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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.

Myanmar seaborne rice export surpasses 188,000 tonnes in two months

MYANMAR shipped over 188,000 tonnes of rice and broken rice to foreign countries through sea route in the past two months (April-May) of the current financial year 2023-2024, Myanmar Rice Federation's statistics showed.

Myanmar sent 188,161 tonnes of rice and broken rice by sea and 10,193 tonnes via the border in the past two months.

The Central Bank of Myanmar's directive for export earnings resulted in a drop in rice exports through border

channels. For the cross-border trade, 65 per cent export earnings (US dollar) of the rice and related products have to be exchanged according to the reference rate of the Central Bank of Myanmar (K2,100) starting from 1 March.

Earlier, exporters were not obligatory to convert the export earnings into local currency at the reference rate. So, they were allowed to use them 100 per cent for any purpose. However, as per the new policy of the CBM, conversion

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Bagan Palace site of King Anawrahta and King Kyansittha attract travellers

THE people should not miss the Bagan palace site where King Anawrahta and King Kyansittha reigned over when they visit Bagan-NyaungU ancient cultural zone of NyaungU Township in Mandalay Region, according to the officials of Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Bagan Branch).

According to the chronicles, Bagan was ruled by 55 kings, and they established their palaces at four locations. The first palace was established by King Thamuddariz at Yonhlut Island in eastern part of Tuyin Hill in 108 AD while the second one called Thiri Pyitsaya by 7th Bagan King Thinklekyang at Kyauksaka region in 344 AD, the third one Tampawady palace by 12th Bagan King Thaiktaing in the southern part of West Phwasaw Village in 516 AD and the fourth one by 34th Bagan King Pyinbya in Nagabo (now old Bagan) in 849 AD.

According to a stone inscription of King Kyansittha, the current Bagan palace was built of wood and constructed in 464 ME (1102 AD) and called Zeyabumi Palace.

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Ancient palace site of Bagan ruled by King Anawrahta and King Kyansittha seen in Bagan ancient cultural region.

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Its location might be in the central Bagan, west of Tharapa Gate and northern part of road including north of Shwegugyi pagoda. The mound of Aungmye called the victorious land is recognized a Bagan Palace site and

the Department of Archaeology and National Museum conducted excavation on research between 1990-1997 and 2003-2012.

According to the explored land, building system and ancient objects, the kings expanded and repaired the orig-



Excavated parts of structures under maintenance at ancient Bagan Palace in Bagan ancient cultural region.



Ancient building made of bricks seen at ancient Bagan Palace site.

inal palace buildings after the establishment of fourth palace. It also conducted research with Magnetometer of Non-Invasive Method in 2016.

The people can study the explored pots, small portals for light, a well, teak poles that caught fire torched by Mongol and deep pith with

earthen rims, according to the officials of Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Bagan Branch). — Dipa Lin /KTZH

Announcement for local and foreign well-wishers to donate cash to cyclonic storm Mocha victims

1. AN announcement has been issued that well-wishers wishing to make donations for people who fell victim to the extremely severe cyclonic storm Mocha which hit Myanmar on 14-5-2023 can donate cash to Myanmar account OA-011834 and foreign account 1DA-0300086.
2. In this announcement, it is duly mentioned that our commitment to receiving donations extends to additional electronic payment systems and mobile payment systems. Further updates and notifications will be made in due course.
3. It has been announced that dona-

tions can be made to the previously announced phone number and to the account that was opened, and since it can be confusing to donate with a phone number, we have already made it possible to donate with a QR code instead of the phone number.

4. Donations can be made through KBZ Pay or Wave Money. If you wish to donate, please scan the QR codes provided by both KBZ Pay and Wave Money. To contribute, enter the code included within the respective QR codes.
5. People make donations through CB Pay, AYA Pay, OK \$, UAB pay and

Citizens Pay which are widely used to enhance convenience for donors. To donate, please scan the QR code and

6. The well-wishers can contact the following persons for further information: -



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National Disaster Management Committee

Regional administration key to long-term interests of respective regions and country

- Administrative officials assigned in the region need to perform their duties conscientiously and correctly in the long-term interests of their own region and the country.
- If local authorities are absent to warn against unlawful acts, it will be terrible impacts on the interests of the region and the country in the future.

(Excerpts from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at a meeting with businesspersons of the hotels and tourism sector in Thandwe, Rakhine State on 20 January 2023)

State Peace Talks Team meets with five PPST member NCA signatories on second day

THE second-day meeting between the State Peace Talks Team (SPTT) and five members of Peace Process Steering Team-PPST—ALP, DKBA, KNU/KNLA-PC, LDU and PNLO—which have signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, was held yesterday morning at the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Centre in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, participants cordially discussed issues of common agreements between the NCA-S EAO groups, the issue of federal principles, humanitarian aid and the attitudes of NCA-S

EAOs on UWSP, NDAA, SSPP delegations to meet and have discussions with political parties.

After that, both sides collaborated to reach an agreement on two days of drafts and the second day of meeting was adjourned. The third day meeting will continue on 28 June, and they will sign the same opinions as agreements.—MNA/TS

State Peace Talks Team holds peace talks with PPST member NCA signatories for the second day on 27 June.



MoEP Union Minister meets Russian Ambassador to Myanmar



Union Minister for Electric Power U Thaug Han meets Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Nikolay Listopadov on 27 June.

UNION Minister for Electric Power U Thaug Han received Russian Ambassador to My-

anmar Dr Nikolay Listopadov, who had completed his tour of duties, at the parlour of the the

Ministry of Electric Power in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting, they shared their opinions regarding matters on continued cooperation with Russia in the development of Myanmar's electricity sector; the signing of agreements resulting from the discussions between the heads of state of the two countries, cooperation in solar energy, hydropower and wind power sectors in Myanmar; opportunities of cooperation with local companies and multi-sectoral cooperation between the two countries. —MNA/CT

MoHT Union Minister receives Russian Ambassador

UNION Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aung Thaw received Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Myanmar Dr Nikolay Listopadov, who had completed his tour of duties in Myanmar, at the parlour of the ministry yesterday morning.

During the meeting, the Union minister and the ambassador friendly exchanged views on continued coopera-

tion in tourism industry, investment in tourism industry of the two countries, potentials and opportunities of Myanmar's tourism industry, holding forums and online meetings on tourism industry and the running of chartered flights between the two countries.

After the meeting, the Union Minister and the Russian Ambassador to Myanmar exchanged gifts. —MNA/MKKS



Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aung Thaw receives Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Myanmar Dr Nikolay Listopadov on 27 June.

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 increase of death rate due to the disease.

Union Minister for International Cooperation receives IOM Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific

U Ko Ko Hlaing, Union Minister for International Cooperation, received Ms Sarah Lou Ysmael Arriola, IOM Regional Director for Asia and Pacific, at the Ministry of International Cooperation in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the courtesy call, they shared their views on the matters pertaining to the cooperation between Myanmar and IOM in the field of migration and the continued work of IOM in Myanmar.

Also present at the meeting were the senior officials of the Ministry of International Cooperation, Mr Dragan Al-

eksoski, IOM Chief of Mission for Myanmar and Mr Chaoqian Xiong, Regional Migration Policy Support Officer.—MNA

Union Minister for International Cooperation U Ko Ko Hlaing shares views with Ms Sarah Lou Ysmael Arriola, IOM Regional Director for Asia and Pacific on 27 June.



MoSWRR Union Minister receives IOM Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Thet Thet Khine met Ms Sarah Lou Ysmael Arriola, Regional Director for Asia and Pacific of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), at the ministry's meet-

ing hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, they exchanged their views on cooperation by signing a memorandum of understanding (MoU) between IOM and MoSWRR, the government's preparations

for Cyclone Mocha, provision of humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the storm, repatriation of illegal migrants and victims of human trafficking and their reintegration into the community.— MNA/CT



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of the foreign currency at the CBM's reference rate is applicable to all the export goods, along with the policy exercised in the seaborne trade.

Following the directive, the rice export came to a halt for a while at the border.

MRF aimed to achieve 2.5 million tonnes of rice export in the current FY, generating an income of US\$1 billion.

