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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.

Eighth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee holds second-day session of 12th plenary meeting



The second-day session of the twelfth plenary meeting of the eighth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee is in progress in the Maha Pasana Cave on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon on 17 November 2022.

THE second-day session of the 12th plenary meeting of the 8th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was organized in the Maha Pasana Cave on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon yesterday.

The meeting was attended by members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee led by Chairman Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bharmo Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa,

Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko, directors-general of the Department of Religious Affairs and Department for the Promotion and Propagation of Sasana and other officials of departments concerned.

Bharmo Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa presided over the meeting and Joint Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Panñadhaja acted as the master of ceremonies.

During the meeting, Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Visuddhacara Bhivamsa discussed the Vinicchaya matters during the term of the eighth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Group (First Subcommittee) while Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Ottara reported on religious activities and Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Candavara on the education sector.

At the second session of

the second-day session, Sasana Dhaja Dhammacariya Bhaddanta Canda presented Vinicchaya matters, Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kovida religious affairs and Sasana Takkasila Maha Dhammacariya Bhaddanta Nandapala the education sector.

Then, Joint Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Panñadhaja sought approvals for the report of the

eighth State Sangha Maha Nayaka Group (Second Subcommittee) in the fourth term and concluded the meeting.

Disciples under the auspices of Kyaikkasan Wailuwun (Shwegyin) Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Manita (Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja) offered alms for the whole day to the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee member Sayadaws who attended the ceremony yesterday. — MNA

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Pardon Order

THE State Administration Council Chairman has pardoned 5,098 male prisoners and 676 female prisoners totalling 5,774 prisoners, from their respective prisons, jails and camps under the Code of Criminal Procedure Article 401 (1) "to serve the new punishment together with the remaining punishment to which he was sentenced this time if more offence is committed" in commemoration of the National Victory Day which falls on 10th Waning of Tazaungmone 1384 ME (17 November 2022) as well as on humanitarian grounds.

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Order No 71/2022**

10th Waning of Tazaungmone 1384 ME
17 November 2022

Pardon Order

THE State Administration Council Chairman has granted pardons to the following persons who are serving prison sentences at their respective prisons, jails and camps under the Code of Criminal Procedure Article 401 (1) "to serve the new punishment together with the remaining punishment to which he was sentenced this time if more offence is committed" in commemoration of the National Victory Day which falls on 10th Waning of Tazaungmone 1384 ME (17 November 2022) and on compassionate grounds as well as on the goodwill of the government.

- (1) U Kyaw Tint Swe (son of) U Ni
- (2) U Than Htay (son of) U Ba Shin
- (3) Dr Lei Lei Maw (daughter of) U Maung Maung

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Order No 73/2022**

10th Waning of Tazaungmone 1384 ME
17 November 2022

Pardon Order

THE State Administration Council Chairman has granted pardons to the following inmates who are serving prison sentences at their respective prisons, jails and camps under the Code of Criminal Procedure Article 401 (1) "to serve the new punishment together with the remaining punishment to which he was sentenced this time if more offence is committed" in commemoration of the National Victory Day which falls on 10th Waning of Tazaungmone 1384 ME (17 November 2022) and on compassionate grounds as well as on the goodwill of the government.

- (1) Htein Lin (artist)
- (2) Sin Ma (aka) Zaw Min Htike (comedian)

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Order No 72/2022**

10th Waning of Tazaungmone 1384 ME
17 November 2022

Withdrawal of criminal cases

THE State Administration Council Chairman has permitted to withdraw the cases opened against the following 11 artistes under the Penal Code Section 505-a in commemoration of the National Victory Day which falls on 10th Waning of Tazaungmone 1384 ME (17 November 2022) and on compassionate grounds as well as on the goodwill of the government.

1. Bhone Thike (actor/ film director)
2. Phway Phway (aka) Shwe Yi Ko Oo (actress)
3. Hay Marn Thu Thu Aung (model)
4. Mei Min Bone (film director)
5. Hsu Mon (presenter)
6. Ni Ni Khin Zaw (singer)
7. Thiha Phyo (aka) Ko Bin (actor)
8. Thazin Htoo Myint (aka) Thae Thae (actress)
9. Htet Htet Htet (model)
10. Nang Khin Zeyar (actress)
11. Yun Wady Lwin Moe (actress)

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary

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Tourism revival can drive great progress in State economy

THE tourism sector that contributes to the economy of the country through various ways and means. Business activities and transport operations in a region thanks to domestic and foreign tourists can accelerate money circulation. Foreign tourist arrivals can increase foreign exchange earnings. The government is striving for more arrivals of international tourists to the nation. If inbound and outbound tourism can be enhanced, the State economy will achieve great progress.

(The excerpt from the speech made by Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting 8/2022 of the State Administration Council on 27 September 2022.)

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council

Order No 74/2022

10th Waning of Tazaungmone 1384 ME

17 November 2022

Remitting prison sentences

THE State Administration Council Chairman has remitted the punishment of four foreign prisoners from respective prisons, jails and camps upon the condition “to serve the new punishment together with the remaining punishment to which he was sentenced this time if more offence is committed” under the Code of Criminal Procedure Article 401 (1) in commemoration of the National Victory Day which falls on 10th Waning of Tazaungmone 1384 ME (17 November 2022) and on bilateral relations of the countries, on humanitarian grounds as well as on the ground of diplomatic relations between Myanmar and their respective countries. Thus, the four were expelled from Myanmar.

1. Mr Sean Turnell (Australian)
2. Mrs Vicky Bowman (British)
3. Mr Toru Kubota (Japanese)
4. Kyaw Htay Oo (American)

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary

YMBA organizes 102nd Anniversary of National Victory Day ceremony



THE ceremony to mark the 102nd Anniversary of National Victory Day, organized by the Young Men's Buddhist Association-YMBA, took place at Thiri Mingala Maha Sasana Beikman in Insein Township of Yangon Region on 17 November.

Union Minister U Ko Ko, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Nyunt Win Swe and officials attended and Vice

Chairman of YMBA (Central) Dr Aung Min Kyaw Thu opened the ceremony.

Then, YMBA (Central) Vice-Chairman Dr Aung Min Kyaw Thu read out the message sent by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

The chairman of YMBA (Central) talked about National Victory Day and presented medals. The ceremony ended with singing the 'Zartiman' song. - Ko Ko Zaw (MNA)/GNLM

The 102nd Anniversary of National Victory Day is in progress in Yangon yesterday.

102nd Anniversary of National Victory Day held in Nay Pyi Taw

A ceremony for the 102nd Anniversary of National Victory Day took place at the Thiri Mingala Hall of No. 6 Basic Education High School in Nay Pyi Taw on 17 November morning.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Education Dr Nyunt Pe, Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Tin Oo Lwin, Deputy Ministers Dr Zaw Myint and U Zaw Win and the National Victory Day Central Committee members and guests

from the Department of Basic Education. First, students from No 6 Basic Education High School sang the song “Zartiman” and Union Minister Dr Nyunt Pe read out the message sent by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to the ceremony to mark the 102nd National Victory Day. Afterwards, the ceremony ended with the singing of the song “the Myanmar School” by the students.—MNA



Nay Pyi Taw convenes the 102nd Anniversary of National Victory Day yesterday.

Union Ministers visit Renera battery production company in Moscow



MoEP Union Minister U Thaug Han and MoST Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Kyaw view round the Renera battery production company in Moscow.

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Electric Power U Thaug Han and Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw along with Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Lwin

Oo and officials visited Renera battery production (Electric Vehicles and Energy Storage Systems) company under the Rosatom, Moscow, Russia, on the morning of 16 November. The Myanmar delegation,

led by Union Ministers U Thaug Han and Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, studied the Energy Storage System (commercial power management module) produced by Renera, a company that packs batteries (Electric Vehicles and

Energy Storage Systems) under Rosatom, and asked in detail what they wanted to know.

