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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.

Peace Talks Team, KNU/KNLA (PC) continue 2nd-day meeting



The second-day meeting between the government's Peace Talks Team and the delegation led by the KNU/KNLA (PC) Chairman in progress.

THE second-day meeting of the government Peace Talks Team and the delegation led by the Chairman of the Karen National Liberation Army (Peace Council) KNU/KNLA (PC) was organized in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by State Administration Council Member National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Com-

mittee Chairman Union Minister at the Government Office (1) Lt- Gen Yar Pyae, in his capacity as the leader of the Peace Talks Team, Council Member Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, NSPNC Secretary Lt-Gen Min Naung, Chairman Saw Htaw Lay of the KNU/KNLA (PC), Vice-Chair Dr Naw Kapaw Htoo and Central Executive Committee Member Saw Maung Maung.

During the meeting, NSPNC member Lt-Gen Win Bo Shein reported on the findings of the analysis team of the NSPNC in the agreements of Part 1/2/3 of the Union Accord and Table-2 in Part 3 to be discussed, and the KNU/KNLA (PC) coordinated the discussion.

They also discussed the peace and development issues

and signed in the agreements received in three-day sessions.

Then, KNU/KNLA (PC) Chairman Saw Htaw Lay and Peace Talks Team Leader Lt-Gen Yar Pyae made concluding remarks and gave the record books marking the Diamond Jubilee Union Day and Myanmar Encyclopaedia volume 1 published by the Ministry of Information and gifts. — MNA

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Re-invitation for basic education staff who are absent from duty

THE State Administration Council is implementing nine objectives, including a social goal of national health and higher education, and is working hard to restore education to the next generation of young people in order to develop the nation's human resources.

For the education of the new generation, basic education schools across the country were reopened on 1-11-2021, and higher education universities/colleges were reopened on 12-5-2022. Basic education schools for the 2022-2023 Academic Year will be reopened on 2-6-2022.

Basic education is very important in the education of the new generation of young people who will be the leaders of the future. So those students can learn fully and to make the teachers/students ratio balance, experienced teachers are needed.

In order to resume their teaching duties for the next generations, teachers and educators who have been away from their duties due to intimidation, participation in peaceful protest, or worry, and teachers and educators who have been prosecuted under staff discipline are informed to report to the relevant Township Education Offices where the schools are located or the nearest Township Education Offices in their current area of residence to file an appeal voluntarily by 31-5-2022.

Among the basic education staff who are absent from duty due to various reasons, those who are absent without leave due to various reasons, those under the investigation, and those who file an appeal, shall be considered as unpaid leave for the period of non-duty and will be re-employed except for those who have committed serious crimes.

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Final rites held for State Ovadacariya Shwethuwun Sayadaw

THE final rites of Venerable Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agg Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dr Bhaddanta Saddhiya State Ovadacariya Sayadaw Presiding Nayaka of Ponnya Neinmitayama Shwethuwun Monastery took place at the monastery yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by Sayadaws led by State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Vice-Chairman Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Sitranyana, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Nyunt Win Swe and relevant officials.

First, they recited Theva Theinkhaya Annisati Gatha to start the occasion. They observed the Five Precepts from State Ovadacariya Sayadaw of the Yelal Monastery Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Joti-



The final rites event for the State Ovadacariya Shwethuwun Sayadaw in progress.

ka Bhaddanta Larvavata. Then, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Ketumala, officials and disciples covered the remains of the Sayadaw with the diamond velvet.

State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Joint Secretary

Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganda Vasaka Pandita Bhaddanta Sandha Vamsa Linkaya Vivamsa of the Pali Kayi Monastery of Shwebo Township read out the message of repentance sent by the State Sangha Maha Nayaka

Committee, while Union Minister U Ko Ko read another one sent by the ministry and Agga Maha Siri Sudama Mani Zotadhara U Sein Hla Win read the message sent by the Buddhist Literature Association. Then, Union Minis-

ter U Ko Ko and the party made donations to Sayadaws and listened to the sermons delivered by State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Vice-Chair Presiding Sayadaw of the Thiho Pariyatti Monastery of Kyaukme Township of Shan State Dr Bhaddanta Sandha Nasaya and shared the merits.

