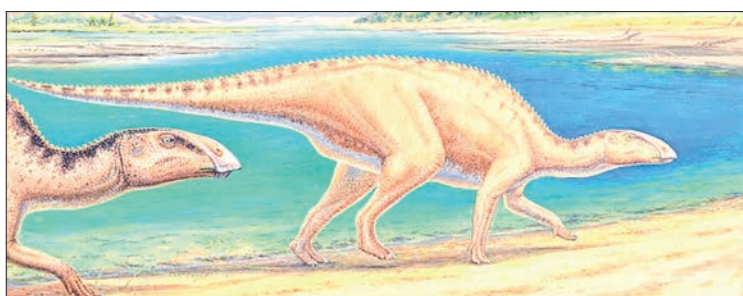
The France Tourism Alliance says that 80 per cent of tourists flock to just 20 per cent of territory in the country. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

issued this week.

The island, home to just 377 permanent residents, is part of the EU conservation network

Natura 2000 that aims to promote biodiversity by protecting habitats of the most vulnerable species. — AFP

## Remains of new species of duck-billed dinosaur found in Chile



Fossils of a new species of duck-billed dinosaur have been found in Chile. **PHOTO: UNIVERSIDAD DE CHILE/AFP**

REMAINS of a species of herbivorous dinosaur previously unknown in the southern hemisphere have been discovered in Chile, challenging long-held

beliefs about the range of duck-billed dinosaurs, scientists said Friday.

Measuring up to four metres (13 feet) in length and weighing

a tonne, *Gonkoken nanoi* lived 72 million years ago in the extreme south of what is now Chilean Patagonia.

"These were slender-looking dinosaurs, which could easily adopt a bipedal and quadrupedal posture to reach the vegetation at height and at ground level," said Alexander Vargas, director of the paleontological network of the University of Chile and one of the authors of the study published by the journal *Science Advances* and presented in Santiago. — AFP

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### French police and protesters clash over Italy train project

FRENCH police fired tear gas on Saturday as they clashed with protesters seeking to stop construction of a new high-speed train line between France and neighbouring Italy which opponents argue will wreck the fragile Alpine environment.

Some 4,000 protesters, according to organizers, and 3,000, according to police, turned out close to the village of Saint Remy-de-Maurienne in southeastern France in defiance of an official ban on the gathering, an AFP correspondent said.

Police then deployed tear gas when a faction of protesters began to hurl projectiles at security forces.

At one point protesters blocked a main road.

Others stormed the nearby railway line, the AFP correspondent said, although train traffic had been halted due to the situation in the early afternoon, according to operator SNCF. Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin said 12 police officers were injured in the clashes. Protest organisers spoke of several injuries among their ranks. — AFP

#### Record UK drinking water demand sparks water use restrictions

MILLIONS of people across parts of southern Britain will be banned from using garden hoses as a hot spell sparks record demand for drinking water, authorities said on Friday.

A temporary ban for people living in the southern Kent and Sussex areas will come into force on 26 June as forecasters predict the summer will see little rainfall.

South East Water said demand in June had broken records despite the company providing an extra 120 million litres of water a day.

A lack of water for sanitary facilities on Friday forced three schools in East Sussex to partially close.

"This situation has developed much more rapidly than last year," said chief executive David Hinton.

"Despite asking for customers' help to use water for essential uses only, regrettably we've now been left with no choice but to introduce this temporary use ban restriction to protect customers' supplies across Kent and Sussex," he added. — AFP

# HEALTH/WELLNESS: WORLD

## US a country divided one year after Supreme Court abortion ruling

THE historic US Supreme Court about-face on abortion a year ago has created a nightmare for women seeking the procedure, a legal morass for the courts and a challenge for the Republican Party.

On 24 June 2022, a court reshaped by Republican president Donald Trump overturned the landmark 1973 Roe v Wade decision that guaranteed a constitutional right to abortion and left it

up to each state to decide.

That same day, several conservative states moved to ban abortion, forcing clinics to hastily shut down or move to places where they could still operate.

