

SAC extends six-month term for serving State responsibilities under Constitution



Pro Tem President (Duty) Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the National Defence and Security Council's Second Meeting yesterday.

The National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar held the 2/2024 meeting in Nay Pyi Taw on 31 July 2024.

The National Defence and Security Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar held its 2/2024 meeting at the Office of the State Administration Council Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

As Pro Tem President U Myint Swe is receiving medical treatment on medical leave due to his current health conditions, the duties and functions of the Pro Tem President were transferred to the Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to carry out measures of the National Defence and Security Council. So, the meeting was attended by Pro Tem President (Duty) Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung

Holding the election is a government's vision which never changes. Hence, preparations are ongoing to hold an election. The Senior General reaffirmed that he will implement the vision to achieve success.

Hlaing, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U T Khun Myat, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief

(Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Union Minister for Defence Admiral Tin Aung San, Union Minister for Home Af-

fairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, specially invited SAC Secretary Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe and Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo.

First, the Pro Tem President (Duty) Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services made clarifications on undertakings in the six months. The State Administration Council extended its term for carrying out State responsibilities and needs for further tasks. He said transferring the duties and functions of the Pro Tem President would be explained at first. Starting from early 2023, Pro Tem President U Myint Swe has been receiving medical treatment provided by a medical team

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31 July 2024

Appointment and Duty Assignment for Judges of Region/State High Courts

THE State Administration Council has appointed and assigned the following persons to the duties of Judges of the Region and State High Courts shown against each of their names under Section 419 of the Constitution.

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| 1. Daw Aye Aye Maw | Kachin State High Court |
| 2. Daw Mi Mi Sein | Sagaing Region High Court |
| 3. Dr Zaw Win Tun | Bago Region High Court |
| 4. Dr Aung Thiha | Mon State High Court |

By Order,
Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

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Heads of Service Organizations appointed

THE State Administration Council has appointed the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations, as shown against each of their names on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
1. Dr Myo Min Kyi Win Deputy Director-General National Archives Department Ministry of Planning and Finance	Director-General National Archives Department Ministry of Planning and Finance
2. Daw Mya Mya Oo Deputy Director-General Internal Revenue Department Ministry of Planning and Finance	Director-General Internal Revenue Department Ministry of Planning and Finance

Myanmar wins ASEAN Smoke-Free Award

AIMING to make the ASEAN region smoke-free, the ASEAN Smoke-Free Award Programme, a collaboration between the Southeast Asia Tobacco Control Alliance and the ASEAN Secretariat, was introduced on 13 May 2022 at the 15th ASEAN Health Ministers' Meeting held in Bali, Indonesia.

ASEAN members were invited to participate in the programme. Among the established smoke-free areas in Myanmar, the Bagan ancient cultural zone competed for the ASEAN Smoke-Free Award and was selected by the established selection criteria.

Iloilo City of the Philippines claimed the gold medal, whereas Bogor City of Indonesia secured the silver medal. Myanmar's Bagan and Thailand's Saensuk Municipality jointly won the bronze medal. The consolation award went to Luang Prabang of Laos.

The ASEAN Smoke-Free Award will be presented in a ceremony at the 16th ASEAN Health Ministers' Meeting to be held in Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic, on 8 August 2024.
— MNA/KZL

Foreign fuel tankers arrive on schedule



Photos show fuel tankers carrying fuel docking at Thilawa Port in Yangon Region.

CONTINUOUS rainfall has triggered floods in some regions, and it causes delays in fuel import and distribution processes at Terminals of Thilawa Port and the transport of fuel. Therefore, officials supervise the fuel sales systematically to prevent temporary fuel shortages before the arrival of tankers. They also address urgent needs by filling stations and transporting fuel from

temporarily suspended stations due to floods to those in need.

Supervisory Committee on Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil distributed fuel to storage tanks at Thilawa Port in advance until the end of the second week of August 2024 to ensure fuel security and to prevent shortages. It makes proper arrangements for continuous entry of fuel tankers.

Therefore, people should not panic due to the misinformation regarding fuel shortage news spreading online media, and they should not buy more than what they need and store and resell at high prices. They should buy what they need. The committee currently supervises petrol stations so as not to stop them from selling oil to vehicles despite having ample fuel in storage. — MNA/KTZH

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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comprising specialists as he is suffering from psychomotor retardation. Moreover, he underwent an eye surgical operation for both eyes with cataracts, which improved his eyesight. But, he still suffers from psychomotor retardation. At a time when a medical check-up was performed on him, his health condition did not improve, and as he was incapable of doing all daily routine moves, including eating food, his duties and functions were transferred at 10:30 am on 22 July 2024 for carrying out the national defence and security council measures.

If the declaration of a state of emergency is analyzed according to Section 417 and Section 412 of the Constitution, although some persons involved in the National Defence and Security Council are absent during the period when the state of emergency has not been completed, the remaining persons have to serve the duties mandated by the Constitution without fail. If the Pro Tem President cannot attend the National Defence and Security Council meeting in his condition or **the Pro Tem President is absent for various reasons, the definition of Section 412 (b) and Section 418 (b) of the Constitution indicates that the Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services has to lead the meeting to decide all measures of the State primarily. Section 419 of the Constitution stipulates that the executive power of the State is being exercised by the SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services on behalf of the President. Hence, the executive power of the State was transferred to the SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, in accord with Section 419 of the Constitution, as he is exercising the executive power on behalf of the President.**

The State Administration Council will implement the five-point roadmap and nine objectives steadfastly. Since its assumption of the State's responsibilities, the SAC checked

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voter lists for voting fraud in detail in the townships where the election was held. Responsible persons who committed voting fraud did not admit their acts, but their voting fraud obviously emerged when witnesses were investigated. Findings of voting fraud were released, and action was taken against those responsible persons under the law. The government has adopted the five-point roadmap and nine objectives. Upon completion of the two-year term of the emergency period set at first, the election was to be held. As there was no condition to hold the election, the state of emergency was declared again after the two-year term. The five-point roadmap was amended in conformity with time and conditions. The last point of the amended roadmap is to hold the election. **Holding the election is a government's vision which never changes. Hence, preparations are ongoing to hold an election. The Senior General reaffirmed that he will implement the vision to achieve success.**

Security sector concerning the prosperity of the State

After assuming State responsibilities in accord with the Constitution, the State Administration Council has been restoring the peace and stability of the country and cementing the multiparty democratic system under the law. However, NUG, CRPH and PDF terrorists have been committing terror acts with lawlessness to raise panic among the people. From 1 February 2021 to 27 July 2024, terror attacks killed 84 members of the

Sangha and 7,284 innocent people and State service personnel nationwide. They also destroyed a total of 10,930 buildings from the education and health sectors and public residential houses, as well as infrastructures for the development of the State. Moreover, some ethnic armed organizations not wishing to forge peace continue armed insurgency so as to undermine the peace and stability of the State by all means. The Senior General recounted that when he met EAOs, they pledged that they agreed to Our Three Main National Causes. At present, some EAOs violate Our Three Main National Causes. All citizens are responsible for defending the State and especially safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes. He continued that he put the People's Military Service Law enacted for years into force and is restoring security, peace and stability of the State as quickly as possible.

The State Administration Council strives to implement a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system. Terrorists

are solving the problems through armed terrorism ways for political reasons, but they cannot achieve success. It can be seen such a way cannot bring benefit to anyone.

MNDAA and TNLA violated the temporary ceasefire agreement agreed upon by both sides to ensure peace and stability in the region in Shan State (North) and launched attacks. MNDAA attacked regional security posts around Lashio and fired rockets at Lashio daily. At present, they infiltrate Lashio and are destroying life and property of people. TNLA also joined hands with PDF terrorists and attacked local security posts in Nawnghkio, Kyaukme and Mogok regions and urban areas. Their terror attacks cause instability in the region, leading to the loss of lives and property of locals, ethnics, and national people. People very abhor those terrorists due to their daily threats on the life and property of people under various pretexts and for various reasons. **Tatmadaw was born of the people, and it is a people's Tatmadaw, which is a part of the State. Tatmadaw makes utmost efforts defend the life and property of the people and the State. Upholding the interests of the people and the State is launching a just war. So, he said he was proud of patriotic youths, organizations, war veterans, and ethnic and national people who supported Tatmadaw in serving in a just war.** I want to urge all to collectively defend the State against insurgents and saboteurs, who intentionally attack the State, with

a united national spirit and Myanmar spirit. Tatmadaw decided to continuously forge peace and stability in Lashio, Nawnghkio, Kyaukme, Hsipaw and Mogok regions. Border region management measures are under the arrangement of both countries. Likewise, border trade must be done by government departments of both countries. As weak management can be seen in some border regions, it is necessary to carry out all measures into normalcy.

