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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 holds talks with Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen through videoconferencing



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing has the videoconferencing conversation with Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Hun Sen on 2 May 2022.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing held talks with Prime Minister of Cambodia Samdech Akka Moha Sena Padei Techo Hun Sen through videoconferencing yesterday morning.

The talks featured a lot of deaths and injuries of innocent people comprising members of the Sangha, teachers, medical doctors, nurses, public service personnel such as ward and vil-

lage administrators and mothers and children in the murdering and terror acts of so-called PDF terrorists in Myanmar, loss and damage of government-owned buildings, private and public buildings in sabotages, controlling the response of the rights of self-defence acts to the terror acts as much as possible, regarding for the statement of ceasefire, granting pardon for law breakers on the humanitarian ground despite taking action against them,

announcing the ceasefire for restoring the perpetual peace and invitation extended by the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services to ethnic armed organizations to the peace talks on ceasefire measures, **terror acts which happened in some areas based on EAOs which do not follow the ethics but break the NCA**, constant pledge of the government for participation of EAOs to the peace talks, a plan to build the Union based on democracy and federal sys-

tem the entire people aspire to, progress of taking preventive, control and treatment measures of COVID-19, plans to distribute humanitarian aid to be provided by ASEAN, cooperation in arranging the further visit of ASEAN Chair's special envoy to Myanmar, cooperation of ASEAN with Myanmar in related regional issues although the Tatmadaw's serving the State responsibilities was internal affairs with political declaration for the state of emergency due

to electoral problems, progress of implementing the five-point ASEAN consensus, needs of constructive cooperation among ASEAN countries, and continuous cooperation of Myanmar for its best.

Also present at the meeting were Joint Secretary of the SAC Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Ko Ko Hlaing, deputy ministers and officials. — MNA

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Retirement Grant from duties of Union Minister

THE State Administration Council has granted Union Minister U Aung Than Oo of the Ministry of Electricity and Energy the retirement from his duties under Section 419 of the Constitution.

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Order No 33/2022
3rd Waxing of Kason 1384 ME
2 May 2022

Reconstitution of Union Ministry

THE State Administration Council has reconstituted the Ministry of Electricity and Energy as the following Union Ministries under Section 419 of the Constitution so that the electricity and energy sector can be more effectively implemented: -

(1) Ministry of Electric Power
(2) Ministry of Energy

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Order No 34/2022
3rd Waxing of Kason 1384 ME
2 May 2022

Appointment and Duty-Assignment of Union Minister

THE State Administration Council has appointed and assigned U Thaung Han to the duties of Union Minister for the Ministry of Electric Power and has concurrently assigned him the responsibilities of Union Minister for the Ministry of Energy under Section 419 of the Constitution.

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant -General
Secretary

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Order No 35/2022
3rd Waxing of Kason 1384 ME
2 May 2022

Appointment and Duty-Assignment of Member of Union Election Commission

THE State Administration Council has appointed and assigned Deputy Minister U Min Min Oo of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation as a Member of the Union Election Commission under Section 419 of the Constitution.

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Order No 36/2022
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2 May 2022

Re-assignment to original military duties

THE State Administration Council has reassigned Lt-Gen Than Hlaing appointed as Deputy Minister for Home Affairs under Section 419 of the Constitution, concurrently assigned duty to him as the Chief of Myanmar Police Force, to discharge original military duties.

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
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2 May 2022

Deputy Minister appointed and concurrently assigned to the duties of Chief of Myanmar Police Force

THE State Administration Council has appointed and assigned Major-General Zin Min Htet to the duties of Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Home Affairs and concurrently assigned him the duties of Chief of Myanmar Police Force under Section 419 of the Constitution.

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Order No 38/2022
3rd Waxing of Kason 1384 ME
2 May 2022

Deputy Minister transferred and appointed

THE State Administration Council has transferred and appointed Deputy Minister U Tun Ohn for the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture as Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation under Section 419 of the Constitution.

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Order No 39/2022
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2 May 2022

Appointment and Assignment of Deputy Ministers

THE State Administration Council has appointed and assigned the following persons to the duties of Deputy Ministers of the Ministries shown against each of their names under Section 419 of the Constitution.

(1) Dr Moe Zaw Tun
(2) U Min Thu
(3) Dr Aung Zeya
(4) U Thant Sin

Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation
Ministry of Electric Power
Ministry of Energy

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary

This year is identified as the Year of Peace

THIS year is the pre-year of the Diamond Jubilee Independence Day. So, we have to make utmost efforts to enjoy the fruits of Independence and democratic administration fully. Hence, this year is identified as the Year of Peace. We are trying our best to restore the peace and tranquillity of the entire nation.

(Excerpt from New Year Message of greetings delivered by Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on the New Year occasion in 1384 Myanmar Era Myanmar New Year Day on 17-4-2022)

Tatmadaw members must continue strengthening military unity: Vice-Senior General



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win meets Tatmadaw members and families in Khamaukgyi, Bokpyin and Kyunsu stations yesterday.

THE primary duty of the Tatmadaw is to defend the State, so the Tatmadaw members are to apply the military technology to secure the success in serving the interests of the State, said Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win in meeting

with Tatmadaw members and families in Khamaukgyi, Bokpyin and Kyunsu stations separately, yesterday. In his speech, the Vice-Senior General said that the Tatmadaw is participating in implementing the national aim of the prosperity of the nation and food sufficiency under the guidance of the Prime Minister. The Tatmadaw members,

with sacrifices, overcame the difficulties in the third wave of COVID-19 together with loyal staff and people. They joined the vaccination of COVID-19 across the nation, much contributing to the nearest cent per cent vaccination to the people above 18 years at the end of 30 April 2022 in accord with the guidance of the Prime Minister.

The Vice-Senior General stressed that Tatmadaw members are preventing the destructive acts and dangers against the country round the clock while carrying out agriculture and livestock tasks in regiments and units to ensure food sufficiency. Officials need to arrange smooth and convenient processes for service members and families as the State fulfils the basic needs, health and education care. Tatmadaw members must continue strengthening military unity. In such doings, they all have mutual trust and understandable vertical relations between them with the family spirit.

The primary duty of the Tatmadaw is to defend the State, so the Tatmadaw members are to apply the military technology to secure the success in serving the interests of the State. They all have to take security measures with relentless efforts to ensure the perpetuity of the State the forefathers established for many

years. If so, they will become the servicemen on whom the State, the people and the Tatmadaw rely. He stressed that all Tatmadaw members have to exercise healthy lifestyles by following strengthening and health awareness directives. The Vice-Senior General then fulfilled the needs of Tatmadaw members and families.

He then presented foodstuffs to Tatmadaw members and families through officials. In the afternoon, the Vice-Senior General comforted Tatmadaw members, families and people receiving medical treatment at the military hospital in Bokpyin.

The Vice-Senior General presented foodstuffs and aid to those patients after asking after them. He viewed the hospital and attended to the needs.

Yesterday morning, the Vice-Senior General inspected the raising of layers, breeding of broilers, DYL pigs and dairy cows, and cultivation of seasonal crops at the local battalion in Kawthoung.—MNA



The Vice-Senior General is encouraging Tatmadaw members receiving medical treatment at the military hospital in Bokpyin.

SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win inspects South Dagon Oil Palm Cultivation Project, meets town elders, departmental officials in Khamaukgyi



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win hears the report on the South Dagon Oil Palm Cultivation Project in Bokpyin Township on 2 May 2022.

VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win inspected the milling of oil palm nuts at South Dagon Oil Palm Cultivation Project in Bokpyin Township yesterday afternoon.

Project director U Maung Maung Latt reported on the factory project, plans and im-

plementation, and cultivation of oil palm plants.

In his response, the Vice-Senior General discussed the use of high-quality oil palm strains among varieties, priority on the selection of quality strains suitable for the regions, the establishment of SME level manageable palm oil mills for the creation of jobs and development of the regions, preparations for Taninthayi Region

to be an oil pot of the State in accord with the guidance of the Prime Minister, production of finished oil for ensuring oil sufficiency in the region and construction of necessary infrastructures.