Myanmar exported 2,261,203 tonnes of rice and broken rice to foreign trade part-

ners in the past 2022-2023 FY (April-March), bagging \$853.472 million. The seaborne trade saw an export of 1.8 million tonnes and over 430,000 tonnes were sent to the neighbouring countries via the border.

Myanmar has been exerting concerted efforts to increase 10 per cent yearly in the rice export sector. To raise income of foreign currency, it has been prioritizing exportation of high-grade rice and boosting export volume, MRF stated.—NN/EM



Workers carry packages of rice at a warehouse in Yangon, Myanmar, 8 March, 2023. Myanmar exported 106,855 tonnes of rice in February this year, as compared to 171,811 tonnes of rice exported in January.

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MoCRD Union Minister looks into progress of rehabilitation in Rakhine State

UNION Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Hla Moe, accompanied by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin, inspected the distribution of relief items from ships which docked at Sittway port and Phaungtawgyi jetty of Myanma Port Authority yesterday.

At Rakhine State home for the aged, the Union minister provided foodstuffs and cash assistance to 37 elderly people.

On arrival at the reconstruction site of Mocha-hit bailey bridge that connects Aung Mingala ward and Ywathitkay village, the Union Minister left necessary instructions.

At noon, the Union Minister met with Yun Shan Company Chairman U Aung Myo

Oo and discussed cultivation of high-yielding GW-11 paddy strain, ever green grass for animal feed in local breeding sector, growing of plants that can make profits in a short period and raising awareness on agriculture and livestock measures.

At Nursing and Midwifery Training School, he viewed theoretical and practical works of trainees.

He inspected the maintenance of 12,900-ft-long Mocha-hit Sittway Shukhintha road, from the post office junction to Sittway Hotel.

He attended the coordination meeting at Rakhine State government office and discussed the rehabilitation processes.



Union Minister for MoCRD U Hla Moe views unloading of construction materials from vessels at port of Sittway in Rakhine State on 27 June.

Deputy Minister Dr Aung Gyi distributed 58,500 bags of vegetable seeds to district heads of Agriculture Departments in Rakhine State. —MNA/KTZH

Illegal timbers, consumer goods, industrial materials, animals and vehicles confiscated



Officials seize illegal timber.

A combined team led by Township Forest Department under the supervision of Sagaing Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force captured a total of 5.914 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K887,220 in Shwebo township on 24 June. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

Additionally, a combined team impounded a total of 8.572 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K1,285,920 and a motor schooner with related things worth K1.35 million at the northern part of Kayah island in Kyunsu township on 24 June. The action was taken under the Forest Law and Customs Procedures.

An on-duty team at the Kawkareik (Tadakyoe) confiscated two vehicles, heading to Yangon from Myawady, carrying 100 empty plastic drums

worth K2 million and 430 pairs of sports shoes worth K3.44 million on 25 June. The action was taken under Customs Procedures.

Similarly, the on-duty combined teams seized eight cattle worth K5.65 million without official documents from a Dongfeng car worth K3 million, an Isuzu (worth about K13.5 million) and an unregistered Kenbo 110 car (estimated value of K150,000) at the Anawrahta bridge checkpoint in Seikpyu township and a total of 2.022 tonnes of illegal teak worth K1,334,652 in Mindon township on 25 June. The action was taken under the Important Goods and Service Law and Forest Law.

A total of 62.154 tonnes of illegal teak, 54.901 tonnes of hardwood and 9.0552 tonnes of

other timbers worth K44,227,404 were captured in Bago, Toungoo and Thayawady districts on 26 June. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

An on-duty team conducted inspections at the Ma-yanchaung permanent checkpoint on 26 June and seized 5,200 kilogrammes of essence washing liquid worth K4,258,800 that were not declared in the Import Declaration (ID) from a Hino Profia tractor head and a trailer worth K45 million heading to Yangon from Myawady on 26 June. The action was taken under Customs Procedures.

Therefore, 10 arrests (estimated value of K126,083,996) were made on three consecutive days from 24 to 26 June, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. —MNA/MKKS

Lectures on human rights given at Civil Service Academy (Upper Myanmar)

DR Khine Khine Win, Deputy Director-General of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Office, gave lectures on human rights concept, Universal Declaration of Human Rights and establishment of Myanmar National Human Rights

Commission and its activities at the management course No 13 for executive level officials and the management course No 14 for senior level officials at the Civil Service Academy (Upper Myanmar) yesterday morning. —GNLM



Human traffickers sentenced to jail for human trafficking

THE Twantay District Court on 26 June sentenced two traffickers to ten years in prison with labour for forcing a girl to work as a sex worker.

The victim Ma..., aged 15, from Dala Township of Yangon Region, was persuaded by Swan Yi Moe and Ma Yan Naing (aka) Yin Yin Naing to work as a cleaner in a KTV restaurant in Lashio, saying that she would earn K300,000 a month. Instead, they sent the girl to a brothel and exploited her earnings.

The traffickers were prosecuted at Dala Myoma police station under Section 35 of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law.

The two traffickers, Swan Yi Moe and Ma Yan Naing (aka) Yin Yin Naing, were sentenced to ten years' imprisonment with labour under Section 35 of the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law. —MNA/MKKS

TRAVEL

A visit to Kunming Railway Vocation and Technical College

by TWA

KUNMING (Kunming) is the capital of the Yunnan Province, China. It is well known as Spring City or City of Eternal Spring for its spring-like weather throughout the year. It is also the centre of the politics, economics, communications and culture of Yunnan. Head offices of the businesses in Yunnan Province are located in Kunming. Moreover, there is a Kunming Railway Vocational and Technical College.



A modern train seen in Kunming.



A faculty member lecturing at Kunming Railway Vocation and Technical College.

I went on my journalism field trip on the China-Laos Railway in June at the invitation of the People's Republic of China, thereby having a great opportunity to visit the Kunming Railway Vocational and Technical College.

The college covers a vast area, with high-rise buildings. It was founded in 1958 by Kunming Municipal People's Government and under the guidance of the Education Department of the

Yunnan Province. It is the public junior-level vocational college having over 5,300 students.

It was Saturday when I visited there so there's only a handful of students in the college for the demonstration. The classrooms are equipped with computers, railway LED board displays and advanced technology components. About 40 exchange students from Laos are studying rail technology as they have launched a railway

link with China.

The 1,035-kilometer railway connects Laos's capital Vientiane to Kunming city of Yunnan Province, in southwestern China. The college offers programmes for exchange students from the Southeast Asian nations following the China-Laos railway link, Mr Zhang Xingtao, in-charge of the college explained.

The faculty of Engineering and Technology offers rail technology in the area of locomotive, train, high-speed train, railway electrification and telecommunications with practical approaches.

It provides hands-on supervised experience in using railway LED display systems indicating the positions of each coach with the description of destination, arrival and departure

time, platform number and shares in-depth knowledge for railway traffic controlling and dealing with disruptions.

Having studied railway controlling, railway maintenance and railway electrification with practical approaches, students from Laos will help enhance the rail sector in their own country,

Mr Duan Yubo emphasized.

The college has a library with over 330,000 volumes, campus network, multimedia classrooms, electronic reading rooms, stadium, indoor gym, teaching and other services facilities.

A total of 136 qualified teachers are providing technology in terms of railway locomotives, railway power supply technology, railway signal automatic control, railway traffic operation management, urban rail, traffic vehicle technology, EMU maintenance technology, communication technology, mechanical and electrical engineering, rail welding and other majors, with training bases (centres).

Trains to run on China-Laos railway and electric locomotives that will operate on China-Thailand railway are also demonstrated at the rail maintenance department.



Journalists observe on electric locomotive to be run between China and Thailand.



Trainees under training to operate train and solve traffic problems with the use of modern technologies.



Road infrastructure is the most strategically important factor to the development of the nation, it reflects well on the economic and social well-being.

Our journalists' group did realize the key role of this Kunming Railway Vocational and Technical College. It is the best institution that has been providing rail training for the students from Southeast Asia beyond the Chinese to produce railway engineers and technicians.

