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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council: Five-Point Road Map

1. Priority will be given to fully realizing peace, stability and rule of law throughout the Union to safeguard the socioeconomic life of the people.
2. People-centred development work that enhances socioeconomic well-being will be undertaken to ensure the country's prosperity and food security.
3. Processes will further continue to consolidate a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system and build a Union based on democracy and federalism.
4. Priority will be accorded to work aligned with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, in order to achieve enduring peace for the entire nation.
5. Upon accomplishing the provisions of the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held in line with the 2008 Constitution, and further work will be undertaken to hand over State duties to the winning party in accordance with democratic standards.

SAC Vice-Chair Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win meets leaders of religious organizations in Loikaw

VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win yesterday morning met religious organization leaders from Loikaw and Kaehtobo traditional group at the state government office hall in Loikaw.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Senior General said that peace and stability are of importance in Kayah State. Terrorist groups threatened the security around Loikaw and there was no peace and stability in the previous year. The state becomes peaceful and stable now. But, some areas far from the urban areas need peace and stability. So, arrangements are being made to take measures for peace and stability and security.

Although the State Administration Council has invited all for restoring peace and stability and perpetual peace, some armed organizations do not have the willingness to cooperate with the government. Tatmadaw has extended the ceasefire for perpetual peace till the end of 2023. The Prime Minister himself invited all for holding peace talks without



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win cordially greets religious organization leaders from Loikaw and Kaehtobo traditional group in Kayah State on 15 March 2023.

preconditions in April 2022. The Prime Minister himself received the armed organizations which came to Nay Pyi Taw. The National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee held meetings with those organizations for the interests of the regions and organizations in a

transparent manner. It was regrettable that any ethnic armed organizations from Kayah State did not participate in the peace talks, but the government always welcomes them to the talks.

In the meeting with the religious organizations, the

Vice-Senior General said that only when local people, religious organizations, Tatmadaw and relevant state government join hands in restoring peace and stability for perpetual peace across the nation will the region be stable as quickly as possible.

Leaders of religious organ-

izations explained their cooperation in social affairs and gave blessings.

In his response, the Vice-Senior General discussed that regional peace and stability are important for internally displaced persons, and local people

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Objectives of 78th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day

- To serve primary duties of Tatmadaw for successfully safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes, and protecting the State Constitution and shielding the genuine disciplined multiparty democratic system
- To emphasize agreements in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) as much as possible for the restoration of the durable and perpetual peace across the nation as ceasing of armed conflicts is an actual requirement for realizing the multiparty democratic system
- To safeguard the national interest of the State, lives and property of people, and to put a strenuous effort on respective corners in times of natural disasters.
- To provide the necessary assistance by Tatmadaw for holding a free and fair multiparty democratic general election upon completion of undertakings in accord with the provisions of the state of emergency for the emergence of the Union based on democracy and federalism.

Application for registration, political party establishment rights ongoing

UNDER Section 25 of the Political Parties Registration Law, Rakhine State National United Party, the People's Pioneer Party, and Mon Unity Party which are desirous of organizing political parties yesterday applied to Union Election Commission for permission to establish political parties under the law and rules.

To date, six parties have applied under Section 3 of the Political Parties Registration Law and 20 parties under Section 25 of the Political Parties Registration Law, totalling 26. Among these 26 parties, six parties will organize in the entire union and 20 parties only within a region or state.

Union Election Commission continues verifying the right to establish and register these parties. — MNA

Public Notice for Submitting Objection

1. Khamee National Development Party with its headquarters located at No 114, Singu Street, Plot No 1, Sittway Township, Rakhine State applied on 14-3-2023 to be allowed to continue to exist and register as a political party under Section 25 of the Political Parties Registration Law. In the application, it is reported that the party name, flag and emblem will be used as described below.
2. Under Rule 14 (d) of the Registration of Political Parties, it is hereby announced to the public that those who wish to object to the name of the party, the flag and the emblem to be used by that organization may submit their objection to Union Election Commission with valid evidence within seven days from the date of this announcement.



The flag design of the Khamee National Development Party



The emblem of the Khamee National Development Party

Union Election Commission

Public Notice for Submitting Objection

1. United Nationalities Democracy Party with its headquarters located at No 8, 1st Floor, Manawhari Street, Kyaukmyaung, Tamway Township, Yangon Region applied on 14-3-2023 to be allowed to continue to exist and register as a political party under Section 25 of the Political Parties Registration Law. In the application, it is reported that the party name, flag and emblem will be used as described below.
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The flag design of the United Nationalities Democracy Party



The emblem of the United Nationalities Democracy Party

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Closing, award-giving ceremony held for Myanmar-Russia Cadets Swimming Competition

MYANMA Tatmadaw has been sending its members on mutual study tours, organizing friendly sports competitions and participating in international military sports competitions to further develop and strengthen relations with the militaries of foreign countries.

The opening ceremony of the Myanmar-Russia Cadets Swimming Competition, which was held with the aim of strengthening the friendship between the armed forces of Myanmar and Russia, was held on 14 March at the swimming pool of the Defence Services Academy in PyinOoLwin.

The cadets who won prizes in various competitions were presented with prizes by relevant military officers, and the programmes of the first day of

the competition were concluded.

The second day of the swimming competition continued yesterday, and attendees watched the competitions between the

cadets of the two countries.

Afterwards, the closing and award-giving ceremony continued and the cadets from the two countries who won prizes in vari-

ous competitions were presented with prizes. A total of 12 cadets from Myanmar and 12 cadets from Russia participated in the competitions. — MNA/KZL



The Myanmar-Russia Cadets Swimming Competition and prize-presenting event in progress on 14 and 15 March 2023.

Local economic growth depends on local food sufficiency and local monetary circulation

IF the region has local food sufficiency, local monetary circulation will improve, and it will contribute to local economic growth.

(Excerpts from the discussion by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at a meeting with MSME businesspersons of Myeik District held on 5 November 2022)

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faced terror acts of armed groups. People need to cooperate with the government for ensuring peace and stability. Likewise, religious organizations play a key role in the peace process. If the regions are peaceful and stable and do not have conflicts, there will be no displaced persons. Hence, local people are to cooperate with relevant officials for en-

sureing peace and stability.

The Vice-Senior General said there is no suspicion for religious organizations' religious and social measures. But, they all need to act righteously. The government encourages their acts with the gratitude and compassion of Jesus Christ. Even if they do anything in the correct way and aid, they need to inform relevant departments about their

moves. As some scrupulous persons commit unlawful acts based on religion, the government needs to do the necessary verification.

Tatmadaw members are following ROE and Geneva Convention. They do their work related to religious buildings. As armed terrorists take covers behind religious buildings, schools and dispensaries in attacks, Tatmadaw make

counterattacks as defending themselves. Hence, the people, religious organizations, state government and Tatmadaw are to join hands in driving off armed terrorists and restoring perpetual peace. All the people need to remember the essence of peace and stability they had enjoyed in the peaceful period and cooperate with the government for restoring peace to Kayah State soonest. Hence,

all people in Kayah State are responsible for the peace of the state with collaborative efforts and cooperation.

