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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.

Tatmadaw grows more than 220,000 saplings in second monsoon tree-growing ceremony for 2023

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing along with his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla engaged in a meaningful act of environmental conservation by planting a teak tree at the second monsoon tree-growing ceremony of families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) for 2023.

The ceremony, held near the Yezin Dam in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw, saw the participation of senior military officers and their wives, Tatmadaw members and families.

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Myanmar categorically rejects unfair and one-sided facts about Myanmar in Joint Communiqué of 56th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting as they contradict Principles of ASEAN Charter

ON behalf of the Government of Myanmar, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs expresses its disappointment regarding the unfair and one-sided facts about Myanmar

in the Joint Communiqué of the 56th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting, held on 11 July 2023 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Under the subtitle "The Development in Myanmar", the Joint Communiqué mentioned the domestic

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The photo shows a raft jetty in Myitkyina on the river bank of Ayeyawady in Kachin State.

Myanmar forest product export surpasses US\$18.62 mln in Q1 2023-2024FY

EXPORTS of Myanmar's forest products hit US\$18.62 million in the Q1 (April-June) of the current financial year 2023-2024, the Ministry of Commerce's statistics indicated.

The figures plunged from \$36.347 million recorded in the corresponding period last year, showing a decrease of \$17.7 million.

Myanmar has been implementing

National Export Strategy (NES) 2020-2025 to boost exports and the priority sectors of the NES include agricultural produce, garment and apparel, industrial and electronic device, fishery business,

forest products, digital manufacturing and service, logistic service, quality management, trade information service, innovation and entrepreneurship sectors. —TWA/KK

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Announcement No 3/2023

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1. After the extremely severe Cyclone Mocha, Kyaukpyu, Manaung, Yanbye, An, Sittway, Pauktaw, Ponnagyun, Rathedaung, Gwa, Taungup, Thandwe, Maungtaw, Buthidaung, Kyauktaw, Minbya, MraukU and Myebon townships in Rakhine State which suffered loss and damage triggered by impacts of Mocha were declared as natural disaster-affected regions under Section 11 of the Natural Disaster Management Law on 15 May 2023.
2. It is in the duration of rehabilitation processes being carried out under the lead of the government in these regions to return to normality completely and so these areas are declared as natural disaster-affected regions for the second time from 15-7-2023 to 14-9-2023 under Section 26 of the Natural Disaster Management Rules.
3. It intends to step up the rehabilitation tasks in respective sectors.

Sd/Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Chairman
State Administration Council

14 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 14 July, total figure registers **640,865**

MYANMAR'S COVID-19-positive cases rose to **640,865** after **14** new cases were reported on 14 July 2023 according to the Ministry of Health. Therefore, a total of **10,942,938** laboratory samples were examined to date and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached **640,865**. The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **619,669** including **19** new recoveries. The death toll from COVID-19 in the country registered **19,494** on 14-7-2023 with no new death reported from the pandemic. COVID-19 information can be browsed on the internet page moh.gov.mm of the Ministry of Health. — GNLM

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

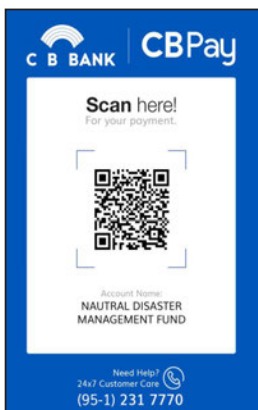
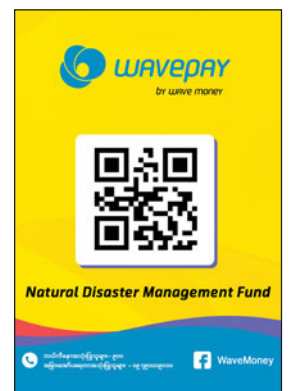
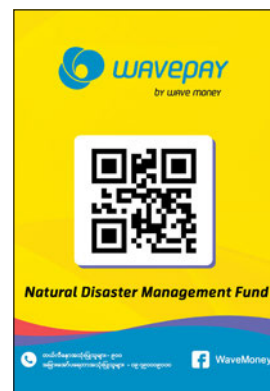
1. AN announcement has been issued that well-wishers wishing to make donations for people who fell victim to the extremely severe cyclonic storm Mocha which hit Myanmar on 14-5-2023 can donate cash to Myanmar account OA-011834 and foreign account 1DA-0300086.
2. In this announcement, it is duly mentioned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

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.

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

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	
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National Disaster Management Committee

Tatmadaw grows more than 220,000 saplings in second monsoon ...

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Those families planted a total of 3,528 saplings, including 1,764 teak, 882 Manjansha, and 882 gum-kino plants. The objective behind this collective effort was to contribute to environmental preservation and provide shade for the people. Tatmadaw families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) planted 188,055 precious trees, perennial trees, shade and wind-

breaks at tree-growing ceremonies 37 times from 2011 to date.

Simultaneously, various military commands across the country organized their respective monsoon tree-growing ceremonies. Notably, Nay Pyi Taw Command grew 9,500 trees, Northern Command 21,310, North-East Command 21,258 trees, Eastern Command 11,445 trees, Eastern Central Command 21,999 trees, Triangle Region Command 14,322

trees, South-East Command 13,273 trees, Coastal Region Command 12,964 trees, Yangon Command 17,286 trees, South-West Command 7,195 trees, Western Command 15,962 trees, North-West Command 8,713 trees, Central Command 35,247 trees and Southern Command 13,200 trees with the participation of commanders and officials. Yesterday, the whole Tatmadaw planted 227,202 trees. — MNA/TTA



The second monsoon tree-growing ceremony in progress.



The Senior General grows the teak sapling.



The wife of the Senior General and party encourage tree growers.

Myanmar points out flawed mechanisms against country under pretext of human rights

DURING the 53rd regular session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva, held from 19 June to 14 July 2023, a series of meetings on Myanmar were organized in the absence of the country concerned which has deviated from the principles and objectives of the Council.

A panel discussion was held on 21 June 2023 as per the resolution tabled by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) while two separate Interactive Dialogues with the High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar were organized on 6 July 2023 according to the resolution tabled by the European Union (EU). Furthermore, Pakistan on behalf of the OIC submitted a resolution contained in document No A/HRC/53/L30/Rev1 was adopted by the Council on 14 July 2023.

Myanmar notes with serious concerns over the panel discussion and the recently adopted resolution themselves amounted to hate speech against the people of Myanmar and provoked divisions among the multicultural and multi-ethnic society of Myanmar. Neglecting the root causes of the 2017 incident in

northern Rakhine State will never reflect the on-ground situation in reality. Even though one-sided narratives were created through different platforms of the Council, clashes and armed attacks by Aqa Mul Mujahidin aka ARSA in the camps in Cox's Bazar prove their terrorist acts which made forced displacement from northern Rakhine State in 2017 and prevent the repatriation process until now. Myanmar does not recognize the invented term "Rohingya" as it has never existed in the legal and historical records of the country.

The presentation of the High Commissioner for Human Rights focuses on humanitarian affairs, mainly covered by a specific UN Office. It shows the repetition of work going beyond his mandate. The allegation of the denial of humanitarian access which is reflected in the report of the High Commissioner is not accurate. The Government of Myanmar has granted travel authorizations for 62 visits of embassies including the EU delegation in Myanmar along with 46 visits by the UN agencies and 10 visits made by the AHA Centre from 2021 to 2023. Additionally, over 60 times of travel authorizations to

the World Food Programme (WFP), over 80 times to INGOs and over 500 times to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) were granted by the Rakhine State government.