He viewed measuring the weight of oil palm fruits at the South Dagon Crude Palm Oil Factory, inspecting the quality of fruits, steaming the fruits, milling, and producing crude



The Vice-Senior General views the measuring of weight of oil palm fruits.



The Vice-Senior General meets town elders and departmental officials in Khamaukgyi.

palm oil.

South Dagon Oil Palm Cultivation Project commenced on 15 May 1995 to ensure local oil sufficiency, reduce imported oil, create job opportunities in the region, develop the region, and establish a sustainable agricultural system without harming the natural environment.

The Vice-Senior General met town elders and departmental officials at the station hall in Khamaukgyi, gave instructions on regional development measures and attended to the needs.

Chief Minister of the region U Myat Ko, who accompanied the Vice-Senior General, fulfilled regional development requirements in meeting with departmental officials in Bokpyin and Kyunsu townships. Deputy ministers also met with staff at relevant departments and gave instructions. — MNA

Myanmar strongly protests and rejects the remarks of the Malaysian Foreign Minister proposing ASEAN establish informal engagement with terrorist group so-called the National Unity Government (NUG)

THE Ministry has observed a news article published in the Malaymail on 1 May 2022 entitled “Malaysia will propose ASEAN to establish an informal engagement with the National Unity Government (NUG), says the Foreign Minister”.

The Ministry recalls the fact that the Anti-Terrorism Central Committee of Myanmar has officially declared the unlawful associations – the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH), the National Unity Government (NUG), People’s Defence Force (PDF) and all their subordinates – as terrorist groups by its Notification No. 2/2021 on 8 May 2021 under the Anti-Terrorism Law of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The Ministry strongly protests and rejects the irresponsible and reckless remarks and proposals made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia. Such remarks could abet terrorism and violence in the country, hampering the Myanmar Government’s anti-terrorism efforts and infringe international agreements related to combatting terrorism. The Ministry cautions the government officials and parliamentarians of Malaysia against making contacts or communicating as well as providing support and assistance to those terrorist groups and their representatives in future.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw
Dated, 2 May 2022

MoPF Union Minister receives Japan-Myanmar Association Chairman

UNION Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein received Chairman Mr Watanabe Hideo of the Japan-Myanmar Association at his ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The meeting focused on assistance from Japan for Myanmar’s economic development and bilateral cooperation on economic and financial matters.

This meeting was also par-

ticipated by Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win and the director-general of the Treasury Department. — MNA

The MoPF Union Minister receives the Japan-Myanmar Association Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.



Supervision to be made to ensure people can buy petrol at a stable price



SUPERVISION will be made to ensure that the people can buy and use fuel oil at a stable price, according to Chairman Dr Maung Maung Naing of the Nay Pyi Taw Council.

He made the remarks at a briefing to the Nay Pyi Taw Council and Nay Pyi Taw Oil and Petroleum Products Sub-

committee on measures to ensure fuel security and price stability yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

In addition, the Nay Pyi Taw Council will provide necessary assistance to the Petroleum Products Supervision and Inspection Department’s activities. The Nay Pyi Taw Council

chairman also instructed the department to carry out laboratory tests on the quality of imported fuel oil in carrying out the duties and responsibilities of importing, storing and distribution.

He also called for more effective control over compliance with the import, storage and distribution of fuel oil to ensure quality and quantity.

According to the prices of petrol sold by the Denko petrol station on 1 May 2022, Octane 92 is priced at K1,960, Octane 95 at K2,020, Premium Diesel at K2,345 and Diesel at K2,320 in Yangon. Octane 92 is valued at K2,000, Octane 95 at K2,145, Premium Diesel at K2,375, and Diesel at K2,340 in Mandalay. Octane 92 is priced at K2,000, Octane 95 at K2,100, Premium Diesel at K2,400, and Diesel at K2,365 in Nay Pyi Taw. —Htun Htun/GNLM

MoSWRR Union Minister inspects Emergency Operation Centre

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Thet Thet Khine inspected the work procedures of the Emergency Operation Centre of the Department of Disaster Management yesterday.

During the visit, she mainly examined the announcement of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology and reporting system of necessary disaster management information through the continuous access to the world meteorological websites

to the responsible authorities.

She also stressed the need to accelerate the momentum in conducting natural disaster management activities, prepare systematic responses based on experiences regarding deep depression 91B Invest occurred in March and watch weather conditions to carry out necessary things in a timely manner.

Then, the deputy minister gave instructions regarding preparations for the pre-monsoon period. —MNA

14 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 2 May, total figure rises to 612,914

MYANMAR’S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **612,914** after **14** new cases were reported on 2 May 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **591,847** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll stands at **19,434** without more casualties. —MNA

Special thanks to all the media for presenting a fair review of the facts in both voices: SAC Information Team Leader Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun

SPECIAL thanks to some local/foreign media outlets for providing actual events and fair review, said Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun, Leader of the State Administration Council's Information Team, at the 13th press conference of the Information Team held on 27 April in Nay Pyi Taw.

The team leader also added that it is unfortunate that some media outlets had made accusations against such ethical media. He said Chairman of the State Administration Council Senior General Min Aung Hlaing emphasizes the

media as the fourth estate of the country. He gave instructions to communicate between the Tatmadaw and the media since he has served his duties as the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services. The Tatmadaw Information Team was formed and liaised with the Press Council, and workshops were held to speed up the flow of information between the Tatmadaw and the media.

The workshops were open to the media and started with explanations of the questions raised by the media. A total of six workshops were held,

and the Tatmadaw press conference started on 18 January 2019, he said.

In seven years, a total of six workshops and 38 press conferences were held. The first press conference after the Tatmadaw took over the state was held on 16 February 2021.

— MNA

SAC's Information Team Leader Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun.



COVID-19 tests conducted using RDT for passengers arriving by commercial flights at Yangon International Airport



The Rapid Diagnostic Test-RDT is underway for the commercial flight passengers.

AS the COVID-19 infection/death rates decline in most the world countries, the COVID-19 restrictions have been eased on those who are fully vaccinated.

Myanmar also allowed the resumption of commercial flights starting 17-4-2022 and eased the health restrictions step by step to improve international tourism due to the declining infection rate and high COVID-19 vaccine coverage in the country.

The Yangon International Airport took COVID tests using RT-PCR for the passengers following 24 hours waiting time system, and the results showed decreasing rate.

For further easing of health rules for commercial flight passengers, the Public Health and Health Services Departments and Airport Health Unit started using the COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Diagnostic Test (RDT) at Yangon International Airport beginning 1 May on Myanmar citizens who must have RT-PCR negative test results received within 72 hours before they arrive in Myanmar, COVID-19 vaccination certificates recognized by the Ministry of Health, Health Declaration, and tourists who must have health insurance of the Myanma Insurance in

addition to these documents.

There were 850 passengers on eight commercial flights on 1 May, and none of them was positive after their RDT tests.

The commercial flight passengers to Yangon International Airport can conduct their COVID-19 tests in line with the health rules within one or two hours at a low cost, and they can make their trip in a short while.

A total of 7,550 passengers entered the country by 92 flights between 17-4-2022 and 1-5-2022, and the government also operated relief flights for the citizens stranded in foreign countries.

— MNA

Public Notification

THE Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee was reconstituted under the State Administration Council's Order No 366/2021 dated 10.12.2021, and action is being taken effectively against illegal trade under the law.

The following telephone numbers, fax and email address can be reached to safely report information in connection with illegal trade.

Auto telephone number	- 067 409 883
Mobile phone	- 09 404339969
Fax	- 067 409 886
Email address	- antiillegaltradeinfo@gmail.com

Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee

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Regarding the "request for money from departmental organizations in conducting trade", the following numbers can be reached to safely report such information.

