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Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council

1. The Union Election Commission will be reconstituted and its mandated tasks, including the scrutiny of voter lists, shall be implemented in accordance with the law.
2. Effective measures will be taken with added momentum to prevent and manage the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Actions will be taken to ensure the speedy recovery of businesses from the impact of COVID-19.
4. Emphasis will be placed on achieving enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.
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.

SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds peace talks with NMSP Vice-Chairman Nai Aung Min



Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives the delegation led by Vice-Chair Nai Aung Min of the New Mon State Party-NMSP for peace talks in Nay Pyi Taw on 23 May 2022.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received a peace delegation led

by Vice-Chairman Nai Aung Min of the New Mon State Party (NMSP) at the parlour of Bayinnaung Villa in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning to talk about peace issues.

In the talks, the Senior General explained emphasis being placed on the peace talks for the participation of all ethnic in the national cause, practical enhancement of education across

the nation including ethnic areas as well-versed human resources are required in implementing the democratic system, exercises of multiparty democracy in conformity with the people's desire

and building the Union based on democracy and federalism.

The Vice-Chairman of the New Mon State Party (NMSP) and party discussed exercising

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Re-invitation for basic education staff who are absent from duty

THE State Administration Council is implementing nine objectives, including a social goal of national health and higher education, and is working hard to restore education to the next generation of young people in order to develop the nation's human resources.

For the education of the new generation, basic education schools across the country were reopened on 1-11-2021, and higher education universities/colleges were reopened on 12-5-2022. Basic education schools for the 2022-2023 Academic Year will be reopened on 2-6-2022.

Basic education is very important in the education of the new generation of young people who will be the leaders of the future. So those students can learn fully and to make the teachers/students ratio balance, experienced teachers are needed.

In order to resume their teaching duties for the next generations, teachers and educators who have been away from their duties due to intimidation, participation in peaceful protest, or worry, and teachers and educators who have been prosecuted under staff discipline are informed to report to the relevant Township Education Offices where the schools are located or the nearest Township Education Offices in their current area of residence to file an appeal voluntarily by 31-5-2022.

Among the basic education staff who are absent from duty due to various reasons, those who are absent without leave due to various reasons, those under the investigation, and those who file an appeal, shall be considered as unpaid leave for the period of non-duty and will be re-employed except for those who have committed serious crimes.

State Administration Council
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Judgements passed on 5 special civil appeal cases; one special criminal appeal case, 4 special civil appeal cases heard

A special appeal tribunal, consisting of Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo and Judges of Supreme Court of the Union U Khin Maung Gyi, Daw Khin May Yi, U Thaug Naing and U Thein Ko Ko, have been convened yesterday morning at the room No. 1 of the Supreme

Court of the Union and passed the judgements on special civil appeal cases No. 19/2020 (Shan), 33/2021 (Magway), 34/2021 (Magway), 1/2022 (Ayeyawady) and 5/2022 (Mandalay), totalling five special civil appeal cases.

In addition, a total of one special criminal appeal case and

four special civil appeal cases, special criminal appeal case No. 7/2021 (Mandalay), special civil appeal cases 32/2021 (Mandalay), 17/2020 (Yangon), 18/2020 (Yangon) and 7/2022 (Magway) were heard keeping in line with COVID-19 prevention and control guidelines. — MNA

5 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 23 May, total figure rises to 613,227

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,227** after **5** new cases were reported on 23 May 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,189** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll stands at **19,434** without more casualties.—MNA

Peace delegation led by RCSS Chairman returns to Tachilek



THE peace delegation led by Chairman General Yawd Serk of the Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS), which arrived in Nay Pyi Taw at the invitation of State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, returned to Tachilek Township of eastern Shan State by flight yesterday.

The peace delegation is

seen off by the National Solidarity and Peace-making Negotiate Committee members, officials and ethnic people of the Culture Department at Nay Pyi Taw Military Airport.

When the delegation arrived in Tachilek Township, officials of Tachilek station, departmental officials, political organizations and residents who want State stability

and development supported them by holding signboards and placards bearing "May SAC be successful in peace processes across the nation. Peace talks must be successful. We agree with the peace talks" along the Pyidaungsu Road to the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge (2), Tachilek.—MNA

Campaign in support of peace talks condemns external intervention

THE campaign to support peace talks of SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing with ethnic armed organizations and condemn the external interference were staged in Pyawbwe Township of Mandalay Region yesterday.

About 4,000 participants including monks, people who want peace and the USDP officials joined the event.

First, monks and officials pressed the button to launch

the signboard bearing we support efforts for peace and sprinkled scented water on it. They also freed the white doves and marched to the Shwepyitha Pagoda compound from the Sasana Beikman of Shanpwe Ward of Pyawbwe Township.

They then organized talks regarding the aims of the campaigns. They shouted slogans supporting the peace talks including Our Three Main National Causes. — MNA



SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services ...



The Senior General cordially greets the NMSP Vice-Chair.



The Senior General poses for a documentary group photo.

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the multiparty democracy in conformity with the people's desire, building the Union based on democracy and federalism, and same attitudes for enhancement of education qualifications across the nation. Next, both sides frank-

ly exchanged views on peace issues and the development of the Union.

After the meeting, the Senior General and the Vice-Chairman of the New Mon State Party (NMSP) and party posed for documentary photos after presenting

gifts. The delegation led by the Vice-Chairman of the New Mon State Party (NMSP) will continue peace talks with the Peace Talks Team and the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee formed with SAC members by the State Adminis-

tration Council.

Also present at today's peace talks were Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Council mem-

bers General Mya Tun Oo, Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun and Lt-Gen Yar Pyae. The NMSP Vice-Chairman was accompanied by Joint General Secretary of the NMSP Naing Win Hla and Central Executive Committee member of the NMSP Nai Banyar Lei. — MNA

MoI Union Minister attends launch event of new version Myanmar Encyclopedia, preliminary meeting to organize Sarso Beikman construction team

THE launching ceremony of the Myanmar Encyclopedia (new version), Volume (1), jointly published by Sarpay Beikman of the Department of Printing and Publishing of the Ministry of Information and Tun Foundation, was held in Yangon yesterday.

During the ceremony, Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn talked about the publishing of Myanmar Encyclopedia volume (1) in 1954, 15 volumes of encyclopedias from (Myanmar alphabet Ka to Ah) between 1954 and 1976, an offer of Tun Foundation Chairman U Thein Tun to renew these

15 volumes of encyclopedias and operations started in 2018.

The Union minister expressed condolence for the demise of Tun Foundation Chairman U Thein Tun as it is a huge loss to the education, health and economy of the country.

He also added that Sarpay Beikman and Tun Foundation signed on 14 August 2020. The procedures are changing while the country is facing the changes in the trend. And now, the volume (1) is successfully published. It has about 500 pages covering headwords and a glossary in-



The MoI Union Minister discusses organizing the Sarso Beikman building construction team in Yangon yesterday.



The MoI Union Minister views the Myanmar Encyclopedias.

cluding 500 photos and maps of local and foreign countries. There will be 25 volumes total of new encyclopedias after the old 15 encyclopedias are updated.

Then, Director-General U Win Kyaw Aung of the Printing and Publishing Department briefed the Myanmar Encyclopedia (new version)-volume 1 (Kant-Koke) and the Union Minister gave a certificate of honour to U Thant Zin Tun, a family member of Tun Foundation.

The Union minister and attendees viewed Myanmar encyclopedias displayed at the hall.

At noon, the Union minister discussed organizing the Sarso Beikman building construction team in Yangon with the intellectuals at the meeting hall of the Printing and Publishing Department.

The international standard Sarso Beikman will be constructed in Yangon as per the directives of the Prime Minister to collect

the book, photo records and statues of great intellectuals, hold educational talks and dialogues and also for public recreation.

The Union minister and participants also discussed the location, building (sketch), room structures (sketch) and matters to organize the team to achieve proper suggestions.

