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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.

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla offer day meals to title recipient Sayadaws

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla offered day meals to religious title recipient Sayadaws for 2022 at the Sasana Beikman building in the precinct of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The ceremony was also attended by title recipient Sayadaws and nuns, SAC members, Union ministers and officials.

Before the ceremony, the

Senior General offered alms, fruits, flowers, water and oil lights to the Buddha image in the Sasana Beikman building.

The Senior General and wife donated offerings to Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka of Mandalay's Bhamo Monastery Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa. SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe offered alms to Secretary of SS-



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and congregation take the Five Precepts and listen to the sermon delivered at the event yesterday.

MNC Presiding Nayaka of Thanlyin's Minkyaung Pahtamabyan Buddhist Learning Centre Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa.

The wife of the Senior General and the wife of the Vice-Senior General donated alms and day meals to religious title recipient nuns.

Later, the Thanlyin Minkyaung Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by sharing merits gained. — MNA

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Objectives of 77th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

- 1. THE Tatmadaw to participate in the leading role of national politics for the emergence of the Union based on democracy and federalism while safe-guarding the Constitution (2008) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
- 2. The Tatmadaw to take responsibility for substantial contribution to measures of peace and prosperity of the country and food sufficiency as a national task the government primarily emphasizes
- 3. The Tatmadaw to join hands with all ethnic national people in the national reconciliation and peace processes
- 4. The Tatmadaw to provide necessary assistance for convening a free and fair multiparty democracy general election for ensuring the emergence of the Union based on democracy and federalism upon completion of endeavours in accord with the provisions of the State of Emergency
- 5. To build a powerful, capable and modern patriotic Tatmadaw to protect the national interest of the State

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Order No 21/ 2022

13th Waxing of Taboung 1383 ME
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Appointment and Duty-Assignment of Chairperson of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union

THE State Administration Council has appointed and assigned U Tha Htay as Chairperson of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union under Section 419 of the State Constitution.

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Order No 22/ 2022

13th Waxing of Taboung 1383 ME
14 March 2022

Appointment and Duty-Assignment of Supreme Court Judges

THE State Administration Council has appointed and assigned the following persons to the duties of Supreme Court Judges under Section 419 of the State Constitution.

- (1) U Thaung Naing
- (2) U Thein Ko Ko
- (3) Daw Thin Thin Nwet

By Order,

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Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Announcement on sending cost for workers to Thailand under MoU system during COVID-19

- 1. In legally sending Myanmar workers to Thailand under an MoU system during the COVID-19 period, two COVID-19 tests, COVID-19 immunization costs for those who have not been vaccinated and quarantine costs in Thailand must be borne by the employer.
- 2. Regarding the costs incurred by workers, workers covered by the Thai Social Security Law will have to pay 5,390 baht, including four-month health insurance. Workers who are not covered by the Thai Social Security Law (those working in sectors such as domestic assistants, seasonal crops, agriculture and livestock, fisheries, loading/unloading, salting) will have to pay 7,600 baht, including two years of health insurance. To avoid deducting the employer's costs from workers, this will be included in the employment contract with an annexe.
- 3. The Overseas Employment Supervision Committee has instructed foreign employment agencies (Thai) licensing agencies not to charge more than K300,000 in service fees charged to workers.
- 4. If you have to pay more than the service fee set by Thailand and Myanmar, you can call the following numbers: -
 - (a) Myanmar
 - (1) Migrant Workers Division - 067-3430442, 067-3430185
 - (2) Complaint Mechanism - 067-3430184, 067-3430284, 01-650089, 01-650187
 - (b) Labour attachés in Thailand
 - (1) U Aung Ko Zaw (Bangkok) - 0948845484
 - (2) U Ye Lin Htet (Ranong) - 0652206951
 - (3) U Lin Myat (Bangkok) - 0652206952
 - (4) U Pyae Phyo Aung (Mae Sot) - 0652206953
 - (5) U Aung Aung (Chiang Mai) - 0990592352

Department of Labour

880 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 14 March, total figure rises to 606,227

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **606,227** after **880** new cases were reported on 14 March 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **558,736** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll reached **19,411** after **2** died. —MNA

Tatmadaw is a guardian for implementing multiparty democracy

ALL need to carry out all tasks with their capability holding a concept that Tatmadaw is a guardian for implementing multiparty democracy to be firm and maintain all situations of the State.

(Excerpt from the speech made by Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in meeting with officers, other ranks and families of Mongpyin Station of Triangle Region Command and Kholan Station of Eastern Central Command on 18-2-2022)

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General Mya Tun Oo and wife present offerings.



Admiral Tin Aung San and wife give offerings.



SAC Member Mahn Nyein Maung presents offerings.



SAC Member Daw Aye Nu Sein presents offerings.



SAC Secretary Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe presents offerings.



SAC Member U Moungh Har and wife give offerings.



SAC Member U Sai Lone Saing presents offerings.



SAC Member Dr Banyar Aung Moe gives offerings.



SAC Member U Shwe Kyein and wife present offerings.



SAC Member Lt-Gen Yar Pyae presents offerings.

Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation leaves for Cambodia to attend 19th ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces Meeting, 12th ASEAN Military Operations Meeting and 19th ASEAN Military Intelligence Meeting



The Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation is seen off (left photo) and the Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) and delegation are greeted when arrived in Cambodia (right photo).

ATTENDING on behalf of State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, a Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation led by General Maung Maung Aye, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air), left for Phnom Penh of Cam-

bodia yesterday from Nay Pyi Taw Airport. The delegation was seen off by Lt-Gen Myo Zaw Thein and Lt-Gen Than Tun Oo of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and officials. They are going to attend the 19th ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces

Meeting (ACDFM-19) chaired by Cambodia. The Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation was accompanied by Chief of Staff (Army) Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun to attend the 12th ASEAN Military Operations Meeting and Chief of Military Security Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo among

others. When the Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation arrived in Phnom Penh, Cambodia at 11 am local standard time yesterday, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces and Chief of the Research and Intelligence Department Lt-Gen Hann

Sovann of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces and Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia U Thit Lin Oo, Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Thura Hla Min and officials from Cambodia welcomed the Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation at the airport. — MNA

Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) meets Myanmar Embassy staff, trainees in Cambodia

CHIEF of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye, who is in Cambodia to attend the 19th ASEAN Chiefs of Defense Forces Meeting (ACDFM-19), visited the Myanmar Embassy to Cambodia yesterday evening and met staff from the embassy and military attaché and trainees.

First, General Maung Maung Aye and party arrived at the Myanmar Embassy to Cambodia and were welcomed by the families of the embassy

and the military attaché office. After that, the General addressed the families from the embassy and the office of the military attaché and trainees.

Then he handed over food-stuffs and gifts provided by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing for the families and trainees.

The ambassador, the military attaché, family members, and trainees accepted the gifts.— MNA



The Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) meets staff and families of the Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché.

Sunflower crops to produce extensively in Ayeyawady region

A coordination meeting to expand cultivation of sunflower in the Ayeyawady region was held in the Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department, Patheingyi Township, Ayeyawady Region on 13 March.