Then, Natalia G. Leonteva, Director of Business Development, gave a brief history of the factory and explained cooperation with foreign countries, lithium-ion based battery manufacturing, planning to expand the production of electric vehicles at the factory, aiming to produce up to 4 GW by 2024, using batteries produced by factories, energy storage and safety aspects of batteries, Energy Storage System (ESS) using electricity obtained from solar energy and wind power, ability to use energy efficiently and stably in factories that use a lot of power in line with the performance of ESS, and conditions of the factory batteries which are widely used in industries, factories and electric cars among others.

Regarding the briefings, the Union Ministers said that they are very grateful to such emphatic clarifications.

They discussed in detail other issues, including the possibility

of cooperation and investment in the electrical and industrial works that are currently being carried out for the development of Myanmar.

Energy Storage Systems (ESS) based on lithium-ion are a particularly necessary system for the stable distribution of power in connection with the national power grid system for the solar and wind power plants that are being further expanded as renewable energy in the electricity production sector in Myanmar.

In addition, the country's goal of being able to use electric vehicles (EVs) is that the battery, which is the main part of the vehicle, is made of lithium-ion so the lifespan and performance of the battery are very high.

It is reported that Russia-Myanmar bilateral cooperation in the electricity sector will greatly contribute to friendly cooperation.

The Myanmar delegation left for Saint Petersburg by speed train 772 A through Leningradskiy railway station in the afternoon local time. — MNA

102nd anniversary of National Victory Day held in Bahan Township

A ceremony for the 102nd Anniversary of National Victory Day took place at the Moe Oo Pann Hall of No 1 Basic Education High School in Bahan Township of Yangon at 9 am on 17 November.

First, Bahan Township Administration Body Chairman U Aung Ko Latt read out the message sent by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to the ceremony to

mark the 102nd National Victory Day. Afterwards, officials presented prizes to the students who were winners in essay, poem and painting completions.

About 70 people, including Bahan Township Administration Body Chairman U Aung Ko Latt and members, departmental officials, teachers, students, social organizations and officials from ward administration offices attended the National Victory Day ceremony.— Sanda Htay (IPRD)/GNLM



MoHT Union Minister attends Asia-Pacific regional meeting online



MoHT Union Minister Dr Htay Aung virtually participates in the Asia-Pacific regional meeting.

UNION Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Htay Aung joined the Asia-Pacific regional meeting relating to the International Code for the Protection of Tourists organized by the World Tourism Organization in Spain online yesterday.

During the meeting, the Union Minister said the country sets the policies, laws and frameworks to offer the

best services to local and foreign visitors. The tours are being conducted as per the COVID-19 health rules of the Ministry of Health. The government also makes efforts to gain back the trust of travellers and develop the tourism industry in the post-COVID-19 period.

As the International Code for the Protection of Tourists of World Tourism Organiza-

tion can protect the travellers more, it can achieve the trust of tourists, and the member countries also adopt these codes in a widespread manner.

The meeting by the World Tourism Organization aims to provide assistance to the member countries in resuming the tourism industry and revive the international code and legal framework for the protection of tourists. — MNA

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985 prisoners including 4 foreigners released from Insein prison



Freed prisoners are pictured outside the Insein Jail yesterday. PHOTO: KANU

THE Government has granted amnesty for 5,774 prisoners from prisons across the country in honour of the National Victory Day and on humanitarian grounds. It is learnt that 985 prisoners, including four foreigners, were released from the Insein prison under amnesty at 2:30 pm yesterday.

Minister for Security and Border Affairs Colonel Win Tint and Minister for Transport Commander of Yangon Region Police Force Police Brig-Gen Myo Min Htike of Yangon Region Government delivered speeches to 985 inmates from

Insein prison at the Stadium Hall at 2 pm.

Included in all the released prisoners were 676 women. Four foreigners — Mr Sean Turnell, Mr Toru Kubota, Mrs Vicky Bowman and U Kyaw Htay Oo who holds American citizenship — were also released with the aim of maintaining friendly relationships with their respective countries.

Prisoners released on parole from Insein prison were sent to four districts in Yangon Region by YBS bus at 2:30 pm. — MNA

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, production materials, raw industrial materials, vehicles and motor schooners confiscated

SUPERVISED by the Customs Department, an on-duty team conducted inspections on 15 November.

Officials captured K3,694,194 worth of silicon dioxide that took over 60 days from a container at the warehouse of Yangon International Airport, K3.9 million worth of laminated safety glass that was reported by the owner to abandon from a container at the Asia World Port Terminal Container Checkpoint, K5,880,000 worth of four goods including iron rollers that were not declared in the Import Declaration (ID) and K20 million worth of four goods including Paint Brushes that exceeded the Import Declaration (ID) from two containers at the Myanmar Industrial Port Container Checkpoint, K7,341,600 worth of three goods including easy chairs that exceeded the Import Declaration (ID) from a Cheng Long car with a trailer (estimated value of K50 million) on Myawady-Hpa-an-Yangon road. The action was taken under Customs Procedures.

Similarly, a combined team made inspections under the supervision of the Kachin State Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force.

Officials nabbed 10 motor schooners worth K68 million that were used in illegal gold mining in the Ayeyawady River in Bhamo township, according to information and the action was taken under the Myanmar Mines Law.

In addition, a total of 3.4658 tonnes of illegal sawn teak, teak doors, and teak door parts worth K2,288,428 was captured from a vehicle (estimated value of K11 million) on Shwebo-Myitkyina Union Highway road in Mohnyin township. The action was taken under the Forest Law. Official seized K1,289,560 worth of illegal timbers from three vehicles (approximately K45 million) in Myitkyina township and the action was taken under the Forest Law.

On 17 November, a combined inspection team led by the Myanmar Police Force under the management of the Sagaing Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force seized two unregistered motorbikes worth K300,000 on the Shwebo-Myitkyina road in Indaw township. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

A total of 8.1600 tonnes of illegal teak and hardwood was captured in Toungoo, Nyaunglepin and Pyay districts and the action was taken under the Forest Law.

Therefore, 30 arrests (at an estimated value of 222,028,270) were made on 15 and 17 November, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA

455 inmates from Mandalay Central Prison freed from sentences

A total of 5,774 prisoners from prisons across the country were given an amnesty from their sentences in honour of the National Victory Day and on humanitarian grounds. Four hundred and fifty-five inmates from the Mandalay Central Prison were given an exemption from their punishment yesterday, it is learnt.

Minister for Security and Border Affairs Colonel Kyaw Kyaw Min of Mandalay Region Government, in his speech on the occasion, urged the inmates to help develop the country, improve the peace and harmony of family life and not commit crimes again in the future.

Then, prison officials con-



The photo shows inmates released from the Mandalay Central Prison.

ducted COVID-19 inspections for exempted inmates and released them from prison after giving them travel expenses.

There are five prisons in

Mandalay Region and Nay Pyi Taw and a total of 988 prisoners from those prisons were released under the amnesty order. — Maung Aye Chan/GNLM

45 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 17 November, total figure rises to 632,910

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **632,910** after **45** new cases were reported on 17 November 2022 according to the Ministry of Health.

The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **607,241** including **35** 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

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Sugar price in bull market one month before sugar mills run



Above: Sugar bags are piled up in a warehouse.
Left: Pieces of jaggery to be sold are displayed at a shop.



SUGAR mills are going to run the operations in December. The prices of sugar are still on the upward trend one month before new sugar enters the market. However, jaggery price is declining, Ko Zaw Ko, a trader who sends the goods to regions outside Yangon, told the Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

The famous brand sugar is priced at K2,540 per viss on 16 November. The jaggery price stood over K3,500 per viss in the wholesale markets and dipped to K3,075-3,300 respectively depending on the producing areas (NyaungU, Mahlaing and Pakokku areas). The jaggery from the Yesagy area was valued at K3,600-3,750 per viss. New

molasses sticks entered the Yangon market at K2,900 per viss, while peanut molasses sticks fetched K2,750 per viss.

On 21 October, jaggery prices ranged between K3,100 and 3,850 per viss. There are 440,000 acres of sugarcane in Myanmar. The sugarcane plantations are commonly found in the upper Sagaing Region and southern and northern Shan State, followed by Bago Region, Yangon and Mandalay Region.