Then, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sandha Thiri of the Zina Wahdi Monastery in Thingangyun Township read the biography of the Shwethuwun Sayadaw.

After the set procedures, the remains of the late Sayadaw were conveyed by the Karaweik decorated float to the Thuwunna Bhumi in Thingangyun Township, where the crematorium was built.

When the remains of the late Sayadaw were conveyed to the crematorium, his three disciples Sayadaws pressed the button to burn the remains. — MNA

Yangon vice-mayor inspects clean, tidy schools and universities

THE vice-chairman of the Yangon City Development Committee vice-mayor, accompanied by Secretary U Nyunt Pe, committee members and department heads visited No (2) Basic Education High School in Saya San Ward, Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township at 7 am yesterday.

The vice-mayor inspected the clean-up work being carried out by the departmental staff, community organizations and local people and gave necessary instructions. Next, the vice-mayor and party visited Dagon University on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Road, Dagon Myothit (East) Township.

He inspected drainage cleaning, garbage collection, and bus

washes done by departmental staff, civil society organizations and local people.

The vice-mayor visited the Convocation Hall of the University and met faculty members and coordinated with relevant authorities on long-term clean and tidy needs inside and outside the campus. Then, the vice-mayor and party visited the University of Dental Medicine on Thanthuma Road in Thingangyun Township.

He inspected and coordinated where necessary. Departmental staff and community organizations and local people are clearing the drains and cutting and clearing branches and garbage inside the campus. — MNA



Tatmadaw is also steering and monitoring to be straightforward on building the Union Republic rooted in democracy and the federal system having peace and tranquillity

HAVING duty consciousness among the country and people, loyalty and a variety of selfless performances with a spirit of goodwill by Tatmadaw have been witnessed in the past. Currently, Tatmadaw is also steering and monitoring to be straightforward on building the Union Republic rooted in democracy and the federal system having peace and tranquillity, and community development. I would like to highlight that every effort partaken by Tatmadaw tend to be beneficial for our motherland and ethnic people, and Tatmadaw also performs the tasks with a spirit of goodwill to be able to stand rigidly as a country among the world.

(Excerpt from the speech made by Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing at the passing out parade of the 8th intake of Graduate Female Cadet Course on 22 December 2021)

MoALI Union Minister inspects agriculture work of Mandalay Region

THE cotton plantation areas will be expanded yearly to meet the local demands, for import substitution and export, said Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Tin Htut Oo while meeting with departmental officials at the cotton research and technical development farm (Lunkyaw farm) in Kyaukse Township of Mandalay Region on 27 May.

During the meeting, the Union minister stressed the need to upgrade the canals to supply waters to seedling fields, install a solar system for water pumping machines, and new drainages to prevent crop damage in case of unexpected rainfalls and conduct field surveys.

There are more than 180,000 acres of cotton planta-



tions in the Mandalay Region and officials cooperate with seed farmers to grow cotton

on more than 3,000 acres during the pre-monsoon period and more than 3,000 acres in the

late monsoon period. A total of 500,000 acres of cotton will be grown across the nation in the

2022-2023FY. The Union minister and party arrived at the Mya Bay-in condense milk factory in Kyaukse Township and inspected factory operations. During the visit, the Union minister talked about the technical assistance for dairy cow farmers, market competitiveness of milk and dairy products and market shares.

Afterwards, the Union minister and party went to the 35-acre model monsoon sunflower seed production farm in Yarbo Village of Singaing Township.

Singaing Township plants 400 acres of monsoon sunflower seed this year and the Mandalay region government estimated to plant 2,400 acres of monsoon sunflower seed in the region. — MNA

MoIP Union Minister meets representatives of ethnic people in Rakhine State



UNION Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi met the representatives of Mro,



Thet, Khami, Dainet, Maramagyi ethnic people and the Rakhine Literature and Culture Associa-

tion in Sittway Township together with Rakhine State Ethnic Affairs Minister U Tin Hla on