The Vice-Senior General, SAC members Porel Aung Thein and Khun San Lwin and Lt-Gen Aung Aung from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) presented rice, cooking oil and foodstuffs to leaders of religious organizations and cordially greeted them. — MNA/TTA

Over 43,000 and over 117,000 examinees sit for Biology and Economics respectively on 6th day of matric exam

A total of 43,772 students sat for Biology subject and 117,001 students for Economics subject respectively on the sixth day of the 2022-2023 matriculation examinations across the country.

Three foreign exam centres and 756 local exam centres for students of science combination and three foreign exam centres and 856 local exam centres for students of art combination were opened for the 2022-2023 matriculation examinations.—MNA/MKKS



BEHS 1 Bahan Township in Yangon Region.



Bago Region

SAC Vice-Chair Deputy C-in-C of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win meets officers, other ranks and families of Loikaw station, comforts Tatmadaw members, and families at local military hospital



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STATE Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win had a cordial meeting with officers, other ranks and families of Loikaw station in Kayah State yesterday.

In his address to the officers and other ranks, the Vice-Senior General said the Tatmadaw

members are responsible to serve the defence duty round the clock. It should apply military techniques in operations and security services and use arms and ammunition effectively to protect the lives and property of the people.

The unity in Tatmadaw plays a key role in serving the military operation and security measures dutifully. There is a step-by-step

reporting and opinion-expression system to resolve and fulfil the difficulties and needs of officers, other ranks and families.

It needs to supply welfare such as salary, allowance, ration, accommodation, transportation, foodstuffs, healthcare and education provided by the government and Tatmadaw to the officers, other ranks and families in a timely manner. They need



The Vice-Senior General encourages the patients in local military hospital.



The Vice-Senior General provides foodstuffs for Tatmadaw members and families.

to take care of their health to perform the duties assigned by the higher levels.

The Vice-Senior General then provided foodstuffs to the relevant officials of the station and cordially greeted the officers, other ranks and families.

At the local military hospital in Loikaw, the Vice-Senior General comforted the officers, other

ranks and families and residents receiving medical treatment and presented gifts to them.

Moreover, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Chief of Myanmar Police Force Maj-Gen Zin Min Htet also met with the Myanmar Police Force members and families at Loikaw Police Station and gave necessary instructions.

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MSME needs to set an aim for manufacturing quality products with the use of domestic materials for the export purpose: Vice-Senior General

MSME needs to set an aim for manufacturing quality products with the use of domestic materials for the export purpose, said Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win at the meeting with MSME businesspersons and departmental officials at the Kayah State government office yesterday morning.

Chief Minister of Kayah State U Zaw Myo Tin reported on the operation of MSME businesses in Kayah State. Then, local businesspersons and deputy ministers presented reports on regional development and improvement of socioeconomic life, formation of cooperative societies with capital, supply of inputs, and development of MSME with the encouragement of relevant ministries and regions and states.

In his response to the discussions, the Vice-Senior General said that the formation of agencies for the development of MSMEs should not stop and they have to go forward. MSME businesspersons and other entrepreneurs need to make member cards. Such a card is important for training, marketing and staging international



The Vice-Senior General presents offerings to the Yadana Thiri Monastery Sayadaw in Loikaw yesterday.

expos and contests. A total of 62 businesses are being operated in the industrial zone for benefiting the State. They have to produce quality products with the use of domestic materials for export purposes.

Kayah State needs to emphasize improving the one region-one product for sausage and textile to distribute them widely in the market. With regard to livestock farms, the government will arrange to provide the necessary

techniques for livestock farms. Prices of products depend on Good Manufacturing Practices and Good Agricultural Practices. Hence, it is necessary to conduct the GMP/GAP courses without fail. Moreover, an FDA certificate is also important for the foreign market.

The State Administration Council allotted K10 billion to Kayah State from the State Economic Promotion Fund for the development of the state.

Loans must be paid back for disbursing loans to others. MSME reports seeking loans as capital. So, they have to pay back their loans to the State. All industries need to have skilled labour for the production process. Hence, the MSME work committee need to seek training for labourers.

The government arranges the supply of electricity whereas local authorities need to arrange to generate electricity from so-

lar power and hydropower on a manageable scale. The Prime Minister instructed all to save the use of fuel because it costs a large sum of foreign exchange yearly.

The Vice-Senior General noted that MSME needs to set an aim for manufacturing quality products with the use of domestic materials for export purposes. Successful operation of MSME will benefit raw material producers, finished goods producers and traders and the government will have to earn incomes for revenue which will be spent on salaries and wages of service personnel and development projects of the nation. Hence, MSME needs to shape the State to be an exporter from an importer.

The Vice-Senior General and party viewed round domestic products, foodstuffs, personal goods, industrial goods and traditional products.

The Vice-Senior General also paid homage to Yadana Thiri Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Gandhavasaka Pandita Bhaddanta Pandita and members of the Sangha at Uttarayon Monastery in Loikaw and offered rice, oil and alms to members of the Sangha. Then, the Vice-Senior General supplicated religious affairs and sought words of advice. — MNA/TTA



The Vice-Senior General warmly greets MSME businesspeople (left) and views domestic products displayed at the event (right).

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.

MoFA, MoIC hold meeting on enhancing capacity building for officials, staff

THE meeting on enhancing capacity building for officials and staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of International Cooperation was held at 1 pm yesterday at the Ayeyawady Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. On the occasion, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe and Union Minister for International Cooperation U Ko Ko Hlaing delivered the remarks.

The Union minister underlined that the purpose of the meeting is to enhance capacity building and human resources for officials and staff from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as for officials and staff from government organizations and other ministries related to international organizations



The MoFA and MoIC meeting on capacity strengthening for officials and staff in progress yesterday.

including those who are keen on diplomacy. He also emphasized that while implementing training programmes for human resource development, regular

training programmes should be evaluated, comprehensive training programmes in accordance with the current development are required to be carried out,

and comprehensive training programmes for the ground exercise and relevant curriculums should be formulated in respective departments.

Then, Union International Cooperation Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing said that required capacity-building training programmes for personnel should be provided to operate effectively the responsibilities of the ministry and the nation. He added that self-learning should be facilitated as well as knowledge and skills should be built and needs assessment on departmental functions should be examined. Afterwards, the meeting participants contributed suggestions, and the Union Ministers provided some instructions based on their suggestions.

Present at the meeting were the permanent secretary, the directors-general and officials concerned from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA

CBM, Bank of China (Hong Kong) (Yangon branch) hold workshop on AML/CFT measures

GOVERNOR of Central Bank of Myanmar Daw Than Than

Swe, in her capacity as Chairperson of the Working Group

on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terror-

ism, presided over a meeting on AML/CFT (Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism) measures in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by deputy governors of the Central Bank of Myanmar, the Vice-Chair and members of the Working Group, the CEO and officials of the Bank of China (Hong Kong) (Yangon branch).