Since then, the United States is divided. Some 20 states, mostly in the south and Midwest, have prohibited abortion outright or severely restricted access while others, mainly on the coasts, have

moved to protect it. The nationwide impact, in terms of sheer numbers, remains limited.

According to a study by the Society of Family Planning, the average number of monthly abortions nationwide between July 2022 and March 2023 was 79,031, 3.3 per cent fewer than in April and May 2022, when an average of 81,730 abortions a month were performed. — AFP



(FILES) Demonstrators rally in support of abortion rights at the US Supreme Court in Washington, DC, on 15 April 2023. PHOTO: AFP

## Over 600 evacuees fall ill due to volcanic eruption in Philippines

AT least 628 people have fallen ill after being displaced in shelters due to the eruption of Mayon Volcano, the most active volcano in the Philippines, a government

agency reported on Monday.

The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council recorded at least 10 kinds of sickness affecting the

evacuees aged between 2 to 64, including coughs, colds, fever, gastroenteritis, acute respiratory infection, and skin disease.

The disaster management agency said nearly 39,000 people have been affected by Mayon's eruption, which started on 8 June.

Local authorities have evacuated over 20,000 villagers living in the danger zone around the picturesque, cone-shaped Mayon Volcano in Albay province, approximately 500 km southeast of the Philippine capital Manila.

The province, under a state of calamity, has set up 28 evacuation centres for displaced people, usually in school classrooms. — Xinhua



A general view shows Mayon volcano as it releases white smoke into the air as seen from Legazpi on 12 June 2023. PHOTO: AFP

## Australia's 1<sup>st</sup> vaccine patch manufacturing facility opens in Queensland

AUSTRALIA'S first vaccine patch manufacturing plant officially opened on Monday at Northshore Hamilton Priority Development Area in the state of Queensland.

The state government of Queensland announced in a statement that the new facility, operated by biotechnology company Vaxxas, is expected to produce millions of needle-free vaccine patches in the next three to five years.

Unlike traditional needle-and-syringe delivery, the new vaccine patch technology can deposit a vaccine through

the surface of the skin in just seconds.

"This world-renowned technology has the potential to play a vital role in pandemic-preparedness, because it allows vaccines to be deployed quickly and easily to our communities," said Queensland's Deputy Premier Steven Miles. Vaxxas Chief Executive Officer David Hoey revealed that with several completed human clinical trials involving more than 500 participants, the Australian Phase I clinical studies for COVID-19 and seasonal influenza are underway. — Xinhua

## Israeli hospital inks partnership with UAE-based health network

ISRAEL'S largest hospital Sheba Medical Centre has signed a strategic partnership with PureHealth, a leading regional healthcare network based in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Sheba said in a statement on Sunday.

The two institutions signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) at the Sheba campus in central Israel to collaborate on joint clinical research projects, expanding genetic research initiatives, promoting ad-

vanced healthcare technology, boosting health tourism, and advancing education and training.

Medical staff from both institutions will also be empowered by immersing themselves in the dynamic environment of the partner side, according to the MoU.

PureHealth, with more than 24,000 employees, operates over 25 hospitals, 100 clinics, and 160 laboratories across the UAE, in more than 150 specialties. — Xinhua

## UN health agency launches project to improve maternal health in Somalia

THE United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) said Sunday it has collaborated with King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre (KS Relief) to launch a project to enhance maternal and reproductive health for vulnerable and displacement-affected populations in Somalia.

UNFPA Representative to Somalia Niyi Ojuolape said the initiative aims to address the critical healthcare needs of vulnerable communities, particularly women and girls impacted by displacement and humanitarian crises.

"By improving access to

quality maternal and reproductive health services, we save lives and ensure the well-being of Somali women and girls," Ojuolape said in a joint statement issued in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia.

Head of KS-Relief Somalia Yaziid Hamoud said the project will improve access to positive health services, maternal health, and the overall quality of vulnerable communities in six regions.