27 May. During the meeting, the Union minister said the State Leader emphasizes the affairs of all ethnic people living in the country. The current time is important for ethnic unity. Although the national ID cards issued under the Pankhinn project completely exceeded the target in Rakhine State, there might be some people who do not receive the cards. The representatives should report on the remaining lists and other matters. Then, the representatives of literature and cultural asso-

ciations briefed the issuance of national ID cards, lists of remaining persons, education, health, transport, and access to drinking water and electricity. The Union minister and the party also met state, district and township administrative staff at the U Ottama Hall of Sittway Township. He highlighted the implementation of the foreigner management system, the analysis of citizenship, preparations for the 2024 population and housing census and an e-ID system based on the e-Government system. — MNA

18 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 28 May, total figure rises to 613,298

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 613,298 after 18 new cases were reported on 28 May 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, 592,264 have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll still stands at 19,434 without more casualties.—MNA

The main goal is to generate and distribute electricity to the public on time with minimal loss of power and full voltage: MoEP & MoE Union Minister

THE main goal of the ministry is to generate and distribute electricity to the people promptly with minimal loss of power and full voltage, said Union Minister U Thaung Han for the Ministry of Electric Power and Ministry of Energy during a coordination meeting with the district-level electric managers/engineers of Mandalay Region yesterday.

The Union Minister said all should cooperate with officials while trying to supply electricity to the people in full without reducing the load. The district/township electric managers, engineers and finance officials should supervise collecting electricity payments and deploy security in reading meter units and sending meter



The MoEP and MoE Union Minister meets the district level electric power managers and engineers in Mandalay Region on 28 May 2022.

bills.

The Union minister also inspected the Yeywa hydro-power station and power distribution system of Mandalay Electricity Supply Corporation together with Mandalay Region Natural Resources Minister U Myo Aung on the

same day.

During the inspection tour, the Union minister said the Yeywa hydropower station is the biggest and most reliable dam in the country. Therefore, it needs to carry out to ensure successive power generation by using the water effectively. Regular maintenance also should be undertaken for the strength of power stations and power generators.

The Ministry of Electric Power distributes power by increasing the ration time by the end of May. Similarly, the Mandalay Electricity Supply Corporation invited tenders for a bill collecting system through computer and bill printing with the use of Myanmar Kyat on 17 May. — MNA

Boeing 737-800 NG aircraft arrives for Myanmar National Airlines-MNA



A new aircraft joins the MNA fleet. PHOTO : LIN YAMA

A Boeing 737-800 NG aircraft arrived at Yangon International Airport on 27 May to expand the international flights of Myanmar National Airlines-MNA, said officials.

On arrival of the aircraft at the entrance to the parking area, two fire engines splashed the water to greet the plane with

safety. The engineers were greeted by flight attendants from Myanmar National Airlines.

“We are currently renting a second Boeing aircraft due to market demand, which is not enough for the one currently operating at Myanmar National Airlines. The main reason is to expand the service. The aircraft

was flown by Indonesia Airlines. With the arrival of the aircraft, international flights will be expanded and the best services will be provided,” said Capt. Khop Khang Mon, chief executive officer of Myanmar National Airlines.

The Boeing 737-800 NG (XY-ALV) aircraft has been leased by

the Dubai Aerospace Enterprise (DAE).

Myanmar National Airlines will operate more flights to countries in the Asia-Pacific region, providing a better travel experience for passengers.

The aircraft was launched on 17 February 2009 and had a flight time of 30,573 hours and a landing time of 19,641. The number of seats is 12 Business Class. It has 150 Y Class seats and the lease period will be six years, according to Myanmar National Airlines.

Currently, Myanmar National Airlines flies to 28 domestic cities and is one of the busiest domestic flights.

In addition, international flights are being operated and plans are underway for more flights, according to Myanmar National Airlines. — Lin Yama/GNLM

MoC arranges importation of essential anti-COVID-19 equipment

THE Ministry of Commerce oversees the importation of necessary medical supplies and anti- COVID-19 devices critical to the COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities through trading posts, international airports and seaports.

A total of 123,000 PPEs and 217 tonnes of masks were imported by 17 companies from 1 May to 28 May. Officials from relevant departments cooperate with one another to facilitate and expedite standard operating procedures for the import process.