During the meeting, the Governor of CBM discussed the formation of a Working Group on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism to carry out the Action Plan mentioned in the progress report to be submitted to the Asia-Pacific joint

group, cooperation of the government, the departments concerned, law enforcement organizations, information teams including the Ministry of Home Affairs to conduct the AML/CFT measures, commitment of government in developing the effective AML/CFT measures and action plan and exchange of experience on AML/CFT by BOC.

Then, the CEO and Chief Compliance Officer of the Bank of China (Hong Kong) (Yangon branch) highlighted the further cooperation with CBM, Internal Control for Risk Management of AML/CFT, training for employees and recommendations of FATF. — MNA/KTZH



The workshop on Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Financing of Terrorism is underway in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

2 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 15 March, total figure rises to 633,967

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **633,967** after **two** new cases were reported on 15 March 2023 according to the Ministry of Health.

The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **614,458**, including **one** new recovery.

The death toll from COVID-19 in the country recorded **19,490** on 15-3-2023 with no new death reported from the pandemic.

The country has vaccinated **30,972,314** people aged 18 and above for COVID-19 vaccines and **6,843,818** people aged under 18 till 14 March 2023.

Status of COVID-19 vaccination (as of 14 March 2023)

People aged 18 and above who received vaccines	30,972,314
People under 18 years old who received vaccines	6,843,818

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.—GNLM

LOCAL BUSINESS

Myanmar ships over 1,500 tonnes of honey worth \$2.3 mln in past 11 months

MYANMAR exported 1,541.08 tonnes of honey worth over US\$2.311 million to external markets as of end-February in the 2022-2023 financial year beginning in April, according to the Apiculture Division under the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

Myanmar exported 1,527.74 tonnes to foreign markets by sea and 13.34 tonnes via land borders.

Honey is commonly consumed for its medicinal value in the country. It is also shipped to foreign countries.

Myanmar delivered honey to the Republic of Korea, Japan, the US, China, Thailand and Singapore. Japan is the main buyer of Myanmar's honey.

There are some state-owned beekeeping stations with 6,200 beehives and about 820 private beekeeping businesses operating with nearly 200,000 beehives. Apiculture and honey production businesses are primarily found in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions and Shan State.

Moreover, 2 million acres of crops yearly contribute to bee



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pollination every year. This year, 11 per cent of sunflower acreages are designated for pollen sources.

Additionally, beekeeping businesses near the crop fields contribute to the successful yield

of the crop as well as quality bee production.

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Myanmar produces jujube honey, niger honey, sunflower honey and flower honey. — NN/EM

Salt prices move slightly up in Mon State

THE prices of salt have rebounded a bit in Mon State's salt market.

In early February, salt was priced at a low of K133-140 per viss. The prices have slowly increased to K163-190 per viss in mid-March, showing a small increase of K20-30 per viss within one month.

The slight increase is attributed to the strong demand for raw salt.

The salt harvesting process begins around mid-September in Mon State and raw salt is processed in December and January. High fuel oil prices usually weigh on production and transportation costs.

The traders faced low inventory despite the high price at the end of the salt season.

During the 2021 salt season, salt farmers were battered by losses.



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The 2019-2020 statistics of Mon State salt production businesses showed that there

are 14 iodine salt processing plants and one factory each for magnesium chloride (MgCl₂) and table salt (NaCl) production, with a production capacity of 60 tonnes of magnesium chloride, 204 tonnes of table salt and 12,132 tonnes of iodized salt. — NN/EM

Prices of fuel oil, gold and dollar on 15 March 2023

Fuel Oil Price (Yangon)

Octane 92	K2,130
Octane 95	K2,215
Diesel	K2,140
Premium Diesel	K2,220

All of the prices are based on per litre.

Gold Price

The reference price of high-purity gold set by YGEA	K2,230,200 per tical
High-purity gold in the gold market	K2,867,000 per tical

US Dollar Vs Kyat

A US dollar set by the Central Bank of Myanmar	K2,100
A US dollar in the forex market t	K2,860 to K2,875

The above prices may change from time to time.

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OPINION

Try to keep all societies under humanitarianism

EXERCISING humanitarianism plays a crucial role for all human beings to enjoy prosperity. Humanitarianism is based on moral, charitable and philosophical root causes to shape a better society by providing assistance to other people and a firm belief in norms of human lives through humane activities.

Practically, humanitarianism is used in expressing the wider undertakings related to the prosperity of human beings. It can be seen that humanitarianism is based on the concept that the duties and obligations of human beings are to enhance their prosperity.

In truth, humanitarianism motivates the genuine goodwill, sympathy and empathy of one over others in society. Those who

initiate the humanitarians are deserved to be honoured with respect and prestige. As such, those upholding the concept of humanitarianism are focusing on implementing the prosperity of the whole of mankind. If so, those in the society will have the chance to enjoy harmonious development and prosperity in a peaceful manner.

In society, those holding up the humanitarian hate the discrimination based on enslavement, violation of basic human rights, skin colour, religion, lineage and place of birth. On the other hand, humanitarian activities contribute to human beings saving the lives of natural disaster-hit victims, relieving patients of diseases, enhancement of human integrity.

Currently, all events happening across the world are leading to advantages and disadvantages in society. Depending on the root causes, outcomes of these events should be chosen for the society whether they can benefit the people or not. Indeed, goodness and badness are compared with each other in society. Although everybody wishes to embrace goodness they cannot avoid badness. However, if they can uphold the humanitarian concept, everything they can do will be all goodness due to their genuine goodwill.

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The rule of humane is the essence of social morality. In summary of the concept, everybody needs to respond to everything done by others with a positive attitude. Such kind of inter-relationship as a basic ethic can be seen in all religions and isms such as Brahmanism, Buddhism, Christianity, Confucianism, Islam, Yiddishism, Taoism and so on.

If everybody regardless of nationality, religion and dogmatism exercises humanitarianism, societies across the world will have the chance to enjoy peace and prosperity forever. If so, the whole world will have to stay away from disadvantages and bad impacts based on negative attitudes, terrorism, armed conflicts, social malpractices, bullying each other and violation of human rights.

TOMORROW, I have an important job exam, and I need to prepare well for it. After finishing my dinner, I sat down at my desk to study. I was studying various topics as quickly and carefully as possible, but I am concerned that I might not finish everything in time. It feels like time is passing too quickly. It's a shame that I wasted so much time doing nothing in the days leading up to the exam. I had no idea that it would cause me to feel regret in the future.

I just completed my exam yesterday, and today I am reflecting on the importance of time management. Is it really important for everyone? And why? I believe that it is crucial in life, although some people tend to forget about it. Time is valuable because we only have a limited amount of time to live on this earth. During that time, we have to complete many tasks, such as education, health, social activities, and economic responsibilities. It can be quite challenging to finish everything on time because there are so many things we want to accomplish, but time is limited. Therefore, we must make it our responsibility to effectively and efficiently manage our time.