Translated

20 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 27 June, total figure registers 640,346

MYANMAR'S COVID-19-positive cases rose to 640,346 after 20 new cases were reported on 27 June 2023 according to the Ministry of Health. Therefore, a total of 10,838,113 laboratory samples were examined to date and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached 640,346. The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached 619,272 including 74 new recoveries. The death toll from COVID-19 in the country registered 19,494 on 27-6-2023 with no new death reported from the pandemic. COVID-19 information can be browsed on the internet page moh.gov.mm of the Ministry of Health. — GNLM

Tatmadaw (Air) continues delivering foodstuffs, aid to Rakhine State

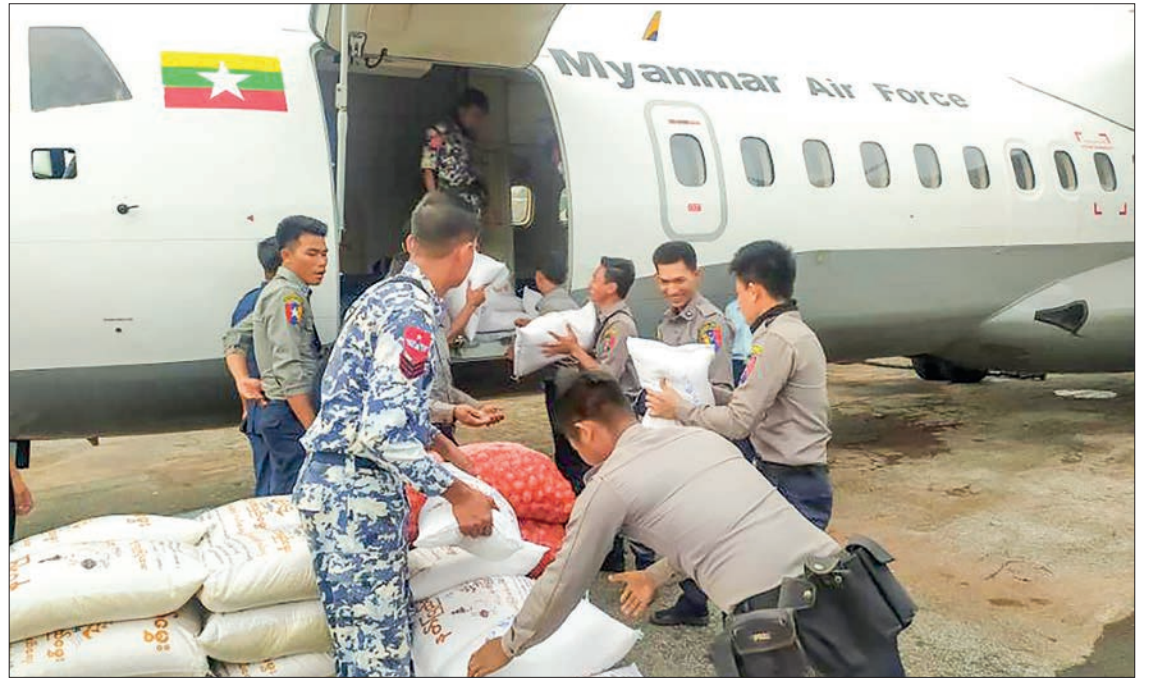
RELIEF aid and food items contributed by the families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and well-wishers, and relief supplies provided by the National Disaster Management Committee to local communities affected by Cyclone Mocha in Rakhine State are being transported by Tatmadaw aircraft and helicopter.

A total of 3,382 tonnes of rice, onions, dried fish and canned fish donated by the families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air)

and well-wishers were delivered from Yangon International Airport to Sittway Airport by plane of Tatmadaw (Air) yesterday.

A total of 3,422 Tatmadaw members and departmental staff who will help in rehabilitation work and 539.6 tonnes of supplies were helicoptered to the storm-battered areas.

Officials in the respective areas received relief items and will distribute them to storm victims. — MNA/KZW



Bags of rice, onion, dried fish and canned fish being unloaded from aircraft at Sittway airport on 27 June.

Tatmadaw senior officers, officials oversee rehabilitation work in Rakhine State



Lt-Gen Aye Win meets residents in Buthidaung on 27 June.

LT-GEN Lu Aye, who is currently in Kyaukpyu in Rakhine State, together with departmental staff, paid homage to the Patron Sayadaw of the Nagar Kyaung Pariyatti Buddhist Learning Centre and donated necessary items. Then, they inspected the cleaning of garbage in Zaytitaung ward and salt farms in Ngalapwe Ward.

Lt-Gen Aye Win currently in Buthidaung in Rakhine State along inspected healthcare services to the locals from four villages and donated rice and

foodstuffs to the storm-victims from eight villages. Then, he checked the cleaning processes of drainage in No 3 ward.

Maj-Gen Soe Naing Oo currently in Thandwe attended a coordination meeting on cultivation of monsoon rice and development of farming sector at the township General Administration Department.

Maj-Gen Aung Myo Tun, currently in Rathedaung paid homage to the Alodawpyae Sayadaw in Taungyintan ward and donated alms.

Similarly, Brig-Gen Khin Zaw, currently in Minbya, donated rice and foodstuffs for 33 nuns at Dhammikayon Pariyatti Buddhist Learning Centre in Alepaing ward.

Next, Brig-Gen Tin Swe, currently in Maungtau, attended the tree-growing ceremony at Myothagee village and provided plants to the locals. Then, he inspected healthcare services to the locals at South Myoma Ward ward and supplied foodstuffs to them. — MNA/KZW

Tatmadaw relief teams exert rehabilitation efforts

TO facilitate relief and rehabilitation activities in areas affected by natural disasters, the Tatmadaw has deployed relief teams consisting of local security forces. They are actively rendering assistance in the respective areas in cooperation with social organizations.

The relief teams in Maungtau are working together with mobile medical teams to provide healthcare services to the locals Myoyu village and planted trees at the monsoon tree-growing ceremony organized by Maungtau District Forest Department.

Next, relief teams in Ponnagyun collaborated with mobile medical teams in providing health care services to the lo-

icals in Sanpya ward.

Similarly, relief teams in Buthidaung cleared fallen trees and bushes beside the motorway and worked in cooperation with mobile medical teams provide healthcare services to the locals in Latwedatpyinshay village.

Relief teams in MraukU are cooperating with the Myanmar Police Force members to clear fallen trees and bushes in the compound of the Thetmahnaung pagoda.

The relief teams in Rathedaung cooperated with mobile medical teams in providing healthcare services to the locals at the Sasana Beikman monastery. —MNA/KZW



Relief team members clear debris in Rakhine State.

Public Notice

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

PFP, and the people are urged to cooperate in the operations.

Anti-Corruption Commission

Answer "1111" to fight against corruption

Answer "1111" to improve services

Let's work together to eliminate corruption towards prosperity

OPINION

Initiate One Region-One Product policy

THE government's implementation of the "One Region-One Product" policy in Myanmar aims to foster entrepreneurship and drive economic development, particularly in rural areas. This policy encourages the production of distinct goods that are specific to each region, leveraging the diverse geographical and climatic conditions, as well as the abundance of raw materials available across the country.

With Myanmar being home to over 100 ethnic groups, each with their own unique perspectives, the manufacturing of products becomes a reflection of this rich diversity. Products originating from one region may captivate consumers from other regions, while goods from another area might gain popularity in markets outside their own. By implementing effective marketing strategies, these products can achieve success and capture significant market shares.

The "One Region-One Product" policy not only promotes the emergence of a wide variety of products in the domestic market but also empowers consumers with the freedom to choose products according to their preferences. As time goes on, products of higher quality will gain the trust and loyalty of consumers, opening up opportunities for them to enter international markets. As a result, small-scale entrepreneurs will be able to generate income from their products on a global scale. This highlights the importance for business owners in different regions to strive for excellence and competitiveness, enabling them to transition from small-scale enterprises to large-scale businesses. The growth of these businesses will have a positive impact on the regions where these products originate, ultimately improving the socio-economic conditions of the local population. Hence, it is crucial for all entrepreneurs to proactively establish their businesses and produce high-quality goods using local raw materials. This approach not only ensures the growth and success of these businesses but also creates a demand for domestic raw materials. This success acts as a catalyst for businesspersons to exert greater efforts in production. Consequently, this encourages the creation of new products in relevant regions, fulfilling the aspirations of residents who seek to improve their living standards through increased incomes. In practical terms, the "One Region-One Product" policy plays a vital role in stimulating entrepreneurship and driving economic growth in Myanmar. By capitalizing on the unique characteristics of each region, businesses can produce a diverse range of high-quality products that cater to consumer preferences. The success of these products in both domestic and international markets will contribute to the socio-economic development of the country and uplift the lives of its people. Success is attainable for all products and manufacturers under this policy.