There are around 20 sugar mills in Myanmar, with an annual production capacity of 500,000 tonnes of sugar. The local consumption is estimated at 450,000 tonnes. Myanmar shipped 40,000 tonnes of sugar to external markets in 2020.

In 2015, the sugarcane fetched only K40,000 per tonne. Some local companies offered

the sugarcane price at K90,000 per tonne for the upcoming 2022-2023 sugarcane season. Sugar produced by Bago Region was the highest in the market by 2010.

Sugar imported by foreign countries is allowed for re-export to China through cross-border posts in 2016. The price of sugar climbed then. The permit was suspended in 2017 and resumed for three months before mid-2018. The re-export of sugar has come to a halt so far. The sugar bags were stockpiled and stuck in the Muse border in 2019 and the sugar price plunged to K1,000 per viss that time.

From 2020, sugar produced by the sugar mill in northern Shan State fetched the highest price in Yangon's sugar market.

There is a plan to con-

struct new sugar mills with a production capacity of 12,000 tonnes and 5,000 tonnes this year. The sugar output will increase for sure and sugar export is likely to increase.

The top wheat and sugar-producing country India suspended exports and the news of 5 million tonnes of sugar exported this month for the first time after the suspension is circulating in the market. The most populous India with over 1 billion population will produce 36 million tonnes of sugar annually, while local consumption needs 27 million.

The sugar price increased to K1,750 in Yangon's wholesale market in October 2010. Thereafter, the price fluctuated around K1,000 per viss as of 2020. The price started to rise in mid-2021 at K1,500 per viss and reached K2,000 per viss at the end of the year. The price continued to go up to K2,200 in mid-2022 and edged up to K2,580 per viss in early November. The sugar produced by Bago's factories was priced at K2,450 per viss.

Old sugar stocks flooded the market before the entry of new sugar. Normally, the sugar price decreased at that time. Nonetheless, sugar prices were still strong at the end of 2021 and 2022, said Ko Tun, a buyer.

When the sugar price is rocketing, the price of jaggery from the NyaungU area is down by K400 per viss these days. — TWA/GNLM



Workers are seen at the workplace of a garment factory in Myanmar.

17 labour exchange offices opened in Yangon Region for employment access

UNION Minister Dr Pwint San of the Ministry of Labour said, at a job fair, that access to employment will be provided through the opening of 17 labour exchange offices in Yangon Region.

To ensure accessibility to employment for those of working age, conduct skill training and for workers to enjoy their rights according to the Labour Law, district and township labour exchange offices are opened in 15 regions and states including the Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory. The offices will select the workers with suitable qualifications and skills to meet the needs of employers, the Union minister added.

A total of 5,658 factories were shut down due to COVID-19 infections in Myanmar, making more than 140,000 people jobless. The government is taking necessary measures to create job opportunities for the unemployed.

For that matter, investments from both domestic and foreign countries are being invited. More than US\$1,241 million of foreign investment entered Myanmar during the six months duration from April to the end of September (FY2022-2023), creating job opportunities for local workers. — TWA/GNLM

MoC declares import rules for BEVs in pilot project

THE Ministry of Commerce released a directive (62/2022) dated 11 November 2022 regarding the import rules for electric vehicles (EV) in the pilot project.

The importers must abide by the standards and import quota set by the national-level leading committee on development of electric vehicles and related business.

The ministry stated that the

importing companies must comply with the following facts if they do not hold business licences for showrooms in the pilot project to help support the electric vehicle and related businesses. The companies must register with the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration whether it is a joint venture or wholly citizen-owned business. They must show the sales con-

tracts with exporting companies.

They have to be sought approval from a national-level leading committee on the development of electric vehicles and related business. There must be an EV warranty, spare parts availability, and service and maintenance of those vehicles.

The companies must seek permission from the MoC to register with the Road Transport Ad-



The picture shows charging Volkswagen electric vehicles.

ministration Department.

The directive takes effect on the bus or motor van for the transport of ten or more persons including the driver and motor vehicle for personal use. They

must be Battery Electric Vehicles (BEVs). The rules in the directive are effective between 1 January 2023 and 31 December 2023. Further amendments are to be made if necessary. — TWA/GNLM

LOCAL BUSINESS

Motorcycle showrooms required to present K50 mln bank guarantee

PRIVATE entities have to provide a bank guarantee (K50 million) to open a motorcycle showroom, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

In the exercise of the power conferred by Section 13 (b) of the Export and Import Law of the Ministry of Commerce, 18 rules for motorcycle showrooms were notified on 11 November 2022.

The bank guarantee stating that the company can deposit K50 million to the banks au-

thorized by the Central Bank of Myanmar is required to be presented for the opening of the motorcycle showrooms.

Those companies whether it is wholly owned by Myanmar citizens or it is joint ventures between Myanmar citizens and foreigners must be registered with the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration. They have to be authorized sales agents or distribution sales representatives appointed by the head of-

office or regional office in foreign countries.

Afterwards, the companies need to provide spare parts including batteries for e-bikes by opening a maintenance and service centre later after they sell them with a warranty.

The showroom is required to be at least 5,000 square feet area. The motorcycles imported must be brand-new products.

They must follow the rules of the Ministry of Commerce on the specification and import



The picture shows a motorbike showroom.

quota of motorcycles.

Furthermore, the owners must be aware of a surprise check assigned by the minis-

tries concerned. Those who are found to breach the rules will face legal action under the existing laws.—NN/GNLM

Myanmar conveys 300 tonnes of maize silage to China through Muse border on 15 Nov



The photo shows a thriving maize plantation.

MYANMAR has delivered 300 tonnes of maize silage to China through the Muse border and further exports will be undertaken, stated the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar sent 300 tonnes of maize silage aboard 10 trucks to China via the Muse border on 15 November 2022. The maize silage fetched 954 Yuan per tonne.

China grants Form E tax relief for Myanmar's maize silage import.

Last August, Kangrui (Myanmar) Agriculture & Livestock Development Co Ltd exported 30 tonnes of maize silage to China, with an estimated income of 72,900 Yuan. The company established a factory in Lashio city. It has been planning to make further exports to China.

From 18 February this year, Myanmar commenced legitimate export of 51 tonnes of maize silage to China through the Chinshwehaw border.

The maize silage is maize crop cut ensiled in a stack or bunker and it is used as feedstuffs.

On 15 November 2021, six Myanmar entrepreneurs registered with the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China to export Myanmar's maize silage.

Additionally, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ) signed an agreement on 31 January 2022 regarding SPS Pro-

ocol (Sanitary and Phytosanitary Protocol) biosecurity for Myanmar to legally ship maize to China. The SPS protocol is a must for legitimate export to China, the main trade partner of agricultural products with Myanmar.

According to the agreement, Myanmar can export maize grains to China through maritime routes and border channels. This agreement will boost the legitimate Agri trading between Myanmar and China and bring about the interest of the growers.

At present, maize is cultivated in Shan, Kachin, Kayah and Kayin states and Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway regions. Myanmar has three maize seasons – winter, summer and monsoon. – 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
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Let's work together to eliminate corruption towards prosperity*

The people are urged to receive vaccination of Covid-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of Covid-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increasing of death rate based on the disease.

OPINION

Improve own skills and talents to secure the victory

THE sport is a national duty to uplift the prestige of the State and the nationality with the concept to polish the image of the nation as part of competing with the opponents without giving up till the last second. The victory and fame of an athlete automatically uplift the prestige of the country and themselves.

As uplifting the sports sector means protecting the State, all athletes try hard to secure success in their respective sports events so as to bring honour to the State. They can get the benefits from sports as personal good health. Then, they will have

to enjoy unity in the teamwise competitions to secure the spirit of unity. They have to constantly strive for taking correct techniques of sports training to be healthy and fit with full stamina.

The sport is based on strength, power, speed, skill, endurance and cooperation. So, athletes should try hard to have these skills. Only when they compete in the events with skills, experiences, training, rationality, ready wit, correct ideas and correct decisions will they secure victory.

