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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 Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Mr Prak Sokhonn, Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar



State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives the delegation headed by Mr Prak Sokhonn, Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar, Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in Nay Pyi Taw on 30 June 2022.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Mr Prak Sokhonn, Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar, Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for For-

eign Affairs and International Cooperation, at the Credentials Hall of the Office of the State Administration Council Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw at 2 pm yesterday.

At the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on the

implementation of the five-point ASEAN consensus and the progress, deaths of members of the Sangha, novices, innocent people, teachers, service personnel and security members due to terrorist attacks and killing of

so-called PDF terrorists born of NUG and CRPH, their brutal acts, damage of public-owned and State-owned buildings in mine blasts and the outbreak of fires committed by those PDFs, efforts made for the elimination

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Announcement for opening reception centres to receive CDM staff, students and youths

THE State Administration Council has been striving for the all-round development of the country including economic, social, education and health sectors. In addition, security forces are performing their duties day and night so that the entire mass of national people in various regions across the Union should be able to lead their lives and earn their living in the peace of mind. The State Administration Council gives priority to achieving genuine and perpetual peace, building up the united strength of the national brethren.

In order to prevent the unnecessary loss of human resources, the State Administration Council has publicly invited the basic education staff who are absent from duty to resume their duties and those who take part in armed resistance under various names of groups, including PDFs, to return to the legal fold if they wish to, and is systematically receiving the returnees.

It is found that, due to the persuasion, instigation and coercion of CRPH and NUG terrorist groups, some CDM staff, students and youths went to the strongholds of some ethnic armed organizations and received training in arms, ammunition and explosives.

It is known that some of those who have completed the training no longer want to be involved in terrorist attacks and so they fled to the regions within and without the country and are working there for their living. When they see terrorist attacks with their own eyes, they cannot accept such terrible acts at all. On the other hand, they have come to believe in the government's five-point roadmap and its endeavour for durable peace. Moreover, they want to live peacefully in their hometowns again with their parents and relatives. Nevertheless, they cannot do so because of the coercion and intimidation by CRPH and NUG terrorist groups and their subordinates, it is learnt.

Therefore, the government is taking measures to be able to open reception centres in border areas for those who would like to return homes to their respective regions. Moreover, those wishing to return home can contact Tatmadaw units and police stations. It is guaranteed that they will be able to lead their daily lives peacefully.

Information Team
State Administration Council

Handover ceremony of Chinese Government's contribution of 2 mln COVID-19 vaccines to ASEAN for Myanmar held in Yangon



The Chinese ambassador presents two million vaccines donation to the special envoy of the ASEAN Chair and the ASEAN's deputy secretary-general yesterday.

THE handover ceremony of the Chinese Government's contribution of COVID-19 vaccines to ASEAN for Myanmar to the special envoy of ASEAN Chair on Myanmar was held at the residence of the Chinese ambassador to Myanmar in Yangon yesterday.

First, Chinese Ambassador Mr Chen Hai explained the donation of two million doses of vaccine to Myanmar.

Then, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN Mr Ekkaphab Phanthavong clarified the COVID-19 vaccination and the current infection rate of the ASEAN countries. Special Envoy of the alternate ASEAN Chair on Myanmar Mr Prak Sokhonn, Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation Minister expressed thanks

to the Chinese government for donating COVID-19 vaccines.

After that, the Chinese ambassador handed over two million doses of vaccine to the ASEAN's Deputy Secretary-General and the Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. The ceremony was attended by the ASEAN's Deputy Secretary-General, the delegation led by the Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the MoH deputy minister, officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Chinese ambassador, the Cambodian ambassador to Myanmar, Counsellors of the EU and ASEAN countries' embassies and representatives of Yangon-based MRCS, WFP, WHO and UNDP. — MNA

13 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 30 June, total figure rises to 613,596

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,596** after **13** new cases were reported on 30 June 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,561** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll still stands at **19,434** without more casualties.—MNA

Flood Warning

(Issued at 14:00 hrs MST on 30-6-2022)

ACCORDING to the (13:00)hrs MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Shwegu is observed as about (11/2) feet below its danger level. It may reach its danger level during

the next (2) days.

It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low lying areas at Shwegu Township to take precaution measure.

Meteorology and Hydrology Department

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Further invitation to remaining groups to hold talks

DEMOCRACY as well as federalism requires equal rights. Talks will continue with the ethnic armed organizations to restore peace.

Good results came out from the talks with EAOs. Efforts will continue to restore peace by holding better talks.

Some EAOs cannot participate in the talks for various reasons. In line with the firm implementation of two political visions, the government further invites remaining groups to hold talks.

(The excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in meeting with ministers of Yangon Region government on 9 June 2022.)

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Mr Prak Sokhonn, Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar

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humanitarian aid for people of Myanmar, and the implementation of Myanmar's policy: nothing is of importance than human life like the ASEAN's policy related to the humanitarian aid: no one will be left behind.

Also present at the meeting were Joint Secretary of the Council Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union Ministers U Wunna Maung Lwin and U Ko Ko Hlaing and officials. The Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation was accompanied by ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General Mr Ekkaphab Phanthavong, Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chhouk Bunna and officials. — MNA

The Senior General cordially greets the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on Myanmar.



Myanmar delegation attends 10th St Petersburg International Legal Forum in Russian Federation



The Union Minister for Legal Affairs and Union Attorney-General takes the documentary photo at the forum.

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Legal Affairs and Union Attorney-General Dr Thida Oo attended the 10th St Petersburg International Legal

Forum which was being held from 28 June to 1 July in the Russian Federation.

The representatives of 95 countries joined the event that

is held under the theme of the Law in a Multipolar World.

At the forum, the officials held a discussion on the topic of State Justice in the Service of a Human, and Union Minister and Union Attorney-General Dr Thida Oo served as the Panelist Speaker together with other legal officials.

She presented her views on the vital role of justice in the service, the same principles and objectives of all countries for rights and legal protections despite the differences in the law system, constitution and existing laws, rights of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to hold in legislative, executive and judicial powers by himself or by an organization that he participates

in under the country's Constitution, formation of the State Administration Council under the Constitution and conducting of legal advocacy by the ministry.

She continued that the legal awareness training courses are provided for departmental officials including the legal officers and stakeholders. The ministry also launches legal advocacy training courses at the region/state advocate-general offices. It has already organized the Rule of Law and Justice Coordinating Body and established the Myanmar Law Information System (MLIS) to provide information, laws and judgements for the people.

Union Minister and Union Attorney-General Dr Thida Oo

also joined the Bilateral Meeting with Mr Konstantin Chuychenko, Minister of Justice of the Russia Federation.

At the meeting, the Russian Justice Minister made an offer to sign an MoU in order to launch legal research and legal knowledge and view exchanges between the two countries. Then, the Union minister and Union attorney-general welcomed that offer from the two countries and openly discussed the cooperation in law-related matters.

The Myanmar delegation also participated in the Plenary Session and discussed the economic law and sanctions, people and law, international law, digital technology and law reforms and other legal matters. — MNA

MoFA Union Minister receives special envoy of ASEAN Chair

UNION Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar received Mr Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia and special envoy of the ASEAN Chair at 4:30 pm on 30 June 2022 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, the Union minister exchanged views with the special envoy on the ongoing implementation of the five-point consensus, and way forward in delivering humanitarian assistance to Myanmar in cooperation with the AHA Centre, current ASEAN Chair, and the ASEAN Secretariat.



Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Mr Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and special envoy of the ASEAN Chair Cambodia.

He also highlighted the government's entire effort for cessation of violence, achiev-

ing lasting peace in the whole country designating 2022 as a peace year, and the recent

development of the peace talks with Ethnic Armed Organizations-EAOs as the priorities

of the Myanmar government.

The Union minister reiterated that Myanmar is committed to continuing its cooperation with ASEAN in implementing the five-point consensus based on the ASEAN Charter and the basic principles of the ASEAN.

He underscored the importance of mutual understanding and adherence to the principles of the ASEAN Charter by all ASEAN Member States.

Senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs also attended the meeting.

Later in the evening, the Union minister hosted dinner for the special envoy of the ASEAN Chair at the Park Royal Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair arrives Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw

DIRECTOR-GENERAL U Zaw Phyo Win of the Strategic Studies and Training Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar welcomed Mr Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia and special envoy of ASEAN Chair and delega-

tion who is visiting Myanmar, in the evening of 29 June 2022 at Yangon International Airport.

Director-General U Aung Ko of the Political Department and Director-General U Wunna Han of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar welcomed

Mr Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia and special envoy of the ASEAN Chair and delegation who is visiting Nay Pyi Taw, in the morning of 30 June 2022 at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. — MNA



SAC Information Team to hold press conference 17/2022

THE Information Team of the State Administration Council will hold a press conference 17/2022 at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw at 1 pm on 1 July. Local and foreign media personnel are invited to the press conference, it is learnt. — MNA

17th press conference of Information Team to be broadcast live on 1 July

THE 17th press conference of the Information Team of the State Administration Council will be broadcast live on MRTV HD, MRTV News, MWD, MWD Variety, MITV, MOI Website, MOI YouTube, MRTV Website and aired live on Radio Myanma, Thazin FM, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Shwe FM, Padamyar FM, FM Bagan, Cherry FM and Star FM starting from 1 pm on 1 July at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information. — MNA

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MoIC Union Minister receives special envoy of the ASEAN Chair

UNION Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing of the Ministry of International Cooperation and Chairman of the Task Force to facilitate the Provision of Humanitarian Assistance to Myanmar received Mr Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia at 5:20 pm on 30 June 2022 at the Ministry of International Cooperation in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, the Union minister and the special envoy exchanged views on the progress of the provision of humanitarian assistance to Myanmar for Phase-1, preparations for the delivery of Phase-2

and for the implementation of the framework for COVID-19 vaccine administration in Myanmar. The Union minister reaffirmed Myanmar's readiness and commitment to closely coordinate with the ASEAN Secretariat, AHA Centre, and current ASEAN Chair in order to ensure humanitarian assistance is delivered to those needed most in fair and indiscriminate manner.

The meeting was attended by Dr Thet Khaing Win, Union Minister for Health and Vice-Chairman of the Task Force, Dr Daw Thet Thet Khine, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Vice-Chairperson



Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing meets Mr Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

of the Task Force, and senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. — MNA

Myanmar attends 23rd ASEAN subcommittee meeting on information in Hanoi



The MRTV D-G joins the 23rd ASEAN SCI meeting in Hanoi, Viet Nam.

THE 23rd ASEAN Subcommittee Meeting on Information- 23rd SCI Meeting was held in Hanoi, Viet Nam, yesterday morning. The delegation led by Director-General U Ye Naing of Myanma Radio and Television of the Ministry of Information participated in the discussion. Myanmar representatives from Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon and Yangon also attended the meeting online.

The meeting was attended by Director-General Mr Trieu Minh Long of the International Cooperation Department of Viet Nam and alternate Chair of the ASEAN Subcommittee on Information (SCI) and officials, and officials from the ASEAN member states at the level of the director-general for information and subject matter experts.

Discussions focused on the ASEAN Cultural Fund budget

for the future activities of the ASEAN information sector, coordination of financial procedures related to information sector projects, explanation of the countries that want to implement new projects, and the selection of the country to hold the next SCI Meeting.

Myanmar discussed the completion status of the 10th ASEAN Quiz Competition (National-Level) in each member state, which has been implemented by Myanma Radio and Television as a project proponent on behalf of the SCI, and explained Myanmar's preparation for the 10th ASEAN Quiz (Regional-Level), including the Game Plan.

The delegation also shared the update information about the ASEAN News Exchange Initiatives project, RISE ASEAN Project, and ASEAN Creative

Film Response on COVID-19 Project with other SCI representatives and explained the concept note of the Sustainable ASEAN MSMEs Project to be implemented by MITV as the second project of SCI-Myanmar.

The main purpose of the ASEAN Subcommittee Meetings on Information is to strengthen mutual understanding and trust among member countries through ASEAN regional media and to implement ASEAN projects. The meetings are annually chaired by the ASEAN member states under the rotating chairmanship system. The meetings were held online in 2020 and 2021 due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and this 23rd meeting was being reconvened as a physical meeting which was attended by the representatives from the member countries.—MNA

Anti-narcotics police force to be extended with 6 more X-ray machine platoons

THE Anti-Narcotics Police Force is to be extended with six X-ray machine squadrons. The Anti-Narcotics Police Force has been formed with 10 branches and 65 platoons and it will be expanded with No 11 X-Ray Machine Branch and six X-Ray Machine platoons.

It is learned that plans are underway to effectively identify drug transport with the use of advanced search tools, drug testing equipment, and mobile testing equipment to take action.

In collaboration with neighbouring countries, Myanmar has been conducting special anti-drug operations. In addition, as a result of the Operation 1511 which included six Mekong countries in 2020, the Safe Mekong Operation with Laos and Thailand

in 2021, and Operation 1511/22 between January and March 2022, Myanmar has achieved the goal of controlling the illegal entry of chemicals into the Golden Triangle and preventing the spread of drugs outside the country.

To address the drug problem, Myanmar has signed three UN Conventions and is working together with United Nations member countries, ASEAN countries, neighbouring countries, and international organizations to carry out the prevention of illegal drugs.

On 26 June 2022, a total of 79 seized narcotics and precursor chemicals worth K118,882 billion (more than USD 642.60 million) were destroyed in Mandalay, Yangon, and Taunggyi. — TWA/GNLM



This photo taken on 26 June 2022 shows authorities are destroying the seized drugs.

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75 Myanmar nationals return from Malaysian detention camps on MAI rescue plane

SEVENTY-FIVE Myanmar nationals returned from detention centres in Malaysia on 29 June on a Myanmar International Airlines (MAI) rescue plane.

Officials from the Myanmar Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, are helping repatriate those detained in various camps in Malaysia for various reasons.

On 1 June, 31 people were repatriated to detention centers in Langkap, Bukitjali, Jura, Melaka and Belantlk in Malaysia.

On 9 June, 215 people; On 15 June, 33 people; On 16 June, 55 people; 29 on 22 June and 75 on 29 June totalling 438 were respectively repatriated.