The Sarso Beikman will be built on two acres of land in Mingala Taungnyunt township in Yangon. — MNA

Tatmadaw is also steering and monitoring to be straightforward on building the Union Republic rooted in democracy and the federal system having peace and tranquillity

HAVING duty consciousness among the country and people, loyalty and a variety of selfless performances with a spirit of goodwill by Tatmadaw have been witnessed in the past. Currently, Tatmadaw is also steering and monitoring to be straightforward on building the Union Republic rooted in democracy and the federal system having peace and tranquillity, and community development. I would like to highlight that every effort partaken by Tatmadaw tend to be beneficial for our motherland and ethnic people, and Tatmadaw also performs the tasks with a spirit of goodwill to be able to stand rigidly as a country among the world.

(Excerpt from the speech made by Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing at the passing out parade of the 8th intake of Graduate Female Cadet Course on 22 December 2021)

Monkeypox infectious disease monitored with preventive measures

THE Ministry of Health held a coordination meeting on the prevention and monitoring activities of monkeypox infectious disease yesterday afternoon in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, Union Minister Prof Dr Thet Khaing Win said that the World Health Organization (WHO) has warned of an outbreak of monkeypox in some European countries.

He highlighted the need to make health education public to raise awareness of the differences and possible causes of chickenpox, smallpox and the recent outbreak of monkeypox in some countries to make sure that the people will not panic as there is an outbreak of chickenpox among children in Myanmar.

There is a need to intensify disease surveillance activities on existing communicable diseases as well as monkeypox although there is little evidence

of the disease in Myanmar, and the preparations must be made for lab testing and medical work, he said.

The Union minister added that the monkey virus is transmitted from animals to humans, and the environmental protection sector, farming sector, and the health sector must be integrated according to the One Health Approach.

Afterwards, the health officials who attended the meeting explained the research and lab preparations for monkeypox infectious disease, and the Union minister made concluding remarks.

At the coordination meeting to prevent the outbreak of dengue fever held yesterday morning, the Union minister highlighted the need to continuously carry out monitoring and control measures of the disease by cooperating with the relevant



The coordination meeting on the prevention and monitoring activities of monkeypox infectious disease in progress.

ministries, especially the general administration departments of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

According to the data received between 1 January and 20 May, there were 1,516 cases

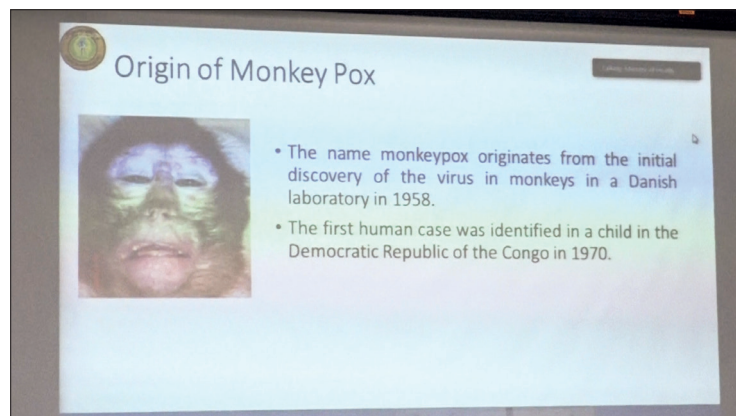
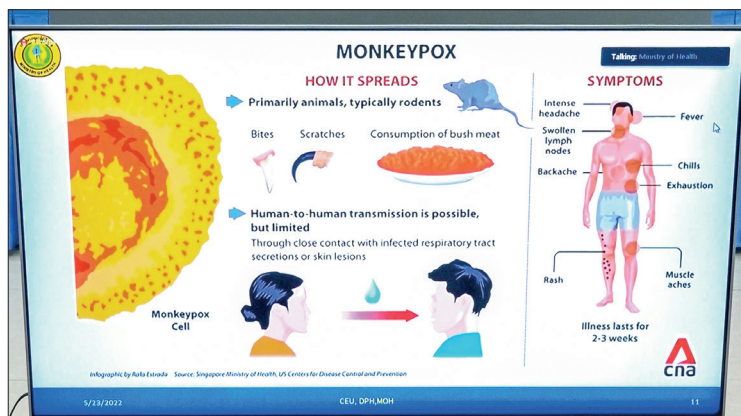
and two deaths, with the highest outbreak in Yangon Region, Ayeyawady Region and Mon State.

In 2021, there were 5,446 cases and 36 deaths in Myanmar. According to the annual outbreak

analysis, there is a high risk of outbreaks this year, the Union minister said.

It is necessary to provide health education on dengue fever. When the school season arrives, school-based immunization and school-based dengue prevention activities will be carried out at the same time, the Union minister ordered.

Afterwards, Deputy Director Dr Nay Yee Yee Lin explained the incidence and prevention of dengue fever in Myanmar, and the participants discussed the plans to be involved in the prevention of dengue fever in each sector. — MNA



Rubber price stabilized at K1,300 per pound

THE price of rubber was stabilized at K1,300 per pound, according to the rubber growers.

The price dropped to almost K1,200 per pound in April and K1,000 in May.

From 16 to 20 May, a pound of RSS-3 type of rubber was about K1,300 and a pound of the RSS-5 type was about K1,200, according to a rubber plantation owner U Okkar.

He said, "At a time when prices of inputs such as fertilizers and other related products are high, we have to keep the loss rather than the profit. Prices may fall as a result of the

temporary closure of foreign trade."

In the first week of May, the price of a pound of rubber fell by K200-K300 in the local market, reducing the profits of rubber growers. By the time the rubber plantation opened last year, the price of a pound of rubber had been around K750 and this year's opening price is around K1,100. Despite low profits, prices are still high in Taninthayi Region, said U Bo Htay, an owner of a rubber plantation.

"With the storm and non-stop rain, we can no longer collect rubber latex; We have to

focus on planting seedlings and conserving the plantation," he added.

There are more than 1.6 million acres of rubber plantations in the country, and the yield of rubber is increasing year by year. Myanmar rubber is mostly shipped to foreign countries, and in recent years, more than 300,000 tonnes of rubber were exported. China is the main buyer of about 75 per cent of Myanmar rubber, and it is also exported to Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, South Korea, India, and Japan. — TWA/GNLM



Tapping sap from rubber trees in one rubber plantation.

YBS remote control system to be resumed



Lectures on road safety for YBS drivers in progress.

THE Yangon Region Transport Committee (YRTC) said that the remote control system has been resumed to ensure the order and safety of YBS vehicles operating in the Yangon Region.

The Control Centre of the Department of Yangon Bus Operator will monitor more than 2,850 vehicles from 110 YBS bus lines, which are running daily for the convenience of public transport, to check whether they are following the designated routes or crossing the border during the voyage.

Although YBS vehicles were previously fined K300,000 if they did not follow the designated routes, now in addition to the fine of K300,000, action will be taken until the vehicle

is banned from buying gas, including the removal from the bus line, according to the Yangon Region Transport Committee.

YBS vehicles under the YRTC are being monitored with GPS since 2017. Since there are more than 2,000 vehicles from over 20 bus lines with installed GPS, action will be taken until the bus line is shut down if they do not abide by the rules.

In addition, YRTC is organizing YBS drivers' road safety conferences in which officials from the Myanmar Organization for Road Safety (MORS), traffic control police and the YRTC are conducting lectures on what YBS drivers should know and follow. — TWA/GNLM

327 Myanmar nationals arrested for illegally crossing border into Thailand

ANOTHER 327 Myanmar nationals were arrested for illegally crossing the border into Thailand, according to Thai authorities.

Thai security forces arrested 247 Myanmar nationals—149 males and 98 females—as they were waiting for a broker in the jungles of Thailand on 19 May.

Similarly, a total of 47 Myanmar nationals—36 males and 11 female—were arrested on 20 May.

On the same day, officials from the Thai Border Guard Force inspected a vehicle on the road near Mae Sai Village in Chiang Rai Province and found 16 Myanmar nationals who illegally entered Thailand.

A total of 17 more Myanmar nationals were arrested in Mae Lamat Township after crossing the Thaungyin River to work in Bangkok, Thailand at 8 pm on 21 May.

Those arrestees are from Yangon, Bago, Mandalay, Mag-

way, Nay Pyi Taw, Myitkyina, Hpa-an and Mon State.

They were arrested while hiding in the woods, crossing the river during the rainy season and sneaking into vehicles.