The coordination meeting was attended by Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Tin Maung Win, Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Ministry Deputy Minister Dr Aung Gyi, region govern-

ment ministers and the departmental officials. At the meeting, they discussed the development of the oil industry and arranged the necessary support for the farmers to have higher yields and more income.

According to the statistics of the 2020-21FY, Myanmar cultivated over 7.6 million acres of edible oil crops including over 2.8 million acres of peanut, about 3.8 million acres of sesame, and

about 600,000 acres of sunflower. Only peanut oil and sesame oil are mainly consumed in the country. Annually, the country imports about 200,000 metric tons of palm oil from abroad because the low-income people consume them mixed with palm oil. In order to fulfil the need of the domestic demand for edible oil in the short term, they have planned to cultivate about 1.5 million acres of sunflower plants across the country.

Ayeyawady region will expand its sunflower cultivation to over 200,000 acres as winter crops. It is learnt that negotiations will be made to cooperate with the relevant organizations for the production of oil during the harvest season.

In the evening, Deputy Minister Dr Aung Gyi and official inspected the shrimp hatching camp in Chaungtha village, Shwethaungyan sub-township,

Patheingyi township in Ayeyawady Region and Talokhla fishing camp in Maubin township. They have discussed with officials the production of the quality hatchlings required for domestic shrimp farming.

Then, the deputy minister and his officials inspected the strength of the Mezali sluice gate and the maintenance work in Nyaungdon Island, Maubin district. — MNA

MoC facilitates daily imports of essential anti-COVID-19 equipment

THE Ministry of Commerce is overseeing the importation of essential medical supplies plus anti-COVID devices that are critical to the COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities, through trading posts, international airports and seaports.

Two vehicles carrying 16 tonnes of masks were imported by one company via the Chin-shwehaw trading post yesterday.

Officials from relevant departments are cooperating to facilitate and expedite the standard operating procedures for the import process.

It is reported that the Ministry of Commerce is coordinating with relevant departments 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

MoRAC Union ex-minister charged under Anti-Corruption Law gets 12-year prison sentence

YANGON Region High Court sentenced former Union minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, who has been charged under Section 55 of the Anti-Corruption Law for various corruption cases to 12 years in prison yesterday.

The Anti-Corruption Commission formed an investigation team into allegations of extortion by the former Union minister. According to the

finding of the investigation team, he received a blank cheque worth K10 million and K30 million from relevant persons in connexion with the annual awarding of eight religious titles to individuals by the State.

He also received a Ford Everest Titanium vehicle worth K100.5 million kyats and a gold plate weighing about 20 ticals free of charge provided by a businessman

for the long-term convenience of the business.

A case was filed against him under Section 55 of the Anti-Corruption Law on 19 March 2021 in the Yangon Region High Court. As he was found guilty for the above cases, he was sentenced to 12 years in prison with labour. It is also reported that the court issued an order to confiscate the Ford vehicle, K10 million and the gold plate. — MNA

CRIME NEWS

Illegal teak, unregistered vehicle seized in Bago, Sagaing regions

SUPERVISED by the Anti-illegal Trade Steering Committee, efforts are being made to take action against illegal trade across the country.

On 14 March, combined inspection teams led by the Bago Region Department of Forest conducted inspections according to a report and confiscated 61.7092 tonnes of illegal teak logs (approximately worth K2,709,414) from a forest reserve in Bago District.

Similarly, combined inspection teams under the management of the Sagaing Region Anti-illegal Trade Special Task Force conducted inspections in Sagaing and seized an unregistered Honda Partner car (approximately worth K3,500,000), and action is taken under the Export/Import Law. Therefore, two arrests (estimated value of K6,209,414) were made on 14 March, according to the Anti-illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA



Confiscated illegal teak logs and Honda Partner van without a licence.

Drugs seized in Maungtaw, Pinlaung, Muse townships



Two arrestees are pictured together with seized drugs and Toyota Crown automobile.

A combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force conducted inspections in Maungtaw Township at 11 pm on 13 March.

A search of a three-wheeled motorbike driven by Ayuk Khan near Basuba village turned up 87,750 ecstasy tablets worth K131.625 million.

At 5:30 pm that day, a search of a Honda CRV vehicle driven by Kyaw Shwe on the Pinlaung-Hmawby Road near Kyauktan Village, Naungpi Village-tract led to

the seizure of 169,000 ecstasy tablets.

At 12:30 pm that day, officials stopped and searched a Toyota Crown saloon driven by Yan Shao Hong (alias) Arr Rhan on the detour Road, Kaungmuton Ward, Muse Township and found 20,000 tablets of ecstasy together with 0.22 kilogramme of heroin.

They are prosecuted under the Narcotic-Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, according to the Myanmar Police Force. — MNA

Over K52.8 billion worth of drugs seized in Kyaikto Township

THE police seized K52.8 billion worth of drugs in Kyaikto Township, according to the police statement.

The combined inspection team consisting of Anti-Narcotics Task Force members examined a six-wheeler Isuzu container truck driven by Bo Bo heading to Mawlamyine from Bago at the Mayanchaung checkpoint on the Yangon- Mawlamyine Road in Mon

State on 11 March and seized 997 kilogrammes of Ice and 798 kilogrammes of ketamine worth over K52.8 billion. According to the inspection, the suspect transported these drugs to Dawei Township (Thai-Myanmar border) in Taninthayi Region from northern Shan State. The police are investigating to arrest further suspects. — MNA



An arrestee is seen along with seized drugs and Isuzu truck.

Authorities handling overexploitation of marine resources

AUTHORITIES are carefully coping with overexploitation of marine resources in Myanmar territory sea, said an official of the Fisheries Department.

Overfishing for the past four decades resulted in the scarcity of marine resources.

“Marine resource in deep water was down by 60 per cent and 80 per cent in surface water according to the 2018 survey, compared to the record in 1979,” said U Zaw Min Oo, head of Myeik District Fisheries Department.

At present, the maximum sustainable yield (MSY) for the highest annual catch is evaluated, he pointed out.

Harvesting wild from the sea exceeded the species that

can replenish their population naturally. Overexploitation caused a huge decline of 60 per cent in deep water and 80 per cent in surface water. The survey on Myanmar’s marine resources was conducted three times between 1979 and 2018. Plummeting data indicated the overfishing issues. The international observers also warned the country of overexploitation.

“The department is no longer issuing a new licence for fishing as the catch rate is greater than the maximum sustainable yield. We have to tread carefully on this issue,” U Zaw Min Oo continued.

The fisheries from Taninthayi Region have been exported to the Ranong fish market



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CHINA-MYANMAR cross-border Kyinsankyawt post, after a temporary closure following the detection of the coronavirus, resumed its trade from 12 March and over 400 trucks stuck in Kyinsankyawt and Muse 105th-mile are given the green light for exports to China as per the health guidelines for the coronavirus, said U Min Thein, vice-chair of the Muse Rice Wholesale Centre.