The government is holding talks with political parties and ethnic armed organizations to restore durable peace for the Union. The remarks from the talks were recorded as the Union Accords. Moreover, further talks will be held. **Some foreign countries encourage armed insurgents and terrorist groups and political dissenters with monetary assistance, food, medicines, arms and ammunition, technologies and logistic opportunities in order to shape Myanmar as expected for prolonging armed conflicts. They also help malicious media to conduct psychological warfare.**

Economic sector

In striving for a booming State economy, only when the State carries out the development of manufacturing will the State GDP improve. So, efforts are underway to develop the agriculture, industrial, and service sectors. It is impossible to increase GDP without basic manufacturing. Since its assumption, the government has experienced a severe outbreak of COVID-19 as well as downtrends in the economy. **The GDP growth in 2020-2021 plunged into -5.9 per cent. Due to making utmost efforts for the development of agriculture and livestock breeding sectors, the country could secure +2.4 per cent of GDP in the six months of 2021-22 FY, with an 8.3 per cent increase. In the 2022-23 financial year, the country won 3.4 per cent of GDP and in the 2023-24 FY, 3.5 per cent of GDP. At present, the government is pouring out its**

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efforts to secure 3.8 per cent of GDP growth in the current 2024-25 FY. If the state economy declines, it will have other negative impacts. So, it can be seen that some countries impose economic sanctions against Myanmar, applying more sanctions against banks not running banking services, blocking border trade in various ways and means, and encouraging ethnic armed organizations from border regions in various ways in order to seek profits and manipulate these areas. Hence, encouragements are being made for all to increase production in agriculture and livestock farms. It is necessary to support MSME businesses. Hence, the Senior General thanked all farmers from agriculture and livestock farms for their endeavours.

In April, unscrupulous businesspersons threw monetary value into disorder. So, prices of gold and currency changed unprecedentedly without the ordinary process. They also blocked economic processes, caused bankruptcy, and caused monetary affairs to go into disorder. As such, verification was conducted over them under necessary disciplines and law. As it is essential to ensure firmness of currency rather than inflation, a plan is underway to ensure firmness of currency.

Many incidents happened in which unscrupulous businesspersons spread rumours about cooking oil and fuel to raise panic among the people in the country during the period when the government served its duties. Hence, the government adopted correct measures and precise policies to ease the tension of the people. With regard to rice, as a possible situation that might occur with the prices of rice being in disorder, the necessary investigation was conducted to ensure the stability of rice prices. In order to ensure convenience for people in the food supply sector, the volume of rice each family will need is being sold nationwide. Accepting the concept that politics

is economy, the government sets visions to improve the living standards of the people by meeting the basic needs such as food, clothing, and shelter and to develop the whole nation.

Social sector

Education is crucial for the long-term sustainability of a country and its development. Hence, arrangements are underway for all school-age children to learn education and to pursue the KG+9 educational scheme as a compulsory measure. Upon completion of KG+9, if students continue learning agriculture, livestock breeding and industrial subjects for three years from KG+10 to KG+12, they will have basic job opportu-

cent of students out of registered ones attended the basic education schools, officials need to continuously strive to ensure a cent per cent attendance of students and reopening schools. According to the age-wise population of the country, it is necessary to increase the attendance of students. Priority must be given to school-age children to attend schools and reach the path of learning in all regions where schools are opened.

Since 2023, the education conference has been held. This year, the education conference was held last month. Findings from conferences must be emphasized in the enhancement of Myanmar's education sector. **The future of the State depends on education, so stu-**

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nities. If they are qualified, they will have to continue learning to obtain the necessary diplomas and degrees. If so, the country will have skilful human resources in manufacturing. **According to the new academic system, if students reach KG+12, they may turn 17 or 18 years old. If they turn 18, they will be the age of voting. If the country is democratic, everybody needs to understand legal affairs. Hence, it is necessary to discuss legal affairs so that those youths have a broader scope of legal knowledge.**

This academic year, some 70 per cent of basic education schools were reopened across the nation. As more than 92 per

cents, parents, administrative bodies, and educational staff have to cooperate in the promotion of the education sector. In line with the motto: School is the birthplace of national character, it is necessary to teach students to be responsible citizens by following school disciplines and then laws, rules and regulations.

With regard to the enhancement of the health sector, the State Administration Council has a plan to upgrade township hospitals and higher-grade hospitals this financial year in order to ensure better healthcare services. Arrangements are ongoing to fill these hospitals with necessary hospital equipment. **To do so,**

US\$22 million and K116.8 billion from the separate fund will be spent on providing hospital devices to hospitals and carrying out extended construction.

The government has adopted a policy that every hospital must have medical doctors in order to appoint health staff to vacant posts entirely. As emphasis has been placed on substituting the posts of health staff who left duties from workplaces due to indoctrination, so far, a total of 68,258 health staff are giving healthcare services to the people at 7,278 clinics and 757 hospitals nationwide. Efforts will be exerted constantly so that all citizens can be entitled to fundamental health rights. In order to support the point from the Social Economic Objectives: **To elevate the health and sports sectors crucial for all the people, thus improving the nation's life expectancy and health,** a plan is underway to hold the Fifth National Sports Festival in the coming December.

Myanmar has been a flood-prone country during monsoon season every year. This year, rainfalls from the early monsoons are more extensive than in other years. Flooding happens from Myitkyina in upper Myanmar to other regions. At present, floods occur in many parts of lower Myanmar. Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade and duty-conscious social organizations are serving relief measures for the public interests actively in natural disasters.

Food security

As the world's population is on the rise, food demand rises. Due to climatic conditions and geographical conditions, Myanmar is blessed with thriving all crops and livestock breeding measures. So, it is necessary to utilize them efficiently. **It was earmarked to grow more than 15 million acres of monsoon paddy in the 2024-2025 season, and at present, some 70 per cent of paddy has been grown.** More than 4.6 million acres of farmlands and croplands have been placed under monsoon oil crops such as groundnut, sesa-

me and sunflower, accounting for 81 per cent and more than three million acres of pulses and beans, accounting for 70 per cent. Instructions have been given to increase the per-acre yield of crops through a double cropping pattern. Moreover, if farmers do systematic livestock breeding and increase livestock products, the country will have local food security by reducing imports and exporting them as main export items.

Myanmar plants 15 million acres of monsoon paddy and two million acres of summer paddy. As the country grows some 15 million acres, if paddy yields approximately 100 baskets per acre, there will be food security for 100 million population. As it is a single crop, the double crops can grant food sufficiency for 200 million population. Hence, paddy cultivation will have a rice surplus and earn foreign currency. If other crops such as cotton, pulses, beans, and oil meet the target cultivation, surplus crops will emerge without the need to expand sown acreage. As such, it is necessary to strive for their work and provide opportunities to do so.

According to the 2019 interim census, 41.2 per cent of the workforce above 15 years old are working in agriculture, forestry and fishery businesses. It is necessary to train the workforce to be good human resources in these areas. Myanmar's main business is agriculture and livestock breeding. In the livestock breeding sector, domestic strains of animals are bred in battery farms, and broken rice, bran, maize, and expeller cakes from groundnut oil and sesame oil are also produced. Straws are systematically used to feed animals to be cost-effective. Arrangements are made for farmers to observe agriculture and livestock breeding techniques from prosperous countries on agriculture and livestock farms and operate their businesses with modern techniques.

If well-off persons invest in the agriculture and livestock

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breeding sectors, these sectors will improve, manufacturing will increase, and their investments are welcomed. As agriculture and livestock breeding tasks are sure for the business of the State, efforts must be made to meet the target production.

Building the Union based on democracy and federalism

It can be seen that most of the characteristics mentioned in the Constitution (2008) conform to the Union (federalism) system. First, the Constitution expresses the formation of two Hluttaws at the Union level and region/state level, guaranteeing the existence of region/state, mentioning the existence of six self-administered zones and division and their power; and exact provisions of sharing budget allocation for the Union and regions and states. Hence, it is necessary to apply entitlements given by the Constitution for effective implementation of regional development. If necessary, amendments to the Constitution will be made in accordance with rules and regulations.