Thai nationals working as guides along with the smugglers were also arrested together with their vehicles. The detainees reportedly paid between 25,000 and 30,000 baht (K1.5 million to K1.8 million) per person.—TWA/GNLM

US\$6 mln foreign investment flows in April this 2022-2023FY



NEARLY US\$6 million investment has come in Myanmar in April 2022, according to the Department of Investment and Company Administration (DICA). Of the investments, \$2.782 million from China, \$2 million, including increased investment, from Taipei, \$1.215 million from Hong Kong, and a total of \$5.997 million in foreign

investment came in.

As of April 2022, Singapore's investment in Myanmar is over \$24.677 billion, counting for only 27.09 per cent of the total foreign investment. Within six months, Singapore is the biggest investor in Myanmar with over \$297 million.

In the six months of the 2021-2022 mini-budget period,

\$297.349 million from Singapore, \$142.137 million from China, \$8.641 million from Taipei, \$0.497 million from France, \$109.140 million from Hong Kong, \$0.550 million from India, \$5.1 million from Indonesia and \$4.530 million from Japan were invested in Myanmar.

In addition, \$0.312 million from Malaysia, \$62.693 million from the Republic of Korea, \$2 million from Samoa, \$1.343 million from Seychelles, \$7 million from Thailand, \$4 million from the Netherlands, \$0.335 million from the UK, and \$1.5 million from Nepal have also come in Myanmar, according to the DICA. — TWA/GNLM

Endorsement of Myanmar Standards Adoption

IN accordance with the duties and function of Section 5, Article b and vested mandate of Section 33 Article (b) of the Law on Standardization, National Standards Council endorses MMS 31 : 2022 Standard for Rice as a revised Myanmar Standard which was adopted as Myanmar Standard, MMS CODEX STAN 198:1995 Standard for Rice, in 2018.

Endorsement of Myanmar Standards Adoption

IN accordance with duties and function of Section 5, Article b and vested mandate of Section 33 Article (b) of the Law on Standardization, National Standards Council endorses the following 259 standards to adopt as Myanmar Standards.

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1	MMS ISO 5151:2017 Non-ducted air conditioners and heat pumps — Testing and rating for performance	30	MMS CISPR 15:2018 Limits and methods of measurement of radio disturbance characteristics of electrical lighting and similar equipment
2	MMS ISO 15042:2017 Multiple split-system air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps — Testing and rating for performance	31	MMS UNECE R 14: 2012 Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to safety-belt anchorages, ISOFIX anchorages systems and ISOFIX top tether anchorages
3	MMS ISO 16358-1:2013 Air-cooled air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps — Testing and calculating methods for seasonal performance factors — Part 1: Cooling seasonal performance factor	32	MMS UNECE R 16:2014 Uniform provisions concerning the approval of: I. Safety-belts, restraint systems, child restraint systems and ISOFIX child restraint systems for occupants of power-driven vehicles II. Vehicles equipped with safety-belts, safety-belt reminders, restraint systems, child restraint systems and ISOFIX child restraint systems and i-Size child restraint systems
4	MMS ISO 16358-2:2013 Air-cooled air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps — Testing and calculating methods for seasonal performance factors — Part 2: Heating seasonal performance factor	33	MMS UNECE R 43:2017 Uniform provisions concerning the approval of safety glazing materials and their installation on vehicles
5	MMS ISO 16358-3:2013 Air-cooled air conditioners and air-to-air heat pumps — Testing and calculating methods for seasonal performance factors — Part 3: Annual performance factor	34	MMS UNECE R 49:2015 Uniform provisions concerning the measures to be taken against the emission of gaseous and particulate pollutants from compression-ignition engines for use in vehicles, and the emission of gaseous pollutants from positive-ignition engines fuelled with natural gas or liquefied petroleum gas for use in vehicles
6	MMS IEC 60034-2-1:2014 Rotating electrical machines - Part 2-1: Standard methods for determining losses and efficiency from tests (excluding machines for traction vehicles)	35	MMS UNECE R 83:2011 Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to the emission of pollutants according to engine fuel requirements
7	MMS IEC 60034-30-1:2014 Rotating electrical machines - Part 30-1: Efficiency classes of line operated AC motors (IE code)	36	MMS UNECE R 100:2013 Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles with regard to specific requirements for the electric power train
8	MMS IEC 60245-3:1994 Rubber insulated cables - Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V - Part 3: Heat resistant silicone insulated cables	37	MMS UNECE R 136:2016 Uniform provisions concerning the approval of vehicles of category L with regard to specific requirements for the electric power train
9	MMS IEC 60245-5:1994 Rubber insulated cables - Rated voltages up to and including 450/750 V - Part 5: Lift cables	38	MMS ISO 21001:2018 Educational organizations — Management systems for educational organizations — Requirements with guidance for use
10	MMS IEC 60350-1:2016+AMD1:2021 -Household electric cooking appliances - Part 1: Ranges, ovens, steam ovens and grills - Methods for measuring performance	39	MMS ISO 31000:2018 Risk management — Guidelines
11	MMS IEC 60350-2:2017 Household electric cooking appliances - Part 2: Hobs - Methods for measuring performance	40	MMS ISO/TR 31004:2013 Risk management — Guidance for the implementation of ISO 31000
12	MMS IEC 60529:1989+AMD1:1999+AMD2:2013 - Degrees of protection provided by enclosures (IP Code)	41	MMS ISO 37001:2016 Anti-bribery management systems — Requirements with guidance for use
13	MMS IEC 60879:2019 Comfort fans and regulators for household and similar purposes - Methods for measuring performance	42	MMS CXS 12: CXS 12-1981, Revised in 1987, 2001. Amended in 2019 Standard for Honey
14	MMS IEC 61439-1:2020 Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies - Part 1: General rules	43	MMS 24: 2022 Standard for Soybeans
15	MMS IEC 61439-2:2020 Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies - Part 2: Power switchgear and controlgear assemblies	44	MMS 29 :2022 Standard for Myanmar Paddy
16	MMS IEC 61439-3:2012 Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies - Part 3: Distribution boards intended to be operated by ordinary persons (DBO)	45	MMS 30 :2022 Standard for Myanmar Tea Leaf
17	MMS IEC 61439-4:2012 Low-voltage switchgear and controlgear assemblies - Part 4: Particular requirements for assemblies for construction sites (ACS)	46	MMS ASEAN STAN 13:2009 Standard for Garlic
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21	MMS IEC 62031:2018 LED modules for general lighting - Safety specifications	50	MMS ASTM D70-18 Standard Test Method for Density of Semi-Solid Asphalt Binder (Pycnometer Method)
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OPINION

Speed up efforts for restoration of perpetual peace

NOWADAYS, the peace process is gaining momentum with the potential for securing good results based on patience, sympathy, empathy, compassion, perseverance and concerted efforts of all participants in the peace talks.

Their efforts to restore perpetual peace will be put on record in the history of the nation. Their goodwill and correct visions will be symbols of new generations. If their peace process achieves success, they will be able to open the new pages of the country's history.

In order to secure success in any mission, all participants must have the courage to face any difficulties. Their courage will be recordable and changeable for new images of the nation. Consequently, the country and the people will have the chance to taste the new peaceful lives. Hence, such an endeavour should be welcomed by all.

All the people expect that more EAOs would come to attend the peace talks one after another. Now is an important time for all to build a peaceful nation. Their chances are kept in their hands. They have the confidence to use their opportunities in nation-building endeavours. Let's realize the imagination and expectations of the people.

so as to enjoy the fruits of peace. It is because perpetual peace shall be the aspiration of the entire people.

It was reported that seven ethnic armed organizations which have signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA and three other EAOs which have not signed the NCA yet accepted the offer of the government to join the peace talks. They all have the chance for improving the future of the State and the people. They will chance to polish the image of the nation.

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Dynamic zero-COVID approach, China's choice to safeguard lives, underpin economic growth

FACING the highly transmissible Omicron variant, China is sticking with a dynamic zero-COVID policy when most other countries have eased restrictions and shifted towards living with the virus.

Some overseas media question the sustainability of the dynamic zero-COVID approach, citing the high social and economic cost.