Auto telephone number	- 067 409 881
Mobile phone	- 09 699611116
Fax	- 067 409 887
Email address	- antiillegaltradeoffice@gmail.com

Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee

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LOCAL BUSINESS

Squid fishing business thrives in close season this year



There are over 300 registered large vessels and 500 small vessels for squid fishing in Myeik District, Taninthayi Region. Myanmar's squids are primarily shipped to markets in China and Thailand.

THE squid fishing business flourished during the close season this year because of a good price, squid fishing vessel operators said.

“The close season of squid fishing was at the end of April. Squid fishing normally runs between October and April. Squids fetch a handsome price in the close season. The squid prices touch a high of K160,000 per 10-viss tray (a viss equals 1.6 kilograms) in Dawei city. They are offered K140,000 per tray in Myeik city. This year, the squid industry is thriving,” said U Min Tun, chair of the Myeik District Squid Entrepreneurs Association.

According to the Fisheries Department, the fishing season ended in March, yet the squid fishing vessels were allowed to

operate one more month until April.

“Hike in fuel oil prices added additional cost on fishing vessels. Yet the businesses prospered because of the high price in the close season. We expect a decline in oil prices in the coming year. A vessel owner elaborated that the vessel operators have to take a risk with the prevailing market rate,” said a trawler owner.

The vessels returned to their respective ports. Maintenance activities are being carried out.

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Only when China eases virus policy can Muse border trade recover: MRWD

ONLY if China lifts COVID restrictions can Muse border trade revive, said U Min Thein, the Muse Rice Wholesale Depot vice-chair.

China banned Myanmar trucks and drivers from entering its side because of the COVID-19 protocols, and only Chinese short-haul drivers are allowed to transport the goods.

As a result, the cost of Chinese short-haul trucking tremendously rose to K10 million per truck, whereas the trucking was worth only K700,000-K800,000 when Myanmar truckers were allowed to enter China, he continued.

“China permits only their trucks for freight forwarding service because of the COVID rules. Myanmar's trucks cannot enter China, and there is a shortage of China's trucking services. If Myanmar trucks are allowed to enter China's border, transportation costs will certainly drop. Another trade barrier is a red tape of the COVID regulations,” he elaborated.

Therefore, the rice and broken rice export volume plunges from 60,000 to 4,000 bags per day, U Min Thein stressed.

The exports of rice and broken rice drastically fell in the past mini-budget period (October 2021-March 2022). Border trade saw exports of 76,000 tonnes only out of 1.4 million tonnes in overall export.

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 and other food commodities to China through Kyinsankyawt post with about 30 trucks.

Myanmar has opened five border trade zones with China — Muse, Lwejel, Kampaiti, Chinshwehaw and Kengtung. Most of the trade is carried out through the Muse land border, the Ministry of Commerce's data indicated. — NN/GNLM

Stock trading slightly rises in April 2022



Data indexings are seen at the Yangon bourse.

THE equity market sees a slight increase in trading in April as against that recorded in March 2022, the Yangon Stock Exchange's monthly price data indicated.

A total of 61,435 shares valued at US\$282 million by seven listed companies were traded on the exchange in January 2022, and the trading volume rose to 80,291 shares in February, with an estimated value of K414.9 million. A total of 52,408 shares with an estimated value of K233.634 million were traded on the exchange in March 2022. Last month, the trading value slightly rose to K276 million, with 53,059 shares traded on the exchange, according to the monthly report of the YSE.

At present, shares of seven listed companies — First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar

Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co. Ltd (TMH), the Ever Flow River Group Public Co., Ltd (EFR) and Amata Holding Public Co., Ltd. (AMATA) were traded in the equity market. The share prices per unit were closed at K7,600 for FMI, K2,600 for MTSH, K7,700 for MCB, K18,000 for FPB, and K2,600 for TMH K2,600 for EFR and K4,900 for AMATA respectively in April.

Regardless of the collapse of the stock markets worldwide, the local equities market has continued operating without stopping trading.

Additionally, YSE launched a pre-listing board (PLB) on 28 September 2020 in order to provide unlisted public companies with fund-raising opportunities and

build a bridge toward listing on YSE. This month, YSE is planning to hold a free webinar regarding the legal aspects of SECM and the registration criteria of PLB.

Next, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Myanmar (SECM) has allowed foreigners to invest in the local equity market since 20 March 2020.

Only K4.63 billion valued in 887,969 shares by seven listed companies were traded on the exchange in 2021, showing a significant drop of 63 per cent as against 2020, according to the annual report released by the exchange.

In 2020, K12.6 billion worth of 1.87 million shares by six listed companies were traded on YSE. In contrast, over 2.4 million shares from five listed companies, valued at K13.39 billion, were traded on the exchange in 2019.

The YSE was launched four years ago to improve the private business sector. It disseminates rules and regulations regarding the stock exchange and knowledge of share trading through stock investment webinars and training courses.

Those enthusiastic can also join the YSE Telegram channel to easily access daily stock market updates, event info, market research and investor learning tips. — KK/GNLM

OPINION

Cooperate with relevant ministry in census enumeration

DATA in an enumeration of the census is of great importance for all countries. The correct and accurate census proves the smooth process and success of many country issues. As such, it is necessary to store the data on census and research records for functions of immigration and population.

Governments in successive eras, including British colonialists, have enumerated the census of Myanmar since 1872. During the period from 1881 to 1942, censuses were collected once a decade. There were 7.7 million population in Myanmar mentioned in the census of 1891.

In Myanmar's monarchical era, Myanmar's kings assessed the country's population based on the revenue surveys, but they did not manage the enumeration of the census. In the British colonial era, the relevant government emphasized the collection of the census population.

Only when any country can get correct and accurate data on the population will it benefit the State and the people. That is why all the people should cooperate with the relevant ministry in successfully enumerating the population census and households across the nation.

coordinating the census measures with correct leadership.

The population census can bring the advantages of adopting the policy to harmoniously develop the State's social, economic and management measures and implement the projects for the development of the State by using the population data to be obtained from the censuses. Currently, the census is reliable not only for population data but for social-economic measures such as education, health, employment, rate of giving birth, death rate, older persons, disabled, migration and households.

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Bigger FDI realized capital propels Vietnam's economic recovery from pandemic

ALONG with smaller registered capital of foreign direct investment (FDI) projects in the first four months of this year, Vietnam has continued to see bigger realized capital that helps boost its economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Vietnam licenced 454 new FDI projects with a total registered capital of 3.7 billion US dollars between January and April, recording an increase of 0.7 per cent in the project number while a decline of 56.3 per cent in the registered capital compared to the same period last year, said the General Statistics Office.

However, in the four-month period, 323 operational FDI projects increased their capital by roughly 5.3 billion US dollars, posting a year-on-year surge of 92.5 per cent. Meanwhile, realized capital of FDI projects surpassed 5.9 billion US dollars, up 7.6 per cent year on year.

In the first quarter of this year, realized capital of FDI projects stood at more than 4.4 billion US dollars, witnessing a year-on-

year rise of 7.8 per cent, the highest growth in the last five years, said the office.

Manufacturing and processing sectors

Among the realized capital of over 4.4 billion US dollars, more than 3.4 billion US dollars, or 77.8 per cent of the total, came from manufacturing and processing sectors; 8.6 per cent from electricity, gas, hot water and air conditioning production and distribution; and 7.9 per cent from real estate trading.

Realized capital of FDI projects in Vietnam also increased remarkably in the 2012-2019 period, by an average nearly 10.4 per cent a year. More and more foreign capital are being poured into manufacturing, processing, science and technology sectors.

"Bigger FDI realized capital reflects foreign investors' hope on Vietnam's economic recovery. The bigger amount of money means expanded production of economic sectors, creating favourable conditions for eco-

nomie recovery amid the global pandemic and economic growth in the coming months," Do Thi Thu, a lecturer at the Banking Academy of Vietnam, told Xinhua on Saturday.