"The capacity of national institutions is stronger, and they are able to respond to the health needs of the population, especially the health of wom-

en," Hamoud said.

The project will enhance access to comprehensive emergency obstetric and newborn care, strengthen capacity in reproductive health services, and improve supply chain management in Somalia.

Somali Minister of Health Ali Haji Adan said the ministry and UNFPA have worked tirelessly to provide essential healthcare services for the people of Somalia.

"We deeply appreciate the collaboration between UNFPA and KSRelief, and are grateful for their unwavering support," Haji said. — Xinhua

# ECONOMY WORLD

## Global markets drop as China stimulus hopes fade



Wang Yi, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the CPC Central Committee, meets with visiting US Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Beijing, capital of China, 19 June 2023. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

ASIAN and European stocks fell Monday as investors await more interest-rate decisions this week and fret over the lack of a stimulus plan to kickstart the Chinese economy.

Equities enjoyed a strong run-up last week, partly on expectations that Beijing would unveil economic measures following two interest rate cuts.

Investors expressed disappointment over the lack of new policy announcements on Monday, while sentiment was subdued with US markets shut for a public holiday.

Markets faced “continuing concerns about China’s faltering recovery” following the end of Covid restrictions, said AJ Bell investment director Russ Mould.

“The post-Covid surge anticipated in China appears to be losing momentum and there is uncertainty around how the authorities in the country might look to get things moving in the right direction.”

Oil prices also stumbled on worries over energy demand from China, a key crude consumer.

On a positive note, hopes for a thaw in China-US relations were boosted as US Secretary of State Antony Blinken held meetings with President Xi Jinping and top envoy Wang Yi in Beijing.

### Rate calls in Europe

Traders were on tenterhooks before interest rate decisions due Thursday in Britain, Norway and Switzerland follow-

ing last week’s US pause and eurozone hike.

The Bank of England is widely expected to lift its key interest rate for a 13th time in a row as it struggles to bring down high inflation.

Investors are nervous over the size of the hike, as they also wait on UK inflation data due Wednesday.

The yield on Britain’s two-year bond jumped above five per cent on Monday, striking a level last seen during the 2008 global financial crisis.

Markets are also uneasy because commercial banks are ramping up their own interest rates on home loan products, in anticipation of more BoE hikes. — AFP

## Viet Nam’s banks cut deposit rates further to reduce costs

VIETNAMESE banks’ interest rates on dong deposits continue to drop after the central bank cut policy rates to shore up the flagging economy, Vietnam News Agency reported on Monday.

Viet Nam’s four biggest banks, including the state-owned Agribank and three partly privatized Vietcombank, BIDV, and Vietinbank, have cut their deposit rates by 0.5 percentage point on dong deposits with various maturities.

Top lender Agribank said it had slashed interest rates by 0.5 percentage point to 6.3 per cent per year on its one-year dong deposits, from 6.8 per cent previously and five per cent on its six-month deposits.

Vietcombank, VietinBank and BIDV now offer the highest interest rate on dong deposits with maturities from one year to five years at 6.8 per cent per year.

Smaller lenders, following in the footsteps of their major peers, have implemented rate cuts by 0.5 percentage point on six-month and one-year deposits.

Vietnamese banks have lowered dong deposit rates as they seek to cut borrowing costs

and beef up lending, bankers said.

The central bank, formally known as the State Bank of Vietnam, said the lower interest rates on short-term dong deposits would enable banks to reduce lending rates further in line with the government’s policy to help households and businesses get access to low-cost credit and prevent an economic slowdown.

According to the central bank, credit growth in the banking system in the first five months of the year was up 3.17 per cent from the end of last year, lower than the growth of about eight per cent in the same period a year ago. The Forecasting and Statistics Department under the central bank expected total outstanding loans to grow four per cent year-on-year in the second quarter and expand by 13 per cent for the whole year, lower than the earlier target of 14-15 per cent credit growth for this year.