It is reported that the Ministry of Commerce is coordinating with relevant departments to prevent COVID-19, and contact persons for enquiries can be reached through the Ministry’s Website – www.commerce.gov.mm. — MNA

COVID-19 vaccine drive continues in various states, regions

DOCTORS and nurses from public hospitals, Tatmadaw medical teams, healthcare workers and volunteers are working hard to give COVID-19 vaccines in different states and regions as the vaccination programme is one of the most important activities in the prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19 disease.

COVID-19 vaccine is administered daily to target groups regardless of race or religion, including Buddhist monks and nuns, local people over the age of 40, students, religious leaders, prisoners, people with disabilities, ethnic armed groups, people with chronic diseases, people in IDP camps and over 12-year-old students, respectively.

Yesterday, doctors and nurses from public hospitals, medical teams from the Tat-



A local in Ayeyawady Region receives Covid vaccine.

madaw, relevant healthcare workers in collaboration with volunteers gave COVID-19 vaccines to 13,490 people from twenty-six townships in Ayeyawady Region, 4,827 people from ten townships in Rakhine and Chin states and 19,211

people from seven districts in Mandalay Region, respectively.

It is reported that officials from the respective Military Commands visited the site and coordinated the necessary work. — MNA

Comparative research work on use of mechanized/conventional farming for 6 crops underway

A comparative research study on the use of mechanized farming and conventional farming for six crops is underway, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation.

The research work is being carried out under the collaboration of the Department of Agricultural Research and the Agricultural Mechanization Department on cotton, onion, sesame seed, corn, sunflower, and potato.

“It is very important for the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Agricultural Research to have a balanced collaboration so that research results will be implemented by farm-

ers in practical ways,” said Union Minister U Tin Htut Oo of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation.

He also said it is necessary to expand the research activities which are adaptable to changes such as climate change, consumer favorite changes and market demand.

He made the remarks at the coordination meeting on research and technology development held on 26 May in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the 2022-2023 rainfed crop season, more than 334,000 rainfed crops will be cultivated in the Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory, it is reported. — TWA/GNLM

