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Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council

- 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.
- 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.
- Emphasis will be placed on achieving enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.
- Upon accomplishing the provisions of the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held in line with the 2008 Constitution, and further work will be undertaken to hand over State duties to the winning party in accordance with democratic standards.

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects progress of building Maravijaya Buddha Image

S the Maravijaya Buddha Image is being carved, the park is being built and the Cetis of stone plaque chambers are being constructed in the Maravijaya Buddha Park in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw in Union Territory, leading well-wisher Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspected the progress of the construction yesterday afternoon.

At the briefing hall, the Senior General, SAC Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union ministers and senior military officers heard reports on placing positions for the Buddha image and conveyance of the image onto the throne by Lt-Gen Kan Myint Than of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), growing of trees and flowery plants for greening the park, construction of the religious edifices and progress of tasks by Lt-Gen Kyaw Swa Lin, and carving of Pitaka treatise literature of the 6th Buddhist Synod in Pali and Romanized Languages on the marble stones in accord with the advice of venerable Sayadaws, and collection of donated cash



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing looks into the scale model of the Maravijaya Buddha Park in Nay Pyi Taw on 3 November 2022

by Lt-Gen Nyo Saw respectively.

With regard to the construction task of the image, the Senior General instructed the officials to systematically carry out greening tasks for the environment and other measures as now is the open season.

Sayadaws and viewed the video clip on the construction of the Buddha image, carving of the Pitaka treatise literature and building of Cetis of stone plaque chambers. They also viewed

The Senior General and par-scale models of the buildings the completion of building the ty sought advice from venerable and sample Pitaka treatise books retaining walls, the construction printed in Pali and Romanized Languages to be published to monasteries across the world.

> The Senior General and party viewed the progress of the Buddha image and the throne,

of the stone plaque chambers and further tasks, the progress of Thudhamma public rest houses and the building of Mucalinda Lake.

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- [b] If the Union Registration Board decides not to allow the re-applying under Sub-Section (a), such a decision shall be completed.
- [c] If the international non-governmental organization does not apply for the registration certificate again under Sub-Section (b) or faces the situation of not allowing to apply under Sub-Section (b), the already-issued temporary registration certificate shall have been nullified from the date of the decision made by the Union Registration Board.
- 22. [a] If the international non-governmental organization holding the registration certificate wish to continuously stand for a further term after the expiry of the registration, it shall apply for renewing the registration certificate to the Union Registration Board 90 days ahead of the invalidity.
 - [b] If the international non-governmental organization which applies for renewal of the registration term does not apply for the renewal 90 days ahead of the expiry in accordance with Sub-Section (a), it shall apply for renewal of the registration certificate in line with the restrictions after paying set fines to relevant Myanma Economic Banks. The renewed registration certificate shall be issued to the international non-governmental organization which has paid fines within 30 days from the date of the decision to allow the renewal of the registration certificate.
 - [c] The international non-governmental organization which applied for the registration after the expiry of the registration term shall apply for it as a new registration.
 - [d] The Union Registration Board shall verify the international non-governmental organization under provision of Sub-Section (c) of Section 18 for its application under Sub-Section (a) or (b) and shall allow its renewal of registration certificate as the non-governmental international organization.
 - [e] If the Union Registration Board allows renewal of the registration certificate, the international non-governmental organization shall pay K300,000 as a registration fee to the relevant Myanma Economic Bank in the set period. If it shows the evidence for completion of paying the registration fee, the relevant registration board shall issue the renewed registration certificate.
 - [f] If the organization does not take out the renewed registration certificate or cannot show the evidence of paid registration fee, the renewed registration certificate approved shall be nullified.
- 23. [a] If the Union Registration Board does not allow the renewal of the registration certificate of an international non-governmental organization which applied for the renewal of its registration certificate, the organization shall re-apply at the Union Registration Board within 30 days starting from the date of receiving the letter of reply not to allow the renewal of registration certificate from the board by amending, supplementing and reporting on the necessary measures related to the reasons of not allowing the renewal.
 - [b] If the Union Registration Board adopts its approval for re-application according to Sub-Section (a), such a decision shall be completed.
- 24. The international non-governmental organization which was not allowed by the Union Registration Board to apply for the registration certificate in line with Sub-Section (b) of Section 21 or to apply for renewal of the registration certificate in accordance with Sub-Section (b) of Section 23 shall not be allowed to apply for the registration again.
- 25. If it is found that the international non-governmental organization directly or indirectly participates in the conspiracy for harming the State's sovereign power, the prevalence of law and order, security and national unity, the Union Registration Board shall immediately nullify such an organization.

Chapter 6

Organizations not related to registration

- 26. The organizations which are not related to applying for registration under this law shall be as follows: -
 - [a] the organizations which shall directly or indirectly carry out religious, economic and political measures in accord with any existing law
 - [b] the political parties which shall apply at the Union Election Commission under the Political Parties Registration Law
 - [c] the organizations which are formed under any existing law
 - [d] the committees or organizations set up by the Union level, region/state or Union Territorial level government organizations

Chapter 7

Entitlements and duties of the organization

27. The entitlements of the organization which has received the registration

certificate shall be as follows: -

- [a] the entitlement of taking aid allowed by the State
- [b] the entitlement of taking aid provided by the government organizations for undertakings of the organizations under the law
- [c] the entitlement to legally take aid provided by a foreign government, international organization, international non-governmental organization, internal organization, the organization set up in accord with any other existing law or person
- [d] the entitlement to accept the donations, to set up the fund, to open banking accounts and to possess movable and unmovable property under the law
- [e] the entitlement to prosecute or accept the prosecution
- [f] the entitlement to enjoy the right of intellectual property for name, emblem, seal and design of uniform for the organization under the law and to continuously succeed the organizations during the period of holding the registration certificate
- [g] the entitlement of taking legal protection and standing for movements
- [h] the entitlement to provide emergency aid with the permission of the relevant administration body to the area declared the natural disaster-hit area by the State under the Natural Disaster Management Law
- 28. The organization which has accepted the registration certificate shall follow the duties as follows: -
 - [a] not to mention false data and not to wrongly mention false data with the discredited stance on applying the registration certificate
 - [b] to use the title, badge, emblem and design of uniform of the organization not to be similar to or resemble the following things: -
 - (1) the title, badge, emblem and design of the uniform being officially used by the State and government organizations
 - (2) the title of the organization which has obtained the registration certificate and the title, badge, emblem and design of uniform of any organization set up under any existing law
 - (3) the title being taken without representing the whole nation, an ethnic group, all ethnic groups or all arenas of the works
 - [c] not to amend and change data mentioned in the allowed registration certificate and not to hand over the registration certificate to another organization
 - [d] not to take the registration organization without the capability to implement the objective and work process of the organization
 - [e] not to be beyond the objective and work process allowed by the relevant registration organization according to the recommendation of relevant government departments and organizations
 - [f] not to interfere in, not to make interfere in or entice the people as the persons with the right of interfering in functions of the government departments and organizations with the use of the title of the organization
 - [g] The organization which obtained the registration certificate from the Union, region/state or Union Territory Registration Board shall submit the annual report compiled in line with the financial rules and regulations checked by the Certified Public Accountant (full-fledged) registered at the Myanmar Accountancy Council, the organizations which obtained the registration certificate from the Self-Administered Division and Zone, District or Township Registration Board shall submit the annual report compiled in line with the financial rules and regulations checked by the accountant or the audit party formed with three executive committee members, together with the financial statement to the relevant registration board within 60 days after annual calendar year without fail and the copies to the relevant government departments and organizations which issued recommendations.
 - [h] The organization which has obtained a registration certificate shall have to allow inspection, checking documents and enquiry of the relevant registration board or the government organization or departments assigned by the relevant board.
 - [i] If the registered organization wishes to change its objective and work process mentioned in the approval or extend more points, it shall have to seek approval from the relevant registration board with the recommendations of relevant government departments and organizations related to its objective and work process.
 - [j] If the organization wishes to dissolve the organization, change its title and contact address, open branches of the organization or its branches opened in the country or change executive committee member for various reasons, it shall have to seek approval from the relevant registration board within seven days from the date of the decision together with the agreed decisions recorded in line with the provisions, of more than a half of the executive committee members.