In modern sports competitions, athletes regardless of representing any nation or region must try their best with a fighting spirit and sporting spirit in competing with the opponents. At the same time, participants of the sports team must culture the esprit de corps among them in the relations of brotherly spirit. They should not have selfishness but rely on each other in fighting against their rivals.

The good athlete never gives up on the opponent but makes vigorous efforts for securing the wins. They have to uphold a concept that the

victory is not only for themselves but for the State and the nationality to be able to set records in the milestones of the sports arena. On a battlefield, both male and female athletes need to believe in their own strength and unity. If so, they are sure to win the victory.

If an athlete unintentionally or intentionally gives up without a fight with the utmost effort, it will be an erasable mistake in life. So also, the wrongdoing of the sports team representing a country will not be removed from the history of the relevant country. As such, every athlete should make a firm decision about whether to win or lose before the competition.

It is noticeable that all the people and fans can forgive all-out efforts in competition without giving up without a fight. But, nobody can forgive the malpractice in the sports competition to secure victory.

Why should we know something about the Internet?

What is the Internet?

By U Khin Maung (A retired diplomat)

1. The Internet is the world's largest computer network. It is not a piece of software or hardware. It is a huge collection of computers, cables and peoples. When people talk about the Internet, they generally are not thinking of the physical computers, wires, routers, and other gadgets that compose the network, but of the collection of people, software, and tools that they see online.

Owing to the global coronavirus pandemic on Covid-19 crisis, there are social distancing or restrictions on social contacts we have such phrases as social distancing, and videoconference.

2. In tackling this question, I think, we should first define some phrases which are directly or indirectly connected with the Internet. These phrases and their definitions are as follows: -

(A) Internet shopping/online shopping/cyberstore/e-commerce

All these phrases are used to mention shopping and commercial businesses done through the Internet.

(B) Global literacy

Global literacy is the ability of the people (of a nation, or employees of a company) to access and converse with the rest of the world with Information Technology tools such as computers, the Internet and the mastery of English as the international lingua franca.

(C) Global economy

With the progress and advance in science and technology, particularly Information Technology or IT, the world seems to become smaller so much so that we are calling it a "global village". Accordingly, the economies of all nations also become interactive and interdependent. Hence, the global economy or globalization of the economy.

(D) Digital divide

"Digital divide" simply means the divide between those who have the access to Internet resources and those who don't. In other words, it is the divide between "information rich" and "information poor".

(E) Cryptocurrency = crypto-to = secret, crypto communist

(F) Digital currency is electronic money that can be passed between individuals without the use of traditional money or banking transfer. Digital currency is also known as bitcoins.

3. Now, let's deal with the question, "why should we know something about the Internet? The obvious reasons, though not exhaustive, are mentioned below: -

(1) "Today, the Internet is being used by all sorts of organizations, newspapers, publishers, TV stations, people and organizations, newspapers, publishers, TV stations, celebrities, teachers, librarians, and business people for a variety of purposes, from communicating with one another to accessing valuable services and resources.

(2) The significance of the Internet's growth and popularity may be compared to the proliferation of fax machines in the late 1980s. Then gradually we come to have a worldwide

fax system. So also, the significance of the Internet's growth and popularity is gaining momentum with each passing day, every single day.

(3) Stand-alone computers are useful, but their potential is limited by isolated applications — word processors and spreadsheets, for example. But a direct (full-time) or dial-up connection to the worldwide Internet gives you access to more info-goods, services and, people than you will ever find on your own isolated computer or local-area network.

(4) The Internet is already the largest computer network in the world, and in terms of connected networks, people and resources, it is getting larger; and therefore more "valuable" literally by the minute.

we shall really be side-lined and become irrelevant in this knowledge-explosion age. And of all the possible developments in science and technology in the 21st century, the one with the potential to make the biggest impact on our lives is the Internet.

Explanation

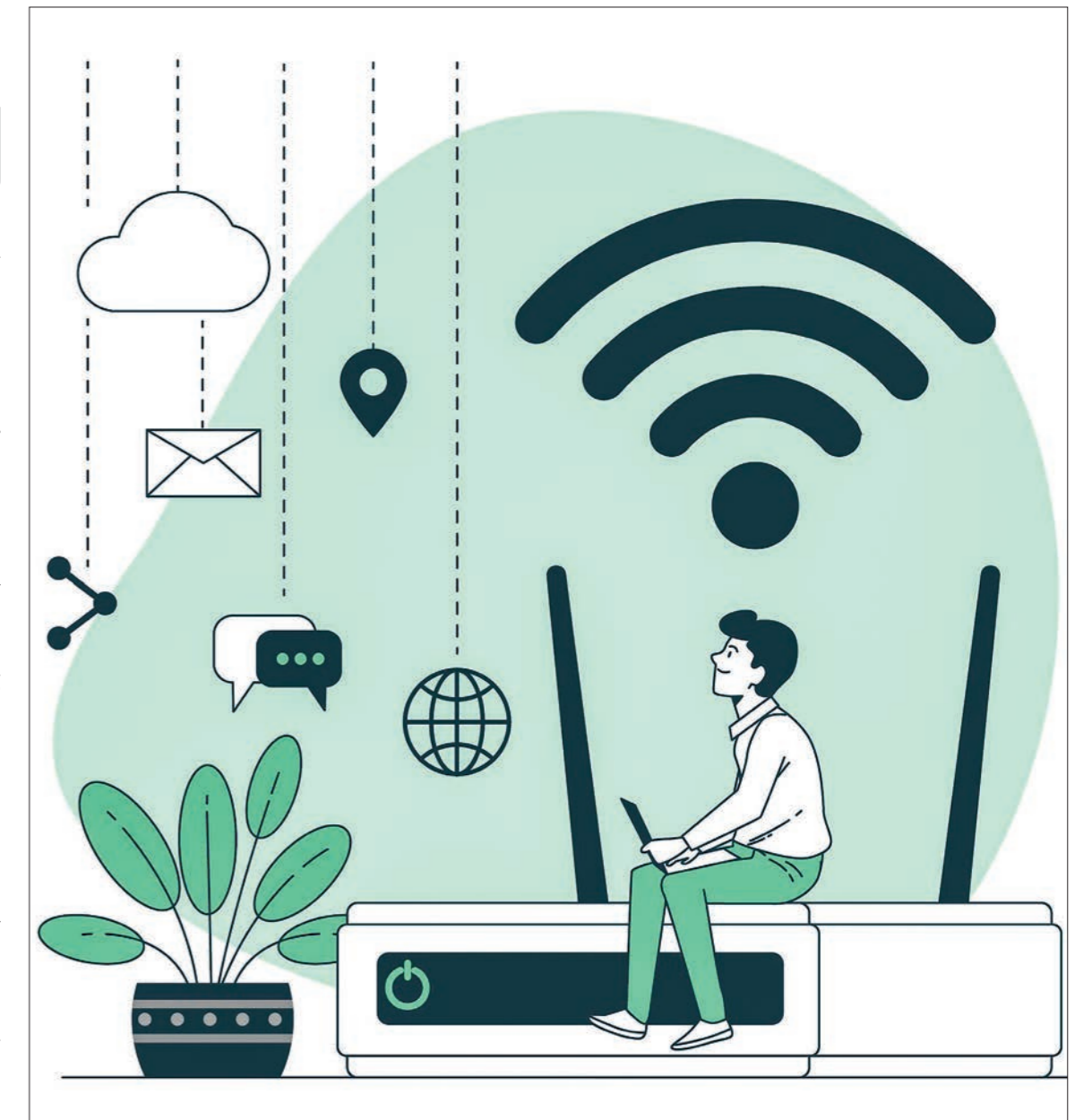
(1) Interactive = acting on one another, reciprocally active.

(2) Exhaustive = leaving nothing out, covering every possible detail

(3) Proliferate = increase rapidly in numbers, etc

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Next-generation intranasal vaccines. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE/GAVI.ORG

New nasal vaccination approach might enhance COVID-19 protection: Study

A NOVEL nasal vaccination method has been created by researchers from the Centenary Institute and the University of Sydney that promotes strong lung immunity and protection against the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus. The study was published in the prestigious journal Nature Communications.