Another reason why managing our time is essential is that it provides us with direct benefits. When we effectively manage our time, we gradually improve and

transform our lives. Therefore, it is crucial to gain knowledge at school or any other place where we can acquire it during our early years. Similarly, during our middle years, it's important to focus on doing things that can help us earn money and build our careers. Finally, during our later years, we should make an effort to meditate and find inner peace.

There is a saying that goes, "make hay while the sun shines." This means that we should take advantage of the opportunities available to us when they present themselves, rather than regret our inaction later. If we do not use our precious time wisely, we will undoubtedly experience the greatest regrets in life. Therefore, managing our time well allows us to live peacefully and without regrets in the future.

When it comes to time management, planning our spare time can help us plan for our entire life. Even though a well-planned life can be relatively straightforward, unforeseen circumstances may arise that can disrupt our plans. However, if we value the present time in our lives, we are valuing our own lives. On the other hand, someone who is depressed about their life and does not practice time management may be far from achieving success. They may regret missed opportunities beyond the available time.

One of the top secrets of suc-

Time Management

By Mg Kyaw Ye Aung
(Tsp. Religious Officer)



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cess is time management, and it plays a vital role in achieving great things in life. Therefore, if our lives, we must prioritize time management.

The youths of today are the leaders of tomorrow. It is essential that they do not fall prey to laziness because it can make them dull and unproductive. To make their lives more meaningful, young people must spend their time wisely. By organizing their energy and focusing it in the right direction, they can become excellent leaders for our country. In addition, they will earn the trust and respect of the public.

Young people should not waste their fresh and vibrant years by spending all day playing games, endlessly scrolling through social media, hanging out at cafes, or watching football. This is a crucial time in their lives when they should be seeking knowledge and learning as much as possible. It is important to constantly nurture ourselves and develop our skills so that when the time comes, we can take on the responsibilities of leadership that the older generation will eventually pass on to us.

Opportunities do not come around more than once in a person's life. It is essential to hold onto the chances we have and take action to achieve success or recognition. We should always give our best effort, and as a result, we will lead a more peaceful and fulfilling life. A well-known writer from Myanmar, Saya Aung Thin, once said that if we do not discipline ourselves when we are young, we will end up being a factotum. Therefore, it is crucial to meet the challenges of today and strive to keep up with the global community.

We often realize our mistakes only after we have made them. This feeling of regret is very unpleasant, just like the bitterness of chocolate. That's why we should be careful with our time and use it wisely. In Myanmar, there are many sayings and proverbs that emphasize the importance of time, such as "time is gold", "time and tide wait for no man", and "make hay while the sun shines". All of these sayings remind us that time is valuable and should be used efficiently. We should not procrastinate or feel discouraged, but instead, we should start working on what needs to be done right away. Otherwise, we will not be able to achieve anything if we just sit around doing nothing.

Our DG (director-general) emphasizes at meetings the im-

portance of planning not just for our country, but also for our own lives. He often quotes the saying, "Fail to plan and plan to fail," meaning that without planning, we set ourselves up for failure. This highlights the significance of planning in our lives. Furthermore, time management is essential for personal development. Time management entails not only managing work tasks but also organizing everything else in our lives. Time is our greatest ally; we eat when we're hungry, go shopping when the weather is good, work when we're healthy, and feel happy when we achieve our goals. All of these events occur by the changes in time.

Time management is something that we all need to pay attention to. It's important to learn how to manage our time when we're young so that we don't encounter difficulties later in life. Some people waste their time instead of using it wisely. They may have a good education, but they lack wisdom. Instead of thinking about their future, they only focus on the problems they're facing right now. They're satisfied with short-term solutions. Unfortunately, this often leads to falling behind others in the long run. To make long-term progress, it's important to analyze how we're spending our time each day.

Study reveals link between sleep duration, body's response to vaccination

While comparable data on COVID-19 vaccination were not available, researchers said their study highlighted the need to identify simple behavioural interventions, such as sufficient sleep, that could improve the response to COVID-19 vaccination amid the ongoing pandemic.

ACCORDING to a new meta-analysis of the association between sleep duration and the body's reaction to vaccination, how well a vaccine protects you may rely on obtaining enough sleep in the days before and after immunization. According to the study, sleeping less than six hours each night around the time of vaccination was related with a significant drop in antibody response.

The findings of the multi-institution study published

in Current Biology. Adults are typically recommended to get between seven and nine hours of sleep per night.

The meta-analysis included data on the association between sleep duration and antibody responses for the influenza and hepatitis vaccines. While comparable data on COVID-19 vaccination were not available, researchers said their study highlighted the need to identify simple behavioural interventions, such as sufficient sleep,

that could improve the response to COVID-19 vaccination amid the ongoing pandemic. The weakened antibody response in those with shortened sleep was so profound, it was similar to the decline in COVID-19 antibodies two months following vaccination with the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna shots. "We have previously found that cognitive behavioral therapy, as well as mindfulness, robustly improve insomnia and also normalize various aspects of

immunity, although it is not yet known whether insomnia treatment can augment vaccination responses," said Michael Irwin, MD, a study co-author and director of the Cousins Centre for Psychoneuroimmunology at the Jane and Terry Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behaviour at UCLA. The researchers also examined the data by sex, since women typically have a stronger vaccination response than men. There was a robust association

between sleep duration and antibody response in men, but they said more data are needed for women because the studies did not control for variations in sex hormone levels, which are known to affect immune function. Large-scale studies are also needed to determine when people should get sufficient sleep to promote an optimal vaccine response around the time of inoculation, the researchers said.

SOURCE: ANI



According to the study, sleeping less than six hours each night around the time of vaccination was related with a significant drop in antibody response. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/JEFF PACHOUD/AFP**

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Yangon licence to be issued to only EVs imported for surrendering old cars with Yangon licence

THE Road Transportation Administration Department has announced that it will issue Yangon licences to electric vehicles (EVs) imported for surrendering old cars with Yangon licences.

RTAD will register EVs under the existing laws, regulations, orders and directives.

Some of the first-batch EV cars are used as taxis in Yangon Re-

gion and Nay Pyi Taw. As a pilot project, some domestic vehicle-importing companies are allowed to import 3,000 EVs without having to pay duties and taxes.

The construction of EV charging stations is underway in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and along the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway, and is slated to be completed by the end of March. — TWA/KZW



The photo taken on 3 March shows the arrival of battery electric vehicles at Hteedan port in Yangon.



The picture shows trucks standing in line to enter the Tachilek border.

Myanmar carries out trade worth \$32.549 mln via Tachilek, Kawthoung borders in Feb

MYANMAR'S cross-border trade with neighbouring Thailand through Tachilek and Kawthoung points was estimated at US\$32.549 million, the Ministry of Commerce's statistics indicated.