The convergence of FDI, both registered capital and realized capital in manufacturing and processing sectors and some other industrial sectors is an important factor for accelerating economic restructure to the modernity and sustainability, contributing to enhancing the capacity of launching more value-added products and services in 2022 and the following years, she said.

Nguyen Mai, head of Vietnam Association of Foreign Invested Enterprises, has predicted FDI realized capital would rise some 10 per cent this year, while registered capital would increase by 10-15 per cent. The country attracted nearly 31.2 billion US dollars in total foreign investment in 2021, up 9.2 per cent from 2020, with top foreign investors being Singapore, South Korea, Japan and China.



Photo taken on 22 September 2021 shows an industrial area in Bac Giang province, Vietnam. **PHOTO: VNA/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

Many free trade agreements, especially the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP), have already taken effect, bringing trade advantages to Vietnam, and subsequently stimulating investment, including FDI in the country, he told local reporters.

Contributing factors to continuous flows of FDI into the Southeast Asian country in general and bigger FDI realized capital in particular include stable, favourable investment and business climate, effective investment promotion campaigns at home and abroad, low labour cost, basic

containment of COVID-19, timely resumption of international tourism from 15 March, and more simplified entry-exit procedures for foreigners, according to officials and experts.

Using electronic visas

In late April, the Vietnam-

ese government decided to allow foreigners to enter Vietnam using electronic visas through Van Don International Airport in the northern province of Quang Ninh, expanding the list of such airports in the country to total nine, which include Noi Bai in capital Hanoi, Tan Son Nhat in the southern Ho Chi Minh City, Cam Ranh in the central province of Khanh Hoa, and Phu Quoc in the southern province of Kien Giang.

Le Xuan Dong, head of market research and consulting services at FiinGroup, a leading financial data and analytics provider in Vietnam, said the country has recently adopted more measures to support enterprises, improve business environment and attract FDI, including a decision on promoting digital transformation and encouraging investments in high-tech projects and startups.

At present, the Ministry of Planning and Investment is working on a specific set of criteria to attract more FDI, with focus on investment unit cost, labour, technology, technology transfer,

connectivity and spillover effect, environment, and national defense and security.

However, the existing measures are not still enough, Nguyen Mai said, who believes that Vietnam should center on speeding up administrative reform, and improving infrastructure.

The country should establish more specialized research and development centres in order to make full use of foreign investment and foster high-quality human resources training, he added.

"Vietnam will face challenges in transitioning to higher-skilled jobs without continuing reforms in education, skills development, and a transformation of the labour market, which is characterized by slow growth of high-skilled occupations, high informality, and an aging workforce. Improving the quality of higher education will be an important step," the World Bank in Vietnam has recently said.

SOURCE: XINHUA

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It may take 12 years for Indian economy to overcome COVID losses: RBI



India's government has pledged to spend billions of dollars on public infrastructure to reboot an economy that is bouncing back from the massive contraction it suffered during the novel coronavirus pandemic. **PHOTO: AFP**

THE Indian economy is likely to take over 12 years to overcome the COVID-19 losses, according to a report released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on 29 April. In its report on 'currency and finance for the year 2021-22', the RBI said, the pandemic is a watershed moment and the ongoing structural changes catalyzed by the pandemic can potentially alter the growth trajectory in the medium-term. "Sustained thrust on capital expenditure by the government, push to digitalization and growing opportunities for new investment in areas like e-commerce, startups, renewables and supply chain logistics could in turn, contribute to step up the trend growth while closing the formal-informal gap in the economy," the report noted. The RBI further noted in the report, the pre-COVID trend growth rate works out to 6.6 per cent (CAGR for 2012-13 to 2019-20) and

excluding the slowdown years it works out to 7.1 per cent (CAGR for 2012-13 to 2016-17).

Expected to overcome COVID-19 losses

"Taking the actual growth rate of (-) 6.6 per cent for 2020-21, 8.9 per cent for 2021-22 and assuming growth rate of 7.2 per cent for 2022-23, and 7.5 per cent beyond that, India is expected to overcome COVID-19 losses in 2034-35," the report said. The output losses for individual years have been worked out to Rs 19.1 lakh crore, Rs 17.1 lakh crore and Rs 16.4 lakh crore for 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23, respectively. The Reserve Bank of India released the Report on Currency and Finance (RCF) for the year 2021-22 on Friday. The theme of the report is "Revive and Reconstruct" in the context of nurturing a durable recovery post-COVID and raising trend growth in the medium-term. The blueprint of reforms proposed

in the report revolves around seven wheels of economic progress viz., aggregate demand; aggregate supply; institutions, intermediaries and markets; macroeconomic stability and policy coordination; productivity and technological progress; structural change; and sustainability. The report noted, "the pandemic is not yet over. A fresh wave of COVID has hit China, South Korea and several parts of Europe. However, various economies are reacting divergently ranging from a no-COVID policy in some jurisdictions (e.g., China, Hong Kong and Bhutan) on the one hand to those with relatively open borders and removal of internal restrictions (e.g., Denmark and the UK). In India, the restriction levels are being dynamically calibrated at local levels in response to the evolving situation."

SOURCE: ANI

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Monday 2 May 2022)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is cloudy over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and a few cloud elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 3 May 2022: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in upper Sagaing, Taninthayi Regions and Shan, Kayah States, fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Kayin, Mon States, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady Regions and isolated in the remaining regions and states. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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 scattered to fairly widespread rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay Regions and Kachin, Shan, Chin States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 May 2022: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 May 2022: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 May 2022: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Thet National Day observed in Maungtaw

FOR the first time, the National Day of the Thet ethnic community was observed at 8:00 am on 1 May in the 4th-mile ward in Magyigon village in Maungtaw township of Rakhine State.

Firstly, the ceremony was performed with traditional ethnic music and dance, and the message from the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs was read by the Thet Literature and Cultural Association secretary U Oo Shwe.

Afterwards, donated funds

for the Thet National Day celebration were handed over to officials, and Township administrator U Kan Tun Aung gave a speech.

In addition, Sayadaw U Nyanasettha of Kanan area, Bamouk Township, Sagaing Region, delivered a speech on behalf of the Kanan ethnic people and the Patron of Thet Ethnic Literature and Culture Association U Hla Tun Kyaw clarified the history of Thet National Day. Thet Ethnic Liter-



The Thet National Day in action on 1 May in Maungtaw, Rakhine State.

ature and Culture Association Chairman U Ba Oo explained the activities and goals of Thet Ethnic Literature and Culture Association.

Afterwards, prizes were awarded to the types of traditional competitions, respectively, and the flag commemorating Thet National Day was presented to the officials.

Deputy District Administrator U Naing Aye, Township Administration Body Chairman U Kan Tun Aung, members of the Rakhine ethnic group, monks and people totalling about 300 participated in the Thet National Day celebration. — Thet Lwin Soe (IPRD)/GNLM

CRIME NEWS

PDF terrorists brutally kill 16 men, 7 women in Myinmu, ChaungU townships in Sagaing Region

POLITICAL extremists PDF terrorists are perpetrating murder cases, arson attacks and bomb attacks on educational and health buildings and houses in some villages of townships so that they can threaten, seek the support of locals and collect money.

The PDF terrorists brutally killed 16 men and 7 women in Myinmu and ChaungU townships of the Sagaing Region.

On 30 April evening, they arrested U Tun Naing, U Pyay Aye, U Zaw Myint, U San Htoo, U San Oo, U Myo San, U Tin Wan, U Chit Thingyan Hein, Daw Tin May Htay, Daw Tin Mary, Daw Kyi Htay, Daw Thinzar Win, Daw Tin May Aye, Ma Amy Kyaw and Ma Amy Thin in vehicles to the cemetery and shot eight men including U Tun Naing and two women to death and burnt their bodies. They released Daw Kyi Htay, Daw Thinzar Win, Daw Tin May Aye, Ma Amy Kyaw and Ma Amy Thin.