Officials from the Myanmar Embassy to Malaysia help repatriate them to Myanmar by the Myanmar Airways International (MAI) relief aircraft. —TWA/



Myanmar nationals are seen at the Malaysian airport before repatriating to Myanmar.

Overtime to be reported to Labour Department one week in advance

IF workers in factories and workshops are required to work overtime, it must be reported to the Office of the Factories and General Labour Laws Inspection Department one week in advance, according to a statement from the Ministry of Labour.

Factories with less than 500 workers can apply at the relevant township level offices. Workshops can submit to district-level offices, while factories with 1,000 employees must submit to regional-level offices for approval.

The Ministry of Labour said it would take legal action against the business owner and manager if they force employees to work overtime.

In the past, if you asked for extra time, you had to submit two or three days in advance. It has been a week now. Another is that the employer and the manager have to sign an overtime contract,” said U Hla Aung, a garment factory manager.

A maximum of 44 to 48 hours of overtime per week per worker is allowed.

Up to 48 hours of work is allowed in factories of refrigerators, oil refineries, logging businesses, water and oil blowers, wind or gas generators, chemistry oil refineries and sugar mills.

“Some factories do not give full pay. Even though he has to work overtime, the worker gets only his original salary. When the labour office came and inspected, the workers do not dare to speak out because they face the risk of dismissal. Many factories are now facing workers’ issues,” said Ko Zarni Soe, a factory worker. —TWA/GNLM

People to be vaccinated against COVID-19 at Yangon General Hospital every Wednesday

THE Yangon General Hospital announced on 29 June that they will vaccinate the people against COVID-19 at the special outpatient department every Wednesday.

The service hours will be from 9 am to 12 noon on Wednesday. They will vaccinate the people over the age

of 18 against COVID-19 and booster shots for the people over 40 who received second shots six months ago.

Officials arrange an online booking system for the vaccination programme.

The government used the Indian-made Covishield, China-made

Sinopharm and Sinovac and Russia’s Sputnik light starting in January 2021.

Myanmar has vaccinated over 29.84 million people over 18 and 5.35 million people under 18 against COVID-19 as of 25 June, according to the Ministry of Health. — TWA/GNLM

YBS special driver training 24/2022 to open in 2nd week of July

THE YBS Special Driver Training Batch 24/2022 will be opened in the second week of July under the collaboration of the Road Transport of the Ministry of Transport and Communications and the Yangon Region Transport Committee-YRTC.

Applicants for the training must be between 23 and 55 years of age with a middle school diploma and a at least a three-year “B” licence or “E” licence and driving experience.

If they are the YBS drivers at present, they must have the recommendation of the relevant bus company. Upon successful completion of the course, they will obtain the

YBS driver’s licence and will be allowed to continue to drive at the originally proposed bus companies.

The training will be conducted for four weeks with 150 trainees.

Those who want to apply can apply to the YRTC head office (near Kyaikkasan Super One Shopping Centre) located on Laydauntkan Road, Manaung Ward, Tamway Township.

As the number of participants is limited, it is necessary to apply as soon as possible.

For more information, candidates can call 01-8400042. — TWA/GNLM



The first training for YBS drivers are progress in 2017.

LOCAL BUSINESS

Salt prices climb again to K300 per viss

THE prices of salt rise again in the domestic market, salt farmers from Mon State reported.

In early June, the salt prices moved in the range of K224-250 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kilogrammes) depending on quality, whereas the salt prices increased to K273-300 per viss in the last week of June.

The torrential rain in late 2021 and early 2022 damaged the salt yard in Mon State, resulting in a salt shortage.

The salt farmers are expecting a higher price than the current market rate.

Salt price is expected to stay upward in the rainy season.

Normally, the salt price goes up in early May owing to the suspension of salt production. This year, the prices reached a peak of K340 per viss.

The prices of raw salt were worth K80-110 per viss in the



A worker is processing the seawater salt at one production farm in Mon State.

early salt season (January) 2022, whereas it fetched only K60-80 per viss in the corresponding

period of 2021.

The erratic weather wreaked havoc on the salt farms

and harmed the production last year. The corn traders faced low inventory despite the high price

in the production season.

Additionally, the fuel oil price is exorbitantly high amid the political changes, causing the transportation rate and input cost to significantly rise. This being so, during the 2021 salt season, salt farmers were battered by losses.

Mon State, the second-largest salt producer in Myanmar, yearly produces 40,000 tonnes of sun-dried salt, beyond magnesium chloride (MgCl₂), iodized salt (I₂) and table salt (NaCl).

The 2019-2020 statistics of Mon State salt production businesses showed that there are 14 iodine salt processing plants and one factory each for magnesium chloride (MgCl₂) and table salt (NaCl) production, with a production capacity of 60 tonnes of magnesium chloride, 204 tonnes of table salt and 12,132 tonnes of iodized salt. — NN/GNLM

Corn price dips under K1,000 per viss

THE prices of corn plummeted to under K1,000 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kilogrammes), according to the Yangon Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Bayintnaung wholesale commodity centre).

In early June, the corns were priced at over K1,000 per viss depending on the quality. The current market price touches the lowest of K990 per viss.

The domestic corn prices fall tracking the price dip in top importing country Thailand, said U Min Khaing, chair of Myanmar Corn Industrial Association.

“Additionally, corn crops will soon be harvested in Thailand the coming months. Nevertheless, we cannot predict whether the price will remain downward or not,” he added.

Thailand gives the green light to corn imports under zero tariff (with Form-D), between 1 February and 31 August. However, Thailand imposed a maximum tax rate of 73 per cent

on corn imports to protect the rights of their growers if the corn is imported during the corn season of Thailand.

Therefore, only two months (July and August) are remaining for corn exports under Form D exemption.

Myanmar conveyed 1.7 million tonnes of corn to Thailand in the 2020-2021 Financial Year. In the 2021-2022 corn season, Myanmar targets to export about 1.5 million tonnes of corn to neighbouring country Thailand, said U Min Khaing.

Myanmar exported 2.3 million tonnes of corn to foreign trade partners in the 2020-2021 corn season. The majority of them were sent to Thailand.

At present, corn is cultivated in Shan, Kachin, Kayah and Kayin states and Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway regions. Myanmar has three corn seasons — winter, summer and monsoon. The country produces 2.5-3 million tonnes of corn every year. — NN/GNLM

Agricultural export value tops \$961.47 mln as of 17 June

THE value of agricultural exports amounted to US\$961.47 million between 1 April and 17 June in the current financial year 2022-2023, indicating a small increase of \$25 million as against the year-ago period.

The figures topped \$936.366 million in the corresponding period last year.

Myanmar agricultural products are exported to China, Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines, Bangladesh, India and countries in Europe and African countries.

The country shipped rice, corns, chilli pepper, rubber, mango, various beans and pulses to the external markets through border posts and sea trade.

China shut down all the checkpoints linking to the Muse border amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

Of the checkpoints, Kynsankyawt has resumed trading activity from 26 November on a trial run.

The country requires specific export plans for each agricultural product, as they are currently exported to external markets based upon supply and demand. The G-to-G pact



The agricultural exports were valued at \$2.4 billion in the past mini-budget period (October 2021-March 2022).

also ensures a strong market for the farmers. Contract farming systems, involvement of regional and state agriculture departments, exporters, traders, and some grower groups, are required to meet production targets, the Agriculture Department stated.