The State Administration Council is building the Union construction process based on the strengthening of the genuine disciplined multiparty democratic system and democracy and federalism with momentum. In so doing, 46 more districts have been formed in regions and states, including Nay Pyi Taw, to ensure the smoothness of the work process to form an effective administration with 121 districts in 2022. Under the leadership of districts, all townships and regions have to undertake development tasks. Regions, states, and districts are to apply their authority to develop their regions. In so doing, regions and states have to hold elections to meet set percentages as much as possible to be able to form as elected governments in their regions. As such, regions and states need to take security processes from now on.

In implementing the multiparty democratic system, different opinions among the people are acceptable. As any country and society do not accept terrorism and armed demands for their desires, they all have to demand their needs under the law. At a time when the law cannot be promulgated before

the Hluttaw, the Union will issue ordinances and directives for regions and states. **Building the Union based on democracy and federalism must be demanded under the law, and it will be implemented continuously in accord with the procedures.**

Cementing multiparty democratic system

An ultimate aim of the State Administration Council is to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election. Accurate basic voter lists are essential for successfully holding an election. Voting errors in the 2020 general election left a very dark black spot in the history of the nation. In order to prevent a similar incident from happening again, it is necessary to manage the correct voter lists. Preparations are being made to ensure the correctness of voter lists, and population and household census will be enumerated in the coming October. It is a preparation to solve possible problems in successfully collecting voter lists.

As it is essential to ensure firmness of currency rather than inflation, a plan is underway to ensure firmness of currency.

Priority will be given to the collection of population on the ground nationwide. In the areas where it is difficult to collect data on the ground, plans are underway to adjust the lists on the ground. Enumeration of the population will be conducted in possible towns and villages, and similar collections will be done at related townships under security measures. The election will be held in accord with the Constitution (2008) and election law. The election will be held in possible regions depending on regional security measures at first. Depending on the current situation, security measures will be raised in the areas where elections cannot be held for holding more elections. Only when these regions are peaceful and stable will they strengthen the multiparty democratic system and correct the reform process as quickly as possible. Hence, **appropriate measures will be taken for the security sector.**

The Union Election Com-

mission has allowed registration for 50 out of 67 political parties for the re-establishment and new establishment of political parties. Two of them were cancelled for political party registration under the law, and there are 48 existing political parties at present.

UEC has performed demonstrations and test-voting of the Myanmar Electronic Voting Machine for 107,299 people in 121 townships in five regions and states, including Nay Pyi Taw, to ensure a smooth voting process.

The State Administration Council has guaranteed continuous implementation of the multiparty democratic system and strengthened the multiparty democratic system. At present, **NUG and PDF terrorists accelerate terror attacks by taking aid from countries which do not want the interests of Myanmar.** It is obvious that some armed groups not wishing to realize peace and democratic culture leverage up unlawful acts and expansion of their areas. Hence, it is necessary to continue the restoration of peace and

stability across the nation and security measures. At present, essential preparations must be made to undertake the development tasks of the nation with momentum and hold a multiparty democratic general election, and it is necessary to implement the electoral processes successfully. Hence, the State Administration Council submitted an extension of the six-month more term for serving state responsibilities in accordance with the Constitution in order to implement the above-mentioned processes under Section 425 of the Constitution.

With regard to the submission of the Senior General, members of the National Defence and Security Council held discussions. First, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat said that the enumeration of population and household census is essential for Myanmar. Current and accurate voter lists must be based on data from the national census in order to hold the forth-

coming multiparty democratic general election successfully. Census collection is interconnected with the compilation of the basic voter list. The population and household census will be enumerated from 1 to 15 October. To do so, it is necessary to take adequate time. So, he supported the more extension of a six-month period of declaration of the state of emergency nationwide from 1 August 2024.

Vice-Senior General Soe Win also discussed that he supported the SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services serving as Pro Tem President (Duty) under Sections 412, 417, 419 and 425 of the Constitution due to health conditions of Pro Tem President U Myint Swe. At present, the security measures of the State have not yet been completed. Enumeration of population and household census is also important. Hence, he supported an extension of a six-month term of the state of emergency to do these measures.

In his discussions, Union Minister for Defence Admiral Tin Aung San said that terrorists have been attacking not only security posts but towns and villages of people in Shan State (North), Mandalay Region and Rakhine State with rockets and drones since early July 2024 as to jeopardize peace and stability and the rule of law. Tatmadaw is striving to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election in a stable and secure time to hand over State power to the forthcoming government systematically. To be able to hold the election, it is necessary to extend the term of the State of emergency to ensure the security, peace and stability of the State. Hence, he supports the extension of a six-month term of the state of emergency.

Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae expressed his opinion that so far, arms, ammunition and mines have been seized in regions and states. Martial law administration has been declared in some townships to ensure the rule of law and peace and tranquillity in relevant regions, as well as declared a curfew order under Section 144 of the Code of Criminal Procedure. The armed terrorism in 2024 and security, peace and stability, as well as the tranquillity of the community, are not in ordinary situations. So,

he supported the extension of the term of State of emergency across the nation under Section 425 of the Constitution.

Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung said that the SAC could implement security, the rule of law, prosperity and food security of the State to some extent during the previously extended six-month period. However, it is necessary to successfully hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election, implement security measures, ensure peace and stability, and enumerate the census. So, as the SAC needs to carry out its tasks in six more months period under Section 425 of the Constitution, he supported the proposal of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

Moreover, the Senior General added his speech, saying that the enumeration of population and household census cannot be conducted entirely in a short time. So, it is necessary to verify all processes. Depending on the population, voter lists must be compiled as much as possible. As some regions and states face weaknesses in security measures, taking security measures must be raised at the collection of population. Hence, it is necessary to prioritize areas that are dependent on security for the emergence of relevant Hluttaws and cabinets. Notably, the government needs to implement a genuine democratic path.

He also underlined that the voter lists must be correct so as not to cause voting fraud as in the 2020 election. Hence, all need to participate in the population and household census collection in October. Only when elections can be held in all regions and states will the Union government, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and region and State Hluttaw emerge. Hence, he agreed on the proposals of members of the National Defence and Security Council to take adequate time to ensure the improvement of peace and stability, the rule of law and security measures.

He continued that as those members have agreed to extend six months of the state of emergency due to political conditions in the State, he declared a **further six-month term of declaring the state of emergency** from 1 August 2024 in accordance with Section 425 of the Constitution. — MNA/TTA

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Deputy PM MoFA Union Minister attends Swearing-in Ceremony of new Iranian President

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, who is now in Iran at the official invitation of Mr Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, Speaker of the Islamic Parliament of Iran, attended the Swearing-in Ceremony of Mr Masoud Pezeshkian, new President of the Islamic Republic of Iran which was held at the General Assembly of the Islamic Parliament of Iran in Tehran on 30 July 2024.

The commemorative group photo was taken before the opening of the ceremony, and Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe took part in the event together with the Heads of Delegation from the participating countries.

The Swearing-in Ceremony was attended by Heads of State, Heads of Government, Speakers of Parliament and Members of Parliament, Ministers for Foreign Affairs and Special Envoys from more than



Heads of delegation from the participating countries, including Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, pose for the commemorative group photo in the event in Tehran on 30 July 2024.

80 countries.

As per the programme, Mr Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, Speaker of the Islamic Parliament of Iran, delivered welcome remarks at the ceremony, followed by the speech delivered by Mr Mohseni Ejei, Chief Justice of Iran.

Afterwards, new President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Mr Masoud Pezeshkian took an oath and delivered an address. The swearing-in ceremony was concluded after the closing speech by Mr Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, Speaker of the Islamic Parliament of Iran.

On the evening of 30 July 2024, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe, together

with Heads of Delegation from other countries, attended a State Banquet hosted by Iran's President Mr Masoud Pezeshkian in honour of visiting delegations.

While in Iran, the Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs apprised the Heads of Delegation of the Myanmar Government's

efforts to ensure peace, development and democracy in the country and the latest developments taking place in Myanmar.

Officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar were also present at the swearing-in ceremony held in Tehran together with Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran arranged a visit to the National Museum of Iran and the Museum of Islamic Archaeology and Art of Iran in Tehran to the dignitaries and delegations of the participating countries.

Mr Masoud Pezeshkian, new President of the Islamic Republic of Iran, was born in 1954. He is a cardiac surgeon. He had earlier served as Deputy Minister for Health in 1997, Minister for Health from 2001 to 2005, and the First Deputy Speaker of the Islamic Parliament of Iran from 2016 to 2020 respectively. — MNA

MIFER Union Minister receives Russian delegation of Fund RC-Investments



A meeting on the progress of the bilateral economic cooperation between Myanmar and Russia underway at Office No 1, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw received the delegation led by Mr Alexander Sergeevich Shatirov, Director of Fund RC-Investments from the Russian Federation, at Office No 1, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

Both sides cordially discussed the progress of the bilateral economic cooperation in the fields of investment, agriculture, mining, and other arenas that Myanmar and the Russian Federation can mutually be interested in. — MNA

MRF sells Shwebo, Ayeyawady Pawsan rice via cash on delivery in Yangon

THE Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) has been selling Shwebo Pawsan and Ayeyawady Pawsan rice through a cash-on-delivery system in Yangon Region since 10 July, according to MRF President U Ye Min Aung.