Similarly, the PDF terrorists also abducted U Pyar Gyi, U Nan Htike, U Soe Than, U Kyaw Shwe, U Zaw, U Min, U Min, U Hlaing Myo Tun, Daw San Nyunt Sein, Daw Yin Mar Htay, Daw Tin Maw, Ma Thet Hnin Wai and Ma Thwe Zin Win from Kinmoontaw Village in ChaungU Township of Sagaing Region on the morning of 1 May. They were shot to death, accused of being informers, and their bodies were abandoned in the creek about one mile from the west of Ngalonetin Village.

The people want the security members to arrest and take action against the PDF terrorists for killing innocent people in groups. The region's military commands and Myanmar Police Force carry out necessary measures according to security-related procedures and urge the residents to cooperate to ensure community peace. — MNA

Illegal timbers, consumer goods and vehicles seized

SUPERVISED by the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee, action is being taken under the law against unlawful trades across the country.

On 1 May, a combined inspection team led by the Customs Department under the supervision of the Mandalay Region Anti-Illegal Trade Special Task Force conducted inspections at the 16th-mile checkpoint in Mandalay. It confiscated K20,210,000 worth of illegal consumer goods that did not show any official documents from a Nissan UD 6-wheel truck (estimated value of K15,000,000) near the Tollgate at exit of the detour. The action was taken under the Customs Law.

The Mayanchaung Permanent Checkpoint of Mon State also captured an express bus carrying illegal M-150 energy drink bottles (estimated value of K1,950,000) heading to Yangon from Myawady under the Customs Law.

Similarly, on 2 May, 1.2964 tonnes of illegal timbers (estimated value of K145,478) were seized in Pyu Township in Toungoo District.

In addition, K125,000 worth of illegal timbers and related things were seized in Kanbalu Township, and action was taken under the Forest Law.

Therefore, on 1 and 2 May, six arrests

were made (an estimated value of K37,430,478), according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA



Confiscated illegal goods.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shanghai reports 727 confirmed, 6,606 asymptomatic local COVID-19 cases

CHINA'S Shanghai reported 727 confirmed locally transmitted COVID-19 cases and 6,606 local asymptomatic cases on Sunday, according to the municipal health commission.

The city registered 32 COVID-19-related deaths on Sunday, with an average age of approximately 84 years old.

All the deceased had serious underlying health issues including coronary heart disease, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease and cancer, the commission said.

The city is making solid efforts in sanitization, dispatching 160,000 people each day to disinfect 13,000 residential communities covering about 140 million square metres, according to a press conference held on Monday. — Xinhua

106-year-old COVID-19 patient cured in China's Jilin

A 106-year-old COVID-19 patient was cured and discharged from a hospital in Changchun, the capital of northeast China's Jilin Province on Saturday, said the local authorities.

The patient surnamed Li is the oldest to be admitted to the hospital in the latest outbreak in Jilin.

She was diagnosed with COVID-19 and admitted to the First Bethune Hospital of Jilin University on 14 April. Following a comprehensive examination, the hospital found she had serious underlying health conditions, including brain atrophy.

Since 13 April, the hospital has set up a treatment area that specializes in treating the disabled, elderly and other patients unable to take care of themselves. The area has received more than 130 patients, of whom 20 have been discharged from the hospital. Currently, a total of 2,076 COVID-19 patients have been admitted to the hospital, of whom 1,737 have been cured and discharged. — Xinhua

Pakistan reports 40 new COVID-19 cases

PAKISTAN registered 40 new COVID-19 cases on Sunday, the country's ministry of health said on Monday.

The overall tally of the infected people climbed to 1,528,518 across the country after adding the fresh cases, according to the data released by the ministry.

A total of 30,372 people have died of COVID-19 in Pakistan, with one more death recorded on Sunday, according to the ministry's statistics.

On Saturday, 16,165 tests were conducted throughout Pakistan while the positivity ratio stood at 0.25 per cent.— Xinhua

India records 3,157 new COVID-19 cases, total tally rises to 43,082,345



A health worker (R) inoculates a man with a booster dose of the Covishield vaccine against the Covid-19 coronavirus at a vaccination centre in Hyderabad on 22 April 2022. PHOTO: NOAH SEELAM / AFP

INDIA'S COVID-19 tally rose to 43,082,345 on Monday as 3,157 new cases were registered during the past 24 hours across the South Asian country, showed the federal health ministry's latest data.

This is the fifth day of daily

new cases surpassing the 3,000-mark in number in the country.

Delhi accounted for more than 47 per cent of the new cases while reporting 5,997 active cases being treated in hospitals and a positivity rate of 4.89 per cent.

Besides, 26 deaths across the country due to the pandemic since Sunday morning took the total death toll to 523,869.

Currently there are 19,500 active COVID-19 cases registered in the country, an increase of 408 in the past 24 hours.

So far 42,538,976 COVID-19 patients have been cured and discharged from hospitals in India, including 2,723 newly reported recoveries. — Xinhua

Chinese mainland reports 846 new local COVID-19 cases

THE Chinese mainland Sunday reported 846 locally-transmitted confirmed COVID-19 cases, of which 727 were in Shanghai, according to the National Health Commission's report Monday.

Apart from Shanghai, 13 other provincial-level regions on the mainland saw new local COVID-19 cases, including 36 in Beijing.

Shanghai also reported 6,606 locally-transmitted asymptomatic infections of the novel coronavirus Sunday, out of a total of 6,895 local asymptomatic carriers newly identified on the mainland.

A total of 4,662 COVID-19 patients were discharged from hospitals after recovery on the Chinese mainland on Sunday,



A medical worker takes a swab sample from a resident for nucleic acid testing in Daxing District, Beijing, capital of China, 30 April 2022. PHOTO: XINHUA/PENG ZIYANG

the NHC said.

That brought the mainland's total number of COVID-19 patients discharged from hospitals after recovery to 192,187 as of Sunday.

A total of 32 new deaths from COVID-19 were reported, all in Shanghai, according to the NHC.— Xinhua

Malaysians mark Eid al-Fitr as COVID-19 cases subside

MALAYSIA'S Muslims marked a more joyous Eid al-Fitr festival on Monday as the COVID-19 situation in the country continues to improve.

After having endured lockdowns and travel restrictions, Malaysians were teeming in the capital Kuala Lumpur in streets, malls and markets, celebrating the end of Ramadan and the start of Eid al-Fitr holidays, while others are finally able to make the traditional exodus of "Balik Kampung" or people returning to hometowns.

Health Minister Khairy Jamaluddin said last week that the practice of hosting open houses and home visits will be allowed again this year, along with other customs such as the physical greetings that were previously discouraged to minimize physical contact amid the pandemic.

This is in addition to the withdrawal of other standard operating procedures (SOP) such as registering with the country's COVID-19 management app and mandatory masking outdoors.

Arif Naquiddin, 34, who lives on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur, is finally able to celebrate the festivities with extended family following two years of disruptions and strict restrictions.

"It is wonderful that we are finally able to celebrate without

the restrictions we had before and we finally can host visitors. The mood has improved and the joy has returned. Of course, we are still cautious but at least we can have a real celebration this year," he told Xinhua. "I hope we will never return to the days of the lockdown again." In a televised speech late on Monday, Malaysian King Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah called on the people to observe good health practices during the Hari Raya celebrations as part of continued efforts to break the COVID-19 infection chains. "We have gone through many obstacles and challenges in our nation's fight to break free from the shackles of COVID-19. Going forward, my subjects must carry on with this momentum by continuing to practice good healthcare and comply with the government's advice and recommendations," he said.— Xinhua

Japan plans to send foreign minister to S Korean pres. Inauguration

JAPAN plans to send Foreign Minister Yoshimasa Hayashi to South Korean President-elect Yoon Suk Yeol's inauguration ceremony next week, deciding not to consent to Seoul's wish for Prime Minister Fumio Kishida to attend, government sources said Monday.

Seoul had hoped for Kishida's presence at the 10 May event to help improve bilateral relations that have soured over historical disputes which stem from Japan's 1910-1945 colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula.