The Commerce Ministry is

endeavouring to help farmers deal with challenges such as high input costs, procurement of pedigree seeds, high cultivation costs, and erratic weather conditions.

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OPINION

Seek excellent ways to do the best works

THE best works are based on excellent ways and means. Those wishing to secure the best results in endeavours need to seek the excellent ways and means at first and take them into consideration how to obtain the best results.

In so doing, everybody needs to analyze the plans for the implementation of the projects. They should seek excellent ways and means to solve the problems. They should consider what the best way is, what the shortest time to implement the project is, what the easiest and cheapest method is, what the quickest period to solve the problem is and what the excellent way to seek the best result is.

If some persons with equal capability face one another in the battle, those who have the greater capability in all measures applying the excellent ways will secure the victory. In the practical field as well as in the secular world, everybody has to apply the rights to win over others but they should not apply the unfair ways, except for military tactics.

to defend themselves against the dangers and falls of bullets while wiping off the enemies. So they have to use the possible tactics earlier than the enemies. Hence, the nature of military personnel is roughly not similar to those from remaining arenas in taking remaining measures.

Actually, most of the persons in the secular world should consider how to overcome the challenges in the best manner whereas they have to minimize losses in the work processes. Although they secure the great result in the process, if they protect themselves to lessen the losses, it cannot be approved that their wins would be shameful. So, beware of the excellent way but emphasize winning the best result.

Even if somebody meets to competitively solve the same problem, the person who can seek the excellent and smoothest will secure the best result in a short period. If somebody is equal in capability in solving the problems in a short period, those who have the capability to apply the easiest ways will achieve success comfortably.

If some persons with equal capability face one another in the battle, those who have the greater capability in all measures applying the excellent ways will secure the victory. In the practical field as well as in the secular world, everybody has to apply the rights to win over others but they should not apply the unfair ways, except for military tactics.

On the battlefields, those applying the tactical and strategic operations need to consider the possible ways whether may be fair or unfair to dominate the opponents. It is because military personnel are always fighting the battles with the betting of their lives and limbs. They cannot actually see the tactics of enemies. In the battles, military personnel need

COVID-19 cases on rise in 110 countries: WHO

While expressing concerns over the sustained transmission of the virus the DG said that the children and pregnant women are at a high risk of catching the infection.

THE World Health Organization (WHO) on Wednesday said that the COVID-19 pandemic is changing but it is not over and warned that the cases are rising in 110 nations.

“This pandemic is changing but it’s not over. Our ability to track the #COVID19 virus is under threat as reporting and genomic sequences are declining meaning it is becoming harder to track Omicron and analyze future emerging variants,” Director-General of WHO Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said.

He further added, “COVID-19, driven by BA.4 and BA.5 in many places, cases are on the rise in 110 countries, causing overall global cases to increase by 20 per cent and deaths have

risen in 3 of the 6 WHO regions even as the global figure remains relatively stable.”

Global health issues

While briefing the media on COVID-19 and other global health issues, Ghebreyesus said that the WHO had called on all countries to vaccinate at least 70 per cent of their population.

He further said that in the past 18 months, more than 12 billion vaccines have been distributed globally.

“On the flip side, hundreds of millions of people, including tens of millions of health workers and older people in lower-income countries remain unvaccinated, which means they are more vulnerable to future waves of the

virus,” the WHO chief said.

“With only 58 countries hitting the 70 per cent target, some have said it’s not possible for low-income countries to make it,” he said.

Example of Rwanda

Ghebreyesus gave the example of Rwanda where second dose vaccination rates are now above 65 per cent and still rising. The WHO chief underlined that it is important to keep the most at-risk groups up to date with vaccination.

Earlier, DG Ghebreyesus said that though Monkeypox presently does not amount to a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, the emergency nature of the event re-

quires intense response efforts.

Taking to Twitter, DG Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus wrote, “While the Emergency Committee didn’t advise that the #monkeypox outbreak represents a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, they acknowledged the emergency nature of the event requiring intense response efforts.”

“They advised that I should reconvene them quickly based on the evolving situation, which I will do,” he added.

Sustained transmission

While expressing concerns over the sustained transmission of the virus the DG said that the children and pregnant women are at a high risk of catching the



PHOTO: For illustration purpose only - International visitors follow a health official inside the arrival terminal at Suvarnabhumi International Airport / AFP

infection.

“I am concerned about sustained transmission because it would suggest that the virus is establishing itself and it could move into high-risk groups including children, the immunocompromised and pregnant women,” WHO tweeted quoting DG Ghebreyesus.

He further said that Nigeria has been battling a monkeypox outbreak since 2017. The country has reported more cases this year, which could mean it matches or exceeds previous peaks.

Monkeypox has now been identified in more than 50 countries, and the trend is likely to continue.

SOURCE: ANI

WHO wants vaccine efficacy data in monkeypox fight

THE World Health Organization on Wednesday appealed for vigilance to ensure monkeypox does not spread among more vulnerable groups, such as children.

Fighting the virus requires “intense” efforts, said the WHO, calling for broad data collection and sharing on how well vaccines work against the virus.

Experts have detected a surge of monkeypox cases since early May outside of the West and Central African countries where the disease has long been endemic. Most of the new cases have been in western Europe.

“I am concerned about sustained transmission because it would suggest that the virus is establishing itself and it could move into high-risk groups including children, the immunocompromised and pregnant women,” WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters.

“We are starting to see this, with several children already infected.”

There are two cases aged under 18 in Britain.

WHO chief scientist Soumya Swaminathan called for “very careful studies of the vaccine in different population groups... so that we get data that’s broadly applicable, and also to ensure that children, pregnant women

and the immunosuppressed are considered for inclusion in these trials”.

As of 22 June this year, 3,413 laboratory-confirmed monkeypox cases and one death have been reported to the WHO, from

50 countries.

The countries with three-figure case numbers are Britain (793), Germany (521), Spain (520), Portugal (317), France (277), Canada (210), the Netherlands (167) and the United States (142).

The vast majority of cases so far have been observed in men who have sex with men, of young age, chiefly in urban areas, in “clustered social and sexual networks”, according to the WHO.

Last week the UN health agency convened an emergency committee of experts to decide if monkeypox constitutes a so-called Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), the highest alarm that the WHO can sound.

But a majority found the situation had not yet crossed that threshold.

Nonetheless, “they acknowledged the emergency nature of the event and that controlling the further spread requires intense response efforts”, Tedros said.

Sharing vaccine stockpiles

The WHO chief called for equitable access to counter-measures like vaccines and antivirals and the systematic collection of clinical data to inform future recommendations.

WHO emergencies director Michael Ryan said that countries with stockpiles of vaccines, led

by the United States, had shown willingness to share them.

However, the vaccines have largely only been licenced for use against monkeypox’s far more severe relative smallpox, which is also caused by an orthopoxvirus and which is the only disease successfully eradicated through vaccination.

“It’s really important as we encourage the sharing of these products that we also collect the necessary clinical efficacy data,” said Ryan. He said the chief intervention in controlling monkeypox should be reducing transmission through education and taking steps to avoid infection, and then targeted use of available vaccines and antivirals.

