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Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council

1. The Union Election Commission will be reconstituted and its mandated tasks, including the scrutiny of voter lists, shall be implemented in accordance with the law.
2. Effective measures will be taken with added momentum to prevent and manage the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Actions will be taken to ensure the speedy recovery of businesses from the impact of COVID-19.
4. Emphasis will be placed on achieving enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.
5. Upon accomplishing the provisions of the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held in line with the 2008 Constitution, and further work will be undertaken to hand over State duties to the winning party in accordance with democratic standards.

Tatmadaw members need to continuously preserve good traditions of the Tatmadaw with good military discipline and obedience



State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets officers, other ranks and family members of Taunggyi Station in Taunggyi, Shan State on 1 October 2021.

ALL Tatmadaw members must conscientiously serve daily duties in individuals to show their good military discipline and obedience. As all systematic behaviours from the head to toe in line with military disciplines

are good practices of a good soldier, they all have to abide by the disciplines individually and continuously to preserve the good traditions, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence

Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with officers, other ranks and families of Taunggyi Station at the hall of Eastern Command headquarters yesterday afternoon.

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Announcement on Extension of the Precautionary Restriction Measures Relating to Control of the COVID-19 Pandemic until 31 October 2021

1. With a view to the further strengthening of measures to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has issued the following announcements regarding temporary entry restrictions for visitors from all countries. All those restrictions were extended until 30 September 2021 by the Ministry’s announcement dated 31 August 2021.

(a) Announcement dated 15 March 2020 regarding precautionary measures for all travellers visiting Myanmar;

(b) Announcement dated 20 March 2020 regarding additional precautionary measures for travellers visiting Myanmar and temporary suspension of issuance of visa on Arrival and e-visa;

(c) Announcement dated 24 March 2020 regarding additional precautionary measures for travellers from all countries visiting Myanmar;

(d) Announcement dated 28 March 2020 regarding temporary suspension of all types of visas (including social visit visas) and visa exemption
- services.

2. In order to continue its effective response measures to protect the population of the country from the risks of importation and spread of the COVID-19, the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has decided to extend the afore-mentioned entry restriction measures until 31 October 2021.

3. In case of urgent official missions or compelling reasons, foreign nationals, including diplomats and United Nations officials, who wish to travel to Myanmar by available relief or special flights, may contact the nearest Myanmar Mission for possible exception with regard to certain visa restrictions. However, all visitors must abide by existing directives issued by the Ministry of Health relating to the prevention and control of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw
Dated. 1 October 2021

Fuel sold at fairer prices

THE Ministry of Commerce and the Myanmar Fuel Oil Importers and Distributors Association imported the fuel at the CBM reference rate and sold 6,340,740 litres of Ron 92, 6,241,323 litres of Diesel and 5,793,556 litres of Premium Diesel at fairer prices for the public beginning 22 September at 213 filling stations in respective regions/states.

It has already announced the locations of filling stations that sell the fuel at fixed prices.

If the people cannot buy the fuel at fixed prices in regions and states, they can contact the Committee on Ensuring Smooth Flow of Trade and Goods at 09-664075683, 09-664596327, 09-687635943 and 09-676320826, Department of Consumer Affairs of Yangon Region at 01-250270 and Myanmar Fuel Oil Importers and Distributors Association at 09-421006794. — MNA

303 Myanmar nationals repatriated via Myawady border bridge

STRANDED Myanmar citizens have been safely repatriated from Thailand via the Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge (2) commencing 1 August 2021, and a total of 303 Myanmar nationals returned home yesterday. The officials repatriated 200 people every other day in the past and welcomed 500 people per day beginning 26 September.

Myawady District Deputy Administrative Officer U Aung Chan Nyein and local officials helped the returnees with medical tests and other supplies.

"We repatriated the returnees via No (2) bridge since March 2020 after shutting No 1 bridge. The infection rate in Thailand was increased and we accepted



only 200 people per day every other day on 1 August 2021. Then, the numbers were increased up to 500 per day due to the declining infection rate of our country and Thailand, and difficulties of our citizens," said Myawady District Deputy Administrative Officer U Aung Chan Nyein.

The latest group of returnees included 187 males and 116 females from different regions and states. — Htein Lin Aung/ GNLM

Estimated Myanmar population on 1 October 2021 based on 2014 Population and Housing Census

THE Department of Population under the Ministry of Immigration and Population annually releases an estimated population of Myanmar to provide the basic information in drafting the State’s policies and projects by the Government and departmental organizations.

According to the estimates based on the 2014 population and housing census, the Department of Population said the population of Myanmar was 55.3 million on 1 October in the revised interim period of 2021-2022FY and the people in respective regions/states on that day are as follows:—MNA

Regions/States	(1-10-2021) estimated population (million)		
	Male	Female	Total
Kachin State	1.0	1.0	2.0
Kayah State	0.2	0.1	0.3
Kayin State	0.8	0.8	1.6
Chin State	0.3	0.2	0.5
Sagaing Region	2.6	3.0	5.6
Taninthayi Region	0.7	0.8	1.5
Bago Region	2.4	2.6	5.0
Magway Region	1.8	2.1	3.9
Mandalay Region	3.1	3.5	6.6
Mon State	0.9	1.1	2.0
Rakhine State	1.6	1.8	3.4
Yangon Region	4.1	4.6	8.7
Shan State	3.3	3.3	6.6
Ayeyawady Region	3.1	3.2	6.3
Nay Pyi Taw Council Area	0.6	0.7	1.3
Total	26.5	28.8	55.3

1,846 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 1 October, total figure rises to 465,922

MYANMAR’S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 465,922 after 1,846 new cases were reported on 1 October 2021 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, 419,842 have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll reached 17,789 after 54 died.

It is necessary to produce natural fertilizers

EFFORTS are being made for the production of fertilizers from domestic plants. It is necessary to produce natural fertilizers through the wastes of animal breeding farms.

(Excerpt from the speech to the meeting 1/2021 of the Provisional Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar made by Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 27-9-2021)

Tatmadaw members need to continuously preserve good traditions of the Tatmadaw with good military discipline and obedience

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In his address, the Senior General said Tatmadaw members and families need to understand the political progress, State defence duty of the Tatmadaw and national political leadership role. Any country does not accept the unscrupulous ways to win the election because the election is the essence of democracy. The Tatmadaw notified the officials of addressing the voting frauds in the 2020 multiparty democracy general election. Today's situation was based on their attempts to seize the State power unfairly by convening the third Hluttaw to form the new government.

Tatmadaw members need to take training to be capable Tatmadaw of dutifully discharging the State defence duty. Training and professional courses are conducted for enhancing the capacity of officers and other ranks to dutifully serve their tasks. Since its birth, the Tatmadaw has been good in discipline and obedience, and it must



The Senior General gives foodstuffs to the Eastern Command Commander.

preserve the fine tradition as the discipline is the backbone of the Tatmadaw.

Every corps must be capable of State defence duty as infantry units. They must be fit for fight and ready for the fight.

Hence, they must enhance their capacity through training.

Administrative officials need to have leadership without discrimination and emphasize logistic measures for subordinates. Those subordinates must

present correct reports to the officials at different levels for correctly and rapidly solving everything.

Only when the infection rate of COVID-19 declines to the expected one will the government carries out development tasks including the education sector. So, all need to abide by the restriction for the disease to control the infection rate. If not only individual Tatmadaw members but also companies, regiments and the whole Tatmadaw follow the disciplines, the infection rate will drop in the entire nation. Hence, they all should follow the restrictions

with a conscience.

The Senior General then attended to the needs of attendee officers, other ranks and families.

The Senior General presented foodstuffs to the commander and the wife of the Senior General, cash assistance for maternal and child to the wife of the commander.

Yesterday morning, the Senior General and party inspected prospects for upgrading the station sports ground of Eastern Command and upgrade of family housings and left necessary instructions. — MNA

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The SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General and party inspect the upgrade of the Taunggyi Station sports ground in Eastern Command, Shan State on 1 October 2021.

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pays homage to Oxford Sayadaw of Shan State Buddhist University in Taunggyi Township



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents religious matters to the Oxford Sayadaw of Shan State Buddhist University in Taunggyi on 1 October 2021.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, SAC members, Union Ministers, the Shan State Chief Minister, Senior Military Officers of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Office and their wives, the Commander of Eastern Command and officials visited the Shan State Buddhist University in Phayaphyu Ward of Pantin Village-tract of Taunggyi Township in Shan State (South), and paid homage to Oxford Sayadaw yesterday.