TO BE CONTINUED

Investment capital must be supported for broiler and pig farms

CONCERNING livestock breeding, breeding of chicken and pigs for the purposes of production of meat is a business which can yield early return on investment, and so, such businesses must be supported with investment capital. The chief ministers, on their part, are required to focus on the development activities that cover their entire region and state. Only when the socioeconomic life of the rural people develops will the national development progress faster.

[Excerpts from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to the coordination meeting held on 8 August 2022 in regard to matters relating to the activities being carried out by the Union Government.]

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects progress of building Maravijaya Buddha Image



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing hears the progress reports on the construction of Maravijaya Buddha Image in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

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Maravijaya Buddha Image is being built with the aim of showing the firm flourishing of Theravada Buddhism in Myanmar to the world, ensuring the country is peaceful and tranquil, developing the region with the visits of local and foreign travellers to the Buddha image and contributing to the development of

the State. The marble rock was checked by X-ray in 2018 to know the possible measures, volume and faults, and the measures to carve the height of the image and throne were estimated. The marble rocks were conveyed from Sagyin Hill in Madaya Township to Sameikkhon Port by shipping and then to Nay Pyi Taw by modular trailers along the Mandalay-Yangon Expressway amid the difficulties. On arrival at Nay Pyi Taw, the marble rocks are being carved in advanced technology with the use of CNC machines by experts day and night.

Many religious edifices including the Sasana Beikman which can accommodate 1,200 members of the Sangha and laypersons at the religious ceremonies are being constructed

in the compound of the Buddha park while the Buddha image is being carved. According to the advice of venerable Sayadaws, Pitaka treatise literature in line with the 6th Buddhist Synod is being carved on marble slabs in Pali and Romanized languages with the use of modern machinery to enable the world to know the treatises. The carved Tripitaka treatises of the Lord

Buddha and Atthakatha Tika treatises are posted in front of the Buddha image to enable the pilgrims to know these treatises in the stone plaque chambers while visiting the Buddha image. Upon completion of the Buddha image, it would be the largest and highest carved marble sitting Buddha statue not only in Myanmar but in global countries. - MNA



SAC members attend U-16 Men's Football Tournament awarding ceremony

THE final match of the 2022 Inter-State/ and award-presenting ceremony was held at Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw at 3 pm yesterday.

Members of the State Administration Council Dr Banyar Aung Moe and U Shwe Kyein, senior military officers, deputy ministers, departmental officials, officials from the Myanmar Football Federation, staff from ministries and football fans watched the final match and attended the award presentation. In the final match, the Magway Region team beat the Kachin State team 4-0.

At the award-giving ceremony, SAC Region U-16 Men's Football Tournament members presented awards including the best goalkeeper, defender, midfielder, striker and best player awards throughout the tournament and also the fourth prize to the Yangon Region team, third prize to the Taninthayi Region team, second prize to the Kachin State team and the first prize to the Magway Region team.

Altogether 13 teams from regions and states competed in the 2022 Inter-State/ Region U-16 Men's Football Tournament held from 20 October to 3 November.-MNA

The championship trophy is presented to the Magway Region at the event yesterday.

Families of Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) hold 12th Maha communal Kathina robe offering ceremony

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla offered Kathina robes and alms at the 12th Maha communal Kathina robe offering ceremony of families of Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) at Anawrahta Hall of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) yesterday morning.

First, the Senior General and wife together with congregation viewed round the Kathina robes, offertories and Padethabin structures to be donated to monasteries. The Senior General and wife paid homage and offered alms in the emerald alms bowl, flow-



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife present Kathina robes to the Sayadaws yesterday.

ma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vimalabuddhi whereas senior military officers and their wives presented Kathina robes and offerings to members of the Sangha.

Ashin Wayama and Ashin Javana, lecturer Sayadaws from Yezin KanU monastery joined the question-and-answer session.

The Pali Tekkatho Mingala Zeyon Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained.

After the ceremony, the Senior General, wife and guests offered day meals to members of the Sangha led by Pali Tekkatho Mingala Zeyon Sayadaw.

Todays' donation ceremony totalled 84 Padethabin



Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife offer Kathina robes to the Sayadaw.



The Senior General and the congregation view the Padathebin donations at the event.

ers, water, oil lights and fruits to the Buddha image in the Anawrahta Hall.

Ovadacariya Sayadaw of Uppatasanti Pagoda Board of Trustees Presiding Nayaka of Paukmyaing Monastery from Lewe Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Janinda administered the Nine Precepts.

The congregation listened to the Paritta recited by members of the Sangha. The Senior General and wife offered Kathina robes to Presiding Nayaka of Yezin KanU Monastery from Zeyathiri Township Agga Maha Ganhtavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Vilasa and Kathina robes and alms to Paukmyaing Sayadaw.

SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe donated Kathina robes and offertories to Presiding Nayaka of Pali Tekkatho Mingala Zeyon Monastery of Pyinmana Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddham-

structures worth K171.3 million from families of offices and departments of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air). These donations were sent to relevant monasteries by car. —MNA

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SAC Vice-Chair Dy PM Vice-Senior General Soe Win addresses meeting of scrutinizing body for conferring titles and medals of honour for 2023

VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win addressed the meeting of the scrutinizing body for awarding titles and medals of honour for 2023 held at the meeting hall of the SAC Chairman yesterday afternoon.

In his address, the Deputy Prime Minister said that responsible personnel are required to make a systematic choice for awarding titles and medals to those who delivered an extraordinary performance in building the nation, soldiers and policemen who sacrificed lives and limbs for the sake of national peace and stability and rule of law and public servants.

He added that there will be 12 categories of titles and medals to be awarded to people from all fields and all spheres of life and the list of those who deserve to be awarded will be announced on the diamond jubilee Independence Day which falls on 4 January 2023.



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win chairs the meeting of the scrutinizing body to confer titles and medals of honour for 2023 yesterday.

Moreover, he said, titles and medals will be given to civil servants who were killed or injured in carrying out their duties following the guidance of the SAC Chairman and Prime Minister, soldiers and policemen for their bravery and government employees who did outstanding performance in their respective

The Deputy Prime Minister continued to say that honouring those to whom honour is due is following the 38 principles for the beatific life, sermon given by the Lord Buddha, and it is necessary to make careful scrutiny so that civil servants and security forces who gave their lives in carrying out their respective work are not left out.

All those responsible personnel present at the meeting

put forward reports and suggestions to the Deputy Prime Minister and he coordinated the reports and suggestions and gave necessary advice on them. Then, he delivered the concluding remarks and the meeting came to a close.-MNA

MoI families hold Tazaungdaing Festival and Concert



Union Information Minister U Maung Maung Ohn and wife, employees and family members watch the concert to mark the Tazaungdaing Festival yesterday.

AIMING to provide relaxation and happiness to the employsmooth operation of the State $government, a \ concert \ related$ to the Tazaungdaing Festival was held at the Ministry of In-

formation Hall in Nav Pyi Taw yesterday with the modern ees who are responsible for the band and dance troupe from Myanma Radio and Television of the Ministry of Information and famous singers.

Union Minister U Maung

Maung Ohn and his wife, departmental heads and wives, officials, staff and family members enjoyed the concert.

Before the start of the concert, the Union minister and officials greeted the employees

and family members cordially.

In the concert, singers from Myanma Radio and Television entertained the attendees with Myanmar old and modern songs to the accompaniment of the modern band.

Famous singer Myanmar Pyi Thein Tan sang songs titled "Nga-Tha-Saw-Bwa-Phyit-Chin-Tel", "Myitta-Yay-Hline-Athel-Pyin-Yine", "Shwe Thonnari", "Hnin Pwint Thitsa", and "Sanay-Daunt-Hmar-Pann-Hlu-Mel".

Leading actress Myat Su Chel, main actress Myat Thazin Thin, comedians Saw Min Naung, Zaw Min Tun, Lin Zaw Naing, Kyaw Min Soe, Myo Kyaw Thu, and Sai Si Thu performed a comedy show named "Inzali", and employees and family members happily enjoyed the performance.