It is disturbing to see that the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar has made his presentation with the purpose to isolate Myanmar. The Special Rapporteur has been given an ill-suited mandate by the EU and Western sponsors to produce limitless documents and presentations with attempts to discredit the Government. The Special Rapporteur further conceals the brutal crimes committed by the so-called NUG and PDF terrorist groups which claimed the lives of 6,091 innocent civilians. He further calls on the member states to impose sanctions on Myanmar's state-owned enterprises which greatly contribute to public services. It simply means to hurt the people and violates the right to development of Myanmar.

Furthermore, Myanmar strongly objects to the reference to the Security Council and International Criminal Court (ICC) in respective reports and the resolution, published and adopted

at the 53rd HRC as the developments in Myanmar are solely internal affairs and do not pose any risk to international peace and security.

Myanmar consistently opposes country-specific resolutions and mandates as well as their follow-up Interactive Dialogues and panel discussions as their modalities do not create objective reporting, constructive dialogue and cooperation between the country-concerned and the international community. Accordingly, Myanmar rejects the unfounded allegations and intrusive elements contained in the respective reports and in the statements made by certain countries while appreciating the balanced and constructive interventions made by the friendly countries during the session. Myanmar further joins the countries which disassociated themselves from the adoption of the resolution.

Even though the afore-said dialogues and meetings were made in its absence, Myanmar has made its specific responses which can be found on the websites of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Permanent Mission of Myanmar in Geneva. — MNA

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affairs of a member state based on unfair and one-sided information without reflecting the efforts of the member state to restore a genuine democratic system by peaceful means, and the facts provided were also neglected.

Myanmar reiterates its principled position on

not accepting any country-specific paragraphs in any ASEAN Statement, including the Joint Communiqué since it contradicts the principle of non-interference, which is enshrined in the ASEAN Charter.

However, Myanmar, being a responsible member state, faithfully engaged in the Joint communiqué's drafting process. It was found that Myanmar's inputs, concerns and voice are not reflected

in the final Joint Communiqué.

Therefore, Myanmar reiterates its disappointment regarding the unfair and one-sided facts about Myanmar and categorically rejects and dissociates itself from that paragraph in the Joint Communiqué. It also reaffirms that Myanmar is determined to restore democracy, peace and stability in accordance with its five-point roadmap. — MNA

National Road Safety Council holds second coord meeting

THE National Road Safety Council (NRSC) held its second coordination meeting yesterday afternoon at the Ministry of Transport and Communications in Nay Pyi Taw.

First, Council Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister Admiral Tin Aung San delivered an address, saying that road safety is a global challenge and growing gradually today. According to the worldwide report of WHO, an estimated 1.3 million people are killed in road accidents each year and as many as 50 million are injured. Road accidents are the eighth leading cause of death globally in the first decade and they could reach third place in the second decade in 2020s. Road accidents cost most countries three to five per cent of their GDP yearly. The Decade of Action for Road Safety is implemented following the five pillars. Currently, the Global Plan for the second decade is drafted with 12 Voluntary Targets aiming to reduce road traffic deaths and injuries by at least 50 per cent in 2030.

He continued that public

participation plays a key role in implementing road safety plans, on the other hand, the NRSC has a crucial role in making policies, plans, successive management of the whole processes and balanced controls between supervisions and actions.

Although the 2022 NRSC report shows 94 per cent of road accidents are due to human errors, the condition of the environment, location of roads, designs and road standards are also concerned with the accidents. It should take into account the systematic road signs and directions for road safety when the new road is paved.

Moreover, the Head of the State gave instructions to be the same traffic rules and regulations, directions and road signs in the country and to supervise to follow the existing law, rules and directives. It is also assigned to the relevant central supervisory committee and Nay Pyi Taw, Region/State supervisory committees.

Then, the Admiral highlighted the efforts of NRSC, Nay Pyi Taw, and Region/State supervi-



Deputy Prime Minister MoTC Union Minister Admiral Tin Aung San chairs the second coordination meeting of the National Road Safety Council yesterday.

sory committees for Road Safety Audit and installation of directions and road signs in the first six-month of 2022-2023FY.

He also stressed the need to complete the work processes in time as the budget was allocated as per the existing financial regulations in 2023-2024FY.

Then, NRSC Deputy Chairmen U Myo Thant and Lt-Gen

Tun Tun Naung discussed the work processes to be implemented as per the visions and missions of the National Road Safety Action Plan (2021-2023).

The NRSC Secretary Director-General of Road Transport Administration Department and relevant secretary of sub-committees reported on the 2022 NRSC report, 12 Voluntary Tar-

gets of Global Plan, completed works as per the decisions made at the first committee meeting, National Road Safety Action Plan (2021-2023) and five Quick Win plans.

The attendees coordinated the discussion and the Admiral concluded the meeting after offering the instructions. — MNA/ KTZH

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Allowing New National Democracy Party to register as political party

AS of 14 July 2023, New National Democracy Party with its headquarters located at Plot No 72, Laydauntkan Street, Za/North Ward, Thingangyun Township, Thingangyun District in Yangon Region has been allowed to register under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law. The registration number of the New National Democracy Party is 33.

Sd/Thein Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Announcement No 39/2023

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14 July 2023

Allowing National Interest Development Party (NIDP) to register as political party

AS of 14 July 2023, National Interest Development Party (NIDP) with its headquarters located at Plot No 2, Phatkhin Street, Phatkhin Ward, Mawlamyine in Mon State has been allowed to register under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law. The registration number of the National Interest Development Party (NIDP) is 34.

Sd/Thein Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

MoI UM meets Minister of International Economic Relations of Sverdlovsk Region

UNION Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than and a delegation met the regional government headed by Mr Byechis Laffarin, Minister of International Economic Relations of the Sverdlovsk Region on 12 July.

During the meeting, both sides cordially discussed issues related to export and import, exploration of iron ore and mining, technological support for steel production, training for

steel production workers until they are proficient in technology and production methods, the building up of human resources by sending students from Myanmar to major universities in the Urals region, the strengthening of unity in the spirit of brotherhood between the partner countries, and prospect of appointing and sending commerce attachés in the Sverdlovsk Region. — MNA/TS



Union Minister Dr Charlie Than holds talks with the delegation led by Mr Byechis Laffarin, Minister of International Economic Relations of the Sverdlovsk Region on 12 July in the Russian Federation.

MoIP Union Minister receives UNFPA representatives



The UNFPA representative calls on Union Minister U Myint Kyaing yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

UNION Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing received Mr Ramana-


than Balakrishnan, the resident representative of UNFPA to Myanmar, and party at the

ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed the longstanding cooperation between the ministry and UNFPA, highlighting the ability to continue collaborating on similar activities even in the current situation.

The Ministry's work related to population statistical information necessitates support in terms of technology and relevant equipment they discussed.

As UNFPA, they maintained a strong tradition of continuous cooperation in addressing Myanmar's population and development issues, as well as other related matters they emphasized. — MNA/KZW



Bay of Bengal Condition

Issued at (14:00) hours M.S.T on 14-7-2023

ACCORDING to the observations at 13:30 hrs M.S.T today, a low pressure area may form over the North Bay of Bengal around 19-7-2023. It may further intensify into a depression around 21-7-2023 and likely to move West-Northwestward and will cross Odisha and Chhattisgarh, India.

Flood Warning

(Issued at 14:00 hrs M.S.T on 14-7-2023)

ACCORDING to the 13:30 hrs M.S.T observation today, the water level of Phaungpyin at Chindwin River is observed as about (41A) feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during the next four days. It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low lying areas at Phaungpyin Township, to take precaution measure.

MoST UM attends China-ASEAN International Forum on Innovation, Cooperation for Sustainable Development

UNION Minister for Ministry of Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, currently in China, attended the China-ASEAN International Forum on Innovation and Cooperation for Sustainable Development held yesterday morning at the Grand Bravo Hotel in Guilin City.