The new vaccine approach has been tested successfully in mice and has the potential to be a powerful tool for enhancing protection against COVID-19 infection and minimizing ongoing viral spread.

Via simply breathing

Made up of the SARS-CoV-2 spike protein and an adjuvant called Pam2Cys (a

molecule that helps stimulate a stronger immune response in the body), that was developed by Professor Richard Payne, NHMRC Investigator in the University of Sydney's Faculty of Science, the new vaccine was delivered via simply breathing in through the nose. It prompted substantial levels of neutralising antibodies and increased T-cell responses in the lungs and airways of the mice that were tested.

Lead author of the study, Dr Anneliese Ashhurst, research fellow in the University of Sydney's Faculty of Medicine and Health and the Centenary Institute said that while current COVID-19 vaccines are critical, there were some limitations, including the waning of immunity post-vac-

cination and infection, combined with the impact of new viral variants evolving. "Current vaccines against SARS-CoV-2 substantially reduce mortality and severe disease, but protection against infection is less effective. Vaccinated individuals are still catching COVID-19 and can spread the infection, so breakthrough infections are still occurring," said Dr Ashhurst. "To stop viral spread and to prevent this virus from mutating we need a new vaccine approach that blocks COVID-19 transmission," she said.

Way through the respiratory tract

In the mice study, the new vaccine was delivered nasally, making its way

through the respiratory tract, adhering to the tissues of the nasal cavity, airways and lungs. Testing showed the generation of high levels of protective antibodies in the airways and increased T-cell responses in the lungs (T-cells help destroy SARS-CoV-2 infected cells). Significantly, none of the vaccinated mice became infected with COVID-19. "Our vaccine differs from most current COVID-19 vaccines in that it enables generation of an immune response directly in those areas of the body that are likely to be the first point of contact for the virus - the nose, airway and lungs. This may help explain the vaccine's effectiveness," said Dr Ashhurst.

SOURCE: ANI

ENVIRON WORLD

No longer evergreen: Germany eyes diversity to save forests



Besides recurring drought, the monoculture composition of Germany's forests has also made them more vulnerable. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

ONCE a sea of green, thousands of spruces with brown crowns and charred trunks now stand in a forest in eastern Germany, testament to one of the most ferocious forest fires to have ravaged the region in years.

Germany recorded its worst bout of forest fires in 2022, and experts believe such calamities will only intensify in the coming years because of climate change.

Foresters are now racing to make the woods more resilient,

including by giving Germany's forests -- known for its acres of evergreens -- a complete makeover. If they are successful, Germany's forests will in the future no longer be populated primarily by rows of spruces, but by a mish-mash of tree species like oaks, aspens and lindens.

Walking through the tree skeletons in the dry woods near the town of Beelitz, forester Martin Schmitt peeled off the black bark of a tree, saying: "You

can clearly see the charred tree trunks that have burnt down on the outside. If we look up now, we can already see a lot of brown crowns.

"Many, many trees are now dead, as we can see... And these trees will also not recover."

Generational task

In June and July, the fires that consumed 200 hectares (500 acres) of the forests in Brandenburg swept close to Beelitz town itself.—AFP

Battle to save Panama turtle at centre of aphrodisiac superstition



Marine turtles and their uncertain fate are on the agenda of a global wildlife summit taking place in Panama City. **PHOTO: AFP**

THE sea turtles of Punta Chame, a peninsula of Panama that juts into the Pacific Ocean, face an existential threat similar to the rhino and pangolin: human su-

perstition.

The eggs of the protected olive ridley turtle, illegally harvested from the beach, are sold door to door in town for 75 cents

to \$1 each for their purported aphrodisiac qualities.

"Especially men think that by eating turtle eggs they will have more sexual pleasure," said Jorge Padilla, a conservationist with the NGO Fundacion Tortuguas which collects and hatches the precious eggs.

"The eggs won't help you. They are not an aphrodisiac," he insisted. The olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) is listed as "vulnerable" on the Red List of the International Union for Conservation of Nature, with its numbers declining.

Its survival relies heavily on people like Padilla, who with village volunteers collect freshly laid eggs and bury them in sand at the nursery.—AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Climate change fuelled rains behind deadly Nigeria floods: study

HEAVY rains behind floods that killed over 600 people in Nigeria this year were about 80 times likelier because of human-induced climate change, scientists reported Wednesday.

The floods mainly struck Nigeria but also Niger, Chad and neighbouring countries, displacing over 1.4 million people and devastating homes and farmland in a region already vulnerable to food insecurity.

Researchers from the World Weather Attribution (WWA) consortium said in a study that the floods -- among the deadliest on record in the region -- were directly linked to human activity that is exacerbating climate change. They matched long-term data on climate -- which shows the planet has warmed by about 1.2 degrees Celsius (2.2 degrees Fahrenheit) since 1800 as carbon emissions have risen -- against weather events.—AFP

Rising temperatures boost olive growing in Bosnia

WINEMAKER and olive grower Jure Susac's land in Bosnia used to be blanketed with frost or even snow by autumn's end, but years of rising temperatures now mean balmy weather late into the year.

It was 28 degrees Celsius (82 Fahrenheit) as his family and friends used plastic rakes to help harvest olives in the last days of October, under a radiant sky. Man-made global warming has amplified extreme events like destructive floods and droughts on Earth, but in Bosnia's southern Herzegovina region olive growing is booming in its warmer weather.—AFP

Niger's threatened giraffes find new home



Up to their necks: West African giraffes are threatened by habitat loss. **PHOTO: AFP**

CONSERVATIONISTS in Niger said on Wednesday they had transferred threatened West African giraffes to a new home 600 kilometres (375 miles) away.

One of nine giraffe sub-species, the West African giraffe is native to the semi-arid Sahel, distinguishable from its cousins by its light-coloured spots.

Giraffes in the Koure region in the southwest of the vast country are at threat from

desertification and farming, which are destroying their habitat.

On Friday, "four female giraffes were captured" in Koure "and have already arrived in Gbedji," a huge nature reserve in central southern Niger, the forestry and water service said. The giraffes were transported in specially adapted trucks and "everything went well", said a senior official, Commander Lamine Saidou.—AFP

HEALTH/PANDEMIC WORLD

Smoking cannabis may be more harmful to lungs than tobacco: study

CANNABIS may do more harm to a smoker's lungs and airways than tobacco, according to a small Canadian study published Tuesday.

Researchers from the University of Ottawa and The Ottawa Hospital looked at chest X-ray scans of 56 cannabis smokers, 57 non-smokers and 33 people who smoked only tobacco between 2005 and 2020.

They found higher rates of airway inflammation and emphysema -- a chronic lung disease -- among regular cannabis smokers compared to regular tobacco-only smokers and non-smokers.

"Marijuana smoking is on the rise and there's a public



Canada legalized the recreational use of cannabis in 2018. PHOTO: GEOFF ROBINS/ AFP/FILE

perception that marijuana is safe, or that it's safer than (tobacco) cigarettes," Giselle Revah, a radiologist The Ottawa

Hospital, where the research was conducted, told AFP.

"But this study raises concerns that this may not

be true."

She said the higher rates of inflammation and disease among cannabis smokers versus tobacco could be related to the differences in how the drugs are typically consumed.

"Marijuana is smoked unfiltered, versus tobacco which is usually filtered," she said. "When you're smoking unfiltered marijuana, more particulates are reaching your airways, getting deposited there and irritating your airways."