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Developments in Global Media Landscape

Interview with Sule Aker Chairwoman of the World Association of Press Councils (WAPC)

By UAC

Q: What's WAPC all about?

We were established because there were a lot of problems with journalists and media members. So we talked and came together to support each other in order to create more opportunities for press freedom and of course, responsible journalism. We are not only one-sided but also thinking about the public and the fact that they have to have the correct news. We think that it is important that all participants in the media industry should be respectful to each other. That's how and why we were established.

When it was established, there were twelve member countries. Now we have twenty-six and it is becoming more powerful and we can achieve more because our members are really unified in pushing for press freedom and responsible international journalism. It has been quite an achievement for the council and

also for our members.

Q: How has it changed over the years?

It changed a little bit. Yes, we have the same ideals, such as press freedom and responsible journalism. Also, in the media sector, there are new things happening with the new technology, social media and internet journalism. All of that pose a lot of challenges to the council and when our members come together last year in Kenya, we decided that we have to develop a code of ethics for social media as well. Because social media has become an instrument to defame certain people for political purposes, which we think is not fair. We believe we should have a code of ethics for social media as we have in journalism.

Q: We would protect the journalists and reporters,

at the same time, how about fake news agencies that farm out falsehoods and reporters who write these?

Thank you for asking me that. It has been one of the major challenges for WAPC. Unfortunately, there are some participants in the media, who sometimes write or make fake news and it may not be very easy to correct these fake stories. And it is worse if nobody complains or points out these fake news items. It would stay on the digital media forever. Even in the US, very eminent people are complaining about fake news. Of course, we are against it. We feel that journalists, and media workers, should have a responsibility to the general public. We are addressing these too and we should be writing just and unbiased news. If the journalist takes the opinion from one side, they should express the opinion from the opposite side too, to have

unbiased news.

We are very sensitive about those things, but how much we can extend ourselves is limited and sometimes, we cannot really reach certain places all around the world.

Q: How does Türkiye/Cyprus handle fake news?

This is a problem because sometimes, it may not come to us. Because there was so much social media fake news stories are everywhere. Most of the postings there are fake stories. We are very frustrated because we cannot do anything about it. First, one has to follow every single digital media outlet or news posting. It is impossible, especially for a non-governmental organization like ours. The second thing is even if you find the source of the fake news, the process took so long and people forgot about it. You found and tracked the fake

news down. And if you make an announcement one or two months later that counter the fake news with the correct chain of events, people really forget about what was the news, in the first place. So, it should be framed in such a way that the response is very fast. Then the people would have sufficient memory to replace the fake news with the correct version.

These are great challenges faced not only by WAPC but also many countries all over the world, that still do not know how to deal with fake news. Many countries still have no punishment or penalties for fake news spread over social media. Based on the resolution of our last meeting in Kenya, we decided the same code of ethics for traditional media should be applied to digital social media. Also for punishment and penalties.

Q: What is the solution to

tackle fake news, especially in developing countries, with a semi-educated population?

In such a case, the better idea could be having an office, a special office, following news and assessing the correctness of these. People then have a channel to report and fake news could be stopped before they harm the general public. That office could follow the general media as well as the social media. If there is any fake news harmful to society or the public, it should be cleaned before it spreads. That office should be handled by the government, especially in these countries. There should be penalties and punishments for harming society too.

Q: How do you handle pressures from US and Russia, with Türkiye being part of NATO and a neighbour of Russia at the same time?

I totally understand what you are saying about Myanmar being caught between the giants and being part of geopolitical game-play. Türkiye is also between giants like European Union and Russia with a lot of power play from the US too. That type of position requires extremely delicate handling because you do not want to be fighting or going against any of the giants. I am sure Myanmar people are very intelligent and they can develop the best strategies for themselves. I know it's a very difficult position to be in. I hope all the best for you.

Q: Obviously Turkish PM continues to accuse Myanmar of illegal Bengali immigrants genocide, yet, it is not true. What would be the best way to resolve that?

Under this type of situation, there may be fake news, complaints, disputes, propaganda, etc. The best thing is to communicate. Communicate with each other. If we do not understand each other, we cannot ever reach a resolution. So the first step should be to try to understand each other much better and try to solve the problem by coming together. I think this would be the best idea hurting nobody and protecting all sides' interests at the same time. I always prefer that strategy.

Q: How powerful is the press council in Türkiye? How is it dealing with the shrinkage of traditional media and the expansion of digital media?

We are somewhat powerful because there is freedom of the press here and also responsible journalism. If there is any deviation from responsible journalism, we make a point to address the situation and take control of it. So we do have press freedom and responsible journalism in all aspects of our country's media, except for social media. Social media is totally out of control, unfortunately. It is sometimes really harmful to the people.

Q: How does the majority of the Turkish population view US and Russia?

That again, is the strategic position Türkiye has to take delicately. There is definitely anti-US sentiment because Turkish people think that sometimes US interests and Turkish interests can be conflicting, in certain areas. Hence, they react. But we also know that Türkiye is a NATO ally militarily and the country is following a market economy system. So economically and militarily, we are somewhat allied with the West.

Yearly re-scan is not required for a common brain tumour

The largest study of kind published in study of Endocrinology and look at clinical data on a type of tumour growth in pituitary gland in the brain.

ACCORDING to a new research has discovered that people with a common kind of benign brain tumor diagnosed in about 1 in 10 need not need yearly scans.

The largest study of its kind has been published in the European Journal of Endocrinology and looks at clinical data on a type of tumour growth in the pituitary gland in the brain. The common growth, called a non-functioning pituitary microadenoma (NFPAs), is less than 1cm across, is predicted to affect around 10% of the population and usually doesn't cause any symptoms.

Within the first three years of monitoring

University of Birmingham found that NFPAs were almost twice as likely to shrink or disappear by themselves (14% likelihood) as to grow (7.8% likelihood) within the first three years of monitoring. Among those tumours that grew, average (median) growth of tumours was 2mm, and eight participants' tumours were surgically removed and only one of them had any visual impairment.

Dr Niki Karavitaki, Clinical Associate Professor in Endocrinology in the Institute of Metab-

olism and Systems Research at the University of Birmingham and last author of the paper said: "These data are the best picture that we have in the UK of how these common tumours progress over a period of three to five years. The results show that most people, who are often diagnosed with these tumours as part of an unrelated scan, don't need annual check on these tumours with the majority of adenomas either remaining the same size or shrinking."