At the forum, the Vice-Chair of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region People's Congress, the deputy resident representative of UNDP China, Science and Technology ministers from Cambodia and Malaysia, and Myanmar, as well as representatives from Viet Nam and China, delivered speeches.

Afterwards, the experts discussed various aspects of sus-

tainable development. Following the discussion, the Union minister attended a luncheon hosted by Mayor Lee Chou of Guilin for Science and Technology ministers and representatives from ASEAN countries.

In the afternoon, the Union minister met students studying at universities in Guilin. He interacted with students and assisted with their needs.

The Union minister travelled by boat along the Li River from Guilin to Yangshuo. The purpose was to observe and learn about China's environmental sustainability efforts and the preparations being made in Guilin, which is a globally recognized tourist city. — MNA/KZW



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Kyaw addresses the China-ASEAN International Forum on Innovation, Cooperation for Sustainable Development in China yesterday.

MISIS conducts seminar on non-traditional security matters

A seminar organized by the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies under the auspices of the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation (MLC) on non-traditional security matters among Mekong-Lancang Countries was held on 14 July 2023 at Chatrium Hotel in Yangon. Members of the Myanmar-ISIS, professors and research fellows from respective Think Tanks

of Cambodia, Laos, Viet Nam, Thailand and China participated in the seminar.

On the occasion, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Myo Htut delivered a welcome remark. Afterwards, Mr Chen Hai, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar made a statement on Mekong-Lancang Cooperation. Consequently, the chairman of the Myanmar Institute

of Strategic and International Studies made his opening remarks.

Frank and open discussions were held to address combatting terrorism, human trafficking-related online gambling and scamming, cyber-crime, food security and extreme poverty reduction with a view to finding possible areas and mechanisms for further cooperation. — MNA



The seminar on non-traditional security matters in progress yesterday in Yangon.

MIFER Deputy Minister receives Deputy Chief of Indian Embassy



Deputy Minister Dr Wah Wah Maung holds talks with Ms Nabanita Chakrabarti, Deputy Chief of the Mission of the Embassy of India yesterday.

DR Wah Wah Maung, Deputy Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, received Ms Nabanita Chakrabarti, Deputy Chief of the Mission of the Embassy of India in Yangon, at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed matters of bilateral economic cooperation and Indian grant-in-aid projects.

In particular, they also have a detailed discussion on the progress of Small Development Projects proposed to the Indian side, the new additional proposed projects to be implemented by relevant

ministries and the rehabilitation projects for the affected areas of Cyclone Mocha in 2023 under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Indian Grant Assistance for Implementation of Small Development Projects. Senior Officials for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations were also present at the meeting.

Small Development Project is a quick-win grant project provided by the Indian Government with the amount of under two million USD for implementing socioeconomic development, especially in health, education and community development sectors. — MNA

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ACC Chairman-led delegation joins 4th GlobE Network Plenary Session

A Myanmar delegation led by Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman Dr Htay Aung joined the 4th Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities (GlobE Network) Plenary Session held at Vienna International Centre on 12 and 13 July online.

The meeting discussed the completed work plans for 2021-2022, ongoing processes in 2023 and future work programmes of the network that was organized to cooperate among member countries in solving the challenges in implementing the facts stated in the United Nations Convention against Corruption and exchange of information in time in combating corruption.

Moreover, the ACC Chairman and delegates attend-

ed the webinar on combating cross-border corruption held by the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities online on 13 July.

The Webinar focused on experiences in combating corruption in post-COVID-19, anti-corruption activities of the Hong Kong Independent Commission Against Corruption, technical assistance, information exchange and international cooperation.

Moreover, the delegation led by ACC Chairman took part in the discussion on the impacts of corruption in implementing the sustainable development goals presided by UNITAR.

The event discussed the transparency, responsibility, accountability and righteous



Anti-Corruption Commission Chair Dr Htay Aung (C) attends the online fourth Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities Plenary Session.

position of governments in curbing the increasing corruption in carrying out the urban

development programmes in the post-COVID-19 and other matters related to analyzing the

threat of corruption and the development of the organizational framework. — MNA/KTZH

Illegal timbers, crude oil, animals, industrial materials, foodstuffs and vehicles confiscated

THE on-duty teams under the Magway Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force captured a Foton vehicle (approximately K15 million) and a Li-Fan vehicle (estimated value of K15 million) carrying 1,440 gallons of crude oil worth K5.040 million without official documents near Yaenanma Police Station in Minhla township, 30 gallons of crude oil worth K105,000 without official documents near No 518 Oil Well in Mann oil field in Minbu township and 10 illegal oxen worth K10 million in Yaenanma Police Station in Minhla township on 4 July. The action was taken under the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law and Important Goods and Services Law.

The on-duty team nabbed 400 gallons of crude oil worth K1.4 million, two Luojua-110 motorbikes, two Dayang-110 motorbikes, a Trabo motorbike

and a Kenbo-110 motorbike worth K700,000 without official documents near Paegy creek in Chauk township on 7 July. The action was taken under the Public Property Protection Law.

Another on-duty team seized 20,000 visces of oil dregs worth K50 million without official documents from two Fuso 12-wheel trucks (approximately K90 million) at the Magway township checkpoint and an unregistered Toyota Mark II (estimated value of K3 million) in Aungyadana ward in Magway township on 10 July. The action was taken under the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law and Export and Import Law.

A combined team impounded a Dayun six-wheel truck (approximately K25 million) carrying a total of 5.672 tonnes of illegal teak worth K3,743,916 near Nay Pyi Taw-Myothit-Kanpya junc-

tion in Myothit township on 11 July and an unregistered Toyota Mark II (estimated value of K3 million) in Magway township and a Faw six-wheel truck (estimated value of K3 million) carrying a total of 2.011 tonnes of illegal timbers in Sedoktara township on 12 July. The action was taken under the Forest Law and Export and Import Law.

An unregistered Toyota Mark II (approximately K3 million) was seized near Bayintnaung bridge in Mayangon township on 11 July and action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

Officials seized a Scania tractor head and a trailer (approximately K55 million) carrying seven kinds of goods worth K41,320,800 including 372 Fleet guard brand new two-wheel tractor spare parts-fuel filters that were not declared in the Import Declaration (ID) travelling from Muse to Mandalay at the 22nd Milepost on Mandalay-Lashio Road on 11 July. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

The on-duty teams under the Mon State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force captured six kinds of goods worth K90.564 million including 300 pills of Health Plus Pollen, two kinds of goods worth K1.8 million including 300 boxes of Dino-Daurs pencil and

three kinds of goods worth K1.085 million including 40 kilogrammes of Witte moler bird food without official documents from a Mitsubishi canter (approximately K15 million) at the Hintha roundabout (Mawlamyine) and seven kinds of goods worth K2.177 million including 3,550 bottles of LipoVitan-D and 200 kilogrammes of Bingo Star Adult cat food worth K1 million from a Toyota HiAce Delivery Van (estimated value of K15 million) and nine kinds of goods worth K1.814 million including 950 bottles of LipoVitan-D without official documents from a Toyota HiAce Delivery Van (estimated value of K15 million) at the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) on 11 July. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

The Customs on-duty teams confiscated three kinds of goods worth K82,075,291 including 23,299.2 kilogrammes of Paldo instant noodles with black bean sauce without Import Licence at the Asia World Port Terminal container checkpoint, a Mitsubishi Fuso tractor head (estimated value of K65 million) and a trailer (estimated value of K10 million) carrying 27,900 kilogrammes of PVC woven sheet that exceeded the Import Declaration (ID) near Indagaw (Old Friend) fuel shop, a Nissan diesel truck (approximately K45 million) carrying four

kinds of goods worth K32.87 million including 272 Rosie bicycles that were not declared in the ID at the Inntaing checkpoint on 11 July and four kinds of goods worth K21,746,340 including 2,684 kilogrammes of PE disposable raincoat (printed) Annovia without Import Licence at the Hteedan Port on 12 July. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

An on-duty team seized 1,800 bags of Suesat detergent powder worth K1.875 million without official documents from a vehicle heading to Yangon from Myawady near the junction of Hpa-an detour and Mawlamyine-Hpa-an road on 12 July. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

A combined team captured four Toyota Hilux vehicles (estimated value of K40 million) carrying 15 kinds of goods worth K28.733 million including 3,640 litres of Two shrimps' vegetable oil without official documents at the Nyaungkhashay X-Ray station checkpoint on 12 July. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

As a result, a total of 42 arrests were made on 4, 7, 10, 11 and 12 July, with an estimated value of K825,350,047, as reported by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS



Confiscated illegal goods.