However, China is determined to contain the virus while maintaining economic growth. This strategy stems from a deep care for the vulnerable, a strong belief in the people's strength and resilience, and unwavering faith in the country's future.

The dynamic zero-COVID approach suits that goal best.

Safeguarding people's health

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, China has always put the people and their lives first. China's dynamic zero-COVID policy is not aimed at realizing zero infection, but rather at bringing COVID-19 under control at the minimum social cost in the shortest time possible so as to effectively protect the health, normal life and production of

the Chinese people to the maximum.

The relaxation of epidemic control and prevention is not suitable for the world's most populous country, home to 267 million elderly people aged 60 and above and 260 million people with underlying health conditions, currently vaccination rates for elderly and children are not high enough.

Moreover, with unbalanced regional development as well as insufficient medical resources, China would see widespread infections with a huge amount of severe cases and deaths if the strict virus control measures were loosened prematurely.

"If we are not firm about the dynamic zero-COVID policy, China may miss the best time to stem the resurgence of cases, which may lead to higher costs and unbearable consequences," China's leading epidemiologist Liang Wannian recently said.

If China abandons the current dynamic zero-COVID policy, China could face more than 1.5 million COVID-19 deaths, a study published in Nature Medicine concludes.

According to another study published in Lancet, the persistence of dynamic zero COVID-19 community transmission in Shanghai and other regions will overcome weak links in the immunological barrier in populations across the country.

"When you look at the world, we can say that China's method is more suitable when considering public health," Bulent Ertugrul, an expert from Reyap Hospital in Istanbul, told Xinhua, noting that the dynamic zero-COVID approach has proved a significant success in China.

Since March this year, China has withstood the most severe challenge on COVID-19 control and prevention since the anti-epidemic battle of Wuhan in early 2020, as sporadic resurgences of domestic cases erupted in many regions across China.

Thanks to the zero-COVID policy of mass testing, quarantine, temporary lockdowns, and closed-off management, the current wave of epidemic has steadily shown signs of improvement.

China's financial hub Shanghai has cut off the community transmission of COVID-19 in all of its 16 districts, a municipal official said Tuesday.

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Dynamic zero-COVID does not run counter to economic development, rather it is a counter-epidemic policy that ensures economic growth in the long run.

Source: Xinhua

stringent anti-epidemic measures will cause short-term economic pains, but the claims that anti-epidemic control and prevention measures will stifle the growth of the world's second-largest economy is short-sighted.

Dynamic zero-COVID does not run counter to economic development, rather it is a counter-epidemic policy that ensures economic growth in the long run.

Source: Xinhua



Residents wait in line to receive COVID-19 tests in Shanghai, east China, 17 May 2022. China's Shanghai has cut off the community transmission of COVID-19 in all its 16 districts, a municipal official said Tuesday. PHOTO: XINHUA/LIU YING

community transmission of COVID-19 in all of its 16 districts and is seeing more factories return to normal operations and businesses reopen.

Ensuring economic development

It is inevitable that the

Study sheds light on the longevity of immune response to COVID-19

BY pooling studies from eight cohorts across the United States, a group of researchers accelerated the collection of essential data to answer questions about the immune response needed for long-term protection against SARS-CoV-2.

A description of the cohort, assays used, and event definitions were recently published in the American Society for Microbiology's open-access journal, mSphere.

Longitudinal observation studies (studies that employ continuous or repeated measures to follow particular individuals over time) are essential to answer important questions on the durability and effectiveness of immune

responses against SARS-CoV-2. Often individual cohorts have limited longitudinal data or participant numbers to draw robust conclusions.

To overcome these limitations, harmonized yet independent cohorts were established in different geographic locations of the US - the PARIS (Protection Associated with Rapid Immunity to SARS-CoV-2) and SPARTA (SARS SeroPrevalence and Respiratory Tract Assessment) cohorts.

These cohorts offer a nimble and rapid approach to stand up a network suitable to collect biospecimens and other data.

"We started the PARIS cohort at the Icahn School of Medicine at



People get free Covid-19 tests without needing to show ID, a doctor's note or symptoms at a drive-through and walk up testing centre in Arlington, Virginia, on 26 May 2020. PHOTO: OLIVIER DOULIERY/AFP/FILE

Mount Sinai because we wanted to know 3 things: how long anti-

body responses to SARS-CoV-2 last during infection, whether an-

tibody responses protect against reinfection and how much antibody an individual needs to be protected," said senior study author Florian Krammer, Ph.D., a professor of Microbiology and Pathology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai.

"It is very important when you have an emerging virus to study the immune responses to the infection itself over time, to look at the protective effects of immune responses induced by infection, and also study what happens when people get vaccinated," added lead study author Viviana Simon, M.D., Ph.D., a professor of Microbiology, Infectious Diseases and Pathology at the Icahn School of Medicine at

Mount Sinai.

In the new study, to understand re-infection rates and correlates of protection for SARS-CoV-2, the researchers established 8 different longitudinal cohorts in 2020 under the umbrella of the PARIS/SPARTA studies. The cohorts included seropositive and seronegative participants at high risk for infection.

The initial PARIS study focused on healthcare workers in New York City, one of the early epicentres of the pandemic in the US, but the other cohorts targeted not only healthcare workers but other populations including communities of colour, first responders and students.

Source: ANI



BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is vigorous over the Andaman Sea, south Bay and east central Bay of Bengal. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 24 May, 2022: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and southern Shan, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway Regions and Chin State and scattered in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of regionally heavyfalls in Yangon, Taninthayi Region and Kayin, Mon States and isolated heavyfalls in Bago, Ayeyawady Regions and Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squall with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (40) mph. Wave height will be about (9-12) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts. Therefore, should be aware domestic flight, trawlers, vessels and ships off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in Nay Pyi Taw, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24 May 2022: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24 May 2022: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24 May 2022: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

EARTHQUAKE NEWS

A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.1) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about (18) miles southeast of Falam), latitude 22.74°N, longitude 93.95°E, depth (9) kilometers, about (20) miles northeast of Haka seismological observatory was recorded at (10) hr (26) min (47) sec MST on 23 May 2022.

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MoC arranges daily imports of essential anti-COVID-19 equipment

THE Ministry of Commerce oversees the importation of necessary medical supplies and anti-COVID-19 devices critical to the COVID-19 prevention,

Imported anti-Covid supplies are transported to states and regions.

control and treatment activities through trading posts, international airports and seaports.

A total of 61.5 tonnes of masks were imported by a company via the Chinshwehaw Border trade camp yesterday.

Officials from relevant departments cooperate to facilitate and expedite standard operat-

ing procedures for the import process.

It is reported that the Ministry of Commerce is coordinating with relevant departments to prevent COVID-19, and contact persons for enquiries can be reached through the Ministry's Website — www.commerce.gov.mm. — MNA

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, animals, cosmetics, foodstuffs unregistered vehicles seized

SUPERVISED by the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee, action is being taken under the law against illegal trades across the country.

The combined inspection team led by Customs Department and Myanmar Police Force made inspections at the warehouse of the 81st street and 27thx28th streets in Mandalay Township on 20 May. They seized K38,666,900 worth of cosmetics, hand gel and masks, which showed no official documents. The action was taken under the Customs Law.

In addition, on the same day, the Forest Department

inspection team captured 57.0962 tonnes of timbers worth K5,255,036. The action was charged under the Forest Law.

Moreover, on 22 May, the Bago Township Customs Department inspection team made inspections at the 83rd-mile 5-furlong between the Sittoung Bridge and Nyaungkhashay.

They confiscated foodstuffs (estimated value of K1,150,000), which had no official documents, from a vehicle (estimated value of K10,000,000). The action was taken under the Customs Law.

On 23 May, the Bago Region Forest Department seized K1,827,782 worth of 8.4160

tonnes of illegal timbers in Bago and Toungoo Districts, and the action was taken under the Forest Law.

Similarly, on the same day, the Forest Department inspection team confiscated K6,743,350 worth of 35.7740 tonnes of illegal timbers in Monywa and Sagaing Townships and took action under the Forest Law. They also seized an unregistered Nissan AD van car (estimated value of K1,500,000) on the same day. Police opened a case file under the Export/Import Law. Afterwards, Myanmar Police Force seized K100,000 worth of an unregistered motorbike in Ayad-



Officials confiscate teak logs.

aw Township, and the action was taken under the Export/Import Law. They also seized K15,400,000 worth of 22 heads of cattle in Kanbalu township. The action was charged under the Animal Health and Breeding

Development Law.