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“The closure of the post negatively affected the water-

melon, muskmelon, pumpkin, chilli, onion, rice and broken rice, rubber and other commodity trucks. More than 400 trucks were stranded in that road part for about a dozen days. Consequently, we asked the traders in lower Myanmar to halt for a while. Some trucks are stopped at 16 miles on Mandalay highway, while some have stayed on Lashio’s outer ring road. China gave the go-ahead to over 400 trucks along with Muse and Kyinsankyawt road parts in the afternoon of 12 March. They are delivered the goods in line with the COVID-19 protocol,” U Min Thein elaborated.

Of 400 trucks, trucks loaded with those perishable goods are prioritized to pass the checkpoint, he added.

Additionally, the freight for-

warders in lower Myanmar do not need to rush the transport and they have to carefully consider the supply and cross-border trade situation, said U Sai Khin Maung from the Khwanyo Fruit Trade Depot.

China shut down all the checkpoints linking to the Muse border amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the checkpoints, Kyinsankyawt has resumed trading activity from 26 November on a trial run. Myanmar daily delivers rubber, various beans and pulses, dried plum, watermelon, muskmelon, pumpkin and other food commodities to China through Kyinsankyawt and construction materials, electrical appliances, household goods and industrial raw materials are imported into the country. — NN/GNLM

MFF cooperates with world fisheries institution for marketable tilapia production

MYANMAR Fisheries Federation, in coordination with the World Council of Fisheries Societies (WCFS), is endeavouring to enhance the production of the commercially valued tilapia in the Yangon Region.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation is implementing the tilapia culture in the dams and reservoirs, with the use of a net cage. Those tilapias are originated from Indonesia and have export market prospects.

Those tilapia cultures do not need the ponds and incur the loss of farming land, water treatment and the cost of catch. Furthermore, fish waste can contribute to rice farming as it can be recycled as waste-based fertilizer. This system can increase the rice yield by 15 per cent. The fish culture with the net cage in dams, reservoirs and ponds is common in Asia.

Myanmar has been practising fish and shrimp farming with the net cage in the dams across the country. It is a cost-effective farming method. It can create jobs for the local community. The low input cost made this method successful among countries in Asia. It is extensively utilized in Asia, in coordination with the WCFS.

“As tilapia has a strong domestic and foreign market, 13 Asian countries conduct the fish culture with the net cage in the dams. Efforts are being undertaken to adopt this system in Yangon Region as well. To breed the tilapia larvae that are native to Indonesia, MFF is raising awareness to the fish farmers in coordination with the international body. It can be harvested twice a year so it is the prolific fast-growing species and the valued fish, prompting the breeders to farm them. I was delighted to see the 10,000 net cages of tilapia in Malaysia’s lake. This farming method will effectuate the rural development and increase the income if it is widely practised in the country,” said U Kyee Ngwe, the MFF general secretary.

The Twantay hatchery is providing fish larvae to the breeders. The fast-growing tilapia species are farmed in Kyaiklat and Dedaye townships in Ayeyawady Region. Fish farming in the dams can also result in a cheaper rate for the domestic market. As it also has a strong foreign market, MFF will strive to grow tilapia production, in coordination with the international body. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/GNLM

Change mindsets of all to restore perpetual peace

RESTORATION of perpetual peace depends on changing mindsets of three parties namely the government, the armed organizations and the people. As such, the changing mindsets will help restore peace not only in relevant areas but in the whole country.

All stakeholders wish to march into the restoration of peace through the straight ways, bent ways, twisted ways and far distance ways. They all launch their ways from different dimensions or different starting points to the target of the peace process. Some of them are standing back to back before starting their ways to peace. Some are marching towards the facing areas. But, their goal is a single one so as to restore perpetual peace.

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In fact, both the head of state and all Union level officials, all the people and both leaders and followers of ethnic armed organizations must refresh their mindsets on how to smoothen the way to perpetual peace restoration together setting aside the different issues. Their willingness will reflect their mindsets for the implementation of the peace restoration process.

At a time when perpetual peace can be restored in the entire nation, the hearts of the government, the people and the ethnic armed organizations will be the same.

The perpetual peace will bring good fortune to all the ethnic people to be free from the danger of life in armed conflicts. They have chances to peacefully live in their respective regions.

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Research finds COVID-19 vaccination benefits cancer patients

CANCER patients with compromised immune systems due to their disease or therapy remain at high risk for COVID-19 infection. While clinical trials showed vaccination could prevent or lessen the risk of severe illness in healthy individuals, it has been unclear if those considered immunocompromised would have a similar response.

Moffitt Cancer Centre researchers have put together one of the largest observational studies to date to answer that question. Their results were published in JAMA Oncology.

The study, led by Drs Anna R. Giuliano, Shari Pilon-Thomas and Jeffrey E. Lancet followed 515 patients with varying cancers. The goal was to evaluate if patients had an immune response to the Moderna mRNA-1273 vaccine and if that response differed by diagnosis and treatment.

First and second doses of the vaccine

Patients provided blood samples

before their first and second doses of the vaccine and again one month later. Each sample was tested for COVID-19 antibodies. For comparison, antibody levels were measured for 18 healthy adults receiving the mRNA-1273 vaccine.

The results showed that most cancer patients had seroconverted, meaning they developed antibodies after receiving the vaccine. Overall, 71.3 per cent of patients seroconverted after the first dose, 90.3 per cent after the second. There were, however, differences among cancer types. Patients with blood cancers had lower seroconversion rates when compared to those with solid tumours, 84.7 per cent versus 98.1 per cent.

“Although we did see higher seroconversion rates among solid tumour patients, it is important to point out the antibody titers were lower than seen in healthy adults. Unfortunately, we don’t know how much antibody a person needs to

provide full protection against the virus,” said Giuliano, founding director of the Centre for Immunization and Infection Research in Cancer at Moffitt.

Blood cancer patients with the lymphoid disease, such as chronic lymphocytic leukaemia and B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphoma, had the lowest seroconversion rates. And patients with those diseases who were on active treatment fared even worse.

Lymphoid disease affects B cells

“This finding was to be expected. The lymphoid disease affects B cells, which your immune system needs to make antibodies.

If a patient’s B cells are suppressed, either through the disease process itself or treatment, chances are low they would be able to make antibodies,” said Lancet, chair of the Malignant Hematology Department at Moffitt.

Lancet said certain treatments



REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE: For Palestinians living in the occupied West Bank and Israeli-blockaded Gaza, the vaccination rollout has lagged far behind. PHOTO: AFP

also had an impact on seroconversion. Patients who received anti-CD20 antibodies within six months of vaccination had no immune response. And those

treated with BTK inhibitors, Venetoclax and CD19 targeted CAR T-cell therapy had the lowest seroconversion rates.

SOURCE : ANI

High BMI in upper teens a risk for severe COVID-19: Study



The World Health Organization (WHO) has labelled childhood obesity as “one of the most serious public health challenges of the 21st century”. PHOTO: HUMANIUM.ORG/ANI

A new study led by the University of Gothenburg has found that men with a high body mass index (BMI) in their upper teens have an elevated risk of severe COVID-19 and can require hospitalization later in life.

