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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.

## A total of 99 per cent of businesses across the nation are MSMEs which are the main driving force for the State economy: Vice-Senior General

IT is necessary to make vigorous efforts for upgrading raw materials to value-added products with the use of techniques and machinery in order to improve the value chain and raise State GDP, said MSME Development Work Committee Chairman State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win at the meeting 1/2022 of the MSME development work committee at the Ministry of Industry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

In his address, the Vice-Senior General said that micro, small and medium-scale enterprises with lesser capital faced terrible impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic in addition to economic, social and health sectors in Myanmar. Hence, the government disbursed loans to MSMEs with an extension of loan terms. A total of 99 per cent of businesses across the nation are MSMEs which are the main driving force for the State economy.

The Industrial Supervision and Inspection Department under the Ministry of Industry has issued SME member cards to 40,929 industries and more than 45,000 industries have taken reg-



State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win presides over the meeting 1/2022 of the MSME Development Work Committee in Nay Pyi Taw on 15 November 2022.

istration under the private industrial law. Moreover, 13 other ministries registered more than 253,000 industries, according to the statistics. Efforts must be made for manufacturing value-added safe products through modern techniques to be able to join the world value-added

chain and international cooperation production networks as the whole world needs food products.

MSME industries are still difficult to thoroughly apply digital technology in manufacturing, market promotion and trade payment. The government is

solving the problems of MSMEs.

The Vice-Senior General continued to say that it is necessary to form the MSME agency for allowing online registration of MSMEs at a time when all procedures have been set. They will have the chance to enjoy capital to be provided by the State, tax

exemption and other assistance when they have registered.

As MSME businesspersons submitted 95 points of reports to the Prime Minister on his tours, these points must be implemented one after another.

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## U Tin Yu presents Credentials to Amir of the State of Qatar

U Tin Yu, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the State of Qatar, presented his Credentials to Mr Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani, Amir of the State of Qatar on 7 November 2022 in Qatar, Doha Palace. — MNA

## COVID-19 vaccine drive for those aged 5 and above continues in Bahan Township

THE first dose (new) and the second dose (phase-17 dose) of COVID-19 vaccines were given to people aged five and above at the Mingala market community hall on Gyatawya Street of Myoma Ward, Bahan Township, for the prevention and control of COVID-19. Staff from Township General Administration Department, employees from Bahan Township Public Health Department, Myat Yaytashay social organization and the Ward Administration joined the process under the management of



Top: Vaccination is underway for those aged five and above in Bahan Township. Above: Locals are seen awaiting jabs in Bahan Township.

Bahan Township Administration Body Chairman U Aung Ko Latt.

The vaccination programme is carried out in full swing in Bahan Township. The first dose (new) and the second dose of COVID-19 vaccines are given every Tuesday and the third and fourth booster doses every Wednesday and Friday at the Mingala Market community hall under the leadership of the Bahan Township COVID-19 Control and Emergency Response Committee. — Sanda Htay/GNLM

## COVID-19 vaccine drive continues in various states, regions

VACCINATION is being carried out in full swing in various regions and states as the vaccination programmes are one of the most important activities in the prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19 disease.

Yesterday, doctors and nurses from public hospitals, medical teams from the Tatmadaw, and relevant healthcare workers in collaboration with volunteers gave COVID-19 vaccines to 90 people from Yankin township in Yangon Region, 1,710 people

from twenty-six townships in Ayeyawady Region, 780 people from Khamti Town in NangSi area of Sagaing Region, and 3,563 people from seven districts in Mandalay Region, respectively.

Similarly, on that day healthcare officials gave the vaccines to 1,850 students from twenty-six townships in Ayeyawady Region, and 155 students from seven districts in Mandalay Region.

In addition, to assist in the control and prevention of the COVID-19 disease, mil-

itary officials from various regional commands in collaboration with district and township administrative officials, departmental personnel and members of civil society organizations (CSOs) conducted educational campaigns such as prevention of COVID-19, wearing of masks in public places and distribution of masks to the locals at schools, markets, streets, city entry points and crowded areas in 44 townships in Yangon Region, An Township in Rakhine State, yesterday. — MNA

## SAC Information Team to hold 21<sup>st</sup> Press Conference

THE Information Team of the State Administration Council will hold its 21<sup>st</sup> press conference at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw at 1 pm on 18 November. Local and foreign media personnel have been invited to the press conference, it is learnt. — MNA

## MRTV to broadcast SAC Information Team's press conference live

THE Information Team of the State Administration Council will hold its 21<sup>st</sup> press conference at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw at 1 pm on 18 November.

The press conference will be broadcast live on MRTV-HD, MRTV News, MWD, MWD Variety, MITV, MOI Website, MOI YouTube and MRTV Website and aired live on Radio Myanmar, Thazin FM, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Shwe FM, Padamyar FM, FM Bagan, Cherry FM and Star FM. — MNA

## National Literary Award ceremony to be held on 23 Nov

THE National Literary Award ceremony for 2021 will be held at Myanmar International Convention Centre II in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am on 23 November.

The list of awardees was announced on 29 October. Award winners, publishers and recipients of the National Lifetime Award for Literary Achievement have been invited to the ceremony.

The rehearsal will be held at 10 am on 22 November and awardees and recipients are required to contact the Literary Awards Administration and Support Committee (Sarpay Beikman) at 067-3412203 and 09-420130481. — MNA

## MRTV to broadcast Myanmar National League final match and award ceremony live

THE Myanmar National League 2022 final match and award ceremony will be held at Thuwunna Football Stadium in Yangon at 3:30 pm on 16 November.

The final match and award ceremony will be broadcast live on MRTV-HD, MRTV Sports Channel and aired live on Radio Myanmar at 3:15 pm. — MNA

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## Private sector and individual role – the main driving force for the State in the market economic system

ENCOURAGING MSMEs means encouraging the business centred on the private sector. The country is practising market economy and multiparty democracy. The private sector and individual role are the main driving force for the State in the market economic system.

*(The excerpt from the speech made by Chairman of the MSME Development Central Committee Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting 1/2022 of the central committee on 23 September 2022.)*

## A total of 99 per cent of businesses across the nation are MSMEs which are the main driving force for the State economy: Vice-Senior General

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The working committee must conduct the implementation of the policy, practical requirements, difficulties, consultation and fulfilment in time. As such, the working committee was compactly formed with ministries and professional associations to strive for the rapid economic development of the State.

Relevant regional agencies need to submit the monthly activities to the working committee and then to the central committee. It is necessary to make vigorous efforts for upgrading raw materials to value-added products with the use of techniques and machinery in order

to improve the value chain and raise the State GDP.

Secretary of the working committee Deputy Minister U Yin Maung Nyunt reported on relevant letters of order. The meeting participants discussed the development of MSME industries in their respective sectors.

The Vice-Senior General coordinated the discussions and gave a concluding remark. He then viewed round the booths of the policy and foreign affairs unit, the technological and market promotion unit and the Department of Industrial Supervision and Inspection under the Ministry of Industry. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Soe Win views value-added products displayed at the meeting yesterday.

## MoRAC installs bronze plaques at Yangon's listed buildings

THE bronze plaque installation ceremonies were held at National Library (Yangon), Customs House and Ministers' Office (Secretariat) in Yangon Region yesterday.

The events were attended by Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko, Yangon Region Natural Resources Minister U Zaw Win, Social Affairs Minister U Aung Win Thein, YCDC Deputy Chair (Deputy Mayor) U Nyi Nyi, director-general, directors and staff of the Department of Archaeology and National Museum, district and township administrators and invited guests.

Speaking at the ceremonies, the Union Minister said the ministry has released an order announcing over 100-year-old 208 buildings in 11 states and regions



MoRAC Union Minister U Ko Ko presses the electric button to unveil the bronze plaque at the National Library (Yangon).

as listed buildings exercising the authority under Sub-section (b) of Section 34 of the 2015 Protection and Preservation of Ancient Monuments Law. There were 124 listed buildings in Yangon Region. The listed buildings are

protected by the laws and rules and are also preserved in their original styles. There should be prominent signs for such listed buildings so the people know the value of structure and original artworks and protect them.

The National Library that received the plaque yesterday was an office of the British Oil Company, BOC in 1908 and became an office of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprises in 1963. Currently, it has been a national

library opened by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture in 2017.