The central bank has cut several policy interest rates for the fourth time this year and further lowered the cap on interest rates that commercial banks can offer on dong deposits with maturities ranging from one month to six months. — Xinhua

## Silicon Valley Bank subsidiary sold to management team

HEALTHCARE investment firm SVB Securities announced Sunday that its management team would buy out the company from parent Silicon Valley Bank, the California-based lender whose brisk collapse in March shook financial markets.

SVB Securities had not been included in Silicon Valley Bank’s bankruptcy filing.

“The SVB Securities management team bidder group led by CEO Jeff Leerink, and backed by The Baupost Group, today announced they have entered into a definitive agreement with SVB Financial Group to purchase SVB Securities following a competitive bidding process,” the company said in



The SVB Private logo is displayed on an ATM outside of a Silicon Valley Bank branch in Santa Monica, California on 20 March 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

a statement.

The amount of the buyout agreement was not specified, but the statement said that “with the strong financial backing

from The Baupost Group, the firm is extremely well positioned to continue to build on its leadership position in healthcare investment banking.” — AFP

## Norway to extend quotas for women on company boards

NORWAY’S government said Monday it planned to increase gender equality in the business world by extending quotas for the number of women on boards to 20,000 large and medium-size companies by 2028.

A pioneer in the field, the Scandinavian country has since 2004 required the boards of directors of state-owned companies to be made up of at least 40

per cent women, or face closure. The same rule has since 2008 applied to the biggest companies listed on the stock exchange.

Likewise, at least 40 per cent of board directors must be men.

The centre-left government, supported by the main employers’ union NHO and workers’ union LO, on Monday said it aimed to introduce

similar regulations for large and medium-size companies, progressively over the years, based on sales and number of employees.

“Norway is the first country in the world to take this step,” Trade and Industry Minister Jan Christian Vestre said, unveiling details of the plans already announced in principle in December. — AFP

# Iraq invites intl firms to explore, develop 11 gas blocks

IRAQI Oil Minister Hayan Abdul-Ghani on Sunday invited international energy companies to bid for contracts to explore and

develop natural gas in 11 blocks in Iraq. Of the 11 blocks eight are located in Anbar Province in western Iraq, one

in the northern province of Nineveh, one in an area between the provinces of Anbar and Najaf, and one between Anbar and Ninev-

eh, Abdul-Ghani said in a statement issued by the oil ministry. The ministry has completed its preparations for

the bidding round, he added. Iraq opened its oil and gas sector for foreign investment in 2009. —Xinhua

## Plenty of room for cooperation between China, Japan in auto industry: researcher

THERE is a lot of room for cooperation between China and Japan in the process of developing and expanding the electric vehicle (EV) industry, said Tang Jin, a senior research officer at Japan's Mizuho Bank.

The penetration rate of EVs in China has broken through the tipping point, and the next question is how EVs will compete with fuel vehicles, how fast the speed of electrification will be, and how many years it will take to fully achieve electrification, Tang told Xinhua in an interview.

In his view, the development of China's EVs has strong momentum. In the future, they can be honed and improved through competition and become the mainstream, as well as play a greater role in leading the development of the world's automobile electrification. —Xinhua

### SUMMONS TO FRAME ISSUES (Civil Procedure Code Orders, Rule 20) In the KYAUKTADA DISTRICT COURT CIVIL REGULAR SUIT NO. 497 of 2022

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**PLAINTIFF** **DEFENDANT**

To MR. XIAO QITU, residing at R2 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor), No. 29, Min Ye Kyaw Swar Road, Ward (9), Lanmadaw Township, Yangon Region (whose present address is not known) -

Whereas, Plaintiff, MR. LIN HUAXING, instituted a suit for the Recovery of Rental fees MMK 1041,330,552/- (Kyats Ten Thousand Four Hundred Thirteen Lakhs Thirty Thousand five hundred and Fifty Two only) for Leased Construction Materials along with such Materials, this is to give you notice that you shall, in person or by pleader or representative, who is able to defend and answer all the important facts, appear before the Court at **10 A.M on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023, (13 Waxing Day of First Waso, 1385 ME)** to defend and answer the plaint submitted by the Plaintiff, and if fail to appear on the above-mentioned date, the issues **will be framed in ex parte**, furthermore, bring the documents which the plaintiff is desirous to inspect, and also the documents that you will rely on, or put these documents in the hand of your pleader or representative, and if desirous to file Written Statement, shall file four days ahead of the above appointed date.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, **this 16 June 2023,**