OPINION

Stay up-to-date with the cultural heritage of other countries

PRESERVING natural cultural heritage is a collective responsibility shared by every individual in a nation. The heritage can include historical symbols, as well as tangible and intangible cultural elements. Myanmar, with its rich history, possesses a wealth of such tangible and intangible cultural elements. All countries and their citizens endeavour to safeguard their cultural heritage, while also showcasing them to enhance their national image and identity. Tangible cultural elements encompass various materials, while intangible ones include languages, proverbs, sayings, stories, fine arts, entertainment, social and religious practices, customs, traditional festivals, traditional sports events, handicrafts, knowledge and traditions, and traditional medical treatments.

Myanmar boasts an impressive collection of 2,289 kinds of intangible cultural heritage. Efforts are currently underway to

submit the Nomination Dossier for Myanmar's Thanaka culture and traditional Maha Thingyan festival to the World Heritage Committee. Meeting the required norms is crucial for preserving national intangible cultural heritage.

Citizens must shoulder the responsibility of preserving the tangible cultural heritage, recording the intangible cultural heritage of the country, and safeguarding them from being replicated by other nations. It is essential to research the customs of ethnic groups in different areas.

Raising awareness among the population is vital to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the immense value of tangible and intangible cultural heritage. The people should take pride in possessing the heritage within their nation, rather than being emulated by

those belonging to other countries. It is important not to diminish the cultural heritage of other nations or peoples, but rather to appreciate and emphasize their significance.

Every citizen has a duty to inform relevant departments and authorities about any discoveries related to cultural objects, as well as instances of abuse and smuggling of the nation's cultural heritage. By doing so, timely action can be taken to prevent the loss of these invaluable treasures. Preserving cultural heritage should be guided by a collective consciousness of their value and the necessity of preservation efforts in respective areas.

The nature and character of a country are deeply rooted in its national integrity, historical evidence, and cultural heritage. As new cultures emerge in successive eras, it is crucial to analyze whether they align with national integrity and character. Acceptable cultures should be harmonized with existing cultural heritage. The preservation and appreciation of cultural heritage extend beyond national boundaries. Every individual is responsible for contributing to the preservation and safeguarding of these treasures, while also fostering an understanding and respect for the cultural heritage of other nations.

THE 2023 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation (LMC) Media Summit and Workshop were held from 27 June to 4 July 2023 in three major cities of China to build a community of shared and better future of the six Lancang-Mekong Cooperation member nations including Myanmar.

The Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Media Summit 2023 was held at the office of the People's Daily in Beijing, China on 27 June 2023 and attended by 80 representatives and journalists from six member states of the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation.

With the momentum of "One Belt, One Road" initiatives, the Summit led to the joint development of the interests of the six countries in the Lancang-Mekong region.

In his keynote speech, Mr Li Shulei, Member of the Political Bureau, Secretary of the Secretariat, and Head of the Publicity Department, of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, China underscored the importance of the betterment of global economic cooperation along with the five ASEAN coun-

Aungthu Ya of The Global New Light of Myanmar highlighted the significance of the 2023 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Media Summit to enhance much closer people-to-people exchanges among member states of the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation in the future. He called for the promotion of unity among member states and moving forward with a spirit of sustainable collaboration.

Panel discussions were followed after the keynote speeches. Media personnel from six Lancang-Mekong Cooperation member nations contributed their respective presentations under the titles "Driving Regional Economic Recovery for Mutual Benefit" and "Promoting Media Exchanges for Closer Bonds".

In Panel Discussion 1, Yangon Media Group Chairman U Ko Ko pointed out the vital role of

operation Media Workshop was conducted and attended by representatives of Lancang-Mekong Cooperation member states including U San Nyein Aung (General Manager - Shwe Than Lwin Media Company Limited) and U Kyaw Zay Yar Myat (General Manager - Vidya Media) before concluding the media summit.

Media Workshops related to the Summit were also held in Beijing, Guangzhou and Kunming until 4 July.

First of all, China Energy Engineering Corporation (CEEC) launched a media workshop in Beijing on 28 June, highlighting the topics named Green and Low-Carbon Development, Creating Opportunities for Local Development, and its key projects in Lancang-Mekong Cooperation member states.

The CEEC is joining hands

ed by the Lancang-Mekong Water Resources Cooperation Centre in Beijing on 29 July. During the workshop, delegates discussed further strengthening cooperation on sustainable management and utilization of water resources between Lancang-Mekong Cooperation countries and exchanged experiences.

A mechanism for the Lancang-Mekong Water Resources Cooperation has been formed with the joint efforts of six Lancang-Mekong Cooperation member nations. The cooperation has been enhanced among the LMC member countries in sustainable water resources management and utilization, and irrigation.

The 2023 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Media Workshop moved forward to Guangzhou after the flight from Beijing on 29 June.

equipped with automatic power tracking equipment to adequately distribute urban and rural residual electricity.

In the afternoon, the media delegates visited Huawei Research and Development Centre in Dongguan where discussions about the 5G network and automatic mining processes were made.

China's high-tech giant Huawei is replacing human activities in mineral and oil exploration with automatic tracking and measurement system technologies, and connecting 5G internet network connections to universities and colleges.

The media delegates also visited the Lingdingyang Bridge, an important control project of the Shenzhen-Zhongshan Link, supervised by the China Communications Construction Company (CCCC) on 2 July.

It has a total length of 2,826 metres, and a main span of 1,666 metres, which is the world's largest span full offshore suspension bridge. The bridge has a deck height of 91 metres, making it the world's tallest mid-sea bridge.

The CCCC has been fully involved in the construction of the economic development belt in the LMC mechanism.

The 2023 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Media Workshop moved forward again to Kunming, Yunnan Province, by a domestic flight from Guangzhou on 2 July.

In Kunming, the media delegates joined workshops held at Yunnan University in the morning and Yunnan Daily in the afternoon on 3 July and exchanged education systems and media cooperation between the LMC member countries.

The media representatives travelled to Fuyuan by a High-Speed Train on 4 July to attend a workshop conducted by the State Power Investment Corporation (SPIC).

During the workshop, the SPIC pointed out the Fuyuan West Wind Farm Project, which is currently the plateau wind power base with the largest installed capacity in China.

The SPIC is providing suffi-

2023 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Media Summit & Workshop nurtures a community of shared future

By KZL



The 2023 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Media Summit in progress on 27 June 2023 in Beijing.

tries. The member of the CPC Committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Assistant Foreign Minister, China, the vice-president of the Xinhua News Agency, the vice-president of the China Media Group, the president and editor-in-chief of the People's Daily remarked on the occasion.