The Customs Office was constructed in 1913 and completed in 1915. The building replaced a wooden customs house first constructed in 1853. The red brick building is noted for its towering bracket clock and columned portico, with architectural adaptations to tropical weather conditions.

The Ministers' Office (Secretariat) was a place for holding horse events in the past and was constructed in 1889 and completed in 1905.

It is a historic place as the national leaders were assassinated. It is the very place where the independence of the country was declared on 4 January 1948. — MNA

# Committee on Organizing Diamond Jubilee Independence Day 2023 holds 2<sup>nd</sup> coord meeting



The second coordination meeting of the Committee on Organizing Diamond Jubilee Independence Day 2023 is in progress in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

THE Committee on Organizing Diamond Jubilee Independence Day 2023 held its second coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, Committee Chairman Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn said arrangements are underway to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Day at State-level. The pre-ceremonial programmes and their related programmes are also being held. Therefore, all should participate in that great ceremony as one can encounter such a significant day once in a lifetime.

Then, Joint Secretary of Committee Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung

reported on the activities of the organizing committee and sub-committees, and float preparations of ministries, regions and states.

The committee members Deputy Ministers and attendees also discussed the preparations for a military parade, schedule for rehearsal, military parade programmes, duration, invitation, and alphabet formation including the needed numbers of students for presentation, transportation, healthcare services, floats, construction estimate and approval.

Then, the Union minister concluded the meeting after the joint secretary of the committee read out the decisions made at the meeting. — MNA

## MoST Union Minister meets Minister of Science and Higher Education of Russian Federation

ACCOMPANIED by Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Lwin Oo and officials, the Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Kyaw of the Ministry of Science and Technology currently in the Russian Federation to attend a research trip and the 12<sup>th</sup> ATOMEXPO-2022 International Forum met Minister of Science and Higher Education Mr Valery Falkov at the meeting hall of the ministry on 14 November.

Both parties discussed matters relating to sending Myanmar scholars to the Russian Federation, increasing the number of scholarships, cooper-

ation between universities and Myanmar-Russia cooperation in science and technology development.

The Myanmar delegation also met university officials led by Rector Alexander Bryukhovskovoe of the National Research University Moscow Power Engineering Institute (MPEI) and discussed scholarship matters.

The Union minister and officials met university officials led by Rector Vladimir Schevchenko of National Research Nuclear University (MEPHI) and had discussions on science and technology and human resources development. — MNA



MoST Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Kyaw holds talks with his counterpart from the Russian Federation.

## MoEP Union Minister-led Myanmar delegation visits Zagorskaya PSPP hydropower plant in Moscow



The Myanmar delegation headed by MoEP Union Minister U Thaung Han makes an observation tour at the Zagorskaya PSPP hydropower plant near Moscow on 14 November 2022.

MYANMAR delegation led by Union Minister for Electric Power U Thaung Han, currently in Russian Federation to attend the 12<sup>th</sup> ATOMEXPO-2022 International Forum, visited the Zagorskaya PSPP hydropower plant near Moscow on 14 November.

During the trip, the Russian officials explained the Water Intake, Observation deck, 500 kV Switchyard, generators and Main Control Panel of the plant.

During the meeting with the International Cooperation Department Head of PJSC RusHydro Company Mr Artem Sokhikyan, the Union Minister expressed thanks for a warm welcome and discussed the close cooperation in power generation, benefits of the visit to the 1,200 MW Pump Storage hydropower plant and invitation to invest in Myanmar, and technical assistance of RusHydro Group on the study of Myanmar's water resources in

January and February 2023.

The Zagorskaya PSPP Hydropower Plant is located on Kynya River with 22.4 million cubic metres (18,160 acre feet) of water intake running about four hours and a half for 1,200 MW daily.

It pumps the used water in the daytime to a 100-metre-high water reservoir at night. Moreover, it also generates a further 800 MW and distributes power to Moscow. — MNA



Yangon Water Bus is running on the Yangon River.

## YWB plans Twantay trip for 3 days starting from 17 Nov, National Day

YANGON Water Bus (YWB) stated that they will start a Twantay trip for three consecutive days starting on 17 November (National Day).

It is learnt that they planned the Twantay trip as a special event on National Day. The water bus normally runs only on weekends. The fares will also be reduced from K25,000 to K18,000 for adults and from K15,000 to K12,000 for children. The promotion programme is

valid until the end of November.

The journey will start from the Lanthit jetty near Mawtin at 8:30 am on 17, 19 and 20 November. On arrival at Twantay, the passengers will also be ferried to Shwesandaw Pagoda, Phaungtawchoke Pagoda, Snake Pagoda, Twantay Market and the pottery site.

In addition, lunch boxes, purified water, coffee and drinks will be offered during the trip, and those interested can con-

tact 09 400 296 500 to purchase the tickets.

Yangon Water bus which runs on the Yangon River also started its sunset boat trips on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays starting from 5 pm. The fares for adults and kids are K5,000 and K2,000 respectively. The trips to Lanthit and Sapachaung are arranged by YWB between 6:30 am and 6:15 pm every day as well. — TWA/GNLM

## Antipyretic medicine containing Green Chiretta will be produced as traditional medicine for COVID-19 treatment

UNION Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win of the Ministry of Health announced at the ceremony of 2022 National Health Day that an antipyretic medicine containing Green Chiretta will be used in the treatment of the COVID-19 pandemic and produced as a Myanmar traditional medicine.

It is reported that they are conducting research on variants of COVID-19 viruses.

The Department of Food and Drug Administration has constantly informed the pub-

lic of food, medicines, medical equipment, cosmetics and consumer goods that are not suitable for use and drug registrations are being issued, the Union minister added.

Seventy-nine pharmaceutical raw materials will be purchased for the Myanmar pharmaceutical industry through the bank transfer document system (Letter of Credit-LC) under an open tender system and the tender has been invited.

Those raw materials will



The photo shows a Myanmar traditional medicine, Green Chiretta and its leaves.

be used in the Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory (Insein) and the Pharmaceutical Factory (Inyang), it is learnt. — TWA/GNLM

## Summer onions flood Yangon market

A bulk supply of onions from various regions to the Yangon market was estimated at 210,000 visses on 14 November 2022.

What a surprising event is no entry of summer onions to Pakokku depot. Only newly harvested monsoon onions are entering there. Meanwhile, old summer onions are supplied to the Yangon market only, as per the market reports.

There was a rumour of a shortage of summer onions in the regions outside Yangon, however, the dealers are still sending a large volume of summer onions to Yangon markets.

On 14 November, one truckload of Chinese onions, 12 truckloads of onions from the Myingyan area and eight truckloads of onions from the Seikphyu area entered the Yangon wholesale market. The news of the summer onions shortage circulating in the market was allegedly made by those traders who have the stocks in hand in the hope the price would rise.

When there is no stock left, they just stay silent. It is a kind of price manipulation in the market, said buyers.

On 14 November, traders set the opening price for onions only from Myingyan and Seikphyu areas depending on the quality. The warehouse sells the quality one at the opening price and the substandard one at K100-200 lower than the market price, according to an onion warehouse. On 15 November, the wholesale price stood at K3,700-4,300 per viss from the Myingyan area and K3,400-3,800 per viss from the Seikphyu area. Chinese onions were valued at K3,200 per viss.

On 13 November, following a supply of 15,000 visses of monsoon onions to the Pakokku market, the maximum price was K2,800 per viss. Similarly, the highest price is relatively set at K2,900 per viss at the Myingyan depot, tracking a supply of 8,000 visses of monsoon onions. On 14 November, monsoon onions hit the highest of K2,550 per viss at Pakokku commodity centre.

A total of 15,520 visses of summer onions entered the Myingyan depot on 14 November and the prices ranged between K3,600-3,800 per viss. About 12,960 visses of monsoon onions flowed into the Myingyan depot, with the prices moving between K1,000 and K2,800 per viss. The freight rate is K95/100 per viss from Myingyan to Yangon, K120 to Mawlamyine and K130 to Myawady, according to the price data issued by the respective depots.

Summer onions are shipped to Vietnam and Thailand through cross-border trade. Although new onions are flowing into those markets, the prices of Myanmar's summer onions are still on the rise at the border. The price is expected to decline below K4,000 per viss by the end of November in Yangon markets, Ko Aung Win, a buyer told the GNLM.