But the sources said Tokyo has decided the Japanese leader cannot go without any guarantee of progress on the

disagreements.

During his stay, Hayashi is expected to hold meetings with key officials of the new South Korean government with the hope they will agree to work toward mending political ties that have sunk to their lowest level in years under the administration of the current president, Moon Jae In, the sources said.

Calling for a "future-oriented" approach, Yoon sent a delegation to Japan last week for meetings with Kishida, Hayashi and other ministers to seek to repair bilateral ties, with the prime minister telling the visitors, "We have no time to spare in improving Japan-South Korea

relations".

Tokyo, however, has not wavered in its stance that South Korea should follow through on agreements aimed at resolving the disputes including a 2015 deal that settled "finally and irreversibly" the issue of "comfort women" procured for Japan's wartime military brothels.

The South Korean delegation, led by Chung Jin Suk, deputy speaker of the National Assembly, was in Japan for five days through Thursday, but it did not present any possible concrete solution to the long-standing issues, according to the sources.

Some Japanese ruling par-

ty lawmakers are also against Kishida heading to South Korea at this point out of concern that Japan's stance could be interpreted as being too conciliatory.

Yoon's inauguration comes as the United States is seeking to boost its trilateral security cooperation with Japan and South Korea following North Korea's renewed missile and nuclear threat, and Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

When Moon's inaugural ceremony was held in May 2017, no guests were invited from overseas as he took office just a day after the election. His predecessor Park Geun Hye had resigned over a corruption and

abuse-of-power scandal after being impeached by parliament.

During the period of Moon's government, the wartime disputes that cast a pall on diplomatic relations between Tokyo and Seoul included the issue of compensation demands from South Koreans over what they claim was wartime forced labour.

In addition, they have been at odds over islets controlled by Seoul and claimed by Tokyo, known as Takeshima in Japan and Dokdo in South Korea, as well as over Japanese restrictions on semiconductor material exports to South Korea imposed in July 2019.— Kyodo

51% of Japan kids get 1st smartphone at elementary school age: poll



File photo taken in April 2016 shows a child using a smartphone. **PHOTO: KYODO**

CHILDREN in Japan are receiving their first smartphones at an increasingly early age, with 51.6 per cent of parents reporting giving them to their kids in elementary school, according to a recent survey.

The rate was up 11.5 percentage points from the previous poll in 2019, said Mobile Marketing Data Labo, an information technology market research firm in Tokyo.

The proportion of children receiving their first smartphones before elementary school, meanwhile, rose to 5.8 per cent from 2.8 per cent.

An official at MMD Labo attributed the changes to "more households using them as a means of contact when children go to cram school or elsewhere."

But the official also cited cases of children being exposed to danger or getting involved in trouble after using the internet or social media through smartphone use.

"Families need to talk together about the risks and come up with rules," the official said.

MMD Labo conducted the online survey from 21 to 24 January, covering 1,888 men and women aged 20 to 59 who gave their children smartphones for the first time from 2021.

Junior high school age was the next most common time for kids to receive their first smartphone, with this answer chosen by 28.5 per cent of parents. Next was high school age, chosen by 12.4 per cent, and university age and older, by 1.7 per cent.— Kyodo

Embattled UK PM Johnson faces mid-term test

VOTERS go to the polls in Britain on Thursday, in a mid-term test for the Conservative government that could determine beleaguered Prime Minister Boris Johnson's future.

The local election results will be seen as a barometer of support for Johnson's Conservatives nationally, as well as an indicator of whether the opposition Labour party poses a serious threat.

Johnson, 57, won a landslide

general election victory in December 2019 on a promise to break years of political deadlock and deliver Brexit — the country's divisive departure from the European Union.

But his position has looked increasingly fragile, because of damaging claims about lockdown-breaking parties at Downing Street and an inflationary surge that is squeezing voters' incomes.

A police investigation last

month saw him become the first British prime minister to be fined for breaking the law while in office. Irate Tory MPs, mindful of public outrage at double standards and denials, had looked set to force a no-confidence vote in his leadership in January. But Russia's February invasion of Ukraine, during which Johnson has shown hawkish support for President Volodymyr Zelensky, took the heat out of any mutiny.

— AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

17 injured after India's domestic flight encounters mid-air turbulence: media

AT least 14 passengers and three crew members were injured in a massive mid-air turbulence that hit a low-cost airline's flight in India late on Sunday, local media reported Monday.

The Boeing 737 passenger plane flew from India's financial centre Mumbai to Durgapur in the eastern state of West Bengal, according to the NDTV report.

The SpiceJet flight carrying 188 passengers experienced a massive mid-air turbulence before landing at the Durgapur airport. During the turbulence the luggage kept in overhead cabin fell off, injuring passengers. — Xinhua

Murals bring 'joy' to Baghdad concrete jungle

IRAQI artist Wijdan al-Majed is transforming Baghdad's concrete jungle into a colour-filled city with murals depicting well-known figures from the war-scarred country and abroad.

Perched on a scaffold at a busy intersection, the 49-year-old artist and instructor at the Baghdad College of Fine Arts is adding final touches to a mural dedicated to celebrated Iraqi poet Muzzafar al-Nawab.

Peasant women in traditional dress adorn the background of the mural, commissioned by Baghdad mayor Alaa Maan. He launched the initiative nine months ago in a bid to "bring beauty to the city and move art to the streets to get rid of the grey and dusty colours" that hang over Baghdad.

Majed, an artist more accustomed to exhibiting her work in the cosy and reflective settings of galleries, at first had helpers to create the street art.— AFP

Int'l tourists to Cambodia's Angkor up 6 fold in first 4 months of this year

CAMBODIA'S famed Angkor Archaeological Park attracted 33,205 foreign visitors in the first four months of this year, up by 633 per cent year-on-year, the state-owned Angkor Enterprise said on Monday.

The site made a gross revenue of 1.35 million US dollars from ticket sales during the January-April period, an increase of 622 per cent from a year earlier, it said in a statement.

In April alone, the Angkor Archaeological Park received 13,365 foreign visitors, earning 537,000 US dollars from ticket sales, it said.

Officials attributed the tourist recovery to the country fully reopening

its borders to vaccinated travellers without quarantine since last November.

"Now, the Angkor attracts about 400 foreign tourists a day, a gradual increase from only 70 per day during the pandemic in the past two years," tourism ministry's secretary of state and spokesman Top Sopheak told Xinhua.

Prior to the pandemic, the site received up to 9,000 international visitors a day, he said.

Located in the north-western Siem Reap province, the 401-square-km Angkor Archaeological Park, inscribed on the World Heritage List of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and



The sun rises over the Angkor Wat temple complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in Siem Reap province on 8 April 2022. PHOTO: AFP

Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1992, is the Southeast Asian country's most popular tourist destination.

Long Kosal, deputy director-general and spokesman for the Ap-

sara National Authority (ANA), said that given few visitors during the pandemic, the ANA had taken

the opportunity to do renovation, maintenance and gardening work in the Angkor Archaeological Park.

"Now, the Angkor Archaeological Park is ready to welcome all tourists from around the world," he said.

"As our country has reopened its borders to fully vaccinated travellers without quarantine, I believe that more international tourists will spend their holidays visiting the Angkor in the near future," he added.

Prior to the pandemic, the world heritage site attracted up to 2.2 million foreign visitors in 2019, making 99 million US dollars in revenue from ticket sales. — Xinhua

Markets, oil fall on weak Chinese data

STOCK markets and oil prices fell in holiday-thinned trade Monday as traders digested weak Chinese economic data and a looming US interest rate hike.

Equities kicked off the month of May on the wrong foot after Wall Street finished a tough April by closing sharply down on Friday following disappointing results from tech giant Amazon. Paris and Frankfurt were down in midday trading while London was closed for a bank

holiday.

Tokyo, Seoul, Mumbai, Manila and Wellington all fell. Hong Kong and mainland Chinese markets were closed along with several other Asian markets.