The study was published in the journal, ‘Obesity’.

The study included data from the Swedish Military Service Conscription Register on 1,551,670 men in Sweden, born between 1950 and 1987, who were conscripted for military service in the period 1969-2005. At the outset, their height and weight were measured.

Merging the conscription data

Merging the conscription data with three Swedish medical registered — the National Patient Register, the Intensive Care Register and the Cause of Death Register — revealed a clear connection between BMI

in adolescence and the risk of getting COVID-19, many years later, severely enough to require hospitalization. Even clearer was the link between BMI in the upper teens and needing intensive care for the disease.

For the study, the scientists divided the men into six groups, from underweight (BMI 15-18.5) to three levels of normal weight (18.5-20, 20-22.5 and 22.5-25), followed by overweight (25-30) and obesity (BMI of 30 or more). Of the whole group during the study year (2020), 4,315 men with COVID-19 required hospitalization; 729 of them received intensive care and 224 died from COVID-19.

An elevated risk of needing hospital care

Even for men who had been in the 22.5-25 BMI range in adolescence — that is, within the normal weight range — an elevated risk of needing hospital care for COVID-19 was found. The need increased successively with rising BMI results from the time of conscription 15 to 50 years earlier.

“At the population level, we

can see that being overweight in the late teens raises the risk of hospitalization and intensive care for COVID-19. For those with teenage obesity, the risk of admission to an intensive care unit is more than twice as high as for those with a BMI of 18.5-20,” said Josefina Robertson. A researcher at Sahlgrenska Academy, University of Gothenburg, a doctor specializing in infectious diseases at the Sahlgrenska University Hospital and the first author of the study.

Her colleague Maria Aberg is an associate professor at the School of Public Health and Community Medicine at Sahlgrenska Academy, a physician specializing in general medicine in the regional health, part of Region Vastra Gotaland, and the last author of the study.

Overweight as a risk factor

“Several studies have identified overweight as a risk factor for becoming severely ill with COVID-19, and we’re now showing that overweight and obesity even in early life plays a part,” Aberg said.

The fact that obesity could be linked to an elevated risk of becoming severely ill from various infectious diseases, such as influenza, is well known. Obesity has an adverse impact on the immune system and worsens a person’s propensity for inflammation, which can contribute to more serious infections.

In the present study, the early BMI values were found to accompany the men up to middle age. This is evident from the data from health tests known as health-profile assessments, devised by the Health Profile Institute (HPI), for 151,693 of the participants.

“It’s interesting to see that the men’s BMI in adolescence is a risk factor for severe COVID-19 many years later. A high BMI in the men’s teens also persisted into middle age, which is a trend that other studies have shown as well. That’s why it’s important to take preventive measures against obesity even at a young age, especially ahead of future viral pandemics,” Josefina Robertson concluded.

SOURCE : ANI

Myanmar Gazette

Duty-assignment of Head of Service Organization

THE State Administration Council has concurrently assigned Dr Sai Kyaw Naing Oo, Director-General of Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training of the Ministry of Science and Technology, to the duties of Permanent Secretary of the same ministry.

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Monday 14 March 2022)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is generally fair over the north and west central Bay, a few cloud over the east central Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 15 March 2022: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Taninthayi region and isolated in Shan, Kayin, Mon states. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states.

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

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of continuation of scattered rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi region and isolated in Kayin, Mon states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 March 2022: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 March 2022: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 March 2022: Partly cloudy.

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EARTHQUAKE NEWS

A strong earthquake of magnitude (6.7) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Southern Sumatra, Indonesia), latitude 0.77° S, longitude 98.49° E, depth (42) kilometers, about (1221) miles south-southeast of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (03) hr (39) min (24) sec M.S.T on 14 March 2022.

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History of fire engines displayed at Myanmar Fire Brigade Headquarters (Yangon)

MYANMAR Fire Brigade Headquarters (Yangon) has been preserving historical heritage at the museum featuring the ancient fire engines from the past generations.

Along with the modern lifestyle and the rapidly changing world, contemporary fire hazards are evolving. There are the pros and cons of fire which was discovered by human beings at an early age. Fire control is an innovative technology in the course of human evolution. However, the world is facing massive damage from fire hazards. Humans invented tools and used innovative technology to extinguish the fire. Nonetheless, not only ASEAN but also European countries experience extensive damage and huge loss caused by unexpected

fire hazards and natural disasters. The world countries started to invent fire engines, trucks and tools to mitigate the loss in fire accidents and laid down fire safety plans and developed coherent strategies for their own country.

There have been fire incidents since Myanmar Kingdoms. Fire safety measures and types of equipment such as sand, water, portable ladder and tools such as shovels, hooks, spades and picks were prepared. Fire-fighting vehicles, fire engines and tankers has been used in Myanmar since the colonial time. Yangon Municipal Fire Brigade was organized for fire safety measures. Stirrup hand-pump was used in Yangon, Mandalay and other big cities to extinguish incendiary bombs during World War II. This stirrup pump



Rapsey Hodge invented the first-ever horse-drawn steam fire engines in New York in 1841.

equipment was started to use in Germany in 17th Century AD and people in England doused the fire with the pumps during World War II. It was similar to the pump used to inflate the bicycle tire and it was the first-ever firefighting equipment used in Myanmar.

The hand pump was developed by Ctesibius. Myanmar Fire Brigade Headquarters started to use Mysto stirrup hand-pump made in 18th Century AD and has been preserving it until now. It is

the oldest and vintage firefighting tool. This iron stirrup pump with foot bracket was fitted with a 10 to 30-foot rubber hose. The base of the pump was placed in the bucket of water (with a capacity of nine gallons) and the hose could direct a stream onto a small fire. The weight of the pump is three to five pounds. It was a firefighting tool used on a manageable skill then.

Firefighting equipment and machines have been invented throughout the years. The devastating fire outbreaks have remained in history. The Great Fire of Rome swept across Rome before 1666. The Great Fire London occurred on 2 September 1666 and lasted six days, destroying over 13,200 houses and 87 churches. Approximately 80,000 people became fire victims. This catastrophe led England to form fire brigades and invent fire engines. Next, the destructive fire

happened in New York City. The major conflagrations were recorded in history.

Merryweather horse-drawn steam fire engine

Richard Newsham invented a fire pump with a capacity of 140 gallons per minute in England during 17th Century AD. Tozer hand-pump produced by Merryweather & Sons Co Ltd arrived in Myanmar in 1881, along with two steam fire engines. However, this firefighting vehicle was drawn by human beings at one mile per hour and had flaws to control the fire. Quick response to fire outbreaks is crucial so the horses are used to draw the vehicles.

Rapsey Hodge invented the first-ever horse-drawn steam fire engines in New York in 1841. It was upgraded to a self-driven motorized vehicle in 1897. Two steam fire engines in 1901, the two horses-drawn ladder truck in



Preserved fire pump made by France.