First, the Senior General and wife, and other officials paid homage to Dr Dhammasami, founder of Shan State Buddhist University and Professor of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University.

Then, the Senior General supplicated health-related matters of Sayadaw, construction of Mara Wizaya, Bhumi Phassa Mudra Sitting Buddha Image in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw with four objectives: to show the world that Theravada Buddha Sasana is shining brightly in Myanmar; to bring peace and tranquility to the country; to make the regions prosperous with local and foreign pilgrims to the image and to be a supportive action for the development of the country,



The Senior General signs in the visitor's log of the university.



The Senior General and wife offers the donations to the Sayadaw and monks.



The Senior General and wife plants the badum tree at the university.

and other religious affairs. The Senior General and his wife, and SAC members donated the cash and offertories to the Sayadaw and monks. The Sayadaw also gave Dhamma

presents to them. After that, the SAC Chairman signed the visitor's log of the university.

The SAC Chairman and wife, and members grew a badum tree in front of the Pitaka Library of the university and the monks recited sermons. Then, the officials looked at the tri Pitaka treatises translated into 12 languages including English, Korea and Sri Lanka. The founder Sayadaw of the University was born in Naungpan Village of Laikha Township of Shan State in 1964. At the age of six, the Sayadaw was ordained as a novice under supervision of Presiding Sayadaw of Thiri Mingala Oak Monastery in Laikha and became a monk

at the age of 19. The Sayadaw received many awards at Myanmar Buddhist universities and international Buddhist universities and completed PhD of Oriental Institute, the University of Oxford in 2004. Then, Sayadaw carried out religious missionary in universities and colleges of world countries. Sayadaw established the Shan State Buddhist University on 7 February 2016. Sayadaw makes concerted efforts to emerge an international standard Buddhist university in the country and also translates and writes the Buddhist literature into Myanmar, English and Shan languages and publishes the books.—MNA

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All ethnic nationals have to preserve their national characteristics: Senior General



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets members of Shan State government, officials of Self-Administered Zones, departmental personnel, local authorities and town elders in Taunggyi yesterday.

ALL the people need to happily work for the prosperity of the nation in a stable condition with good income, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in meeting with members of Shan State government, officials of Self-Administered Zones, departmental personnel, local authorities and town elders at the office of Shan State government in Taunggyi yesterday morning.

First, Shan State Chief Minister Dr Kyaw Tun reported to the Senior General on undertakings in social, economic, health and regional development sectors, hydropower generation, tourism, manufacturing and general sectors. Chairman of Pa-O Self-Administered Zone Administration Body U Khun Ye Htwe and Chairman of Danu Self-Administered Zone Administration Body U Arkar Lin reported on regional matters and the development of the regions.

The Senior General urged all to emphasize export of quality rice, an increase of per-acre yield of crops, growing of trees for environmental conservation to ensure sufficient supply of water to Taunggyi, implementation of urban projects, conservation of watershed areas for prevention of silting in Inlay Lake and seeking ways to generate electricity with the use of biogas in Danu Self-Administered Zone.

Union ministers reported on agriculture and livestock breeding sectors in Shan State, conservation of the environment, conducting of vocational courses for local people, implementation of emerald green projects in villages, assistance for small-scale



The Senior General inspects the upgrade work of the Taunggyi Sports Ground yesterday.



industries, vaccination, upgrade of sports grounds and gymnasiums in regions and states, and improvement of ethnic literature works and culture.

In his speech, the Senior General said Shan State is on more than 60,000 square miles of the area as home for 5.5 million of population. If they do everything by adoring their land, it will be a good area. If they make efforts for increasing the per-acre yield of paddy, the state will have increased income more than now.

Shan State operates not only agriculture but livestock breeding farms. Livestock tasks are being carried out at the livestock zone in Ayethaya with successful results. The Senior General urged all to systematically arrange the livestock breeding tasks not only in Ayethaya livestock breeding zone but in other townships. Broken rice, bran and groundnut expeller cakes can be used as feedstuffs benefiting the livestock breeding sector.

The government is emphasizing the prosperity of the State and the sufficiency of foods in nation-building tasks. All the people need to happily work for

the prosperity of the nation in a stable condition with a good income. The country needs stability based on political and security trends. As such, the country will be prosperous by holding sports and festivities.

There are many sources to generate hydropower in Shan State. If coal, abundant in China State, can be used to systematically generate electricity with modern technology, it will mitigate environmental deterioration. As Shan State is a hilly region, wind power can be generated. Hence, utilizing the existing natural resources for generating electricity will benefit the state. The sufficiency of electricity will contribute much to the development of the region.

In 2009, there were 112,145 KG students in Shan State. Of them, 101,428 students reached Grade-1, accounting for 84 per cent. At the grade-6, 64,000 students learned education, accounting for 52 per cent. Among them, 41,000 students reached grade-10, accounting for 34 per cent and 37,000 at the matriculation, 30 per cent. Among them, 9,600 students passed the ma-

triculation exam, accounting for 7.93 per cent. As such, it can be seen that as Shan State is weak in education, encouragement should be given to learning education. As education is weak in the state, it can be reviewed that it is difficult to turn out skilled persons in the businesses of agriculture and livestock sectors.

Concerning the peace, the government is making efforts for restoring the peace. Myanmar is a Union based on democracy and federalism inhabited by various ethnic people. All need to understand democracy. Democracy is governing the state under the law with the wish of the majority. Everybody needs to abide by the government under the law but they must not abuse the majority's wish. As the 2008 constitution was approved through a referendum, it cannot be revoked. The Tatmadaw accepted to amend things in the constitution in line with the current situation. The Tatmadaw controlled everything in line with democracy. It is necessary to manage the holding of the election in a correct manner.

As ethnic nationals possess

various kinds of literature and cultures, the government encourages them. But all need to use the Myanmar language and Myanmar literature as the Union literature. All Myanmar citizens need to preserve their national characteristics. Likewise, all ethnic nationals have to preserve their national characteristics.

Arrangements are being made to vaccinate the people as quickly as possible. Beautifying the urban area can contribute to the health condition of the people. In fact, Shan State is beautiful. Emphasizing environmental conservation will help Shan State enjoy the improvement of the tourism industry. It is necessary to grow flowery plants and windbreaks for beautifying the region. The creation of a good environment will contribute much to the development of the region.

The Senior General yesterday morning inspected the Shan State sports ground in Taunggyi and gave instructions on the upgrade of the sports ground and tasks for the development of the sports sector. —MNA

MoTC Union Minister inspects workshops of Myanmar Railways, shipyard

UNION Minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San inspected the Bridge Frame Workshop (Mahlwagon) and Mahlwagon Railway Station Yard, Diesel Locomotive Factory (Insein), Myanmar Railways Hospital (Insein), and Myanmar Shipyard yesterday.

At the Myanmar Railways Bridge Frame Workshop (Mahlwagon), officials explained the land for the construction of the Myanmar Railways Museum, and the operations of the departments, workshops and Myanmar Railway Hospital.

The Union Minister and party inspected the workshop and the three plots of land to be



MoTC Union Minister Admiral Tin Aung San inspects the Myanmar Railways workshops yesterday.

used for the construction of the museum and gave necessary instructions. The Union Minister and party inspected the operation of the Diesel Locomotive Fac-

tory in Insein and met doctors and hospital officials at the 50-bed Myanmar Railways Hospital (Insein).

The Union Minister also coordinated requirements at the hospital during the inspection.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister and party held a briefing at the Myanmar Shipyard and the Managing Director explained the work of shipbuilding and related work. Afterwards, they inspected the shipyard.

The Union Minister asked questions and gave necessary instructions on the explanation of the officials. — MNA

Myanmar celebrates International Day of Older Persons

THE International Day of Older Persons was celebrated yesterday at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement yesterday morning. The ceremony was attended by Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine, the Deputy Ministers for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Education, members of the Myanmar Elderly Committee, the Permanent Secretaries, officials and invited elderlies.

At the meeting, the Union Minister said the ministry has been implementing the social pension support programme to provide financial security to the elderly people in line with the Law on the Elderly (2016) and the National Strategic Plan for Social Protection (2014). The social pension has been provided

to the people over the age of 100 in the 2014-2015FY, people at the age of 90 and above in the 2017-2018FY, and people at the age of 85 and above in the 2018-2019FY. At present, about 250,000 older persons are benefiting from the implementation of the social pension support programme.