Media leaders from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam made the respective keynote speeches at the event. In his keynote speech, Chief Editor

promoting trade and investment, providing an attractive platform for regional countries, cooperation of financial sectors and regional connectivity.

In Panel Discussion 2, Northern Light Journal Chief Editor U Win Tin underscored the urgent need for media cooperation for closer bonds among six Lancang-Mekong Cooperation member states.

The kick-off ceremony of the 2023 Lancang-Mekong Co-

operation with LMC member countries. Up to now, it has constructed 107 hydropower plants, thermal power plants, power transmission and water projects, with a total amount of over US\$9 million.

As a pioneer in energy revolution and power construction, CEEC upholds the new development concept of innovation, coordination, greenness, openness and shared benefits.

Myanmar representatives joined a media workshop conduct-

ed by the Lancang-Mekong Water Resources Cooperation Centre in Beijing on 29 July. During the workshop, delegates discussed further strengthening cooperation on sustainable management and utilization of water resources between Lancang-Mekong Cooperation countries and exchanged experiences.

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As a result of the workshop discussion, the CSG uses towers

cient power with wind turbines, so Myanmar should also acquire such advanced power tower technologies for the required power, and cooperate with China in wind power generation.

The Lancang-Mekong Cooperation framework covers a wide range of areas, including connectivity, infrastructure development, water resources management, agriculture, poverty reduction, public health, education, culture, and people-to-people exchanges. The LMC operates through multiple mechanisms, such as leaders' meetings, foreign ministers' meetings, senior officials' meetings, and thematic

working groups.

The LMC is actively carrying out projects related to electricity generation from hydro, solar and wind power etc., water resources, disaster management, capacity development, environmental conservation, agricultural development, cultural exchanges, and infrastructure development, and it aims at promoting inclusive and sustainable development in the Lancang-Mekong region including Myanmar.

As a supporter and practitioner of the "One Belt, One Road" initiative, China is insisting on international priority and actively participates in Lancang-Mekong



The 2023 Lancang-Mekong Cooperation Workshop underway on 4 July 2023 in Kunming of Yunnan Province.

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Cooperation while deeply cultivating Southeast Asian development.

Building a better and shared society, and constructing projects that benefit the people, has always been the goal pursued by the six Lancang-Mekong member nations. The Government of China is encouraging Chinese enterprises, experts and technicians to strengthen cooperation with the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation member countries in various projects.

Capacity building is also important to strengthen the talent pool in Lancang-Mekong Cooperation member countries inclusive of Myanmar and create more favourable conditions for the implementation of regional connectivity projects. The activities are strengthening comprehensive collaboration in technical exchanges, capacity building, data, information and media sharing, joint research and analysis related to the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation.

In conclusion, the LMC is building on the sound momentum generated to steer the Belt and Road initiative towards greater success, mutual learning and benefits in the Lancang-Mekong region.

It is welcoming that the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation long-term project activities connect with Myanmar and other member countries. Also, people-to-people bonds are being added to the ongoing projects for mutual interests. Myanmar and all the LMC member states should seize this opportunity and embrace China's technology, human resources, and financial assistance for further development in respective member countries of the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Experts warn El Niño might hamper rice production



The photo shows some farmers harvesting monsoon paddy.

EL Niño could disrupt the rice supply across Asia, which accounts for 90 per cent of glob-

al production of rice, experts warned. Dry weather caused by the

El Niño climate pattern negatively affected rice production in Asia. India constitutes 40 per

cent of global rice exports in 2022, with 56 tonnes of rice. Between January and May 2023, the leading rice exporting countries exported 9.27 million tonnes of rice by India, 3.62 million tonnes by Viet Nam and 3.47 million tonnes by Thailand respectively.

Myanmar aims to achieve 2.5 million tonnes of rice export in the 2023-2024 FY. It sent only 261,079 tonnes of rice and broken rice in Q1 (April-June) this FY.

Consequently, the price of rice which is the staple food of over three billion people is forecast to rise. The global rice inventory might drop to the six-year lowest of 170.2 million tonnes this FY.

Myanmar people have been facing an inflation burden since

mid-2022. Rocketing rice price persists in 2023. The retail price of high-grade Pawsan paddy from Myaungmya and Pyapon areas rice hit over K100,000 per bag in addition to popular Pawsan from the Shwebo area. The wholesale price is approximately K90,000-95,000 per bag, which soared from K70,000 per bag in the year-ago period. The price is up by around K20,000 per bag.

The low-grade summer rice was priced at K30,000 only in 2020. This year, it peaked at K60,000 per bag.

If the El Niño phenomenon threatens rice production in Myanmar, consumers have concerns over the possible price hike. — TWA/EM

CBM reauthorizes licensing of clearing services to use QR Code payments



The licence for Universal Pay Co Ltd (brand name: Unipay) is being granted on 10 July after initial licences are issued.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar announced on 12 July that licences are being granted to clearing services that allow the public to easily use QR Code payments in areas that are inaccessible to bank services.

It is said that the licence for clearing services was granted to allow the public to easily use QR Code payments and to act as an intermediary in the payment process be-

tween the seller and the buyer. The CBM has been working to expand the network of banks in districts and townships, in cooperation with the banks, to make digital payments accessible to unbanked areas and sectors.

A clearing service licence has been granted to Nature Link Pay Co Ltd (brand name: Trusty E-Commerce), Zego Pay Co Ltd (brand name: Zego Money), and Internet Wallet

Myanmar Ltd (brand name: OK\$) in February, and Universal Pay Co Ltd (brand name: Unipay) in compliance with the terms and conditions of the licence on 10 July, according to the statement of the CBM.

Digital payments will be widely available in places, regions, various strata, and various areas where there are no banking services, and the use of cash will also be reduced. — TWA/CT

A Bank to provide instalment loan service for EV purchase

ELECTRIC vehicles will be sold by A Bank with the instalment loan service, and insurance protections will be provided together.

A Bank, A Insurance, and Amazing Auto had signed an agreement on 12 July to sell EVs with instalment loan service.

EVs can be purchased with the instalment loan service provided by A Bank, and the bank has announced that they will provide insurance protections for all types of EVs. In addition, A Insurance will also provide comprehensive insurance for EVs, just like motor vehicles.

The road and bridge usage fee has been relaxed by 100% for EVs on all roads and bridges in regions and states, other union roads, and roads and bridges operated by the BOT system, including the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025. — TWA/CT



The signing ceremony to sell EVs with instalment loan service is in progress on 12 July.

LOCAL BUSINESS

Myanmar ships over 80 MT of honey to Japan in June

MYANMAR conveyed over 80 tonnes of honey worth US\$0.121 million to Japan in June of the current financial year 2023-2024, according to the Apiculture Division under the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

Myanmar sent 100.41 tonnes of honey worth US\$0.15 million to foreign markets in April, with 60.3 tonnes of honey to Thailand and 40.11 tonnes to Japan.

Last May, Myanmar exported 140.7 tonnes of honey to Thailand, 176 to Japan and 20 to the Republic of Korea, totalling 336.7 tonnes worth \$0.505 million.

The exports of honey amounted to \$0.776 million from 517.51 tonnes in the Q1 of the current FY.

Myanmar has delivered honey to the Republic of Korea, Japan, the US and Singapore. Myanmar's beekeep-

ing businesses are mostly found in Sagaing Region, Mandalay Region, Magway Region and Shan State.

Myanmar produces sesame honey, jujube honey, Niger honey, sunflower honey, lychee honey and flower honey. It is the harvest season of sesame honey at present.

Honey is utilized as traditional medicine in the country, while it also generates foreign income from exports.