One of the oldest Dennis fire engine vehicles.



Vintage fire engine pump.

1904 (the aerial ladder can reach 80 feet) and four horses-drawn ladder trucks in 1907 were imported in Myanmar.

Merryweather self-propelled steam fire engine

The first self-propelled steam fire engine was produced by England, and Myanmar used them in 1909. The boiler pressure to run the steam engine was 100 psi to deliver 100 gallons per minute. Coal is used as fuel. This steam fire engine was displayed at the museum of Myanmar Fire Brigade Headquarters in Yangon as the ancient fire engine used in the fire extinguishing activities in the colonial era.

Merryweather petrol motor fire engine

The petrol-driven Merryweather fire engines were invented in England in 1928. They were generally equipped with their patented Hatfield reciprocating water pumps and fire-fighting activities with those fire engines were found in Yangon. Over the century, centrifugal

pump is the most common type of fire pump, with a capacity of 400 gallons per minute. This fire-fighting vehicle was preserved in Myanmar as well.

Dennis fire engine

Roll Royce petrol engine was earlier used in Dennis fire engines. Dennis fire engine with Centrifugal Pump was produced in 1948 by England, and it was used in the fires that happened in 1958 in Myanmar. It has been still used in today's fire extinguishing activities. The auxiliary fire brigade in Hinthada town entrusted that vehicle to headquarters. That ancient fire engine performed the firefighting tasks for over 70 years in Hinthada town. It was displayed at the ancient fire engines museum in Yangon.

Dennis incident support vehicle

The incident support vehicle with the use of Centrifugal Pump was produced in 1948 and they are used during the first parliamentary democracy period in Myanmar in 1964. It was stored



Yangon Fire Brigade members are trying to extinguish a fire incident using high-tech equipment.

at Myanmar Fire Brigade Headquarters.

Daihatsu three-wheeled car fire engine

Daihatsu three-wheeled car fire engine with Centrifugal Pump was for narrow roads and they are mostly used in the rural areas across Myanmar. It was produced by Japan in 1953-1954. They were used in late 1954 and it has remained as the ancient fire engine in the museum.

Daihatsu Pyitawtha three-wheeler

Daihatsu Pyitawtha three-wheeler with the use of petrol fuel was produced in 1954 by Japan and arrived in Myanmar in 1954. It was used in the parliamentary democracy period. The unique point of that fire vehicle is manual labelling in Myanmar.

The Land Rover incident support vehicle

The Land Rover incident support vehicle was produced



One of the ancient fire engines under the brand name-Fordson.

in 1954 by Japan and it was imported to Myanmar in the same year. This ancient fire vehicle with Centrifugal Pump can also reach narrow roads like a three-wheeler fire engine.

Fordson fire truck

Fordson fire truck equipped with Centrifugal Pump and water



The Land Rover incident support vehicle was produced in 1954 by Japan and it was imported to Myanmar in the same year.



One of the vintage firefighting engines Toyota (round head).



Daihatsu three-wheeled car fire engine with Centrifugal Pump was for narrow roads and they are mostly used in the rural areas across Myanmar.

tank was manufactured in 1960 by England and it was also used in the parliamentary democracy period from 1960.

Toyota round head fire truck

Toyota round head fire truck was manufactured in 1953 by Japan and Myanmar imported it in 1963. It was used to put out major fires under the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party.

Those aforementioned fire engines and vehicles are the oldest fire engines that contributed to the Myanmar Fire Brigade a lot in order to protect the lives and property of the people in the state and perform fire prevention, safety and rescue and service for environmental hazards.

Myanmar Fire Brigade enhanced its capacity and tried to meet the needs, with a fleet of fire trucks and equipment made in Poland.

Myanmar Fire Brigade preserved those vintage vehicles and kept the motoring heritage alive. The vintage fire engines are priceless, depicting the past generation's heritage and historical value. — Thitsa (MNA)/GNLM

Chinese cities and factories lock down as outbreak spreads



Visitors experience a VR game at the 23rd China Hi-Tech Fair (CHTF) in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province, 27 December 2021. **PHOTO: XINHUA/LIANG XU/FILE**

SEVENTEEN million people in the Chinese tech hub of Shenzhen began their first full day

under lockdown Monday, as a key factory making iPhones closed and restrictions spread across

Shanghai and other major cities in an effort to extinguish the biggest-ever threat to the nation's zero-tolerance Covid strategy.

The southern city of Shenzhen took the measures on Sunday as authorities battled an Omicron flare-up in factories and neighbourhoods linked to nearby Hong Kong, which is recording scores of daily deaths as the virus runs rampant.

Major Apple supplier Foxconn suspended its operations in Shenzhen, the company said Monday, as the lockdown bit hard into economic activity across the factory hub.

Shenzhen is one of ten areas nationwide to issue some level of stay-at-home order.

Health officials have warned tighter measures could be on their way, as concerns mount over the resilience of China's "zero-Covid" approach in the face of the highly-transmissible Omicron variant.

Authorities reported 2,300 new virus cases nationwide on Monday and almost 3,400 a day earlier, the highest daily figure in two years.

"There have been many small-scale clusters in urban villages and factories," Shenzhen city official Huang Qiang said at a Monday briefing.

"This suggests a high risk of community spread, and further precautions are still needed." — AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dutch economy feels pinch amid soaring inflation

RISING energy prices and the Russia-Ukraine conflict could exacerbate persistent inflation and drag down the average purchasing power of the Dutch to a 40-year low, bringing uncertainties to the economy still mired in lingering pains from the COVID-19 pandemic.

HIGHER PRICES

Inflation in the Netherlands this year is expected to reach 5.2 per cent, nearly doubling the 2.7-per-cent record in 2021, projected the Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis (CPB), an independent research agency under the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Climate Policy.

Higher inflation, reaching 6.2 per cent in February, means that Dutch consumers might see their purchasing power this year drop by 2.7 per cent, a 40-year low, or even by 3.4 per cent, said the CPB. — Xinhua ■

Agriculture giant Brazil nervously eyes Ukraine war

AGRICULTURAL powerhouse Brazil is nervously watching the impact of Russia's war on Ukraine, uncertain whether the upside — an expected boost to Brazil's corn exports — will outweigh the hit to its crucial fertilizer imports.

Brazil, a top exporter of agricultural products including beef, chicken, soy and corn, stands to gain a windfall from surging com-

modities prices, driven higher worldwide by the war.

But the country also depends heavily on imported fertilizer, and is facing a collapse in stock from top supplier Russia, whose exports have been hit hard by Western sanctions.

Corn has been particularly affected by the war.

Ukraine's invasion by Russia on February 24 has cast doubt on

whether either country — the world's fourth- and fifth-biggest corn exporters, respectively, in 2019-20 — will be able to make expected deliveries this year.

That is causing prices to soar, and could be a boon for Brazil, the number-three exporter. Its corn crop was hit hard last year by bad weather, including the worst drought in nearly a century. But the harvest stands to increase by

29 percent in 2021-22, according to the latest forecast from the National Supply Company (Conab).