Also, she added, "people usually take bigger puffs and hold the smoke in their lungs longer for marijuana, which may lead to more trauma to those air spaces."— AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Australian COVID-19 deaths higher among disadvantaged

IN all four waves of COVID-19 pandemic in Australia, the highest proportion of deaths have occurred in people who are most disadvantaged, data has revealed.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) recently released data, saying there were 12,545 deaths of people who have died from or with COVID-19 during the pandemic, whose deaths were registered and lodged with the ABS by 30 Sept 2022. Lauren Moran, ABS Director of Health and Vital Statistics, said this data and analysis offer detailed information about how the pandemic has impacted people.—Xinhua

Improved diagnostics and therapeutics delivery in diabetes fight



Nursing practitioner Zhang Zhiping (R) measures a patient's blood sugar level at the Workers' Hospital of Tengzhou, east China's Shandong Province, 17 Nov 2022. PHOTO: SONG HAICUN/XINHUA

DURING her work conducting community-based health

screening, nursing practitioner Zhang Zhiping found that many

people, including youngsters, would come to consult her on diabetes prevention and treatment.

"Most of the people wary of getting diabetes will describe their symptoms to us, and then get their blood sugar levels tested," said Zhang.

Zhang serves at the Workers' Hospital of Tengzhou in east China's Shandong Province. Every year, this hospital carries out free physical examinations checking for chronic diseases in local communities, which include diabetes screening. Once detected, diabetes patients will receive follow-up visits every three months.

Against the backdrop of an aging population and a change in people's lifestyles, the prevalence rate of diabetes continues to climb in China.

While 11.9 per cent of Chinese adults are diagnosed with diabetes, 18.6 per cent of them are prediabetic, according to data from the Chinese Centre for Disease Control and Prevention.

This disease, with complications that are main causes of blindness, kidney failure, cardiovascular and cerebrovascular health events, as well as amputation in Chinese adults, is taking a heavy toll on people's health.—Xinhua

UN Population Fund appeals for over US\$100 mln to protect women, girls in Horn of Africa

UNITED Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) on Wednesday launched an appeal for 113.7 million US dollars to scale up life-saving reproductive health and protection services for women and girls in the Horn of Africa.

An unprecedented drought in the region has left more than 36 million people needing urgent humanitarian assistance. Conflict, locust infestations and the lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are worsening the effects of the extreme weather, pushing millions to the brink of starvation, the world's sexual and reproductive health agency said.—Xinhua

Chile announces 1st monkeypox death

CHILE recorded its first monkeypox death of an elderly man with underlying pathologies, who was diagnosed on 29 September, the Ministry of Health announced Wednesday.

In a statement, the ministry explained that the man had pre-existing medical conditions and a weakened immune system. On 24 June, the South American country declared a health alert

to reinforce surveillance and control of the disease, after detecting its first case on 17 June.

In addition, it started vaccination against monkeypox on 19 Oct, becoming the first Latin American country to do so.

According to the World Health Organization, more than 79,000 cases of the disease and 50 deaths had been recorded as of Tuesday. Of the total number

of deaths, according to the Pan American Health Organization, there were 30 in the region: 12 in Brazil, 11 in the United States, four in Mexico, two in Ecuador and one in Cuba.—Xinhua

A customer wearing mask orders at a cafe in Santiago, Chile, 24 March 2020. PHOTO: JORGE VILLEGAS/XINHUA



ECONOMY WORLD

UK inflation accelerates to 41-year peak

BRITISH inflation has jumped to a 41-year high on soaring energy and food bills in a worsening cost-of-living crisis, data showed Wednesday on the eve of a key budget.

The Consumer Prices Index hit 11.1 per cent in October, reaching the highest level since 1981, the Office for National Statistics (ONS) said in a statement.

That compared with 10.1 per cent in September, which matched the level in July and had already been the highest in 40 years.

Domestic fuel bills rocketed again despite the UK government's energy price freeze as the market faced more fallout from key producer Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The October figure beat market expectations of 10.7 per cent and was higher than the Bank of England's forecast peak.

"Rising gas and electricity



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prices drove headline inflation to its highest level for over 40 years, despite the Energy Price Guarantee," said ONS chief economist Grant Fitzner.

Over the last year, gas prices have leapt by 130 per cent and electricity prices by 66 per cent, according to the ONS.

Runaway inflation comes

despite state energy support, which sought to limit annual energy bills at an average of £2,500 per year.

Finance minister Jeremy Hunt blamed Russian President Vladimir Putin's war in Ukraine for spiking prices, as well as the easing of pandemic curbs.—AFP

Türkiye becomes new route for Russian oil to EU



Russia accounted for about a quarter of Turkish oil imports and 45 per cent of its natural gas purchases last year. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

MOSCOW'S revenues from fossil fuel exports fell in October to their lowest levels since the Ukraine invasion, but Türkiye has become a new route for Russian oil supplies to the EU, a think tank said Wednesday.

Russia collected an estimated 21 billion euros (\$21.7 billion) in fossil fuel exports last month, a seven per cent drop from September, according to the Finland-based Centre for Research on Energy and Clean

Air (CREA).

Revenue from exports to the European Union fell by 14 per cent to 7.5 billion euros, below pre-war levels.

The EU will ban most imports of Russian crude oil next month. Refined oil products from Russia will be prohibited from February.

The 27-nation bloc has also placed an embargo on Russia coal. While it has not banned natural gas imports from Rus-

sia, Moscow has slashed supplies to the EU.

"A new route for Russian oil to the EU is emerging through Türkiye, a growing destination for Russian crude oil," CREA said, referring to Turkey.

Ankara has increased imports of Russian crude since the Ukraine invasion started in late February, the think tank said.

The oil is then processed in Türkiye, whose exports of refined oil products to the EU and the United States jumped by 85 per cent in September-October compared to the July-August period, CREA said.

"Turkish refiners are therefore providing an outlet for Russia's oil exports, by refining products for markets that are either not willing to import Russian crude oil directly or don't have the refining capacity to process it," it said. "As the EU bans crude oil imports from Russia on 5 December, this loophole could become important," CREA added.—AFP

Web giants to submit user data as EU law comes into effect

A new EU law imposing stricter online regulation comes into effect Wednesday and the biggest platforms like Facebook and Google will have until February 17 to reveal their user numbers.

The Digital Services Act (DSA) rules will be fully applied 12 months later from February 17, 2024, but officials will need time next year to decide which tech giants are big enough to need close observation.

The DSA was designed to combat online hate speech, disinformation and piracy, in Europe at a time when much of the internet content seen by EU citizens is controlled by US-based companies.

Under the new law, all social media platforms, online market places and search engines will be obliged to react more quickly to remove con-

tent deemed in breach of EU regulations.

This will include measures to limit the use of sensitive private data in targeting ads at European users and will insist on more transparency for the algorithms that suggest content.

But the new rules will come into effect earlier for what Brussels calls Very Large Online Platforms (VLOPs) and Very Large Online Search Engines (VLOSEs) — those with more than 45 million active users in the EU.

At current user numbers, this definition would hit around 20 firms, including Meta and its social networks Facebook and Instagram; Google and its video platform YouTube; and iPhone-maker Apple's platforms.—AFP



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Sunak-Xi meeting at G20 cancelled: Downing Street

A planned meeting between Britain's new Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the G20 summit on Wednesday has been cancelled, Downing Street said.

"The meeting has been cancelled because of scheduling issues," a spokeswoman for the prime minister told AFP.

The meeting, announced Tuesday evening, was to be the first such summit in nearly five years.

Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said: "I have no information to share with you."

"I would like to emphasize that China is committed to promoting the healthy and stable development of China-UK relations," she added.

"We hope the UK works together with China."

Downing Street had said Sunak planned to call for a "frank and constructive relationship" between London and Beijing.—AFP

California lab-grown meat start-up gets first green light

A California-based lab-grown meat start-up received the first green light for such products from the US food safety agency on Wednesday, although the product still has more hurdles to clear before being sold to consumers.

The US Food and Drug Administration said it carried out a “careful evaluation” of Upside Foods’ cultivated chicken, including data and information provided by the company, and had “no

further questions at this time”, signalling a go-ahead for the firm.

“We started UPSIDE amid a world full of skeptics, and today, we’ve made history again as the first company to receive a ‘No Questions’ letter from the FDA for cultivated meat,” founder and CEO Uma Valeti said in a press release.

The FDA specified that the evaluation did not constitute “an approval process”.

Upside Foods will still

have to undergo inspection by the US Department of Agriculture, for example, before it can sell its products.