Art digital platform attracts domestic buyers

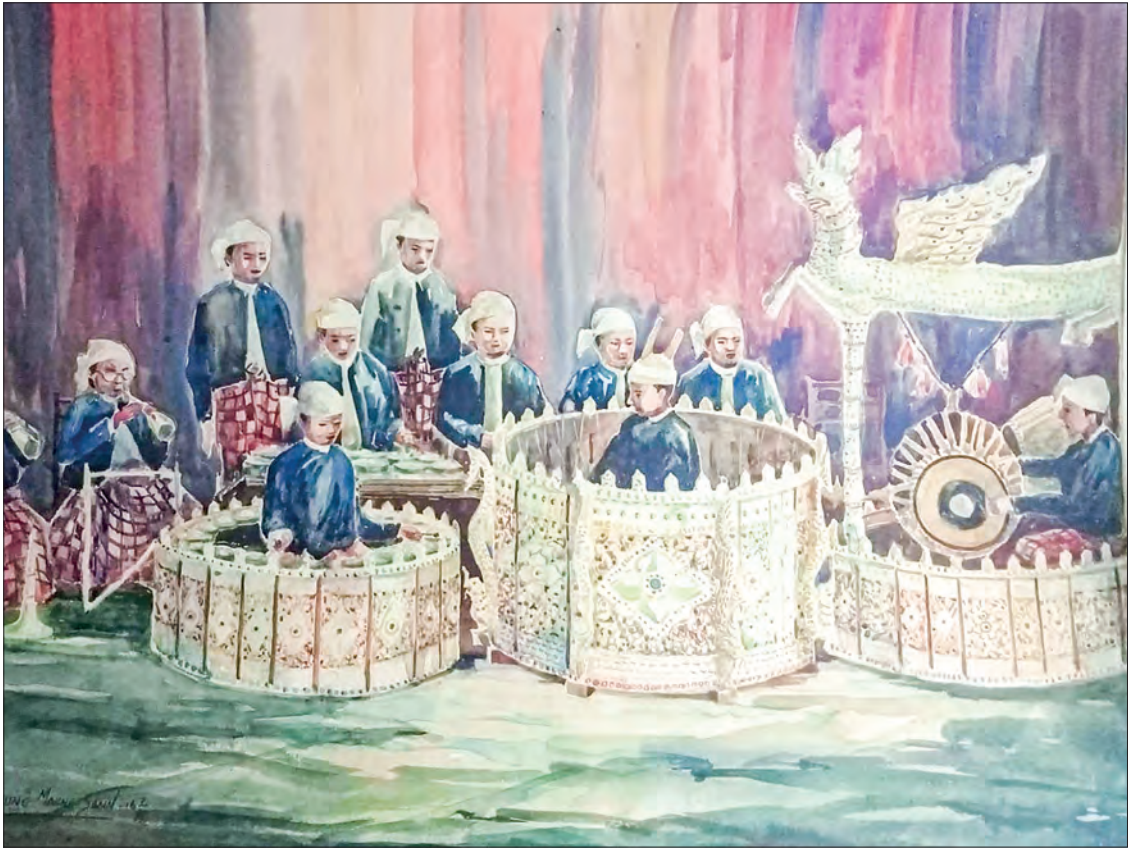
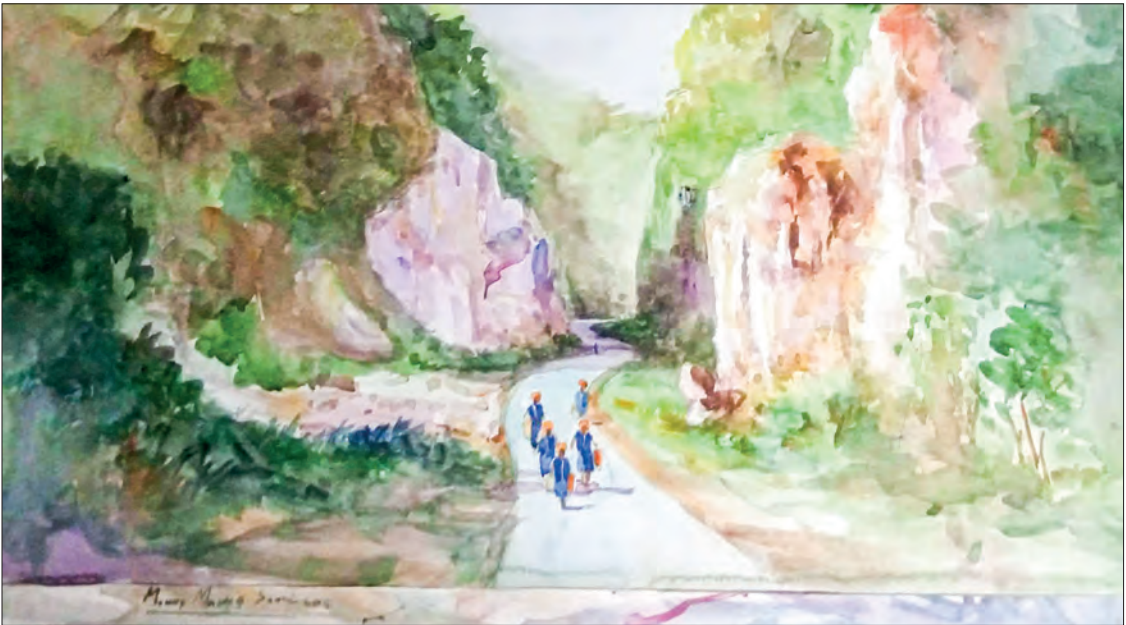
ARTISTS from other suburban areas outside big cities are relying on the eCommerce platform to penetrate the domestic market, said Maung Maung San, an artist from Monywa city.

“We relied on foreign demand earlier. Mostly, we sold them with US currency at the precinct of Mingun and Bagan pagodas. Thanks to the domestic market, our business is doing well,” Saya Maung Maung San said.

The COVID-19 global pandemic dealt a blow to the art market. Approximately one million worth of my artworks were previously sold per year. In 2020, I earned only K170,000 from my artworks, he added. At present, the trade is seemingly alive after a local called Ko Chit Khaing established the Monywa Gallery Art online to showcase the artworks of artists from Monywa City.

“About 35 paintings were sold through that gallery. I earned about K2 million,” an artist Maung Maung San said.

There are about 25 artists in Monywa. Five to six of them are financially doing well with the help of online market. — Lu Lay/GNLM



Some paintings go online for sale in the domestic market.