Last month, the trade value through the Tachilek border totalled \$12.573 million, including exports worth \$6.268 million and imports valued at \$6.305 million. Tachilek border achieved 83.82 per cent of the trade target. The figures showed a decrease of \$1.282 million in exports and an increase of \$0.653 million compared to those registered in the corresponding period last year.

The border trade through the Kawthoung checkpoint amounted to \$19.976 million in February, with exports worth \$17.537 million and imports worth \$2.439 million.

The trade value was down by \$9.003 million from the year-ago period. Myanmar saw a rise of \$5.785 million in the Tachilek border last month from January, whereas the border trade was up by \$1.566 million from January. — TWA/EM

Action to be taken against those spreading false info about Myanmar passports in Kuala Lumpur

THE Myanmar Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, has notified that there is false information being spread on social networking sites about the Myanmar passports issued by the embassy.

For Myanmar nationals to work legally in Malaysia, the Myanmar Embassy is processing the application for and renewal of regular Myanmar passports to be completed within one day. In doing so, the fraudsters are spreading false information on social networks to exploit the people of Myanmar. Thus, the Myanmar Embassy issued a notice that they will identify and take action against those who circulate false information.

Important notices are posted on the embassy's social network-

ing pages (Facebook and website) and those who want to inquire about the passport may visit the embassy during office hours or contact the numbers + (603) 4251 4455 and 4251 6355.

Myanmar nationals who have already made an appointment will have to come to the Myanmar embassy in person to receive the passport with the documents to be presented on the specified days.

Priority will be given to those who come to the embassy according to the specified date, and those who come after the specified date and those who have completed their residence permit will be processed depending on the number of passports issued by the Myanmar Embassy in the afternoon. — TWA/CT

YBS buses to get fined for overtaking in Yangon

YBS buses will be fined K10,000 for overtaking one another, according to the Yangon Region Public Transport Committee-YRTC.

Stickers bearing the words "Do not overtake one another" were stuck on 1,000 buses at bus stops of Sule and Thakin Mya Park as a campaign on 15 March, aiming to ensure the safety of passengers on YBS vehicles in the city.

The buses will be monitored by telematics and inspection teams to ensure that they abide by the ban, according to the YRTC. — TWA/CT

Weekly market update of dry groceries at Bayintnaung Wholesale Centre

DURING the week ending 14 March 2023, the prices of Kyukok garlic, black gram, pigeon pea and chickpea went up, whereas the prices of sugar and palm oil declined in the Bayintnaung Wholesale Centre.

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Yangon's commodity trading hub saw the entry of 2,364,000 visses of onions in 14 days this month, with an average supply of 210,000 visses per day. The prices moved in the range of K1,050 and K1,850 per viss depending on the quality, size and producing areas (Seikphyu and Myittha) on 14 March.

Garlic

On 14 March, the prices stayed at K3,200-4,000 per viss

depending on varieties and qualities, whereas Kyukok garlic fetched K4,300 per viss.

Potato

The wholesale prices of local potatoes moved in the range between K1,300 and 1,900 per viss depending on producing areas.

Chilli pepper

The wholesale prices of chilli peppers were K11,000-12,500 per viss for long chilli pepper and Moehtaung variety. The prices of bell peppers from the Sinphyukyun area and delta regions were K14,500-16,000 per viss respectively.

Rice

The prices stood at K52,000-53,000 per bag for summer rice grown under the in-



The photo shows a grocery.

tercropping system, K57,000 for low-grade short-matured summer rice (90 days), K49,000-50,000 per bag of low-grade Ngasein rice variety, K68,000 for Pawsan rice from Bogale, K71,000 from Pyapon, K73,000 from Myaungmya, K85,000 for Pawsan rice from Shwebo area respectively.

Palm oil

The wholesale reference

price of palm oil in the Yangon Region showed a small increase of K35 this week. The reference price for a week from 13 and 19 March is set at K4,635. Palm oil is priced at US\$1,053 per tonne in the global market. However, the wholesale market price dropped to K6,500 on 14 March from K6,900 per viss on 9 March.— TWA/EM

CBM Governor receives Russian delegation of Fund RC-Investments



Central Bank of Myanmar Governor Daw Than Than Swe receives the Russian delegation of the Fund RC-Investments in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

GOVERNOR Daw Than Than Swe of the Central Bank of Myanmar received the delegation led by Mr Shatirov Alexander Sergeevich, Director of the Fund-RC-Investments from the Russian Federation at the

Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed cooperation in the financial and banking sectors for bilateral trade and economic development between Myan-

mar and the Russian Federation.

The meeting was attended by the deputy governors of the Central Bank of Myanmar, the permanent secretary and heads of departments. — MNA/TS

Public Notice for Elimination of Violence

1. Declaring themselves to be “for the people”, the so-called CRPH, NUG and PDF terrorist groups are lawlessly killing Buddhist monks, civil servants including schoolteachers, and members of the general public, as well as looting and robbing.
2. Not encouraging, supporting, or assisting “CRPH”, “NUG”, and “PDF” terrorists, who are intimidating and killing people and committing destructive activities, is to protect the lives and property of the general public.
3. Giving information secretly to the authorities on terrorists and on the possession and transport of weapons/ammunition is tantamount to protecting the lives and property of innocent people.

Daily newspapers available online

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CRIME NEWS

Illegal industrial materials, car parts and vehicles seized



Confiscated illegal commodities at Myanmar Industrial Port.

INSEIN District Illicit Trade Eradication Task Force under the management of the Yangon Region Illicit Trade Eradication Task Force examined five container trucks near the Department of Fisheries on Bayintnaung road, according to information.

On 10 March, officials

seized 112,980 kilogrammes of Zinc wires that were imported illegally and needed the Import Licence. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

On 12 March, a combined team at the Naungmon combined checkpoint in Shan State captured 23 kinds of goods including 12 TRUST dashboard

covers worth K9,686,000 without official documents from a Nissan Vanette Pickup auto (approximately K25 million) heading to Kengtung from Tachilek. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

On 13 March, a total of 39.1748 tonnes of illegal teak worth K18,789,924 was captured in Bago, Phyu, Kyauktaga and Lepadon townships and action was taken under the Forest Law.

On 9 March, an on-duty team at the Myanmar Industrial Port container checkpoint confiscated three sets of SJEC elevators that were taken over 61 days of Valid for Prior Arrival (VPA) from two containers. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

Therefore, nine arrests (estimated value of over K302 million) were made on 10, 12 and 13 March, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS

Drugs seized in Kunhing, Loilem townships

A combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force stopped and searched a Mitsubishi outlander car driven by Sai Aung Kyaw Myat (aka) Aikepi on Kunhing-Karli Road in Kunhing township and captured 12.654 kilogrammes of heroin and eight kilogrammes of opium at 5:30 pm on 14 March.