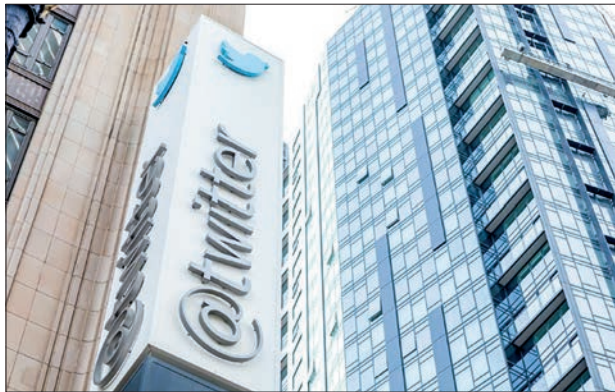
That said, this “is a watershed moment in the history of food”. Valeti said.

Several start-ups are aiming to produce so-called lab-grown meat, which would allow humans to consume animal protein without harming the environment through farming and without any animal suffering.—AFP



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‘Hardcore’ or bust: Musk gives ultimatum to Twitter staff



Twitter’s San Francisco headquarters are seen in October 2022. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

TWITTER’S new boss Elon Musk has asked staff to choose by Thursday between being “extremely hardcore” and working intense, long hours, or losing their jobs, according

to an internal memo seen by AFP.

The Tesla tycoon has come under fire for radical changes at the social media company, which he bought for \$44 billion late

last month.

He has fired half of the company’s 7,500 staff, scrapped a work-from-home policy, and imposed long hours, all while his attempts to overhaul Twitter have faced chaos and delays. “Going forward, to build a breakthrough Twitter 2.0 and succeed in an increasingly competitive world, we will need to be extremely hardcore,” Musk wrote in the internal memo. “This will mean working long hours at high intensity. Only exceptional performance will constitute a passing grade,” he added.—AFP

Japan court orders 2 to pay 500 mln yen over “fast movie” uploads

THE Tokyo District Court on Thursday ordered a man and woman to pay 500 million yen (\$3.6 million) in damages to 13 major film production companies for uploading minutes-long edited version of their films

known as “fast movies” on video-sharing sites without permission.

It was the first court decision in Japan on the amount of damages to be awarded for the unauthorized uploading of

such types of film. The defendants, both in their 20s, were already convicted of violating copyright law in November, and did not contest the legality of their actions in the civil case.—Kyodo

US retail sales bounce in October on auto and gas

US retail sales jumped more than expected in October, bumped up by higher gas prices and auto sales while pointing to resilience in spending in the face of price pressures, according to government data released Wednesday.

The uptick came after sales flatlined the month before, as American consumers grappled with surging costs that have made everything from groceries to clothing more expensive. Faced with decades-high inflation levels,

the US Federal Reserve has rapidly raised its benchmark lending rate this year, including four consecutive super-sized hikes, even at the risk of tipping the world’s biggest economy into recession.—AFP

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Republicans win US House majority in challenge for Democrat Biden

REPUBLICANS are set to win the House of Representatives in last week's US midterm elections, local media projected Wednesday, likely making the remainder of Democratic President Joe Biden's tenure challenging due to potential gridlock under a divided government.

But the prospect that Republicans can only secure control of the House by a slim margin – falling short of what some speculated may become a “red wave” of victories – while the Senate is retained by the Democrats appears to have given an unexpected boost to the 79-year-old president.



Lawmakers depart from the US Capitol Building on 30 September 2022 in Washington, DC ahead of starting a six week recess to campaign for midterms. **PHOTO: AFP**

The Democrats headed into the 8 Nov elections facing headwinds due to high inflation and the president's flagging popularity. Among other issues, their campaign focused on painting a

bleak future for the country with Republican lawmakers still heavily swayed by former President Donald Trump, who denies the results of the 2020 presidential race.—Kyodo

WFP says its first aid convoy since Ethiopia peace deal enters Tigray

THE World Food Programme said its first aid convoy since the signing of a landmark peace deal between Ethiopia's government and Tigrayan rebels had arrived in the war-torn Tigray region on Wednesday.

The restoration of aid deliveries to Tigray was a key part of the agreement signed in South Africa to silence the guns in the two-year conflict that has killed untold numbers of people and unleashed a humanitarian crisis in northern Ethiopia.

“WFP convoy just entered

North West Tigray via Gondar corridor for the first time,” the UN agency said on Twitter, with a spokeswoman telling AFP it was the first to arrive in the region since the 2 November ceasefire agreement.

The WFP announcement followed the arrival on Tuesday of a medical aid convoy from the International Committee of the Red Cross, the first ICRC trucks to arrive in Tigray since the deal between the Ethiopian government and the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF).—AFP

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Ukraine war casts shadow over APEC summit



This photo taken on 16 Nov 2022 shows a press conference after the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Senior Officials' Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand. **PHOTO: XINHUA/GUO LEI**

PACIFIC rim leaders fly into Bangkok on Thursday for a summit on pandemic recovery and the global economic turmoil unleashed by the war in Ukraine.

French President Emmanuel Macron and Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman will join rulers from the 21 members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC)

forum for the high-level talks.

The gathering follows a meeting of the G20 in Indonesia that was upended by fears that a deadly missile strike on Poland signalled a dangerous escalation of Russia's war in Ukraine.

Western leaders have moved to dial down the alarm, saying the blast was probably an accident, with both Poland and NATO saying the explosion was most likely caused by a Ukrainian air defence missile launched to intercept a Russian barrage.

US President Joe Biden held emergency talks with G7 and NATO allies on the sidelines of the G20 on Wednesday before saying it appeared unlikely that the missile was fired from Russia.—AFP

Poland blast was likely caused by Ukraine air defence: Belgian defence minister



This handout photo taken and released on 16 November 2022 by the Polish police shows forensic experts investigating the site where a missile hit the southeastern Polish village of Przewodow, some six kilometres (four miles) from the Ukrainian border. **PHOTO: HANDOUT / POLISH POLICE / AFP**

THE explosion that killed two Polish civilians in a village near the Ukraine border was probably caused by Ukrainian air defence units firing at incoming Russian missiles, the Belgian defence minister said Wednesday.

“The missile strikes in Poland last night are being fully investigated by our intelligence service, which is in close contact with NATO partner services,” Ludivine Dedonder said in a statement.

“Based on the preliminary information available, the strikes are most likely a result of Ukrainian anti-aircraft systems that were engaged to take Russian missiles out of

the sky.”

According to Dedonder, “pieces of Russian missiles and Ukrainian anti-aircraft fire hit Polish territory... I wish to express my condolences to the families of the victims and the Polish people”.

Russia launched a wave of missile strikes against Ukraine on Tuesday, but insists it was not to blame for the blast on Polish territory that triggered fears the conflict could spread.

NATO powers meeting in Brussels on Wednesday have pledged full solidarity with their fellow member state Poland, while condemning Moscow's latest attacks on Western-backed Ukraine.—AFP

Russia falls into recession

RUSSIA has entered a recession, nine months after launching its offensive in Ukraine as Western sanctions weigh on the economy, according to official data published on Wednesday.

Gross domestic product shrank four per cent in the third quarter, according to a preliminary estimate by the national

statistics agency Rosstat.

As that follows one of the same size in the second quarter, Russia now meets the technical definition of a recession with two consecutive quarters of falling GDP.

The four per cent drop in economic output between July and September was less than

the 4.5 per cent contraction many analysts had expected, however.

The contraction was driven by a 22.6 per cent plunge in wholesale trade and a 9.1 per cent drop in retail trade.

Meanwhile, construction grew by 6.7 per cent and agriculture 6.2 per cent.—AFP

N Korea fires short-range ballistic missile towards Sea of Japan: S Korea

NORTH Korea fired a short-range ballistic missile toward the Sea of Japan on Thursday, South Korea's military said, the first such launch in about a week.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff said the missile was fired from the Wonsan area in Kangwon Province on the North's eastern coast at around 10:48 am, flew about 240 kilometres at the speed of about 4 Mach and reached an altitude of about 47 kilometres.