Currently, vaccines are in short supply and are broadly limited to health workers exposed to higher risk while tracing contacts of cases, said Ryan.

He said some countries were beginning to consider offering vaccines to individuals “engaged in high-risk activities or at particular risk of being exposed”.

SOURCE: AFP



A woman and her child await treatment for monkeypox at a facility run by Doctors Without Borders in the Central African Republic in 2018. PHOTO: CHARLES BOUESSEL/AFP/FILE

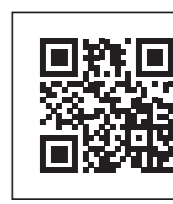
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K56.424 bln of commercial tax, income tax exempted from January to March 2022

THE State Administration Council sets three economic goals for the economic development of the country. The government spends most of its tax revenues to improve the socio-economic life of the people. Therefore, efforts are being made to increase the tax revenue due, and at the same time, for the benefit of the State and the people, tax exemptions and tax breaks are allowed under the existing laws.

According to the records of the Ministry of Planning and Finance, the list of tax exemptions and tax breaks allowed from January to March 2022, is as follows:

Sr	Subject	Quanty	Value of Exemption Tax (Billion Kyat)	Amount of Tax Exemption (Billion kyat)			A total of Tax Exemption (Billion kyat)
				Custom Duty	Commercial Tax	Income Tax	
1	Value of tax exemption to companies with MIC approval	250	125.414	4.409	6.496	-	10.905
2	Value of exemption for Union ministries	45	209.141	1.372	0.427	-	1.799
3	Value of exemption for state/region governments	3	0.957	0.029	0.006	-	0.035
4	Value of exemption for donations to NGOs, and INGOs	16	13.584	0.478	0.037	-	0.515
5	Value of issuance for securities to Union ministries	143	1251.281	-	-	27.468	27.468
6	Value of exemption to Myanmar Special Economic Zone (Thilawa)	981	136.517	6.824	8.878	-	15.702
Total		1,438	1,736.894	13.112	15.844	27.468	56.424

Therefore, the State Administration Council is scrutinizing the tax exemptions of the associations and activities in line with the Union and Region/State government departments, organizations, under the Myanmar Investment Law and the Special Economic Zone Law, and efforts are being made to fully collect the due taxes under the Union Tax Law and the existing tax laws. — MNA

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, foodstuffs, consumer goods and vehicles seized

SUPERVISED by the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee, effective action is being taken to prevent illegal trade under the law.

Under the instructions of the Chairman of the Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force, an on-duty team conducted inspections at the Chinshwehaw Border Trade Small Vehicle Checkpoint on 28 June.

Officials confiscated four Kangda 125 motorbikes worth K4.8 million without any official documents from a Toyota Wish car (approximately K8 million) and a Nissan AD van (approximately K7 million) heading from Laukkai to Lashio. Effective action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Similarly, on 29 June, a combined team led by Customs Department officials carried out inspections near the Phayagyi Tollgate under the supervision of the Bago Region Anti-Illegal

Trade Task Force.

K6,818,000 worth of 1,948 tiles that showed no official documents from a Chenglong 22-wheel truck (approximately K65 million) heading from Myawady to Yangon on 29 June. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Similarly, a total of 11,0256 tonnes of illegal teak, hardwood and other timbers worth K4,210,388 were captured in Yedashe and Ottwin townships on 30 June. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

In addition, a team led by the Forest Department conducted inspections under the Ayeyawady Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force. They confiscated a total of illegal timbers at an estimated value of K830,000, and the action was taken under the Forest Law.

Similarly, on 29 and 30 June, a total of 2,3202 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K161,576 in the

East Yoma forest reserve of Sinbaungwe township and in Thayet township. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

Afterwards, 30 baby motorbikes worth K3 million and foodstuffs and consumer goods worth K1,080,000 from two trucks were captured at the Kawkareik (Tadakyoe) Combined Checkpoint on 29 and 30 June. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

In addition, an unregistered vehicle at an estimated value of K1.2 million was confiscated by the Myanmar Police Force in Kanbalu township under the Sagaing Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force on 30 June, and the action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

Therefore, 18 arrests (approximately K102,099,964) were made on three consecutive days from 28 to 30 June, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA

Stimulant tablets seized in Thazi, Kengtung townships



Chan Nyein Aung and San Myo Aung are pictured together with seized drugs.

A combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force conducted inspections on the Taunggyi-Meiktila Road near Kywetatson Village of Kywetatson Village-tract in Thazi Township at 6 pm on 29 June and confiscated 3,800 stimulant tablets from a motorcycle driven by San Myo Aung accompanied by Chan Nyein Aung.

On the same day, a combined team consisting of mem-

bers of the Anti-Drug Police Force stopped and searched a motorcycle driven by Kya Ga on the Kengtung-Taunggyi Road near Namaum Village of Pangkyu Village-tract in Kengtung Township and seized 2,000 stimulant pills at 8:45 am.

The suspects were prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, according to the Myanmar Police Force. — MNA



Seized motorbikes and a vehicle.

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China retains zero-Covid policy while cutting travel quarantine to 7 days



A security personnel checks the temperature of passengers arriving at the Shanghai Pudong International Airport in Shanghai on 4 February 2020. PHOTO: NOEL CELIS / AFP

DESPITE the palpable anger from the public, China on Wednesday retained its strict “zero-Covid” policy, while easing its quarantine policy for international arrivals from fourteen to seven days. China slashed the period by more than half in the biggest relaxation of entry restrictions in the country since the pandemic began, reported CNN.

The nation has some of the world’s strictest entry requirements, mandating most inbound travellers to spend at least 14

days at a government quarantine facility followed by seven days of isolation at home. The National Health Commission said that incoming visitors need only spend seven days at a quarantine facility and three days at home. No start date was provided for the new move nor is it considered a sign of the impending end of China’s strict “zero-Covid” policy, which has seen entire communities and cities shut down over just a handful of coronavirus cases, reported CNN.

Meanwhile, China’s President Xi Jinping reaffirmed the country’s “zero-Covid” policy during his visit to Wuhan, saying that he would rather “temporarily sacrifice a little economic growth” than “harm people’s health”, state news agency Xinhua reported.

However, China’s approach of snap lockdowns, mass testing and harsh quarantines resulted in public outcry. Moreover, the strategy has wrecked economic activities and hurt the job market. In May, the unemployment rate for people aged 16-24 hit a record high of 18.4 per cent, reported CNN. Having backed themselves into a corner with their earlier rhetoric, China’s leaders feel unable to change tack – even in the light of more transmissible coronavirus variants like Omicron – without an acute loss of face.

When World Health Organization (WHO) chief Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus called the strategy “unsustainable” in May, his comments were scrubbed from the internet by Chinese censors.—ANI

India reports nearly 19,000 new daily COVID-19 cases

INDIA reported 18,819 new COVID-19 cases during the past 24 hours, taking the total tally to 43,452,164, showed data from the federal health ministry on Thursday.

The number of active cases in the country crossed the 100,000-mark, with an increase of 4,953 active cases during the past 24 hours, as the total tally reached 104,555, after nearly four months.