The Union Minister said a total of 222 Inclusive Self-Help Groups, that compose women, persons with disabilities and young people under the leadership of the older persons, have been formed to mutually assist the elderly people and the younger generations. The Ministry is also providing K1 million to each group as a support fund for the proper functioning of these groups.

In honour of the Interna-



MSWRR Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine speaks on the occasion of International Day of Older Persons yesterday.

tional Day of Older Persons, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement will be supporting K1 million each to the oldest man and woman in Myanmar through the respective regions/states, as in previous years, she added.

The Union Minister also said she will work to give real security to the older persons with warmth and to create opportunities for them to use their power in the nation-building process.

At the ceremony, a video was presented on the occasion of the International Day of Older Persons, and a grandmother expressed words of thanks on behalf of the elderly people. — MNA

Crime News

K18 billion worth of Ice, Ketamine drugs seized in Amarapura Township



A total of K18 billion worth of Methamphetamine (Ice) and Ketamine drugs were seized in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Region, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

A combine team of members of the Anti-Drug Task Force inspected a 12-wheeled Fuso container truck driven by Phyo Min Thu, 33-year-old and Zaw Htwe, 38-year-old on board on the 62nd Street, Swe Taw Highway Bus Terminal, Amarapura Township at 8:30 pm on 29 September.

A search of the container vehicle turned up 800 kilogrammes of ice (Methamphetamine), plus 200 kilogrammes of Ketamine valued at K18 billion.

According to the investigation, drugs were transported from Hsipaw Township, northern Shan State to Amarapura Township, Mandalay Region. The two suspects are charged under the Law and investigations are underway to capture the rest of the suspects, Myanmar Police Force said. — MNA

Confiscated drugs, a Fuso vehicle and arrestees.

MoC conducts daily import processes of anti-COVID-19 equipment

THE Ministry of Commerce is making efforts to ensure people have access to the essential medical supplies that are critical to the COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities, including liquid oxygen and oxygen cylinders, by arranging continuous importation through trading posts, international airports and seaports with standard operating procedures.

On 1 October (yesterday), anti-COVID-19 equipment, medical products including oxygen plants and concentrators were imported by three companies with the use of 21 vehicles.

A total of 2,751 empty oxygen cylinders, two oxygen plants, 60 oxygen concentrators, and 113 tonnes of masks were imported via Muse, Chinshwehaw, and Myawady trading posts, seaports and Yangon International Airport.

Two oxygen plants were transported to Yangon, officials said.

Officials from the relevant departments are cooperating to facilitate and expedite the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for better importation.

It is reported that the Ministry of Commerce is coordinating with relevant departments, facilitating the importation of essential medical supplies required in prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19, as well as contact persons for inquiries can be reached through the Ministry's Website — www.commerce.gov.mm. — MNA



Anti-Covid equipment and medical supplies (in picture) are daily imported via land borders.

Over 30,000 people in Chaungzon Township vaccinated with COVID jab in 17 days

WITH the participation of the people to control the spread of the disease, the number of vaccinated people in the 15 vaccination camps in Chaungzon Township of Mawlamyine District has reached 30,193 for the first time within 17 days.

Healthcare officials from Mawlamyine District are conducting the vaccination programmes to reduce the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths in Chaungzon Township, officials said.

Health staff, Township level departmental staff, Red Cross members, auxiliary firefighters and volunteers cooperated in the vaccination works.

Vaccines are being given to priority groups and target groups, and about 12,000 people have been vaccinated twice in the township to date.

Those who have been vaccinated for the first time will be vaccinated for the second time in 28 days, and vaccines will be jabbed daily to cover the whole township, according to the Department of Public Health. —Township IPRD/ GNLM

People from less accessible areas provided with COVID-19 vaccines



A local receives Covid jab in Mongyan Township, Shan State.

PEOPLE from the less accessible areas across the country are being provided with vaccination against the COVID-19 virus, and on 29 September, the vaccines were administered in Yann Kaung village-tract in Mongyan Township in Kengtung District, Shan State (East).

This is the second batch of vaccines that was continued in line with the COVID-19 immunization guidelines in the villages in Yann Kaung village-tract.

Township administration officials, police force, fire brigade and healthcare professionals worked together to give the vaccines to the people in priority groups.

A total of 166 people in Yann Kaung village-tract have been vaccinated, according to the township general administration department. — GNLM

Prices list of medicines commonly used against COVID-19 till 1-10-2021

No	Product Name	Pack Size	Price in Kyats (Retail)	Company Name
Antibiotics				
1	PO Bromhexine	10x10's tablets/Box	1,000	Medi Myanmar
2	PO Cetrizine	10x10's/Box	2,200	AA Medical
Supportive				
3	PO Multivitamin with/ without zinc	3x10's/Box	5,600	OLIVE
4	PO Vitamin C	10x10's/Box	700	Pai Brother
5	PO – Pantocid	10x10's/Box	7,000	PL
6	PO Omeprazole	10x10's/Box	1,650	Shwe Htay Min
7	Injection Pantocid	1g/Vial	1,500	Aorta
8	Injection Omeprazole	1g/Vial	1,050	Aorta
Antibiotics				
9	PO - Azithromycin 500 mg	5x3's	4,000	Ram mawaddy
10	PO - Cefalexin 500 mg	Box of 10x10's	6,100	Aorta

Please visit to Website (www.mccpmd.org) and Facebook Page https://www.facebook.com/32330252139_2189/posts/1720802588308835/?d=n to know the prices of other medicines.—MNA

Build a peaceful nation with positive attitudes in changed mindsets

THE day of 12th February showing the Union Spirit of the ethnic nationals who initiated the efforts to regain independence through the unity of the people from the whole nation was honoured as Union Day. On 12 February 2022, the anniversary of Union Day would be the Diamond Jubilee. On that day in 1947, the Panglong Agreement was signed by the leaders of various ethnicities residing in Myanmar with a vow to regain independence through the concerted efforts of the people from hilly and plain regions as part of the unity based on the Union spirit. As a fruitful result of the Panglong Agreement, those from hilly and plain regions together with the Tatmadaw unitedly regained the independence of Myanmar on 4 January 1948.

As a gesture of hailing the Diamond Jubilee Union Day, work processes must be beefed up for strengthening the Union Spirit across the Union, ensuring the prosperity of the country and restoring the perpetual peace so as to further cement the national unity. Only when Myanmar is inhabited by many ethnic nationals forges the unity among them can nobody disintegrate the sovereignty of the Union. Hence, further efforts must be made for building the compact and united strength among national brethren in the future.

Any ethnic groups do not isolate in many regions and states. Myanmar is a Union inhabited by various ethnic nationals together. In arranging the negotiation to seek the best way of addressing the armed conflicts in successive eras, it is not necessary to prioritize own ethnic, state, region and organization. Only when the dialogues must be held with unity can the perpetual peace the entire ethnic national people aspire be restored.

As such, all national brethren need to lead the dialogues with negotiations to restore perpetual peace. In fact, the entire national people, the dialogues and the restoration of perpetual peace will be inseparable in building a peaceful nation.

Based on the aforesaid three factors, Myanmar, the motherland for all national races, must have the chance to enjoy a brighter future. Hence, let's go forward to build a peaceful environment in Myanmar in the future. All stakeholders to the peace dialogues need to improve their mindsets with positive attitudes.



Knowledge and Education

By U Khin Maung (A retired diplomat)

1. Now, a new era, a new age is upon us. It is, as we all know. “Knowledge-age”. So, in this day and age, we have such terms as “knowledge-based economy,” “knowledge-driven world”, “knowledge explosion”, “constant learning society” etc., so widely used that they become catchwords. To keep pace with the current trends, the government of the Union of Myanmar had laid down its own education policy and vision. I think State education policy and vision may be mentioned as follows: -

“To create an education system that can generate a learning society, capable of facing the challenges of the knowledge age.”

To win public support and appreciation in the State education policy, our daily newspapers and our State schools carry the State's motto. “Let's build a modern and developed nation through education.”

2. To be in line with the State education policy and to be able to respond to the globalization challenges, and to suit the changing needs of the society and rapid development of technology, as a former magistrate, I would like to sincerely and yet strongly advise all the civil officers to pursue eagerly and earnestly a constant learning goal. In this connection, I would like to present my views on education. It is my sincere views and firm belief as well that “no educative process is ever the end: it is always the beginning of more education, more learning, more living. “In other words, I would like to say that we should learn and grow as the years go by. Why? Simply because learning is a never-ending process and simply because we can't afford to be left behind in the rapidly changing world. Concerning the light of knowledge and education, I would also like to recite to you a short Myanmar poem from my memory.