The price is heading for a fall in Yangon markets. The monsoon onions possibly have low moisture content because of favourable weather conditions. Chinese onions also started to capture a market share due to cheaper prices and the same appearance as local ones. — TWA/GNLM

## 94 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 15 November, total figure rises to 632,805

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **632,805** after **94** new cases were reported on 15 November 2022 according to the Ministry of Health.

The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **607,142** including **97** new recoveries.

The death toll from COVID-19 in the country remained unchanged at **19,486** on Monday with no new deaths reported

from the pandemic.

According to the research, it is found that people who have been vaccinated do not suffer severely from the disease, need not to be hospitalized and unlikely to die. If they have received booster shot, the death rates can be reduced more.

As such, the people need to follow the new normal way in living with Covid. Hence, all the people above five have

to fully receive Covid-19 vaccination inoculated by the Ministry of Health free of charge. Six months after the vaccination, they have to take booster jabs at relevant health centres and ward/village administration offices without fail.

Moreover, they have to wear masks while in closed chambers and public places. They need to often wash hands with soap and water or the hand gel containing alcohol (at least 60 per cent)

for 20 seconds.

People need to follow the social distancing rule and avoid the crowds as much as possible. While not wearing masks, if they cough and sneeze, they need to cover mouth and noses with elbows in line with the personal hygienic ways.

Covid-19 information can be browsed on the internet page moh.gov.mm of the Ministry of Health.—MNA

## CRIME NEWS

### Illegal timbers, fertilizers, mobile phones, foodstuffs, consumer goods and vehicles confiscated



Seized illegal mobile phones and goods.

K14,400,000 worth of foodstuffs without official documents from a Foton truck (approximately K15 million) heading from Lashio to Mandalay at 17/3 Milepost on PyinOoLwin-Mandalay road on 13 November and 150 bags of fertilizer worth K4.5 million without official documents from a Nissan UD car (estimated value of K21 million) at the 16-Mile Kyaukchaw Checkpoint on 14 November. The action was taken under Customs Procedures.

Similarly, on 14 November, an on-duty team seized 34 old mobile phones worth K13 million, hidden in luggage, without official documents at the Yangon International Airport Warehouse and the action was taken under Customs Procedures.

An inspection team captured K21,140,910 worth of consumer goods that exceeded the Import Declaration (ID) from a Cheng Long tractor head with a trailer (approximately K50 million) in front of the Bago Industrial Zone on the Myawady-Hpa-an-Yangon Road. The action was taken

under Customs Procedures.

The 4-Mile Forest Combined Inspection Team of Taunggyi township confiscated K14,670,000 worth of consumer goods and foodstuffs that were not declared in the Import Declaration (ID) from a Mitsubishi Fuso car (estimated value of K20 million). The action was taken under Customs Procedures.

On 15 November, the Kawkareik (Tadakyoe) Combined Checkpoint seized 50 cartons of vermicelli (Blue) worth K2.5 million from a vehicle heading from Myawady to Yangon and the action was taken under Customs Procedures.

Afterwards, a total of 19.7538 tonnes of illegal teak worth K11,366,620 was captured in Bago and Toungoo districts and the action was taken under the Forest Law.

Therefore, 23 arrests (at an estimated value of K243,647,530) were made on three consecutive days from 13 to 15 November, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA

### Drugs seized in some townships across Myanmar

A combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force stopped and searched a motorbike driven by Htun Myat Win (aka) Joker accompanied by Kyaw Yar Zar Min on Hpa-an-Eindu road in Hpa-an township at 3 pm on 14 November and seized 3,970 stimulant tablets.

At mid night on the same day, a combined team including the Anti-Drug Police Force examined a Hyundai passenger bus at the Padan (Pyinwa) Combined Checkpoint in Ngaphe township and found 200,000 stimulant tablets and K2.465 million.

In addition, at 11 am on the same day, the Police

Force examined a Kinglong passenger bus at the Combined Checkpoint in Kywaltatson village in Thazi township and captured 11 kilogrammes of raw opium.

At 4 pm on 13 November, a combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force searched a Toyota Supper Custom car driven by Sai Maung Htun (aka) Maung Htun at the tollgate of Nawngkhio township and captured 370,000 stimulant tablets.

Those arrested have been prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — MNA



An offender is seen along with seized drugs and a Toyota Super Custom car.

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## LOCAL BUSINESS

# Myanmar daily conveys 40 truckloads of watermelon, muskmelon to China

MYANMAR daily delivers watermelons and muskmelons with about 40 trucks, said Sai Khin Maung from Khwanyo Fruit Trading Centre.

Nonetheless, China's COVID lockdowns affected the prices of watermelon and muskmelons. The prices are lower this year than last year's prices, he continued.

"The market is not going well. China has not eased lockdowns. The price is pretty low this year due to the China COVID lockdown," Sai Khin Maung said.

The prevailing prices of watermelon move in the range between 1,400 Yuan and 2,000 Yuan, while muskmelons were priced at 2,009 Yuan-4,800 Yuan depending on the quality.

Additionally, the cost of exports is too much, he added.

"The fruit export season has started. Despite uncertainty in pricing, the cost of exporting is gradually rising. There is a direct freight transport of Myanmar trucks to China and Myanmar exporters also send them with Chinese trucks. The



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cost of exporting watermelon is K3-4 million per tuck on Myanmar's side and K2-2.5 million on China's side. The exports of muskmelon cost 500,000-800,000 more than watermelon's export costs," Sai Khin Maung elaborated.

Myanmar's watermelon and muskmelons are primarily exported to China. Yet, My-

anmar's traders are facing a series of challenges owing to China's policy changes triggered by the COVID-19 cases, traders stressed.

Last year, the COVID-19 restrictions hindered Myanmar's watermelon and muskmelon exports to China.

Chinese Customs Regulation increased delay. Long de-

lays of trucks caused harm to watermelon quality and only one in five trucks heading to China remained undamaged with quality watermelons.

On 1 April, Nantaw and Sinphyu border posts were suspended in the wake of COVID-19 impacts. China has closed down the major border crossing Mang Wein from 30 March 2021 fol-

lowing the COVID-19 cases in Myanmar.

On 8 2021, the two-remaining cross-border posts Kyinsankyawt and Panseng were suspended. As a result of this, the border trade between Myanmar and China was completely halted.

Among Sino-Myanmar border posts, the Kyinsankyawt border post resumed operations on 26 November on a trial run.

At present, Myanmar daily delivers rice, broken rice, rubber, various beans and pulses, fishery products, chilli pepper and other food commodities to China through Kyinsankyawt by 70 trucks and building materials, electrical appliances, household goods and industrial raw materials are imported into the country by 30 trucks.

Myanmar has opened five border trade zones with China: Muse, Lweje, Kampaiti, Chinswehew and Kengtung. The majority of the trade is carried out through the Muse land border, the Ministry of Commerce's data indicated.—NN/GNLM

## YGEA hikes reference price to K2.1 mln per tical following gold spot price

YANGON Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association (YGEA) raised the reference price of yellow metal to K2.1 million per tical as gold spot price climbed in international markets.

When the gold spot price was US\$1,668 per ounce on 8 November, YGEA set the pure gold price at K1,965,000 per tical (0.578 ounces or 0.016 kilogramme).

On 15 November, the gold spot price rallied to \$1,783 per ounce. Therefore, YGEA hiked up the reference price to K2.1 million per tical.

The gold spot price jumped by \$110 per ounce within one week. The pure gold price was up by K135,000 per tical.

Despite the YGEA's reference price, pure gold touched a high of K2.7 million per tical in the domestic markets.

There is a gap of about K600,000 per

tical between the YGEA's reference price and market price.

YGEA calculated the price depending on the Central Bank of Myanmar's reference exchange rate of K2,100, with some addition. The dollar was exchanged at K3,000 in the black market.

Therefore, there is a large gap between the YGEA's price and the market price based on the black market.

Meanwhile, YGEA called for the gold shops in Yangon Region to sell pure gold at K2,530,000 per tical, according to its notification released on 30 October 2022.

The soaring dollar exchanging at over K4,500 pushed up the pure gold price to a record-high of K3.7 million per tical in late August. — NN/GNLM

## Public Notice

1. The Anti-Corruption Commission has established corruption prevention units within ministries to effectively curb corruption.
2. The ACC used SMS on the mobile phone to ask the public who seek services at an office of the department of the relevant ministries via Short Code No "1111" for feedbacks, including the Public Feedback Programme-PFP.
3. According to the PFP, the right replies of the citizens via Short Code No "1111" will provide the quality of services of each department and the requirements for corruption prevention to be fixed.
4. Therefore, the public should make a reply to the questions of the ACC and corruption prevention units of the ministries via SMS at Short Code No "1111" and such doing is a supportive measure for PFP, and the people are urged to cooperate in the operations.