There are some state-owned beekeeping stations with 6,200 beehives and about 820 private beekeeping businesses operating with nearly 200,000 beehives. Apiculture and honey production businesses are primarily found in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions and Shan State.

Moreover, two million acres of crops yearly contribute to bee pollination every year. This year, 11 per cent

of sunflower acreages are designated for pollen sources.

Additionally, beekeeping businesses near the crop fields contribute to the successful yield of the crop as well as quality bee production.

Myanmar annually produces about 7,000 tonnes of honey, with a production capacity of 70 pounds per beehive. Approximately 2,600 tonnes of honey are conveyed to foreign markets every year. Myanmar's honey is priced at \$1,600 per tonne.

More than 1,900 tonnes of honey were shipped to external markets in the 2022-2023 FY (April-



March), with an estimated value of over \$2.8 million.

Myanmar exported 1,853.74 tonnes to foreign markets by sea and 63.44 tonnes to neighbouring countries via cross-border. — NN/EM

CBM eases currency conversion rules for exporters



The office building of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Yangon.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar relaxed the compulsory foreign currency conversion rule to 50 per cent from 65 per cent, in the exercise of the power conferred by Section 49 (B) of the Foreign Exchange Management Law, according to its Notification No

15/2023 dated 13 July.

According to the CBM's Notification No 36/2022 dated 5 August 2022, the exporters had to convert 65 per cent of the hard currency they earned into local currency according to the Central Bank of Myan-

mar's reference exchange rate. The CBM eased the foreign currency rules to 50 per cent for exporters, according to the notification No 12/2022.

This came into effect on 13 July. If the exporters fail to comply with this notification,

they will face legal actions under the Foreign Exchange Management Law, the CBM stated.

Although the CBM set the reference exchange rate at K2,100, US dollars were exchanged at K3,100 in the shady dealings.

The CBM notified that the exchange rate transacted on online trading platforms is the actual currency value and the US dollar was exchanged at over K2,900 on 22 June when the online trading platform started.

In 2013, the CBM implemented a forex market for interbank transactions among authorized dealers and bank-customer transactions for foreign exchange market development.

International forex trading platform (Refinitiv) helped the authorized dealers deliver a complete function for inter-bank transactions. The CBM has been managing on-

line trading for bank-customer transactions.

Starting on 22 June, the CBM led the online trading platform for bank-customer transactions and transactions between clients. The total turnover for the trading of the six authorized banks was US\$6.89 million with an exchange rate of K2,920-2,922.

Furthermore, the CBM also provided USD SWAP Financing and sold 1.2 million dollars.

The exchange rate transacted on online trading platforms determines the actual value and the rate in shady dealings and posted on social media platforms are just grey market rates, the CBM warned.

The CBM will provide SWAP Financing for the essential goods in need and intervene in the forex market, according to the notification issued on 21 June 2023. — NN/EM

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.

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PESTICIDE TRADE NAME CHANGING

Notice is hereby given that the official trade name have been changed of Marlarmyaing Public Co., Ltd for the following insecticide manufactured by Mountain Peak Cropcare Pte Ltd.

Trade Name	Change Name	Active Ingredient	Registration Type	Registration Number
Marlarmyaing ThoHlaungSay	ThoHlaungSay	Aluminium Phosphide	Full	F2022-3778

We invite objections to Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon from all parties within a period of fourteen (14) days from the publication of this notice. If no objections are receive within the period prescribed, parties mentioned above shall proceed with the completion of formalities recorded with the Pesticide Registration Board.

Mountain Peak Cropcare Pte Ltd.
21, Butkit Batok, 22-78 #WCEGA Tower,
Singapore 658065

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V AN HAI CONFIDNCE VOY.NO. (2306)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V AN HAI CONFIDNCE VOY.NO. (2306)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **15-7-2023** 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 ELDER TRIUMPHANT SHIPPING LINE PTE., LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V BAO ANH VOY.NO. (202301)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BAO ANH VOY.NO. (202301)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **14-7-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **SPW-6** 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 BEN LINE AGENCIES (S'PORE) PTE LTD

UK economy falters as outlook darkens



UK output slid as businesses downed tools for the coronation holiday. **PHOTO: POOL/AFP/FILE**

THE UK economy shrank in May on an extra public holiday for the coronation of King Charles III, official data showed Thursday, and as high inflation prolongs a cost-of-living crisis.

The outlook darkened as the government's fiscal watchdog warned public

debt — already ballooning on pandemic spending and energy subsidies — would rocket further in the coming decades. Gross domestic product slid 0.1 per cent in May after rising 0.2 per cent the previous month, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said.

Output slid as businesses downed tools for the extra holiday, but the performance beat market expectations for a deeper decline of 0.3 per cent.

“GDP fell slightly as manufacturing, energy generation and construction all fell back with some

industries impacted by one fewer working day than normal,” said ONS economic statistics director Darren Morgan.

Hot inflation

Activity remains under strain also from aggressive interest-rate hikes as the Bank of England's (BoE) attempts to dampen hot consumer prices.

UK annual inflation unexpectedly held at 8.7 per cent in May. The BoE has ramped up interest rates 13 times in a row to the current level of five per cent, in turn increasing commercial loan costs for businesses and consumers. “While an extra bank holiday had an impact on growth in May, high inflation remains a drag anchor on economic growth,” noted finance minister Jeremy Hunt. — AFP

IEA trims demand forecast as interest rates weigh on growth

THE IEA trimmed its forecast for 2023 oil demand for the first time this year as macroeconomic headwinds including higher interest rates bite, but still sees it reaching a record level thanks to China's thirst for fuel.

The International Energy Agency now sees oil demand rising by 2.2 million barrels per day (mbd) this year, down from its previous forecast of an increase of 2.4 mbd.

Nevertheless, the Paris-based organization which unites energy con-

suming nations, expects global demand to hit a record 102.1 mbd this year.

China will account for 70 per cent of the global demand increase even though the rebound in its economy has appeared to falter.

“China's oil demand remained robust despite rising unemployment, renewed property market stress and a general slump in business and consumer sentiment,” said the IEA in its regular monthly report on oil markets. But it warned overall



Oil demand should still hit a record this year. **PHOTO: AFP**

“world oil demand is coming under pressure from the challenging economic environment, not least because of the dramatic

tightening of monetary policy in many advanced and developing countries over the past twelve months.” — AFP

First German offshore wind farm auction raises billions

GERMANY on Wednesday auctioned off rights to build offshore wind power plants for the first time, raising billions of euros earmarked to help slash consumer electricity bills.

Three sites on the North Sea and one on the Baltic brought in proceeds of 12.6 billion euros (\$14.0 billion), the Federal Network Agency, a government regulatory body, said.

The winning offers came from energy giants BP and TotalEnergies among eight bidders for each of the sites.

“The outcome confirms the attractiveness of investments in offshore

wind energy in Germany,” said Federal Network Agency president Klaus Mueller in a statement.

“Competition for offshore wind energy has never been higher.” — AFP

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Ericsson and Nokia feel squeeze of interest rates hikes

INTEREST rate hikes are forcing mobile operators to scale back investment in 5G networks, with equipment manufacturer Ericsson reporting Friday a rare net quarterly loss and Nokia lowering its outlook. Network equipment

makers feel the pain when mobile phone operators scale back investment in 5G networks, with Ericsson reporting Friday a rare quarterly net loss and Nokia lowering its outlook. The news sent the shares of both companies down as

much as nine per cent on the Helsinki and Stockholm exchanges before trimming their losses. Sweden's Ericsson posted a net loss of 600 million kronor (\$59 million) in the April through June quarter, compared to a profit of 4.7 billion kronor

the same period last year. The dip into the red was mostly due to a restructuring charge of 3.1 billion kronor related to its announcement of 8,500 job cuts globally in February as part of a cost cutting plan, the company said. — AFP



Ericsson and Nokia are hopeful over the medium-term as only of a quarter of mobile towers outside of China have been updated to 5G. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Burberry sales jump on China boost

BRITISH luxury fashion house Burberry on Friday logged a jump in quarterly sales on surging demand in China after the key market lifted Covid restrictions.