Min Thant  
Additional District Judge (1)  
Kyauktada-District Court

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M.V ATN UNITY VOY.NO. (23004)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ATN UNITY VOY.NO. (23004)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **20-6-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT-4** 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: **2301928**

Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

**M/S RK SHIPPING & TRADING PTE LTD**

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V KOTA HAPAS VOY.NO. (KHPS0387N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V KOTA HAPAS VOY.NO. (KHPS0387N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **20-6-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Shipping Agency Department  
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Agent For:

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M.V HANSA HARBURG VOY.NO. (322W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V HANSA HARBURG VOY.NO. (322W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **20-6-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

**M/S SEALAND MAERSK ASIA PTE LTD.**

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M.V IAL 001 VOY.NO. (N153)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V IAL 001 VOY. NO. (N153)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **20-6-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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# GLOBAL AFFAIRS

## South Africa hails 'historic' Ukraine peace mission after talks



This handout picture taken by RIA Novosti on 17 June 2023 shows Russian President Vladimir Putin (R) shaking hands with South Africa's President Cyril Ramaphosa (L) following a meeting with delegation of African leaders at the Constantine (Konstantinovsky) Palace in Strelna, outside Saint Petersburg. **PHOTO: EVGENY BIATOV / RIA NOVOSTI / AFP**

SOUTH African President Cyril Ramaphosa on Monday hailed an African mission to broker peace in Ukraine as "historic" upon returning from talks in Kyiv and Saint Petersburg that however did not yield any immediate results.

The high-profile delegation met with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky on Saturday before flying to Russia to speak with Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin on Sunday.

"This initiative has been historic in that it is the first time African leaders have embarked on a peace mission beyond the shores of the continent," Rama-

phosa said in a weekly newsletter on Monday.

The mission brought the voice of a continent that has badly suffered from repercussions of the Ukraine conflict, particularly with rising grain prices.

It put forward a 10-point proposal, including de-escalation, the recognition of countries' sovereignty, unimpeded grain exports through the Black Sea and sending prisoners of war and children back to their countries of origin.

But the principles were deemed "very difficult to implement" by the Kremlin, while Zelensky ruled out talks with

Moscow as long as Russian troops occupied Ukrainian territories.

On Monday, Ramaphosa said "one of the key achievements" of the mission "was the positive reception" it received from both sides, "which we found encouraging and which provides cause for optimism that the proposals will be given consideration."

Both Zelensky and Putin have agreed to further engagements, he said.

Efforts to secure peace appear increasingly perilous, analysts told AFP, with both Kyiv and Moscow convinced they can win on the battlefield. — AFP

## Paris summit to push for global debt and climate reform

WORLD leaders will gather in Paris this week with ambitions to reimagine global financing for a new era shaped by climate change, as a cascade of crises swamps debt-burdened countries.

French President Emmanuel Macron has said the Summit for a New Global Financial Pact is aimed at building a "new consensus" to meet the interlinked global targets of tackling poverty, curbing planet-heating emissions and protecting nature.

Ideas on the table range from taxation on shipping, fossil fuels or financial transactions, to innovations in lending and a

structural rethink of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank.

France says the two-day summit, which begins on Thursday and will bring together some 50 heads of state and government, was more of a platform for ideas sharing ahead of a cluster of major economic and climate meetings in the coming months.

In particular, the French Presidency said on Friday it wanted to give "political impetus" to the idea of an international tax on carbon emissions from shipping, with hopes of a breakthrough at a meeting of the International Maritime Organization later in June. — AFP

## Sudan truce holds on second day as donors set to meet in Geneva

AN international donors' conference is set to begin in Geneva on Monday for Sudan, where a ceasefire was holding but the UN says the humanitarian situation is worsening after two months of war.