Sydney also retreated, though Qantas shares rose after the airline said it would launch the world's longest non-stop commercial flight between Sydney and London by the end of 2025.

Data at the weekend showed Chinese manufacturing activity shrank last

month at its fastest pace since the start of the pandemic as the government applies Covid-19 lockdowns in the country's biggest cities.

The government's refusal to shift from its zero-Covid policy and strict containment measures is fanning fears about the world's number two economy and key driver of global growth.

"There is a bit of mixed sentiment among traders today," Naeem Aslam, analyst at AvaTrade, told AFP.

"On one hand you have bargain hunters coming to market but then on the other hand traders are concerned about the weakness on the Chinese economic data," he said.

Rate hike looms large

Investors are also looking ahead at the US Federal Reserve's two-day policy meeting, which starts Tuesday and is expected to see the central bank hike borrowing costs by half a point — the most since 2000. — AFP

NEWS
IN BRIEF

S Korea's online shopping logs double-digit growth in Q1

SOUTH Korea's online shopping logged a double-digit growth in the first quarter of this year due to solid demand for food delivery services, statistical office data showed Monday.

Shopping in the cyberspace came in at 49.13 trillion won (38.8 billion US dollars) in the January-March quarter, up 11.8 per cent from a year earlier, according to Statistics Korea.

Robust demand continued for food delivery services, caused by the COVID-19 resurgence in the country.

Online food delivery services reached a new high of 7.01 trillion won in the first quarter, up 20.5 per cent from a year earlier. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SINAR BANDA VOY.NO. (248N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SINAR BANDA VOY.NO. (248N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **3-5-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINES

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V UNI ACCORD VOY.NO. (0262-717N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **2-5-2022** 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.

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

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

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

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

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Qantas to launch longest non-stop passenger flight

QANTAS announced on Monday it will launch the world's longest non-stop commercial flight, with passengers set to spend 19 hours in the air travelling from Sydney to London by the end of 2025.

After five years of planning, the airline said it was ordering 12 Airbus A350-1000 aircraft to operate the "Project Sunrise" flights to cities including London and New York.

Non-stop flights will start from Sydney by the end of 2025, it said, with long-haul trips later planned to include Melbourne.

"New types of aircraft make new things possible," said Qantas chairman Alan Joyce, according to a statement.

"The A350 and Project Sunrise will make any city just one flight away from Australia," he said.

"It's the final frontier and the final fix for the tyranny of distance."

Qantas operated



An Airbus A350-1000 aircraft is seen inside a hangar at Sydney international airport on 2 May 2022, to mark a major fleet announcement by Australian airline Qantas. Qantas announced on 2 May it will launch the world's first non-stop commercial flights from Sydney to London and New York by the end of 2025, finally conquering the "tyranny of distance". **PHOTO: AFP**

research flights for the long-haul route in 2019, including a trial London-Sydney trek of 17,800 kilometres (11,030 miles), which took 19 hours and 19 minutes.

A trial New York-Syd-

ney flight in the same year covered 16,200 kilometres (10,200 miles) and took a little over 19 hours.

Singapore Airlines currently operates the world's longest non-stop commercial flight from

Singapore to New York, covering 16,700 kilometres (10,400 miles) in a little under 19 hours.

Qantas already operates a 14,498-kilometre Perth-London trip that takes 17 hours.— AFP

East China port sees record high monthly container throughput

THE container throughput of Ningbo-Zhoushan port in east China's Zhejiang Province is expected to exceed 3 million twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs) in April, a new monthly record, said the port operator.

The figure represents an increase of over 10 per cent year on year, according to the operator of one of China's busiest port.

In April, the volume of the port's rail-sea transit services reached 135,000 TEUs, an increase of 32.3 per cent year on year.— Xinhua

BYD recalls cars over battery pack safety hazards

CHINESE electric vehicle manufacturer BYD has announced a recall of close to 10,000 cars to replace the potentially faulty battery pack, according to the country's top quality watchdog.

The recall, which started on 29 April, covers 9,663 Tang DM vehicles manufactured between 2 September 2021 and 14 March 2022, according to a statement from the State Administration for Market Regulation.

The recalled vehicles may be equipped with an uneven mounting surface of the venting valve in the power pack tray due to manufacturing reasons, posing a risk of water ingress, the automaker said in a statement to the administration.

This could cause an electrical circuit failure in the power battery system, and in extreme cases, risks thermal runaway of the power battery, posing a safety hazard, the statement added.— Xinhua

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Dated: 3 May, 2022

YES DOCTOR MYANMAR COMPANY LIMITED Notice for Members' Voluntary Winding Up Under Section 147 of Insolvency Law and Insolvency Rules-9 and 15-B

(Company Registration No. 123403800)

Notice is hereby given that

- (1) the members of YES DOCTOR MYANMAR COMPANY LIMITED (the "Company") had passed a special resolution on 27 April 2022 that the Company be wound up by way of members' voluntary winding up under the Insolvency Law 2020 with effect from 27 April 2022.
- (2) Daw Myat Myat Chit (holder of Myanmar NRC No. 1/MaNyaNa (N) 081592), has been appointed as liquidator to conduct the members' voluntary winding up of the Company by a resolution of the members passed on 27 April 2022. A copy of the notice of appointment is set out below.

Notice of Appointment of Liquidator

YES DOCTOR MYANMAR COMPANY LIMITED

123403800

1. General Information

2. Date of Appointment

3. Name and Business Address of Liquidator

4. Signature of Liquidator

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- (3) The creditors of the Company are requested to submit their proof of debts or claims together with the detailed particulars and evidence of the debts or claims to the undersigned liquidator, within one month from the date of this advertisement, at No-13, Fourth Floor, Baho Road, Sanchaung Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar and electronically to any of the email addresses of the undersigned as indicated below, using the prescribed form, set out below.

Form -11
(Proof of debt or claim)
(Insolvency Law 2020, Section 147)
(Insolvency Rules 9)

To: Liquidator

7. This is to state that the Company with company registration number: 123403800, date: 27/04/2022, and is a duly and truly on date: 27/04/2022, is indebted to me an amount of: 123403800.

8. To fill in (in appropriate) the date when the Order to wind up was passed or in the case of voluntary winding up the date when the resolution to wind up was passed.

Particulars of the debt or claim:

Date	Consideration (how the debt arose)	Amount	Remarks (Include details of voucher substantiating payment and attach copies)

9. To my knowledge or belief the creditor has not, nor has any person by the creditor's order, had or received any satisfaction or security for the sum or any part of the debt or claim, other than as disclosed in this document.

10. I am authorized in writing by the creditor to make this statement. I know that the debt described above has been entered for the consideration stated and that the debt remains unpaid and unsatisfied.

Signature: _____
Name: _____
Date: _____

The creditors of the company who fail to submit the claims within one month from the date of this advertisement will be excluded from:

- (i) the benefit of a distribution made before your claim is submitted; and
- (ii) objecting to that distribution.

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12th-century stone carvings found at Takav Gate in Cambodia’s famed Angkor

ARCHAEOLOGISTS have discovered pieces of the 12th century Apsara, or fairy carvings, in the Angkor Archaeological Park in northwest Cambodia’s Siem Reap province, the APSARA National Authority (ANA) said in a statement on Monday.

The stone carvings were spotted in the northern wall of the causeway of the Angkor Thom temple’s Takav Gate, where the archaeologists were clearing vegetation and removing soil from the lower structure during restoration.

Archaeologist Kim Seng Pheakdey said the pieces of stones with Apsara carvings and other decorative sculptures were used as the northern wall of the causeway.

“These Apsara carvings are similar to the Apsara on the pil-

lars of the Bayon Temple, while other stone carvings have the same shape as the ones that decorated the structure of the Takav Gate,” she said.

Pheakdey said the Bayon-style Apsara carvings might have been built simultaneously with the Takav Gate and the Bayon Temple during the late 12th century and early 13th century.

She said archaeologists will do the excavation in the next step to find Deva statues that had fallen into the moat in the north of the causeway in order to restore them back to their original positions.