"The corn price has hit one of the highest levels ever seen, making it attractive for Brazilian producers, a factor driving an increase in planting area" for the second harvest, the biggest of the year, said Joao Pedro Lopes of commodity-market analysis firm StoneX. — AFP ■

China's coal output grows to stabilize market supply

CHINA'S coal market has seen growth in output since late February amid the country's efforts to stabilize production and ensure supply, the top economic planner said.

The country's daily output of coal has maintained more than 12 million tonnes since late February, up 10 per cent year on year, the National Development and Reform Commission said.

Daily output of Shanxi Province, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and Shaanxi Province came in at over 9 million tonnes, the commission said, noting that high output has driven the coal supply to further increase.

The coal storage in China's power plants stood at 149 million tonnes, adding over 30 million tonnes from a year ago, the data showed.

Amid improving policies to stabilize production and supply, the coal output is expected to remain high and gradually increase, providing a solid foundation for stable coal prices, the commission added. — Xinhua ■

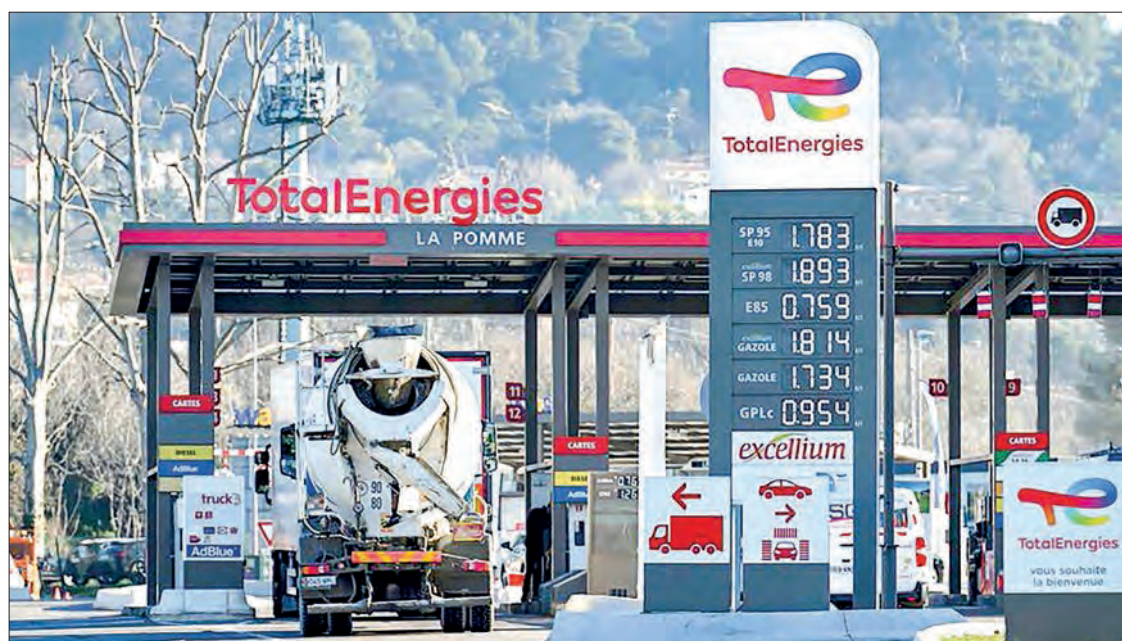
France announces 2.0-bn-euro fuel aid package

THE French government has announced a package worth 2.0 billion euros (\$2.2 billion) to help consumers struggling with soaring fuel prices, with the cost of filling up set to be cut at the pump.

French Prime Minister Jean Castex announced late Saturday that petrol and diesel prices would be reduced by 15 centimes per litre. The bill will be slashed by this amount when vehicle owners pay, with the state then reimbursing gas station owners for the difference. "That means every time you fill up for 60 euros, you save around nine euros," Castex said.

With petrol prices now topping two euros per litre at the pump in some areas, the government has come under pressure to reduce the impact on households.

It has also been under pressure to cut fuel taxes ahead of presidential elections next month, with more than half of



A picture taken on 18 January 2022, shows a truck entering a petrol station in Marseille, southern France, as oil prices hit their highest since 2014. **PHOTO: NICOLAS TUCAT/AFP**

prices at the pump made up of taxation. Underlying petrol and diesel costs are linked to global oil markets which have risen by around 30 per cent since the start

of the year due to strong global demand and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Last October, the government of President Emmanuel Macron announced a cap on gas

and electricity prices until the end of 2022 and handed out cheques to poor households to help them with their domestic energy bills — AFP ■

Shanghai tailors keep qipao dress tradition alive

ZHOU Zhuguang surveys his Shanghai workshop and rows of workers meticulously stitching high-collared Chinese dresses known as qipao, some of which sell for nearly \$5,000.

“It’s a highly skilled craft,” said Zhou, co-founder of Hanart, one of China’s most well-known qipao makers.

“Some of our tailors spend a lifetime learning to make qipao.”

The price tag also reflects enduring demand for the qipao, known as a cheongsam in Hong Kong and overseas Chinese communities. Drawing on traditional design elements, the dress was popularised in 1920s Shanghai, its form-fitting cut capturing the glamour of that free-wheeling

pre-communist era and the desire of Chinese women to liberate themselves from traditionally subservient roles. The qipao disappeared after the Communist Party—which considered it decadent and bourgeois—took power in 1949.

The dress’s comeback is due in part to producers like Zhou.

A mass-produced qipao, sometimes seen at weddings or other formal occasions, can be bought today for as little as 100 yuan (\$16). But Zhou, 59, has found a market for higher-end designs among well-heeled Chinese fashionistas.

Zhou previously dealt in lower-priced qipao before founding Hanart in 1998



Yang Zhenzhen, who owns a Shanghai qipao shop and is an online influencer of the dress style. PHOTO: AFP

in partnership with Chu Hongsheng, a legendary qipao designer who fitted Chinese film actresses and the wives and daughters of Shanghai mafia bosses. Chu died in 2017 at the age of 99. — AFP ■

Bermuda suspends licences for hundreds of Russian aircraft

BERMUDA says it is suspending certification of Russian planes licenced in the British overseas territory due to sanctions on Moscow, likely impacting hundreds of Russian commercial aircraft around the world.

The move could have critical effects including the grounding of a significant portion of the Russian fleet, more than 700 of which are believed to be licenced in Bermuda.

“International sanctions on the aviation sector have had a significant impact on the ability to sustain safety oversight on Russian operated aircraft on the Bermuda Aircraft Registry,” the Bermuda Civil Aviation Authority (BCAA) said late Saturday in a statement. The system has been restricted to such a degree that the BCAA “is unable to confidently approve these aircraft as being airworthy,” the agency said. — AFP ■

DECLARING OBJECTION TO CHANGE OF TRADE NAME

The distributor of the following two agricultural chemicals registered by **Jinbo Agrochemicals Technology Co.,Ltd** has been changed from **Myanmar Golden Byter Co.,Ltd** to **Anawrahta Production Co.,Ltd** in Myanmar market.