"We deliver rice to nearly 200 houses daily in Yangon. Although MRF is not responsible for the distribution of rice, we are doing so to control the

market situation. We need to reduce the price of rice while ensuring that consumers receive good-quality rice. Consumers should avoid purchasing poor-quality rice and report any instances of such sales," said U Ye Min Aung.

Currently, MRF is selling rice through the cash-on-delivery system to retail shops in 33 townships in Yangon Region. — ASH/MKKS

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Myanmar delegation departs for Cambodia

A Myanmar delegation, led by U Ko Ko Hlaing, Special Envoy of the Chairman of the State Administration Council and Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, departed for Cambodia on 31 July 2024 via Myanmar Airways International (MAI).

Senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Royal Embassy of Cambodia in Yangon saw off U Ko Ko Hlaing,

who is also Union Minister of the State Administration Council Chairman's Office Ministry 2, and the delegation at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing (2R), Special Envoy of the Chairman of the SAC and Prime Minister of Myanmar is seen at Yangon International Airport yesterday.



Chinese foundation donates 3D smart boards to Naypyitaw State Academy



Donation ceremony of the Immersive and Engaging Learning Equipment in progress at Naypyitaw State Academy in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

THE China Foundation for Rural Development (CFRD) donated 3D smart boards to the Naypyitaw State Academy yesterday.

Speaking at the event, Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Myint expressed gratitude to CFRD for its donation

of 86-inch 10 MAXHUB Smart Boards, which are beneficial for the classroom environment and help keep pace with international universities.

Chinese Cultural Counsellor Mr Li Qianguo then remarked, and Accounting Organization Head of CFPD Ms

Tang Fengmei explained the donation.

After the ceremony, the deputy minister observed the teaching and learning processes using smart boards in the classrooms and cordially greeted faculty members. — MNA/KTZH

Opening ceremony of Myanmar engineers' study tour in China held in Nanning

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the opening ceremony of the Myanmar Engineers' study tour in China took place in Nanning, China, on 30 July. The Consul-General of the Myanmar Consulate-General in Nanning, Daw Khaing Su Linn, attended and delivered a speech on the occasion.

Mr Li Shunju, Deputy Secretary-General of the China Society of Automotive Engineers, Mr Liu Jiakai, Vice-Chairman of the Guangxi Association for Science and Technology, and representatives from engineering societies were also present at the event.

In her speech, Daw Khaing Su Linn highlighted China's remarkable achievements in infrastructure, scientific and technological innovation, and advanced studies on its path to

complete development. She also noted that since the establishment of diplomatic relations, the two countries have enjoyed friendly ties and progress in strategic partnership relations and cooperation.

She expressed her belief that the Myanmar engineers would apply the experiences they gained from this study tour to the modernization of Myanmar and contribute to exploring potential areas for cooperation and improving bilateral relations.

A total of ten junior engineers from the Myanmar Engineering Council, Federation of Myanmar Engineering Society, and High-Rise and Public Building Project Committee will study in Nanning and Kunming for five days. — ASH/TMT

Japan to hire 1,300 Myanmar workers

IN a statement issued on 31 July, the Myanmar Embassy in Japan says more than 400 Japanese companies will recruit up to 460 Myanmar male workers and 870 Myanmar female workers.

It is the statement about 415 demand letters that the embassy submitted to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after verifica-

tion until 17 June 2024.

The embassy has carried out timely verifications of demand letters received from the Ministry of Labour via the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said the statement.

It verifies whether labour supervisory companies and factories or companies that offer jobs in Japan are official-

ly established and re-submits its findings and remarks to the Ministry of Labour through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

According to a statement on 15 July, more than 400 Japanese companies would provide jobs for up to 400 Myanmar male workers and up to 900 Myanmar female workers, totalling 1,400. — MT/ZS



This photo shows Consul-General Daw Khaing Su Linn of the Consulate-General of Myanmar in Nanning, Mr Li Shunju, Guangxi, Mr Liu Jiakai and Myanmar engineer groups.

OPINION

Improve society with systematic waste management

AS Myanmar's population grows, industries and manufacturing facilities are rapidly emerging across the nation. This increase in industrial activity has led to a corresponding rise in waste production, necessitating systematic waste management. Although most citizens adhere to waste disposal regulations set by relevant authorities, a significant number still engage in careless waste disposal practices.

Undisciplined waste disposal poses severe threats to society and human daily life. Careless individuals discard waste in inappropriate places, including drains, public areas, restricted zones, schools, clinics, religious sites, cultural properties, and even their own residences. Such actions not only degrade the environment but also create health hazards.

To address these challenges, the government adopted the Myanmar National Waste Management Strategy and Master Plan (2018-2030). This plan, developed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation with support from the International Environmental Technology Centre of the United Nations Environment Programme and the IGES Centre Collaborating with UNEP on Environmental Technologies, aims to create a sustainable waste management system.

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The Strategy and Master Plan focuses on building capacity for sustainable waste management and promoting the development of a policy framework that transitions from conventional waste management to a sustainable approach based on the waste hierarchy and the 3Rs (reduce, reuse, and recycle). This initiative aligns with other national environmental policies.

Key strategic goals of the plan include enhancing waste collection services and eliminating undisciplined waste disposal and open burning. It aims to improve the management system for hazardous and industrial waste in an environmentally harmonious manner. Emphasis is placed on reducing, reusing, and recycling waste, as well as establishing a revolving fund for waste management.

Public awareness and education are critical components of the plan, raising awareness, encouraging people to follow systematic waste disposal practices, and enhancing the capacity of individuals and communities. Additionally, the plan includes monitoring and enforcement measures to ensure compliance with waste management regulations.

The Strategy and Master Plan is a comprehensive effort to improve society and the environment through systematic waste management. By addressing careless waste disposal practices and promoting sustainable management, the plan aims to protect public health, preserve natural resources, and create a cleaner, healthier environment for all.

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Learning Transfer to Students

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

IF a person comes to the human world, the process of learning will necessarily be an essential life skill of his. According to Wayne Weiten, learning includes not only the acquisition of knowledge and skills but also the formation of habits, personality traits, emotional responses, and personal tastes. In fact, most human behaviours are the end result of learning.

A learning process is supposed to occur in six stages.

- 1) Respond to stimuli.
- 2) Select suitable stimuli by sensory organs.
- 3) Process their meanings through thinking.
- 4) Form new experience or knowledge.
- 5) Apply them in a similar situation.
- 6) Change in behaviour.

Only when the change in behaviour is sustained will the learning process end.

According to the Learning Process Model of Gagne, each of the eight phases in a learning process contains unique internal or external action that influences the next phase.

- 1) Motivation Phase; Expectancy
- 2) Apprehension Phase; Observation-Perception Selection
- 3) Acquisition Phase; Encoding-Prestoring
- 4) Retention Phase; Memory
- 5) Recall Phase; Searching
- 6) Generalization Phase; Transfer
- 7) Performance Phase; Response
- 8) Feedback Phase; Reinforcement

Of those phases, learning transfer will herein be explained below.

In educational psychology, learning transfer is discussed as the efficiency and ability to apply experience, knowledge, or skills that have been stored in long-term memory to a new learning process or related situation. There are many instances where the phenomenon



Learning transfer is the ability to apply previously acquired knowledge and skills to new situations, and it plays a crucial role in education. ILLUSTRATION: IMAGE USED FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSE/ADOBE/

of learning transfer occurs in learning activities at the school level. For example, the skill of multiplication is used to learn the operation in the division; skills acquired from mathematics are able to be used to learn science, especially physics; skills obtained from language can be used to write letters and essays as well as to get knowledge of other subjects. Of course, learning transfer is not only crucial for new learning. On top of that, the school curriculum is typically designed in accordance with the principle of learning transfer. After all, learning transfer is a life-long process, whether at school or outside school, and it includes an individual's future career.