*Anti-Corruption Commission*

*Answer "1111" to fight against corruption*

*Answer "1111" to improve services*

*Let's work together to eliminate corruption towards prosperity*

# OPINION

## Change mindsets enshrined with tolerance

**E**XERCISING tolerance is in line with the teachings of the Lord Buddha as well as in accord with Myanmar traditions. UNESCO, one of the great agencies of the United Nations released the 1995 declaration of principles on tolerance, saying that tolerance is respect, acceptance and appreciation of the rich diversity of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human.

The UN General Assembly proclaimed 16 November as the International Day for Tolerance and invited UN Member States to observe such kind of significant day on 16 November 1996, with activities directed towards both educational establishments and the wider public. It is the day honouring the people who can keep their tolerance in their minds.

This action followed the adoption of a Declaration of Principles on Tolerance by UNESCO's Member States on 16 November 1995. Among other things, the Declaration affirms that tolerance is neither indulgence nor indifference. It is respect and appreciation of the rich variety of the world's cultures, forms of expression and ways of being human. Tolerance recognizes the universal human rights and fundamental freedoms of others. People are naturally diverse; only tolerance can ensure the survival of mixed communities in every region of the globe.

In fact, human society needs to foster tolerance in all aspects to be able to restore perpetual peace. Only when perpetual peace flourishes will society be prosperous.

As such, all citizens need to initiate activities of tolerance with compassion and empathy for each other as part of sustaining peaceful and tranquil rays.

Tolerance requires investment by States in people, and in the fulfilment of their full potential through education, inclusion and opportunities. This means building societies founded on respect for human rights, where fear, distrust and marginalization are supplanted by pluralism, participation and respect for differences.

On the International Day of Tolerance, let's recognize the mounting threat posed by those who strive to divide, and let's pledge to forge a path defined by dialogue, social cohesion and mutual understanding. Actually, exercising tolerance can ease any restrictions and can influence others. It is beneficial for society. Such great efforts can easily overcome challenges in doing everything.

As such, everybody needs to uphold tolerance to shape society pleasantly. It can create an environment filled with peaceful and stable activities in addition to satisfaction with own efforts and creation, which are grateful to society and the Universe. Let's change the mindsets of all with tolerance.

## For The Seniors Born Before 1956

By Yin Nwe Ko

**A** few months ago, there was an interesting article that aims at the aged in the National Review-Journal. It was a new device that is going to help them effectively and instantly when they encounter the difficult situations associated with their health. That healthcare device was the advantage of modern and advanced technology of the world. In other words, it can be also named as the advantage of the people who are eager to decorate the world better and better day after day. My esteemed readers are going to have a chance to read it in a short while.

Most people including me do not always do what their doctor says, but when a seasoned veteran emergency room physician, Dr Philip B. Howren, says every senior should have a medical alert device, you had better listen up.

"Seniors are just one fall away from being put in a nursing home," Dr Howren said. "With a medical alert device, seniors are never alone. So, it keeps them living independently in their own home. That's why seniors and their family members are snapping up a sleek new medical alert device that comes with no monthly bills ever," he said.

Many seniors refuse to wear old-style help buttons because they make them look old. But even worse, those medical alert systems come with monthly bills.

To solve these problems Universal Physicians, a US

company went to work to develop a new, modern, state-of-the-art medical alert device. It's called "FastHelp™" and it instantly connects you to free unlimited nationwide help every where cell service is available, with no contracts, no deposits, and no monthly bills ever.

"This slick new little device is designed to look like the pagers doctors wear every day. Seniors love them because it actually makes them look important, not old," Dr Howren said.

FastHelp is expected to hit store shelves later this year. But special newspaper promotional giveaways are slated for seniors in select areas.

Around these days, the phone lines are ringing off the hook.

That's because, for seniors born before 1956, it's a deal too good to pass up.

Starting at precisely 8:30 am this morning the Pre-Store Release begins for the sleek new medical alert device that comes with the exclusive FastHelp One-Touch E 911 Button that instantly connects you to unlimited nationwide help everywhere cell service is available with no contracts, no deposits, and no monthly bills ever.

"It's not like old-style monitored help buttons that make you talk to a call centre and only work when you're at home and come with hefty bills every month. FastHelp comes with state-of-the-art cellular embedded technology. That means it works at home or any where,

anytime cell service is available whether you're out watering the garden, driving in a car, at church, or even hundreds of miles away on a tour or at a casino. You are never alone. With just a single push of the One-Touch E Button you instantly get connected to free unlimited help nationwide with no monthly bills ever," said Jack Lawrence, Executive Director of Product Development for US-based Universal Physicians.

"We've never seen anything like it. Consumers absolutely love the sleek new modern design and most of all, the instant rebate that practically pays for it and no monthly bills ever," Lawrence said.

FastHelp is the sleek new medical alert device with the best of combinations: a quality, high-tech engineered device that's also an extremely great value because there are no monthly bills ever.

Better still, it comes with no contracts, no deposits, and no monthly bills ever - which makes FastHelp a great choice for seniors, students, and professionals because it connects to one of the largest nationwide networks everywhere cell service is available for free.

And here's the best part. All those who already have an old-style monitored medical alert button can immediately eliminate those monthly bills, which is why Universal Physicians is widely advertising this announcement nationwide.

The medical alert device slugfest was dominated by two

main combatants who both offer old-style monitored help buttons that come with a hefty bill every month. But now Universal Physicians, the US-based heavyweight, just delivered a knockout blow sending the top-rated contenders to the mat with the unveiling FastHelp. It's the sleek new cellular embedded medical alert device that cuts out the middleman by instantly connecting you directly to highly trained 911 operators all across the US. There's absolutely nothing to hook-up or install. You do not need a landline and you do not need a cell phone. Everything is done for you.

"FastHelp is a state-of-the-art medical alert device designed to make you look important, not old. Old style monitored help buttons you wear around your neck, or require expensive base station equipment or a landline are the equivalent of a horse and buggy," Lawrence says. "It's just outdated."

Millions of seniors fall every year and spend hours lying on the floor helpless and all alone with no help.

But seniors who fall and get immediate help are much more likely to avoid getting sent to a nursing home and get to STAY living in their own home independently.

Yet millions of seniors are still risking their safety by not having a medical alert device.

That's because seniors just cannot afford to pay the monthly bills that come with old-style medical alert devices.

That is why seniors born before 1956 are rushing to cash in the whopping \$150 instant rebate before the 30-day deadline ends.

Moreover, FastHelp is a simple two-button device that calls 911 whenever you need it. Just press the large red help button and speak to an emergency dispatcher directly through the device. Although it's marketed as a low-budget medical alert device, FastHelp can be used in other scenarios too. Keep it in the car, wear it on walks, or place it on your bedside table for quick 911 access at any time. When it comes to pricing for FastHelp, we're happy to report that there is not much to report. To get your hands on a FastHelp emergency button, you will only have to buy the device for \$299.00. This makes it a good option for newcomers to medical alerts. You won't have to commit to a contract or steep monthly costs.

FastHelp swaps professional monitoring for direct-to-911 calling. But without professional monitoring professionals standing by to help, your family might not get word of your emergency. The 911 dispatchers also won't know your home address, lockbox code, or any personal health information, all of which makes it easier for



Seniors get new medical alert device that instantly connects to free unlimited nationwide help with just the push of a button. **PHOTO CREDIT: NATIONAL REVIEW**

emergency responders to act quickly when the time comes. The FastHelp medical alert device comes with a one-year warranty and a 30-day money-back guarantee. If the device is damaged or something goes wrong within the first year, you can return it for a replacement. But if you want a refund, you'll need to return it within the first 30 days.

FastHelp has just two buttons. The large red button calls 911, while the other tests the battery. The device itself is about the size of a pager and comes with a lanyard and belt clip you can use to carry it with you.

It's waterproof, so you can wear it while showering, swimming, or playing with the grand-

kids (especially while holding the teething baby). There's no need to stay within range of a base station like at-home medical alert systems that keep you on a digital tether. And while the device is small, it houses a two-way speaker that lets you talk to 911 dispatchers directly through the device. Inside the device, there's a GPS triangulation unit designed to share your approximate location with emergency responders. But it doesn't share your location with your family as other GPS medical alerts can. That is good news for privacy but bad if you are looking for a device that keeps track of your loved one.