Besides, 39 deaths due to the pandemic since Wednesday morning took the total death toll to 525,116. The daily positivity rate stood at 4.16 per cent, while the weekly positivity rate was 3.72 per cent, revealed the ministry. So far, 42,822,493 people have been successfully cured and discharged from hospitals, of whom 13,827 were discharged during the past 24 hours.—ANI



A teacher traditionally welcomes a student upon her arrival at a school in Mumbai on 24 January 2022, after schools were reopened that were closed as a preventive measure to curb the spread of the Covid-19 coronavirus. PHOTO: INDRANIL MUKHERJEE/AFP

Indonesia sees increase in COVID-19 cases of Omicron sublineages

INDONESIA has seen an increase in the number of newly-confirmed COVID-19 infections in the past weeks after the emergence of the Omicron sub-variants BA.4 and BA.5 in the country.

The Southeast Asian nation initially detected its first cases of the two sublineages on 10 June with more than 1,000 daily cases having been recorded in the past two weeks. On Wednesday, health authorities confirmed 2,149 new cases with more than 16,000 active cases in the past 24 hours. Active cases mean those people are still considered to be infectious.

Health Minister Budi Gunadi Sadikin recently forecasted that peak cases of Omicron sublineages BA.4 and BA.5 in the country would take place in the second to the third week of July.

He made the prediction after observing South Africa, which first spotted the emergence of the sublineages. According to Sadik-



The death toll from the coronavirus in Indonesia rose by three to 156,728 on Wednesday, while 1,282 more people recovered during the past 24 hours, bringing the total number of recoveries to 5.91 million, according to the ministry’s data. PHOTO: INDRANIL MUKHERJEE/AFP

in, the expected peak of the two sub-variants in Indonesia could reach at least 17,400 daily new cases, about 30 per cent of the peak daily cases of the primary Omicron variant in February. BA.4 and BA.5 are more transmissible, but they do not cause higher rates of hospitalization

and fatality.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

S.Korea reports 9,595 new COVID-19 cases

SOUTH Korea reported 9,595 new COVID-19 cases as of midnight Wednesday compared to 24 hours ago, raising the total number of infections to 18,359,341, the health authorities said Thursday.

The daily caseload was down from 10,463 in the previous day, but it was higher than 7,493 tallied a week earlier, according to the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (KDCA).

For the past week, the daily average number of confirmed cases was 7,661.

Among the new cases, 142 were imported from overseas, lifting the total to 35,141. The number of infected people who were in a serious condition stood at 54, down five from the previous day.

Ten more deaths were confirmed, leaving the death toll at 24,547. The total fatality rate was 0.13 percent. —Xinhua

China removes mark for COVID-hit regions on visitors’ travel code

CHINA has announced that starting Wednesday, the asterisk marking regions with COVID-19 infections will be removed from the online code tracking visitors’ travel history.

The new move has been made to implement the strategy of preventing inbound cases and domestic resurgences, as well as the dynamic zero-COVID policy, said the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology.—Xinhua

ECONOMY WORLD



Local visitors enter the Grand Palace on the day of reopening in Bangkok on 1 Nov 2021, as Thailand welcomes the first groups of tourists fully vaccinated against the Covid-19 coronavirus without quarantine. **PHOTO: AFP**

Thailand's economy to expand 2.9 pct in 2022: World Bank report

THAILAND'S economy is expected to expand 2.9 per cent year-on-year in 2022, supported by private consumption and tourism recovery, the World Bank said in a report released on Wednesday.

The Southeast Asia's second-largest economy is likely to gain momentum in the second half of the year and reach pre-pandemic levels in the fourth quarter of 2022, given the decline in COVID-19 cases and relaxation of border restrictions, according to the Thailand Economic Monitor report.

The Washington-based bank expected Thailand's economic

growth to further pick up to 4.3 per cent in 2023.

It projected Thailand's headline inflation to rise 5.2 per cent year-on-year in 2022, while growth of the core inflation, which excludes food and energy prices, would reach 2.3 per cent.

The country's consumer inflation rose 7.1 per cent year-on-year in May, the highest level since July 2008, on soaring energy and food prices.

The bank also expected Thailand's tourist arrivals to increase to 6 million this year, up from about 400,000 in 2021, and reach 24 million by 2024.—Xinhua

US economy already in recession: experts

THE US economy is already in a recession and its gross domestic product (GDP) growth in the first half of 2022 will be negative, according to multiple US experts.

Stephen Moore, a distinguished fellow in economics with the Heritage Foundation, said the

United States is already in a "soft recession" and its GDP probably declined one per cent from six months ago.

In an interview with Fox Business on Monday, Moore said that people's incomes in real terms are falling fast at a rate of

around 2,000 to 3,000 US dollars per year.

Both Cathie Wood, chief executive officer with ARK Investment Management LLC and Jeremy Siegel, professor of finance at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, echoed the view on Tuesday, saying the United States is already in the middle of a recession.

"We think we are in a recession ... We think a big problem out there is inventories," said Wood.

The United States is in a mild recession with anticipated negative GDP growth in the first half and the slowdown is going to continue into the third quarter, according to Siegel. The US economy in the first quarter of 2022 shrank 1.5 per cent from the previous quarter on an annualized basis, according to the second estimate by the US Department of Commerce.—Xinhua



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EU asylum seekers on the rise, even without Ukraine

THE number of asylum seekers in Europe is back on the rise after a lull due to the coronavirus pandemic, an official EU report said on Tuesday.

The rise occurred even without counting the 3.4 million

refugees from Ukraine who have been registered by authorities in the biggest migration movement in Europe since World War II. "There have been three main drivers for these increasing numbers, namely the instrumentali-

sation of migrants by the Belarus regime, the Taliban takeover in Afghanistan last summer and of course the war in Ukraine," said Nina Gregori, executive director of the European Union Agency for Asylum.—AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

S.African economy grows to pre-pandemic levels: official

SOUTH Africa's gross domestic product grew by 1.9 per cent in the first quarter, returning the continent's most industrialised economy to pre-pandemic levels, official data showed Tuesday.

It was the second consecutive quarter of upward growth, the official statistics agency StatsSA said.

"The size of the economy is now at pre-pandemic levels, with real GDP slightly higher than what it was before the Covid-19 pandemic," it said. The report said manufacturing, finance, business services and trade made gains during the first quarter, while agriculture was subdued and mining and construction contracted.—AFP



South Africa's gross domestic product grew by 1.9 per cent in the first quarter. **PHOTO: AFP /STEFAN HEUNIS**

Namibia mulls biomass project to boost exports, economy

NAMIBIA plans a Biomass Industrial Park project in the north-central town of Otjiwarongo which will process more than 300 tonnes of encroacher bush biomass per annum while creating several value-added chain by-products such as animal feed and many more, officials said Wednesday.—Xinhua

Salmonella found in world's biggest chocolate plant

SALMONELLA bacteria have been discovered in the world's biggest chocolate plant, run by Swiss giant Barry Callebaut in the Belgian town of Wieze, the firm said Thursday.

A company spokesman told AFP that production had been halted at the factory, which produces liquid chocolate in wholesale batches for 73 clients making confectionaries.

"All products manufactured since the test have been blocked," spokesman Korneel Warlop said.