Well, if freely and loosely translated, I think it would read as follows: -

“Of the lights, firelight, moonlight and sunlight.

Moonlight is brighter than firelight, Sunlight is brighter than moonlight.

Ah, the light of knowledge is the brightest of all, No light is there brighter than the light of knowledge.

As such, “Lord Buddha, had preached.”

Therefore, all and sundry, each and everybody should strive to acquire knowledge.

Good knowledge is just like a Badeithabin tree – a tree of plenty, and inexhaustible store.

3. Let's now see what the western philosophers had said on knowledge and education. Greek Philosopher Aristotle said, “Only the educated are free.” Benjamin Franklin pointed out, “An investment in knowledge pays the best interest.” Henry Adams had this to say, “they know enough who know how to learn.” Well, there is a widely accepted and highly appreciated old saying which simply and yet effectively goes “knowledge is power”.

4. Now in this knowledge age, where will we stand if we don't get ourselves involved in it? and if we are not keen on learning constantly and expanding our horizons? Well, we will be left behind, we will be sidelined. It is as simple as that. Therefore, another question is, why should we, all civil officers learn the relevant laws, the general circulars, and standing orders simply to actively participate in the national programmes? Otherwise, we will be sidelined, or left behind in the changing world.

As regards this particular question, I think, I can't do any better than to quote the salient points from an article written by Justice R.D Nicholson, Judge of the Federal Court of Australia, who gave the reasons as follows: -

- In the case of education relating to all, the officers are required to keep up with changes and further their understanding of the existing relevant laws.
- In the case of administration all the officers need to be working in tandem with the State policy to progress cases and achieve the best within limited budgetary provisions.

5. Public and professional confidence in the government officers is maintained and enhanced by the display of willingness to learn. So, the qualifications of all the civil officers are enhanced. Here I would also like to emphasize a principle, the cardinal principle, for all the gazetted officers' qualifications are that for them to be successful, they must have constant learning practice.

6. And another one more question is: what should be the general content of all the education? All officers' education may be delivered in relation to: -

- Improving knowledge of the relevant laws.
- Improving all the officers' skills in administration and
- Contribution to all officers' understanding of the society in which he or she is performing and his or her duties.

7. Concerning your duties, I would also like to advise you, on the strength of the following words of wisdom, to keep on learning and get better every day.

- “Knowledge is not static. It is accumulating and expanding all the time. In the quest for knowledge, there must be a strong will and perseverance.”
- “We should create a desire and dedication to update and upgrade ourselves continuously.”
- “Knowledge is power” seems to have quite a following these days.”
- “The object of education should be to increase the usefulness of man, usefulness to himself, and usefulness to others.”

8. May I also propose to you, my dear reader and encourage you to go on learning and get the promotion in due course. Through this article, may I also convey my high regards and great and deep respect to the successive Public

Service Selection Boards, for recruiting and selecting the gazetted officers for each ministry through highly competitive written examinations. Myself, I was selected as a B.C.S (Burma Civil Service) Senior Branch Officer in 1962.

9. Now, the world is racing to head off or to contain a surge in coronavirus cases. In this connection, I would like present to you our old saying for your kind attention to take it as a way of life. If our old saying is translated informally into English, I think it may read as follows: -

Wisdom or accumulated knowledge and education safeguard and protect our life. And a good dose of luck safeguards and protects our wealth and property. So to live a long and healthy life, we must broaden our knowledge and education and gain wisdom and a good dose of luck too, sometimes you need.

10. As far as this article is concerned, I would also like to give you the advice to read and take the advice mentioned in a news item of our esteemed daily paper as follows: -

“People are urged to continue to take precautionary measures by social distancing, wearing a mask and washing hands after receiving the vaccines and the vaccination will continue according to the priority of the Ministry of Health.”

11. And another more question is: what should be the general content of education? Education must be delivered in relation to: -

- Improving the officers' skills in the administration and relevant laws.
- Contributing to the general understanding of the society in which he or she is performing his or her duties.

12. In conclusion, may I again quote some words of wisdom as follows: -

“Education, in its full sense, is not just the provision of knowledge. It is the development of the mind, the heart, the hands and the body. It is promoting knowledge and skills, healthy living and environmental literacy.”

Reference: -

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2. Judicial education and the means of funding it in the Asian Region: A judge's view.

3. အသက်ကို ညက်စောင့်၊ ဥစ္စာကို ဂ်စောင့်။

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5. U Myo Min's article in the Global New Light of Myanmar.



Vietnam's commercial hub back in business after 3-month lockdown

Ho Chi Minh City on Friday lifted a stay-at-home order that had kept its nine million residents indoors for three months and devastated business in Vietnam's economic hub.



Motorists wait on their motorcycles at a traffic light during rush hours in Ho Chi Minh City. PHOTO: NHAC NGUYEN/AFP

TO curb a fast-spreading wave of Covid-19 — which struck the southern metropolis particularly hard — residents have been unable to leave home, even for food, and almost all travel in and out of the area was suspended.

Almost half of Vietnam's total 790,000 virus cases were reported in the city, along with three-quarters of the country's deaths.

But after a gradual fall in cases, soldiers began dismantling road barriers on Friday and removing hundreds of checkpoints that had separated city districts.

“I am happy,” said Tran Van Vu, who owns a store selling fruit, vegetables and meat and

had planned to expand his business before the pandemic. “During the lockdown our company was affected a lot... we didn't have enough delivery men as they had to be tested every two days and it was costly for the company.”

Roads were busy for the first time in months after most businesses were given the go-ahead to reopen and vaccinated people permitted to move freely within the city.

Although authorities have kept a ban on travel to other provinces, thousands of families travelling by motorbike gathered at a checkpoint on the way out of the city, hoping to return to their hometowns.

Vietnam was once hailed as a model for

virus containment, but the country struggled to stop the spread of a fourth wave of infection that began in April in northern industrial parks and quickly travelled south.

More than a third of Vietnam's 100 million people were under stay-at-home orders this summer, bringing the country's important manufacturing industry to its knees and breaking supply chains.

Its economy suffered its heaviest contraction on record in the third quarter, officials said Wednesday. Factories in industrial parks and goods transportation services are among businesses allowed to open, authorities have said.

SOURCE: AFP





Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Friday 1 October 2021)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is a few cloud over the North Bay of Bengal. Monsoon is weak over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 2 October, 2021: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Naypyitaw, fairly widespread in Bago Region, Southern Shan, Chin States and scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon, Taninthayi Regions and Kayah, Kayin, Mon States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Region. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar Waters. Wave height will be about (4 – 7) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Continuation of thundery activities in the Deltaic areas.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 October, 2021: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 October, 2021: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 October, 2021: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Naypyitaw and Mandalay Region and scattered in Yangon Region.

EARTHQUAKE NEWS
(Issued at 11:40 hour M.S.T.)
A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about (13) miles north-northeast of Hta Man Thi), latitude 25.50°N, longitude 95.36°E, depth (82) kilometers, about (110) miles northeast of Tamu seismological observatory was recorded at (11) hr (27) min (32) sec M.S.T on 1st October, 2021

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100-acre model plot selected to produce 100 baskets of monsoon paddy



The government designated the places of Tamote Soe Village-tract of Amarapura Township, where the high-quality agricultural machinery is implemented, to plant the paddy to produce 100-basket per acre.

A 100-acre model plot has been selected in Amarapura Township of Mandalay Region to produce 100 baskets per acre during this monsoon paddy season, said Daw Nyein Nyein Phyo, township agriculture department head.

The government designated the places of Tamote Soe Village-tract of Amarapura Township, where the high-quality agricultural method is implemented, to plant the paddy to produce 100-basket per acre. The operation will start during this year with the Union budget. The officials will choose 21 farmers and provide the needed agrochemicals.

“We grow monsoon paddy and summer paddy in Amarapura Township. We have Hsedawgyi Dam water. We normally produce more than 100 baskets of monsoon paddy per acre and there are only 93.75 baskets of

monsoon paddy. Therefore, we will carry out to produce 100 baskets per acre following the instructions this year. Therefore, we select the 100-acre model plot to meet the target. We will also supervise the operations closely by providing the techniques and agrochemicals. We grew the paddy in August and will harvest it at the end of December. We adopt the transplanting method,” she said.

The officials selected the farmers and conducted a series of training for them. The Amarapura farmers grow Ayeyar Min paddy in the rainy season. Moreover, the officials will provide techniques to increase the Ayeyar Min paddy cultivation rate, and manage the model plot that can produce 100 baskets per acre for the remaining farmers to observe. — Min Htet Aung (Mdy Sub-printing House)/GNLM

Myanmar ships over 27,000 tonnes of chickpea to external market as of 17 Sept

MORE than 27,160 tonnes of chickpea were exported to foreign markets between 1 October and 17 September of the current financial year 2020-2021, with an estimated value of US\$15 million, the Commerce Ministry’s data indicated.

The price of chickpea remains in the bull market on the back of strong domestic demand and the Kyat depreciation in the forex market.

The price was pegged at K90,000 per three-basket bag on 9 August, whereas the chickpea price spiked to over K131,000 per bag at the present time. The chickpea growers are fetching a good price amidst the low production this year, traders said.

“The export of chickpea came to a halt from the closure of border posts by China. At the present time, the domestic bean market is positively related to the law of supply and demand,” said a trader from Bayintnaung market.

Myanmar exported chickpea to India, Pakistan, the UAE, Turkey and other foreign markets last year.

The chickpea is cultivated in Yangon, Mandalay, Bago, Sagaing and Ayeyawady regions and Nay Pyi Taw. There are 890,000 acres of chickpea across the country.

The pea is cultivated in October and November and they are harvested in January-April period. – KK/GNLM



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Rubber price in Mon state hikes this year



Rubber is primarily produced in Mon and Kayin states and Taninthayi, Bago, and Yangon regions in Myanmar. As per 2018-2019 rubber seasons’ 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 348,344 acres and Kayin State with 270,760 acres.

THE price of rubber in Mon state are hiking this year compared to the same period of last year, said Myanmar rubber entrepreneurs.

The price of 1 pound (0.45 kilogramme) of rubber in Mon State rose from K700 to K1,150 this year. The prices of rubber were up owing to the Kyat depreciation in the local foreign market.

“China is the largest buyer for Myanmar rubber. The export of rubber to China is currently suspended. Myanmar rubber prices spiked to their high for the depreciation of the kyat in the market. As a result, people don’t want to hold onto money and are buying up rub-

ber as a store of value instead. Then, the rubber is also ranging K1,150-K1,200 per pound. I heard that the domestic gold price also hit a record high of K2.2 million. There is also no trading in the border areas, said a rubber trader.

Mon State has the largest acreage of rubber in Myanmar with the production of over 240 million pounds of rubber, according to the 2020 official statistics of Mon State Agriculture Department.

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lion acres of rubber plantations in Myanmar, with Mon State accounting for 497,153 acres, followed by Taninthayi Region 348,344 acres and Kayin State with 270,760 acres, according to the MRPPA.

Besides, about 300,000 tonnes of rubber is produced annually across the country. Seventy per cent of rubber made 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 yearly exports over 200,000 tonnes of natural rubber to foreign countries, generating over US\$200 million. — ACM/GNLM

More large US companies touting Covid-19 vaccine mandates

UNITED Airlines and Tyson Foods provided fresh evidence Thursday supporting coronavirus vaccine mandates, while AT&T expanded its job requirement to unionized workers.

The announcements show how more large companies are moving ahead with vaccine requirements, despite loud criticism from some employee groups and politicians.

President Joe Biden on 9 September announced the government would demand large businesses to require vaccinations, but the administration has yet to elaborate on how the plan will be rolled out. Many leading Republicans have described the mandate as an overreach and an attack on personal freedoms. United, which has been



A man asks a volunteer questions at a pop-up COVID-19 test site in Los Angeles on 29 Oct 2020. PHOTO: FREDERIC J. BROWN/AFP

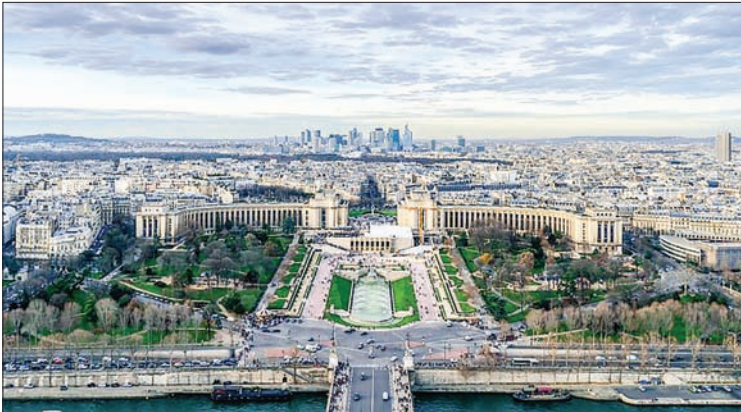
among the most aggressive large companies in embracing the policy, said the number of workers scheduled to be terminated for refusing vaccines dropped to 320 from 593, after the airline announced Tuesday it planned to fire anyone who had not received

the shot. That means that 99.5 per cent of United's workforce has now been jabbed, excluding those who requested exemptions for health or religious reasons, United said. "Our vaccine policy con-

tinues to prove requirements work," a United spokeswoman said in an email. "In less than 48 hours, the number of unvaccinated employees who began the process of being separated from the company has been cut almost in half."

United revised its numbers following a surge in late vaccination uploads into its computer network. Airline officials expect to discover additional employee vaccinations once they initiate meetings with staff in line for termination. Tyson, meanwhile, said more than 100,000, or 91 per cent, of its US workforce had now received at least one dose of a Covid-19 vaccine, more than double the number since the company announced the requirement in August.—AFP ■

Covid health pass rule extended to include teens



France on Thursday began requiring teenagers 12 and older to present a Covid-19 "health pass" to enter public sites such as restaurants, sport clubs or cinemas, extending a measure already in place for adults for two months. PHOTO: AFP

FRANCE on Thursday began requiring teenagers 12 and older to present a Covid-19 "health pass" to enter public sites such as res-

taurants, sport clubs or cinemas, extending a measure already in place for adults for two months. Although daily Covid cases

have fallen steadily since August, authorities are hoping to stave off a potential flare-up as colder weather approaches and people spend more time indoors. The pass, available on paper or as a QR code on phones, proves vaccination, a recent negative Covid test, or inoculation because a person has already had the virus. Announced by President Emmanuel Macron in July, it prompted millions of people to get the jabs after holding out for months, giving France one of the world's highest vaccination rates. But thousands of people have turned out in weekly protests, saying the pass discriminates against people opposed

to the vaccine because of safety fears or other reasons. The government is nonetheless preparing a law that would let it keep imposing the health pass if necessary until next summer, calling it a key measure for avoiding another lockdown that would cripple a fragile economic recovery. Around two-thirds of French teenagers are fully vaccinated, compared with 72 per cent for the population as a whole. However on Thursday the government said primary school-children would no longer have to wear masks in class in 47 of the roughly 100 French departments where the virus is no longer spreading rapidly.—AFP ■

Laos to receive over 2 mln doses of COVID-19 vaccine

LAOS will receive another 2,434,580 doses of COVID-19 vaccine from the Chinese and Australian governments as well as the private sector in 2021, a senior government official has said. "So far we have received five types of COVID-19 vaccine, including about 5,567,490 doses of the Sinopharm, AstraZeneca, Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer and Sputnik vaccines," local daily Vientiane Times on Tuesday quoted Director-General of the Department of Hygiene and Health Promotion, Phonepaseuth Ounaphome said in a

press conference last Friday. As the vaccination programme gains momentum around the country, up until September 19 a total of 2,799,549 people had received a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and 1,909,360 people had been given two doses. Health workers are currently administering the second round of Sinopharm and AstraZeneca vaccinations and urge everyone to come forward to be immunized. Phonepaseuth also said the Pfizer and Sinopharm vaccines will be offered to students in Grade 7 of secondary schools



A staff member at a packaging plant for COVID-19 inactivated vaccine products in the Beijing Biological Products Institute Co Ltd in Beijing, 25 Dec 2020. PHOTO: XINHUA

and others who are 17 or older, and to those who are travelling to study or preparing for university entrance exams.—Xinhua ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bats could transmit new coronaviruses more frequently than previously thought: study

THE transmission of new coronaviruses from animals to humans may be more common in Southeast Asia than previously thought, German local media has reported. "Evidence suggests that some bat SARS-related coronaviruses (SARSr-CoVs) could infect people directly, and that their spillover is more frequent than previously recognized," says a study led by Cecilia Sanchez of the EcoHealth Alliance. By matching data on bat distribution with population density, and possible overlap zones of human and animal habitats and activities, researchers determined that there could be around 400,000 infections with SARS-related bat coronaviruses in Southeast Asia every year. The research team supplemented data from emerging hotspots for potentially infectious animal-human contact with the results of random antibody tests conducted on human blood samples collected before the outbreak of the current COVID-19 pandemic.—Xinhua ■

Looming humanitarian disaster in north and east Syria

THE Health Authority in North and East Syria held a press conference in the Department of Foreign Relations in Qamishli, to emphasize the possibility of the region being exposed to a humanitarian catastrophe due to the rapid spread of Covid and the increase in the number of cases and deaths. Joan Mustafa, the co-chair of the Health Authority, stated that the fourth wave is threatening the residents of the region in all its categories, including the youth, and that the 15 centres that were established to receive Corona patients are full and there is no room to accommodate larger numbers than that. Joan said during the press conference that the lack of materials in these centres and the urgent need for oxygen constitute the biggest threat to the work of the Health Authority and the Kurdish Red Crescent.—AFP ■

FAO calls on countries to reduce food losses



Qu Dongyu, the director-general of the Rome-based UN Food and Agriculture Organization, addresses the UN food systems pre-summit in Rome, Italy, 28 July 2021. **PHOTO: GIUSEPPE CAROTENUTO/FAO/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

THE director-general of the Rome-based United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on Wednesday called for countries to redouble efforts to halve food waste by the end of this decade.

The organization estimated that around 14 per cent of the world's total food production is lost between harvest and retail, costing 400 billion U.S. dollars in food value each year.

In remarks to commemorate the second International

Day of Awareness of Food Loss and Waste, FAO Director-General Qu Dongyu said that more efficient, inclusive and sustainable agricultural and food systems will help to reduce world hunger and reduce strain on the environment.

"We need to accelerate progress in achieving the SDG (Sustainable Development Goal) target 12.3 by 2030 to halve global food waste and reduce food losses along production and supply chains," said Qu.

Additionally, according to the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Executive Director Inger Andersen, food loss and waste accounts for around a tenth of global greenhouse gas emissions, while using up precious land and water resources.

"Putting a serious dent in food loss and waste will slow climate change, protect nature, and increase food security at a time when we desperately need these things to happen," Andersen said.—Xinhua ■

China orders energy firms to secure supplies amid power crisis: report

CHINA'S top state-owned energy companies have been ordered to ensure there are adequate fuel supplies for the approaching winter at all costs, a report said Friday, as the country battles a power crisis that threatens to hit growth in the world's number two economy.

The country has been hit by widespread power cuts that have closed or partially closed factories, hitting production and global supply chains.

The crisis has been caused by a confluence of factors including rising overseas demand as economies reopen, record coal prices, state electricity price controls and tough emissions targets. More than a dozen provinces and regions have been forced to impose curbs on energy usage in recent months.

Bloomberg News, citing people familiar with the matter who did not want to be named, reported that Vice-Premier Han

Zheng had told energy companies to make sure there is enough fuel to keep the country running and that Beijing would not tolerate blackouts. Han, who supervises the nation's energy sector and industrial production, was speaking at an emergency meeting this week with officials from Beijing's state-owned as-

sets regulator and economic planning agency, the people said.

"It is probably a strong signal about how concerned China is regarding keeping industry going, and more importantly, the winter that is just around the corner," said Jeffrey Halley, senior market analyst at OANDA.—AFP ■



An energy crunch in China has led some banks to lower their growth forecasts for the economy this year. Photo taken on 18 March 2017 shows a coal-fired generating unit at China Huaneng Group's Beijing Thermal Power Plant in Chaoyang District of Beijing, capital of China. **PHOTO: XINHUA/ZHANG CHENLIN**

Dubai opens glitzy Expo with extravagant show

DUBAI opened its extravagant Expo 2020 on Thursday with a flashy ceremony boasting fireworks and lights displays as it attempts to woo the world despite the pandemic.

The domed Al Wasl Plaza, centrepiece of the vast Expo site, was lit by spectacular projections as Crown Prince Sheikh Hamdan bin Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum declared the \$7 billion event open.

"The entire world gathers in the UAE as we inaugurate together, with the blessing of Allah, Expo 2020 Dubai," Sheikh Hamdan said.

Chinese pianist Lang Lang was among the star performers and blind Italian tenor

Andrea Bocelli closed the show in front of Dubai's royal rulers.

The ceremony kicks off a six-month world fair attended by more than 190 countries, despite the European parliament's call for member states to boycott over the United Arab Emirates' human rights record. Organizers are hoping for 25 million visits to Expo 2020, the first in the Middle East, which is set to be the most attended event since the pandemic. This year's Tokyo Olympics went ahead largely without fans. However, travel restrictions remain in place around the globe during a spectacle that was conceived pre-Covid-19 and is starting a year late.—AFP ■



Flag-bearers for participating countries enter during the opening ceremony of the Dubai Expo 2020, on 30 Sept 2021. **PHOTO: AFP**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Big manufacturer sentiment improves for 5th straight qtr in Sept.: BOJ

BUSINESS confidence among major Japanese manufacturers improved in September for a fifth straight quarter as the economy emerges from the COVID-19 downturn but component shortages weighed, the Bank of Japan said Friday.

The key index measuring confidence among companies such as automobile and electronics makers rose to 18 in September from 14 three months earlier, the highest level since December 2018, and higher than the average market forecast of 13 in a recent Kyodo News survey.

The index for large nonmanufacturers, including the coronavirus pandemic-battered service sector, slightly increased to 2 from 1, for the fifth straight quarter of improvement.

The Tankan index represents the percentage of companies reporting favourable conditions minus the percentage reporting unfavourable ones. "It came out stronger than expected," said Toru Suehiro, a senior economist at Daiwa Securities Co.

"What remains is the gap in the pace of recovery between manufacturers and nonmanufacturers. We should also note that there is a divergence within the manufacturing sector, too," Suehiro said.

Sentiment among sectors dealing with oil and coal as well as steel improved as they benefited from rising commodity prices, the BOJ data showed. Manufacturers, especially automakers, have led the economic recovery from the shock of the coronavirus pandemic while nonmanufacturers have lagged due to protracted restrictions implemented to curb COVID-19 cases.—Kyodo News ■

EU, Australia trade talks postponed amid subs row

A long-planned round of Australia-EU free trade talks have been postponed, a European official confirmed Friday, after fury over Canberra's decision to cancel a major French submarine contract.

"The FTA trade round has been postponed for a month until November," an EU official in Canberra told AFP, throwing the future of the far-reaching pact into doubt.

Australia last month

abruptly cancelled a multi-billion-dollar contract for 12 French submarines, opting to buy nuclear-powered US-designed vessels instead.

The decision prompted a major diplomatic spat with one of the European Union's largest members and now appears to have hit ties with the entire bloc.

France has publicly said it can no longer trust Australia's government, accusing officials of lying

and questioning whether the trade agreement can go ahead.

Australian Trade Minister Dan Tehan, who was scheduled to travel to Europe for the talks, played down the decision. "We understand the French reaction to our submarine decision but ultimately any nation must act in its national interest -- which is what Australia has done," he said in a statement to AFP. — AFP ■



Australia last month abruptly cancelled a multibillion-dollar contract for 12 French submarines, opting to buy nuclear-powered US-designed vessels instead. PHOTO: POOL/AFP

Major Japanese firms welcome prospective new recruits online

MAJOR Japanese companies formally offered jobs Friday to students set to graduate from universities and other schools in the country next spring, welcoming them in online ceremonies amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Many firms have selected prospective new recruits online to prevent the spread of COVID-19, with some companies only holding final interviews in person. Some students even said they are not used to face-to-face job interviews.

In the morning, brewer Kirin Holdings Co. held an online ceremony for about 60 students who had received job offers from the company.

Ayami Kondo, 25, a graduate student, said before the ceremony, "I'm looking forward to meeting my future colleagues and



Kirin Holdings Co. holds an online ceremony for students who had received job offers from the company in Tokyo on 1 Oct 2021. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

seniors even on screen. I want to meet them face-to-face as soon as possible after the coronavirus crisis settles down."

The company had been preparing for both online and face-to-face sessions, but decided to go online in order to offer a sense of relief to the students. A Kirin official in charge of personnel

affairs said the company has "a very strong desire" to meet the prospective graduates and will create opportunities for individual in-person meetings in the future. West Japan Railway Co. did not hold a ceremony Friday, but delivered a congratulatory message online to about 60 prospective new recruits.—Kyodo News ■

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Public is hereby notified that First National Insurance Public Company Limited (No. 400/406, Merchant Road, Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region) is being liquidated starting from 1.4.2019 as a business requirement as required by the Insurance Business Regulatory Board. Both the life and general businesses of that company had been smoothly transferred to life businesses (license no. 007) of First National Insurance (Life) Company Limited and general businesses (license no. 003) of First National Insurance (General) Company Limited from that day.



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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MARATHA PRESTIGE VOY.NO. (202106)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **2-10-2021** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **IBTT** 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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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Agent For:

M/S ELDER TRIUMPHANT SHIPPING LINES PTE LTD

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NEWS
IN BRIEFBritain's crisis-hit PM
faces tricky party
conference

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson's talent for political escapology will be tested in the coming days as his Conservative party holds its annual conference in the grip of national turmoil induced by Covid-19 and Brexit. Panic-buying has emptied fuel pumps, and retailers are warning of a bleak Christmas unless the government restores the flow of labour from Europe that it shut down when Britain quit the EU.

The crisis risks undermining themes that Johnson wants to tout at the conference, including "levelling up" economic growth, "Global Britain" after Brexit, and "anti-woke" culture wars. He is also set to talk up Britain's action on climate change and the need for global coordination, ahead of hosting the COP26 climate summit in Scotland next month.—AFP ■

Indian caught with
kilo of gold paste in
rectum

A smuggler who stashed nearly one kilo of gold paste in his rectum to get the precious metal past Indian customs has been arrested, officials said Wednesday.

India is the world's second-largest gold consumer and experts say smuggling has increased in recent years, including by converting the precious metal into paste form.

The mule was detained on Monday after a security official noticed the "presence of metal in body cavity" at Imphal airport in the northeastern state of Manipur.

The man, who was bound for New Delhi, was taken for questioning but "could not reply satisfactorily", the Central Industrial Security Force said in a news release.

Officials then took him to the medical examination room where an X-ray of his lower body revealed four capsules filled with gold paste weighing over 900 grammes (1.98 pounds).

The value of the haul is around 4.2 million rupees (around \$57,000), the statement added.

Demand for gold peaks in the final months of the year in India as the wedding season gets going and preparations are made for the major Hindu festivals of Diwali and Dussehra.—ANI ■

Israel foreign minister opens embassy on
landmark visit to Bahrain

ISRAEL'S top diplomat Yair Lapid began a landmark visit Thursday to Bahrain where he opened the Israeli embassy one year after the US-brokered normalisation of ties.

The Israeli foreign minister touched down at Manama airport over an hour before a Gulf Air A320 took off in the opposite direction for the first commercial flight between the two countries.

Crew members waved the flags of Bahrain and Israel from cockpit windows of the passenger jet when it landed later at Ben Gurion airport near Tel Aviv.

The Bahrain flight and Israel's first bilateral ministerial visit to the Gulf country are part of a thaw in regional relations after the United Arab Emir-



Bahrain's Foreign Minister Abdullatif Al-Zayani (R) and his Israeli counterpart Yair Lapid smile after signing agreements between their countries in the Bahraini capital Manama, during Lapid's landmark visit. **PHOTO: AFP**

ates, Morocco and Sudan also agreed last year to establish ties with Israel under agree-

ments known as the Abraham Accords.

"We have officially opened

the Israeli embassy in Bahrain," tweeted Lapid.

"We agreed that by the end of the year, there will be the opening of the Bahraini embassy in Israel."

Lapid met with King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa, in what Israeli media said was the first public meeting of a Gulf monarch with an Israeli official.

The Israeli top diplomat also met with Crown Prince Sheikh Salman bin Hamad Al-Khalifa and Foreign Minister Abdullatif al-Zayani.

"We talked about the cooperation between our countries and about taking the official peace between us and turning it into an active, economic, security, political and civic friendship," Lapid tweeted following his sit-down with Zayani.—AFP ■

Kishida unveils new LDP executive lineup with
eye on general election

Kishida, the new leader of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party, speaks to reporters at the party headquarters in Tokyo on 1 Oct 2021. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

FUMIO Kishida, the new leader of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party and presumed next prime minister, on Friday unveiled a lineup of party executives that will be tasked with buoying public support ahead of next month's general election.

Many key posts were filled with close allies of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, a staunch conservative who continues to wield influence within the LDP, including Secretary General Akira Amari, 72, and policy chief Sanae Takaichi, 60.

Amari replaces Toshihiro Nikai, known for exercising

power behind the scenes during his record five-year tenure.

A veteran lawmaker who has held a number of Cabinet positions, Amari as economic and fiscal policy minister from December 2012 was responsible for promoting the "Abenomics" policy mix but resigned in January 2016 amid graft allegations.

Opposition parties said Friday they will launch a team to reinvestigate the allegations that Amari and his secretary accepted upwards of 14 million yen (\$126,000) from a construction firm.

Keiichi Ishii, secretary general of the LDP's junior coalition partner Komeito, said at a press conference he looks forward to working with his new counterpart to win the general election, which is expected to be held in early to mid-November.

Kishida was elected LDP president on Wednesday and is all but guaranteed to be installed as the new prime minister when parliament convenes for an extraordinary session on Monday, given the ruling coalition controls both chambers.—Kyodo News ■

Sarkozy braces for verdict in second French trial

FORMER French president Nicolas Sarkozy will find out whether he faces a second jail term when a court returns its verdict over massive overspending on his 2012 re-election campaign.

The 66-year-old remains a hugely popular and influential figure on the right despite being caught up in multiple investigations since being voted out of the Elysee Palace after a single term in 2012. In March, he became France's first post-war president to be handed a custodial sen-

tence when he was given a three-year term, two years of which were suspended, for corruption and influence peddling over attempts to secure favours from a judge. Sarkozy's predecessor and mentor Jacques Chirac received a two-year suspended sentence in 2011 for corruption while he was mayor of Paris.

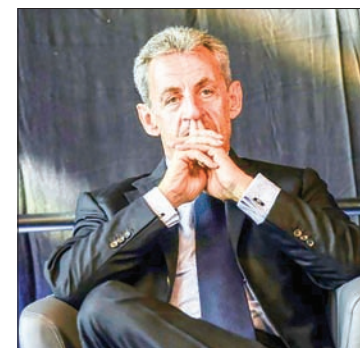
Sarkozy promptly appealed his verdict, and under French sentencing guidelines he has not yet been put behind bars — judges said he could wear an electronic ankle bracelet.

Three months later he was back in the dock over his lavish 2012 re-election campaign.

Prosecutors in that case are seeking a six-month jail term for illegal campaign financing, an offence that carries a maximum sentence of a year in prison and a fine of 3,750 euros (\$4,500).

It is not clear whether Sarkozy, who claims he is being hounded by the judiciary, will return to court for the verdict.

He attended just one day of his five-week trial for questioning, a snub that infuriated prose-



Sarkozy has been dogged by legal woes since being voted out in 2012. **PHOTO: AFP**

cutors who accused him of acting "as if he is not answerable to the law like everyone else."—AFP ■

‘It is a circus’: Philippine election season kicks off



Election campaigns in the chaotic democracy are normally raucous and star-studded with contenders deploying celebrities to pull crowds to rallies. Philippine boxer-turned-politician Manny Pacquiao (C) speaking during the PDP-Laban national assembly in Manila. **PHOTO: AFP**

THE Philippines’ election season kicked off Friday with TV celebrities, political scions and at least one inmate expected to be among thousands of candidates vying for posts from president to town councillor.

A week-long registration process launches a typically noisy and deadly seven months of campaigning for more than 18,000 positions—but the raging pandemic and economic misery caused by Covid lockdowns could dampen the party atmosphere.

A successor to President

Rodrigo Duterte, who is constitutionally barred from seeking a second six-year term, will be elected in the May ballot that is expected to draw more than 60 million voters.

Duterte, who polls show remains almost as popular as when he swept to victory in 2016 on a promise to rid the country of drugs, has declared he will run for the vice-presidency.

Among the front runners to replace him are his daughter, Sara, and ally Ferdinand “Bong-bong” Marcos, son and name-

sake of the country’s former dictator. Ex-actor and city mayor Francisco Domagoso—known by his screen name Isko Moreno—and newly retired boxing superstar Manny Pacquiao are planning to run.