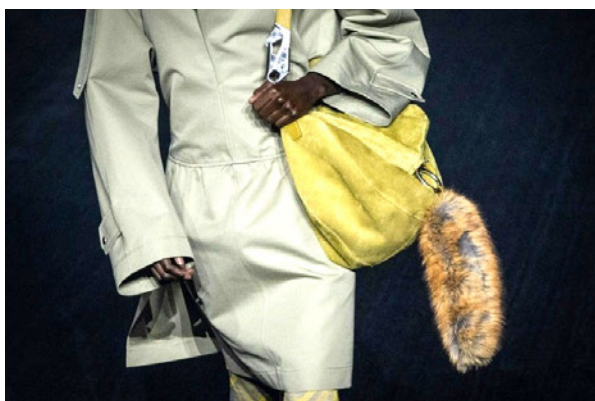
Group sales grew 18 per-cent to £589 million (\$772 million) in its first quarter, or three months to the end of June, compared with a year earlier, according to an earnings statement.

The performance

was buoyed by a 46-per-cent surge in Chinese purchases of items including Burberry's handbags and famed trench coats.

"We have made good progress in the quarter... led by the ongoing recovery in mainland China," chief executive Jonathan Akeroyd said in the statement.

"We saw continued strength in our core outerwear and leather goods categories." — AFP



Burberry's performance was buoyed by a 46-per-cent surge in Chinese purchases of items including its handbags and famed trench coats. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Singapore issues arrest notice for billionaire in rare graft probe

SINGAPORE'S powerful anti-graft body issued an arrest notice for one of the city-state's richest people, his company said Friday, widening a probe into rare high-level corruption.

Hotel tycoon Ong Beng Seng was given "a notice of arrest and has posted bail", Hotel Prop-

erties Limited said in a filing with the Singapore Exchange. The billionaire was asked by the Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB) "to provide information in relation to his interactions" with Transport Minister S Iswaran, the company said. — AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ALS SUMIRE VOY.NO. (101N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ALS SUMIRE VOY.NO. (101N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15-7-2023 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of 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 SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINE

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (094N)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (094N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15-7-2023 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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Phone No: 2301185

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V NEGAR VOY.NO. (SCY1153)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V NEGAR VOY. NO. (SCY1153) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15-7-2023 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MITT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Phone No: 2301185

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S LAND AND SEA INTERMODAL LOGISTICS
SDN BHD LINE

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V UNI ACTIVE (0298-747N)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V UNI ACTIVE (0298-747N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15-7-2023 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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Phone No: 2301185

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S EVERGREEN MARINE (ASIA) PTE., LTD.

Notice for change of distributor

We, Zhejiang Zhongshan Chemical Industry Group Co., Ltd, would like to change the Distributor of the following products, which registered under Pesticide Registration Board, Myanmar, from Zhongshan Myanmar Co., Ltd to Northern Aung Power Agro Chemical Co., Ltd. If any objection or enquiry, please contact to Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, West Gyogone, Insein township, Yangon from here to next two weeks.

No	Old Distributor	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration Type	Registration number	New Distributor
1	Zhongshan Myanmar Co., Ltd	DKZINE 500 SC	Atrazine 50% SC	Provisional	P2019 - 4686	Northern Aung Power Agro Chemical Co., Ltd
2		DKPYRACLOS 250 SC	Pyraclorobin 25% SC	Provisional	P2023 - 4756	
3		DKtola 960 EC	S-Metolachlor 960 g/l EC	Provisional	P2022 - 4684	

Northern Aung Power Agro Chemical Co., Ltd. (Address: BUILDING (75), ROOM -101), KYAN SIT MIN HOUSING, HLAINGTHARYAR TOWNSHIP., YANGON REGION, MYANMAR. Ph no .09403723854)

ROLLING UPDATES

ASIA

Solomon Islands says China police pact not a 'threat'



Solomon Islands' Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare and China's Premier Li Qiang inspect the guard of honour during a welcome ceremony at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on 10 July 2023. PHOTO: ANDY WONG/AFP

SOLOMON Islands said Friday that its policing pact with China posed no "threat" to the Pacific, rebuking Western powers who raised fears the deal could inflame regional tensions.

Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare inked a raft of deals during a trip to China this week, including an agreement allowing Beijing to extend its police presence in the developing Pacific nation until 2025.

The United States, Australia and New Zealand have expressed unease about the policing "implementation plan", urging Beijing to soothe concerns by releasing more details.

In response, the Solomon Islands government declared that critics should "respect our

sovereignty and right to make our own decisions".

A spokesman for Sogavare said the pact would plug security gaps exposed by violent anti-government riots in November 2021, which destroyed large sections of the Chinatown district in the capital Honiara.

It would cover areas such as drone training, cybersecurity and the provision of vehicles and equipment, the spokesman added, saying the government failed to see how this was a "threat to the Pacific region".

Sogavare, who has repeatedly stressed his country is "friends to all", raised eyebrows when he arrived in Beijing earlier this week and told Chinese officials "I am back home". — AFP

India launches cut-price mission to land on Moon

INDIA launched a rocket on Friday carrying an unmanned spacecraft to land on the Moon, its second attempt to do so as its cut-price space programme seeks to reach new heights.

The heavyweight LVM3-M4 rocket lifted off from Sriharikota in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh carrying the Chandrayaan-3 spacecraft, as thousands of enthusiasts clapped

and cheered.

The world's most populous nation has a comparatively low-budget aerospace programme that is rapidly closing in on the milestones set by global space powers.

Only Russia, the United States and China have previously achieved a controlled landing on the lunar surface.

But India's last attempt to

do so ended in failure four years ago, when ground control lost contact moments before landing.

"Chandrayaan-3 scripts a new chapter in India's space odyssey," tweeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is currently visiting France.

"It soars high, elevating the dreams and ambitions of every Indian." — AFP



The encapsulated assembly containing Chandrayaan 3 is mated with launch vehicle LVM3 at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, 5 July 2023. PHOTO: ANI

Japanese space agency's Epsilon small rocket engine explodes in test



An explosion occurs at the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency's Noshiro Testing Centre in Noshiro, Akita Prefecture, on 14 July 2023, during a test of JAXA's Epsilon S rocket engine. PHOTO: KYODO

AN engine being developed for use in the Epsilon S small rocket exploded Friday at a testing facility in northeastern Japan, in

another setback for the Japanese space agency's efforts to launch advanced rockets. No one was injured in the large explosion at the Noshiro Testing Centre in Akita Prefecture, according to the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency and police. Many media and space enthusiasts had gathered to watch outside the research building. The incident occurred about one minute after the ground test for the second-stage engine began at the building. The engine suddenly spat flames and exploded with a roar, spewing a massive plume of white smoke into the air that turned black as the inferno continued. — Kyodo

NEWS IN BRIEF

Modi honoured for France's Bastille Day in shadow of riots

INDIAN Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be guest of honour for France's Bastille Day celebrations on Friday, which are set to take place under tight security two weeks after riots swept the country.

Around 45,000 police will be deployed nationwide in the evening while firework sales have been banned as the government aims to prevent a repeat of the urban violence seen at the end of June, following the police killing of a teenager.

The annual Bastille Day festivities, which mark the storming of the Bastille prison at the start of the French Revolution in 1789, kick off with a traditional military parade in the morning that will see over 5,000 people sweep down the Champs Elysees.