If you would like to object to the change in trade name for the following two modified drugs,you can come to the Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board within two weeks.

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2	King Of Mushroom 250 SC	K4-Zoxy 250 SC	Azoxystrobin 25% SC	Provisional	P2019-4585

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V GREEN CLARITY VOY.NO. (0258-048N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **15-3-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S EVERGREEN MARINE (S'PORE) PTE., LTD.

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINES



Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, who heads the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, delivers a speech at the party's convention in Tokyo on 13 March, 2022. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Kishida calls for unity at party convention to win upcoming election

PRIME Minister Fumio Kishida on Sunday asked ruling party lawmakers to unite as one to clinch a victory in the upcoming House of Councillors election and ensure a stable coalition government as Japan confronts “history-making” challenges such as COVID-19 and Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

Kishida, who spoke as president of the Liberal Democratic Party at its convention, underscored the importance of its coalition with its junior partner Komeito, dismissing an emerging view that their relationship has become awkward over cooperation in the election, possibly in July.

“Is there any other option than

LDP-Komeito that can be entrusted with governing the country when we face history-making challenges? I don’t think so,” Kishida told the convention.

“At times, upper house elections have triggered a big political change. Let us unite as one and secure a victory,” said Kishida, who was elected LDP president last September.

The party head vowed to bolster Japan’s defense and push for the LDP’s goal of revising the Constitution, condemning Russia’s “reckless” move to change the status quo by force as a challenge to the international order and peace.

He also vowed to ensure a return

to normal life after antivirus curbs and bolster steps to mitigate the impact of rising crude oil and other prices.

The party convention came as the Democratic Party for the People, an opposition party, has apparently been warming to the LDP, a potential sign of a change in the political landscape.

In its campaign policy approved Sunday, the LDP said it will “proactively promote policy dialogue with Ren-go and other friendly labour unions,” specifically mentioning the Japanese Trade Union Confederation, which has been a major source of support for the opposition bloc, including the DPP. —

Kyodo ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Afghan group rejects murdering polio vaccinators

AN Afghan group opposed to Taliban rule rejected on Sunday the police’s accusation that its members had killed polio vaccinators on a campaign to eradicate the crippling virus.

Police had said two members of the National Resistance Front (NRF) had been arrested in connection with killing seven vaccinators on 24 February in the northern province of Kunduz.

The NRF were the last group to hold out against the Taliban takeover last year, retreating to the Panjshir Valley, which eventually fell in September, weeks after the former government forces capitulated. The health workers were killed in separate attacks while on a house-to-house vaccine campaign. — AFP ■

Strong quakes shake Indonesia, Philippines but cause no damage

STRONG and shallow earthquakes shook western Indonesia and the Philippines’ main island early Monday, rattling buildings and sending panicked residents fleeing, but causing no casualties or damage. In Indonesia, a 6.7-magnitude earthquake hit off the west coast of Sumatra island and in the Philippines, a 6.4-magnitude tremor struck 110 kilometres (68 miles) off Luzon island, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) said.

Officials in both countries said there were no immediate reports of casualties or damage, and there was no tsunami threat from either quake. — AFP ■

Chile’s president hears indigenous people’s concerns on first day in office



President Gabriel Boric and his partner Irina Karamanos participate in an event with representatives of indigenous groups at La Moneda presidential palace in Santiago. **PHOTO: AFP**

ON his first day in office, Chile’s president broke new ground by participating in a ceremony with indigenous peoples at the presidential palace before attending mass in Santiago’s cathedral.

Seated in the center of a circle in a courtyard at the presidential palace, Gabriel Boric and the First Lady, Irina

Karamanos, listened one by one to concerns and wishes from representatives of seven indigenous tribes.

“Generating intercultural work and a new relation between the government and indigenous peoples is vital to the construction of a just and dignified Chile,” Boric, 36, tweeted after the ceremony.

In a statement, the president’s office said the ceremony “is part of a new conception of the territory as plurinational where respect, dialogue and participation will be emphasized.”

The representatives Boric met with came from the Yagan, Lican Antai, Mapuche Pewenche, Rapa Nui, Mapuche Lafkenche, Diaguita and Mapuche Futa Warria tribes. When he was sworn in on Friday, Boric broke with tradition by referring to indigenous Chileans, swearing to respect the Constitution before “all Chilean peoples” instead of just “the Chilean people.”

After the indigenous ceremony, Boric attended a Catholic mass at the Santiago cathedral with members of his cabinet — noteworthy for having an average age of 42 and being composed of 14 women and 10 men. — Xinhua ■

Iran says missile attack on Iraq’s Arbil targeted Israeli site

IRAN claimed responsibility for a missile strike Sunday on the northern Iraqi city of Arbil, saying it targeted an Israeli “strategic centre”.

Authorities in Iraq’s autonomous Kurdish region had earlier said 12 ballistic missiles rained down on Arbil in a pre-dawn attack targeting US interests that slightly wounded two civilians and caused material damage.

The missiles came from beyond Iraq’s eastern border, Kurdistan’s counter-terrorism unit announced — in effect saying they were fired from Iran, a nation which wields considerable political and economic influence over Baghdad. Iran’s Revolutionary Guards later confirmed they fired the projectiles, claiming they were targeting sites used by Israel, a top ally of the US.

A “strategic centre for conspiracy and mischiefs of the Zionists was targeted by powerful precision missiles fired by the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps”, the Guards said in a statement. Sunday’s assault comes nearly a week after the Guards — Iran’s ideological army — vowed to avenge the death of two of their officers killed in a rocket attack in Syria they blamed on Israel. — AFP ■



Twelve ballistic missiles were fired on the northern Iraqi city of Arbil causing material damage and wounding two civilians. Iran claimed responsibility for the assault saying it targeted a ‘strategic’ Israeli facility. **PHOTO: AFP**

Ukraine seeking ceasefire, troop withdrawal at talks with Russia



A truck convoy loaded up with Chinese aid destined for western Ukraine prepares to leave Romania. **PHOTO: CHINESE EMBASSY IN ROMANIA**

THE Ukrainian delegation is seeking a ceasefire and a troop withdrawal during the peace talks with Russia, Ukrainian Presidential Advisor Mykhailo Podolyak, also a member of the delegation, said Monday.

“Our positions remain

unchanged: peace, immediate ceasefire, withdrawal of all Russian troops,” Podolyak said in a video statement on Twitter.

Ukraine will be ready to talk about any neighborly relations and political settle-

ments with Russia only after the implementation of these positions, Podolyak said.

The fourth round of negotiations between Ukrainian and Russian delegations was scheduled for Monday via video link. — Xinhua ■

Thousands of Russians scramble to leave Thailand as sanctions hit

THOUSANDS of Russian tourists in Thailand are struggling to find a route home, Thai officials said Sunday, as international sanctions imposed over the war in Ukraine hit holiday-makers.