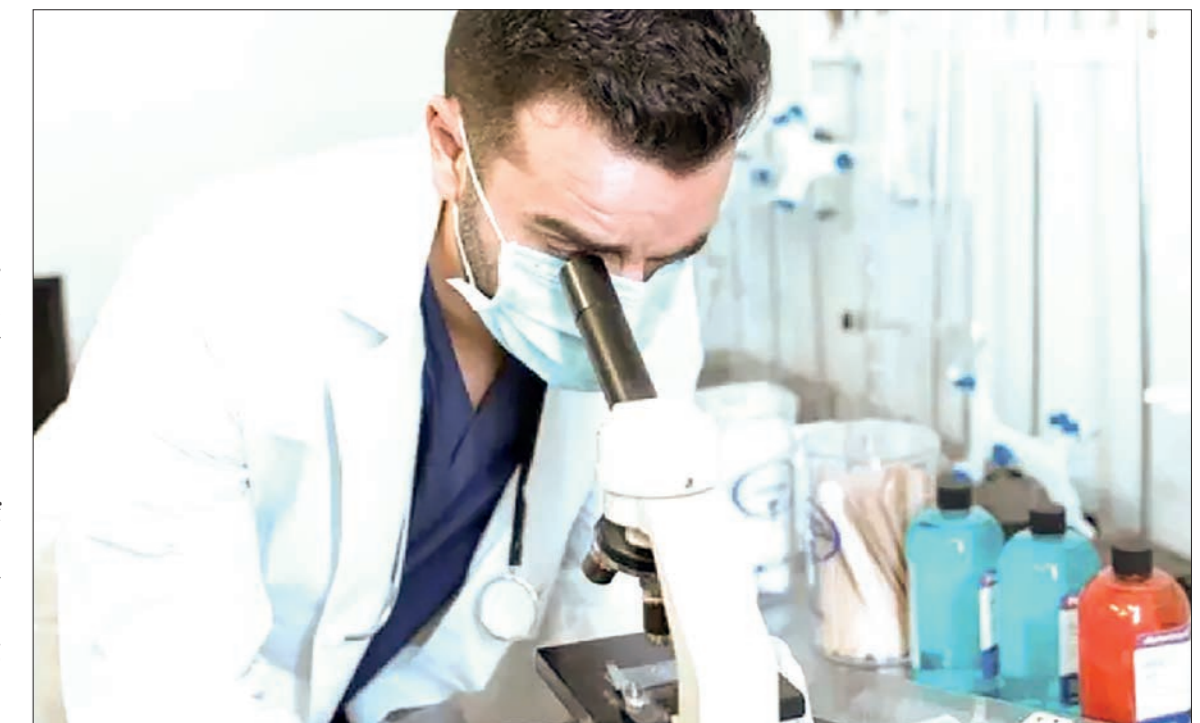
First author of the paper was Dr. Ross Hamblin, MD student at the University of Bir-

mingham and the findings have led the research group, called the UK NFPAs Consortium to suggest that clinical guidelines should be changed due to the low risk of these common tumours developing into a health risk for most people. The Consortium suggest that a single scan three years after initial detection would be a safe and more cost-effective way to manage NFPAs.

Re-scanned on an annual basis

Dr Karavitaki said: "At the moment, people are often being

re-scanned on an annual basis during the first years from the initial detection of the tumour without a really clear clinical rationale, and our results show that for those with microadenomas those scans are unnecessary which can lead to space being freed up for other conditions. "Our recent survey* of UK clinicians has found a significant variation in frequency of scans and we believe that on this research should be a strong steer that a more cost-effective approach is still safe for patients due to the very low risks involved." — ANI



The largest study of its kind has been published in the European Journal of Endocrinology and looks at clinical data on a type of tumour growth in the pituitary gland in the brain. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ANI

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Rice market sluggish on poor demand

RICE market is slow-moving at the end of June 2023 with the demand declining in Yangon's wholesale market.

There is a moisture content problem in the rainy season so the rice cannot be stored longer as in the summer. The traders are selling them out. Despite the sluggish market, the price hike remains.

The prices of high-grade Pawsan rice moved in the range between K87,000 and K110,000 per bag depending on the producing areas from Bogale, Mawlamyinegyun, Pyapon, Myaungmya and Shwebo.

The low-grade rice prices stood at K82,000 per bag of Pawkywe, K75,000 for short-matured rice (90 days), K65,000 for rice grown under the inter-cropping system, K57,000 for Emahta variety and K44,000-47,500 for broken rice.

Trial operations of warehouse storage situations in the



A photo shows harvested monsoon paddy being winnowed in the farm.

rice producing regions commenced this month to evaluate the rice stock volume of the traders. Those traders who store above 5,000 baskets of paddy and 1,000 rice bags (over 50 tonnes) must register with the relevant institution.

Some traders want to sell new summer paddy in the market at the present time. The market is cooling down this month. Newly harvested summer paddy started flowing into the upper Myanmar regions. The prices of low-grade rice dedicated to

foreign markets are climbing in the domestic market so the profit has become less and exporters are also mulling over the purchase.

Monsoon paddy season has commenced in lower Myanmar regions. New supply of monsoon

rice will enter the Yangon market in September.

This year, the price of high-grade Pawsan paddy from Shwebo area hit K3 million per 100 baskets, while Pawsan paddy from delta regions fetched K2.4 million and low-grade paddy was priced at K1.9 million per 100 baskets.

There is a low probability to reach the record high that occurred in the Q2 last year.

The price of high-grade rice is approximately K100,000 per bag. The demand is significantly poor this year. The prices of low-grade rice are unlikely to go up on new summer paddy supply and low foreign demand if in unusual situation arises.

Those traders keeping the paddy stocks in hands have less chance of profit as they purchase the paddy at high price, U Myint Hlaing, a rice trader, told the Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).—TWA/EM

Garlic price skyrockets while prices of beans and chilli pepper decrease

THE wholesale price of Shan garlics rose from K8,500 to K9,000 per viss in the Yangon market on 26 June 2023.

The price of No 5 large-size garlic is K9,100 per viss even in the Aungban region, indicating a possibility that the price of Shan garlic will soar up again in Yangon. When palm oil and Shan garlic prices go up sharply, chilli pepper and bean prices fall again.

The wholesale price of various chilli peppers dropped by K1,000 per viss in the Yangon market on 26 June 2023. A tonne of pigeon peas rose to K3.33 million on 5 June, and a black gram to K2.461 million on 14 June, while the price of gram fetched K6,000–K6,200 per viss.

However, the prices went down to K2.875 million for a tonne of pigeon peas, K2.27 million for a tonne of black gram, and K5,800–K6,000 for a viss of gram on 26 June.

During the last week of June 2023, due to the instability of financial market, commodity prices fluctuated rapidly. — TWA/CT



Kitchen food products are displayed at grocery store.

Myanmar garment manufacturers to participate in 4th Texworld Paris



Fashion Weeks, textile shows, showrooms... Here are the dates and locations of the fashion events that will take place in Paris in the first quarter of 2023. PHOTO:FASHION NETWORK

SOME 20 Myanmar garment manufacturers will participate in the 4th International trade fair for the textile and fabric industry in Paris, France, according to the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association-MGMA.

The Fair will last for three days from 3 to 5 July. The Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association and the owners of the garment factories will open five showrooms and showcase the clothing in their own de-

signs.

The Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association took part in the fair for the first time in 2017 and then in 2019 by showcasing their products in catwalk arrangements. — TWA/MKKS

LOCAL BUSINESS

UMFCCI meets with MRPPA to ramp up rubber production, export promotion

OFFICIALS of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association (MRPPA) discussed matters to boost value-added rubber production and promote exports at the UMFCCI's headquarters on 26 June 2023.

U Aye Win, president of the UMFCCI, said, "I could understand that illegitimate trade hurts the rubber industry. Rubber production sector is the type

of agri-based manufacturing business that can create many job opportunities and generate foreign income." He called for the MRPPA to analyze the suggestions and ideas to bolster rubber production.

Then, he encouraged the MRPPA to hold the state-level rubber conference in order to develop the sector and show the important role of the sector. He also advised them to entice rubber entrepreneurs and traders to join the association with a view

to strengthening the membership and enabling the exchange of know-how in the sector. The UMFCCI has been prioritizing the development in domestic agriculture and manufacturing sectors. The UMFCCI has been joining hands with the affiliated members to stimulate the private sector economic growth, U Aye Win added.

U Aung Myint Htoo, chair of the MRPPA, also raised matters concerning the procedures of the association, standard for



Rubber plants seen at the age of collecting rubber latex.

value-added rubber production, awareness programmes for the growers, links with international associations, rubber products' criteria according to the requirements of the international tyre factories, standards of the Ribbed Smoked Sheet (RSS), raw rubber materials found in the domestic market, material characterization, and modeling. He elaborated on closer cooperation with the UMFCCI and export promotion matters as well.

Myanmar's rubber production is annually estimated at 300,000 tonnes. Seventy per cent of rubber produced in Myanmar goes to China. It is also shipped to Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Viet Nam, the Republic of Korea, India, Japan, and other countries.

Myanmar aims to export about 300,000 tonnes of rubber to foreign markets in the current

financial year 2023-2024, according to Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association.