French President Emmanuel Macron awarded Modi the grand cross of the Legion of Honour, the country's top order of merit, the presidency announced on Friday.— AFP

Putin says Prigozhin refused to cede command of Wagner

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin said Wagner chief Yevgeny Prigozhin refused to let his fighters serve under someone else's command, which could have settled the fate of the group.

Three weeks after Prigozhin launched a short-lived rebellion against Russia's top military brass, the future and whereabouts of Wagner members remain uncertain.

The Kremlin had confirmed but gave few details about a meeting between Putin, Prigozhin and other Wagner commanders on 29 June, five days after the mutiny.

In an interview to *Kommersant* published Thursday evening, Putin said he had offered a way forward for Wagner fighters.

"(The fighters) could all

gather in one place and continue to serve," Putin told *Kommersant*.

They would come under the authority of a commander nicknamed "Sedoy", according to the daily newspaper.

"Nothing would have changed for them, they would have been led by the same person who was their real commander all this time," Putin was cited as saying.

The Russian leader said that "many nodded" but that Prigozhin ultimately refused the offer.

Wagner had operated in the shadows for years.

It came into the spotlight during the military operation in Ukraine, despite the fact that private military companies are illegal in Russia. — AFP



Members of Wagner group sit atop of a tank in a street in the city of Rostov-on-Don, on 24 June 2023. PHOTO: STRINGER/AFP

Spain's San Fermin bull runs wrap up with 35 injured

SIX men were injured Friday during the eighth and final bull run of Spain's famed San Fermin festival, bringing to 35 the total number of daredevils wounded during this year's fiesta.

Five men between the ages of 29 and 61 were taken to hospital to treat bruises of varying degrees of severity, the regional government of Navarre said in a statement.

A sixth man was treated in the infirmary of the northern city of Pamplona's bullring for bruises he suffered during the run, the local branch of the Red

Cross said in a tweet.

The bulls from the Miura ranch in the southwestern province of Seville completed the 848.6-metre (928-yard) course from a holding pen to the city bull ring in two minutes and 21 seconds.

Each morning from 7-14 July, hundreds of daredevils, many wearing traditional white shirts with red scarves tied around their necks, tested their bravery by running ahead of a pack of bulls through the course set up in the narrow, winding streets of the medieval city. — AFP



A man is trampled by a bull during the eighth and final bull run of Spain's famed San Fermin festival. PHOTO: AFP

Aid group's rescue ship held 'indefinitely' in Italy

AID group SOS Mediterranee on Thursday accused Italy of hampering its work after the authorities there ordered its migrant rescue ship *Ocean Viking* held "for an indefinite period" in port.

Officials had cited "a very small number of technical and administrative shortcomings," said the aid group.

Having the ship blocked in the port of Civitavecchia, north of Rome, "prevents us from carrying out rescue operations" for migrants in the Mediterranean, the NGO's co-founder and director Sophie Beau told AFP.

The authorities were creating a "very harmful" environment for civil society groups looking to aid migrants, she added.

Italy's government has

since last year been led by far-right Prime Minister Georgia Meloni, whose coalition — also including Matteo Salvini of the anti-Migrant League party — has cracked down on help for migrants.

On Thursday, five charities

that assist migrants said they had complained to the European Commission about a new Italian law forcing rescue ships in the Mediterranean to dock in ports assigned to them — often much farther away and requiring days of extra sailing. — AFP



Aid group SOS Mediterranee's migrant rescue ship *Ocean Viking* at a port. PHOTO: SOS MEDITERRANEE'S TWITTER ACCOUNT/AFP

165 million people fell into poverty in 3 years of crisis: UN

THE Covid-19 pandemic, the cost-of-living crisis and the war in Ukraine have pushed 165 million people into poverty since 2020, the United Nations said Thursday, calling for a pause in debt repayments for developing countries.

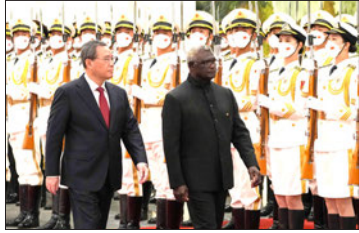
Because of these shocks, 75 million people will have fallen

into extreme poverty, defined as living on less than \$2.15 a day, between 2020 and the end of 2023 — and 90 million more will fall below the poverty line of \$3.65 a day, according to a study published by the United Nations Development Programme. "The poorest suffer the most and their

incomes in 2023 are projected to remain below pre-pandemic levels," the report said. "Countries that could invest in safety nets over the last three years have prevented a significant number of people from falling into poverty," UNDP chief Achim Steiner said in a statement. — AFP

Solomon Islands says China police pact not a 'threat'

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

1. Political affairs

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

2. Economic affairs

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

3. Social affairs

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



A Myanmar player (yellow) is seen jumping high to snatch the ball during the final match against Thailand in the Men's Under 21 (a team of three) Regu competition. **PHOTO: BALA SOE**

Myanmar garners three silvers, one bronze in 36th King Cup Sepak Takraw World Championship 2023

MYANMAR team secured three silver and one bronze medals in the 36th King Cup Sepak Takraw World Championship 2023 which is being held in Korat, Thailand from 9 to 16 July.

Team Myanmar won one silver medal in Men's Under 21 (a team of three) Regu competition and one bronze medal in the Men's Senior (a team of three) Regu competition.

Myanmar also grabbed

one silver in the Women's Hoop Takraw (a team of four) event and another silver in the Mix Regu competition.

The Myanmar sports team continues to compete in the tournament. — Bala Soe/KZL

China-Myanmar Friendship Amateur Football Tournament held

THE 51-day-long China-Myanmar Friendship Amateur Football Tournament was recently held in Longchuan County, Yunnan Province, on the China-Myanmar border.

Football players from China and Myanmar played 90 matches. A total of 14 football teams and 427 amateur players participated in this tourney.

U Naing Maung Aye, an amateur football player from Myanmar who lives and works in Longchuan, also participated in this competition.

He said, "I have been in China since 2013. As of this year, it has been ten years. I make a living repairing motorcycles in China. In the beginning, I started as an apprentice, and now that I have mastered it, I have opened my own shop. In China, the number of football fields has increased as the sport has developed more." —GNLM/KZL



David Moyes is yet to see Declan Rice depart. **PHOTO: AFP**

FRUSTRATED West Ham coach David Moyes has lamented Declan Rice's drawn-out move to Arsenal, saying Friday he "can't plan anything" until the captain's transfer is done.

A £105 million (\$140 million) deal for the England international midfielder was agreed with Arsenal 10 days ago but he is still officially a West Ham player.

Rice is not though part of West Ham's touring squad to Australia for pre-season friendlies against Perth Glory and Tottenham Hotspur.

The Premier League season kicks off in a month.

"Until it's done we can't plan anything really," Moyes told reporters in Perth ahead of West Ham's friendly against Perth

Moyes says West Ham 'can't plan anything' as Rice move drags on

Glory on Saturday.

"Everybody knows the situation. We are expecting something to happen." Moyes remained coy over possible replacements for the influential Rice, who played a major part in West Ham's Europa Conference League title win.

"I don't think we can replace Declan exactly like for like, that is for sure," he said.

"We will add to the squad. We won't be giving any thoughts or any names or anything like that."

With Rice and several other star players absent, West Ham boasts a youthful squad in Perth in the club's first outing since their European triumph over Fiorentina. "We're still buzzing... there are fantastic memories that won't fade away quickly. But we've also moved on and preparing for the next round of games," said Moyes, whose job was under threat last season with West Ham near the Premier League's relegation zone. — AFP