All in all, FastHelp Medical Alert is simple and straightforward. If you aren't ready to

make the jump to a full-blown medical alert system, it's a good alternative. You'll miss out on features like professional monitoring, an app for your family, and fall detection. But if you just want a simple way to call for help in an emergency, FastHelp is a great place to start. So, there's no need to wait for FastHelp to hit store shelves later this year because seniors born before 1956 can get it now just by using the \$150 instant rebate coupon printed in today's newspaper before the 30-day dead line ends. If lines are busy, keep trying, all calls will be answered.

*Reference: National Review (July 2022)*

## Japan to accept int'l cruises after 2-yr ban due to pandemic

**J**APAN will allow international cruise ships to dock at its ports, transport minister Tetsuo Saito said Tuesday, lifting a more than two-year ban imposed at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic to stem the virus' spread in the country.

The ministry has determined enough preparation have been made to accept ships carrying large groups of people, with guidelines crafted by industry associations to prevent the spread of infections among passengers.

According to the Japan In-

ternational Cruise Committee, 166 visits by foreign cruise ships are already planned from next March.

The halt on international cruise ships had been in place since March 2020, after a coronavirus cluster infection on the Diamond Princess caused thou-

sands to be quarantined in Yokohama near Tokyo the month before and left 13 of over 700 infected passengers and crew dead.

Cruise companies will hold discussions with the local authorities of the port of call and seek agreements on docking.

All crew members of a ship must be vaccinated three times against the virus, and more than 95 percent of passengers must be vaccinated at least twice under the guidelines.

Passengers who are suspected to be infected need to be tested, and those with positive

results and their close contacts quarantined.

The guidelines were vetted by infectious disease and crisis management specialists and reviewed by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism and related government agencies.

The government hopes that opening the border to international cruise lines will help revive tourism.

In 2019, prior to the pandemic, around 2.15 million cruise passengers visited Japan, according to the ministry, with 1,932 stops made by ships

of foreign cruise companies, and 934 by those belonging to domestic companies.

International cruise ship operations resumed in the United States and Europe from around June 2021.

*SOURCE: Kyodo*



## SCI/ENVIRON WORLD

# NASA returning to Moon with mega rocket launch



The Artemis 1 mission, a test flight without astronauts on board, represents the first step in the agency's plan to build a lasting presence on the Moon, taking lessons from there to prepare for a future voyage to Mars. **PHOTO: NASA**

AFTER two failed attempts, NASA plans to launch its new mega Moon rocket early Wednesday from Florida, less than a week after the massive machine withstood a hurricane.

"Our time is coming. And

we hope that that is on Wednesday," said Mike Sarafin, the manager of the much-delayed Artemis 1 mission, at NASA headquarters.

The Artemis 1 mission, a test flight without astronauts, represents the first step in the

US space agency's plan to build a lasting presence on the Moon, and taking lessons from there to prepare for a future voyage to Mars.

Named after the sister of Apollo in Greek mythology, the new space program comes 50 years after humans last set foot on lunar soil.

The first launch of the Space Launch System rocket, the most powerful ever designed by NASA, is set for Wednesday at 1:04 am local time (0604 GMT), with a possible launch window of two hours. Countdown has already begun at the storied Kennedy Space Centre, where the orange and white behemoth awaits its maiden flight.

The takeoff is scheduled less than a week after the passage of Hurricane Nicole, which the rocket endured outside on its launch pad.—AFP

# Born this way: rats move to beat of Lady Gaga, study says

NODDING along to catchy music is not just a human habit, according to Japanese scientists who have discovered that rats also move to the beat of songs by stars like Lady Gaga.

Researchers at the University of Tokyo played Mozart, Queen and Lady Gaga's "Born This Way" to rats wearing miniature sensors to detect even the tiniest movements.

They found the rodents had an innate ability to synchronize their moves to the beat, previously believed to be a skill unique to people.

"Rats' brains are designed to respond well to music," even though their bodies move only a little, said associate professor Hirokazu Takahashi, part of the team who conducted the study.

"We all believe that music has magical powers, but we don't know anything about its mechanisms," he told AFP on Tuesday.

So "we wanted to find out what kind of sound connections

appeal to the brain, without the influence of emotion or memory."

For rats, the "bopping" effect was most pronounced for music in the range of 120-140 beats per minute — the same as humans.

This led the scientists to

hypothesise that it could be a reaction that is consistent across different species.

"Music moves the body. It goes beyond the auditory system and affects the motor system... the power of sound is that great," Takahashi said.—AFP



Researchers at the University of Tokyo played Mozart, Queen and Lady Gaga's hit 'Born This Way' to rats. For Lady Gaga—one of popular culture's greatest, most extravagant creations—the inauthenticity is the point. **PHOTO: AFP**

# Climate disaster aid scheme 'Global Shield' launched at COP27

A scheme to give speedy financial support to communities battered by climate disasters was launched Monday by a group of rich and developing nations at the UN COP27 summit in Egypt.

The "Global Shield against Climate Risks" comes as many of the most vulnerable nations are also demanding wider compensation for the "loss and damage" they have already suffered from a heating planet.

The initiative, backed by the G7 and launched with initial funding of more than \$200 million, aims to provide "pre-arranged financial support designed to be quickly deployed

in times of climate disasters".

The Global Shield project "is long overdue", said Ken Ofori-Atta, Ghana's finance minister and chair of the V20 group of nations most vulnerable to the effects of climate change.

"It has never been a question of who pays for loss and damage, because we are paying for it," he said in recorded remarks at the summit in the Egyptian resort of Sharm El-Sheikh.

"Our economies pay for it in lost growth prospects, our enterprises pay for it in business disruption, and our communities pay for it in lives and livelihoods lost."—AFP



A first tranche of nations to take part include Bangladesh, Costa Rica, Fiji, Ghana, Pakistan, the Philippines and Senegal. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

# Rich nations target \$20 bln to wean Indonesia off coal

RICH nations pledged Tuesday to raise at least \$20 billion to help wean Indonesia off coal and reach carbon neutrality by 2050, a decade earlier than planned, the White House said.

The United States, Japan, Canada and six European countries signed the accord with Jakarta on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Bali to ensure a "just power sector transition" away from Indonesia's coal-dependent economy, they said in a statement released by the White House.

Under the deal, Indonesia, home to the world's third-largest rainforest, pledges to be carbon-neutral by 2050, 10 years earlier than previously planned, and to almost double its renewable energy generation by 2030.

Indonesian President Joko Widodo hailed the deal as a model that could be replicated in other countries to meet the world's climate goals.

"Indonesia is committed to using our energy transition to achieve a green economy and drive sustainable development," he said in a statement.

"We are grateful for the cooperation and the support from our international partners to realise its full implementation that will accelerate this transition."

Sponsors of the deal said Jakarta had committed to an ambitious shift to clean energy in return for \$10 billion in public sector finance and \$10 billion in private funding over three to five years.—AFP

# HEALTH/PANDEMIC WORLD

## Humanity hits eight billion mark

A baby born somewhere on Tuesday will be the world's eight billionth person, according to a projection by the United Nations.

"The milestone is an occasion to celebrate diversity and advancements while considering humanity's shared responsibility for the planet," UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said in a statement. The UN attributes the growth to human development, with people living longer thanks to improvements in public health, nutrition, personal

hygiene and medicine.

It is also the result of higher fertility rates, particularly in the world's poorest countries — most of which are in sub-Saharan Africa — putting their development goals at risk.

### How many is too many?

Population growth has also magnified the environmental impacts of economic development.

But while some worry that eight billion humans is too many for planet Earth, most experts say the bigger problem is the

overconsumption of resources by the wealthiest people.

"Some express concerns that our world is overpopulated," said United Nations Population Fund chief Natalia Kanem. "I am here to say clearly that the sheer number of human lives is not a cause for fear." Joel Cohen of Rockefeller University's Laboratory of Populations told AFP the question of how many people Earth can support has two sides: natural limits and human choices.—AFP



This photo taken on 19 September 2022 shows newborn babies inside a ward at the Tambak Maternity hospital in Jakarta. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Psychological First Aid training could help improve care workers' well-being



As part of the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic, in June 2020 the UK government introduced free online PFA training to support frontline staff, such as the 1.8 million people working in care homes across the country. **PHOTO: FOR ILLUSTRATION PURPOSES ONLY/AFP**

A new study has shown that Psychological First Aid, training originally created for people to support others, can help healthcare workers in care homes improve their own mental well-being.