The conference comes midway through a three-day ceasefire which appeared to have brought calm to the capital Khartoum, after the failure of earlier truces to ensure secure aid corridors.

Several Khartoum residents told AFP they heard no air strikes, artillery or other fighting on Monday, a rare respite for the war-weary suffering shortages of medical care, electricity, water and other essentials. The army, led by Abdel Fattah al-Burhan,



People use the flashlights of their phones to assist a woman stitching a man's head, in Khartoum's twin city Omdurman, on 6 June 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

has since 15 April been battling the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) commanded by his

former deputy Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, after the two fell out in a power struggle. — AFP

## Paris Air Show back with climate, defence in focus

THE Paris Air Show opens Monday after a four-year break with the aerospace industry bouncing back from the Covid-19 pandemic but under pressure to slash its carbon footprint.

Organizers have billed the biennial event as the "recovery airshow" after the coronavirus ravaged the sector and saw the event cancelled in 2021.

The aerospace industry is flocking back to Le Bourget airport outside Paris, as aircraft makers field hundreds of orders and airlines brace for a



This photograph taken on 18 June 2023 shows the Volocopter air taxi 'Velocity' displayed during the International Paris Air Show at the Paris-Le Bourget Airport. **PHOTO: AFP**

near-record number of passengers this year.

Russia's war in Ukraine has also led countries to step up military spending, which could benefit aerospace defence firms.

Le Bourget offers a forum to announce deals with some 2,500 firms lining up to show off their latest planes, drones, helicopters and prototypes such as flying taxis.

Airbus chief executive Guillaume Faury, who heads France's aerospace industry

association GIFAS, called it "the return of the good old times of the excitement of the show".

With 125,000 square metres of exhibition space — the equivalent of nearly 18 soccer pitches — around 320,000 visitors are expected during the week-long event.

Along with the Farnborough airshow in England, which takes place in even numbered years, Le Bourget is a key sales event for the civil and defence industries. — AFP

## Xi meets Blinken in Beijing

CHINESE President Xi Jinping met US Secretary of State Antony Blinken at the Great Hall of the People on Monday.

Noting that the world is developing and the times are changing, Xi said the world needs a generally stable China-US relationship, and whether the two countries can find the right way to get along bears on the future and destiny of humanity.

Xi pointed out that the vast expanse of the Earth is big enough to accommodate the respective development and common prosperity of China and the United States. The Chinese, like the Americans, are dignified, confident and self-reliant people, Xi said, adding that they both have the right to pursue a better life. "The common interests of the two countries should be val-

ued, and their respective success is an opportunity instead of a threat to each other."

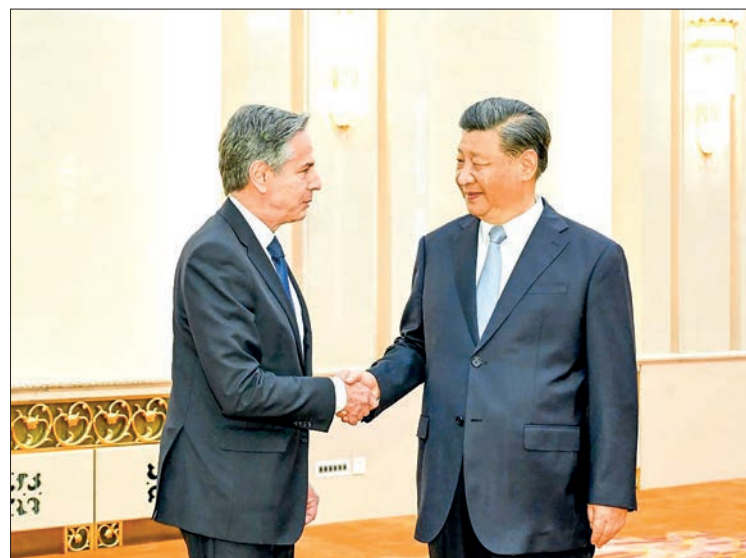
Xi said the international community is generally concerned about the current state of China-US relations. "It does not want to see conflict or confrontation between China and the United States or choose sides between the two countries, and it expects the two countries to co-exist in peace and have friendly and cooperative relations."