Therefore, on 20, 22 and 23 May, 16 arrests were made totalling an estimated value of K80,643,068, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA

Traffickers sentenced to jail for human trafficking

THE Bago District Court sentenced two women to ten years imprisonment each with labour under Section 24 for their role in trafficking a girl to a Chinese man on 20 May.

The victim Ma ..., aged 35, from DaikU Township of Bago Region, was sold to a Chinese man by Ma Saw Mu and Ma Tin Khaing (a) Tin Tin Khaing from DaikU Township of Bago Region. The traffickers exploited the money that she told the victim to earn K500,000 a month at a shoe factory.

Two traffickers were prosecuted at the Phaungtawthi police station under Sections 24/32 of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law. — MNA

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Drugs seized in Myitkyina, Waingmaw, Kunhing, PyinOoLwin and Nawnghkio townships



Three arrestees are seen along with seized drugs and a lorry.

A combined inspection team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force stopped and examined a motorbike driven by Moe Aung Hlaing (aka) Ko Pyone in Myitkyina Township at 10:00 am on 22 May and captured 0.33 kilogramme of heroin.

According to the examination at 11:15 am on the same day, the Anti-Drug Police Force searched a house of Teint Zon in Waingmaw Township and captured 720 stimulant tablets and 0.01 kilogramme of heroin.

In addition, at 1:30 pm on

the same day, Police stopped and searched a Toyota Crown car driven by Sai Htun Aung at Tarkaw village bridge checkpoint in Kunhing Township and confiscated K2,79.72 million worth of 23.31 kilogrammes of heroin.

On 21 May at 11:40 am, Police examined a Nissan car driven by Kyaw Zeya with Myat Noe (aka) Paing Gyi and Ngwe Phyo Thant (aka) Naung Naung (aka) Hmwe Ni aboard and captured 4,600 litres of Sulfuric acid. Similarly, at 11:00 am on the same day, Police searched a motorbike driven by Htun Naing Soe and seized 1,600 stimulant tablets.

They were prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, the Myanmar Police Force stated. — MNA

LOCAL BUSINESS

Kanbalu Tsp targets over 260,000 acres of oil crops for self-sufficiency

A total of 260,978 acres of oil crops are projected in Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Region in the 2022-2023 financial year, in a bid to ramp up oil crop production for self-sufficiency as the edible oil is imported from the foreign countries to meet the growing demand of the individuals in the township, according to Kanbalu Township Department of Agriculture.

The project includes 154,122 acres of peanut for monsoon and winter seasons, 97,781 acres of sesame seeds for winter and summer seasons, and 3,051 sunflower acres for monsoon and winter seasons and the rest are for sunflower sesame seeds and mustard.



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“We focus on food security and agricultural production growth in the township. The intercropping system is also adopted in oil crop cultivation. The Department raises growing method

awareness campaigns,” said U San Aung, head of the township department.

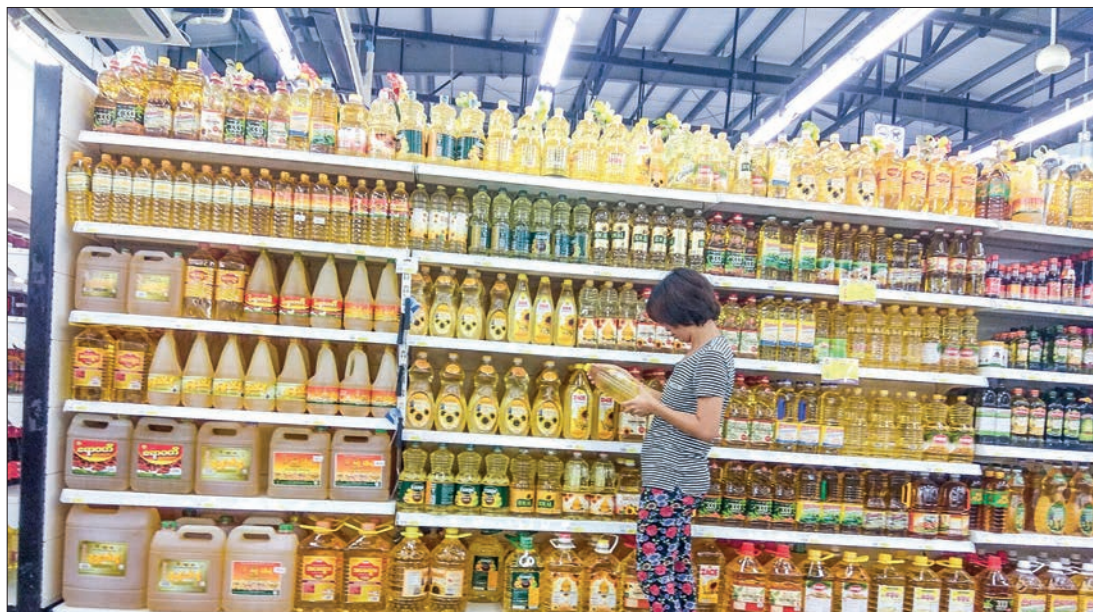
Last year, there were a total of 252,482 acres of oil crops in Kanbalu Township.

Additionally, to achieve a target, 3,311 acres of sunflower crop cultivation project is also being implemented.

The locals are engaged in agriculture throughout the year.

The main crops commonly found in the township are paddy, peanut, sesame, sunflower, green gram, pigeon pea, butter bean, black gram and baby corn. — Aung Win Nyein (Kanbalu)/GNLM

Domestic palm oil price re-falls



A consumer is seen selecting cooking oil at one retail outlet.

THE price of domestic palm oil is rolling back again, according to the market data.

After Indonesia's ban on palm oil export is lifted, the price slid again in the global oil-producing countries.

The reference rate in the Yangon market for a week from 23 to 29 May is set at K5,500 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kilogrammes), according to the Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution under the Ministry of Commerce. The rate fell from the reference rate of K6,025 per viss for a week ended 15 May. The figures show an increase of over K500 per viss within a week.

The committee has been

closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia including transport costs, tariffs and banking services and issuing the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil on a weekly basis.

The Ministry of Commerce is striving for the consumers not to worry over the supply of edible oil. The ministry is also trying to secure edible oil sufficiency, supervise the market to offer a reasonable price to the consumers, maintain the price stability and prevent market manipulation.

If those retailers and wholesalers are found overcharging, storing inventory intentionally and attempting

unscrupulous action to manipulate the market, they will face legal action under the Special Goods Tax Law, MoC released a statement.

On 9 May, to ensure the edible oil security, peanut and sesame exports were temporarily blocked, according to the Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce.

The domestic consumption of edible oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local cooking oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. To meet the oil sufficiency in the domestic market, about 700,000 tonnes of cooking oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia. — NN/GNLM

Tomato fetches K800 per viss in NyaungU Tsp

THE tomato growers in NyaungU Township, Mandalay Region receive a handsome profit with the high price of K800 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kilogrammes) during the harvest time, said U Myo Nyunt, a grower from Thayat village, Lepanchaypaw village-tract in NyaungU Township.

The villages in NyaungU Township cultivate the tomato depending on groundwater resources. As the tomato fetches K800 per viss, the families are commercially doing well, said U Min Nyo, a grower from Kataw village.

Stake tomato, vining and bush tomato varieties are commonly found in the township. They are sent to markets of NyaungU, Pakokku and Myingyan cities.

During the abundant harvest time in March 2022, the tomato was priced at only K100 per viss. This is why growers cannot even cover the cost of agricultural input cost, said a grower.

There is a large price gap between the wholesale and retail prices when the transport cost is added amid the hike price of fuel oil, said a market observer.

The input cost doubled this year owing to high fertilizer prices and a hike in fuel oil prices. A big slump in prices caused a huge loss to the growers in early 2022.