At 2:00 pm on the same day, responsible personnel searched a Sunlong passenger bus driven by Aung Ko Min on Loilem-Taunggyi Road in Loilem township and seized 200,000 stimulant tablets in the car.

Offenders were prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — MNA/MKKS



An offenders is pictured along with seized drugs and a saloon.

Drugs seized in some townships across Myanmar

A combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force examined San Htay and Aung Myo Win on Bayinnaung road in Mayangon township at 1 pm on 13 March and seized 98,000 stimulant tablets.

At 3 pm on 12 March, the police force searched a Toyota Probox car driven by Soe Oo accompanied by Hein Thu (aka) Min Min, Saw Nyan Lin, Aung Hein and Ma Pyone on Waizayandar road in Thingangyun

township and captured 100,000 stimulant tablets.

At 11:45 pm on the same day, the police force searched the house of Sarkhae (Kyar) in Mongping township and seized 6,000 stimulant tablets and

0.15 kilogramme of heroin.

The offenders were prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — MNA/MKKS

ECONOMY

WORLD/AD

Major Japanese firms offer biggest pay hikes in decades amid inflation

MAJOR Japanese corporations including Nissan Motor Co and Hitachi Ltd on Wednesday agreed on their biggest pay raises in decades in annual wage negotiations after their labour unions requested wage hikes that match rising prices.

Nissan said it will increase monthly wages by 12,000 yen (\$89) on average, the largest hike since fiscal 2004 when the current wage system was introduced. It will also offer annual bonuses worth 5.5 months' salary as per its union's request.

That follows the decision by Toyota Motor Corp, which has a strong influence in setting the



An official of the Japan Council of Metalworkers' Unions writes down offers received by member labour unions from management during annual wage negotiations on a board in Tokyo on 15 March 2023.

PHOTO: POOL PHOTO / KYODO

direction of the country's "shunto" pay negotiations every year, to offer its biggest wage hike in 20 years.

Honda Motor Co has also agreed on its largest base pay increase in

more than 30 years. "We are hoping to help create a better working environment," Toyota's incoming president Koji Sato said at a press conference, expressing hope that the

automaker's pay hike will spur vigorous labour-management discussions at other companies.

Major electronics firms are also providing pay raises demanded by labor unions including Hitachi which agreed to a 7,000 yen base pay hike, the biggest raise since 1998. Among other large firms, Sapporo Breweries Ltd said last week it will raise its base wage by 9,000 yen, the biggest annual increase in 40 years. Japan Airlines Co's management offered last week to increase base pay by 7,000 yen, 1,000 yen more than the amount requested by the largest union among those representing the carrier's employees.—Kyodo

Satellite constellations multiply on profit hopes, geopolitics

THE massive constellation of satellites operated by SpaceX, while still growing, will soon be joined in low Earth orbit by many more commercial competitors, but also government-sponsored programmes. When firms floated the idea of expanding access to high-speed internet through satellite constellations in low Earth orbit (LEO), analysts expected only two or three companies would succeed.

"But the number of players keeps growing," Caleb Henry, research director at Quilty Analytics, told AFP at the annual SATELLITE conference

in Washington.

He said there are now at least eight companies vying to launch or complete their LEO constellations, including early entrants SpaceX and OneWeb, which could see a ballooning number of objects in orbit. Amazon alone hopes to launch over 3,200 satellites as part of its stealthy "Kuiper" project. But governments are also keen to join the rush.

China plans to launch 13,000 satellites as part of its GuoWang constellation, while Canada's Telesat will add 300 and German start-up Rivada is eyeing 600.—AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V NITHI BHUM VOY.NO. (267W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V NITHI BHUM VOY.NO. (267W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **16-3-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

Europe must offer legal migration routes to save lives: EU official

THE "only sustainable solution" to save migrants' lives is to provide legal routes for people to move, a senior EU official said Tuesday.

The number of asylum claims in Europe in 2022 has reached levels last seen during the 2015-2016 refugee crisis when more than a million came to the continent. Thousands of migrants die each year trying to reach Europe by

boat. The EU's home affairs commissioner, Ylva Johansson, said the bloc had to offer legal routes to Europe after she was asked about recent shipwrecks in the Mediterranean sea that left at least 100 dead or missing in two weeks, off Italy and Libya. "This is the only sustainable solution to save lives and saving lives must always be our first priority," she told reporters in Strasbourg.—AFP



A Libyan coast guardsman stands on a boat during the rescue of 147 migrants attempting to reach Europe off the coastal town of Zawiyah, Libya on 27 June 2017. **PHOTO: TAHA JAWASHI/AFP / FILE**

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY.NO. (194N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY.NO. (194N/S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **16-3-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **HPT** 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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M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

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M/S X-PRESS FEEDERS LINES

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Agent For:

M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD

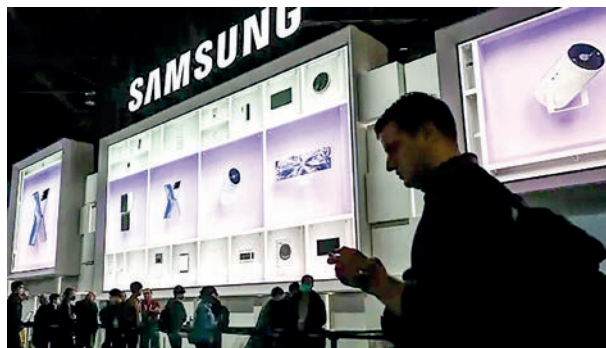
China retail sales up in New Year after Covid reopening

CHINESE retail sales rebounded in January and February as Beijing abandoned its suffocating zero-Covid policy, reopening borders and ending mandatory quarantine, and the country celebrated the Lunar New Year holiday. The 3.5 per cent growth, released by the National Bureau of Statistics, came in line with expectations and was much better than the 1.8 per cent drop suffered

in December, indicating the world's number two economy was picking up after years of painful restrictions. And with Beijing this week announcing it will resume issuing tourist visas, there is a hope for a further improvement this year. China usually releases January and February economic data together to ensure they are not skewed by the long Chinese New Year holiday.—AFP

South Korea to build 'world's largest' chip centre

SOUTH Korea said Wednesday it would build the world's largest chip centre using \$230 billion of private investment mostly from Samsung Electronics, as it seeks an edge in the global industry. The plan is part of the South Korean government's drive to invest heavily in six key technologies, including chips, displays and batteries, all areas where the country's tech giants are well-established already. South Korea will "build the world's largest scale system semiconduc-



Attendees wait in line beneath a large LED display of smart connected home products to enter the Samsung Electronics booth, during the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 6 January 2023. PHOTO: PATRICK T. FALLON /AFP

tor cluster in the capital Yoon Suk Yeol said at an economic policy meeting. "Speed is important. The government will do its best to realize the cluster project," he added, according to a transcript provided by his office. Separately, Samsung said in a statement sent to AFP that it plans to invest 300 trillion won in the cluster area over the next two decades. South Korea's Industry Ministry said the cluster plan is due to be completed by 2042. The vast majority of the world's most advanced microchips are made by just two companies: Samsung and Taiwan's TSMC.—AFP