First developed by the World Health Organization, Psychological First Aid (PFA)

is the globally recommended training for people, such as healthcare workers, who support others during emergencies.

It offers guidance on delivering psychosocial care in the immediate aftermath of an emergency event.

Although PFA training was

originally created for people to support others, scientists from Northumbria University and the University of Highlands and Islands (UHI) have now also identified it as a suitable way of helping care workers look after their own mental health and well-being.

### The national response to the COVID-19 pandemic

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Evaluating the effectiveness of this initiative, academics at Northumbria and UHI investigated the uptake of PFA training among healthcare workers in UK care homes and assessed its effects on their wellbeing.—ANI

## Twitter prank spurs unexpected scrutiny of insulin prices

A Twitter imposter cost a US pharmaceutical giant billions of dollars, but the viral prank triggered another unexpected crisis — a new wave of scrutiny of the high cost of its insulin.

Authentic-looking fake accounts proliferated last week after Twitter rolled out a paid verification service, the latest in a string of chaotic developments since Elon Musk's block-

buster \$44 billion buyout of the influential platform.

Among the victims was drugmaker Eli Lilly, whose stock price nosedived — erasing billions in market capitalization — after a parody account stamped with a verification tag purchased for \$8 tweeted that insulin was being made available for free.

The company was forced to

issue an apology for the "misleading message from a fake Lilly account," but the disinformation stirred fresh attention to a long-festering debate about high insulin prices.

"What you should actually apologize for is price gouging life-saving insulin," tweeted Chicago-based human rights lawyer Qasim Rashid.—AFP

## COVID testing programmes have potential to increase risky behaviour: Study

FREQUENT, mandatory surveillance testing was one of the techniques used in some jurisdictions to try to control COVID-19, but new research suggests that such testing may have the unintended consequence of empowering riskier behaviour in those who participate.

Based on a false sense of security, students who participated in frequent COVID-19 testing at two universities engaged in more behaviour known to increase the risk of spreading the virus than they might have otherwise, according to results of surveys led by University of Wyoming economists.

### Behavioural responses

"Recent research provides some evidence that people increase risky behaviour in response to facemask wearing and vaccines, but this is the first study to examine the behaviour-

al responses to mandatory testing," wrote researchers Chian Jones Ritten, Linda Thunstrom and Todd Cherry, of UW, and J.D. Wulfhorst, of the University of Idaho. "Overall, (our) results suggest that students perceived that the mandatory testing policy decreased their risk of contracting COVID-19, and that this perception led to higher participation in COVID-risky events."

The research findings were published Friday in PNAS Nexus, the open access sister journal of the prestigious Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

During the fall 2020 semester, UW required all on-campus undergraduate students to be tested for COVID twice weekly, while the University of Idaho tested a small random sample of students weekly. Both universities required masks for all indoor events on campus.—ANI



Medical staff dressed in protective gear test a woman for the COVID-19 novel coronavirus at a drive-through testing centre at Vibhavadi Hospital in Bangkok on 25 March 2020. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/JACK TAYLOR/AFP**

# ECONOMY

## WORLD/AD

### Japan's economy shrinks in third quarter on import costs

JAPAN'S economy shrank in the three months to September, official data showed Tuesday, due to high import costs and weak private consumption despite the end of Covid-19 restrictions.

It follows three consecutive quarters of growth,

after an initial negative reading in the first quarter was revised upwards.

Corporate investment was up in the period but private residential investment declined, while an increase in import costs overwhelmed an increase in exports, the cabinet of-

finance said.

The world's third-largest economy contracted 0.3 per cent quarter-on-quarter, missing market expectations of 0.3 per cent growth, the data showed.

Analysts had predicted a pick-up in consumption, but acknowledged

ahead of the data release that Japan faced headwinds from its trade situation, with sky-high prices for commodities such as oil pushing up import costs.

A slower global economy, which is "is likely to be dragged down by tightening in monetary policy,

zero-Covid policy in China and geopolitical uncertainties," is also a negative factor for Japan, UBS economists Masamichi Adachi and Go Kurihara said.

"On top of these factors, the secular drag from a shrinking and aging population and low medium-to-

long-term growth expectations cannot be ignored," they added.

Last month, Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida announced a \$260 billion stimulus package to cushion the economy from the impact of inflation and the weak yen.—AFP

#### NEWS IN BRIEF

### Fed vice chair says 'appropriate soon' to slow rate hikes

IT likely will be "appropriate soon" for the US central bank to slow the pace of interest rate increases, Federal Reserve Vice-Chair Lael Brainard said Monday.

Her comments came as red-hot consumer prices, which have squeezed American households, showed signs of easing, and after the Fed delivered a fourth straight super-sized rate hike to cool the economy.

But with inflation still hovering close to the highest level in recent decades, the Fed still has "additional work to do both on raising rates" and tamping down prices, she said in an event with Bloomberg.

The closely-watched consumer price index released last week showed US inflation logged its lowest annual increase since January, fueling hopes that soaring costs will start to pull back.—AFP

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### UK budget predicted to be a nightmare before Christmas

BRITAIN will on Thursday hike taxes and slash public spending in a government budget signalling a return to austerity despite millions suffering a cost-of-living crisis in an economy facing recession.

Conservative Prime Minister Rishi Sunak, who took office just three weeks ago, has vowed to fix the economic havoc

created by his short-lived predecessor Liz Truss.

But he is mindful of sky-rocketing energy bills, decades-high inflation and rising interest rates that are squeezing households.

Finance minister Jeremy Hunt will present his crucial budget in parliament, alongside official economic and inflation forecasts — with recent

data signalling a grim outlook.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Hunt is expected to unveil fiscal consolidation totalling between £50 billion and £60 billion (between \$58.7 billion and \$70.5 billion), media reports suggest.

"We're all going to be paying a bit more tax, I'm afraid," Hunt told UK

media over the weekend, likening himself to the penny-pinching miser Ebenezer Scrooge in Charles Dickens' festive favourite "A Christmas Carol".

"We will be asking everyone for sacrifices," he said, stressing however that the pain would fall disproportionately on the better off.—AFP

#### Changing Manufacturer Name for Registered Pesticides

Manufacturer Name of following Pesticides, registered by Corteva Agriscience (Myanmar) Co., Ltd at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, is changing to respective manufacturer name as below. Any objection to this name change can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board, West Gyogone, Insein, Yangon within 14 days.

Sr.	Products	Manufacturer Name (Old)	Manufacturer Name (New)	Active Ingredient	Registration Type/Number
1	DuPont™ Almix®	DuPont Company (Singapore) Pte Ltd	Corteva Agriscience Indonesia	Chlorimuron-ethyl 100g/kg + Metsulfuron-methyl 100g/kg WP	Full F2022-3339
2	DuPont™ Curzate M® 8	DuPont Company (Singapore) Pte Ltd	Corteva Agriscience Taiwan Co., Ltd	Cymoxanil 80g/kg + Mancozeb 640g/kg WP	Full F2022-3340
3	DuPont™ Zorvec® Encantia® 330 SE	DuPont Company (Singapore) Pte Ltd	Corteva Agriscience Manufacturing Indonesia	Famoxadone 28.8% + Oxathiapiprolin 2.88% w/w SE	Provisional P2018-3337
4	Dithane NT M-45 80 WP	Dow AgroScience (India) Pvt, Ltd	Corteva Crop India Private Limited	Mancozeb 80% WP	Full FFF2022-088
5	Endure 60 SC	PT.Dow AgroSciences, Indonesia	PT.Corteva Agriscience Manufacturing Indonesia	Spinetoram 6% w/w SC	Provisional P2022-5004

Corteva Agriscience (Myanmar) Co., Ltd  
Ph: 01-9253390

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Sr.	Trade Name (Old)	Trade Name (New)	Active Ingredient	Type of Registration	Registration Number
1	DuPont™ Almix®	Almix®	Chlorimuron-ethyl 100g/kg + Metsulfuron-methyl 100g/kg WP	Full	F2022-3339
2	DuPont™ Curzate M® 8	Curzate M® 8	Cymoxanil 80g/kg + Mancozeb 640g/kg WP	Full	F2022-3340
3	DuPont™ Zorvec® Encantia® 330 SE	Zorvec® Encantia® 330 SE	Famoxadone 28.8% + Oxathiapiprolin 2.88% w/w SE	Provisional	P2018-3337
4	DuPont™ Pexalon® 10 SC	Pexalon® 10 SC	Triflumezopyrim 10%w/w SC	Provisional	P2020-3338

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## French wife of Chrysler Building billionaire owner entitled to £37 mln under prenup



LaGuardia Airport is seen in the background of the Chrysler Building from the 86th floor observatory of the Empire State Building in New York on 18 January 2022. PHOTO: TIMOTHY A. CLARY/AFP

THE estranged wife of the billionaire owner of New York's Chrysler Building is entitled to more than 37 million pounds (\$43 million) under the terms of prenuptial agreements, a judge in London said

Monday.