Positive learning transfer is mostly classified into two main categories: lateral and vertical. As Gagne explained, lateral learning transfer refers to the application of acquired experience to another similar situa-

tion or activity with the same level of difficulty. For instance, students who have learnt the meaning of new words will use them to learn reading material such as newspapers. On the other hand, vertical learning transfer means an increase in experience which has been attained to a higher level so that the learning process can be upgraded further. For example, students who have mastered the concept of quadrilateral can use it for the concept of square, rectangle, parallelogram, rhombus, or kite.

Some psychologists divide learning transfer into five main types, which will be explained briefly.

1. **Bilateral transfer:** It refers to learning transfer in skill and training, such as physical education. For instance, training by using the left leg can enhance the skill of the right leg. So, it is known as cross-training.

2. **Mediated transfer:** It occurs when an individual who has learned a certain fixed response from external stimuli uses the response to form a new reaction under the same category as the previous stimuli. For instance, after learning how to sketch the human body, it will be helpful for a student to acquire the technique of carving the wooden human body.

3. **Learning set transfer:** It is a learning technique that is usually achieved through the experiences acquired from a number of learning sessions within the same category. According to Harlow, it could even occur in two different situations when a number of progressive training courses are held after the first learning situation. This is because, during the time of progressive training, an individual eventually has experiences from the learning set and develops a new learning skill to ap-

ply to the higher-level learning situation. For instance, if Social Studies is taught by including actual practice in looking at current events from a historical perspective, they are not digging up widely applicable questions or conclusions.

4. **Negative learning transfer:** It means the old learning interferes with the new learning and vice versa, especially due to proactive inhibition, retroactive inhibition, and habitual inhibition. Proactive inhibition occurs when the first learning procedure reduces the retrieval of subsequently learned material, producing a forward effect. Conversely, retroactive inhibition comes about when the new learning lessens the retrieval of previously learned material, causing a backward effect. Habitual inhibition takes place when an old habit interferes with the formation of a new habit. For instance, a left-handed student will get upset about developing his writing practice with the right hand.

5. **Zero learning transfer:** It is simply the same as no learning transfer. This occurs in a certain new learning situation based on old learning, where the learning result is zero, particularly owing to the inappropriate application of an acquired skill or concept which is not related to new learning. For instance, it is not relevant to use the addition skill to learn the division skill.

C Ellis, relying upon his own observation, even established a few principles of learning transfer similar to those mentioned above as follows: —

- Principle of identical elements
- Principle of sufficient basic training
- Principle of learning set
- Principle of stimuli diversification
- Principle of insight

Solar storms could cause more auroras

In May, a particularly intense geomagnetic storm created vivid auroras in locations like Hawaii, Spain, and South Africa, far beyond the usual high-latitude regions where such displays are typically visible.

MASSIVE explosions on the Sun have triggered warnings of geomagnetic storms that could create dazzling auroras in the northern United States, Europe and southern Australia from Tuesday night.

In May, the most powerful geomagnetic storm to strike Earth in more than two decades lit up night skies with colourful displays in Hawaii, Spain, South Africa and other places far from the extreme latitudes where they are normally seen.

"We've seen several large coronal mass ejections — plasma and other material from the sun's surface shooting out into space," Mike Bettwy, operations chief of the US-based Space Weather Prediction Center (SWPC), told AFP on Tuesday.

"As a result, the potential for space weather has ramped up significantly," he said.

The coronal mass ejections (CMEs) are expected to arrive from Tuesday to Thursday, with "geomagnetic storm watches" declared on those days.

But "the brunt of the activity is most likely" to come on Tuesday, when there is a "strong" geomagnetic storm warning of G3 on the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration scale, the SWPC said.

May's record storms were classified as the most extreme level of G5. This means any potential auroras this week are unlikely to stray as far, or be as powerful, as those seen earlier this year.

But if the current forecast is correct, during the late evening hours in the United States on Tuesday, an "aurora could become visible as far

south as the northeast US through the upper Midwest and across the rest of the northern states to include northern Oregon."

The aurora borealis — also known as the northern lights — may become visible in Scotland over the next three nights, but could be "impeded by limited hours of darkness", the UK's Met Office said Tuesday.

"With a bit of luck," auroras could also be spotted in northern Germany, the Netherlands and Belgium, according to the website SpaceWeatherLive.

Aurora australis — the southern lights — could be visible in the south of the Australian state of Tasmania and similar latitudes, the Met Office said.

'Cannibal CME'

For those living in the right latitudes, auroras would be most visible away from city lights, in the darkest skies possible, before the Moon rises, Bettwy said.

People should use their cameras or phones to look, because today's digital imagery can often pick them up even when the naked eye cannot, he added.

When CMEs erupt, they shoot around a billion tons of plasma — with an accompanying magnetic field — from the Sun toward the Earth.

One of the CMEs coming towards Earth this week merged with another, forming what is called a "Cannibal CME", according to spaceweather.com.

SOURCE: AFP



Recent massive solar explosions have led to alerts about geomagnetic storms, potentially resulting in spectacular auroras across the northern US, Europe, and southern Australia starting Tuesday night.

PHOTO: ADOBE

NATIONAL

ME in Singapore suspends online PP extension appointments amid service charge issues

THE Myanmar Embassy to Singapore announced that the website appointment system will be temporarily suspended from 30 July to review it, as it was discovered that there were cases of taking charges for the passport renewal process.

Myanmar citizens arriving in Singapore have difficulties in getting an appointment from the embassy website to renew their passports. As the embassy heard that people are using social networks to get appointments for a fee in the guise of service, the website service will be suspended from 30 July 2024 to review the appointment



The Myanmar Embassy to Singapore.

system. During this period, the embassy's WhatsApp number can be used to contact them for an appointment to renew their

passports.

For holders of PR, EP, SP, and Long-Term Pass ID cards who want to renew their passports, they can contact WhatsApp at +65 81748993. Holders of WP and Student Pass ID cards can contact WhatsApp at +65 82468581 by providing copies of the passport's first page and the front and back pages of the CSC for the appointment.

The list of appointment recipients can be found on the embassy website <https://www.myanmarembassy.sg/>, and it will be published every Sunday. When making an appointment via WhatsApp, only one appoint-

ment per phone number will be accepted, and no information will be sent to more than one person.

As it was found that taking advantage of expatriate Myanmar citizens, a service fee has been charged for the renewal of passports, the embassy clarified that it hasn't allowed any private company for this service. Except for the website, the embassy hasn't opened any account on Facebook, Instagram, or TikTok, and it warned people to be especially careful about those who pretend to be Myanmar embassy employees and collect service fees. — MT/ZN

Illegal trade crackdown: Seizures total K527.3M over 3 days

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to combat illegal trade continue effectively in accordance with the law.

On 29 July, combined teams managed by the Customs Department conducted inspections. They seized India-made erythropoietin injection IP 452 vials worth approximately K31.56 million at the Yangon International Airport and 11 illegal items worth K150,000, including India-made 100 pieces of sterile medical disposable goods disproven at the Airport (warehouse). The action was taken in accordance with Customs procedures.

On 29 July, a combined team managed by the Bago Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force conducted inspections. It seized 1,200 packs of Thai-made Nestle Milo, two other commodities valued at approximately K5.5 million and one Zhong Tong bus worth K30 million at the Nyaungkhasay X-ray checkpoint. The action was taken in accordance with Customs Procedures.

On 30 July, a combined team managed by the Sagaing Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force conducted inspections. It seized 80 gallons of illegal diesel and 109 gallons of petrol worth K1.85 million at the Yadanabon checkpoint in Sagaing Township. The action was taken under the Petroleum and Petroleum Product Law.

On 31 July, a combined team managed by the Taninthayi Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force conducted inspections. It seized 164.8 kilogrammes of illegal lead worth approximately K4.944 million and one MV Manizawta landing craft worth approximately K453.285 million in Bokpyin Township. The action was carried out as per Customs procedures.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported that seven arrests were made on 29, 30 and 31 July, resulting in the seizure of illegal goods worth approximately K527.3 million. — MNA/TMT

Counter-argument to false information

Unfounded claims of security forces attack on village circulate

MALICIOUS media outlets are spreading false information on social media, claiming that security forces launched attacks using heavy weapons, resulting in nine civilians dead, including a woman who was four months pregnant, in Theinzayet, Kyaikto Township in Mon State.

According to a security of-

ficial, security forces conducted routine security measures in Kyaikto Township. There was no armed engagement with terrorists, and the attack with heavy weapons was unfounded.

Fake news was reportedly circulated through malicious media, defaming Tatmadaw. — MNA/KTZH



This screenshot of People's Spring validating fake news.