The launch came after North Korea warned earlier in

the day that it will take "fiercer" military actions if the United States continues to stick to its campaign of offering extended deterrence to its regional allies.

"The keener the US is on its 'bolstered offer of extended deterrence' to its allies and the more they intensify provocative and bluffing military activities on the Korean Peninsula and in the region, the fiercer the DPRK's military counteraction will be, in direct proportion to it," North Korea's Foreign Minister Choe

Son Hui said through its state-run media.

DPRK stands for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, North Korea's official name.

South Korea's Defense Ministry spokesperson Moon Hong Sik, in response, said security cooperation among South Korea, the United States, and Japan is very important for strengthening deterrence in a situation where North Korea's nuclear and missile threats have become as explicit as ever.—Kyodo



File photo shows an illustration published by the state-controlled Korean Central News Agency on 13 Sept 2022, showing multiple ballistic missiles. PHOTO: KCNA/KYODO

Kazakhstan holds snap leadership polls after deadly riots



Kazakhstan President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev became leader in 2019 and has since stymied opposition to his rule. PHOTO: SPUTNIK/AFP/FILE

KAZAKHSTAN will hold snap presidential elections Sunday expected to cement the incumbent Kassym-Jomart Tokayev's

grip on power, months after deadly unrest spurred a historic power shift in the Central Asian country.

Leading up to the vote, Tokayev has promoted himself as a reform leader capable of bringing the country together after earlier this year authorizing law enforcement to "shoot to kill" anti-government protesters.

His vast, ex-Soviet country is precariously perched geopolitically, with historic economic and military ties with Moscow and Beijing emerging as a regional power broker. The 69-year-old has vowed to build "a new Kazakhstan", including by liberalizing the judicial system and tackling corruption in the oil-rich country.—AFP

Israel blames Iran as 'drone strike' hits tanker off Oman

ISRAEL blamed Iran on Wednesday after what it said was a drone strike hit a tanker operated by an Israeli-owned firm carrying gas oil off the coast of Oman.

The Pacific Zircon was "hit by a projectile approximately 150 miles off the coast of Oman ... on 15 November", Singapore-based firm Eastern Pacific Shipping which operates the vessel said in a statement, adding that there were no reports of casualties or any leakage of the cargo.

"There is some minor damage to the vessel's hull but no spillage of cargo or water ingress," said the company which is owned by Israeli billionaire Idan Ofer -- one of two sons of



Oil tanker. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIONAL IMAGE/AFP

shipping magnate Sammy Ofer, who died in 2011.

The tanker was carrying 42,000 tonnes of gas oil and bound for Buenos Aires, according to Samir Madani, co-founder

of website TankerTrackers.com, an oil shipping online research firm.

The Bahrain-based United States Fifth Fleet said it was "aware of the incident".—AFP

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Iran releases Greek tankers seized in May: Athens

IRAN on Wednesday ended a six-month maritime standoff with Greece that saw three tankers seized in retaliatory moves linked to Russia sanctions.

With Greece's deputy merchant marine minister in Tehran to broker the agreement, Athens said two Greek tankers held since May had been released.

"After months-long talks with Iran, the Greek-flagged ships Prudent Warrior and Delta Poseidon seized since 27 May left today," the ministry said in a statement.

Most of the 50 sailors on board the two vessels had already been replaced weeks earlier.

As a result of the deal, a tanker carrying Iranian crude oil which Greece had seized in April was also released, Tehran said.

"All three ships today moved towards their destinations," the Iranian foreign ministry said in a statement.

"Following the agreement reached between the maritime authorities of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Greece, the ship carrying the Iranian oil cargo left the Greek waters for its predetermined destination a few hours ago after six months of stoppage," Tehran said.—AFP

Time running out as Malaysia's Anwar fights for top job

ANWAR Ibrahim, Malaysia's perennial opposition leader, has often been on the cusp of power but age is catching up with him and Saturday's election could be his last chance to win the top job.

The 75-year-old, whose political career spans four decades and includes two prison stints, is optimistic his Pakatan Harapan (Alliance of Hope) coalition can finally win enough seats to form a government and replace the graft-tainted ruling party.

So long the runner-up of Malaysian politics, Anwar could be running out of time to achieve his long-held but elusive ambition of leading the Southeast Asian nation.

"This is Anwar's last election. If he fails to get the support to become PM, there will be expectations that he should step aside," Bridget Welsh of the University of Nottingham Malaysia told AFP. "If he chooses to stay on, this will only serve to weaken the opposition further and fragment it. There are other leaders ready to lead."—AFP

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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.



Shan United players and team authorities hold the trophies after winning the Myanmar National League 2022 with an unbeaten record. **PHOTO: MNL**

Shan United wins Myanmar National League with undefeated record

SHAN UNITED won the Championship title for the fourth time after the end of the second season of the Myanmar National League 2022 held at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon this year. Shan United won the championship with a score of 48 points and was undefeated throughout the season.

Myanmar Football Federation executive member and Myanmar National League Committee Chairman U Zaw Min Thein, Secretary General of the Myanmar Football Federation U Ko Ko Thein, Myanmar National

League CEO U Soe Moe Kyaw, Ayeyawady Bank Vice President U Than Zaw and MPT Joint Operation Deputy CCO U Ko Ko Aung attended the award ceremony of the domestic league.

After the Championship, the Shan United team was first with 48 points, and Yangon team is second with 39 points, Hanthawady United finished third with 32 points, and Yan Kyaw Htwe (Ayeyawady) won the award for the most goals with 14 goals.

The champion Shan United team will play in the group

stage of next year's AFC Cup, and ASEAN Club Championship. The second-placed Yangon team was allowed to start competing in the AFC Cup qualifiers.

Shan United won the MNL tournament in 2017, 2019, 2020, and 2022 and thus the team has won the championship for three years in a row.

In addition, Shan United won the championship with an undefeated record in the 2019 season and won the title again this season with an undefeated record for the second time. — GNLM

Germany arrive in Qatar after Messi makes his entrance

FOUR-TIME winners Germany arrived at the World Cup in Qatar on Thursday after Argentina superstar Lionel Messi touched down to launch his final bid to win football's biggest prize.

After a 1-0 win in a low-key warmup game against Oman the night before, the Germans, led by captain and goalkeeper Manuel Meuer, flew into Doha.

Germany are aiming to erase the nightmare of the 2018 tournament in Russia when they crashed out of the World Cup in the group stage after winning it four years earlier.

Team official Oliver Bierhoff explained why they had opted for the seclusion of a hotel in Al-Ruwais, an hour and half from the capital.

"We want to develop a team spirit there that will carry us through the tournament -- and for as long as possible."

Messi landed with the Ar-



Argentina's team plane, emblazoned with a picture of Lionel Messi, lands in Qatar. **PHOTO: AFP**

gentina squad in the early hours of the morning from Abu Dhabi where he scored in a straightforward 5-0 win against the United Arab Emirates in front of 36,000 spectators on Wednesday.

It was his 91st international goal for the 1978 and 1986 World Cup winners who extended their unbeaten run to 36 matches.

The tournament is likely to be the final chance for 35-year-old Messi to emulate fellow Argentine great Diego Maradona in leading his country to World Cup glory. The South Americans begin their campaign on Tuesday against Saudi Arabia in Group C, which also includes Mexico and Poland. — AFP

Maradona 'Hand of God' ball fetches \$2.4 million at auction

THE ball that Diego Maradona handled to score his infamous "Hand of God" goal for Argentina against England in the 1986 World Cup sold at auction on Wednesday for \$2.4 million.

The white Adidas "Azteca" ball, which was owned by the Tunisian match referee Ali Bin Nasser, had been tipped to

fetch up to \$3.6 million when it went under the hammer at UK-based Graham Budd Auctions.

It comes six months after the jersey Maradona wore in the historic quarter-final in Mexico City sold at auction for nearly \$9.3 million -- more than twice the value predicted by Sotheby's.—AFP



The infamous Hand of God incident. **PHOTO: AFP**