The rest of the ministries and organizations will stage concerts on a rotating basis from 4 to 12 November. - MNA

Public Notice

- The Anti-Corruption Commission has established corruption prevention units within ministries to effectively curb corruption.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

Opening ceremony of new building of Waibargi Hospital held



SAC Secretary Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe views round the new building.

THE opening ceremony of a new hospital building of Waibargi Hospital in North Okkalapa Township was held yesterday.
It was attended by State Administration Council Secretary

Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe, Union Minister for Health Prof Dr Thet Khaing Win, Union Minister for Construction U Shwe Lay, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Nyunt Win Swe, the donor, Chairman of AW Foundation and officials, and departmental officials of Ministry of Health.

Speaking at the event, SAC Secretary Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe said the SAC is providing equal medical services to rural and urban residents for communicable and non-communicable diseases including COVID-19 disease and fulfilling the capacity of government employees including health workers while providing proper instructions to access international medicines. It also carries out COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities in line with the five-point roadmap.

The newly opened building features an international care unit and labs and the hospital will be upgraded as a research and teaching centre in addition to the Infectious Disease Institute

According to the directive of the SAC Chairman, the solar power system is installed at the hospital unit and it is a pilot stage to save energy and mitigate carbon dioxide emissions. Similar projects are being drafted to implement at hospitals under the Ministry of Health.

The new building of Waibargi Hospital was constructed in January 2021 using K6,217,719,000 donated by AW Foundation and completed in September 2022. The SAC Secretary and party also inspected the construction site of the seven-storey building of Yangon General Hospital and the completion of the new five-storey building of Kyimyindine Orthopaedic Hospital which will be opened soon. — MNA

Reply of Leader of SAC Information Team Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun

LEADER of the Information Team of the State Administration Council Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun replies on the news coverage of some media outlets regarding the case that a house located on 54th street in Pyigyidagun Township of Mandalay Region is sealed off and it is a place for Christian orphans.

"Acting on a tip-off, the security forces sealed and inspected the house located between 125/126 streets on 54th (B) street of F Ward in Pyigyidagun Township of Mandalay at 8 pm yesterday. Some media post the news that it is a Christian orphanage on the social network. It is a false news item. It is just a house. It has an owner. The owner rents to others. U Khin Maung Aye and

Daw May Yi rented the house, we learnt. The reason why we sealed this is that we have already released information on 20 June 2021 that we arrested the PDF group from Mandalay of Wai Yan Lin (aka) Tun Tauk Naing in Thabeikkyin together with many firearms. According to their confession, the PDFs in Mandalay region cooperated with KIA to conduct terrorist training and explosive courses in Mandalay and they rented four houses. We also announced these four houses. The currently seized house is one of these four houses. But they did not station there."

"Later, the house renters are living there and we found ten children during our inspection. When we asked the renters, they said they are or-



Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun-Leader of the SAC Information Team.

phans. We are still inspecting. We scrutinize the notorious case and we find out like that. There is no official registration to open orphanages or orphanage schools there. They are operating on their own. Then, we hear that they are providing medical treatment there as the

news is spreading on social media. They are just doing it for a show like they are taking care of public health. However, they don't treat the people in reality. But they might treat with the contact of terrorist groups. We are still reviewing. What I want to say is that we

are still investigating and it is the house related to Tun Tauk Naing. There are further suspicious cases and we do so. It is not a Christian orphanage."

"I want to say that they are just creating exaggeration based on the social and religion when we seize it. We are investigating about the children whether they are orphans, and if they are orphans, they will be sent to an official orphanage and social welfare centre of the government by the Mandalay Region government. What I want to say to the people is that the associations that provide finance to the PDF terrorists are taking social and religious cover to mislead the people when we take action where necessary on something," he said. - MNA

Ministry of Legal Affairs publishes Law Translation Book No 11

THE Ministry of Legal Affairs, in line with the guidance of the Chairman of the State Administration Council, is carrying out activities to disseminate legal knowledge, and the Law Translation Commission has published a book on the laws that have been translated into Myanmar, and the number of

translated books has reached

Translated Book No 11 is a Myanmar translation of the Guardians and Wards Act.

The book contains the original text of the Guardians and Wards Act and the Myanmar translation of the Law Translation Commission – the Guardi-

ans and Wards Act both in English and Myanmar.

Under Section 12 (a) of the Law Translation Commission Law, the law translated into Myanmar by the Law Translation Commission is a good book that can be legally cited as it is in force as the original text.



LOCAL BUSINESS

Training on value-added livestock products to be opened on 13-20 Nov in Chiangmai

TRAINING on value-added livestock products, organized by the Myanmar Livestock Federation and the Department of Livestock Development of Thailand, is slated to be held on 13-20 November in Chiangmai, MLF reported.

The training will offer technical know-how on value-added dairy and meat products at the Livestock Product Research and Development Centre in Chiangmai, Thailand.

MLF is making efforts to effectuate the development of the livestock sector and ensure food security for the people and food safety. The federation is joining hands with local and international organizations to enhance the value-added businesses on livestock products.

The COVID-19 travel restrictions shut down those training courses. Now, they

are planning to resume.

They are one-week intensive courses. The professionals from Thailand will conduct practical and theoretical training. The experienced interpreters will provide communication access during the instructions.

The modules of value addition of dairy products in the last batch were fundamentals of value-adding, production of cream, yoghurts and ice cream, production of various kinds of cheese, production of condensed milk and evaporated milk, production of cosmetics with the use of milk such as lotion and salt scrub. milk creamy coffee, innovative products and field trips to the small, medium and large dairy enterprises, retail shops and restaurants.

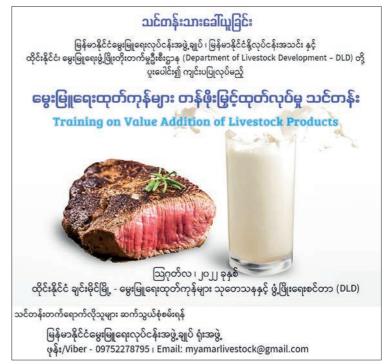
The meat value-adding

courses offer the principles of value-added meat products, slaughtering management, dried meats and jerky production, displayed items (Smoked, BBQ, Roasted, Steak, Curry), study tour to meat cow and native poultry farms, value-added meat products processing factories, restaurants and shops and grocery stores.

The Livestock Product Research and Development Center adds new modules related to popular marketable items every year. The centre also asks for ideas from the trainees as well.

The trainees bear Yangon-Chiangmai-Yangon flight costs, training fees and training materials. The centre set affordable courses.

Those enthusiastic entrepreneurs and startups in value-added markets can enquire



A notice to trainees for the course on the production of value-added livestock products.

about the training programme through contact number 09 752278795 and myanmarlivestock@gmail.com of Myanmar Rice Federation by 8 November 2022. — NN/GNLM

More than 1,100 tonnes of wet salted hides conveyed to India in over 6 months



Live cattle were exported to China in 2020.

MYANMAR exported over 1,100 tonnes of wet salted hides of cows and buffalo to India in the past six and a half months of the current financial year 2022-2023, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Between 1 April and 15 October of the current FY, 1,175

tonnes of wet salted cow hides worth US\$0.479 million were shipped to India.

In the past six-month mini-budget (October 2021- March 2022), the export value of wet salted hides was estimated at \$0.357 million from 850 tonnes.

Myanmar's export of wet salted hides amounted to \$0.080 million (160.776 tonnes) in the 2020-2021 FY, \$0.246 million (492 tonnes) in the 2019-2020 FY and \$0.464 million (858 tonnes) in the 2018-2019 FY respectively.

Despite the exports of wet

salted cow hides, live cattle exports to India have not been seen so far, the Ministry of Commerce stated.

On 21 October 2022, Champhai District Court decreed to restrict the live cattle import from Myanmar to the northeastern Mizoram State of India. According to District Judge James Lalrinchana, some cattle allegedly infected with the Foot and Mouth Disease were found along the India-Myanmar border areas. This is the reason for the objection to live cattle import. The sample of those sick cows and buffalos will be sent to Aizawal and Guwahati cities for lab tests.