Misinformation: Security forces, PNO fire on IDPs in Pinlaung



FAKE news posted that security forces and PNO members shot and drove away IDPs in Pinlaung Township, Shan State (South).

Regarding the news, according to an official from Pinlaung Township, the news that security forces and PNO Pa-O people's militia shot and drove away IDPs with heavy weapons

was just misinformation and a mistake.

Tatmadaw and departmental officials are working with true humanity to provide necessary healthcare, including proper care and support to temporarily displaced people.

The news was fabricated to sow discord between security forces and people. — MNA/KZL

This screenshot of DVB TV News revealing fake news.

50 container vessels slated to call in Yangon Port in Aug

A total of 50 container vessels are scheduled to arrive at the Yangon Port in August, the Myanmar Port Authority announced.

Eight container vessels run by Samudera Shipping Line, seven by SITC Shipping Line, five each by Maersk A/S Line, CMA CGM Line, Cosco Shipping Line and MSC Line, three each by ONE Line and RCL Line, two each by BLPL Shipping Line, Evergreen Line and PIL Line and one each by BAY Line, Land and Sea and Ti2 Container Line are slated to enter the Yangon Port in August.

Myanmar Port Authority has arranged maritime trade channels to handle increasing imports to meet domestic demand, bolster exports, and improve port capacity for significant arrivals in ships. Myanmar Port Authority was notified that it would inform exporters and importers of ship arrival schedules in a timely manner.



File photo shows a container vessel anchoring at the Yangon Port.

Myanmar Port Authority stated that 49 vessels in January, 53 in February, 55 in March, 50 in April, 52 in May, and 50 each in June and July arrived at the

Yangon Port.

Yangon Port handled 629 container vessels in 2023. Thanks to the draft extension, the international ocean liners can access

the inner port for now, according to the Myanmar Port Authority's statement on 22 June 2022.

After the new navigation channel (Kings Bank Channel)

accessing the inner Yangon River had been found, the draft extension work was accelerated. After that, the port can now handle larger ships. The container vessel MV SITC Zhaoming (185.99-metre LOA, 35.25-metre Beam, 29,232 GRT and 2,698 TEU) of Hong Kong-based SITC Shipping Line docked at Asia World Port Terminal for the first time on 22 June, which is the largest ship that AWPT Port handled.

Since May 2021, the arrival of ships at terminals in Yangon has increased again. Three new container vessels by Maersk Line Myanmar (SeaLand Maersk) started to run to fulfil the seaborne trade requirements in 2021. Earlier, the larger ships had draft problems preventing sailing on the Yangon River. With the draft being extended up to 10 metres, the larger ocean liners can enter the Thilawa Port. — NN/EM

MRPPA to support agri input to mitigate loss among farmers

MYANMAR Rice Producers and Planters Association (MRPPA) announced on 29 July that it will provide agricultural inputs (pedigree rice crop, fertilizer and agrarian medicines) to prevent yield loss in monsoon paddy farms triggered by heavy rain.

Extreme rainfall can result in farm flooding, removing valuable topsoil and crop loss. Some farm areas have managed to reduce flooding, and some cannot prevent flooding and damage. Therefore, MRPPA stated that it would contribute inputs, including pedigree crops, to monsoon paddy farmlands affected by flooding.

MRPPA also encouraged affiliated associations and members to help support agricultural inputs in those farmlands affected by rain in order to manage crop recovery and minimize yield loss.

Regarding farm flooding, farmers in need can contact MRPPA through contact numbers 01 2314841, 01 2314995, Viber 09 775002589 and email mppa.org.mm@gmail.com.

MRF also declared support for agricultural inputs to flood-stricken farmlands on 26 July in order to mitigate yield loss in those farms as flooding devastated some farmlands.

MRF, affiliated associations, and member companies will help support agricultural inputs in farmlands affected by rain to prevent yield loss.

MRF has been arranging to reach the flood-stricken farmers. Those in need can ask for help from MRF's regional committees and affiliated sub-associations and the respective township Agriculture Department through contact numbers 01 218266~68 and 09 420773222, and email: sg@mrf.com.mm. — NN/EM

DICA limits AR filing to five major business structures

THE Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) notified on 30 July 2024 to select not more than five significant forms of business among types of business structures stated in the Annual Returns (AR) form when submitting AR.

The DICA has implemented an e-registration system (Myanmar Companies Online - MyCO) from 1 August 2018 to enable companies and business institutions to register through the online portal anytime.

In addition to facilitating company registration on the online platform, the registrar can monitor companies' compliance. An automatic warning system for error and non-compliance is also provided. The DICA also notified companies to follow the directives of the ministries concerned.

Under Myanmar Companies Law 2017, all registered companies need to submit AR on the MyCO registry system within two months of incorporation and, after that, at least once every year.

Nine thousand companies were struck off the Register in the first half of 2024 (Jan-June) as they failed to submit annual returns (AR) on the online registry system, MyCO.



The DICA office.

The DICA notified any registered company that fails to file its AR on the MyCO that it is to be struck off the Register from the date of the directive, under 430 (F) of Myanmar Companies Law, according to the DICA's notification.

A total of 6,400 companies also failed to submit the AR in 2023. The registration and re-registration of companies on the MyCO website commenced on 1 August 2018, in keeping with the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

All registered companies need to submit AR on the MyCO registry system within two months of incorporation and at least once every year (not later than one month after the anniversary of the incorporation), according to Section 97 of the law.

Under Section 266 (A) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017, public companies must submit an-

nual returns and financial statements (G-5) simultaneously. All overseas corporations must submit ARs in the prescribed format on MyCO within 28 days of the financial year ending under Section 53 (A-1) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

As per DICA's report, thousands of companies were suspended for failing to submit AR forms before the due date. Newly established companies are required to submit ARs within two months of incorporation or face a fine of K100,000 for filing late returns.

The DICA has notified that any company which fails to submit its AR within 13 months will be notified of its suspension (I-9A). If it fails to submit the AR within 28 days of receiving the notice, the system will show the company's status as suspended. Companies can restore their status only after shelling out a fine of K50,000 for the AR fee, K100,000 for restoration of the company on the late Register, and K100,000 for late filing of documents, totalling K250,000. If a company fails to restore its status within six months of suspension, the registrar will strike its name off the Register, according to the DICA notice. — NN/EM

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A location at the entrance to PyinOoLwin.

International-standard private hospital to open in PyinOoLwin

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Health, an international-level private specialist hospital will be established in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Region, through the Built-Operate-Transfer (BOT) system.

The international-level private specialist hospital will be built on state-owned land under the BOT format.

The hospital will assist the private health sector by giving

priority to special treatment for eye disease and cancer, urinary and kidney disease, kidney transplant surgery, and general health services, according to the Private Health Division of Medical Services Department.

Citizen investors who wish to establish and open a private specialist hospital on state-owned land can submit proposals of interest in the

hard copy and soft copy (Microsoft Word) of the Department of Medical Services by 2 September.

The proposed application forms can be sent to the Private Health Division of Medical Services Department, Ministry of Health, Nay Pyi Taw, via email at privatehealthdivision@gmail.com, as stated by the Ministry of Health. — TWA/KZL

Tender open for tech university books and software

ACCORDING to the Department of Advanced Science and Technology under the Ministry of Science and Technology, reference books and software will be purchased for technological universities and computer universities.

The purchase will be funded by the capital expenditure (other) budget approved for the 2024-2025 financial year.

Interested Myanmar entrepreneurs can submit open tender forms from 31 July to 13

August at Office No 21, Ministry of Science and Technology. Tender forms will be available for purchase during office hours at Engineering Department, the Department of Advanced Science and Technology Head office, HRD Building, Nay Pyi Taw.

Completed tender forms must be submitted to the exact location during office hours on 13 August. For more detailed information, individuals can visit the department's website at www.dast.edu.mm. — TWA/TKO



The University of Technology (Thanlyin).



65th Aungbarlay Lottery generates nearly K560B in ticket sales

THE Aungbarlay Lottery Division under the Internal Revenue

This photo shows customers buying Aungbarlay Lottery tickets.

Department (IRD), has announced that the sale of tickets for the 65th Aungbarlay Lottery generated nearly K560 billion.

A total of 552,276 lottery tickets were sold for the 65th draw,

which is scheduled for 1 August.

According to the IRD, the sales figures for the 62nd, 63rd, 64th, and 65th Aungbarlay lotteries were approximately the same. — TWA/MKKS

Yangon to host 'Taung Paw Tan Chin' concert with singers from Taunggyi

FOUR renowned singers from Taunggyi, Shan State, will perform in a music concert titled 'Taung Paw Tan Chin' at Inya Lake Garden in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, at 7 pm on 7 August, according to singer Han Tun, who will also participate in the concert.