During December last year, low supply drove the price up. The tomato fetched up to K2,400-K2,500 per viss in the Mandalay market. — Ko Htein, KK/GNLM



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ECONOMY WORLD

Japan business chiefs welcome launch of US-led economic framework

JAPANESE business leaders on Monday welcomed the Indo-Pacific economic initiative launched by US President Joe Biden and joined by a dozen countries including Japan.

Masakazu Tokura, chairman of Japan's largest business lobby Keidanren, told a press conference the Indo-Pacific economic framework, or IPEF, launched Monday could be a step toward Washington's return to the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a major regional free trade agreement from which it opted out in 2017.

Tokura expressed hope that Japan's participation will "encourage (more) Southeast Asian nations to join" IPEF, currently comprising 13 nations that together represent 40 per cent of the world's gross domestic product.

The Indo-Pacific economic framework will focus on four pillars — trade, supply chains, clean energy and infrastructure, and tax and anti-corruption — in the region where China is expanding its clout.

The Biden administration has noted it will not be a tra-

ditional free trade agreement that involves tariff-cutting commitments.

Kengo Sakurada, who leads the Japan Association of Corporate Executives, said in a statement he expects Japan to play a role in strengthening the effectiveness of the IPEF and bringing new members into it.

"We hope that IPEF will become a basis for countries that share the same values to follow rules and conduct economic activities in a stable and sustainable fashion," he said. — Kyodo



(From L) Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, US President Joe Biden and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi attend a photo session at the start of the launch event of the Indo-Pacific economic framework, or IPEF, in Tokyo on 23 May 2022. **PHOTO: (POOL PHOTO)/ KYODO**

Turkey dreams of far-fetched gas pipeline with Israel

TURKEY is ready for energy cooperation with Israel after years of enmity, reviving a project to pipe Israeli gas to Europe as Ankara seeks to reduce its dependence on Russia.

But the plan faces Israeli scepticism over past diplomatic tensions and seems a pipe dream in the eyes of experts due to its logistical complexity and cost.

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has voiced readiness to "cooperate (with Israel) in energy and energy security projects" with the prospect of shipping Israeli gas to Europe through Turkey as the conflict in Ukraine triggers supply fears.

"Turkey has the experience and capacity to implement such projects. The recent developments in our



This handout picture released on 9 March 2022 by the Turkish Presidential Press Service shows Israeli President Isaac Herzog (L) and his Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan shaking hands after a joint press conference in Ankara. **PHOTO: MUSTAFA KAMACI / TURKISH PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SERVICE / AFP**

region has shown once again the importance of energy security," he said in March. Israeli President Isaac Herzog made a landmark visit to Ankara in

March to build relations with his Turkish counterpart when both leaders proclaimed a new era following more than a decade of diplomatic rupture. — AFP

NZ PM Ardern alters US trip details following Covid recovery

NEW Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has shaken off the effects of Covid-19 and on Monday announced details of an altered trade mission to the United States.

The trip, which will take in five cities, was placed in doubt when Ardern contracted the virus a week ago, midway through a two-week isolation period which began when her partner Clarke Gayford tested positive. Her departure late on Monday will come two days after completing isolation and is delayed because of US Covid-19 travel regulations.

Ardern is scheduled to meet senior members of the US Senate when she visits Washington but a hoped-for meeting with President Joe Biden may now not happen because of health protocols. "In

these times you roll with the Covid curveballs you're thrown," she told journalists. "That's just part and parcel of the world we live in.

"The issue we have at play here is simply Covid protocols, it does not diminish our relationships at all." The trip will have a trade and tourism focus but Ardern also wants to address Pacific security issues. "I can't imagine a more important time for political engagement with the US," she said.

"With the Pacific we've called for a return. The US has been a present force for a number of years but what we've seen in recent years was a focus to other domestic matters or other regions, slightly less than ours. So we've asked for that return." — AFP

EU extends budget rule suspension because of Ukraine war

THE European Union on Monday extended through 2023 its suspension of rules against overspending by the bloc's governments, prolonging a pandemic-era reprieve because of Russia's war in Ukraine.

"Heightened uncertainty and strong downside risks to the economic outlook in the context of war in Ukraine, un-

precedented energy price hikes and continued supply chain disturbances warrant the extension," the EU's executive, the European Commission, said.

The EU suspended the public spending rules for national governments in March 2020 as the 27-nation bloc sank into its deepest recession since World War II because of Cov-

id-19 restrictions.

Known as the Stability and Growth Pact, the EU rules limit deficit spending to three per cent of a country's overall economy and debt to 60 per cent.

The pact was supposed to be reactivated on 1 January 2023, with the return of solid growth but Russia's invasion of Ukraine has changed the

situation.

The commission said the rules would now be reimposed "as of 2024".

"This provides a space for national fiscal policies to react quickly if and when needed," said Commission Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis.

The pledge to restore the rules will hopefully reassure

Germany and its "frugal" allies in northern Europe, who are fervent defenders of budgetary rigour.

The war and the impact of sanctions against Russia pushed Brussels last week to drastically reduce its GDP growth forecasts for the EU and the eurozone this year. — AFP

ECB plans end to negative rates era as inflation soars



Christine Lagarde, President of the European Central Bank (ECB) holds a news conference following the meeting of the governing council of the ECB in Frankfurt am Main, western Germany, on 10 March 2022. PHOTO: DANIEL ROLAND / POOL / AFP

NEGATIVE interest rates will soon be a thing of the past in the eurozone, the ECB's chief signalled Monday, with the bank poised to raise rates for the first time in over a decade to tamp down soaring inflation.

The Frankfurt-based institution was "likely to be in a position to exit negative interest rates by the end of the third quarter", ECB President Christine Lagarde wrote in a blog post.

The clear time frame for rate rises came as the ECB plays catch up with other central banks in responding to surging inflation.

Lagarde had previously argued that sharp leaps in consumer prices, driven in part by the waning effect of Covid-19 pandemic, were likely to subside in a few months.

But Russia's war in Ukraine has thrown a new spanner in the works, worsening already disrupted supply chains and throwing up new shortages in essential material from wheat to metals.

Energy prices were also on the march, as Western economies including Germany — the eurozone's biggest — scramble to wean themselves off Russian power.

Consumer prices soared at a rate of 7.5 per cent in the eurozone in April, an all-time high for the currency club and well above the bank's two-percent target.

The renewed surge has already prompted a sharp response from many central banks.

The US Federal Reserve raised rates by an unusually large 50 basis points at the beginning of May, while the Bank of England sealed its fourth consecutive hike. — AFP

German business mood recovers further in May

THE mood among German businesses improved in May, a key survey published Monday showed, as Europe's largest economy weathered the first impacts of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

"The German econ-

omy has proven itself resilient in the face of inflation concerns, material bottlenecks, and the war in Ukraine," said Clemens Fuest, president of the Ifo think tank.

The closely watched index rose to 93 points

from 91.9 points in April, after plunging in March following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Companies were more positive about the current business conditions, with the indicator rising to 99.5 points from

97.3 points.

By contrast, the outlook for the economy remained shrouded in doubt, with businesses' expectations for the future only rising marginally to 86.9 points from 86.8 points. — AFP

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Kim Jong Un carries coffin at N Korean military officer's funeral

A maskless Kim Jong Un was one of the pallbearers at the state funeral for a top military officer, North Korean state media reported Monday, days after Pyongyang claimed its Covid-19 outbreak was now under control.

Kim on Sunday attended the funeral of Hyon Chol Hae, a Korean People's Army marshal and reportedly Kim's mentor, preparing him for leadership before his father and predecessor Kim Jong Il died in 2011.

The official Korean Central News Agency released photos of Kim, not wearing a

face mask, hoisting up Hyon's casket along with other regime officials, who were masked.

The North Korean leader has put himself front and centre of his country's Covid response, blaming lazy state officials for worsening the Omicron variant-fuelled outbreak.

Over the weekend, KCNA said the epidemic was now "being stably controlled", and reported the death toll "sharply decreased day by day".

Experts question the official claim and tally, given that the impoverished country has one of the world's worst

healthcare systems and no Covid-19 drugs or mass testing ability.

It has not vaccinated any of its roughly 25 million people, having rejected jabs offered by the World Health Organization.