That is why live cattle transport is strictly prohibited in the State.

Mizoram authorities frequently posed restrictions on the animals imported by Myanmar. In 2019 and 2010, following the contagious African Swine Fever, swine import was banned. In 2017, India restricted imports of cattle and swine due to the Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome (PRRS) and

swine flu

In addition to the import ban on Myanmar's live cattle in India, Myanmar's cattle exports to the main buyer China through legitimate trade have stopped since late 2020.

Myanmar's live cattle export is heavily reliant on the China market due to a good price although Myanmar has other external markets such as Laos, Thailand, Malaysia and Bangladesh.

The authorities concerned need to govern the market and coordinate the needs to generate revenue and increase the income of the growers and traders.

Although the legitimate trade of live cattle has been suspended, the black market is booming along the border areas of India and China.

Live cattle export was allowed in late 2017, with a view to eradicating illegal exports, creating more opportunities for breeders and promoting their interests, the Ministry of Commerce stated. — NN/GNLM

OPINION

Follow prescribed disciplines in relevant arenas

HE word in English "discipline" is equal to definitions of two words related to the usage of the Myanmar language "function of the beat in Myanmar musical instrument" and "function of a bank". It can be noticed that disciplines are set in relevant sectors, places and arenas.

The beat musical instrument produces its sound to allot and segregate the musical sounds of other musical instruments in creating melody and tune to bear a complete song to the audienc-

es. As such, the beat musical instrument plays a key role In society, people in the Myanmar orchestra need to follow troupe. Only when the functions of the beat are correct prescribed disciplines. will all remaining musical Those wishing to instruments carry on their functions so as to emerge the masterpiece songs. On one hand, the bank controls the overflow of water not easily causing flooding and harming society. Whenever a speedy flow of water in the river suddenly happens, the banks on both sides of the watercourse restrict the speed of water and its level. If not, the overflow of water and inundation may destroy the resi-

possess prosperity must abide by the restricted disciplines. If not, their prosperity will not be firm and will not be comprehensive. If they follow the disciplines in respective arenas in individuals, the whole society will have completed abiding by the disciplines. It means paying respect to others' entitlements and rights mentioned in the Constitution. Consequently, those from society will have to enjoy the fruits of their disciplined

behaviours.

appropriate events. The persons who do not follow the prescribed disciplines will not reach their goals. They miss the chance to meet the target. They will lose the opportunity for their lives. Due to a lack of knowledge to abide by the disciplines, they can lose their positions and destroy their routes to the goals. Those who break discipline will devaluate their personality in society. Consequently, they will be set aside in society and they will be away from the route to prosperity and peace.

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In society, people need to follow prescribed disciplines. Those wishing to possess prosperity must abide by the restricted disciplines. If not, their prosperity will not be firm and will not be comprehensive. If they follow the disciplines in respective arenas in individuals, the whole society will have completed abiding by the disciplines. It means paying respect to others' entitlements and rights mentioned in the Constitution. Consequently, those from society will have to enjoy the fruits of their disciplined behaviours.

"MULTIVITAMIN" (Solar Power, Wind Power, Open-Loop Pumped Hydropower, EV power)

By Medal for Excellent Performance in Industrial Economy Field Awarded, Science & Technology - Engr. (Tun)

O enable the fast development of the nation, the Prime Minister has granted loans in the form of a revolving fund to implement agriculture & livestock breeding, small-scale irrigation activities, co-operative activities, rural development and emerald green project in Kayin State, Chin State, Taninthayi Region, Mon State, Naga, Danu, Pa-O, Palaung, Kokang and Wa Self-Administered Division and Zones. The issuance of loans can be attributed to the farsightedness

of the Prime Minister.

Such an action by the head of state can be viewed as granting freedom and independence to the local administrators from the regions concerned so that the latter can get the local people united in the implementation of the respective development projects. From another point of view, such an action on the part of the Prime Minister can be regarded as training of the public so that they can contribute their part towards the establishment of the democratic federal union.

respect to the implementation of the development activities. Issuance of the revolving fund can be likened to the iniection of the booster into the people who will participate in the implementation of the respective regional development projects. The term 'booster' was used by the Prime Minister himself. Following the steps of the head of state, the writer of this article would also like to use the term 'multivitamin'. As electric vehicles (EVs), Solar EVs and Fully Solar EVs are vital to national development, I would like to call them multivitamins. As multivitamin tablets are vital to the health of the people, EVs, Solar EVs and Fully Solar EVs are all vital to national development because they cannot only reduce

> The rural people account for 70 per cent of the population of Myanmar. Therefore, it goes without saying that providing technical assistance and monetary assistance in the form of a revolving fund will contribute dramatically towards the development of rural areas. In this regard, it is of utter necessity

production costs but also pre-

serve the natural environment.

Additionally, such an action can

be considered to be letting peo-

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to provide modern technology batteries are important, and natto farmers so that they can prourally, as they need recharging, duce agricultural goods effecwe need to build recharging statively and efficiently. As known tions. It is, therefore, necessary to all, the raw materials and the to calculate the requirements of finished goods are being translead-acid batteries so that rural ported from region to region, farmers can be provided with and people are also travelling such batteries. Additionally, the across the nation either on busipower requirements are also needed to be calculated. Then, ness or on vacation. This being so, it is of utmost importance there also arises the need to help the less affordable farmers to improve the transportation sector to ensure the safe and to buy solar energy apparatuses. The farmers should be allowed smooth flow of commodities. In this regard, it is needed to conto pay in instalments so that struct roads linking the villages. they can purchase solar power implements. Instead of using Furthermore, it is also essential to build small-scale dams and/or Lithium-ion batteries that are irrigation networks. In so doing, powerful and costly, LiFe PO4 batteries should be used togethit is highly important to save costs as well as to protect the er with lead acid batteries. One natural environment against disadvantage of Li-ion batteries degradation. There comes the is that they can cause an outrole of EVs, Solar EVs and Fully break of fire when overheated. Solar EVs to reduce not only the production and/or construction costs but also to preserve and protect the natural environment. The farmers are needed

Solar Energy Pumping System is needed to be introduced in carrying out the agricultural and livestock breeding activities. For transportation purposes, we should resort to electric-solar passenger cars and electric cars. In this regard, it will be wise of us to replace the ICE vehicles with EVs, EV-Solar Hybrids and Fully Solar EVs to reduce the foreign currency

permitted to import so that the need to import fuel oil can be reduced while environmental pollution can be reduced. As we are only at the beginning stage, we do not need to construct the power refilling stations across the country. For example, we and the responsible personnel can identify and select the interval positions along the Yangon-Mandalay Highway. The refilling stations should be built at the places like the bus terminals, the terminals en route, the food courts, coffee shops, motels and hotels, chain stores, supermarkets, hyper-marts, offices, schools, hospitals and banks etc. With rapid technological

days are using the latest batteries such as LiFePO4 batteries,

sodium batteries, solid-state batteries, nanodiamond batteries, grapheme batteries and the Boro phene batteries which have a longer life and higher energy storage. And what is more, self-charging (quantum) batteries are now being used by EVs and fully solar energy EVs. This being so, if we now construct power refilling stations everywhere, spending huge amounts of money, it will be a great waste of money. Therefore, the plan for These vehicles should be the construction of the refilling stations ought to be formulated

with the above-mentioned facts taken into consideration. It is, therefore, suggested that plans for the construction of the recharging stations be formulated by the village elders from the rural area development departments concerned because they are best aware of the geographical locations, the local requirements and the overall situations concerning the agricultural and livestock breeding activities. Starting from the rural areas, the EVs will be widely used in towns and cities, and with the passage of advancement, the EVs of nowa- time, the EVs will need repairing

Various kinds of power charging stations for EVs in rural areas. and maintenance. In that case, the system the EVs are using

repair and maintenance.