Michael Fuchs, 62, and Alvina Collardeau-Fuchs 47, who are in the process of divorcing, lived the "billionaire lifestyle" during their marriage with a string of

luxury properties around the world.

Money was "never a concern" and the couple enjoyed "fully staffed homes" in fashionable locations such as the Hamptons, New York City, Paris, Miami, Cap d'Antibes, Capri and London, according to rulings and evidence given to London's High Court.

Fuchs, who is originally from Germany but moved to the United States in the 1990s, and French former journalist Collardeau-Fuchs married in New York in 2012 and went on to have two children.—AFP

## Three out of four bitcoin investors have lost money: study

ROUGHLY three-quarters of people who have bought bitcoin have lost money according to a study published Monday as the cryptocurrency sector reels from the collapse of a major exchange that has sapped confidence.

Economists at the Bank of International Settlements, an institution widely considered as the central banks of central banks, analyzed data on investors in cryptocurrencies in 95 countries between 2015 and 2022.

"Overall, back of the envelope calculations suggest that around three-quarters of users have lost money on their bitcoin investments," they said in their study.

During the period studied, the price of bitcoin rose from \$250 in August 2015 to peak at nearly \$69,000 in November 2021. It is now trading at around \$16,500.—AFP

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

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Shipping Agency Department  
Myanmar Port Authority

Agent For:  
**M/S CHUN AN INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS CO LTD**

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## Xi seeks fair business environment for Chinese firms in France

CHINESE President Xi Jinping called on his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron on Tuesday to provide a "fairer, just and nondiscriminatory business environment" for Chinese companies in France, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said, amid US-led moves to bar Chinese firms on security grounds.

In a meeting held on the sidelines of the summit of the Group of 20 major economies on the Indonesian resort island of Bali, Xi said China and France should "adhere to the spirit of independence, openness and cooperation" and asked Paris to push the European Union to continue to pursue an independent policy toward China.

Xi said China and France should expand two-way trade and investment and maintain the stability and smooth functioning of global industrial and supply chains as well as tap the potential for cooperation in such areas as green energy and technological innovation, according to state-run China Central Television.—Kyodo

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# GLOBAL AFFAIRS

## RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

### G-20 summit kicks off, 1st since Russia's invasion of Ukraine



Ukrainian soldiers stand guard on the road from Mykolaiv to Kherson, on 13 November 2022, amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine. **PHOTO: AFP**

LEADERS of the Group of 20 economies kicked off their two-day summit in Indonesia on Tuesday, their first gathering since Russia invaded Ukraine in February, with a rift deepening

among member states over the war and global energy and food security.

Russian President Vladimir Putin skipped the meeting on the resort island of Bali, while the US and Chinese leaders sat down at the same face-to-face international gathering for the first time since President Joe Biden took office in January 2021.

On Monday, Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping, who secured an unprecedented third five-year term in power at the ruling Communist Party's twice-a-decade congress in October, held their first in-person summit in Bali.—Kyodo

### Russia says key village captured in eastern Ukraine

THE Russian army said Monday it had captured a strategic village in eastern Ukraine that could serve as a "springboard" for further offensive actions in the country.

Moscow's forces said they had taken control of Pavlivka, a village of around 2,000 people some 60 kilometres (40 miles) southeast of Donetsk, after days of heavy battles.

"The capture of Pavlivka opens up a springboard for the further offensive of Russian troops in the Donbas,"

the defence ministry said on messaging app Telegram.

The ministry said the capture of the village would help it take over Vugledar, a town to the north of Pavlivka.

The battle for Pavlivka has stirred some controversy.

Last week, soldiers from the Far Eastern 155th Marine Guards Brigade complained about heavy losses in an address to the governor of the Far Eastern region of Primorye, Oleg Kozhemyako.—AFP

## WORLD: TOP HEADLINES

### France, UK sign new deal on thwarting migrant Channel crossings

FRANCE and the UK on Monday signed a new agreement to work together to stop migrants crossing the Channel to England in small boats, a source of huge bilateral tension.

Under the agreement, Britain will pay France 72.2 million euros (\$74.5 million) in 2022-2023 so that Paris can increase by 40 per cent the numbers of security forces patrolling its northern beaches, the French interior ministry said.

This means some 350 additional members of the French

security forces will be patrolling following the deal, signed in Paris by French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin and British counterpart Suella Braverman.

London and Paris also pledged to use technological and human resources on the French coast to better detect, monitor and intercept boats.

They want to collect and use information, in particular from intercepted migrants, to better dismantle smuggling networks and deter crossings.—AFP



Refugees and migrants arrive in port aboard a Border Force vessel after being intercepted while crossing the English Channel from France in small boats on 11 August 2020 in Dover, England. **PHOTO: LEONNEAL/AFP**

### Swiss president warns deglobalization trend selfish and potentially dangerous

DEGLOBALIZATION is a selfish and potentially dangerous trend and the world must avoid taking the risk of pitting countries against each other, President of the Swiss Confederation Ignazio Cassis warned on Monday.

Talking to members of the Foreign Press Association in Switzerland and Liechtenstein (known by its French acronym APES) in Bern, Cassis stressed that even if interdependence might become a challenge when one of the links in the chain breaks, withdrawal should not be a solution.

"What differentiates us should not divide us. We must assume our responsibilities and act in a common and united manner to restore security and balance in



"Science diplomacy" could play a big role in invigorating multilateralism in light of the urgency and acceleration of the global challenges. Scientists naturally seek to work across geographical boundaries. **PHOTO: PHILIPPE LOPEZ/AFP**

Europe and in the world," he said.

The Swiss president told reporters that multilateral governance is essential for Switzerland and the world and "science

diplomacy" could play a big role in invigorating multilateralism in light of the urgency and acceleration of the global challenges.—Xinhua

### Trump poised to launch 2024 comeback bid

FORMER US president Donald Trump is expected to officially launch another White House bid on Tuesday, refusing calls from within his own Republican Party to fade away after his loyalists underperformed in this year's midterm elections.

The 76-year-old billion-

aire, whose 2016 win shocked America and the world, has summoned the press to his Florida mansion for a "very big announcement" at 9:00 pm Tuesday (0200 GMT Wednesday).

"President Trump is going to announce on Tuesday that

he's running for president," said one of his advisors, Jason Miller.

He said the speech would be "very professional, very buttoned up" although he expected a large group of supporters to be there, waving placards.—AFP

## Mexico president slams mass protest against electoral reform

MEXICAN President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador on Monday criticized a mass protest against his proposed electoral reforms as an attempt by his opponents to return to corrupt old ways.

“Those who demonstrated... did so in favour of corruption, racism, classism and discrimination -- that’s the bottom line,” Lopez Obrador told reporters a day after tens of thousands marched in Mexico City.

The president, who regularly accuses his predecessors of corruption, insisted that his plan

sought to “strengthen democracy.” Protesters demanded a halt to the proposed reform that they say will undermine the National Electoral Institute, the independent body which organizes the country’s elections.

Some carried banners that read, “I am not corrupt, class-conscious, racist or hypocritical,” referring to adjectives the president used earlier to describe those who planned to take part.

Lopez Obrador alleges that the INE endorsed fraud when he ran unsuccessfully for the pres-

idency in 2006 and 2012, before winning in 2018.

Under his proposal, the INE would be replaced by a new body with members chosen by voters instead of lawmakers and with a smaller budget.

Political parties would also have less money for campaigning.