North Korea announced its first coronavirus case on 12 May, despite a two-year blockade maintained since the start of the pandemic.

Pyongyang reported 167,650 "fever" cases on Monday via KCNA, a notable drop from the peak of around 390,000 reported about a week before. — AFP

Philippines' Marcos in nuclear plant revival talks with S Korea

PHILIPPINE president-elect Ferdinand Marcos signalled his determination to adopt nuclear power Monday, holding talks with South Korea's envoy on possibly reviving a mothballed \$2.2 billion plant built during his father's dictatorship.

The 620-megawatt Bataan Nuclear Power Plant was left dormant after the elder Marcos was toppled in 1986.

In the run-up to the 9 May

presidential election, Marcos Junior spoke about the need for nuclear power to address exorbitant electricity costs in the country.

He left open the possibility of resuscitating his father's failed venture — an idea he is now pushing ahead of his 30 June inauguration. Marcos said he met South Korean Ambassador to Manila Kim Inchul on Monday to discuss a proposal

on reviving the Bataan plant. "Can we continue with it or do we need to build a new one? What are the things that we will have to do?" Marcos told a news conference after the meeting.

"So we revived the discussions on it, although they have come before. We will now study their recommendations and their findings, and we will see if we can still apply," he added. — AFP

Tokyo Olympics official film's preview held ahead of Cannes unveiling



Director Naomi Kawase speaks at a preview of "Side A" of Tokyo Olympics' official film in Tokyo on 23 May 2022. PHOTO: KYODO

THE preview of the Tokyo Olympics' official film was held Monday, two days before hitting the screen at the 75th Cannes International Film Festival in France where it is selected in the Classics category.

The "Side A" of the two-parter was shown in Tokyo, with the documentary focusing on athletes who took part in the games that were postponed for a year from 2020 to last summer amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

It will be released in Japan on 3 June before the "Side B" of the film, depicting the lives of the games' staff and volunteers, will be out on 24 June.

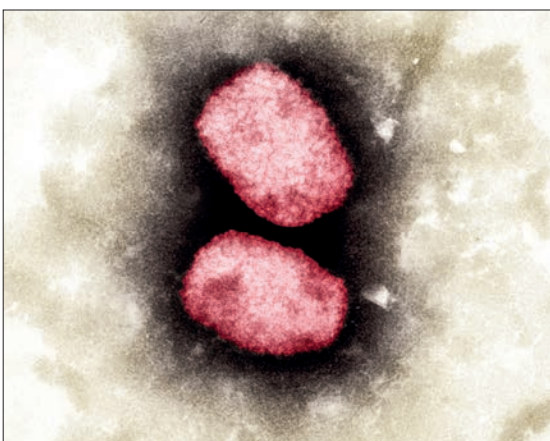
"Their lives are carved in each frame. It was a precious time for me, too," general director of the film Naomi Kawase said at the unveiling.

The film covered 750 days, or 5,000 hours, overall and features scenes from on and off the sporting field, as well as passion and anguish caused by the pandemic.

"In documentaries, there are relationships (that become visible) with those who we cover," the 52-year-old Kawase said as she spoke about the Side A.

"I'm a former basketball player myself and I was facing the athletes as if I became part of their lives." — Kyodo

Risk of monkeypox spreading widely 'very low': EU agency



This handout photo taken in the year 2001 and received on 23 May 2022 from the Robert Koch Institute (RKI), the German federal government agency and research institute responsible for disease control and prevention, shows a coloured electron-microscopic capture of the monkeypox virus. PHOTO: ANDREA MAENNEL, ANDREA SCHNARTENDORFF / RKI ROBERT KOCH INSTITUTE / AFP

THE EU health agency ECDC said Monday the risk that the rare disease monkeypox would spread widely among the general population was "very low", though high for certain groups.

"Most of the current cases have presented with mild disease symptoms, and for the broader population, the likelihood of spread is very low," Andrea Ammon, director of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in a statement.

"However, the likelihood of further spread of the virus through close contact, for example during sexual activities among persons with multiple sexual partners, is considered to be high," she added.

As of 21 May, the World Health

Organization has received reports of 92 laboratory-confirmed monkeypox cases and 28 suspected cases from 12 countries where the disease is not endemic, including several European nations, the United States, Australia and Canada.

On Monday, Denmark's infectious disease agency SSI also reported that a first case had been confirmed in the Scandinavian country.

"I am concerned about the increased number of reported monkeypox cases in the EU and globally. We are closely monitoring the situation," Stella Kyriakides, European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety said.

Kyriakides noted that while the likelihood of spread in "the broader population is low", it was important to "remain vigilant", ensuring con-

tact tracing and adequate diagnostics capacity.

Monkeypox symptoms include fever, muscle aches, swollen lymph nodes, chills, exhaustion and a chick-enpox-like rash on the hands and face.

No treatment exists, but the symptoms usually clear up after two to four weeks. The disease is considered endemic in 11 African nations.

According to the ECDC, the virus can cause severe disease among certain groups such as "young children, pregnant women and immunosuppressed persons".

The agency also pointed to the risk of "human-to-animal transmission", and said that if the virus is spread to animals "there is a risk that the disease could become endemic in Europe". — AFP

Japan to host G-7 summit in Hiroshima to send message of peace



Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida holds talks with US President Joe Biden at the State Guest House in Tokyo on 23 May 2022. PHOTO: KYODO

JAPAN will host a 2023 summit of the Group of Seven nations in Hiroshima, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said Monday, believing the city, devastated by the world's first atomic bomb attack, is a fitting choice to send a message of peace.

The move was backed by US President Joe Biden, who met with Kishida earlier in the day in Tokyo on the second leg of his trip to Asia. Their summit was held against the backdrop of Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine and the growing threat of Moscow resorting to the use of atomic weapons.

The decision to host the summit in Hiroshima, which is also Kishida's

electoral district, is seen as a symbolic move in the push for nuclear disarmament, despite three of the G-7 developed nations — the United States, Britain and France — possessing atomic weapons.

The rest of the G-7 — Canada, Germany, Italy and the European Union — have also thrown their support behind Kishida's selection of Hiroshima as host of next year's summit, the dates of which have yet to be set, according to top government spokesman Hirokazu Matsuno.

Japan is set to take over the group's presidency from Germany.

"As prime minister of Japan, the only country to have suffered atomic

bombings, there is no better place than Hiroshima to show our commitment to peace," Kishida said at a post-summit joint press conference with Biden.

The western Japanese city was devastated by the 6 August 1945, bombing by the United States, which killed an estimated 140,000 by the end of that year. Three days later, a second atomic bomb was dropped on Nagasaki in southwestern Japan.

"I would like to confirm unity with other G-7 leaders, including President Biden, in defending global peace, order and values" in front of a peace monument in Hiroshima, he said. — Kyodo

Inflation in crisis-hit Sri Lanka hits new record

SRI Lanka's inflation hit a seventh consecutive record high in April as a petrol shortage worsened and food prices rose sharply, official data showed Monday.

The National Consumer Price Index rose 33.8 per cent year-on-year in April, more than six times the 5.5 per cent inflation of a year earlier.

Annual food inflation stood at 45.1 per cent, according to the latest data released by the Department of Census and Statistics.

Hammered by a foreign exchange crisis, the country's 22 million people have been enduring acute shortages of essentials — including food and medicines — for months.

Protests are continuing outside President Gotabaya Rajapaksa's office demanding

his resignation over the unprecedented economic turmoil.

Inflation is likely to rise further in May as fuel price hikes of 35 per cent for petrol and 65 per cent for diesel — commonly used in public transport — feed into the wider economy.

Petrol remains in short supply with long queues outside the few pumping stations still distributing the fuel.

Sri Lanka asked the International Monetary Fund last month for emergency assistance. The country has defaulted on its \$51 billion external debt and is seeking international aid to revive the bankrupt economy.

The economy has collapsed since the onset of the coronavirus pandemic, with a nosedive in tourism revenues and foreign worker remittances. — AFP

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Russia says studying Italy peace plan for Ukraine



Russian Ambassador to Belarus Boris Gryzlov (L), Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko (2nd L), Russian Presidential Aide and the head of the Russian delegation Vladimir Medinsky (2nd R), Leonid Slutsky (R), chairman of the Russian State Duma's International Affairs Committee, speak to the media following the Russian-Ukrainian talks in Belarus' Brest region on 7 March 2022. PHOTO: AFP

RUSSIA said Monday it was looking over an Italian peace plan proposal to end the conflict in Ukraine.