TO BE CONTINUED will play an important part in



BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the South Andaman Sea, South and West Central Bay of Bengal and a few cloud over the North Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 4 November 2022: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions and isolated in Bago, and Southern Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar Waters. Wave height will be about (3-6) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Slight decrease of night temperatures in Shan State.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING **AREA FOR 4 November 2022:** Partly cloudy.

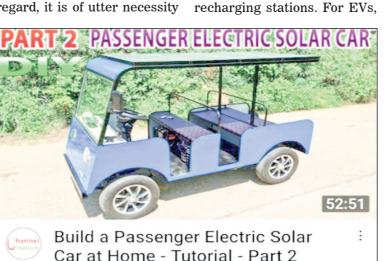
FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4 November 2022: Isolated rain or thundershowers. (100%)



Sample Electric Tractor-Shovel for village road & Mini Irrigation Works



The cost-effective and easy-to-install solar energy pumping system



to encourage the use of renew-

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and cost-saving in addition to

being eco-friendly. I would like

to suggest using Solar-powered

Small Electric Vehicles, medi-

um-sized EVs and solar energy

A prototype of EV or solar EV pickup for general use of transportation

CURRENT AFFAIRS

SIM card registration mandatory by 31 Jan 2023

USERS must check their identifications and re-register their SIM cards by 31 January 2023, according to the Department of Telecommunications.

Users have to check their citizenship scrutiny card info on the registration of the SIM card and if they want to update the info, they can re-register them at the relevant shops of the mobile operators and through websites or applications.

Users can check their ID by dialling *601# for Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications (MPT), *979*3*3# for Atom, 666# for Ooredoo and *966# for Mytel.

Those SIM cards in which the users put wrong and incomplete info will be closed by checking the national database of the Ministry of Immigration and Population, the department stated. – TWA/GNLM



Sim cards are seen being plentifully sold in roadside shops.

Golden lotus robes to be donated to five Buddha images at Shwedagon Pagoda on full moon day of Tazaungmone

THE golden lotus robes will be offered to five Buddha images located at the pavilions of the Shwedagon Pagoda on the full moon day of Tazaungmone, said the pagoda board of trustees.

The robes will be offered to Padamyar Myetshin Buddha image located on the upper premise and the other four images located at the four pavilions of the Shwedagon and the fruits will be donated to the pagoda at 6 am.

The lotus robe donated to the Buddha is the robe, which is one of the eight essential elements of Buddha and monks, received from a large lotus, the sign of the world's early signature. The robe was kept by Brahma and Ghanikara Brahma donated the robe from that

lotus to the Buddha-to-be who went out into the forest and so it was called the lotus robe, according to Rector Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandamala Bhivamsa. Nowadays, it is also called a lotus robe for weaving with lotus fibres.

This year, the annual weaving of Matho Thingan (non-perishable robe) and Matho Thingan offering festival will not be held at the Shwedagon Pagoda on the full moon day of Tazaungmone. In Tazaungmone, the people celebrate the Matho Thingan donation ceremonies. They are called non-perishable robes because they are not allowed to go stale, they are woven within the space of the night. It seems to imitate the Kathina robe. According to the sermons



The Matho Thingan (non-perishable robe) offering ceremony was held at Shwedagon Pagoda on the full moon day of Tazaungmone in 2018.

of Buddha regarding the features of the Kathina offering, the Matho Thingan is also donated as soon as they are finished at dawn.

Similarly, the Kathina festival will be held on 4 November

and the offering of oil lamps will be also celebrated one day ahead and on the full moon day.

The registered donors can offer oil lamps on their plans. — TWA/GNLM

YESC to introduce AMI system in another 18 townships of Yangon Region

YANGON Electricity Supply Corporation is going to implement Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) in 18 townships of Yangon.

The control centre of the Yangon Electricity Supply Cooperation has installed the AMI system in Pabedan and South

Okkalapa townships.

Furthermore, arrangements are underway to expand the AMI system in Kawhmu, Thongwa, Tada (Sub-Tsp), Cocokyun, east and west of Hlinethaya, Thanlyin, Kayan, Latkhokgon, Aphyauk, Dagon Myothit (South), Lanmadaw, Latha,

Kyauktada, Pazundaung, Botahtaung and Thakayta townships.

The software applied in the system is designed in Myanmar Unicode (Pyidaungsu Font), so it is easy to use, and it can be connected to banks to pay the electricity bill. — TWA/GNLM

MR to provide special railway service during Tazaungdaing holidays

MYANMA Railway will run the special up and down trains on Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon, Yangon-Mandalay and Yangon-Pyay routes on 4 November, MR stated.

The airbag up-train for the Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon route will depart at the Nay Pyi Taw railway station at 6:30 p.m. on 4 November and arrive at the Yangon Central Railway Station at 7:15 a.m. on 5 November. The train is scheduled to stop at Pyinmana, Toungoo, Phyu, Nyaunglebin, Bago and Toegyaunggalay stations.

The ticket fare is the same as the express train. During the last Thadingyut holidays, MR provided a special train service to tackle the problems of the passengers.

For the Yangon-Pyay downtrain, the departure time from Yangon Central Railway Station is



at 1 pm on 5 November arriving at Pyay station at 9 pm. The up-train from Pyay to Yangon will leave at 8 pm on 7 November and arrive at Yangon Railway Central Station at 4 am on 8 November. The airbag trains (No 71 down-train and No 72 up-train) will run regularly.

Additionally, the No 5 up-train and No 6 down-train running on

the Yangon-Mandalay route on Fridays and Sundays will extend their services on 7 November (the full moon day of Tazaungmone) for the passengers as well.

MR is planning to launch online ticket sales. At present, passengers can buy a ticket one day in advance for the ordinary class and three days for the upper class of the trains, by presenting a citizenship scrutiny card. The driver's licence and the recommendation letter are not valid in purchasing the tickets. In October, the scammers swindled the money through the Facebook page named an unofficial airbag train ticket-selling counter.

MR operates Yangon-Mandalay airbag special trains on Fridays and Sundays. It will depart from Yangon Central Railway Station at 3:45 pm. Also, the train departs at Mandalay station at 3 pm. The ticket fare is set at K7,750 for the ordinary class and K15,500 for the upper class.

Moreover, MR daily runs Yangon-Mandalay express trains, with the ticket fare costing K7,750 for the ordinary class, K15,500 for the upper class and K21,000 for berths.

Additionally, Yangon-Mandalay local train runs every two days and the ticket fare is K5,700. The departure times are 7:45 am from Yangon Central Railway Station and 5 pm from Mandalay Station.

MR resumed its services on the following railways: Yangon-Pyay airbag express train (daily), Kyimyindine-Pyay railway mail service (daily), Yangon-Mawlamyine airbag train (daily), Yangon-Bago (daily), Pyinmana-Taungdwingyi railway mail service (daily), Pathein-Kyangin railway mail service (daily), Mandalay-PyinOoLwin (Saturdays), PyinOoLwin-Gokteik (Sundays), Thazi-Shwenyaung (Mondays), Pyitawtha-Yechanpyin (daily) and Taunggyi-Banyin (daily). – TWA/GNLM

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HEALTH/PANDEMIC

US requests for overseas abortion pills surges: study



Activists supporting legal access to abortions protest during a demonstration outside the Supreme Court on March 4, 2020. **PHOTO: SAUL LOEB / AFP /AFP**

REQUESTS by Americans for abortion pills from outside the United States have surged since the US Supreme Court's explosive decision last summer to overturn the nationwide right to the procedure, according to a study published Tuesday.

Researchers, whose work was published in the medical journal JAMA, analyzed the number of requests submitted to telemedicine service Aid Access, which delivers abortion pills from abroad to 30 US states.

Aid Access was purposefully set up to help women "self-man-

age" their abortions at home, circumventing local bans or other barriers. After the Supreme Court's controversial decision in late June, many Republican-led states severely restricted or outright banned abortions.

According to the study, Aid Access received an average of 83 requests per day before the Supreme Court's decision from the 30 states in which it operates.

But in the two months after, that number jumped to 213 per day — an increase of about 160 percent. Proportional to the number of women in each state, the increase in Aid Access requests were highest in Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas, Alabama and Oklahoma — all of which completely banned abortions.