The rubber production in the last FY 2022-2023 reached over 360,000 tonnes and more than 200,000 tonnes of rubber were shipped to foreign trade partners.

Rubber is commonly produced in Mon and Kayin states and Taninthayi, Bago, and Yangon regions in Myanmar. As per 2018-2019 rubber season's data, there are over 1.628 million acres of rubber plantations in Myanmar, with Mon State accounting for 497,153 acres, followed by Taninthayi Region with 348,344 acres and Kayin State with 270,760 acres.

Myanmar bagged more than US\$449 million revenue in rubber exports in the previous financial year 2020-2021. — NN/EM



A rubber industry functioning rubber sheets.

Pigeon pea price plunges down to below K3 mln per tonne

THE price of pigeon pea plummeted below K3 million per tonne, according to the Yangon Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Bayintnaung).

The prices hit an all-time record high of K3.33 million per tonne on 5 June and then, it drastically fell to K2.94 million per tonne on 27 June. The figures showed a sharp drop of K390,000 per tonne of pigeon pea over the past three weeks.

Similarly, the black gram price also peaked at K2.461 million per tonne in the market on 14 June. It declined to K2.22 million per tonne on 27 June, indicating a decrease of K241,000 per tonne within 13 days.

The drop in pulses prices is attributed to the down trajectory of the FOB prices, according to the pulses market.

Myanmar Pulses, Beans

and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association notified on 12 May 2023 that growers should primarily cultivate green gram and pigeon pea this year's pulses season.

There is a strong market share of black gram and pigeon pea in India. Most of the growers also select them as main crops.

India notified that the free import policy of black gram (urad) and pigeon pea (tur) extended up to 31 March 2024, bringing more benefits to the stockholders in the supply chain including growers and exporters. That being so, they should be selected as the main crops this year, the association mentioned.

Myanmar bagged over US\$1.4 billion from over 1.9 million tonnes of various pulses

exports in the past financial year 2022-2023, the Ministry of Commerce's statistics indicated.

Myanmar primarily exports black gram, green gram and pigeon peas to foreign markets. Of them, black gram and pigeon

peas are mostly conveyed to India while green grams are shipped to China and Europe.

India has growing demand and consumption requirements on black gram and pigeon peas. According to a Memorandum of Understanding between Myan-



Pigeon pea plants bearing beans.

mar and India signed on 18 June 2021, India will import 250,000 tonnes of black gram and 100,000 tonnes of pigeon peas (tur) from Myanmar for five consecutive years from 2021-2022 financial year to 2025-2026 FY. This G to G pact will not affect the pulses annual quota set by India. Myanmar's exporters are also entitled to deliver the pulses to India under that annual quota.

Myanmar yearly produces approximately 400,000 tonnes of black gram and about 50,000 tonnes of pigeon peas.

Black gram that India primarily purchases is commonly found only in Myanmar, whereas pigeon pea, green gram and chickpeas are grown in African countries and Australia, Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association. — NN/EM

ECONOMY WORLD

Japan to relist S Korea as preferred trade country in July

JAPAN will relist South Korea as a preferred trade partner on 21 July after a similar move by Seoul on Tokyo's trade status, the Japanese government said Tuesday in the latest sign of a thaw in bilateral relations.

The actions mark the normalization of trade between the two countries after their ties worsened to their lowest point in decades over wartime history.

The 2019 removal of South Korea from a "white list" of countries entitled to receive minimum restrictions on trade came after South Korea's Supreme Court in the previous year ordered two Japanese firms to compensate Korean plaintiffs over forced labour accusations connected to Japan's 1910-1945 colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula.

Though widely seen as a retaliatory step, Japan at the time said it had concerns over Seoul's export system and needed to confirm whether it was effective in preventing exported goods



South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol (L) and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida shake hands following a joint news conference at the prime minister's official residence in Tokyo on 16 March 2023. PHOTO: KIYOSHI OTA / POOL / AFP

from flowing into North Korea and other countries of concern. The measure affected a wide variety of products and technol-

ogies that could be diverted for military use.

Seoul later removed Japan from its own white list.

On Tuesday, the Cabinet gave approval following the completion of procedures to collect public opinion on lifting

the measure, according to the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Yasutoshi Nishimura told a press conference that the two countries have also agreed to establish a follow-up scheme including reviewing the export control systems of both countries if necessary.

South Korea's Trade, Industry and Energy Ministry on Tuesday also welcomed the mutual lifting of export controls, saying it had "completely restored bilateral trust."

In March, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol held a summit where they vowed to mend ties.

The same month, Japan eased export controls on three key semiconductor manufacturing materials heading to South Korea, in response to Seoul retracting its complaint with the World Trade Organization over the export controls. — Kyodo

Viet Nam needs to improve legal framework to develop agri-tourism real estate: local experts

VIET Nam needs to improve its legal framework and draft a strategy as part of the efforts to develop the agri-tourism real estate market, Vietnam News Agency reported on Tuesday.

While the business of agri-tourism is a developing economic model, there are not yet adequate provisions in the land law to push forward efficiently, according to the Department of Land under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

The improvement of legal documents and policies will create a corridor to develop this business model, according to the department.

Nguyen Van Chung, a senior specialist from the Department of Cooperatives and Rural Development under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, said farms have reportedly faced difficulties partly due to this lack of specific regulations.

Policies supporting the development of the farm econ-

omy are scattered in many documents, so it's difficult to implement them efficiently. Many outdated policies or inadequacy of documents related to land and construction have hindered the expansion of the farm's production scale, he said.

Besides that, there are no specific regulations for non-agricultural activities such as preliminary processing, preservation and crafting products, or indeed for tourism development. There have also been no specific regulations to allow farms to convert agricultural land, leading to some farms illegally developing tourism activities.

Nguyen Quang Tuyen from the Hanoi Law University said the Southeast Asian country needs to quickly review and complete the legal framework related to the real estate market and the agri-tourism real estate market segment in particular to ensure uniformity in legal documents. — Xinhua

Stocks mostly higher as investors track China, Russia news

MAJOR stock markets mostly rose Tuesday after recent losses, as China's growth reassurances helped to offset political turmoil in Russia.

As investor anxiety over a global recession eased a little, haven currencies the dollar and yen pulled back but oil prices retreated.

"An encouraging speech from China's premier Li Qiang has lifted sentiment," noted Victoria Scholar, head of investment at Interactive Investor.

Li said China was on course to achieve its five-per-cent target for economic growth in 2023 set by Beijing earlier this year.

The world's second-biggest economy is grappling with a slow recovery after emerging from Covid lockdowns.

In a fresh sign of optimism for China-US relations, reports said Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen planned to meet her counterpart in Beijing next month.

The talks would follow Sec-



A financial data screen in Tokyo shows the dollar trading in the 143 yen range on 26 June 2023. PHOTO: KYODO

retary of State Antony Blinken's trip to the country, where he spoke to his opposite number and President Xi Jinping.

A summit between Xi and President Joe Biden has also been flagged.

In Russia on Tuesday, President Vladimir Putin told gathered troops at the Kremlin that they had prevented a civil war after a revolt by Wagner mercenaries and held a min-

ute of silence for pilots killed in clashes during the insurrection.

The ruble stabilized after sinking to a 14-month low against the dollar, or levels not seen since the early months of Putin's invasion of Ukraine.

In the United States, large tech shares stumbled Monday, weighing on major indices as markets eyed the fast-paced events in Russia and awaited key American data. — AFP

Nissan investors OK new management with reduced Renault influence

SHAREHOLDERS of Nissan Motor Co on Tuesday approved a revamped management that diminishes the influence of its biggest shareholder and alliance partner, Renault SA, as the Japanese automaker seeks to rebalance its rocky partnership with the French company.

At their annual general meeting in Yokohama, the shareholders approved a company proposal to nominate 10 directors, including current CEO Makoto Uchida. The proposal did not include the reappointment of Chief Operating Officer Ashwani Gupta, a former Renault executive who stepped down Tuesday.

The company said it will not appoint a new COO to replace Gupta. The Indian executive became Nissan COO in December 2019 after serving as COO at Mitsubishi Motors Corp, another alliance partner.