"We have received it recently and are studying it," Deputy Foreign Minister Andrei Rudenko told reporters.

He declined to provide any details, saying Russia would comment at a later stage.

"It has not been discussed between Russia and Italy," he said in comments carried by Russian news agencies.

Talks between Russia and Ukraine to end the hostilities have essentially ground to a halt.

Russia's lead negotiator Vladimir Medinsky said Sunday that Russia was willing to resume negotiations but the onus was on Kyiv.

"Freezing the current negotiations and putting everything on pause is not our initiative," Rudenko said.

"We will be ready to resume as soon as Ukraine shows a constructive position and at least provides a reaction to the proposals submitted to it." — AFP

Indian heatwave may hit wheat output, inflation, growth: Moody's

THE prevailing heatwave in India particularly in the north, west and central parts, might lead to a curb in the yield of wheat crops, besides contributing to inflation and adversely affecting the overall growth, the Moody's rating agency said in a report on Sunday.

Notably, the major wheat-growing states in India

are Punjab, Haryana, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and parts of Uttar Pradesh. Over the past couple of weeks, mercury in these states has risen to over 45 degrees Celsius, thus throwing normal life out of gear as people keep themselves indoors, particularly during the daytime.

Due to the prevailing heatwave in north and western states,

the estimates of wheat production in the current season have fallen by over 5 per cent.

The federal government had recently decided to curb wheat exports considering the possible fall in wheat production this season.

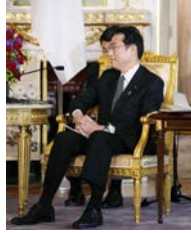
The report stated that the prolonged elevated temperatures affecting much of the northwest-

ern India will curb wheat production and could lead to extended power outages, which may exacerbate already high inflation and hurt growth of the country.

"Over the longer term, India's highly negative credit exposure to physical climate risks means its economic growth will likely become more volatile as it faces increasing, and more ex-

treme, incidences of climate-related shocks," it added.

Moody's further stated that inflation in India will be partially alleviated by keeping wheat production for domestic consumption and the cap on power prices in exchanges, as well as the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) 40-basis point policy rate rise in early May. — Xinhua



Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine 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 emphasize 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.

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and 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 promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.

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 peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics.
- (c) To enhance the health, fitness and education quality of the entire nation.

Drawing-lots ceremony for Asian Qualifiers to be held today

A drawing-lots ceremony for U-17 and U-20 Asian Qualifiers in which Myanmar teams are participating will be held today.

In both competitions, a total of more than 40 teams will compete in 10 groups. The Asian Cup U-20 will be launched from 10 to 18 September 2022 while the AFC U-17 Championship will run from 1 to 9 October 2022.

For the U-17 Qualifiers, a total of 10 Host Associations – Australia, Bangladesh, Indonesia,

Jordan, Kyrgyz Republic, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and Viet Nam – will be placed in the Host Pot and drawn first.

Meanwhile, the other participants will be allocated based on the AFC U-16 Championship Malaysia 2018 rankings with Japan, Republic of Korea, India, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Yemen and Thailand occupying Pot 1 followed by Iraq, Malaysia, Afghanistan, China PR, Hong Kong, Brunei Darussalam and

Myanmar in Pot 2.

Timor-Leste, Qatar, Palestine, Cambodia, Syria, Singapore, Chinese Taipei, Nepal, Lebanon and Laos will be drawn from Pot 3 while the Philippines, Mongolia, Maldives, Guam, Bhutan, Macau, Sri Lanka, Northern Mariana Islands, Kuwait, Turkmenistan, the United Arab Emirates will have their names pulled out from Pot 4. Bahrain will be the only MA in Pot 5.

For the U-20 Qualifiers, Bah-

rain, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kyrgyz Republic, Laos, Mongolia, Oman, Saudi Arabia and Tajikistan, who will host the Qualifiers from 10 to 18 September 2022, will occupy the Host Pot followed by the Republic of Korea, Qatar, Japan, Thailand, Australia, the UAE and China PR in Pot 1.

Pot 2 will include Malaysia, Vietnam, Chinese Taipei, Cambodia, Iran, Yemen, Syria and Bangladesh while India, Myanmar, Lebanon, Macau, Hong

Kong, the Philippines, Palestine and Turkmenistan occupy Pot 3.

Singapore, Timor-Leste, Maldives, Brunei Darussalam, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Afghanistan, Bhutan, Guam, Kuwait and the Northern Mariana Islands are allocated in Pot 4 while Uzbekistan sits in Pot 5.

The Myanmar U-17 and U-20 teams are under training for this year's international competitions, including this one. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

SEA Games 31 concludes with Myanmar winning nine golds, 18 silvers, 35 bronzes

THE 31st SEA Games, hosted by Viet Nam, is concluded with Myanmar teams celebrating with nine gold, 18 silver and 35 bronze medals.

The tournament was postponed to 20 May due to the COVID-19 epidemic, and some sports began on 6 May.

The Myanmar team finished seventh in the national championships, competing in 21 sports (international boat race and canoe/kayak separately), winning 16 sports and missing only five.

Seven sports teams won nine gold medals for the Myanmar team, while the Vovinam team is recognized as the most successful Myanmar team by winning three gold, one silver and six bronze medals.

In the 31st SEA Games, the Myanmar Vovinam team swept three golds, three silvers and six bronzes, while the Wushu team bagged one gold, two silvers and two bronzes.

Meanwhile, the Bodybuilding team won one gold, two silvers and one bronze and the Kurash team won one gold, one silver and two bronze medals.

Next, the Myanmar Billiards and Snooker team won one gold, one silver and one bronze medal, while the Sepak Takraw team won one more gold and three bronze medals.

Likewise, the Petanque team won one gold and two bronze medals and the Judo team two silver and two bronze medals.

The Track and Field team won two silver medals, while the Shooting team won another two silvers, and the Canoeing and Kayak team grabbed one silver, and six bronzes.

The taekwondo team took one silver, and three bronzes while the International Rowing team bagged three bronze medals.

Also, the Boxing team won one silver and two bronzes, the Archery team won one bronze medal, and the Weightlifting team won another bronze medal, respectively.

Myanmar has collected nine gold medals, 18 silver medals and 35 bronze medals in total.

The SEA Games 31 ended on 22 May and closed on 23 May. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

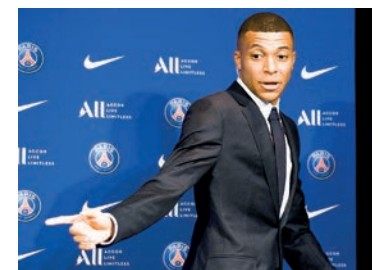
Mbappe says he will not overstep role as a player under PSG deal

KYLIAN Mbappe said Monday he would not interfere in the management of Paris Saint-Germain or in transfer policy after he decided to snub Real Madrid to stay with the club. World Cup winner Mbappe had for months seemed certain to sign for Real Madrid before being persuaded to sign a new three-year deal at PSG, the club he joined in 2017.

There has been speculation that as well as a gigantic, undisclosed financial package, PSG's Qatari owners had persuaded Mbappe to remain with his hometown club by agreeing to give the 23-year-old forward some say in which players to sign for next season.

Mbappe however denied any such agreement had been made.

"I remain a footballer, who is part of a team, and I will not go beyond this role. I won't go beyond my role as a player," he



Paris Saint-Germain's French forward Kylian Mbappe leaves at the end of a press conference at the Parc des Princes stadium in Paris on 23 May 2022, two days after the club won the Ligue 1 title for a record-equalling tenth time and its superstar striker Mbappe chose to sign a new contract until 2025 at PSG rather than join Real Madrid. **PHOTO: AFP**

said at a press conference seated alongside PSG president Nasser Al-Khelaifi.

"Everyone knows that last year, I wanted to leave and I was convinced that it was the best choice, but the years go by and things change. — AFP