Feb foreign entries to Japan up 88-fold from last yr to 1.47 mln

THE estimated number of foreign visitors to Japan in February totalled 1,475,300, 88 times higher from the year before, government data showed Wednesday. But while the figures suggest the country's tourism industry is steadily recovering after eased COVID-19 border control measures, they were still 43.4 per cent lower than the number of foreign visitors in February 2019, before the novel coronavirus outbreak. Arrivals from East Asia comprised the largest number of visitors but saw a drop of about 22,000 from January when many traveled during the Lunar New Year holiday period, the Japan National Tourism Organization said. The most arrivals came from South Korea at 568,600, followed by Taiwan at 248,500 and Hong Kong at 119,400. Arrivals from non-Asian markets have continued to grow at a steady pace, with 86,900 visitors coming from the United States in February, only 6.2 per cent less than the same month in the pre-pandemic year of 2019.—Kyodo

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

S Korea pres hopes to move forward with Japan, not focus on past



Undated photo shows South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol in Seoul. **PHOTO: THE SOUTH KOREAN PRESIDENTIAL OFFICE /KYODO**

SOUTH Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol said Wednesday he hopes to cooperate with Japan and look “toward the future” after his government proposed a solution aimed at settling a long-running wartime labour compensation dispute with its neighbor.

South Korea “will faithfully implement” the solution, Yoon said in a written interview with Kyodo News and other major news agencies ahead of his two-day visit to Japan from

Thursday, the first in around four years by the president of South Korea, for talks with Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

Yoon, who took office in May last year, said his forthcoming trip to Japan is “itself an important step forward” for bilateral relations, and expressed hope that the two countries can “now move forward together toward the future rather than be in a confrontation over the past.”

Yoon said he looks forward

to having “frequent dialogue” with Kishida “as often as is necessary, that is unrestricted by formalities and time.” Reciprocal visits between Japanese and South Korean leaders had been halted since December 2011 amid strained ties over history and territorial issues.

Bilateral relations plunged to their lowest point in decades after South Korea’s top court in 2018 ordered two Japanese companies to compensate plaintiffs for forced labor during Japan’s 1910-1945 colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula.

The ruling provoked fierce opposition from Japan, which has maintained that all claims related to the colonial period were settled “completely and finally” by a 1965 bilateral agreement. But since Yoon’s government announced steps on 6 March towards resolving the issue, both countries have made an effort to patch up ties, with Kishida’s government saying it will uphold statements by previous governments that expressed remorse over colonization. — Kyodo

Dawn school trial for drowsy teens draws outcry in Indonesia

EVERY morning in a city in Indonesia’s far east, sleepy teenagers can be seen trudging zombie-like through the streets on their reluctant way to school.

It is not a scene from some cheesy sci-fi offering but a controversial experiment to get the

day off to a much earlier start for the sleep-deprived teens.

The pilot project in Kupang, the capital of East Nusa Tenggara province, has twelfth-graders at 10 high schools starting classes at 5:30 am.

Authorities say the



High school students gather for roll call in the Indonesian city of Kupang, where classes start at 5:30 am. **PHOTO: AFP**

scheme, announced last month by governor Viktor Laiskodat, is intended to strengthen children’s discipline.

According to parents, though, their children are “exhausted” by the time they get home. Schools in Indonesia generally start between 7:00 and 8:00 am.

Teens in their school uniforms are now walking down dark streets or waiting for motorcycle taxis to get to school on time.

“It is extremely difficult, they now have to leave home while it’s still pitch dark. I can’t accept this... their safety is not guaranteed when it’s dark and quiet,” Rambu Ata, a mother to a 16-year-old, told AFP.

Her daughter Eureka now has to wake up at 4:00 am to get ready and ride a motorbike to school. — AFP

WORLD: TOP HEADLINES

Putin to hold talks with Syria’s Assad: Kremlin

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin will hold talks with Syria’s leader Bashar al-Assad in Moscow on Wednesday, the Kremlin said, as relations between Middle East states undergo a realignment.

Russia has been one of Syria’s few allies during its years of war and political isolation.

“Topical issues of further development of Russian-Syrian cooperation in the political, trade, economic and humanitarian spheres, as well as prospects for a comprehensive settlement of the situation in and around Syria will be discussed,” the Kremlin said in a statement on Tuesday. — AFP

Australian subs deal could have ‘deadly’ consequences: former PM

A former Australian prime minister on Wednesday rubbished the country’s landmark nuclear-powered submarines deal, saying it unnecessarily targeted China and could have “deadly consequences”.

Australia announced on Monday it would buy up to five US submarines in an ambitious effort to bulk up Western muscle in the face of a rising China.

With the help of the United States and Britain, Australia will also embark upon a 30-year plan to build its own fleet of nuclear-powered subs. — AFP

Russian jet causes American drone to crash over Black Sea: US



MQ-9 Reaper drone. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ STAFF SGT. BRIAN FERGUSON / U.S. AIR FORCE**

A Russian fighter jet on Tuesday dumped fuel on an American drone over the Black Sea and then collided with it, causing the drone to crash, the US military said, slamming the manoeuvre as “reckless”. US European Command said two Russian Su-27 fighters intercepted the unmanned MQ-9 Reaper over international waters and one clipped its propeller. “Several times before the collision, the Su-27s dumped fuel on and flew in front of the MQ-9 in a reckless, environmentally unsound and

unprofessional manner,” it said.

Moscow denied causing the crash of the drone, which the Pentagon said was on a routine ISR (intelligence, surveillance, reconnaissance) mission.

“As a result of a sharp manoeuvre... the MQ-9 unmanned aerial vehicle entered an uncontrolled flight with loss of altitude and collided with the surface of the water,” the Russian Defence Ministry said, adding that the two Russian jets had no contact with the US aircraft and did not use their weapons. — AFP

Protesting Dutch farmers eye gains in elections



Dutch farmers held the latest in a series of protests against government climate protests in The Hague on 11 March. **PHOTO: ANP/AFP**

DUTCH voters go to the polls in local elections on Wednesday, with a party of angry farmers posing a challenge to Prime Minister Mark Rutte and his climate change plans.

The provincial vote, which also determines the shape of parliament's upper house, comes after months of turbulent farmer protests that have won the support of former US president

Donald Trump.

Opinion polls show the "Farmers-Citizen Movement" (BBB) — which was only founded in 2019 and has just one MP — could be one of Wednesday's big winners at the expense of Rutte's ruling coalition.

A strong showing would mean the farmers could ally with other parties in the senate to block Rutte's legislation, which

is expected to reduce livestock numbers and possibly close some farms.

Rutte, the Netherlands' longest serving leader who has been in power since 2010, says he has "hope" that the four-party coalition led by his centre-right VVD party can solve problems including the farm plans.