"Barry Callebaut is currently contacting all customers who may have received contaminated products. Chocolate production in Wieze remains suspended until further notice." Most of the products discovered to be contaminated are still on the site,

he said. But the firm has contacted all its clients and asked them not to ship any products they have made with chocolate made since 25 June at these Wieze plant, which is in Flanders, northwest of Brussels.

Belgium's food safety agency AFSCA has been informed and a spokesman told AFP it had opened an investigation.

The Wieze plant does

not make chocolates to be sold directly to consumers, and the firm has no reason yet to believe that any contaminated goods made by clients have yet made it onto shop shelves.

The scare comes a few weeks after a case of chocolates contaminated with salmonella in the Ferrero factory in Arlon in southern Belgium manufacturing Kinder chocolates.—AFP



Barry Callebaut's plant in Wieze, Belgium, produces liquid chocolate in wholesale batches for 73 clients making confectionaries. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

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- Resolved that the Company be and is hereby wound up voluntarily as Members' Voluntary Winding-up under the Insolvency Law.
- Resolved that Daw Hnin Su Mon (B.Com, C.P.A, D.B.L, ACCA, Member of Myanmar Association of Insolvency Practitioners Inc.), holder of Citizenship Scrutiny Card No. 12/Ma Ya Ka (Naing) 114749, Senior Manager of WIN Consulting Limited of Room No. 2D, Rose Condominium, No. 182/194, 1st Floor, Botahtaung Pagoda Road, Pazundaung Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar, be and is hereby appointed as Liquidator of the Company for the purpose of such winding-up and be authorized to carry on the business of the Company to such extent and for such period as may be necessary for the beneficial winding up thereof and be granted such other powers as may be deemed fit or proper.

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Marcos Jr sworn in as Philippine president

THE son of the Philippines' late dictator Ferdinand Marcos was sworn in as president Thursday, completing a decades-long effort to restore the clan to the country's highest office.

Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos Jr, 64, won last month's elections by a landslide, securing the biggest victory since his father was ousted by a popular revolt in 1986.

He succeeds the hugely popular Rodrigo Duterte, who gained international infamy for his deadly drug war and has threatened to kill suspected dealers after he leaves office.

Marcos Jr took the oath at midday (0400 GMT) in a pub-

lic ceremony at the National Museum in Manila in front of hundreds of local and foreign dignitaries, including Chinese Vice-President Wang Qishan and US Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff.

More than 15,000 police, soldiers and coast guard personnel have been deployed across the capital for the inauguration.

Ahead of the swearing-in, Duterte received Marcos Jr at the Malacanang presidential palace — which the Marcos family fled into exile 36 years ago.

Duterte, 77, wore a mask and his traditional formal shirt, characteristically unbuttoned at the top and with sleeves rolled



Incoming Philippine president Ferdinand Marcos Jr (left) and outgoing president Rodrigo Duterte (centre) take part in the inauguration ceremony for Marcos at the Malacanang presidential palace grounds in Manila on 30 June. **PHOTO: AFP**

up, for the meeting with Marcos Jr, who he once described as "weak".

The ceremony comes days after the Supreme Court dismissed final attempts to have Marcos Jr disqualified from the election and prevent him taking office.

As rising prices squeeze an economy already ravaged by Covid-19, Marcos Jr has made tackling inflation, boosting growth and ramping up food production his priorities.

He has taken the rare step of appointing himself agriculture secretary to lead the overhaul of the problem-plagued sector.—**AFP**

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

'No problem' for Russia if Finland, Sweden join NATO, says Putin

RUSSIA has "no problem" if Finland and Sweden join NATO, President Vladimir Putin said on Wednesday.

"We don't have problems with Sweden and Finland like we do with Ukraine," Putin told a news conference in the Turk-

menistan capital of Ashgabat.

"We don't have territorial differences," the Russian leader continued.

"There is nothing that could bother us about Sweden and Finland joining NATO. If Finland and Sweden wish to, they can join. That's up to them. They can join whatever they want."

However, "if military contingents and military infrastructure were deployed there, we would be obliged to respond symmetrically and raise the same threats for those territories where threats have arisen for us," Putin said.

Sweden and Finland have both decided to apply to join NATO after Russia launched its military operation in pro-Western Ukraine on February 24.—**AFP**



Swedish air defence practice for the first time against helicopters attack as part of the military exercise Aurora 17 on the Swedish island of Gotland, Sweden, on 19 September 2017. **PHOTO: ANDERS WIKLUND/AFP / FILE**

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Russia bans two Swedish organizations

THE Russian Foreign Ministry announced on Tuesday the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the Swedish Institute (SI) must immediately stop their activities in Russia.

Johannes Danielsson, Swedish charge d'affaires ad interim in Russia, was summoned on Tuesday and informed about the termination of activities of the two Swedish state organizations in Russia, the ministry said in a statement.

If the Swedish diplomatic and consular offices continue to promote the projects of the SIDA and the SI, their staff members will be expelled, the statement said.—**Xinhua**

Kyiv says 17 Ukrainians freed in prisoner exchange

SEVENTEEN Ukrainians, mostly servicemen, have been freed in the latest prisoner exchange with Moscow, Ukrainian intelligence said Tuesday.

The main intelligence directorate of Ukraine's defence ministry said two officers, 14 soldiers and one civilian were freed.

Five of them are injured and require urgent treatment, it said in a post of Telegram. Ukraine released 15 Russian prisoners as part of the swap, it added.—**AFP**

Russia legalizes parallel imports amid Western sanctions

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin signed a bill into law on Tuesday legalizing "parallel imports" in the country in a bid to stabilize prices amid Western economic sanctions.

The law protects Russian companies that import certain categories of goods without the permission of the intellectual property owner, the so-called parallel imports, from possible

civil, administrative and criminal liability.

The law authorizes the Russian government to determine the list of goods that are subject to the new legislation.

The legalization of parallel imports is aimed at protecting the Russian economy and citizens in the face of economic sanctions, simplifying trade in the eligible goods and stabiliz-

ing their prices, said Vyacheslav Volodin, chairman of Russia's lower parliament house the State Duma.—**Xinhua**

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Russia toughens 'foreign agents' legislation

RUSSIAN lawmakers on Wednesday passed legislation that broadens the definition of "foreign agents", a label used to crack down on Kremlin critics.

The State Duma, or lower house of parliament, said in a statement that the measures will make it possible "to defend the interests and to ensure the security of the Russian Federation".

In recent years the label, which is reminiscent of the "enemies of the people" of the Soviet era, has been used extensively against opponents, journalists and human rights activists accused of conducting foreign-funded political activities.

According to the new legislation, anyone "under foreign influence" or receiving support from abroad — not just foreign money — can now be declared a

"foreign agent" in Russia.

Such individuals will be prohibited from teaching in public schools and organizing public events, among other activities.

The legislation is expected to enter into force on 1 December, the Duma said.

Those branded "foreign agents" must disclose sources of funding, undergo audits and accompany all their texts, videos and social media posts with a caption.

The new measures came amid an unprecedented crackdown on dissenting voices in Russia, with most opposition activists either in jail or out of the country.