Among other directors, Masakazu Toyoda, chair of the nomination committee, and Jenifer Rogers, a legal expert, also stepped down while Brenda Harvey, hailing from IBM Corp., was newly appointed, reducing the total number of directors to 10 from 12.

The decision came as Nissan tries to gain more independence from Renault, which currently



A person holds a board showing the way to Nissan's general meeting of shareholders in Yokohama on 27 June 2023.

PHOTO: KYODO

holds a stake of over 40 per cent stake in the Japanese company.

The two companies in February agreed to make their mutual cross-shareholdings equal at 15 per cent in a deal that would

change the decades-old capital alliance.

A final agreement has yet to be reached, however, despite their initial plan to conclude a deal by the end of March this year. — Kyodo

Thailand's exports down 4.6% in May

THAILAND'S exports dropped for the eighth consecutive month in May as economic uncertainty among trading partners weighed on trade, official data showed on Tuesday.

Exports, a main driver of the Southeast Asian country's economic growth, fell 4.6 per cent last month from a year earlier to 24.34 billion US dollars, following a decline of 7.6 per cent year-on-year in April, according to the data released by the Ministry of Commerce.

Despite signs that the global manufacturing sector is recovering from

production chain disruptions, new export orders have not significantly increased due to strict monetary policies of trading partners, the ministry said in a statement.

A breakdown of the data revealed that Thailand's export of industrial products expanded 1.5 per cent in May from a year earlier, making the first growth in eight months.

However, shipments of agricultural and agro-industrial products contracted 16.3 per cent year-on-year, shrinking for the first time in four months. — Xinhua

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(13/2023-2024)

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats.

Sr No.	Tender No	Description	Remarks
(1)	DMP/L-090(23-24) (Retender)	Assorted Sizes of Hose Pipe (6) Items	Ks
(2)	DMP/L-164(23-24)CAP	Installation of 10 inch Hlaing River Crossing Pipe Line 1200 FT by HDD Method	Ks

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from **28 June, 2023** at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the **Technical Specifications and Commercial Quotation with Original Bid Bond in each separate sealed envelopes** on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than **13:00 pm on 12 July 2023**.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time – **12-7-2023, 13:00 pm**

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Tender Committee
No.(1) Mining Enterprise

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Pope's Ukraine peace envoy heading to Moscow



This handout picture taken and released by the Ukrainian Presidential press service on 6 June 2023, shows Pope Francis' peace envoy to Ukraine, Cardinal Matteo Zuppi, speaking as he attends a meeting with Ukraine's president (not pictured) in Kyiv, amid the Russian invasion of Ukraine. **PHOTO: HANDOUT / UKRAINIAN PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SERVICE / AFP**

POPE Francis' peace envoy to Ukraine will visit Moscow on Wednesday and Thursday, just weeks after visiting Kyiv, the Vatican said. It will be the first visit to Moscow by a senior Vatican official since Russia invaded Ukraine in February 2022.

"On 28 and 29 June 2023, Cardinal Matteo Maria Zuppi... accompanied by an official of the (Vatican) Secretary of State, will pay a visit to Moscow as envoy of Pope Francis," a Vatican statement said.

"The main purpose of the initiative is to encourage gestures of humanity, which can help promote a solution to the current tragic situation and find ways to

achieve a just peace."

Pope Francis asked Zuppi, the head of the Italian bishops conference, in May "to help ease tensions" in Ukraine in the hope of facilitating peace between Kyiv and Moscow. The 67-year-old Italian cardinal hails from the Sant'Egidio Catholic Community, which specialises in diplomacy and peace efforts.

His trip to Moscow follows a visit to Kyiv on 5 and 6 June for a meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who told the envoy a ceasefire would not lead to peace.

Francis, head of the worldwide Catholic Church since 2013, has repeatedly called for peace

in Ukraine.

In the first few months after Russia's invasion in February 2022, he faced criticism for not blaming Moscow explicitly for the conflict.

Vatican Secretary of State Pietro Parolin said recently that Zuppi's mission was not aimed at mediation, at least not yet, but sought to "favour a climate that can lead to paths of peace". The pope hosted Zelensky at the Vatican in May, and Ukrainian Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal a few weeks earlier.

Shmyhal invited the pope to visit Ukraine and also asked for help to return children forcibly taken to Russia. — AFP

Eight Mexican soldiers accused in case of missing students

A Mexican judge on Monday ordered the further detainment of eight military personnel taken into custody last week in an investigation into the high-profile, unresolved disappearance of 43 students in 2014.

Interior Ministry Undersecretary for Human Rights Alejandro Encinas said the men have been charged "for the crime of forced disappearance."

The students, from the Ayotzinapa Rural Normal School, disappeared between the night of 26 September and the early morning of 27 September 2014, when they were traveling via bus to participate in demonstrations in Mexico City.



Relatives of the disappeared students in Iguala on 2014 take part in a demonstration held by students of Ayotzinapa's Normal Rural School outside the Chilpancingo's 35th Military Zone in Chilpancingo, Mexico, on 13 September 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

The government's official version of events says that cartel members killed the students and incinerat-

ed their remains. But exactly what happened to them has been hotly disputed. — AFP

Putin not weakened by Wagner mutiny: Orban

HUNGARIAN Prime Minister Viktor Orban has said he does not believe the Wagner mercenary group's mutiny has weakened Russian President Vladimir Putin, calling it an "event of no major significance".

The weekend uprising — which ended when Wagner leader Yevgeny Prigozhin called off his troops' advance on Moscow — has prompted questions about Putin's grip on power as Moscow's war in Ukraine grinds on.

But nationalist leader Orban, whose country has the closest ties among European Union members to Russia, played down suggestions the mutiny had impacted Putin.

"If someone speculates that

he (Putin) could fail or be replaced, then he does not understand the Russian people and Russian power structures," he said in an interview with media outlets Bild, Die Welt and Politico on Monday.

It was a sign of strength that the uprising ended within 24 hours, he said, and predicted that Putin would still be president in 2024.

Orban said he based his assessment on the fact that Putin was popular and the structures underpinning his rule were strong, pointing to the army, the secret service and the police.

The Kremlin on Tuesday also rejected suggestions that Putin's authority had been weakened by the mutiny. — AFP

UN expert urges US to apologize for inhuman treatment at Guantanamo Bay

A UN expert on Monday called on the US government to apologize for the inhuman treatment at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility, which was established by former US President George W Bush's administration in 2002 following the 11 September 2001 attacks.

The UN special rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamen-

tal freedoms while countering terrorism, Fionnuala Ni Aolain, said the 30 men that are still being held there are subject to "ongoing cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment."

Ni Aolain's trip to Guantanamo Bay was the first official visit to the site by a UN expert.

"I want to acknowledge that there have been significant improvements made to the con-

ditions of confinement at the Guantanamo Bay detention facility. That said, I still have serious concerns about the continued detention of now 30 men still there and the persistent arbitrariness that pervades their day-to-day existence," she told reporters.

"My report details structural shortcomings and systematic arbitrariness, including in training, operating procedures, and the

fulfillment of detainees' rights to health care, family, counsel, and justice."

The report sets out in detail how such arbitrariness brings about deep insecurity, suffering, and anxiety to all detainees without exception, she said. "I observed that after two decades of custody, the suffering of those detained is profound and is ongoing."

"Every single detainee I met with lives with the unrelenting harms that follow from systematic practices of rendition, torture, and arbitrary detention...And their past experiences of torture live with them in the present without any obvious end in sight, including because they have not received any adequate torture rehabilitation to date," said Ni Aolain. — Xinhua

Thai PM front runner claims enough Senate support for top job

THE front runner to become Thailand's next prime minister, Pita Limjaroenrat, said on Tuesday he had secured enough support from the Senate to take the top job.

Pita's progressive Move Forward Party (MFP) won the most seats at last month's election as voters delivered a crushing rejection of military-linked parties that have run the kingdom for nearly a decade.

To become PM, Pita has to muster a majority across both houses, including the Senate, whose 250 members were hand-picked by the last junta.

His eight-party coalition has a total of 312 seats in the lower house, but needs another 64 —

from either house — for a majority.