The premier told Dutch television at the weekend that the coalition has "always been prepared to take responsibility under difficult circumstances" and dismissed speculation he could quit. But farmers in the Netherlands — a nation of nearly 18 million people that is the world's second largest agricultural exporter after the United States — say the government has ignored them.

"We don't really feel heard," Erik Stegink, national president of the BBB and a pig farmer himself, told AFP. "Sometimes we don't even feel welcome in our own country anymore." — AFP

Pakistan ex-PM Khan defies arrest as supporters clash with police

SUPPORTERS of former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan clashed repeatedly with police overnight as he remained holed up in his Lahore residence early Wednesday, defying attempts to arrest him.

Khan was ousted from office by a no-confidence vote last year, and has been snarled in a series of legal cases as he campaigns for early elections

and a return to office.

Police fought pitched battles with supporters of Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party near his Zaman Park residence throughout the night, firing fusillades of teargas and dodging rocks thrown by angry crowds.

Khan issued a video shortly before dawn, sitting in front of Pakistan and PTI flags at

a desk decorated with spent teargas canisters.

"I am telling the entire nation today that they are ready once again, they're going to come again," he said.

"They will teargas our people and do other such things, but you should know that they have no justification to do so."

Video circulating on social media — much distributed by official PTI accounts — showed several bloodied supporters and others struggling to cope with tear gas.

A PTI official tweeted that there was "an urgent need" for first aid kits at the Zaman Park neighbourhood.

A party account also showed video of teargas canisters landing inside Khan's garden, but police did not appear to breach the gate or the wall.

"The way the police attack our people... there is no precedent for this," Khan said. — AFP



Supporters of former prime minister Imran Khan try to stop riot police from getting near his house in Lahore, eastern Pakistan. **PHOTO: AFP**

Reform of Spain's contested security law fails

A proposed reform of a contested security law in Spain failed Tuesday after Catalan and Basque parties voted against it in a parliamentary commission, arguing it did not go far enough.

Dubbed the "Gag Law" by those who oppose it, the legislation passed in 2015 by a previous conservative government allows authorities to impose hefty fines against unauthorised demonstrations or in case of attempts to block home evictions.

The law was seen as an attempt by the government to curb social unrest and protests against its austerity measures.

Critics, including Amnesty

International and other rights groups, argue it limits free expression and violates the right to protest. A reform of the law put forward by Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez's minority coalition government proposed several changes, including lowering some fines and slashing the time suspects arrested at protests may be held in custody.

But Catalan separatist party ERC and Basque pro-independence party Bildu — which usually help the government pass legislation — opposed the reform because the law would continue to allow police to use rubber bullets. — AFP



Gag law reforms fail in Spain. **PHOTO: OSCAR DEL POZO / AFP**

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Honduras to establish diplomatic ties with China: president

HONDURAS will establish diplomatic relations with mainland China, President Xiomara Castro said Tuesday.

Castro wrote on Twitter that she had instructed Foreign Minister Eduardo Reina "to undertake the opening of official relations with the People's Republic of China".

The move comes weeks after her government announced it was negotiating with China to build a hydroelectric dam, called Patuca II. — AFP

Ecuador, Argentina in diplomatic row over fugitive ex-minister

A diplomatic spat between Ecuador and Argentina escalated Tuesday after it was revealed that a convicted former cabinet minister, who had been living in the Argentine embassy, had escaped Quito to Venezuela.

Maria de los Angeles Duarte, who served under former president Rafael Correa, was sentenced to eight years for bribery, but had been holed up in Argentina's embassy since August 2020 with her son, whose father is Argentine. — AFP

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Haaland has Champions League mission at Man City



Erling Haaland is smashing goalscoring records at Manchester City. PHOTO: AFP

ERLING Haaland admits he is at Manchester City to win the Champions League after smashing in five goals against RB Leipzig — and warns he can get even better.

The Norway forward propelled City into the quarter-finals after a 7-0 win at the Etihad on Tuesday and underlined their determination to finally win Europe's elite club competition.

"Of course the club want to win the Champions League, they want to still win trophies," said Haaland, who has now scored a staggering 39 goals

in 36 appearances for City since arriving from Borussia Dortmund last year.

"They've won the Premier League four times out of the last five years so they didn't bring me in to win the Premier League, they know how to win the Premier League," he told CBS.

"So, you can read between the lines. I'm here to try to help the club develop even more, to win the Champions League for the first time."

Haaland became only the third player to score five goals in a single Champions League

game at the Etihad, taking his tally in the competition to 33 goals in 25 games.

He is the quickest player to reach the 30-goal milestone in the competition and, at the age of 22, the youngest.

Haaland also eclipsed Tommy Johnson's 1928/29 club record of 38 goals in a single season for City.

But he insisted his appetite for goals was far from satisfied and he hopes to get even better. "I knew I was going to score goals because, last season, how many goals did City score? Probably a hundred. — AFP

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council: Twelve 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 prioritize 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.
- (d) To ensure peace, stability, rule of law, and the safe and smooth functioning of transport networks across the Union.

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance development based on agriculture and livestock using modern production techniques and to 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 assure support for the sustainability of Micro-, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) that prioritize import substitution, export production, and the use of domestically produced raw materials, in order to increase domestic production and generate employment opportunities.
- (d) To advance the socioeconomic life of the people, in order to ensure the country's prosperity and food security.

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 people and preserve and safeguard their faiths, beliefs, culture, and characteristics of patriotic nationalism.
- (c) To strengthen basic health care in order to achieve the emergence of a health system that enhances the longevity and health of the entire nation.
- (d) To comprehensively promote the education sector to make it capable of producing the human resources necessary for building a modern, developed, and progressive democratic nation.

Team Myanmar to compete in 2nd round of U-20 Women's Asian Cup 2024 Qualifiers in June

THE second round of the U-20 Women's Asian Cup 2024 Qualifiers, in which the Myanmar U-20 women's team is allowed to compete, will continue in June.

After the first round qualifier was held from 8 to 12 March, the eight teams that qualified for the second round are emerging.

The first-round qualifier was divided into eight groups, and only the top eight teams from each group qualified for the second round.

The Myanmar team participated in Group G and defeated the Cambodian team 2-0, and Malaysia 3-1, and finished first in the group with six points and qualified for the second round.

China team from Group A, Nepal

team from Group B, Australia team from Group C, Lebanon team from Group D, Chinese Taipei from Group E, Viet Nam team from Group F, Myanmar team from Group G, and Iran Team from Group H won first places in their groups.

Thailand, the top ASEAN team, was eliminated from the group stage.

The eight winners from the first-round qualifiers will be divided into two groups of four for the second-round qualifiers, and the top two teams will qualify for the next stage.

The second round of qualifiers will continue from 3 to 11 June 2023. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Youth players from the Myanmar U-20 women's team are seen with winning smiles as they have already advanced to the second round of the 2024 Asian Cup U-20 Women's Qualifiers. PHOTO: MFF