In the states that outlawed abortions, "current legal restrictions" was cited as women's motivation for using the service in about 62 percent of cases after the Supreme Court decision, compared to 31 percent before. The study did analyze requests for the pills on other sites, where they are easily available for a few hundred dollars — but without medical supervision.—AFP

Psychedelics show promise in treating depression: study

FOR years, scientists have been looking ever more seriously at the therapeutic effect of psychedelics, which are not legal under US federal law. However, despite this renewed interest, large-scale studies are still lacking.

On Wednesday, researchers took an important step to fill this gap. Their work, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, is the largest clinical trial ever conducted to evaluate the effect of psilocybin, a psychoactive substance found naturally in

"magic" mushrooms.

A single dose of 25 milligrams reduced symptoms of depression in people for whom several conventional treatments had failed, they showed.

An estimated 100 million people worldwide suffer from treatment-resistant depression. Some experts view psychedelics as a possible way to help them.

The researchers tested a synthetic version of psilocybin developed by the start-up Compass Pathway, which also funded the trials.—AFP



Pills containing psilocybin used in a study conducted by a British startup company, COMPASS Pathway. **PHOTO: COMPASS**PATHWAYS/AFP

Heat wave-related deaths rise 68% in 20 years: study

THERE has been a 68 per cent increase in heat wave-related deaths over a roughly 20-year period since 2000, with climate change also contributing to serious food shortages in many countries, a study by an international team of researchers has shown.

Calling for an urgent shift to renewable energy, the international team of researchers criticized governments and corporations around the world for prioritizing the use of fossil fuels over human health.

The study, published in British medical journal The Lancet on 25 Oct, came ahead of the COP 27 UN climate conference, slated to be held in Egypt from Sunday to 18 Nov.

The team analyzed the global impact of rising temperatures on public health and the economy, finding that heat-related deaths increased 68 per cent between 2017-2021, compared with the same duration of time from 2000-



Visitors feel the heat in California's Death Valley on 19 June 2021. **PHOTO: PATRICK T. FALLON/AFP**

2004

Higher global temperatures are also becoming a greater threat to crop yields. The number of people suffering from food shortages increased by an estimated 98 million across 103 countries in 2020, compared to the average for the period between 1981 and 2010, according

to the study.

Warmer temperatures are also creating environmental conditions more conducive to the spread of infectious diseases. The transmission risk of dengue fever, for example, has increased by 12 per cent over a 10-year period through 2021 as compared to 1951 through 1960.—Kyodo

Captagon connection: how Syria became a narco state

A decade of appalling civil war has left Syria fragmented and in ruins but one thing crosses every front line: a drug called captagon.

The stimulant — once notorious for its association with Islamic State fighters —has spawned an illegal \$10 billion industry that not only props up the pariah regime

of President Bashar al-Assad, but many of his enemies.

It has turned Syria into the world's latest narco state, and sunk deep roots in neighbouring Lebanon as its economy has collapsed.

Captagon is now by far Syria's biggest export, dwarfing all

its legal exports put together, according to estimates drawn from official data by AFP.

An amphetamine derived from a once-legal treatment for narcolepsy and attention disorder, it has become a huge drug in the Gulf, with Saudi Arabia by far the biggest market.—AFP

ECONOMY

US embargo costs Cuban sports sector millions in losses



People participate in a rally against US embargo in Havana, Cuba, 5 Aug 2021. **PHOTO: JOAQUIN**

THE US trade embargo against Cuba has cost the Caribbean country's sports sector an estimated 15 million US dollars in lost revenue over the past five years, according to an official.

In just seven months, "between August 2021 and February 2022, the US blockade has caused two million US dollars' worth of losses," Gisleidy Sosa, a director at the National Institute of Sports, Physical Education and Recreation, told a press conference here on Tuesday.

The sanctions effectively bar Cuban athletes and coaches from participating in international sporting events in the United States by making it difficult to get a visa, Sosa explained ahead of the Cuban government's annual draft resolution to the United Nations General Assembly, set for 2-3 Nov, calling for an end to the embargo.

Yadira Gonzalez, director of Cubadeportes, the island's sports promotion enterprise, said the sanctions also undermine the sector in Cuba by restricting access to critical sports equipment and supplies on the international market.

"We are systematically subjected to financial persecution, which negatively impacts our capacity to conduct banking transactions with international companies and sports institutions," Gonzalez said.

First imposed in 1962, the embargo was tightened by former US President Donald Trump, who put in place 243 more sanctions, including banning all flights from the United States to Cuban destinations other than the capital Havana and capping remittances Cuban Americans can send to their families back home.—Xinhua

Top bankers give mixed views on global risks at summit

THERE are growing signs inflation could be brought under control, top bankers said at a summit in Hong Kong Wednesday, but geopolitical risks will continue to inject volatility and a global recession is still on the

The event drew around 250 participants including the heads of some of the world's largest

Few panel speakers opted to address in any detail the increasingly complex financial risks in China, but they did offer an assessment of the wider global economy facing testing times.

"My gut is the central banks will, in aggregate, tame inflation," Morgan Stanley CEO James Gorman said. "It's high-



Goldman Sachs CEO David Solomon said that the global economy is undergoing a rebalancing period, which in the past usually takes between two to four quarters. PHOTO: LIZIHENG/XINHUA

inflation we enjoyed before this crisis, more like around four per cent over the next few years, and we'll have to deal with that."

UBS group chair Colm Kelleher said that earning multhe kind of one to two per cent beginning to be revised and said.—AFP

valuations in certain areas are attracting funds.

"There is a feeling that you know, the central banks will get this under control and then there will be there will be bright ly improbable we'll get back to tiples in the United States are spots for investing," Kelleher

Fed poised for further US rate hike as political pressure mounts

US central bankers are expected to announce another steep interest rate hike Wednesday as they try to prevent soaring inflation from becoming ingrained, but politicians are piling on the pressure in the final days of the midterm elections. The Federal Reserve has embarked on an aggressive campaign to cool the economy this year as inflation surged to its highest rate in decades, squeezing the budgets of American families and propelling economic issues to the top of voter priorities. To raise borrowing costs and lower demand, the central bank has cranked up the benchmark lending rate five times this year, including three straight hikes of 0.75 percentage points. —AFP

Dutch gov't plans new levy for fossil fuel companies

THE Dutch government said Tuesday that it plans to raise 3.2 billion euros (3.2 billion US dollars) through a new levy on companies in the fossil fuel

The funds will be used to ease the burden of the energy crisis on consumers.

The so-called "temporary solidarity contribution" for crude oil, natural gas, coal and petroleum refining companies will be introduced retroactively over the year 2022, according to a letter sent to the Dutch parliament by the Finance Ministry.

In this way, large profits from increased energy prices will be additionally taxed.

The 3.2 billion euros the government expects to raise through the levy will be used to partly compensate for an energy cap for small consumers affected by high energy prices, the letter said. (1 euro = 1 US)dollar) - Xinhua



Activists of the environmental NGO Greenpeace take part in an action blocking the port of Dutch oil company Shell's refinery on Pernis site in Rotterdam, on 4 October 2021. **PHOTO: KENZO** TRIBOUILLARD/AFP

1,300 jobs under threat at UK convenience outlet McColl's

BRITISH supermarket giant Morrisons on Tuesday said 1,300 jobs were under threat as it announced plans to shut 132 loss-making stores of its McColl's subsidiary. Morrisons announced a £190-million (\$218-million) rescue deal for the troubled convenience store chain in May, preventing 16,000 redundancies at its 1,100 outlets.

But it said "a number of McColl's stores have been loss-making for some time" and there were "132 stores where there is no realistic prospect" of them breaking even in the medium term.

"The majority of these 132 stores will now be closed in an orderly fashion over the remainder of the year," it added in a statement. "Regrettably this means that around 1,300 McColl's colleagues will be placed at risk of redundancy. "Every affected colleague however will be offered alternative employment at a nearby McColl's store, Morrisons store, logistics operation or foodmaking centre."