Moscow has stepped up efforts to stamp out dissent since President Vladimir Putin sent troops into Ukraine on 24 February.— AFP



A view shows the State Historical Museum (C) and the Kremlin's Towers in Moscow. PHOTO: MLADEN ANTONOV / AFP/FILE

Taliban to meet US on releasing frozen Afghan funds after quake



Last week's 5.9-magnitude earthquake in eastern Afghanistan, which killed more than 1,000 people and left tens of thousands homeless, adds urgency to the funding debate. Trucks loaded with relief material received from the International Organization for Migration (IOM) to be sent to the people affected by an earthquake in Gajan district, Paktika province, are pictured in Kabul on 24 June 2022. PHOTO: ZAHRAH NABI/AFP

A Taliban delegation arrived in Qatar on Wednesday for talks with the United States on un-

locking some of Afghanistan's reserves following a devastating earthquake, with Washington

seeking ways to ensure the money goes to help the population.

The White House said it is working "urgently" on the effort, but a member of the Afghan central bank's board said it could take time to finalize.

The Taliban's foreign minister, Amir Khan Muttaqi, arrived in the Qatari capital Doha along with finance ministry and central bank officials for talks with the US envoy on Afghanistan, Tom West, Taliban foreign ministry spokesman Hafiz Zia Ahmed said, posting a tarmac picture on Twitter. After the Taliban takeover in August 2021, Washington froze \$7 billion in reserves and the international community halted billions in direct aid that Afghanistan and its population of roughly 40 million people had relied on.—AFP

At least 52 inmates die in Colombia prison riot and fire

AT least 52 inmates were killed and 26 more injured early Tuesday after a fire broke out during a prison riot in southwestern Colombia, the national prisons agency said.

The tragedy occurred when rioting inmates set a fire at

around 2 am, attempting to prevent police from entering their enclosure at the prison in the city of Tulua, said Tito Castellanos, director of the National Penitentiary and Prison Institute (INPEC).

"We have treated a total of

26 injured and the number of deaths is 52," Cristina Lesmes, head of the health department in Valle del Cauca, said on Twitter.

"We have people in very serious condition with extremely extensive burns," she said.—AFP

Ukraine cuts ties with Syria after it recognizes separatist republics

UKRAINE'S President Volodymyr Zelensky on Wednesday announced the end of diplomatic ties between Kyiv and Damascus after Moscow ally Syria recognized the independence of eastern Ukraine's two separatist republics.

The breakaway states of Donetsk and Lugansk, whose independence Moscow recognized in February, are situated in the Donbas region at the centre of Russia's invasion and have escaped Kyiv's control since 2014.

Syria provoked Ukraine's ire after becoming the first state

other than Russia to recognize the two separatist republics earlier on Wednesday.

"There will no longer be relations between Ukraine and Syria," Zelensky said in a video posted on Telegram, adding that the sanctions pressure against Syria "will be even greater".

Zelensky described Syria's move as a "worthless story".

This is not the first time that the Syrian government, which since 2015 has been heavily backed by Russia in its own civil war, has supported Moscow's recognition of breakaway states.— AFP



A Ukrainian soldier gestures past an anti aircraft missile system near Sloviansk, eastern Ukraine on 11 May 2022, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine. PHOTO: YASUYOSHI CHIBA / AFP

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Myanmar team finalists selected to compete in ASEAN Women's Championship



Myanmar women players show talent in their training sessions ahead of the 2022 ASEAN Women's Championship. **PHOTO: MFF**

THE Myanmar women's team has announced the team finalists for the 2022 ASEAN Women's Championship, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

Daw Thet Thet Win is the interim head coach of the Myanmar women's team that will compete in the tournament. The 27 final players were announced on 28 June.

Team Administrator Daw Myat Myat Oo, Head Coach Daw Thet Thet Win, Assistant Coaches Daw San San Maw, Daw Aye Nanda Hlaing, Daw Nu Nu Khaing Win, and Goal Coach U Yin Min Aung will supervise the team.

Goalkeepers May Zin Nwe,

Myo Mya Mya Nyein, Zu Latt Nadi, Defenders Khin Than Wai, Chit Chit, Nant Zu Zu Htet, Aye Aye Moe, May Phoo Ko, Khin Myo Win, Moe Ma Ma Soe, Khine Thazin, Zun Yuya Oo, Phyu Phyu Win, Midfielders Khin Malar Tun, Hnin Pwin Aue, Khin Mo Mo Tun, Lin Myint Mo, Wai Phoo Eain, Naw Htet Htet Wai, Yin Lun Eain, Pont Pont Pyae Maung, Win Win, and Khin Moe Wai and Strikers Win Theingi Tun July Kyaw, Myat Noe Khin and San Thaw Thaw will be with the team player list.

The Myanmar women's team started training for the tournament on 6 June, but will not be able to fully take training

until 9 June.

The tournament is being held more than a month after the Vietnam SEA Games, so teams including Myanmar will have less time to prepare.

The Myanmar women's team is based on the Vietnam SEA Games team and some players from the U-18 women's team have been selected.

The 2022 ASEAN Women's Championship will be held in the Philippines from 4 to 17 July with team Myanmar placing into Group B together with SEA Games gold medallist Viet Nam, Cambodia, Timor-Leste, and Laos. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

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.

Yadanabon trounce GFA 7-0 in 2022 Myanmar National League

THE remaining matches of the 2022 Myanmar National League competition continued and ISPE FC and Yadanabon FC won this week at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon.

ISPE FC beat Rakhine United 3-1 in the match held on 29 June. The ISPE, made up of local players, won the opening game of the season. In the match held on 30 June, Yadanabon beat GFA by seven goals. Yadanabon beat the GFA team and scored many goals. Yadanabon won by seven goals to take the lead at the top of the table after the first match. Main players Thet Naing, Myo Ko Tun, Zaw Ye Naing, Aung Wunna Soe, and Bi Bi were included in the line-up list of the Yadanabon FC and youth talented players Shwe Win Tun and Maung Maung Soe also included in the GFA FC.

Yadanabon scored three goals in the first half. In the second half, they scored four goals and started the new season with a sweet victory.



Yadanabon FC striker (red) attempts to pass the GFA defenders during their 2022 Myanmar National League match at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon on 30 June 2022. **PHOTO: MNL**

Winning goals for Team Yadanabon were scored by Ye Yint Aung at 14 and 36 minutes, Myo Ko Tun at 24 minutes, Thet Naing at 54 minutes, Thaung Bwe Aung at 56 minutes, Bi Bi at 64 minutes and Hein Nay San at 89 minutes respectively. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Tottenham closing on deal for Everton's Richarlison - reports

TOTTENHAM are set to further bolster their attacking options with the signing of Richarlison from Everton in a deal that could rise to £60 million (\$73 million), according to reports in the British media on Thursday.

The Athletic reported that a £50 million initial fee has been agreed with £10 million more in additions for the Brazilian international.

Richarlison joined Everton for £50 million from Watford in 2018.

The 25-year-old scored 53 goals in 152 appearances for the Toffees, crucially netting six times in his final nine games of last season to keep the Merseyside club in the Premier League. According to the BBC and Sky Sports, Everton need to complete the sale on Thursday to help



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balance the books with their financial year ending on 30 June.

Everton have posted £372m in losses over the last three years. Leeds and relegated Burnley have reportedly written to the Premier League to question how Everton have complied with Financial Fair Play.—AFP