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, edible oil and vehicles seized



Officials confiscate illegal timbers.

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

the country. The combined inspection on-duty team at the Ma-yanchaung Permanent Check-

point captured K3,014,000 worth of duty-free edible oil that showed no official documents and was carried with the passenger's lug-

gage from an express bus heading from Myawady to Yangon on 27 May. The action was taken under the Customs Law. Similarly, the Mandalay 16-mile checkpoint confiscated K1,814,800 worth of 1.8148 tonnes of illegal teak and illegal gum-kino sawn timbers from three vehicles (approximately K32,000,000), and the action was charged under the Forest Law.

Moreover, on 28 May, the combined inspection team captured K947,186 worth of 5.502 tonnes of illegal timbers in the Kyaukmasin and Saiya reserve forest in Toungoo District. The case was charged under the Forest Law. Therefore, from 27 May to 28 May, ten arrests were made, totalling K37,775,986, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA



Seized commodities.

Over K800 million worth of heroin and arms seized in Patheingyi Township



An arrestee is seen along with seized heroin, arms and a lorry.

THE Police Force seized K825 million worth of 33 kilogrammes

of heroin and arms in Patheingyi Township of Mandalay Region.

At 1:00 pm on 24 May, the Anti-Drug Police Force stopped and examined a Hino 6-wheeler driven by Thiha Aung heading from PyinOoLwin to Mandalay at the 16-mile joint checkpoint, according to the information. They captured K825 million worth of 33 kilogrammes of heroin and two M22 guns, two magazines and 100 bullets of M22 gun. According to the examination, he admitted the seized heroin and arms to be carried from Shan State (South) to Mandalay Region. He was prosecuted under the law, the investigation continued, the Myanmar Police Force stated. — MNA

One monk, 2 people shot dead in Magway Region

PDF terrorists brutally killed a monk and two people in Zayama Village of Yesagyo Township in Magway Region and took a car of the monk and K2 million on 27 May. On 27 May, about 30 PDF terrorists arrived at the house of U Zaw Wai and his wife Daw Thin Thin Nwe in Zayama Village of Yesagyo Township and shot them to

death. Then, they went to the village monastery and shot Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sawmaleka and robbed K2 million, one handphone and one vehicle. Security forces continued investigating to take action against PDF terrorists for killing monks and innocent civilians under the law. — MNA

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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

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.

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
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Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee

Licence needed for various
beans, oilseeds, edible oil export

THE Ministry of Commerce has issued an import/export newsletter (7/2022) on 23 May, saying that various beans, oilseeds, and edible oil will be required to apply for an export licence to reduce the impact on the domestic edible oil prices due to weak supply of international edible oil.

To protect the environment and ensure national security and food security, the ministry has regarded 789 goods with H.S Code 6 Digit

and 1,236 goods with H.S Code 10 Digit as the good lines required to apply for the export licence, according to the 2017 Customs Tariff of Myanmar.

Therefore, various beans, oilseeds and edible oil can be exported abroad by sea, air, or through border trade routes only after applying for a licence under the rules and regulations from 1 August 2022, according to the notice of the Department of Trade. — TWA/GNLM



Myanmar citizens allowed entry to Japan
without quarantine



Check-in counters at Narita International Airport in Japan.

THE Myanmar Embassy in Japan has announced that Myanmar citizens who will be visiting Japan from 1 June will not need to stay a quarantine.

The “New Border Measures-28” was notified by the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Myanmar Embassy in Japan in Tokyo on 23 May regarding the deregulation of Japanese immigration. According to the New Bor-

der Measures-28 of the notice, countries and regions are to be divided into three colours, and the regulation will take effect starting from 1 June.

According to a statement from the Myanmar Embassy, people from Myanmar to Japan do not need to enter the Quarantine because Myanmar is part of the Blue Group in the New Border Measures 28. According to the Japa-

nese government, visitors from countries designated as the Blue Group do not need to submit a Quarantine stay, On-Arrival test and Japanese government-recognized immunization certificate, but will only need a pre-departure test.

In addition, visitors from countries designated as the Yellow Group must have a pre-departure test, whether or not they have a Japanese government-recognized immunization certificate.