Alongside Han Tun, Bo Phyu, L Naong, and Ko Aung will perform with the Mercury IX band. — ASH/TKO

Four well-known singers from Taunggyi to participate in a special music festival.



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Pfizer beats expectations in Q2 operating results, raising yearly guidance

US drugmaker Pfizer Inc on Tuesday reported better-than-expected operating results in the second quarter and raised its operating guidance for 2024. Pfizer recorded US\$13.28 billion of revenues in Q2, up two per cent year on year and higher than market expectation of 12.96 billion dollars.

“This was Pfizer’s first quarter of topline revenue growth, on a year-over-year basis, since the fourth quarter of 2022 when our COVID revenues peaked,” said David Denton, chief financial officer and executive vice-president of Pfizer.

Pfizer realized 60 cents of adjusted diluted earnings per share (EPS), down 11 per cent year on year, but higher

than analysts’ expectation of 46 cents, according to the company and market information supplier FactSet. Pfizer’s net income slumped to 41 million dollars in Q2 from 2.32 billion dollars in the same period of 2023 due to \$1.3 billion of one-time costs for its manufacturing optimization programme.

“I am pleased with the strong performance of our product portfolio in the second quarter led by several of our acquired products, key in-line brands and recent commercial launches,” said Pfizer Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Albert Bourla, noting exceptional growth in Oncology portfolio. — Xinhua

Samsung Electronics says Q2 operating profits soar to \$7.5 billion

SAMSUNG Electronics said Wednesday that its operating profits soared fifteen-fold to \$7.5 billion for the second quarter, as chip prices bounce back and demand for generative AI continues to grow.

The world’s largest memory chip maker posted an “operating profit of 10.44 trillion (Korean won) as favorable memory market conditions drove higher average sales price”, it said in a statement.

It added that “robust sales of OLED panels also contributed to the results.”

The figure is a 1,462.29 per cent jump from 670 billion won in the April-June period a year earlier, exceeding market expectations.



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Sales rose 23.4 per cent to 74 trillion won, Samsung said.

The firm is the flagship subsidiary of South Korean giant Samsung

Group, by far the largest of the family-controlled conglomerates that dominate business in Asia’s fourth-largest economy. **Semiconductors**

are the lifeblood of the global economy, used in everything from kitchen appliances and mobile phones to cars and weapons. — AFP

Microsoft cloud unit miss dulls bright earnings

MICROSOFT shares slipped Tuesday after the tech giant reported quarterly profit climbed but its crucial cloud computing unit missed expectations.

Microsoft said it made a profit of \$22 billion on \$64.7 billion in revenue in the recently ended quarter,

up from the same period a year earlier. Cloud unit revenue of \$36.8 billion, however, disappointed investors and shares slid more than three per cent to \$408 in after-market trades.

Money brought in from cloud computing has driven blockbuster earnings quar-

ter after quarter, and a hint that stellar growth may be slowing was enough to give investors pause.

“While there will be some knee-jerk reaction in Microsoft stock after hours, we believe the takeaways for the broader tech sector is this AI monetization sto-

ry is real,” Wedbush analyst Dan Ives said in a note to investors.

Microsoft is among the major contenders in the race to build out artificial intelligence systems, pouring billions of dollars into the technology in the hope it will pay off. — AFP



Pfizer realized 60 cents of adjusted diluted earnings per share (EPS), down 11 per cent year on year. **PHOTO: PIXABAY**

Oil giant BP reports tumbling profits in first half

BP on Tuesday announced tumbling profits for the first half, with the British oil and gas giant hit by depreciation of assets and falling revenue.

Profit after tax slumped 79 per cent to \$2.13 billion compared with net earnings of \$10 billion in the first six months of last year, BP said in a statement.

Revenue dropped eight per cent to \$98 billion in the latest reporting period. BP said increased volume and lower exploration write-offs were “partly offset by increased depreciation charges and higher costs”.

The group earlier this month flagged to markets that its latest earnings would take a sizeable hit from a cut to oil refining in Germany. — AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MSC SUPARNA F VOY.NO. (SB429A)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MSC SUPARNA F VOY.NO. (SB429A)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **1-8-2024** 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.

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

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

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY S.A

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh assassinated in Tehran



People hold up the Palestinian flag and a portrait of assassinated Hamas chief during a rally at Tehran University, in the Iranian capital Tehran. **PHOTO: AFP**

HAMAS Politburo Chief Ismail Haniyeh has been killed in the Iranian capital of Tehran, Iran's Islamic Revolution Guards Corps (IRGC) confirmed on Wednesday.

Haniyeh and his bodyguard

were killed early Wednesday when their residence was hit in Tehran, according to a statement published on the IRGC's official news outlet Sepah News.

The statement said the at-

tack was under investigation and the results would be announced later.

In a report published on Wednesday, Iran's semi-official Fars news agency said Haniyeh was assassinated around 2:00 am local time (2230 GMT Tuesday) after his residence in Tehran was hit by a "projectile".

The Islamic Hamas movement confirmed the death of its leader, saying Haniyeh was assassinated by an Israeli attack in Iran. In a press statement, Hamas said that it "mourns to the Palestinian people, the Arab and Islamic nation, and the free people of the world" after the death of Haniyeh, who was in Tehran to attend the swearing-in ceremony of Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on Tuesday.

— Xinhua

Israel strikes Beirut in retaliation to attack on Golan Heights

DAYS after a rocket strike at Golan Heights, allegedly fired by Hezbollah, killed 12 children, the Israel Defence Forces (IDF) carried out a "targeted strike" in southern Beirut on Tuesday (local time).

The IDF said that its target

was the Hezbollah commander, who was responsible for the attack at the football ground in Majdal Shams. "Initial report- the IDF carried out a targeted strike in Beirut, on the commander responsible for the murder of the children in Majdal Shams and

the killing of numerous additional Israeli civilians," the IDF said in a post on X. "At the moment, there are no changes in the Home Front Command defensive guidelines. If any changes will be made, an update will be released. Details to follow," it added. — Xinhua

Storms disrupt high-speed rail traffic in France, affecting 80,000 travellers

TRAFFIC on the LGV (high-speed rail line) South-East, which connects French cities Paris and Lyon, was disrupted on Wednesday due to storms, according to the official website of the French National Railway Company (SNCF).

The morning storms caused several trees to fall onto the LGV South-East at a junction in the Yonne department in central France. A TGV (high-speed train) collided with one of the fallen trees on the tracks, rendering it unable to continue its

journey. The power supply was cut off, and trains were immobilized, SNCF announced.

An estimated 80,000 travellers have been affected by this incident, reported local media BFMTV, citing an SNCF source.

According to the SNCF, tree-clearing operations are underway. However, it is currently impossible to allow the trains to continue their routes. Efforts are being made to return the trains to stations to avoid leaving them stranded and to ensure passenger care. — Xinhua



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Grilled eel leaves one dead, 140 sick in Japan

GRILLED eel, a popular summer delicacy in Japan, is behind a department store food poisoning incident that has left more than 140 people sick and one dead, the store's president said.

Shinji Kaneko of Keikyu Department Store in Yokohama – about an hour from Tokyo – apologised after the customers, who last week bought lunch boxes containing eel, suffered vomiting and diarrhoea. One of the customers – reportedly a woman in her 90s – died, Shinji Kaneko told reporters on Monday, bowing deeply and offering "our most sincere condolences".

The products included eel cooked in the traditional "kabayaki" style: skewered, grilled and basted in a sweet, sticky mixture of soy sauce and mirin rice wine. — AFP

Venezuela severs diplomatic relations with Peru

VENEZUELAN Foreign Affairs Minister Yvan Gil on Tuesday announced that the Venezuelan government has decided to sever diplomatic relations with Peru. "The Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela has decided to sever diplomatic relations with the Republic of Peru, on the basis of Article 45 of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations of 1961," Gil said on social media platform X. — Xinhua

Slovakia's Bratislava Airport over bomb alert

SLOVAKIA'S Bratislava Airport was being evacuated due to a bomb alert, local police said on Wednesday.

"Based on an anonymous announcement regarding the placement of an explosive device on the premises of MR Stefanik Airport in Bratislava, the police are currently taking the necessary steps, including evacuating people," the police said in a Facebook post.