The proposed reform, which involves amending the constitution, requires support from at least two-thirds of lawmakers in Congress, and Lopez Obrador’s political opponents have vowed to oppose the changes.—AFP



Tens of thousands of Mexicans protest 13 November 2022, against plans that they say will undermine the National Electoral Institute. PHOTO: AFP

## Anti-mafia reporter on trial for ‘defaming’ Italy’s far-right PM



Meloni’s far-right government has promised to crack down on migrants crossing the Mediterranean to Italy. PHOTO: AFP

A trial pitting Italy’s far-right Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni against investigative journalist Roberto Saviano opens on Tuesday, with the anti-mafia author accused of defamation for an outburst over her stance on migrants.

Meloni’s Brothers of Italy

party was in opposition at the time, but took office last month after triumphing at the polls on a nationalist campaign that promised to stop migrants crossing the Mediterranean from North Africa.

Saviano, best known for his international mafia bestseller

“Gomorrhah”, risks up to three years in prison.

The case dates back to December 2020 when he was asked on a political TV chat show for a comment on the death of a six-month-old baby from Guinea in a shipwreck. The baby, Joseph, had been one of 111 migrants rescued by the Open Arms charity ship, but he died before he could receive medical attention. In footage shot by rescuers and shown to Saviano on the chat show, the baby’s mother — who has just been pulled from the sea without Joseph — can be heard weeping “Where’s my baby? Help, I lose my baby!”

A visibly emotional Saviano blasted Meloni and Matteo Salvini, the leader of the anti-immigrant League party, which is now part of her coalition government — both of whom have long used anti-migrant rhetoric.—AFP

### WORLD: TOP HEADLINES

#### China, Australia to hold first summit in years

AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said he will hold talks with his Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping in Bali, Indonesia on Tuesday, the first leaders meeting between the two countries after years of soured relations.

“We enter this discussion with goodwill. There are no pre-conditions on this discussion. I am looking forward to having constructive dialogue,” Albanese told media as he touched down on the resort island for the G20 summit. Australian and Chinese leaders had a brief exchange at the 2019 G20 summit in Japan, but have not had a formal sitdown in five years.

China remains Australia’s largest trading partner, but relations atrophied and all but collapsed after Canberra called for an investigation into the origins of the Covid-19 pandemic.—AFP

#### Iran launches deadly missile, drone strikes on exiled Kurds in Iraq

IRAN launched cross-border missile and drone strikes Monday against Kurdish opposition groups based in northern Iraq, where local authorities reported one death and eight wounded.

An Iranian military source confirmed that “Iran has carried out attacks with drones and missiles targeting the headquarters of terrorist parties in the northern region of Iraq,” Iran’s Fars news agency reported.—AFP

## US offers \$10 mln rewards for Somalia’s Al-Shabaab

THE United States said Monday it was increasing its reward for information about key leaders of Somalia’s Al-Shabaab to \$10 million apiece, a move that follows a spate of deadly attacks by the jihadist group.

The US State Department also said it was for the first time offering a reward of up to \$10 million for information “leading to the disruption of the financial mechanisms” of the Al-Qaeda affiliate.

Al-Shabaab fighters have stepped up attacks in the Somali capital Mogadishu and other parts of the country in the face of a widescale offensive against the group by the new government of President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud.

The US said it was offering up to \$10 million each for information leading to the identification of Al-Shabaab “emir” Ahmed Diriye, second-in-command Mahad Karate and Jehad Mostafa, a US citizen who



The rewards were announced less than three weeks after a twin bomb attack in Mogadishu that killed at least 121 people and injured several hundred more. PHOTO: AFP

it said had various roles in the group. “These key leaders of Al-Shabaab are responsible for numerous terrorist attacks in Somalia, Kenya and neighbouring countries that have killed thousands of people,” said a poster issued by the US with pictures of the three men.

UN human rights chief Volker Turk said earlier Monday that more than 600 civilians had been killed this year in attacks largely attributed to the group.—AFP



## Myanmar team to compete in 14<sup>th</sup> ASIAN Dragon Boat Championship



The Myanmar rowing team is seen in a competition. PHOTO: BALA SOE

MYANMAR boat team will compete in the 14<sup>th</sup> ASIAN Dragon Boat Championship to be held from 16 November to 22 November in Pattaya, Thailand, and Traditional Boat and International Swan Boat Race 2022 to be held from 22 November to 26 November near Chao Phraya River, Bangkok.

The Myanmar rowing team will compete in the Asian drag-

on rowing competition for men and women in 200 m, 500 m, and 1,000 m, and will also compete in the traditional Thai rowing competition.

Teams from Australia, Cambodia, Chinese Taipei, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Singapore, and Thailand will participate in the Asian Dragon Boat Rowing Competition.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and Cabinet Ministers congratulated the Myanmar Rowing Team that will compete in the competition yesterday morning at the Myanmar Rowing Federation office in Inya Lake, Yangon.

At the rate of one hundred thousand kyats per athlete, K4 million in total was awarded to 40 athletes. – Bala Soe/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.

## Friendly matches to be held for preliminary player selection for AFF Cup

A friendly match will be held to select the Myanmar preliminary players to compete in the upcoming AFF Cup 2022.

The test matches will be held on 19, 21, and 23 November and four teams will compete in a round-robin format.

The Myanmar national team head coach Antoine Hey has selected 44 talented players from the MNL competition, a domestic league competition, and these players have been divided into three teams.

From the preliminary 44 players selected for the national team, 25 players who can perform well will be re-selected and will combine with those who play in foreign clubs, and will train in the camp for the next AFF Cup tournament.

The Myanmar national team will start training on 18 November and will travel to Thailand for training from 28 November to 12 December.

The Myanmar national team will play friendly matches against Thai clubs, including the Thai national team, during their



The coaches give tactics and instructions to Myanmar players ahead of the AFF Cup 2022. PHOTO: MFF

trip to Thailand.

The Preliminary squad named Yellow Team includes head coach Karmel Harlad, goalkeeper Kyaw Zin Phy (Shan United), defenders Hein Zayyar Lin (Yangon), Wai Yan Oo (Myawady), Ye Min Thu (Shan United), Kyaw Zin Lwin (Shan United), Midfielders Ye Lin Htet (Hanthawady), Aung Naing Win (Ayeyawady), Lin Htet Soe (ISPE), Yan Naing Oo (Yangon), Strikers Naing Zin

Htet (Myawady), Yar Zar Aung (Ayeyawady) and reserve players Thet Paing Ko (Myawady) Thet Naing (Yadanabon), Khin Kyaw Win (ISPE), and Nay Moe Naing (Hanthawady).

Meanwhile, the Green Myanmar team includes head coach U Kyi Lwin, Goal Keeper Tun Nanda Oo (Myawady), defenders Zaw Ye Tun (Yadanabon), Thiha Htet Aung (Yangon), Nanda Kyaw (Shan United), David Htan (Yangon), midfield-

ers Hlaing Bo Bo (Yadanabon), Kyaw Min Oo (Yangon), Ye Yint Aung-2 (Yadanabon), Myat Kaung Khant (Shan United), Strikers Win Naing Tun (Yangon), Yan Kyaw Htwe (Ayeyawady), and reserve players goalie Pyae Phy Thu (Yadanabon), Zin Phy Aung (Shan United), Zwe Khant Min (Shan United), and Aesoe.

Next, the Red Myanmar Team includes head coach U Aung Kyaw Moe, goalie

San Satt Naing (Yangon), defenders Naung Naung Soe (Yadanabon), Ye Yint Aung-1 (Hanthawady), Win Moe Kyaw (Hanthawady), Wai Lin Aung (ISPE), midfielders Lar Din Mawra (Hanthawady), Thet Wai Moe (Myawady), Khun Kyaw Zin Hein (Hanthawady), Zin Ko Htet (Ayeyawady), and strikers Kaung Myat Thu (Ayeyawady), Than Toe Aung (GFA), and reserve players Aung Wunna Soe (Yadanabon), Nyi Nyi Aung (Ayeyawady) and Zwe Htet Min (Shan United).

The green team and the red team will be played on 19 November at 8:00 am and the yellow team and the U-22 team will play at 4:00 pm on the same day. On 21 November at 8:00 am, the red team and the yellow team will play a friendly match and the U-22 team and the green team will face each other at 4:00 pm.

On 23 November, at 8:00 am, the red team and the U-22 team will play a friendly match and the yellow team will take on the green team at 4:00 pm.—Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM