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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.

One million Sinovac COVID-19 vaccines in third batch donated by PRC arrives at Yangon Int'l Airport

THE Ministry of Health vaccinates the people in regions and states including Nay Pyi Taw Council Area for prevention and control of COVID-19. So far, the ministry has purchased 31 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines and accepted 9,168,800 doses of COVID-19 vaccines donated by friendly countries, totalling 40,168,800 doses of vaccines.

The People's Republic of China arranged to donate three million doses of Sinovac COVID-19 vaccines to Myanmar. Of them, one million doses of vaccine and syringes in the third batch arrived at the Yangon International Airport at 4:30 pm yesterday. The donations were accepted by the head of Yangon Region Medical Services and Public Health Departments and party.

Packages of Sinovac COVID-19 vaccines donated by the People's Republic of China are being unloaded from plane of Air China airlines at Yangon International Airport on 21 November 2021.

As such, three million doses of Sinovac vaccine donated by the People's Republic of China in three batches totally arrived yesterday.

As part of preventing the COVID-19 infection, 15.3 million of the people in target groups of regions and states including Nay Pyi Taw Council Area have been injected till 20 November, 10.4 million of whom have been vaccinated two times and 4.9 million injected for the first time.

Hence, the vaccinations have been undertaken for 25.8 million times till 20 November. In this regard, the data was inserted into the vaccination management information system-VMI, and vaccinated IDs with QR Code were issued.

The fully vaccinated persons can show the documents for recognition of vaccination in the smooth travelling at and abroad.

The Ministry of Health requested the people to accept COVID-19 vaccinations without fail, take the second time vaccination on the scheduled or in the nearest set period at nearby vaccination centres and urge the family members and friends to take fully vaccinations without fail.—MNA

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Re-invitation to Myanmar citizens who reside in various regions for many reasons

1. Some student youths, State service personnel and citizens, with worries, have evaded to areas of EAOs and foreign countries due to the incitements and intimidation of NLD members, extremist followers, unlawful associations and terrorist groups such as CRPH and NUG, stimulation of CDM, and persons and organizations at home and abroad not wishing to restore peace and stability of the State since Tatmadaw assumed the State responsibilities on 1 February 2021.
2. They are further worried about the dictatorship statement and speeches of unlawful association and terrorist group CRPH and NUG, and some relevant persons. As they face no security guarantee and difficulties in socio-economic life in those areas, they wish to return to their native lands.
3. **The State Administration Council will specifically ease restrictions for service personnel, intellectuals and intelligentsia, and persons from various arenas and citizens who, with worries, absconded from the country except for persons who committed murders, robberies, setting fires, mine explosions and intentional attacks on security troops, those who crowded to attack public service personnel and some people, those who destroyed government and private-owned buildings and those who are highly involved in the CDM activities by providing monetary assistance and other means.**
4. As those who evade their native areas are also citizens, the State Administration Council will arrange their returns from the evaded areas to various parts of Myanmar.
5. As such, the information was released that if those who evaded to various areas, except for persons who committed any kinds of crime, wish to return to their native lands in Myanmar of their own accord due to multiple worries, the citizens abroad can contact nearby ward, village, township and district administration bodies and relevant embassies, military attaché offices and consulates in accord with the easing restrictions under the law.

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Daily imports of anti-COVID-19 equipment, medical aids continue

Cargo trucks loaded with medical supplies are rolling along the road to distribute them to regions and states.

THE Ministry of Commerce is arranging the smooth transport of medical supplies for COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities through aviation, maritime and border trade routes.

Yesterday, anti-COVID-19 products were imported by one company using by four vehicles.

One company imported 33 tonnes of mask were imported via Chinshwehaw border trade camp using four vehicles, officials said.

Officials from the relevant departments are cooperating to facilitate and expedite the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) including online registration for the import process.

It is reported that the Ministry of Commerce is coordinating with relevant departments, treatment of COVID-19, as well as contact persons for inquiries can be reached through the Ministry's Website—www.commerce.gov.mm. — MNA

Narcotic drugs worth over K2.4 bln seized in Mandalay Region

MYANMAR Police Force seized narcotic drug worth over K2.4 billion — 79 kilos of heroin and 278,000 stimulant tablets — in Aungmyethazan and PyinOoLwin townships in Mandalay Region.

On 18 November, a combined team of MPF including police from the anti-drug task force searched a six-wheeled bowser driven by The Ko Ko Oo (aka) The Ko, 25, accompanied by Aung Myo Thant (aka) Hnin Wai, 41, at Shwekyetyet jetty in Amarapura Township at 1.30 pm on 18 November and seized narcotic drug worth over K1.2 billion — 33 kilos of heroin in 3,300 soap cases worth more than K1.2 billion and 258,000 stimulant tablets from them. According to the confiscation, Zaw Tint Aung (aka) Htaw Gyi, 35, and Ye Saw Naung (aka) Pyu Pyu (aka) Nga Pyu, 29, were arrested together with a motor cycle near North Tangar Village in Madaya Township for drug trafficking at 8 am on 19 November. Similarly, police arrested Saw Hmway (aka) Tun Tun Win (aka) Hmway Ni with K1 million on Nantthataung school street, No 2 Ward of the same township.

According to the further information, a combined team of MPF searched a 22-wheeled trailer which stopped near Mogyopyit Village from PyinOoLwin Township and confiscated narcotic drug worth over K1.19 billion — 46 kilos of heroin in 4,600 soap cases and 20,000 stimulant tablets from the trailer. Those drugs were trafficked from northern Shan State to Sagaing Region.

Police filed charges against the suspects under the law, and further investigation is being conducted to expose other perpetrators involved the cases. — MNA

Suspects are seen with seized drugs in Aungmyethazan Township.

Political maturity

POLITICAL maturity and unity of stakeholders and the entire people play a crucial role in building the Union based on democracy and federalism. It is necessary to take lessons that Myanmar could not achieve the deserved development due to requirements in political maturity in successive eras. We must try hard to overcome such challenges. We need to build political maturity and unity with wise mental faculty for ensuring the peace of the nation.

(Excerpt from the Message sent by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Chairman of the National Unity and Peacemaking Central Committee Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to mark the Sixth Anniversary of signing the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA on 15 October 2021)

Union Minister for Industry inspects textile factories in Sagaing

UNION Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than paid a visit to a branch of No.3 Textile Factory in Sagaing on the morning of 20 November.

During the visit, the in charge of the sub-factory explained the implementation of the operation and the Union Minister gave necessary instructions and inspected the equipment installation of machinery inside the factory.

On arrival at No (3) Textile Factory (Sagaing), the Union minister looked into the operation of the factory. The Union Minister explained the future plans and staffing issues and said that the factory products could be sold competitively in the market if the quality was good and the price was low.

Union Minister Dr Charlie Than views production process at No.3 Textile factory (Sagaing).

"The Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister has given guidance that textile and garment factories are very beneficial for the country and should systematically consider the use of clothes by the people to meet the needs of the country," the Union Minister said.

"Therefore, in order to gain more market share of products, it is necessary to conduct research and make arrangements to produce according to market demand. Products will be taken into consideration based on customer feedback. Clothes need to be produced with high quality and innovative designs and designed to be attractive to consumers," the Union Minister added.

Next, the Union Minister inspected the weaving department and quality control department of the factory.

In the evening, the Union Minister met with Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Myat Kyaw and cabinet ministers at District General Administration Department in Sagaing.

During the meeting, the Union Minister called for coordination with cotton farmers in Sagaing Region to ensure that there is no shortage of raw materials needed for Textile Factory No. (3) (Sagaing) and Textile Factory No. (6) (Salingyi) in Sagaing Region.—MNA

Arrangements made inside Kandbawzathadi Palace to catch visitors' interest

BAGO Region Chief Minister U Myo Swe Win and officials inspected arrangements for visits of more domestic and foreign tourists to the Kanbawzathadi Palace in Bago yesterday morning.

Officials of the Department of Archeology and National Museum of Bago Region reported on the implementation of service sector and visits of travellers as officials are in charge of the entertainment sector for local and foreign travellers to enjoy a safe and peaceful holiday.

The Chief Minister of the region said that Kanbawzathadi Palace is a place of interest not only for locals but also for foreigners. Officials should link to Museum Pool, an international travel guide website to attract more tourists, he added.

The Chief Minister called for special attention to have cleanliness and to make arrangements to promote travel by inviting travel bloggers.

Kanbawzathadi Palace is a landmark in the Bago Archaeological Zone, covering an area of 64 acres, located near the southern archway of the magnificent Shwemawdaw Pagoda in Bago.

Nearly 200,000 foreign tourists and over 600,000 domestic travellers visit Kanbawzathadi Palace every year.

Now, in accordance with the rules of COVID-19, it is reopened daily from 9 am to 5:30 pm from 10 November, official said.—MNA

527 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 21 November, total figure rises to 517,922

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 517,922 after 527 new cases were reported on 21 November 2021 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, 490,913 have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll reached 19,025 after 14 died.

COVID-19 vaccine is being injected to those of priority groups in regions and states for prevention and control of the disease. Up to 20-11-2021, a total of 15,390,873 people have been vaccinated. Of them, 10,478,302 people have been vaccinated two times and 4,912,571 people once.—MNA

Union Minister for Construction inspects road, bridge constructions in Yangon, Bago regions

Union Minister for Construction U Shwe Lay views progress of building bridge.

UNION Minister for Construction U Shwe Lay inspected the maintenance of Pyu-Okphyat-Mone Road carried out by Toungoo District Department of Highways, Bago Region on 20 November.

At the construction site of the Sittoung River Bridge (Okphyat), he inspected the completion of the concrete floor work of the bridge, bridge handrails, up-stream and down-stream waterway, and water condition of the bridge.

The Union Minister oversaw the construction of the bridge access the road with machinery and.

Sittoung Bridge (Okphyat) is located on the Pyu-Okphyat-Mone Road in Bago District.

The total length of the bridge is 620 feet and road width is 8.53 meters. The girder is constructed of 60 feet RC Girder, 100 feet PC Girder, RC Slab and Hand Rail on a steel girder with a load withstanding capacity of HS-25.

Afterwards, officials explained the completion of concrete paving of Layeinsu-May-in-Ywahaung road connecting Yangon-Bago-Toungoo-Mandalay Union Highway.

The Bridge Construction Task Force (9) of the Department of Bridges is carrying out pre-engineering work for the construction of a new 150-foot Mudu Bridge and a 120-foot new bridge on the road.

The Union Minister also inspected upgrading works of Bago-Thanatpin-Kayan-Thongwa-Thanlyin Road (Yangon Region section) from the previous 12-foot road level to 18-foot-wide asphalt road.

In the evening, the Union Minister and party inspected at the construction site of 5-storey People's Hospital and 8-storey Oncology Unit in Dagon Seikkan Township, Yangon Region.—MNA

Public request by Ministry of Health

ONLY when the people cooperate will the work process achieve success in a short time for effective prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19 among the people. As such, all the people are requested to abide by the following points: -

1. Stay at home as much as possible.
2. Don't accept the guests at the house. You don't visit other houses.
3. The older persons above 65 or those suffering from chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension and heart must be worn masks in the house. They must be placed at well-ventilated sites.
4. Wear masks if you go outside without fail. Systematically wash hands. Take a six-foot distance from others. Avoid visits to the rooms where ventilation is not good.
5. Avoid the crowds.
6. If possible, go shopping once a week. Don't buy anything from the vendors who don't systematically wear masks.
7. Take care of carrying the virus to the houses whenever return home from outside. Systematically discard the used masks and single disposable equipment outside the houses. Avoid close contact with family members before changing clothes or washing the body.
8. As the vaccines for your quota is the best, accept vaccinations for full time. Despite receiving the vaccination, you should abide by the protective ways.
9. Systematically cooperate in prevention, control and treatment of the disease with manpower, money, materials and expertise.

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Deputy Minister inspects renovations of Maha Pasana Cave

DEPUTY Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Aye Tun and party inspected a large-scale renovation work of Maha Pasana Cave on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hill, Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, yesterday and observed the clean and tidy condition of religious buildings.

The Deputy Director General of the Department of Religious Affairs, officials from the Construction Special Task Force-2 explained progress of works and the Deputy Minister coordinated the necessary works.

Next, the Deputy Minister and party attended the second day coordination meeting of the ninth 47-Plenary Session of the eighth the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee at the Mahanayaka Hall on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hill in Mayangon Township, Yangon Region in the afternoon.

The coordination meeting will take place from 20 to 25 November and the ninth 47-Plenary Session of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee on 26 and 27 November.—MNA

Heavy rains cause Natmauk Dam in Natmauk to overflow

HEAVY rains in November in Natmauk Township, Magway Region yesterday morning spilled out from the Natmauk Dam, where water was 0.7 foot above the embankment which can store 683 feet of water level at full brim, said in charge of the dam.

Under the close supervision of U Htein Lin, staff in charge of the township Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department, is constantly monitoring the flood situation, and local people under the dam have been informed promptly.—Thin Thin Myat (Natmauk)/GNLM

An aerial view shows storage of water at Natmauk Dam in Natmauk Township. **PHOTO : THIN THIN MYAT (NATMAUK)**

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Watermelon sown acreage drops to 200 in Sagaing Region due to market obstacle

TRADE suspension in border between Myanmar and China led the dropping the sown acreage of watermelon to over 200 in ChaungU Township, Sagaing Region, ChaungU Township Agriculture Department stated.

Earlier, over 10,000 sown acreage of watermelon were yearly found in ChaungU Township.

"The trade closure in Myanmar-China border is a primary reason of the drop in acreage. More than 10,000 watermelon acres were seen in the previous growing season. This year, the sown acreage was reduced significantly to 200," said Daw Khin Myat Myat Oo, head of ChaungU Township Agriculture Department.

Watermelon plants are under care in the field of crops in ChaungU Township, Sagaing Region.

If China gives green light to border market, we can grow them in the current growing season, said a grower from ChaungU Township.

"Those growers who have kept the seeds cultivate the watermelon this year. Those who could not afford to grow watermelon turned to other crops such as grain and chickpea. The watermelon cultivation needs large capital investment. The input costs about K5-6 million per acre. Market uncertainty might cause the growers to suffer loss. Other crops such as chickpeas will not make losses as they can be stockpiled in the warehouse," said a grower from ChaungU Township.

The Agriculture Department is making awareness of the reduction of the chemical pesticide and fertilizer usage and encourage the farmers to utilize the natural fertilizer and pesticide, ChaungU Township Agriculture Department stated.

The price of watermelon dropped by a half compared to the corresponding period of last year as China shut down the border in the first week of July due to the COVID surged in Myanmar, said exporters from Muse.

Myanmar's watermelon is primarily sent to China and the closure of Sino-Myanmar border posts resulted in the price drop amid excess supply.

As a result of this, the fruits such as watermelon and mango are relying on domestic market for now and the traders do not receive a good price. If China extends its closure for a long time, the growers will suffer mounting loss.

This being so, the cross-border fruit depots suggest that the growers harvest the watermelon depending on the market condition to avoid a mismatch between supply and demand. Myanmar yearly exports over 800,000 tonnes of watermelon and about 150,000 tonnes of muskmelons to China, the association stated.—Lu Lay, KK/GNLM

Raw materials import by CMP businesses stand at $179 mln as of 5 November

Female workers are busy in production of CMP products at garment factory.

THE imports of raw materials by CMP (cut-make-pack) businesses edged up to US$179.9 million as of 5 November in the current mini-budget period 2021-2022 (Oct-Mar), which reflects a slight increase of $24.5 million compared with the year-ago period, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar's manufacturing sector is largely concentrated on garment and textiles produced on the Cutting, Making, and Packaging basis, and it contributes to the country's GDP to a certain extent.

The garment industry faced cancellation of order and slump in output, new orders, coupled with the market manipulation in the forex market. However, the industry is now getting back to normalcy after the COVID-19 vaccination programme. Myanmar mainly exports CMP garments to markets in Japan and Europe, along with the Republic of Korea, China, and the United States of America.

Exports of garments manufactured on the CMP basis touched a low of S$3.6 billion between 1 October and 30 September in the past financial year 2020-2021, according to the data from the Ministry of Commerce.—KK/GNLM

Myanmar rice export income exceeds $700 mln last FY 2020-2021

MYANMAR generated US$700.13 million income from exports of rice and broken rice in the past financial year 2020-2021 (Oct-Sept), according to Myanmar Customs Department.

Border trade disruption triggered by the COVID-19 consequences led to sluggish market and the export price dropped. The prices of white rice varieties range US$310-US$355 per MT depending on the different varieties and quality, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

The export price of Myanmar's rice was relatively lower than the rates of Thailand and Viet Nam. Yet, the prices were higher than those market prices of India and Pakistan, MRF's data showed. Myanmar shipped more than 216,375 metric tons of rice and broken rice in October of the current mini-budget period (Oct 2021-Mar 2022), according to Myanmar Customs Department.

China is the main buyer of Myanmar rice, followed by Ivory Coast, the Philippines, Viet Nam and Guinea. Meanwhile, Myanmar exported broken rice primarily to China, followed by the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain and France.—KK/GNLM

A worker is carrying bags of rice aboard the cargo truck.

Terrorists brutally kill three health staff for reasonless, leaving eight wounded

AS the government is gearing up the tasks to recover the administration, health, education and other sectors in addition to economic sector hampered by the COVID-19 pandemic, health staff as good service personnel are actively participating in the prevention, control and treatment activities of COVID-19 and health care services for the people dutifully.

Terrorist groups, namely CRPH, NUG and PDF not wishing to see harmonious cooperation among the government, the Tatmadaw, health staff and the people for uplifting the health sector, brutally killed health staff serving the State duties without any reasons. During the period from 1 February to 15 November 2021, three health staff were dead and eight injured as follows:-

List of health workers killed and injured in attacks of terrorists in regions and states between 1-2-2021 and 15-11-2021

Sr	Region/State	Injured					Died				Remark
		Township	Doctor	Health assistant/Nurse/Midwife	Employee	Total	Township	Health assistant/Nurse/Maid	Employee	Total	
1	Sagaing	2		2		2					
2	Bago	1			1	1					
3	Magway	1			1	1	2	2	1	3	
4	Mandalay	1		1		1					
5	Mon	1		1		1					
6	Yangon	2	1		1	2					
Total		8	1	4	3	8					

Dead health staff killed by terrorists from 1 to 15 November 2021

Sr	Date	Region/State	Township	Name	Job	Brief event	Remark
1	31-5-2021	Magway	Gangaw	Daw Thida Win	Hospital sanitation worker, North Khinyan Station Hospital	Terrorists holding firearms stopped the vehicle at the junction of Yehla Village near mile post 32 on Gangaw-Kalay Road in Gangaw Township, opened fire at the persons aboard the vehicle and killed them in the vehicle set on fire.	
2	2-11-2021	Magway	Saw	Daw Meng Mankeyyaung, Taunttet Village, Saw Township	Midwife, Taunttet Village, Rural health centre	Terrorist PDF group took and killed two health staff of the rural health centre in Taunttet Village and set them adrift into the creek.	
3	2-11-2021	Magway	Saw	Daw Zin Hla Hla Nge, Taunttet Village, Saw Township	Midwife, Taunttet Village, Rural health centre	Terrorist PDF group took and killed two health staff of the rural health centre in Taunttet Village and set them adrift into the creek.	

Injured health staff killed by terrorists from 1 to 15 November 2021

Sr	Date	Region/State	Township	Name	Job	Brief event	Remark
1	31-5-2021	Bago	Kyaukdaga	U Pho Ngo	Sanitation worker from Tawkywein Station Hospital	Injured in homemade mine blast planted by terrorists at Tawkywein Station Hospital.	
2	31-5-2021	Magway	Gangaw	Thein Zaw Oo	General worker from Hanthawady Station Hospital	Injured in homemade mine blast in trash bin of Hanthawady Station Hospital.	
3	24-6-2021	Sagaing	Sagaing	Daw Maw Maw Than	Nurse	Injured by sword attacks of terrorists who robbed the motorcycle near Sayay Village junction of Sagaing Township.	
4	29-8-2021	Mandalay	Madaya	U Kyaw Thu Oo	Health assistant of Kapaing Village Rural Dispensary	Injured in bomb blast thrown by terrorists at Kapaing Village rural dispensary.	
5	25-10-2021	Mon	Kyaikto	U Aung Myat Tun	Health assistant of Wadetkwin Village Rural Dispensary	Injured in blast of a homemade mine and firing of small arm by terrorists who fled away.	
6	4-11-2021	Yangon	Mayangon	Daw Theint Aung Thu	Doctor	Injured in firing of terrorists in front of No 26/A/G-1 on Taynuyin Road in Ward 7 of Mayangon Township.	
7	5-11-2021	Sagaing	Tamu	U Myo Lwin	Tamu People's Hospital, Health Assistant-4	Injured in small arms firing of terrorists at Yanlinphaing Village of Tamu Township.	
8	16-11-2021	Yangon	Taikkyi	Thet Thet Mar	Okkan People's Hospital, sanitation worker	Injured in gun fire by a terrorist riding motorcycle in front of the Church in Bayintnaung Ward of Taikkyi Township.	

The people is urged to work together to prevent killing of good service personnel by the terrorists for ensuring development, peace and stability of the State, and if they receive information about the terrorist activities, they should secretly contact the nearest security forces and cooperate with them until the terrorists can no longer stand.—MNA

A male sanitation worker was injured in home-made mind blast at Tawkywein station Hospital in Kyaukdaga Township.

A woman staff was injured in sword attack by terrorists who also robbed motorcycle near Sayay Village junction in Sagaing Township.

List of dead education staff attacked by terrorists from 1 February to 15 November 2021

Sr	Date	Region/State	Township	Name	Occupation	Brief event	Remark
1	31-5-2021	Magway	Gangaw	Daw Khin Myo Thet	JAT	She was shot to dead by terrorists who stopped the vehicle at junction of Ye-hla village near mile post 32 on Gangaw-Kalay Road in Gangaw Township.	
2	3-10-2021	Mandalay	Ngazun	U Aung Thiha	Teacher	He was shot to dead by terrorists in his house in Hsinbyugon Village.	
3	6-10-2021	Sagaing	Mingin	U Yan Naing Soe	Education Staff (General worker)	He was killed by terrorists near the jungle close to Yontha-Maukkamaw inter-village road, one mile from Inbinhla Village.	
4	6-10-2021	Mandalay	Pyigyidagun	U Zaw Min	Guard of BEHS No 31	He was killed by terrorists on road in Ward D at the corner of Myawady and 59th streets.	
5	7-10-2021	Sagaing	Mingin	Daw Khin Swe Myint	School peon	She was killed by terrorists by firearms in her house in Paukaing Village of Mingin.	
6	18-10-2021	Sagaing	Ayadaw	U Kyaw Phyo	Headmaster of primary school	He was killed by terrorists near Yegyaw Bridge in Magyisu Village.	
7	18-10-2021	Sagaing	Yinmabin	Dwe Thwet Thwet Win	Teacher (Post-Primary School)	She was shot to dead by terrorists by firearms in her house in Nabutaw Village.	
8	18-10-2021	Bago	Yedashe	Khin Maung Oo	Night guard, Uyinhmu School	He was killed by a terrorist with arm in the field, one mile west of Uyinhmu Village in Swa.	
9	21-10-2021	Mandalay	Myingyan	U Kyaw Myo	PAT	He was killed by terrorists with firearm and sword in compound of Hteinbin Village Primary School.	
10	5-11-2021	Yangon	North Okkalapa	Daw Hla Hla Than	Teacher (SAT)	She was shot to dead by a terrorist in front of SB Baby toy shop at the corner of Thudhamma Road and Nweni Road in Ward D of North Okkalapa Township by taxi leaving from her house in front of Dagon Myothit (East) Township BEHS No 2.	
11	11-11-2021	Mandalay	Windwin	Daw Sein Kyi	Headmistress of Primary School	She was shot to dead by terrorists in her house in Kyin Village of Thondauntaing Village-tract of Wundwin Township.	
12	15-11-2021	Magway	Myaing	Daw Sanda Shwe	Clerk, BEHS (Mingan)	She was killed by gun and sword in her house in Mingan Village of Myaing Township.	

List of education staff injured due to the attacks of terrorists between 1-2-2021 and 15-11-2021

Sr	Date	Region/State	Township	Name	Occupation	Brief event	Remark
1	7-4-2021	Mandalay	Patheingyi	U Win Min Tun	Deputy Township Education Officer	He was wounded in sword attack by terrorists who robbed motorcycle near Ainggyi Village of Patheingyi Township.	
2	3-6-2021	Ayeyawady	Pantanaw	Daw Moe Moe Win	Primary Assistant Teacher	She was wounded in stopping sword attack of a terrorist in school compound in Yayle Village of Pantanaw Township.	
3	4-6-2021	Bago	Nattalin	U Wunna Sithu	Headmaster	He was injured in homemade mine blast planted by terrorists in compound of post-primary school in Sangyi Village of Nattalin Township.	
4	4-6-2021	Bago	Nattalin	U Zaw Zaw	Junior Assistant Teacher	He was injured in homemade mine blast planted by terrorists in compound of post-primary school in Sangyi Village of Nattalin Township.	
5	4-6-2021	Bago	Nattalin	Daw Chit Dewi San	Junior Assistant Teacher	She was injured in homemade mine blast planted by terrorists in compound of post-primary school in Sangyi Village of Nattalin Township.	
6	4-6-2021	Bago	Nattalin	U Aung Kyaw Zin	Primary Assistant Teacher	He was injured in homemade mine blast planted by terrorists in compound of post-primary school in Sangyi Village of Nattalin Township.	
7	4-6-2021	Bago	Nattalin	U Aye Myat Ko	Primary Assistant Teacher	He was injured in homemade mine blast planted by terrorists in compound of post-primary school in Sangyi Village of Nattalin Township.	
8	4-6-2021	Sagaing	KhinU	Daw Swe Swe Than	Teacher	Shwe was wounded by firearm attacks of ter-rorists in Thayetkan Village in KhinU Township.	
9	22-6-2021	Kachin	Momauk	U Zaw Oo (aka) Maung Oo	School sanitation worker	He, while teaching at BEHS (Khanan) in Khanan Village of Momauk, was injured in mine blast planted by terrorists.	
10	24-6-2021	Mandalay	NyaungU	Daw Lwin Lwin Phyo	Headmistress	She was injured in stabbing of three terrorists.	
11	28-8-2021	Mandalay	Madaya	Daw phyu phyu Thet	Assistant Lecturer	She was injured in homemade mine blast explod-ed by terrorists in front of rural health dispensary in Kapaing Village of Madaya Township.	
12	28-9-2021	Sagaing	Salingyi	U Tin Soe	Primary Assistant Teacher	He was wounded by arms attack of terrorists in his house in compound of school in Phaungkatar Village in Salingyi Township.	
13	3-10-2021	Mandalay	Ngazun	Daw Mya Than Htay	Teacher	She was injured in gun and sword in her house in Hsinbyukon Village.	
14	30-10-2021	Magway	Pauk	Ma Nu Nyein Wei	BEHS (branch) (teacher)	Shwe was injured in explosion of terrorists to 100-household leader U Khin Maung Han in Aungchantha Ward of Pauk Township.	
15	13-11-2021	Sagaing	Mingin	U Than Lin	Post-Primary (west Kule Village)	He was wounded by firearm attack of terrorists in pasture land of Kyetchaung jungle in West Kule Village in Mingin Township.	

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Nurture children with children's literature for raising their reading habits

Parents and guardians are responsible for choosing the good literature appropriate for the children to have a wider knowledge and culture the good morale. Since their childhood, children must be nurtured to raise their reading habits. In addition, short stories on heroes and books illustrating satisfaction, happiness and activeness should be read for the children.

Illustrated stories are much attractive to the children for raising their reading habits. In Myanmar tradition, parents retell stories to their offspring in bed. These stories carry basic knowledge on the nature of living beings, animals and objects. Actually, children see these items on a daily basis. So, these names and items are not strange for them.

> Hence, parents need to carefully nurture their offspring with the nutrition of literature. At the same time, authors are responsible for the creation of genuine children's literature to improve the life of new generations.

When the stories carry the names friendly with them, children are happy and satisfied with their listening to the stories. Then, they are keen to listen to more and more stories and try hard to read the stories they had listened to. So, they would have felt the wonderful satisfaction of reading the literature. Gradually, children would prefer to read the child literature.

As such, adults need to create the environs for children, too. They are responsible to choose the best and appropriate children's literature for the children. Child literature will pave the way for reading to children for their lives.

The children aged between nine and 12 years have little skill of reading. Hence, parents and adults need to choose books on religion, culture, morale and history for the children. Sometimes, the adults should hold literary discussions with children to improve their critical thinking in conformity with their age.

While parents are choosing the best child literature for the offspring, authors need to take care of compiling the children's literature which must give the appropriate knowledge to children. The child literature must carry the stories related to the child level but the adult level. Some children's literature features high ideologies at the adult level. If so, reader children cannot understand the main theme of the books. If they face many books at a similar level, they may be disappointed at reading the literature.

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Let's eliminate devilish PDF terrorists for the State

By Min Chinn Kyaing

OUR human society today is a century-old one. A human being cannot live alone and they haven't lived like that before. They live in a group. It would not be wrong that the society to live for centuries is for its sympathy and religious beliefs. The difference between human beings and animals is that two points. The animals do not have sympathy and religious beliefs. They kill others for their survival. For example, Cuckoos, do not build their own nests. They lay eggs in the nests of others. They kick out other birds' eggs. Such manners are the original habit of cuckoos. Human beings are living with their set goals and the animals with bullying each other.

Sympathy

Different people have different kinds of goals and thoughts. If they make enemies with others who don't have the same things, there would be no today's human society. Despite the different things, sympathy makes the long existence of human society. There would be teachings such as supportive teachings and fairness regardless of the religion. The people burned others to honour their gods. Such doings are wrong beliefs and they cannot be seen anymore during this era.

The world countries are respectively running with a system based on their politics, economy, geography and culture. All the constitutions of the countries are not the same exactly. In Democracy system, the people can express themselves freely. But it does not mean total freedom. The people have to live within the boundary of law. The people must not hurt each other. Being a human can be recognized with "sympathy." If there is nothing written in a book, it is a blank book. Without a record of good deeds, such kind of person will be the nothing man. Similarly, if he does not have any sympathy like the animals, he would be regarded as a non-human entity – a devilish human or an animal-like human.

Belief

It needs not to be extreme in religion or political affairs. Two eyes and two ears of a man are not for one-sided thought and one-sided hearing. We should not believe whatever other people say. We have to consider by ourselves. If not, we have to follow the others as a saying goes: Just following others even anyone does not know where the North and the South are. Even our Lord Buddha says, don't believe what I am saying, you have to study and practise by yourselves.

Heinous acts of PDF

Myanmar has been practising the democratic system that the people aspire to since 2010. It took a long time to draft the Constitution in order to practise the democratic system. According to the consensus of the public, the country is running on the pathway of democracy under the 2008 Constitution for a decade. In holding the 2020 election to elect a third government, NLD tried to grab the power by force misusing its power. Not only Myanmar people but also the world knows about it. No one is above the law. Everybody must adhere to the law. Therefore, Tatmadaw took over the State responsibilities on 1 February 2021.

When the electoral fraud is uncovered, the NLD commits some illegal acts. The NLD's extremists CRPH and NUG intentionally try to disrupt the State stability and administrative mechanism and now they threaten the lives of monks and innocent civilians.

Currently, everyone who hears the name PDF feel unsatisfied. The PDF is a political victim or terrorist formed by CRPH and NUG. Most of the members are youths under 35. They are politically brainwashed and their actions are lacking sympathy.

While the world tries to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, the PDFs perpetrate bomb attacks on quarantine centres, hospitals, COVID-19 detection checkpoints, vehicles that carry the vaccines and also planted bombs on the ways to the vaccination sites. Such doings are awful and inhumane actions devilish humans used to do.

Moreover, they killed the teachers who play a key role in making the foundation for the development of the State in the future, without any reason. Teachers are honoured as part of the Five Infinite Venerables. The people who know the gratitude of others do not insult in action, mind and oral regardless of whatever religion anyone takes faith in. Due to the attacks of such devilish PDFs, the death rates of teachers across the nation can be seen as follows: -

Lists of teachers died due to the attacks of terrorists between 1-2-2021 and 15-11-2021

Sr	Region/State	Townships	Teachers	Staff	Total	Remark
1	Nay Pyi Taw					
2	Kachin					
3	Kayah					
4	Kayin					
5	Chin					
6	Sagaing	3	2	2	4	
7	Taninthayi					
8	Bago	1		1	1	
9	Magway	1	1	1	2	
10	Mandalay	4	3	1	4	
11	Mon					
12	Rakhine					
13	Yangon	1	1		1	
14	Shan					
15	Ayeyawady					
	Total	10	7	5	12	

Education staff died due to the attacks of terrorists in regions/states between 1-2-2021 and 15-11-2021

Sr	Region/State	Townships	Teachers	Staff	Total
1	Nay Pyi Tw				
2	Kachin	1		1	1
3	Kayah				
4	Kayin				
5	Chin				
6	Sagaing	3	3		3
7	Taninthayi				
8	Bago	1	5		5
9	Magway	1	1		1
10	Mandalay	4	3	1	4
11	Mon				
12	Rakhine				
13	Yangon				
14	Shan				
15	Ayeyawwady	1	1		1
	Total	11	13	2	15

Schools attacked by terrorists in regions/states between 1-2-2021 and 15-11-2021

Sr	Regions/States	Townships	Schools	Remark
1	Nay Pyi Taw	5	13	
2	Kachin	8	23	
3	Kayah	1	3	
4	Kayin	4	11	
5	Chin	3	6	
6	Sagaing	21	65	
7	Taninthayi	2	3	
8	Bago	10	22	
9	Magway	16	42	
10	Mandalay	25	84	
11	Mon	7	39	
12	Rakhine			
13	Yangon	30	80	
14	Shan	15	23	
15	Ayeyawady	15	27	
	Total	162	441	

Moreover, they brutally murdered the monks who preserve the Buddha Sasana. We, Buddhists always take three treasures – the Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha.

Section 361 of the 2008 Constitution states the Union recognizes the special position of Buddhism as the faith professed by the great majority of the citizens of the Union. The country is also standing tall based on the way of life raised by the teachings of the monks and due to the missions of the monks, it is recognized as the most prosperous country in Theravada Buddhism among the Buddhist countries.

Although the country possesses such kinds of good reputation, such devilish PDFs and non-human elements launched arson attacks on pagodas and brutally killed the monk for no reason. Therefore, their doings diminish the dignity of the entire Myanmar people.

Deaths of monks between 3-5-2021 and 11-11-2021

Sr	Township	Date/time	Name/age/monkhood	Remark
1	Momauk	3-5-2021	U Kesara, 45, (16)	Reasonless
2	Mohnyin	7-11-2021	U Sujata, 54	Shot to death
3	Mindat	4-6-2021	Bhaddanta Paññajota, 52, (16)	Burned to death
4	Kani	5-5-2021	U Paññisadhi, 30	Alleged informer
5	Pale	15-6-2021	U Ñanita, 42	Alleged informer
6	Minkin	16-6-2021	U Sumangala, 63	Alleged informer
7	Kawlin	18-7-2021	U Kumara, 49	Reasonless
8	Minkin	18-8-2021	U Kovamsa,74	Alleged informer
9	Kani	6-9-2021	U Kela, 32	Reasonless
10	Kalay	20-10-2021	Ashin Naninda, 43	Reasonless
11	Monywa	14-11-2021	Uzin Dain Daung, 50	Reasonless
12	Wundwin	11-11-2021	U Somana, 48, (28)	Reasonless

Buddha Sasana was first initiated by Suvarnabhumi (Thaton) and propagated thanks to the efforts of King Anawrahta, the first founder of the Bagan Empire. Will we all let devilish PDFs destroy Buddha Sasana professed and preserved by generations? It is a valuable legacy or a kind of heritage our ancestors have handed down to us. In the children's duties, the word successors of the merits do not mean only the properties but also Sasana. All the Myanmar people are responsible to protect the heritage of our ancestors.

Burma Communist Party and PDF

In the history of Myanmar, the Sasana faded out due to the foreigners during the enslavement. After gaining independence, the armed revolution of the Burma Communist Party accelerated a civil war. At that time, the numbers of enemies were larger than Tatmadaw.

The BCP threatened the people and brutally killed the people who disagreed with them and informers for the government. They also killed each other under the title of "revolution". Moreover, they also executed arson attacks on the government schools and threatened the lives of teachers and drove the villagers away from the village. As extremists, fathers kill sons and offspring also kill one another. Finally, they planned to remove the gold plates of the Shwedagon Pagoda. Those facts were significant in history. Please read "Naut Sone Nay (The Last Day) written by Thakin Than Tun" and "Zin-Chit Naut Sone Nay." The activities of today's PDF are similar to the wrongdoings of the CPB. They commit the most violent acts. Tatmadaw and people together eliminated the BCP victoriously. There is one difference between BCP and PDF. The BCP has their firm political stance but the PDF doesn't. They dare to do all the things with the support of others. It means there is a bad gang behind them. The PDF use drugs to do the worst terrorist attacks. The terrorist acts of PDF are also similar to the actions of a barking dog to satisfy its masters.

Conclusion

Therefore, we, the public, together with the Government, must fight against the PDF that launches the acts of terrorism under the orders of NUG and CRPH. Neglecting the attacks encourages violence. Participation, prevention, identification and combatting lead to supporting the State stability, State-building and future of the nation. The killings of monks and teachers by the devilish PDFs are also the same as the hunter Sonuttara in the Elephant King Saddan of Myanmar Tale.

Therefore, NUG wants to grab the State Power by force, CRPH orders and devilish PDFs commit acts of terrorism. Thus, the entire people are called for to eliminate them!

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Sunday 21 November 2021)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 22nd November, 2021: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Taninthayi Region, isolated in Sagaing Region and Kachin and Mon states. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states.

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

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, and Taninthayi regions and Kachin, Shan and Chin states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 22 November 2021: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 22 November 2021: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHB0URING AREA FOR 22 November 2021: Partly cloudy.

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Win Myint Hlaing from NLD (ex-MP of Taungdwingyi Township constituency-2 of Region Hluttaw) in-charge of Baikthanoe PDF, committing terror acts in Magway Region arrested

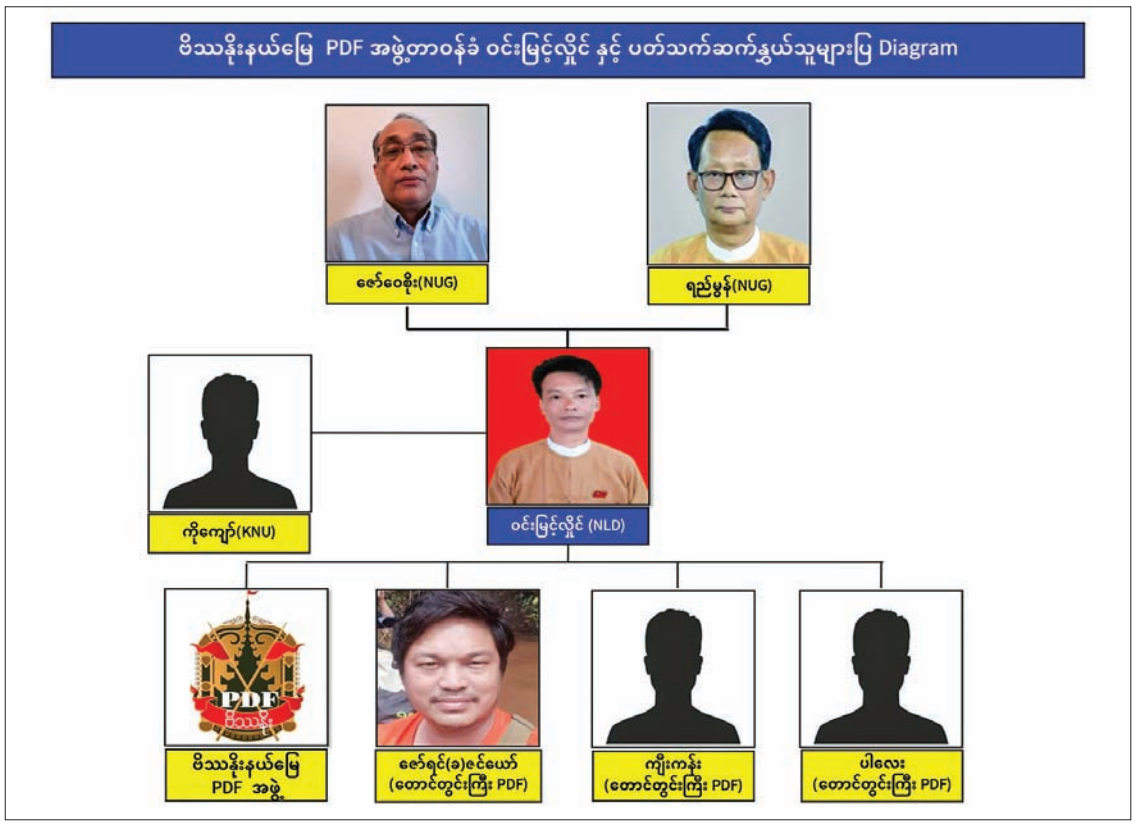


Diagram shows contact persons of suspect Win Myint Hlaing, in-charge of Beikthanoe PDF.

IN-CHARGE of Beikthanoe PDF Win Myint Hlaing, NLD member, ex-MP of Taungdwingyi Township constituency -2 of Region Hluttaw was arrested together with two Sig Sauer P320 pistols, four magazines and 116 9mm bullets used in the terror attacks and murdering at Naungbo checkpoint near Naungbo Village in Yaksawk Township on 8 November for his terror acts to undermine the peace and stability of the State.

According to his confession, Win Myint Hlaing led the riots in Taungdwingyi Township in February 2021. In May, he fled to KNU No 2 brigade area and returned to Myothit of Magway bringing along with one MA-3 and four grenades from No 2 brigade. These arms and ammunition were handed over to Taungdwingyi PDF member Kyeekan and Zaw Yin to explode the Taungdwingyi Township education office, Myanma Economic Bank and police station.

Moreover, he bought eight magazines and 216 9mm bullets from KNU member Ko Kyaw in June and handed them over to PDF member Par Lay of Taungdwingyi.

In July, suspect Win Myint Hlaing appointed those in charge in Taungdwingyi, Magway, Myothit, Natmauk, Yesagyo and Aunglan to form Beikthanoe PDF. In connection with fugitive Zaw Wai Soe and fugitive Yi Mon, he demanded monetary assistance to purchase arms, ammunition and explosive devices. These were used in explosion and terror acts in Magway Region.

Beikthanoe PDF committed 26 times of murders, arson attacks, mine blasts and bomb blasts in Magway Region and 11 times of assassinations, totalling 37 as follows:-

- six bomb attacks on innocent civilian housings, nearby areas of military units, police staff housings, shops and betel quid shops, checkpoint and two assassinations to two innocent civilians.
- five times of bomb attacks on security force base and near USDP office, near electric power office, near education office and Mytel tower.
- four times of bomb attacks on electric power office, municipal office, police station and communication cable in Myothit Township and five assassinations to five administrators.
- four times of bomb attacks on police stations, municipal staff housing and innocent civilian housing in Yesagyo Township.
- five times of bomb attacks on Myanma Economic Bank, houses of village administration and two Mytel towers in Natmauk Township and three assassinations to three administrators.
- murdering a woman as informer once in Ottarathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw.
- one bomb attack on immigration office in Aunglan Township.
- one bomb attack on education office in Kyaukpadaung Township.

As such, severe action will be taken against Win Myint Hlaing for leading the terror acts with formation of Beikthanoe PDF in Magway Region. People are urged to secretly inform the nearest security forces about the information of terrorists.—MNA

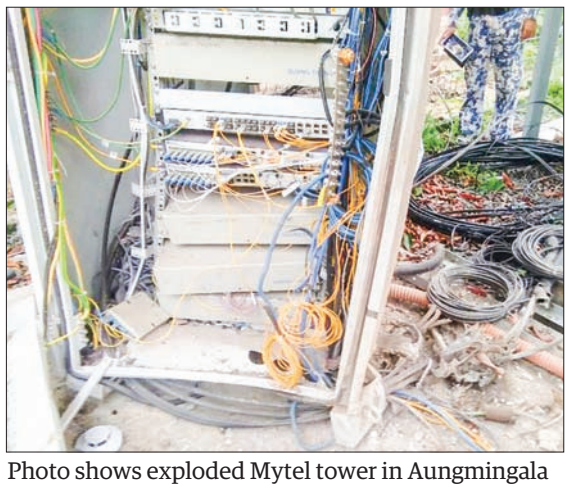


Photo shows exploded Mytel tower in Aungmingala ward of Magway on 12-9-2021.

Photo taken on bomb blast at Magway Region Education office on 11-11-2021.

Over 12-year-old students get 2nd dose of COVID jab in Htantabin

HEALTH staff gave second dose of COVID-19 vaccines to over 12-year-old students at designated places in Htantabin Township, Northern Yangon District, yesterday.

Health staff vaccinates school children in Htantabin Township.

Up to 56 students yesterday received the vaccines at basic education schools in the township under the supervision of the township administration body, officials said.

"For the first time, all school-age children should be able to study in a healthy and happy manner. The second dose of COVID-19 vaccine was given to students in Htantabin Township from 15 November," officials said.

A total of 3,433 students have been vaccinated in the township from 15 to 21 November, officials stated.—Zin Min Htike (Htantabin)/GNLM

A student receives COVID-19 vaccine in Htantabin Township.

Indian gov't says 1.29 bln COVID-19 vaccines distributed to states

THE Indian government has provided 1.29 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccines to states, of which over 216.5 million jabs remain unutilized, officials said on Saturday.

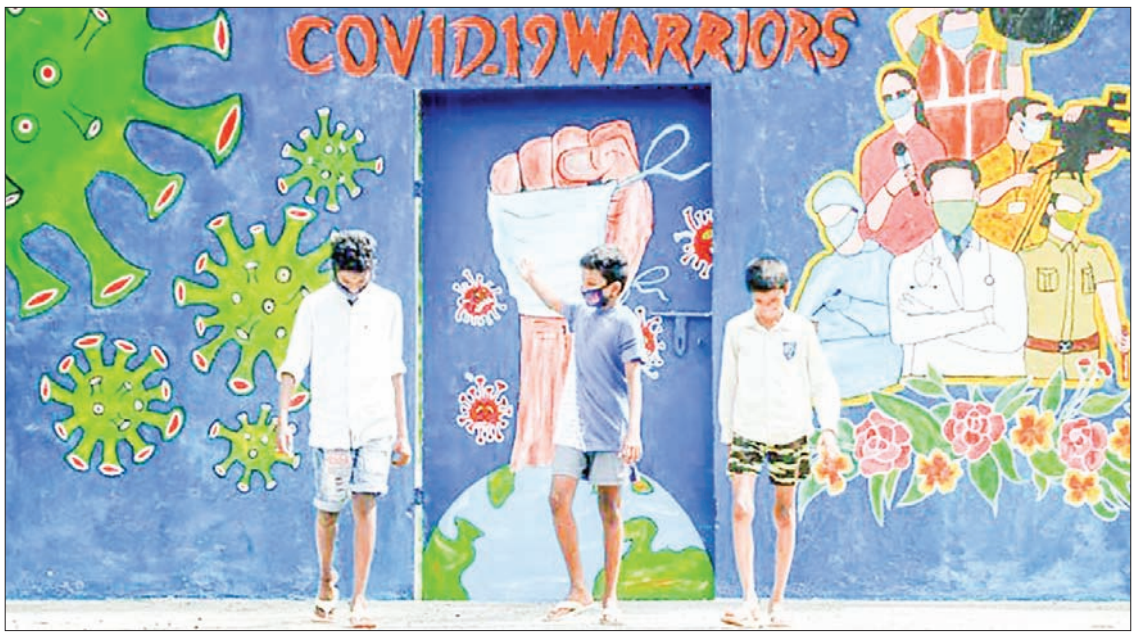
"More than 1.29 billion (1,299,013,890) vaccine doses have been provided to states so far through government of India (free of cost channel) and through direct state procurement category," a statement issued by the Health Ministry said. "More than 216.5 million (216,512,036) balance and unutilized COVID-19 vaccine doses are still available with the states to be administered."

The ministry said the federal government was committed to amplifying India's vaccine coverage and expanding its scope to the far ends of the country.

"In the new phase of the universalization of the COVID-19 vaccination drive, the union (federal) government will procure and supply (free of cost) 75 percent of the vaccines being produced by the vaccine manufacturers in the country to states," the ministry said.

The nationwide COVID-19 vaccination started on Jan. 16 for people above 18 years old.

Information provided by the Indian government said until Saturday morning over 1.15 billion vaccinations have been carried out in the country. — Xinhua ■



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Japan to decide on relaxation of COVID-19 restrictions on events, eateries

People gather at an izakaya restaurant during a rainy evening in Tokyo on 7 October, 2020. **PHOTO: AFP**

JAPAN will formally decide Friday to remove an existing spectator cap on attendance at large-scale events and relax rules on food establishments, mostly relating to any future COVID-19 state of emergency, local media reported.

According to the new plan approved by a government panel of experts in the morning, full attendance at venues will be allowed under certain conditions even during future emergency measures, requiring having a system in place to check whether visitors have been vaccinated or hold a negative test result for the virus.

"We will take every possible steps to protect the lives and health of people even under the next wave of infections so people can continue to lead safe and secure everyday lives," said economic revitalization minister Daishiro Yamagiwa, in charge of the government's coronavirus response, at the panel's meeting.

Currently, attendance at large-scale events such as professional sports games and concerts has been capped at 5,000 spectators or 50 percent of venue capacity, whichever is larger. However, such limits would be lifted if event organizers could both check vaccination and test results as well as submit to prefectural governments their own anti-virus plans. The new rules will possibly be implemented from late November. The move is made as Japan has seen a sharp decline in new COVID-19 infections and serious cases, and over 75 percent of the country's population have been fully vaccinated. — Xinhua ■

Canada to allow entry of travelers fully vaccinated with Sinopharm, Sinovac, COVAXIN

TRAVELERS who are fully vaccinated with the shots from Sinopharm, Sinovac and COVAXIN will be allowed to enter Canada starting 30 November, the Canadian government announced on Friday.

Currently, Canada only accepts travelers who have received the vaccines including Pfizer, Moderna, AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson.

Also starting 30 November, people leaving Canada by land or by air for less than 72 hours will no longer be required to provide proof of a negative molecular test to re-enter the country.

This change applies only to Canadians, permanent residents and individuals registered under the Indian Act, as well as accompanying children under 12, and individuals with medical contraindications to vaccination.

Additionally, starting 15 January, certain groups of travelers who are currently exempt from entry requirements will only be allowed to enter Canada if they are fully vaccinated.

Those groups include individuals travelling to reunite with family, international students, professional and amateur athletes, individuals with a valid work permit and other essential service workers including truck drivers. — Xinhua ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iraq gets 1.2 million doses of Pfizer Covid vaccine

IRAQ said Saturday it has received 1.2 million doses of Pfizer-BioNTech's Covid-19 vaccine through the Covax sharing scheme, amid fears of a fourth wave in the country.

Nearly seven million Iraqis have received at least one dose of coronavirus vaccine, amounting to 17.5 percent of the country's 40 million population, based on government figures.

Plagued by years of conflict, corruption and neglect, Iraq's health system has struggled to cope with the pandemic. — AFP ■

Australia: Thousands rally against Covid-19 vaccinations

THOUSANDS of protesters decrying Covid-19 vaccinations gathered in cities around Australia Saturday as smaller counter-rallies supporting health measures also marched.

Australia's vaccine program remains voluntary and highly successful, with nearly 85 percent of the population over 16 fully vaccinated and life returning to relative normality for those double-jabbed.

But protesters rallied Saturday across several of Australia's major cities against vaccine mandates, which are not universal and have only been applied to certain occupations by state authorities. — AFP ■

Brazil administers over 300 mln COVID vaccine shots

BRAZIL has administered more than 300 million shots of COVID-19 vaccines since launching its vaccination campaign in January, the Health Ministry said.

Some 157.6 million people have received a first dose, and 129.8 million are fully vaccinated, having received either both doses or a single-dose vaccine, representing 73.3 percent of the target population.

"With this milestone, we can say that the COVID-19 vaccination campaign is the largest this country has ever seen," Health Minister Marcelo Queiroga said.

The ministry said the South American country has distributed more than 360.6 million vaccine doses to Brazilian states.

On Saturday, the government will step up its campaign with the goal of having 85 percent of the population fully vaccinated. – Xinhua ■

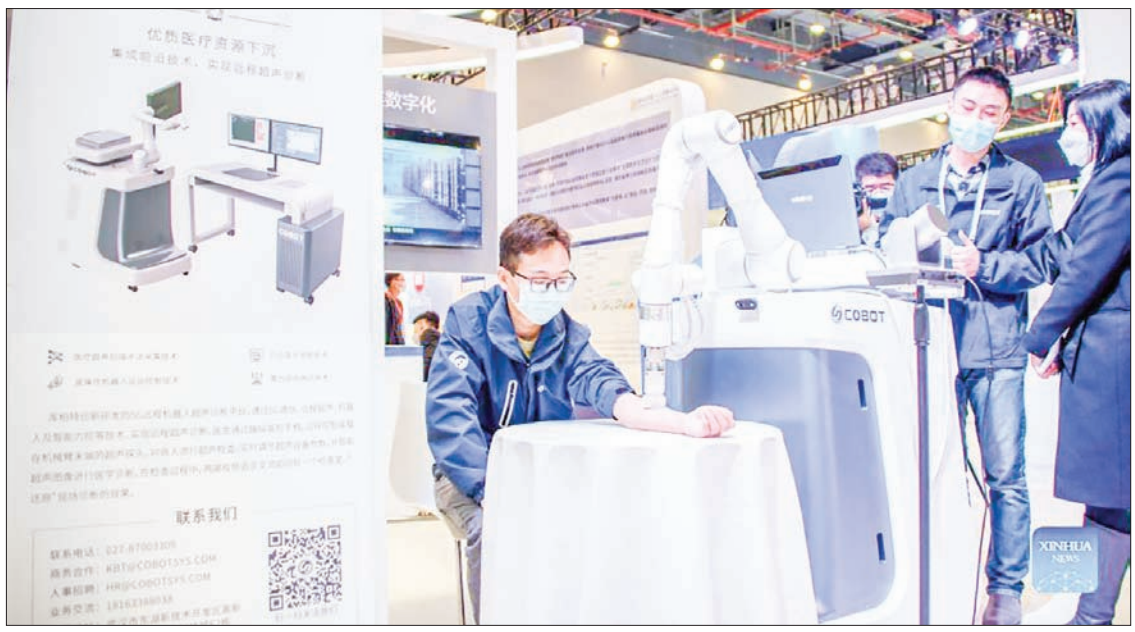
China 5G + Industrial Internet Conference kicks off in Wuhan

THE 2021 China 5G + Industrial Internet Conference, jointly hosted by the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology and the People's Government of Hubei Province, kicked off on Saturday in central China's Wuhan.

Academicians and experts, entrepreneurs and industry association representatives from across the country gathered at the national-level event to discuss the wider integration and innovation of 5G and the industrial internet.

A total of 21 thematic sessions have begun at the conference since Friday. Themes cover applications in industries such as mining, steel, transportation, manufacturing, electric power, integrated innovation in healthcare, education and smart cities, and key technologies such as industrial internet identification, security ecology, blockchain application and industrial intelligence.

There is also an exhibition of "5G + Industrial Internet" achievements. The exhibition area has increased from 5,900 square meters last year to 9,100 square meters this year, and four themed exhibition areas have been established: network and scene, platform, security and industry application. The conference has also set up an interactive area to provide visual, scenario-based, immersive and interactive experiences for non-professional audiences. — Xinhua ■



A staff member demonstrates a 5G remote diagnostic platform at China 5G+ Industrial Internet Conference in Wuhan, central China's Hubei Province, 19 November, 2021. China 5G+ Industrial Internet Conference runs from 19 to 21 November. **PHOTO: WU ZHIZUN/XINHUA**

Hydropower project of CPEC starts reservoir impoundment in E. Pakistani province

A view of the under-construction 720MW Karot hydropower project. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

THE Karot Hydropower Project, a major pilot project under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), successfully closed the gates of the diversion tunnels on Saturday, starting reservoir impoundment.

Invested by the China Three Gorges Corporation (CTG) with a total of about 1.74 billion US dollars, the Karot hydropower project in Pakistan's eastern Punjab province is the fourth level of the five cascade hydropower stations planned for the Jhelum River.

The beginning of the reservoir impoundment of the first CPEC hydropower investment project is a milestone and will pave the way for the wet testing of the generator units, Wang Yi, Karot hydropower project team leader at the site of the CTG told Xinhua. Since the groundbreaking of the project in April, 2015, the Chinese and Pakistani engineers and workers at the project have jointly overcome different challenges including COVID-19 pandemic, thus a series of achievements have been made such as the river closure and lifting of the first rotor, Wang said. — Xinhua ■

Sri Lanka ends farm chemical ban as organic drive fails

SRI Lanka abandoned its quest to become the world's first completely organic farming nation on Sunday, announcing it would immediately lift an import ban on pesticides and other agricultural inputs.

The island country has been in the grips of a severe economic crisis, with a lack of foreign exchange triggering shortages of food, crude oil and other essential goods.

Authorities had already walked back restrictions on fertiliser imports last month for tea, the country's main export earner.

But ahead of planned farmer protests in the capital, Sri Lanka's agricultural ministry said it would end a broader ban on all agrochemicals including herbicides and pesticides.

"We will now allow chemical inputs that are urgently needed," ministry secretary Udith Jayasinghe told the private News First TV network.

"Considering the need to ensure food security, we have taken this decision."

Vast tracts of farmland were abandoned after the import ban, first introduced in May.

Shortages have worsened in the past week, with prices for rice, vegetables and other market staples having doubled across Sri Lanka.

Supermarkets have also rationed rice sales, allowing only five kilograms (11 pounds) per customer. — AFP ■

Egypt makes Gaza comeback with post-war reconstruction

POSTERS of Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi beam out over a site in the war-battered Gaza Strip where labourers and bulldozers are hard at work rebuilding.

After years of retreat, Egypt is making its presence felt again in the neighbouring Palestinian enclave, emerging as a key benefactor in the aftermath of the last bout of fighting between Hamas and Israel in May.

In the weeks following the deadly violence, a number of Egyptian workers crossed the border on a mission to lay down a coastal road in the Gaza's northern city of Beit Lahya.

"The president's instructions are to reconstruct the Gaza Strip. We are about 70 engineers, civil servants, lorry drivers, mechanics and workers," said a worker who preferred not to give his name.

He added that he was "happy to help Palestine".

During the 11-day conflict that erupted between Israel and armed Islamist factions in Gaza last May — the worst since 2014 — Egypt worked behind the scenes to mediate a ceasefire.

Cairo also pledged a $500 million package to reconstruct the enclave which borders Israel and Egypt.

Common interests

Relations between Cairo and Hamas — an offshoot of Egypt's veteran Islamist opposition Muslim Brotherhood group — have been sour, particularly after the 2013 military ouster of late president Mohamed Morsi, also of the Brotherhood. The sight of Egyptian workers rebuilding Gaza as Egypt invests millions in the enclave was "unexpected, unimaginable", Palestinian economist Omar Shaban said. — AFP ■

Egypt worked behind the scenes to mediate a ceasefire in the 11-day conflict between Israel and armed Islamist factions that devastated the Gaza Strip and pledged a $500 million package to rebuild the impoverished coastal enclave. **PHOTO: AFP**

Thai gov't to deepen collaboration with China's Huawei amid pandemic

The Huawei 5G truck roadshow is a demonstration center for Huawei's 5G technologies. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

THE Thai government intends to further deepen its digital cooperation with Chinese technology company Huawei, senior Thai officials said at a cloud event held in Bangkok this week.

During the Powering Digital Thailand 2022 on 17-19 November, Thai Deputy Prime Minister Prawit Wongsuwon said digital infrastructure, such as 5G, is crucial to Thailand's economic and social development, especially for the country's post-pandemic economic revival.

Badly hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, the tourism-reliant nation registered an economic contraction of 6.1 percent last year, the worst in more than 20 years. However, the pandemic has significantly accelerated the adoption of digital technologies in Thailand, where Chinese tech companies have competitive advantages.

During the pandemic, Huawei used its technology to help local hospitals implement systems for automated medical supply, AI-backed diagnosis and remote treatment, which greatly improved the efficiency of hospitals and made healthcare more accessible.

Fueled by Thailand's digital roadmap, Huawei has focused on helping the country build 20,000 5G stations in the past two years. Currently, Thailand has more than 4.2 million 5G subscribers, leading in 5G adoption among ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries.

Another strength of Huawei has been its cloud capabilities. Deng Feng, general manager of Huawei Thailand, said Huawei Cloud is the only cloud service provider with local data centers in Thailand, considering that data localization is a key trend of global enterprises due to government regulations as well as security concerns. — Xinhua ■

Billionaire Sawiris wants 'level playing field' for Egypt business

NAGUIB Sawiris—one of Africa's richest men, with an estimated fortune of over $3 billion—has warned that the Egyptian government's involvement in the private sector makes for an unfair playing field.

"Companies that are government-owned or with the military don't pay taxes or customs," Sawiris told AFP from a luxury hotel in the Red Sea resort town of El-Gouna, which his family founded.

"We of course can't do that, so the competition from the beginning is unfair." "The state has to be a regulator, not an owner" of economic activity, said the outspoken 67-year-old, Egypt's second-richest man after his own brother, Nassef.

Since President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi took power in 2014, the former army general has embarked on massive national infrastructure projects, with a new capital in the desert as the centrepiece of his urban vision.

The military's economic reach has grown under his leadership, partnering up with firms such as the Sawiris family's Orascom. The army has played a key though opaque role in Egypt's economy for decades, producing everything from washing machines to pasta as well as building roads and operating gas stations.

No official figures are published about its financial interests. — AFP ■

Korean Air to join 'UAM business'; 5 companies including Hyundai Motor and KT sign an MOU partnership

South Korea is planning to begin offering urban air mobility services as early as 2025 in a limited capacity, working with automaker Hyundai and other partners. **PHOTO: HYUNDAI MOTOR GROUP/ANI**

S. KOREAN companies will strengthen the cooperation to speed up the commercialization of UAM (Urban Air Mobility), which is expected to grow to 730 trillion won in the global market by 2040.

Hyundai Motor announced that it signed an MOU with Korean Air, Incheon International Airport Corporation, Hyundai Engineering & Construction (Hyundai E&C), and KT at the Incheon Paradise City Hotel on the 16th, and agreed to cooperate in the successful establishment of domestic UAMs and its ecosystem, and revitalization of industries.

At the event, officials from the five companies, including Hyundai Motor President Shin Jae-won, Korean Air President Woo Ki-hong, Hyundai E&C President Yoon Young-joon, Incheon International Airport Corporation President Kim Kyung-wook and KT President Park Jong-wook, attended.

This partnership was initially signed by Hyundai Motor, Incheon International Airport Corporation, Hyundai E&C, and KT in September last year, and updated this time as Korean Air newly joined the partnership. The cooperation partnership includes establishment of the UAM ecosystem and promotion of social acceptance, establishment of UAM project cooperation roadmaps and demonstration, and joint activities of K-UAM roadmaps and UAM Team Korea.

These five companies are planning to promote the core projects based on their expertise. — ANI ■

Mexico fights 'plagiarism' with indigenous fashion fair

MEXICO is fighting back against what it calls the plagiarism of indigenous textiles, bringing together traditional artisans and international designers for dialogue aimed at creating a more equitable fashion industry.

Dozens of indigenous weavers and other artisans are gathering this weekend at the Los Pinos former presidential residence in Mexico City for the "Original" fair hosted by the culture ministry.

Alongside an open-air market selling clothes and accessories such as the huipil, a traditional white cotton blouse with finely embroidered patterns, there are fashion parades resembling indigenous pride marches.

The goal is to end what Mexico's leftist government denounces as cultural appropriation of the motifs, embroidery and colors of indigenous communities by foreign fashion houses.

"Plagiarism is not a tribute. Theft is not the fruit of inspiration," Culture Minister Alejandra Frausto said at the fair's inauguration.

She denounced the "modern-day pirates" who "take what they like and label it as any kind of merchandise." — AFP ■

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Nearly 1,000 hate crimes against Europe's Christians recorded in 2020

HATE crimes against Christians in Europe rose sharply in 2020, according to newly published data from the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE).

The OSCE data documented 980 incidents against Christians, including arson attacks on Catholic churches, desecration and robbery of Eucharistic hosts, assaults on priests and anti-Catholic graffiti on Church property.

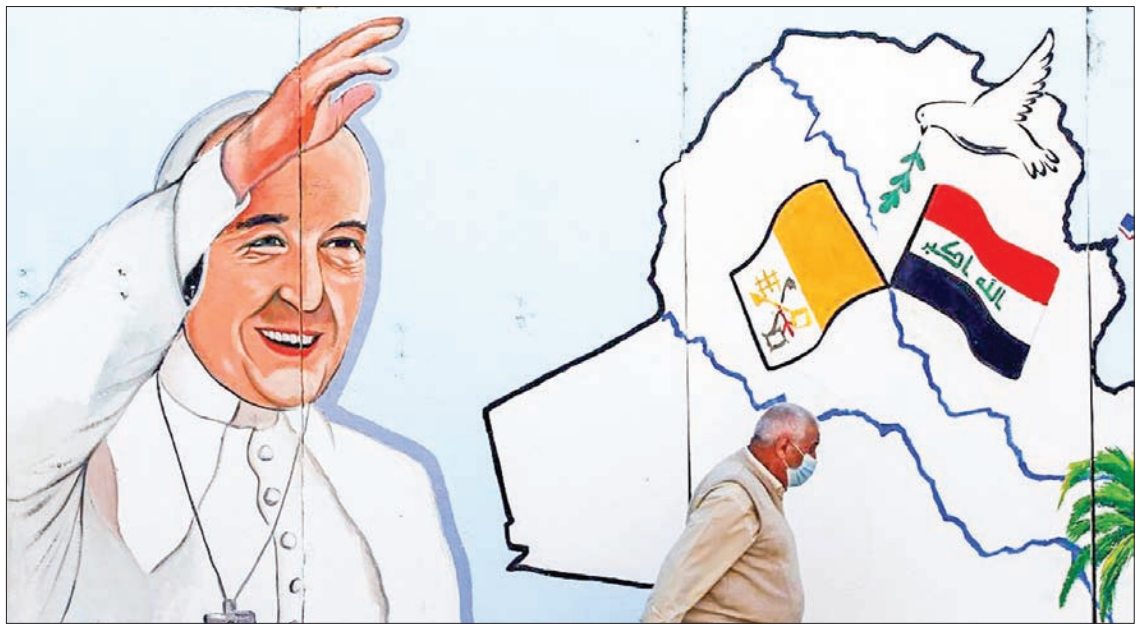
The OSCE previously reported 595 incidents against Christians in 2019. There was a significant increase in the number of attacks against property last year, from 459 in 2019 to 871 in 2020, while the number of violent attacks against people decreased from 80 to 56 in 2020.

Poland had the most hate crimes reported against Christians with 241 incidents in 2020, the majority of which were acts of vandalism against Catholic property.

The OSCE also reported 172 incidents in Germany, 159 in France and 113 in Italy. The Holy See submitted data to the OSCE on more than 150 hate crimes against Christians in Europe.

The number of hate crimes against Christians is likely higher than what is reported in the data, as only 11 of the 57 OCSE states submitted data on hate crimes against Christians.

Madeleine Enzlberger, head of the Observatory of Intolerance and Discrimination against Christians (OIDACE) in Vienna, Austria, said that in media and political spheres "hatred of Christians is hardly noticed as an increasingly obvious social problem".



An Iraqi man walks by a mural depicting Pope Francis on the outer walls of Our Lady of Salvation church, in Baghdad, Iraq, ahead of the pontiff's visit in March. **PHOTO: AHMAD AL-RUBAYE/AFP**

"The OSCE report reflects only part of this trend, which we have been documenting for years, and yet it is a loud wake-up call against indifference and fashionable Christian-bashing," she commented.

The information was published to mark the International Day for Tolerance, marked on 16 November. — AFP ■

China fines tech giants over anti-monopoly violations

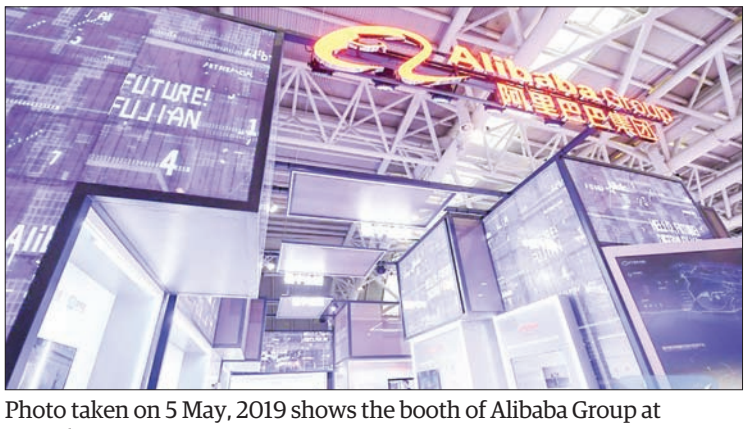


Photo taken on 5 May, 2019 shows the booth of Alibaba Group at the 2nd Digital China Exhibition in Fuzhou, southeast China's Fujian Province. **PHOTO: XINHUA/LIN SHANCHUAN/FILE**

CHINESE tech giants including Alibaba Group and Tencent Holdings were fined Saturday for failing to report corporate acquisitions, adding to an anti-monopoly crackdown by the ruling Communist Party.

The companies failed to report 43 acquisitions that occurred up to eight years ago under rules on "operating concentration," according to the State Administration for Market Regulation. Each violation carried a penalty of 500,000 yuan ($80,000), it said.

Beijing has launched anti-monopoly, data security and other crackdowns on tech companies since late 2020. The ruling party worries the companies have too much control over their industries and has warned them not to use their dominance to gouge consumers or block entry to new competitors. Other companies fined in the latest round of penalties include online retailers JD.com Inc. and Suning Ltd. and search engine operator Baidu Inc. The acquisitions dating back to 2013 included network technology, mapping and medical technology assets. The companies "failed to declare illegal implementation of operating concentration," the regulator said on its website. — Xinhua ■

Historic development: Afghanistan's disappearing box cameras

HAJI Mirzaman was just a teenager when he started taking photos using a homemade wooden box camera in his cousin's studio in downtown Kabul.

He took black-and-white portraits of people for passports, identity cards and other documents using his "magic box" on a sidewalk, producing prints in a couple of minutes.

Now in his 70s, he says the instant camera — or "kamra-e-faoree" as it is known in Dari — has survived wars, invasions and a Taliban ban on photography, but is now in danger of disappearing because of digital technology.

"These cameras are retired now," he told AFP at his small house in Kabul as he set up the box on its wooden tripod.

"I am just keeping this last remaining camera."

The box is both camera and darkroom, and to show how it works Mirzaman put photographic paper and developing liquid inside the device in preparation for a shot.

He then briefly removed the lens cover and instantly created a negative. The box is both camera and darkroom.

Reaching inside the box through a light-proof funnel, he processed the negative and then developed a print. — AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sudan PM Hamdok to return to lead government after deal: mediators

SUDAN'S General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok have reached a deal for his return and the release of civilian leaders detained since a military coup, mediators said Sunday.

Burhan on 25 October declared a state of emergency and ousted the government in a move that upended a two-year transition to civilian rule, drew international condemnation and punitive measures, and provoked large protests.

"A political agreement has been reached between General Burhan, Abdalla Hamdok, political forces and civil society organisations for Hamdok's return to his position, and the release of political detainees," senior Sudanese mediator Fadlallah Burma, acting head of the Umma party, told AFP. A group Sudanese mediators – including academics, journalists and politicians – who have been locked in talks to mediate a deal since the outbreak of the crisis, released a statement outlining the main points of the deal. It includes the restoration of Hamdok as prime minister, the release of all detainees, and what it said was the resumption of the constitutional, legal and political consensus governing the transitional period. – AFP ■

Fuel rationed, travel limited in flooded western Canada

OFFICIALS in flood-stricken western Canada announced travel and fuel restrictions Friday as the region grapples with supply difficulties, the latest on a list of struggles caused by torrential rains.

Record rainfall hit southwestern British Columbia Sunday and Monday resulting in landslides and flooding which destroyed roads and infrastructure and forced the temporary closure of the Trans Mountain pipeline. "We are asking people to limit their fuel consumption and vehicle travel at this time and are putting in place orders under the provincial state of emergency to support this," Mike Farnworth, the province's public safety minister, said at a press conference.

Individuals will no longer be able to buy more than 30 liters (eight gallons) of fuel when going to the pump.

"We are asking people not to travel through severely affected areas – for their own well-being, but also to make sure the fuel we do have goes toward the services people need in this time of crisis," Farnworth said. — AFP ■

China downgrades diplomatic ties with Lithuania over Chinese Taipei row

CHINA has officially downgraded diplomatic ties with Lithuania in protest, the foreign ministry in Beijing said Sunday, after Chinese Taipei established a de facto embassy in Vilnius.

Lithuania allowing Chinese Taipei to open an office using the name Taiwan was a significant diplomatic departure that defied a pressure campaign by Beijing.

"The Chinese government had to lower diplomatic relations between the two countries... to safeguard its sovereignty and the basic norms of international relations," the ministry said in a statement announcing the downgrade to the charge d'affaires level.

"The Lithuanian government must bear all consequences that arise from this."

It added that Lithuania had "abandoned the political commitment made upon the establishment of diplomatic relations" with China.

It was a reference to the "One China" policy, under which countries officially recognise Beijing over Taipei.

Lithuania's foreign ministry on Sunday said it "regrets" China's decision to downgrade ties.

Chinese Taipei announced in July that it would open the office, its first new diplomatic outpost in Europe in 18 years.

That prompted a fierce rebuke from China. It withdrew its ambassador from Lithuania and demanded Vilnius do the same, which it eventually did.—AFP ■

China has decided to downgrade the diplomatic relations with Lithuania to the level of charge d'affaires, the Chinese foreign ministry said on Sunday. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Bulgaria presidential poll seen testing anti-graft reform appetite

Bulgaria's incumbent President Rumen Radev says he regrets not helping topple Boyko Borisov's regime sooner. **PHOTO: AFP**

BULGARIANS vote on Sunday to elect their president, a largely ceremonial role that the current incumbent has transformed and put at the heart of the struggle against corruption in the EU's poorest country.

Rumen Radev, the front-runner with 49 percent in the first round of voting last weekend, faces off against academic Anastas Gerdjikov after neither could secure an outright majority.

While Radev, a former fighter jet pilot, is the country's most popular politician, Bulgaria itself is riven by fractious political parties that have failed to deliver a stable government needed to tackle deep-seated graft and the worsening coronavirus pandemic.

"This vote is a clash between two visions: the soft tolerance of endemic corruption and the firm opposition to a model of governance that uses public power for private purposes," New Bulgarian University political science professor Antoniy Todorov wrote in a blog post this week.

A clear win for Radev, 58, may usher in a period of political stability after last weekend's surprise victory in the third general election this year of a new anti-graft party. —AFP ■

'Accidental' gun discharge causes panic at busy US airport

A gun that accidentally discharged after being discovered at an X-Ray checkpoint in Atlanta's busy international airport sent dozens of passengers scurrying for cover and briefly resulted in the facility's closure Saturday just days before the Thanksgiving holiday.

The episode, which highlights the highly politicized topic of gun prevalence in American society, resulted in three non-life-threatening injuries, according to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA).

It said the incident occurred after a "prohibited item" was identified inside a passenger's baggage by an X-Ray machine at a checkpoint.

Airline passengers arrive to stand in line at the Delta Airlines international counter at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport in Atlanta on 18 December 2017. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

As a Transportation Security Officer opened the compartment containing the gun, "the passenger lunged into the bag and grabbed a firearm, at which point it discharged."

"The passenger then fled the area, running out of the airport exit," the TSA said, adding that the officer had told the passenger not to touch the property.—AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Japan to delay launch of children's agency to FY 2023 or later

JAPAN has decided to postpone the creation of an agency to oversee policies related to children to fiscal 2023 or later, government sources said Saturday.

The delay of the agency's establishment originally envisioned for fiscal 2022 comes as difficulties have arisen in coordinating the transfer of departments among relevant government organizations.

On Saturday, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida told reporters in Matsuyama, western Japan, that the government "will continue its efforts to start the children's agency" and reaffirmed his intention to submit related bills to the ordinary Diet session next year.

The agency is a new organization that will unify policies across multiple government ministries and entities to better deal with increasingly complex issues such as abuse.

Former Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga had expressed his desire to establish it as a symbol of "breaking down vertical divisions."

The government had initially aimed to establish the new command center for child-related policies in fiscal 2022 based on its experience with the Digital Agency, which it managed to set up within a year.

While Kishida said at a press conference early this month that the government would work on setting up the new agency, its priority has fallen within his administration and discussions within the ruling coalition have stalled.—Kyodo ■

Houthis claim launching 14 bomb-laden drones against Saudi airports, Aramco refineries

YEMEN'S Houthi militia on Saturday said they launched 14 bomb-laden drones to attack several airports and oil facilities in Saudi Arabia in response to what it said "Saudi-led coalition escalation in Yemen."

"We targeted the King Khalid Air Base in Riyadh city with four drones, hitting military targets at the King Abdullah International Airport and Aramco oil refineries in Jeddah city with four drones, striking a military target in Abha International Airport in Abha city with a drone, targeting other military sites in the cities of Jazan, Najran and Abha with five drones," Houthi military spokesman Yehya Sarea said in a statement aired by the militia's al-Masirah TV.

Meanwhile, Saudi-owned Al-Arabiya TV reported that the coalition intercepted an explosive-laden drone launched by the Houthis from Sanaa International Airport in Yemen toward Saudi Arabia, and "it is dealing with other Houthi threats."

The Iran-backed Houthi militia has recently intensified cross-border missile and drone attacks. In February, the Yemeni rebel group began a major offensive against the Saudi-backed government army to capture the oil-rich province of Marib in central Yemen. —Xinhua ■

Myanmar Futsal teams to spend more times on SEA Games' training

THE Myanmar national Futsal teams will spend more times on their special training ahead of the XXXI SEA Games to be held in Viet Nam next year.

The Myanmar men's and women's Futsal teams have been away from international competitions for some time and will be the first to compete in the upcoming SEA Games within three years.

The Myanmar men's and women's Futsal teams will compete in the upcoming SEA Games and are expected to start training early next year, officials said.

The Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) has appointed Boonlert Charoenwong of Thailand as the head coach of the Myanmar women's Futsal team, with only the men's national Futsal team remaining to be appointed head coach.

The Myanmar national Futsal team last competed in the 2019 ASEAN Futsal Championship and the Myanmar Women's Futsal Team competed in the 2017 SEA Games for the last time.—Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Man Utd finally sack Solskjaer after dismal run

Manchester United sacked Ole Gunnar Solskjaer on Sunday. Manchester United are seeking their fifth new manager since Alex Ferguson stepped down. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

MANCHESTER United ended Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's three-year reign as manager at Old Trafford on Sunday following a run of one win in seven Premier League games.

Saturday's 4-1 embarrassment at the hands of struggling Watford was the final straw for the United board, who had stuck by Solskjaer in recent weeks despite humiliating home defeats to Liverpool and Manchester City.

"Manchester United announces that Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has left his role as Manager," the club said in a statement.

"Ole will always be a legend at Manchester United and it is with regret that we have reached this difficult decision. While the past few weeks have been disappointing, they should not obscure all the work he has done over the past three years to rebuild the foundations for long-term success." — 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.

Zverev beats Djokovic to set up Medvedev final in Turin

ALEXANDER Zverev downed Novak Djokovic in a thrilling last-four clash to end the world number one's bid for a record-equalling sixth ATP Finals title on Saturday and set up a final against Daniil Medvedev. The German edged to a 7-6 (7/4), 4-6, 6-3 success in Turin and will face reigning champion Medvedev for the trophy on Sunday.

"It was a fantastic match, I think we've played five times this year and every single time it was a great battle and we played for a very long time," said Zverev.

It was a disappointing end to a remarkable season for Djokovic, who fell one match short of becoming the first man to win a calendar Grand Slam since Rod Laver in 1969 when he lost the US Open final to Medvedev.— AFP ■

Unbeaten Crawford stops Porter to retain WBO welterweight title

UNBEATEN Terence Crawford made a successful defence of his WBO welterweight title on Saturday, stopping Shawn Porter by knocking the challenger down twice in the 10th round in Las Vegas.

Porter's father and trainer, Ken, surprised the crowd at the Mandalay Bay casino by stopping the fight after the second knockdown to hand the 34-year-old Crawford his ninth-straight victory inside the distance.

"I was just the better man today," said Crawford, who improved to 38-0, with 29 wins by knockouts. "I figured him out in round one. I figured I had the reach and that he had to take chances to get in. "He was trying to maul and push me back but I used my angles to push him back as well."

Crawford initially felled Porter with a left uppercut on the button that buckled his knees early in the 10th.

It was all over at 1:21 of the round, when Crawford's overhand right to the side of the head sent Porter to the canvas for a second time, prompting his father to climb the steps and ask referee Celestino Ruiz to halt the contest.

Porter got up from the second knockdown and appeared to be ready to continue, but his father felt he had enough, saying later his son was fighting "blindfolded."— AFP ■

Referee Celestino Ruiz moves in to protect Shawn Porter after he is knocked down by Terence Crawford in the 10th round. **PHOTO: AFP**