Russia’s invasion in February provoked a host of international measures targetting businesses and banks, with some Russian carriers cancelling flights and global payment firms suspending services.

Russians tourists have been among the largest group of visitors to return to Thailand’s beachside resorts since

pandemic restrictions eased, but many now find themselves without a return ticket. Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) official Chattan Kunjara Na Ayudhya said 3,100 Russians were stuck in Phuket, while just over 2,000 were in Samui, and smaller numbers were in Krabi, Phang Nga and Bangkok.

The ministry was working on helping those who wanted to return home, he said, including “discussion on return flights which could be regular or special flights”. Russian tourist and mother-of-three Evgenia

Gozorskaia said her family discovered their return Aeroflot tickets had been cancelled.

“We are very nervous because the children are very small, we don’t have enough money to live here,” said the 41-year-old psychologist who arrived from Moscow with her husband and children — aged seven, four and two — on 27 February.

“We want to go tomorrow to the airport, but I don’t know what the situation will be,” she said from Phuket, adding that they were supposed to fly home March 28.— AFP ■



Russians tourists have been among the largest group of visitors to return to Thailand’s beachside resorts since pandemic restrictions eased. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

NEWS DIGEST

Russia-Ukraine News Rolling updates

The following is the latest list of selected news summaries.

EXTERNAL electricity supplies have been restored at Ukraine’s Chernobyl nuclear power plant, four days after its disconnection from the power grid, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) said Sunday.

Ukraine’s regulatory authorities told the IAEA that Ukrainian specialist teams repaired one of the two damaged power lines at Chernobyl on Sunday, enabling all required off-site power to be delivered to the plant, the United Nations nuclear watchdog said in a daily statement. The plant will be connected to the Ukrainian electricity grid on Monday morning, according to Ukraine’s regulator.

“This is a positive development as the Chernobyl nuclear power plant has had to rely on emergency diesel generators for several days now,” the IAEA Director-General Rafael Grossi said. “However, I remain gravely concerned about safety and security at Chernobyl and Ukraine’s other nuclear facilities.”

NEAR half of Russia’s roughly 640 billion US dollars of gold and foreign currency reserves has been frozen, Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov said Sunday.

Siluanov said on a Russian TV programme that Russia will pay roubles to its debt holders. He said that the current conflict in Ukraine has not been easy for Russian financial institutions. Still, the country’s capital reserves have made it possible for banks under severe restrictions to function.

“Of course, we have enough money to ensure the production of vital goods. The Central Bank will provide the necessary liquidity to the financial system,” he said.

EXPLOSIONS were heard on Sunday in Ukraine’s western city of Lviv at about 6 am local time (0400 GMT).

Earlier in the day, air raid alerts went off in Lviv at 3:30 am local time, with residents rushing to bomb shelters for security.

In an attack dangerously close to NATO member Poland, Russian air strikes Sunday on a Ukrainian military training ground near the border killed at least 35 people and wounded more than 130.

Zelensky on Monday renewed his call for NATO to impose a no-fly zone following the attack near the western city of Lviv.

“If you do not close our sky, it is only a matter of time before Russian missiles fall on your territory, on NATO territory, on the homes of NATO citizens,” Zelensky said in a video address.

AS Russia’s war in Ukraine entered its 18th day, a video journalist from the US, best known for producing humanitarian stories from conflict zones, has been killed in Irpin outside the city of Kyiv in Ukraine.

The Kyiv police official shared images of the journalist’s body, as well as his press ID and US passport.

The press ID showed the reporter as an employee of the New York Times, but the prestigious US daily said that the man was not working for them at the moment of his death.

Russian troops inch closer to Kyiv. The bulk of Russian ground forces is about 15.5 miles (25 kilometres) from the centre of the Ukrainian capital.

Source: Xinhua/Kyodo/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.

MFF announces vacancy for U-16 team’s head coach position

THE Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) has recently announced that qualified candidates may apply for the vacant head coach position for the Myanmar U-16 national team which will compete in international

tournaments in 2022.

Applicant must be a male AFC (A) licence holder and a citizen of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

They must be between 35 and 55 years old and be in good

health. And, they must have coached professional level football teams, MFF officials said.

Applicants for the above position must submit their CV Form by 21 March at the latest.

They can send their applications to Email – adm_mff@mff-ma.com – together with the applicant photo, copy of AFC (A) Licence Certification, copy of National Identity Card, and census copy.

They can also apply in person at the MFF headquarters at Thuwunna Football Stadium, Waizayanta Road, Thuwunna, Thingangyun Township, officials added. — GNLM

Sancho starting to show best form for Man Utd, says Rangnick



Manchester United forward Jadon Sancho. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

JADON Sancho is starting to show his true talent following a slow start to life as a Manchester United player, says interim boss Ralf Rangnick.

Sancho arrived at Old Trafford from Borussia Dortmund for a fee of £73 million (\$95 million) in July following a protracted pursuit by United but struggled to make an impact under Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

The England forward, who did not score a goal until November, has been a regular starter under Rangnick, who took over the reins at Old Trafford after

Solskjaer was sacked in the same month.

The 21-year-old produced another impressive performance as United beat Tottenham 3-2 on Saturday, providing the assist for the second goal of Cristiano Ronaldo’s hat-trick.

Rangnick said he was excited by Sancho’s return to form.

“They paid quite a few pounds for him in order to lure him away from Borussia Dortmund and if you pay that amount of money in a transfer fee for a player he should perform on this kind of level,” said the German.

“At the end, they are all human beings. The mere fact he cost a lot of money does not mean that he is playing at that level to start with.

“He told me that of course it was a problem for him to get adjusted to the intensity of the league, to the physicality of the league. Now he has managed to do that. I’m happy to see him play at that kind of level right now.”

Rangnick said the winger “is now getting closer to the Jadon Sancho I’ve known from Germany”, adding “in the end it’s all about confidence”. — AFP ■

Inter gift Milan the upper hand after drawing at Torino

INTER Milan handed local rivals AC Milan the advantage in the Serie A title race on Sunday despite snatching a last-gasp 1-1 draw at Torino, as Napoli leapfrogged them into second place with a 2-1 win at Verona.

Alexis Sanchez hit the leveler in the third minute of stoppage time of a entertaining encounter in Turin which left Inter in third, four points behind Milan.

Simone Inzaghi’s side have

a game in hand, but they are now looking over their shoulders at Juventus, who are only three points behind their old rivals in fourth after stringing together a 14-match unbeaten run.

That would have been unthinkable at the turn of the year when Inter were four points clear at the top and 12 ahead of Juve. Sanchez’s equalizer was laid on by Edin Dzeko, who was Inter’s worst culprit in front of

goal after heading just wide on the hour and then nodding over from point-blank range moments before his Chilean teammate did the honours. However Inter could easily have lost after a deeply disappointing display. After Brazilian defender Bremer gave the hosts the lead with 11 minutes gone, Samir Handanovic brilliantly tipped wide Armando Izzo’s free header in the 64th minute.— AFP ■



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