Regulator the Competition and Markets Authority approved Morrisons takeover on 27 October on condition it sold 28 McColl's stores due to competition concerns.-AFP

VW exits German car-sharing business

VOLKSWAGEN on Tuesday became the latest German auto giant to get rid of its car-sharing business, after it too struggled to make a profit in the emerging

Volkswagen said it was selling its WeShare unit, which offers around 2,000 all-electric cars for hire in Hamburg and Berlin, to German company Miles Mobility. No financial details were disclosed.

"We made it very clear in 2020 that we didn't think



WeShare is a "free-floating" system that is operated through an app and without fixed rental stations. Volkswagen said it was selling its WeShare unit, which offers around 2,000 all-electric cars for hire in Hamburg and Berlin, to German company Miles Mobility. PHOTO: VOLKSWAGEN/AFP/FILE

the (service) would be profitable for us," Christian Dahlheim, head of VW group sales, said in a call with reporters.

Rivals Mercedes-Benz and BMW agreed last May to sell their Share Now joint venture to US-European carmaker Stellantis, after they experienced lower-than-expected interest in car-sharing services. As part of the deal with VW, Miles Mobility will order more than 10,000 all-electric vehicles from VW's stable of brands, including Audi and Seat cars.

Miles Mobility already runs a fleet of 9,000 vehicles across eight German cities, including Bonn, Cologne and Munich, and two cities in Belgium.

"With a strong partner to operate the fleet and with vehicles from various Volkswagen group brands, car sharing will become available to an even broader spectrum of customers," Dahlheim said in a statement.—AFP

Uber reaches 615 mln pound tax settlement with Britain

UBER will pay British authorities 615 million pounds (around \$700 million) to settle a tax dispute following a British judicial ruling that classified drivers as workers, the company said Tuesday.

The ride-hailing company disclosed the agreement with HM Revenues and Customs as it reported third-quarter results, saying the cash payment will

be sent to authorities in the fourth quarter.

The settlement is the latest ripple effect from a major March 2021 ruling by Britain's Supreme Court classifying Uber drivers as employees, rejecting the Silicon Valley company's contention that the drivers should be categorized as self-employed.

As a result of that decision, British authorities had argued that Uber was on the hook for VAT taxes for the period prior to March 2022 when it operated in the United Kingdom. Uber began paying the levy in March. —AFP

Yangon-Mandalay Expressway Announcement

- 1. All expressway users of passenger cars, trucks, and private cars should be aware and precautionary of the following traffic rules and regulations for traffic safety.
 - (1) Speed Limit Warning: Private Cars: 100 Km/h, Passengers (Express cars): 90 Km/h, Truck Cars 60 Km/h
 - (2) Wear and fasten seat belt all the time when driving
 - Drive in the Right side (Lane) of road
 - Stop or Rest only at the designated Rest Camps
 - All motorcycles and tractors (trolley) are not allowed
- 2. If the expressway users violate to comply the above rules, penalty will be taken according to the expressway law, traffic law and other existing laws.

Yangon-Mandalay Expressway Maintenance Unit, Department Of Highways, NPT

Notice Inviting Objection To Change of Distributor

FMC Corporation USA holds the provisional registration of the following pesticide granted by the Pesticide Registration Board of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 19 October 2018.

No.	Current Product Name	Active Ingredient Name	Registration Number
1	Coragen TM Insect Control	Chlorantraniliprole 18.4 % w/w SC	P2018-4114

Notice is hereby given that the official distributor of FMC Corporation for above pesticide is changing to ASIAN Crops Global Com., Ltd. from Y Agro Solution Co., Ltd. invites objections to Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, Yangon from all parties within a period of fourteen (14) days from the publication of this notice, with copies of such documents and other proofs in support of their objections. If no objections are received within the period prescribed above, parties mentioned above shall proceed with the completion of formalities recorded with the Pesticide Registration Board. ASIAN Crops Global Com., Ltd.

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Shipping Agency Department Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V SINAR BANDUNG VOY.NO. (763N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4-11-2022 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MIP where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Russia says 'top priority' is to avoid clash of nuclear powers

RUSSIA said Wednesday the world's "top priority" should be to avoid a clash of nuclear powers, stressing it could lead to "catastrophic consequences".

"We are firmly convinced that in the current difficult and turbulent situation — a consequence of irresponsible and shameless actions aimed at undermining our national security — the top priority is to prevent any military clash of nuclear powers," said the foreign ministry.

Moscow called on other nuclear powers to "abandon dangerous attempts to infringe on each other's vital interests".

The foreign ministry's state-



Russian Yars intercontinental ballistic missile launchers parade through Red Square during the Victory Day military parade in Moscow on 9 May 2022 **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

ment came amid rising fears of nuclear use in the Ukraine conflict, which has dragged on into its ninth month.

"Russia is strictly and consistently guided by the tenet that

a nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought," the statement read.

It said Moscow's nuclear doctrine is "purely defensive in nature", only allowing the Kremlin to use such weapons in the event of nuclear aggression or "when the very existence of our state is threatened".

Russia has repeatedly suggested that Ukrainian territories it claims to have annexed are protected by its nuclear doctrine.

The statement called on the world's other nuclear powers—the United States, Britain, France and China—to "work together to solve this priority task".—AFP

Zelensky says grain deal resumption important for 'whole world'

UKRAINE'S President Volodymyr Zelensky Wednesday hailed "a significant diplomatic result for our country and the whole world" after Russia rejoined a deal to allow Ukrainian grain exports via the Black Sea.

"Implementation of the grain export initiative continues," he said in his daily evening address following the revival of the Turkish and UN-brokered agreement struck between Kyiv and Moscow in July.

Moscow had said on Saturday that it was temporarily pulling out of the grain deal, accusing Ukraine of misusing the safe shipping corridor to launch a drone assault on its Black Sea fleet.

Russia's defence ministry said it had now received "sufficient" guarantees from Kyiv that it would not use the maritime corridor to carry out attacks. The call for guarantees showed "the failure of the Russian aggression", Zelensky said in his address.—AFP

Russia fines Wikipedia owner over Ukraine content

A Russian court on Tuesday fined Wikipedia owner two million roubles (\$32,600) over articles related to Moscow's offensive in Ukraine.

A Moscow-based group that supports projects by Wikipedia's owner Wikimedia said it was fined by Moscow's Tagansky district court for refusing to remove two articles related to Russia's military intervention in Ukraine.

Vladimir Medeiko, director of Moscow-based Wikimedia RU, said the ruling would be appealed, adding that "no one will remove" the articles. "I don't think Wikimedia Foundation will pay the fine," he told AFP Earlier this year Russian authorities said that Wikimedia should pay five



Wikimedia Foundation is appealing for this penalty and several earlier fines to be overturned. **PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION**

million roubles worth of fines for a number of similar violations. —AFP

WORLD: TOP HEADLINES

Poland says first nuclear power station to cost \$20 bln



A coal-fired power plant in Poland.

POLAND said Wednesday its first nuclear power station will cost around \$20 billion (euros) to build, days after the government announced it had picked US firm Westinghouse for the job.

PHOTO: DAREK REDOS/AFP

The decision to choose Westinghouse over France's EDF and South Korea's KHNP was formally adopted at a cabinet meeting in Warsaw on Wednesday.

"We have opted for Amer-

ican technology... namely US firm Westinghouse," Morawiecki told reporters. "The approximate cost... will be up to around \$20 billion," he said. The EU member wants the power station in the northern village of Lubiatowo-Kopalino on the Baltic Sea coast to go online in 2033. Poland plans to eventually host three nuclear sites with three reactors each, which would produce around 30 per cent of the country's electricity needs.

Warsaw also signed on Monday a letter of intent for South Korea's KHNP to build a nuclear plant in Patnow, central Poland, based on its APR1400 technology.—AFP

Rare US Constitution original copy to be auctioned in December

AN original copy of the US Constitution — one of only two known to be in private hands — will be auctioned off in December with bidding estimated to go as high as \$30 million, Sotheby's announced Tuesday

Five hundred first printings were made of the US Constitution's final text and provided to participants at the 1787 Constitutional Convention, including George Washington, Alexander Hamilton and Ben Franklin, but almost all have been lost to history.