Asked on Tuesday how many senators would endorse him, Pita told reporters at the parliament building: "Enough to make me become PM."

Thailand's parliament is set to sit next Monday for the first time since the election and a vote on the prime minister is due in mid-July.

MFP's determination to amend Thailand's tough laws against insulting the royal family has spooked the royalist-military conservative establishment.

Pita dismissed speculation that his party's stance on reforming royal defamation laws could be a barrier to forming a



Move Forward Party leader and prime ministerial candidate Pita Limjaroenrat (L) talks to mediapersons after accompanying his party's newly elected House of Representatives members to report to the Parliament in Bangkok on 27 June 2023. PHOTO: AFP

government.

Several senators have al-

ready said they will not vote for him as prime minister.

Earlier this month the election commission set up an investigation to look at whether Pita was qualified to run for office, because of his alleged ownership of shares in a now-defunct media company. Legislators are not allowed to own media shares.

MFP and fellow opposition outfit Pheu Thai dominated the 14 May election, in which voters roundly rejected Prime Minister Prayut Chan-O-Cha, a former army chief who came to power in a 2014 coup. The coalition has announced ambitious plans to rewrite the constitution — scripted by Prayut's junta in 2017 — as well as ending military conscription and allowing same-sex marriage. — AFP

Jumbo problem: Sri Lanka's battle with plastic pollution



In this picture taken on 3 June 2023, a wild elephant eats rubbish mixed with plastic waste at a dump in Ampara. Heart-wrenching images of revered elephants and cattle eating plastic in Sri Lanka have prompted politicians to toughen pollution laws, but sceptical conservationists warn past bans were repeatedly ignored. PHOTO: AFP

HEART-WRENCHING images of revered elephants and cattle eating plastic in Sri Lanka have prompted politicians to toughen pollution laws, but sceptical conservationists warn past bans were repeatedly ignored.

After an estimated 20 elephant deaths and countless other wild animals perishing due to single-use plastics in the past decade, officials say a law banning many such items is expected to come into force within weeks.

Bags, bottles and packaging are also blamed for clogging drains and causing urban flooding, as well as encouraging a

surge in potentially deadly dengue — spread by mosquitoes that breed in stagnant water.

"We want to create an awareness about the responsible use of plastics," Anil Jasinghe, the country's top environment official, told AFP.

Jasinghe said regulations to be published soon will outlaw the sale of a string of single-use plastic items, including cutlery, cups, drinking straws and plastic flower garlands.

But it is not Sri Lanka's first attempt to tackle the problem.

Repeated raids ineffectual
Jasinghe admits that imple-

mentation has been a problem, noting that a 2006 ban on super-thin plastic bags and food wrapping was openly flouted by manufacturers.

"Of course, we raid them time and again, but by raiding we cannot solve the issue," he said.

"We need to have that environmental literacy, so that you change your production lines to better, more environmentally friendly production." In 2017, a notorious garbage dump on the edge of the capital Colombo was shut when a mountain of rotting rubbish collapsed, killing more than 30 people and damaging hundreds of homes. — AFP

New Zealand PM hails 'constructive' role for China in Ukraine

NEW Zealand Prime Minister Chris Hipkins on Tuesday said China could play a "constructive role" in the Ukraine conflict at a meeting with President Xi Jinping in Beijing.

Hipkins is on a state visit to China aimed at boosting trade ties with the world's second-largest economy.

Almost a quarter of New Zealand's export earnings come from China, making it one of the Western nations most dependent

on ties with Beijing.

That close relationship, coupled with aggressive Chinese efforts to develop influence and leverage in New Zealand, has long worried Wellington's allies.

Hipkins on Tuesday spoke with Xi about "areas of direct bilateral cooperation like trade, education, science and innovation, agriculture and tourism," according to remarks published by the prime minister's office. — AFP

Philippines detains over 2,700 people in anti-trafficking raid

PHILIPPINE authorities have detained more than 2,700 people during a raid on several buildings in Manila where alleged trafficking victims were paid to recruit players for online games, police said Tuesday.

Chinese, Indonesian, Vietnamese, Singaporean, Malaysian, Pakistani, Cameroonian, Sudanese and Philippine nationals were among the people found inside a compound in the capital on Monday night.

Authorities were interviewing 2,724 detainees to identify who was a victim or suspect, said police Captain Michelle Sabino, a spokeswoman for the anti-cybercrime unit.

More than 1,500 were Filipinos.

International concern has been growing over internet scams in the Asia-Pacific region, often staffed by trafficking victims tricked or coerced into promoting bogus crypto investments.

Sabino said the alleged trafficking victims had accepted jobs posted on Facebook to work in the Philippines "to find players" for online games.

Many of them were forced to work 12-hour shifts every day for as little as 24,000 pesos (\$433) a month, and were prevented from leaving the compound, she said. — AFP

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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.



Artists perform during the "Unity Celebrations", an event marking the 25-day countdown until the start of the Australia and New Zealand FIFA Women's World Cup 2023, on the Sydney Harbour Bridge in Sydney on 25 June 2023. PHOTO: AFP

Women's World Cup opener sold out: tournament boss

CO-HOSTS Australia will play their opening game of next month's Women's World Cup in front of a full house, a senior FIFA official told AFP Tuesday.

Dave Beeche, chief executive of the Women's World Cup, said the Matildas' opener against Ireland on 20 July has sold out at Sydney's Stadium Australia, which can hold around 80,000 fans.

"There is currently nothing available," he said.

Beeche also expects a capacity crowd the same day in Auckland where tournament co-hosts New Zealand — the "Football Ferns" — open their campaign against Norway.

"It's going to be a massive day for women's football," he said of the double-header either side of the Tasman Sea.

With less than 25 days until kick off, the tournament boss says only a "few thousand" tickets are left for New Zealand's

opening game at Eden Park, where capacity will be just under 40,000.

"Yes, definitely" Beeche replied when asked whether the Auckland stadium would be sold out for the opener, despite fears about the tournament's low ticket sales in New Zealand.

Football's governing body FIFA has said around 1.1 million tickets have been sold for the 64 matches in Australia and New Zealand. —AFP

Rybakina withdraws from Eastbourne ahead of Wimbledon defence

WIMBLEDON champion Elena Rybakina pulled out of the Eastbourne International on Monday due to a viral illness, raising doubts over her defence of the title at the All England Club next week. The world number three had been scheduled to play Wang Xiyu on the first day of main draw action at Eastbourne on Monday.

Rybakina also withdrew ahead of her third round match at the French Open citing illness earlier this month and fell to a shock defeat to Donna Vekic in the second round of the German Open last week.

The Kazak's absence meant that Russian Daria Kasatkina was the highest ranked player in action on Monday as

she beat Ukrainian Anhelina Kalinina 6-3, 6-1 in a politically-charged match. Kasatkina will face Karolina Pliskova in round two after the Czech advanced when Elise Mertens retired in the deciding set of their clash.

Dubai-based world number 11 Kasatkina, who was banned from competing in Britain last year due to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, acknowledged that Ukrainians are in a "way worse situation" and conceded she cannot see an imminent end to the fighting.

"My family, my parents are still in Russia," she said. "As you can see, the last few days it's been a big mess also there. —AFP

Man Utd expect record revenue despite takeover saga

MANCHESTER United on Tuesday projected record annual revenue of up to £640 million (\$815 million) in its financial year to the end of June even as a distracting takeover saga rumbles on.

United's owners, the Glazer family, are weighing up offers for the club from Qatari banker Sheikh Jassim Bin Hamad Al Thani and British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe, the founder of chemicals firm Ineos.

The Glazers first indicated they could sell by initiating a strategic review in November but the bidding process has dragged on.

Reports have suggested Sheikh Jassim's bid, which is for 100 per cent of the club, is now



Fans pose for photos outside of Old Trafford stadium in Manchester north west England, ahead of the English Premier League football match between Manchester United and Leicester City, on 19 February 2023. PHOTO: AFP

the most likely to be accepted. Sources close to the Qatari bid have indicated their eagerness to close the deal, with the summer transfer window now open.

Supporters staged fresh protests against the Glazers at Old Trafford on Tuesday as the club launched its kit for next season. —AFP