The two countries should act with a sense of responsibility for history, for the people and for the world, and handle China-US relations properly, Xi said, adding that in this way, they may contribute to global peace and development, and help make the world, which is changing and turbulent, more stable, certain

and constructive.

Xi stressed that major-country competition does not represent the trend of the times, still less can it solve America's own problems or the challenges facing the world. China respects US interests and does not seek to challenge or displace the United States, and in the same vein, the United States needs to respect China and must not hurt China's legitimate rights and interests, said Xi. "Neither side should try to shape the other side by its own will, still less deprive the other side of its legitimate right to development."

Xi said China always hopes to see a sound and steady China-US relationship and believes that the two major countries can overcome various difficulties and find the right way to get along



Chinese President Xi Jinping meets with visiting US Secretary of State Antony Blinken in Beijing, capital of China, 19 June 2023. PHOTO: XINHUA

based on mutual respect, peaceful coexistence and win-win cooperation, calling on the US side to adopt a rational and pragmatic attitude and work with China in the same direction.

Xi pointed out that the two

sides need to remain committed to the common understandings he and President Biden reached in Bali, and translate the positive statements into actions so as to stabilize and improve China-US relations. — Xinhua

## N Korea says failed satellite launch "most serious" shortcoming



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un (R) is pictured at a plenary meeting of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea held between 16-18 June 2023. PHOTO: KCNA/KYODO

NORTH Korea assessed its failed attempt to launch a military reconnaissance satellite late last month as a "most serious" shortcoming that "cannot be overlooked" and pledged to successfully put one into space soon, its state media said Monday.

The assessment was made during an enlarged three-day plenary meeting of the Central Committee of the ruling Workers' Party of Korea through Sunday. The gathering also called to maintain the country's policy of increasing the production of powerful nuclear weapons, ac-

ording to the official Korean Central News Agency.

A report on the key meeting, attended by leader Kim Jong Un, "bitterly criticized" officials involved in the unsuccessful satellite launch on 31 May, saying they "irresponsibly conducted the preparations" for the launch.

Scientists were instructed to make a thorough analysis of the cause and to carry out a successful launch "in a short span of time and thus make a shortcut to improving" reconnaissance intelligence capabilities of the country's military,

KCNA said.

The meeting emphasized that the development of a military reconnaissance satellite is "of very great significance" in making "full preparations for combat" among the five-point major goals stipulated in a five-year national defence plan from 2021.

The Political Bureau of the party's Central Committee also called on "the national defence field to consistently adhere to the orientation of developing nuclear weapons" and bolstering the nuclear force, the news agency said.

Referring to the United States and South Korea, the report noted "the extremely deteriorating security situation" on the Korean Peninsula due to "the reckless war moves of the hostile forces" and called for a swift response.

The Political Bureau recognized "offensive countermeasures should always be taken forcefully without delay against the enemy's intentional and undisguised escalation of military tension" and the plenary meeting "unanimously approved concrete plans and modes of counteraction," KCNA said without elaborating. — Kyodo

## 5 killed as heavy rains trigger flooding in India's Rajasthan

AT least five people were killed in the rain-related incidents in India's northwestern state of Rajasthan, local media reports said Monday.

Regional weather department officials said the state saw heavy rains in the aftermath of cyclonic storm Biparjoy that hit the adjacent state of Gujarat last week.

The heavy rains triggered flooding and severe waterlogging in Barmer, Jalore and Sirohi districts of the state.

Cyclone Biparjoy, which originated in the Arabian Sea and swept across the west

coast of India, made landfall on Thursday in Gujarat's Kutch, triggering wind speeds ranging between 125 kmph and 140 kmph.

Officials said as the cyclone weakened it brought rains in Rajasthan. The otherwise arid zone of Barmer reported record rainfall in the past two days inundating many villages and towns.