"A pyrotechnic inspection is being carried out at the site," it added. — Xinhua

SPORTS



China's Chen Yuxi/ Quan Hongchan win women's synchro 10m platform

CHINESE star divers Chen Yuxi and Quan Hongchan eased to the women's synchronized 10-metre platform title at the Paris Olympics on Wednesday. Having paired up to win three times in a row at the World Championships, Chen and Quan dominated the final and topped with 359.10 points.

"I feel our performance is OK," said the 17-year-old Quan, who has been already a sensation with her always nearly perfect dives. "Our dives could be better, but our synchronization improved a little bit."

Kim Mi Rae and Jo Jin Mi of DPR Korea, who took silver at this year's World Championships, finished second with 315.90 points. Andrea Spendolini Sirieix and Lois Toulson of Britain grabbed the bronze medal with 304.38 points. While commenting on the Chinese duo, the 19-year-old Spendolini Sirieix said, "I really think they are the best of the best. They are the people we chase, kind of inspiration to look at. I have nothing more to say. They are just so good. Their diving is incredible."



Chen Yuxi/Quan Hongchan (R) of China compete during the women's synchronized 10-metre platform final of diving at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games in Saint Denis, near Paris, France, on 31 July 2024. **PHOTO: ZHANG YUWEI/XINHUA**

This victory also marked China's seventh straight Olympic gold in this event.

Chen and Quan were nearly 30 points ahead of their nearest rivals after only three rounds be-

fore closing out the competition by a margin of over 40 points.

But Chen, who won this event at Tokyo with Zhang Jiaqi, admitted she was too nervous to perform her best. — Xinhua

Argentina's Torres Gil claims surprise gold in men's BMX freestyle

Jose Torres Gil of Argentina won the gold medal in the men's BMX freestyle final at the Paris Olympics on Wednesday.

He secured the gold with a stunning 94.82 points in his opening run and was able to hold off the competition. Britain's Kieran Reilly scored a big 93.91 points in his second round to claim the silver.

Home favourite Anthony Jeanjean overcame a fall in his first run to net 93.76 points in his second try and took the bronze.

Australia's Logan Martin finished last in the final, with the reigning Olympic champion making important errors on each of his runs. — Xinhua

British women's rowing team dashes Dutch gold hope at last stroke

THE Dutch rowing team must have felt a pang of regret, as their near-triumph in securing both the men's and women's quadruple sculls Olympic golds in Paris was snatched away by the British at the very last stroke.

In the gripping final of the women's quadruple sculls at the Vaires-sur-Marne Nautical Stadium on Wednesday, the Dutch quartet, who had maintained their lead almost throughout the race, was edged out by a mere 0.15 second, succumbing to the late surging British squad.

Britain claimed the gold with a time of six minutes 16.31 seconds, leaving the Netherlands with the silver and Germany taking home the bronze.

"We got to 250 metres to go, and I could sense we were coming back, so I was like, 'Guys, now, we're going now.' And then I called it again about 150 metres to go, 'We can do this,'" said Lauren Henry of Britain after the

race. "I kind of knew we'd crossed the line first but we had to wait to see, and when I saw 'GBR, 1' come up it was amazing," the 22-year-old added.

For the men's part, the Dutch team successfully defended their title in the quadruple sculls, powering home to Olympic gold with a time of 5:42.00, almost three seconds ahead of their nearest rivals of Italy, who took home the silver in a time of 5:44.40. Poland clinched the bronze in 5:44.59.

The Chinese team of Cui Xiaotong, Lyu Yang, Zhang Ling, and Chen Yunxia, entered the final through the repechage and were unable to replicate their stellar performance from the Tokyo Olympics, where they not only secured China's second Olympic rowing gold since 2008 but set a world-best time of 6:05.13, a record that still stands unbroken. They finished in sixth. — Xinhua

Djokovic beats heat to reach Olympics quarter-finals

NOVAK Djokovic found his rhythm in the punishing heat to beat Germany's Dominik Koepfer and reach the quarter-finals of the Paris Olympics on Wednesday, staying on track for an elusive gold.

The Serbian top seed, who crushed Rafael Nadal in the previous round, came through 7-5, 6-3 and will face world number 11 Stefanos Tsitsipas in the last eight.

"I'm soaking wet, honestly. It's a very, very humid day as it was yesterday. I just hope it rains so it cools down the temperature a bit and the air:

"But it is what it is. You have to kind of accept and embrace the conditions and it's the same for you and your opponents so you have to try to make the best out of it."

The 24-time Grand Slam champion broke Koepfer early but the German world number 70 returned the favour in the next game to get back on serve.

Djokovic, a three-time French Open

champion on the clay courts at Roland Garros, took the first set 7-5 when Koepfer went long to concede another break.

As the sun beat down on Court Philippe Chatrier, Djokovic found his groove, surging into a 3-0 lead to take a grip on the second set, sealing the win with a minimum of fuss.

He has yet to drop a set in three rounds of tennis in Paris. The 37-year-old, searching for his first trophy in 2024, is still wearing strapping on his right knee after undergoing an operation in June. He was a bronze medallist on his Olympic debut in 2008

but is targeting gold in Paris to complete his staggering collection of trophies. — AFP



Serbia's Novak Djokovic is chasing an elusive Olympic gold. **PHOTO: AFP**



WORLD

European airport traffic returns to pre-Covid levels

Passenger traffic at European airports rebounded to pre-Covid levels in early 2024, though recovery remains uneven across the region.

PASSENGER traffic at European airports returned to pre-Covid levels in the first half of the year as the sector finally “turned the corner” on the pandemic crisis, the main industry association said on Wednesday.

But the trade body warned that the recovery was uneven, with almost half of Europe’s airports still below pre-pandemic levels.

Overall, passenger traffic rose nine per cent in the first six months of 2024 compared to the same period last year, according to Airports Council International Europe.

Volume was nine per cent higher than in the same period last year, lifting it to 0.4 per cent above the first half of

2019, the year before the coronavirus outbreak that paralyzed economies and the aviation industry.

“As overall passenger traffic finally made it above 2019 levels over a full six-month period, our industry has now turned the corner on the pandemic,” said ACI Europe director-general Olivier Jankovec said.

International traffic has been the main growth driver this year, rising 10.3 per cent in the first half compared to the same period last year. Domestic traffic was up 4.2 per cent.

ACI Europe states the airport industry has nearly fully recovered from COVID-19, but it’s fragmented. Leisure travel drives growth, with Albania showing a 243 per cent increase in passengers since 2019. — AFP



The European airport market has become ‘extremely fragmented’, with only 53 per cent of them having fully recovered their pre-pandemic passenger volumes by June, a trade body said. **PHOTO: KIRILL KUDRYAVTSEV / AFP/FILE**

Tourism, heat cut Japan rice inventory to 21st century low

Japan’s rice stockpile has fallen to its lowest level this century due to a tourism boom driving demand for rice-based dishes.



Visitors eat seafood during lunchtime at the popular tourist area of Tsukiji fish market in central Tokyo on 30 April 2024. A tourism boom has helped cut Japan’s rice stockpile to the lowest this century as foreign visitors gobble up sushi, onigiri and other dishes with the staple, officials said on 31 July 2024. **PHOTO: RICHARD A. BROOKS / AFP**

A tourism boom has helped cut Japan’s rice stockpile to the lowest this century as foreign visitors gobble up sushi, onigiri and other dishes with the staple, officials told AFP Wednesday.

Bigger factors, however, were lower harvests caused by hot weather and water shortages, as well as prices rising at a slower pace than alternatives, the farm ministry stressed.

Rice held in the private sector was 1.56 million tonnes last month, the lowest since comparable data began being collected in 1999 and a drop of 20.8 per cent year-on-year, ministry data showed Tuesday. “The chief reasons behind the record-low inventory is a decline in production last year due to high temperatures combined with water shortages, and the relative cheapness of rice prices compared to prices of other crops such as wheat,” farm ministry official Hiroshi Itakura told AFP.

“The increase in demand by foreign tourists has also contributed,” he said, but added that “we are not in a situation of facing shortages of rice”. — AFP

STORMS IMPACT CLIMATE

Air currents can influence climate outcomes of La Nina, El Nino: study

STORMS and air currents can influence the climate outcomes of La Nina and El Nino events, research from Australia’s national science agency has found. In a study published on Wednesday, a team from the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO) explored why Australia was wet and cool in November 2021 but dry and warm in November 2020 despite both occurring during La Nina events.

La Nina and El Nino are two opposing climate patterns in the Pacific Ocean that affect weather worldwide. La Nina occurs when equatorial trade winds become stronger, drawing cooler deep waters up to the surface and is typically associated with increased rainfall and cooler daytime temperatures in Australia. — Xinhua