The Takav Gate is one of the five gates of the Angkor Thom, which was built in the late 12th century by King Jayavarman VII.

Angkor Thom is one of the key temples in the 401-square



Undated photo shows an Apsara carving found recently at the causeway of the Angkor Thom temple’s Takav Gate in the Angkor Archaeological Park in Siem Reap province, Cambodia. Archaeologists have discovered pieces of the 12th century Apsara, or fairy carvings, in the Angkor Archaeological Park in northwest Cambodia’s Siem Reap province, the APSARA National Authority (ANA) said in a statement on 2 May 2022. **PHOTO: ANA/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

km Angkor Archaeological Park, which was inscribed on the World Heritage List of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 1992. — Xinhua

Ukraine on agenda as Indian PM Modi heads to Europe



German Chancellor Olaf Scholz (R) and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (L) exchange documents during a signing ceremony at the Indo-German governmental consultations at the Chancellery in Berlin on 2 May 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

INDIAN Prime Minister Narendra Modi headed to Europe on Monday with New Delhi’s refusal to condemn Russia’s invasion of Ukraine set to be a key talking point in meetings with regional leaders.

India, which imports much of its military hardware from Russia, has long walked a diplomatic tightrope between the West and Moscow, and has called only for an immediate end to hostilities.

“My visit to Europe comes at a time when the region faces many challenges and choices,” Modi said in a statement released before his departure for Germany, Denmark and France.

The premier intended to “strengthen the spirit of cooperation” with European partners “who are important companions in India’s quest for peace and prosperity”, the statement added.

Modi was due to hold talks with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz in Berlin on Monday before heading to Copenhagen to join the prime ministers of Denmark, Iceland, Finland, Sweden and Norway at a two-day India-Nordic Summit from 3 May.

He will then make a brief stopover in France to see President Emmanuel Macron to “share assessments on various regional and global issues and

will take stock of ongoing bilateral cooperation”, the Indian statement said.

Germany’s Scholz was quoted by the Indian Express daily on Monday as saying the “attack on Ukraine by Russia is on the top of the agenda” in the discussions with Modi.

“The brutality of the Russian attack is shocking and appalling. Those responsible must be held accountable. I am confident that there is broad agreement between our countries on this,” the newspaper quoted Scholz as saying in an interview.

Scholz plans to invite Modi as a special guest to a Group of Seven (G7) leaders’ summit next month as part of an effort to forge a broader alliance against Russia, Bloomberg News reported Sunday.

Quoting unnamed sources, the report said Scholz was concerned over Modi’s refusal to condemn Russia and India’s increased fossil fuel imports from there, and was undecided on the invite until weeks ago.

India has significantly increased imports of Russian oil from March onwards, but has bristled at criticism of the move, saying Europe’s consumption of Russian energy commodities remains far higher. — AFP

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Facts about Russia-Ukraine conflict: Two explosions occur in Russia’s Belgorod Region

THE following are the latest developments regarding the conflict between Russia and Ukraine:

Two explosions occurred in Russia’s Belgorod Region, which borders Ukraine, but no damage or casualties have been reported, Vyacheslav Gladkov, the regional governor, said on Sunday.

“According to the operational headquarters, there is no damage or destruction. There were no casualties. Footage of flashes in the sky has already appeared on social networks,” Gladkov wrote on Telegram.

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THE Russian military will not artificially adjust its actions during the special operation in Ukraine to any date, including Victory Day, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said Sunday.

“We will solemnly celebrate 9 May, as we always do,” Lavrov said in an interview with Italy’s Mediaset broadcaster.

The pace of the operation in Ukraine depends, first of all, on the need to mitigate risks for civilians and Russian troops, he added.

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UKRAINE will continue the evacuation from the besieged city of Mariupol which began on Sunday afternoon, head of the President’s Office Andriy Yermak said on Sunday evening.

In the first stage, Ukraine evacuated from Mariupol 100 women, children and elders, who will arrive in Ukraine’s southern city of Zaporizhzhia, Yermak said on Facebook.

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UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Sunday that an evacuation is underway inside the Azovstal plant in the besieged city of Mariupol.

“The first group of about 100 people is already heading to the controlled area,” Zelensky tweeted.

He said that the evacuees are set to arrive in the southern Ukrainian city of Zaporizhzhia on Monday. — Xinhua

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SPORT

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.

Four teams, including Myanmar to compete in SEA Games women's football tourney



Myanmar futsal team player (red) carries the ball during a match against the Thai All-Stars team in the NSDF Women's Futsal Championship 2022 in Thailand on 23 April. **PHOTO: MFF**

INDONESIA has withdrawn from the 31st SEA Games Women's Futsal Championship, which will be hosted by Viet Nam, leaving only four teams, including Myanmar, to compete in the tourney.

Previously, the women's futsal tournament was planned to be held in a five-team round-robin format.

For now, only four teams: Myanmar, Thailand, host Viet

Nam and Malaysia will compete in the tourney due to Indonesia's resignation.

The tournament will be held from 15 to 19 May and will be held in a four-team round-robin format, with the team with the most points winning will crown the championship trophy. According to the fixtures, Myanmar will take on host Viet Nam and Malaysia will face Thailand on 15 March.

On 17 March, Myanmar will play against Thailand, and Viet Nam will take on Malaysia.

On 19 March, Myanmar will face Malaysia while Thailand will play with the host Viet Nam's team. The Myanmar team competed in every women's futsal event of the SEA Games and won a bronze medal at the 2011 SEA Games. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM



Youth players were seen at a previous player selection event held by Myanmar Football Federation. **PHOTO: MFF**

Player selections to be held for three football academies

THIS month, selections will be held for the three football academies opened by the Myanmar Football Federation.

Newcomers will be selected at Myanmar Football Academy (Mandalay) from 12 to 15, Myanmar Football Academy (Patheingyi) from 5 to 7 May and National Football Academy (Yangon) from 8 to 10 May, MFF officials said.

Officials added that new players between the ages of 11 and 15 will be selected for the 2022-2023

academic year.

The new football students will be selected based on the current grade level. They must have played in the minimum township student competitions and be talented young players from the township football federation.

Only one parent or guardian is allowed to attend the event, and youth players will have to pay for their own living and travel expenses. Selected students will be required to study football ed-

ucation and classes at the academy under the auspices of the Myanmar Football Federation. They will be eligible for other tuition-related assistance, including monthly stipends.

The individual football performance will be tested first, and the team performance will be followed up next during the event.

Youth fitness and football-related knowledge tests will also be conducted, officials said. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Inter overcome Udinese to stay on heels of leaders Milan

INTER Milan still have a say in this season's Serie A title race after winning 2-1 at Udinese on Sunday to stay two points behind league leaders AC Milan.

Ivan Perisic and Lautaro Martinez made sure that the champions bounced back from Wednesday's traumatic defeat at Bologna and stayed on the heels of Milan who earlier were fired to a 1-0 win over Fiorentina by Rafael Leao.

Milan need seven points from their final three games to snatch the Scudetto from their local rivals as they have the better of the two league derbies with Inter, meaning the seven-time European champions would stay ahead of Inter should they end up locked on the same points.

"No, no, we just need to do our jobs. Now we need to move on to the next match and win," said Martinez after being asked if Inter were feeling the pressure.

"We're all here for the same objective. We need to win our matches and hope that they drop points."

Sunday's match was the toughest left in Inter's run-in, while Milan have to play Verona and Atalanta in their bid to secure the crown.

And Simone Inzaghi's side dealt well with a tricky team who had rattled in 17 goals in their six games in April, taking the lead in the 12th minute through Perisic's header and doubling their advantage seven minutes before half-time.

After Martinez was denied, Edin Dzeko made the most of contact from Pablo Mari's lunging tackle and earned his team a penalty, which was smashed against the post by Martinez before the Argentine nodded in the rebound via a deflection off goalkeeper Marco Silvestre's arm. — AFP