Of the 13 that are known to have remained, 11 are

owned by governments and institutions.

Last year, one of the two privately held copies was bought for \$43.2 million by US hedge fund manager Ken Griffin, who outbid a group of 17,000 cryptocurrency investors who had raised \$40 million to try to buy the document, vowing to exhibit it in the public digital domain.

Griffin's purchase, which he has since lent for display at a free public museum, set a record for the highest price ever paid for a historical document at auction, according to Sotheby's.—AFP

GLOBALAFFAIRS

Troops deployed in Ecuador after spate of organized crime attacks

POLICE and soldiers on Wednesday patrolled the terror-stricken streets of two Ecuadoran cities after a spate of attacks blamed on organized crime groups waging a deadly drug war. Two inmates were killed and six wounded in clashes inside the Guayas 1 prison, the SNAI prison authority said.

Following a wave of strikes Tuesday in which five police officers were killed, a state of emergency and nightly curfew has taken effect in the western provinces of Guayas and Esmeraldas.

A civilian who suffered a gunshot wound to the head on Tuesday died of the injuries the next day, health officials said, bringing the death toll from the attacks to eight.

Two police officials were also injured. Groups armed with guns and explosives, including car bombs, hit more than 18 targets Tuesday in the cities of Guayaquil and Duran in Guayas province and in Esmeraldas along the border with Colombia.—AFP



A mass transfer of inmates from the Guayas 1 prison is said to have sparked the attacks. **PHOTO: AFP**

WORLD: TOP HEADLINES

Chaotic and cultish: Khan's carnival edges towards Islamabad

IMRAN Khan summits a lurching lorry bound for Islamabad and surveys the legions of feverish followers he hopes will propel him to Pakistan's highest office for a second term. Gazing through Cartier sunglasses and clutching mahogany-coloured prayer beads, the cricket superstar turned populist politician projects the energy of a circus ringmaster, conjuring the crowd with spectacle and rhetoric.

Since Friday, the 70-year-old has been at the head of this roadshow — a so-called long march starting in Lahore — staged to demonstrate mass support for early elections.—AFP

Record number of migrants seized at US southern border: media

THE United States has set a new record of 2.3 million migrant apprehensions at its southern border over the last 12 months, the National Public Radio (NPR) has reported, citing US Customs and Border Protection figures. The annual total — which includes people who were stopped at the border more than once — jumped by 37 per cent from 1.7 million the year before, NPR said.

Drowning and heat exhaustion are currently among the top causes of death of border-crossers into the United States, according to Border Patrol figures.—Xinhua

S. Korea, US to extend air exercise after N. Korea missile tests

SOUTH Korea's military said Thursday it will prolong its ongoing joint air exercise with the United States involving advanced stealth jets following a barrage of North Korean missile tests.

The announcement by South Korea's air force came hours after North Korea fired at least three ballistic missiles, including one believed to be a failed intercontinental ballistic test, and launched at least 23 missiles into the sea on Wednesday.

"South Korea-US air forces decided to extend the ongoing Vigilant Storm in regard to continuous provocation from North Korea recently," the air force said in a statement.

Vigilant Storm, the first large-scale joint air drill in five years involving more than 240 warplanes, began Monday and was initially due to last until Friday. The two countries have agreed to show their firm deterrence posture amid heightened worries over North Korean



South Korean Air Force KF-16 fighter jets take part in the Vigilant Storm joint South Korean-US air drills at an airbase in Gunsan, South Korea, on Tuesday. **PHOTO: YONHAP**

threats, South Korea's air force said, though details as to the duration of the drill are yet to be discussed.

Through its official media Tuesday, North Korea slammed the joint air exercise and warned that the United States and South Korea would "pay the most horrible price in history" if they attempted to use armed force against Pyongyang.

South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol's administration, however, has been stepping up joint military drills with the United States, believing that stronger cooperation with the United States is vital for national security and regional stability.—Kyodo

ALMA observatory in Chile targeted by cyberattack

THE ALMA space telescope in the Chilean Andes suffered a cyberattack over the weekend that has downed its website and suspended its work, the observatory announced Wednesday.

ALMA, the world's most powerful telescope for observing molecular gas and dust, studies the building blocks of stars, planetary systems, galaxies and life itself, according to the European Southern Observatory (ESO), its co-operator.

The attack Saturday on AL-MA's computer systems did not compromise its powerful antennas or any scientific data, it said on Twitter.

The cyberattack forced the



The ALMA space telescope in Chile has been the target of a cyberattack. **PHOTO: ALBERTO PENA AFP/FILE**

suspension of astronomical observations, left the observatory with limited email services, and its website still offline four days

"The threat has been contained and our specialists are working hard to restore affected systems," said the ALMA tweet.

"Given the nature of the episode, it is not yet possible to estimate a date for a return to regular activities," it added.

The ALMA telescope boasts 66 high-precision antennas spread over distances of up to 16 kilometres (10 miles) that allow it to detect distant galaxies forming at the edge of the observable universe, according to the ESO.

It is built in one of the driest places on earth, in the Atacama desert, more than 5,000 metres above sea level. In April, ALMA helped find the most distant galaxy candidate observed to date — some 13.5 billion light-years from Earth.—AFP

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Myanmar team placed in Group G of AFC U-20 Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers

A drawing-lot event for the AFC U-20 Women's Asian Cup Qualifiers Round 1 to be held in March 2023 was held yesterday at the Asian Football Confederation Headquarters in Malaysia.

Team Myanmar is placed in Group G together with host country Cambodia, Malaysia, and Pakistan.

The tournament is sched-

uled to be held from 4 to 12 March with 31 teams from the Asian region under the age of 20 participating in eight groups.

The best four of the eight teams that entered the second stage will be allowed to participate in the final stage.

North Korea, including the Japanese team that won the last 2019 tournament, South Korea and the 2024 AFC Women's-U20 Championship, the final host country of Uzbekistan, will be allowed to compete directly without qualifying.

The Myanmar national women's U-19 team won the first and second qualifiers in the 2019 competition and had the opportunity to compete in the final tournament. — 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.

Home players dominate on LPGA return to Japan as new no.1 lurks

THAI teenager Atthaya Thitikul was six shots behind leaders Ai Suzuki and Momoko Ueda after teeing off as world number one for the first time at the LPGA Japan Classic on Thursday.

Atthaya hit two birdies and a bogey on the way to an opening-round one-under-par 71 at Seta Golf Course in western Shiga Prefecture.

Suzuki and Ueda led fellow

Japanese pair Ayaka Furue and Sakura Koiwai by one stroke as the LPGA returns to Japan for the first time since 2019.

The 19-year-old Atthaya is playing her first tournament since becoming the second-youngest world number one in women's golf history this week, following a stunning debut year on the LPGA tour.—AFP



Fake World Cup trophies seized in Qatar



France's coach Didier Deschamps (2R) and France's assistant coach Guy Stephan (2L) pose with the World Cup trophy after the Russia 2018 World Cup final football match between France and Croatia at the Luzhniki Stadium in Moscow. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

QATAR authorities said Wednesday they have seized 144 counterfeit World Cup trophies, the latest raid on fakes hitting the market ahead of the football tournament that starts later this month.

The interior ministry said officers launched an operation "acting on a piece of information about a website that promotes the sale of cups that mimic the true shape of the World Cup."

It released a photo showing

the 144 life-sized trophies laid out across a floor and stated that "further legal procedures will be followed".

The ministry did not say where the trophies were found, nor whether suspects had been detained.

Football's governing body FIFA and Qatari authorities have stepped up warnings recently about distributing or buying World Cup fakes.

In June, Qatar warned drivers that it was illegal to have a World Cup logo on car number plates, after special plates were sold in online auctions.

One month earlier, police arrested five people for selling counterfeit clothes with the World Cup logo.

At the end of 2021, they raided a factory in the Gulf state producing perfume in bottles illegally using the World Cup brand.— AFP