The weather department, which has predicted heavy rains on Monday, said the cyclone would become weak and likely to exit Rajasthan by Tuesday. — Xinhua



A commuter wades through a waterlogged road, as it rains in Chennai on 19 June 2023. PHOTO: AFP

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# SPORT

## 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.

## Myanmar defeats Macau 2-0 in FIFA Friendly



Myanmar team players celebrate their victory after beating Macau 2-0 in FIFA Friendly Match played at Dalian Pro Soccer Academy Base Stadium in Dalian, China on 19 June 2023. PHOTO: MFF

MYANMAR men's national football team celebrated a 2-0 victory over Macau in the FIFA International Friendly Match played at Dalian Pro Soccer Academy Base Stadium in Dalian, China yesterday.

Team Myanmar, which had been missing a series of wins

in FIFA international friendly matches, launched a solid attack in this match.

The speedy play of Myanmar upset the Macau side from the start.

The stunning strategies of two Myanmar players: Lwin Moe Aung and Maung Maung

Lwin worked well in this match.

Myanmar found an opener when Lwin Moe Aung beautifully touched the ball into the net at the 23-minute mark.

The Myanmar team's performance increased significantly after breaking the deadlock.

Team Myanmar had several opportunities, but due to the weak finishing of the forwarders, chances were not seen as goals.

The 45 minutes of the first half were completed while team Myanmar kept putting pressure on Macau.

In the second half, team Macau played harder, but could not overcome the goal-hungry Myanmar.

Macau was forced to play in the back row to stop Myanmar from scoring more goals.

But the winning or second goal for Myanmar was scored by Maung Maung Lwin in the 90+4 minute.

This victory was able to destroy the losing streak of the Myanmar team in international competitions. — KZL

## Man Utd fan banned for mocking Hillsborough tragedy



Nottingham Forest fans display a banner to mark the 34th anniversary of the Hillsborough Disaster during the English Premier League football match between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest at Anfield in Liverpool, north west England on 22 April 2023. PHOTO: AFP

A Manchester United fan was fined and banned from football in the UK for four years on Monday, for wearing a replica shirt mock-

ing the Hillsborough disaster.

Police received a number of complaints about James White's shirt with the figure "97" and the

words "Not Enough" on the back at the FA Cup final at Wembley Stadium earlier this month.

It referred to the 97 fans of United's arch rivals Liverpool who were victims of a crush during an FA Cup semi-final match at the stadium in Sheffield in April 1989.

White, 33, admitted a single charge of displaying threatening or abusive writing likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress.

"It is hard to imagine a more... offensive reference to the 1989 Hillsborough disaster," judge Mark Jabbitt told him when he appeared in court in northwest London for sentencing.

Jabbitt fined White £1,000 (\$1,280) with a £400 victim surcharge and ordered him to pay £85 in court costs. — AFP

## Clark wins US Open for 1st major title, Nagano 20th

OVERNIGHT co-leader Wyndham Clark shot an even-par 70 Sunday to claim his first major title at the US Open golf tournament.

The 29-year-old American had a 10-under total, one stroke ahead of the Los Angeles County Club. t a r o g a n o and H i d e k i M a t s u y a m a each struggled to a 75, leaving them in a tie for 20th at over and a share of 32nd

at 3 over, respectively.

Clark earned \$3.6 million for his second win on the PGA Tour. He had four birdies against as many bogeys in the final round.

"Walking up 18 was pretty emotional, and then finishing," Clark said. "I think Rickie (Fowler) had some of the most pressure being a California boy and everyone wanted him probably more than anyone. Obviously I put my own pressure on myself, but yeah, I guess it's nice being the underdog."

Northern Ireland's McIlroy, who started the day one shot behind Clark and Fowler, could only manage a 70. — Kyodo



Wyndham Clark of the United States throws his arms in the air after winning the US Open golf tournament at Los Angeles Country Club in California on 18 June 2023. PHOTO: KYODO