Pacquiao, a senator, was driven in a bus emblazoned with “Man of Destiny” to register for the race on Friday. A Facebook Live broadcast of the journey through Manila’s morning traffic showed scores of supporters standing beside the road, waving the national flag.—AFP ■

Deeply divided Democrats stumble on giant US infrastructure package

DEMOCRATIC US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi withdrew a promised vote on a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill late Thursday after failing to win enough support from her own lawmakers, in a stark illustration of the deep internal divisions threatening President Joe Biden’s agenda.

The California congresswoman had promised to put up the legislation in the lower chamber after it advanced from the Senate with cross-party support, with moderates keen to notch an easy victory for Biden on what would be one of the largest spending packages in history. But progressives insisted they would sink the proposals after getting no clear sign from the centrist faction that they would commit to an even broader \$3.5 trillion social spending package Biden is touting as the cornerstone of his plan to transform the US economy.

The threat left Pelosi with a



US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer are struggling to pass President Joe Biden’s spending plans. **PHOTO: AFP**

dilemma: bring the infrastructure bill to the floor, where it has very little Republican support and would likely be sunk by Democratic liberals, or risk the ire of moderates by announcing a delay.

Pelosi didn’t comment immediately, but the White House vowed to bring the warring groups back to the table on Biden’s two-pronged strategy first

thing on Friday.

“A great deal of progress has been made this week, and we are closer to an agreement than ever,” Biden’s press secretary Jen Psaki said in a statement.

“But we are not there yet, and so, we will need some additional time to finish the work, starting tomorrow morning first thing.”—AFP ■

N. Korea says it test-fired anti-aircraft missile on 30 Sept

NORTH Korea test-fired a newly developed anti-aircraft missile Thursday to confirm the practicality of operation of the launcher and other components of the system, the official Korean Central News Agency said Friday.

The missile test, the fourth by Pyongyang in September, was of “very practical significance in studying and developing various prospective anti-aircraft missile systems,” the Academy of Defence Science said, according to the KCNA’s report.

The location of the launch and the missile’s flight distance were not mentioned in the report. Pak Jong Chon, a close aide to North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, observed the missile test, the report said.

The news followed Kim saying the country’s weapons are “being developed at an extremely fast speed” during a speech on Wednesday at a session of the country’s top legislature, the Supreme People’s Assembly, according to a report by KCNA on Thursday.—Kyodo News ■



Thursday’s missile launch was the latest in a flurry of weapons tests by the nuclear-armed nation. **PHOTO: KCNA/KNS/KYODO NEWS**

NEWS IN BRIEF

On North Korea, Joe Biden’s “No urgency” policy differs from Trump, Obama

DURING their only meeting, Barack Obama warned Donald Trump that North Korea would be the most pressing problem, setting the new president on a whiplash policy course that went from threatening war to wooing young leader Kim Jong Un.

Four years later, President Joe Biden is showing no such urgency -- and much more predictability -- even as the authoritarian state steps up both rocket launches and rhetoric.

The Biden administration has repeatedly said it is willing to resume talks without preconditions but it also shows little interest in enticing North Korea, which wants an end to sweeping sanctions.

North Korea for Biden is “still a priority issue but also a no-win kind of scenario,” said Jenny Town, a senior fellow at the Stimson Center.—AFP ■

Ethiopia to expel seven senior UN staff for ‘meddling’

ETHIOPIA said on Thursday it would expel seven senior UN officials for “meddling” in its affairs, ratcheting up worries over the humanitarian response in the war-torn and famine-threatened Tigray region.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said he was “shocked” by the decision, expressed full confidence in his staff in Ethiopia and said the UN was engaging with the government “in the full expectation” that the officials would be allowed to return.

According to diplomats, an emergency UN Security Council meeting will be held behind closed doors midday on Friday to discuss the matter.

The White House condemned the ejections of the UN staffers “in the strongest possible terms” with Press Secretary Jen Psaki calling it “unprecedented action to expel the leadership of all of the United Nations organizations involved in ongoing humanitarian operations”.—AFP ■

Myanmar squad to begin training in October for Suzuki Cup

THE Myanmar national team is planning to start training in October for the 2020 ASEAN Suzuki Cup, which will be played later this year.

The postponed ASEAN Suzuki Cup will be held from 5 December 2021 to 1 January 2022, and the Myanmar team will take more than a month to prepare.

Antoine Hey, German head coach of the Myanmar national team, is likely to form a team based on the players who competed in the 2022 World Cup

Qualifiers and 2023 Asian Cup second round qualifiers in the middle of this year.

Some Myanmar players are part of the Myanmar U-23 team that will compete in the AFC U-23 Championship, and thus they can only join the team from the first week of November.

The Myanmar squad has been out of training since the end of the recent World Cup Qualifiers and will resume training this month.

Myanmar is falling in Group

A together with the Philippines, Singapore, and Brunei or Timor Leste. In Group B, defending champions Viet Nam is facing against Malaysia, Indonesia, Cambodia and Laos.

The Myanmar team will play against host Singapore in the opener on 5 December.

The Myanmar team was eliminated from the group stage in the last 2018 tournament and will have to work hard to get a good result in this competition.

— Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

French federation chief ‘not opposed’ to biennial World Cup project

FRENCH Football Federation president Noel Le Graet says he is “not opposed” to the highly controversial idea of staging a World Cup every two years, after FIFA held an online summit to discuss the project.

“It would be a mistake not to look into this,” the veteran Le Graet, 79, told Friday’s edition of sports daily L’Equipe, a day after world football’s governing body held the summit with its 211 member federations in an attempt to rally support.

Le Graet said he was “very favourable” to the idea of staging biennial World Cups for women “as long as they are played in winter and not in summer when it would be too close to the men’s”.

He was more reserved about having more regular men’s World Cups but admitted: “Personally, I am not opposed to the idea, but I wouldn’t give carte blanche to it either. —AFP ■



French Football Federation president Noel Le Graet (R) with France coach Didier Deschamps PHOTO: AFP

Theegala leads depleted Sanderson Farms Championship

SAHITH Theegala fired an eight-under-par 64 to take the first-round lead at the PGA Tour’s Sanderson Farms Championship in Mississippi on Thursday. The 23-year-old from California opened with three straight birdies and never looked back in a bogey-free opening round. Theegala reached the turn at five under and then added three more birdies on the back nine, including a birdie on the last to take a one-shot lead at the Jackson Country Club. Nick Watney and Harold Varner III were a shot behind after opening with seven-under-par 65s.

Three players -- Canada’s

Roger Sloan, South Korea’s Kim Si-woo and Kurt Kitayama of the United States were tied for fourth on six under.

This week’s tournament is taking place with a depleted field, with most of the stars involved in last week’s Ryder Cup opting to skip the event. Spain’s defending champion Sergio Garcia, the only player in the field who played the Ryder Cup last week, opened with a two-under-par 70 to finish the day tied for 50th.

Garcia was disappointed after struggling to generate low-scoring momentum over a round that included two birdies and 16 pars. —AFP ■

Liverpool, Man City battle for Premier League supremacy

LIVERPOOL and Manchester City resume their rivalry for top spot when they go head to head in the Premier League this weekend, while Chelsea

and Manchester United aim to get their title challenges back on track.

Under Pep Guardiola and Jurgen Klopp, City and Liver-

pool have become the dominant forces in English football, sharing the past four Premier League titles between them.

City, who have won three of those, delivered a warning shot to the pretenders to their crown with a hugely impressive 1-0 win at Chelsea last weekend.

But it is Liverpool who boast the only unbeaten record after six games and find themselves a point clear of City, Chelsea and United, even though they dropped two points at Brentford last week.

City ended their long wait for a win away to Liverpool in emphatic fashion with a 4-1 victory in February but they have not won in front of a crowd at Anfield since 2003. —AFP ■



Liverpool and Manchester City have become the dominant forces in English football under Jurgen Klopp (left) and Pep Guardiola. PHOTO: AFP

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine Objectives

1. Political affairs

- (a) To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, through a disciplined and genuine multiparty democratic system that is fair and just.
- (b) To emphasize the achievement of enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).
- (c) To continue implementing the principle of peaceful co-existence among countries through an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy.

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.
- (b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.
- (c) To promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.

3. Social affairs

- (a) To ensure a strong and dynamic Union spirit, the genuine spirit of patriotism.
- (b) To respect and promote the customs and traditions of all National peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics.
- (c) To enhance the health, fitness and education quality of the entire nation.