Those who have a vaccinated certificate do not need to do so and those who do not have a vaccination certificate are required to take an On-Arrival test and stay at home for three days of quarantine.

Similarly, red groups are required to undergo a pre-departure test and on-arrival test, whether or not they have a Japanese government-recognized immunization certificate, and are required to spend three days in a quarantine area under a Japanese government-monitored facility. —TWA/GNLM

Organic bazaar in downtown Yangon makes happiness of consumers

THIS week, buyers and sellers have been pleased to see a direct sale of organic produce from the Delta region growers directly to consumers.

Local housewives are happy that a temporary market between Than Market, Maw Tin Market and Nyaung Pin Lay Market on Mahabandula Road and Anawrahta Road is selling delta products such as bananas, papaya, coconut, duck eggs, and various kinds of vegetables at affordable prices.

“It takes three nights and four days at a time. We sell local fruits. Customers can eat it safely because it is grown without the use of fertilizers. The fruits are picked and sold here near the port of Yangon for achieving a good price,” said Daw Pu, a seller from Kyaiklat.

“Goods and fruits are stored on large ships at Yangon port and vendors sell the foodstuffs early in the morning. We are selling fruits because they are not



Street vendors are pictured selling organic fruits and vegetables.

sprayed. Now, the whole market is full of traders from our area. There are even people who sell local snacks,” said Ko Aye Min, who sells coconuts and bananas.

Buyers are pleased due to the fresh sale of local crops and eggs. Sometimes sellers came

to the market by motorboat from the Twantay canal.

“In addition to being cheap, it is freshly eaten because all are organic products. Both buyers and sellers are convenient because we can buy directly from local growers,” said Ma Aye

Khaing, a resident of Lanmadaw Township.

Vendors are selling per egg for K210 or K220, a branch of bananas for K500 to K1,200, per papaya for K700 to K1,500, eight mangoes for K1000, and per coconut for K500 or K600

respectively.

Because of the direct sales of flowers and vegetables, there are job opportunities for local people U Aye Min said.

The organic market is good for both the seller and the buyer Convenient but vendors are selling goods on a roadside platform.

Since the township council may remove the market, it would be appropriate to set up a legal place to do so, one customer told to the GNLM. — TWA/GNLM



Take care of problems with antimicrobial resistance

GLOBAL people totally accepted that penicillin discovered in 1928 by Scottish scientist Alexander Fleming had been the most potent vaccine to fight against various kinds of diseases for many years. For many decades, penicillin became the king of vaccines and medicines to cure patients.

Later decades, scientists and medical experts created more and more effective potent medicines and vaccines to give treatment to the people. Thanks to their efforts, these newer medicines and vaccines were useful in the medical arena. Antibiotic vaccines have saved a tremendous number of patients on a yearly basis.

Regrettably, global people faced the danger of antimicrobial

resistance in using these potent medicines and vaccines. It was a terrible shock for the globe as well as the medical arena. Renowned scientists and experts urgently made efforts for conducting research and tests to produce the most effective potent medicines and vaccines day and night.

All physicians need to avoid the unacceptable situation of antimicrobial resistance for the vaccines and medicines to be used in battling monkeypox. Scientists have stored records of such diseases and how to fight monkeypox with the use of effectively potent medicines and vaccines in the near future.

They found these effective potent medicines and vaccines as they expected. But, these drugs could be used for some years in treating the patients. After that, diseases and viruses brought more severity to the patients as well as defied the effective treatment of medicines and vaccines. But, scientists and medical experts never gave it up.

Such a kind of process has been going on year by year. From now on, severe diseases and outbreaks of pandemics pose threats to the world and global peoples in various ways and means. A large number of global people lost their lives in attacks of dreadful diseases but no one gave up on these diseases. Although antimicrobial resistance based on severe diseases comes out, the utmost efforts of scientists and medical experts strived for the disappearance of these terrible diseases one after another. If patients use pills under the prescription of physicians, they are sure to avoid antimicrobial resistance.

Currently, monkeypox was firstly discovered in 1958 and appears again in the world to pose threats to the world. All physicians need to avoid the unacceptable situation of antimicrobial resistance for the vaccines and medicines to be used in battling monkeypox. Scientists have stored records of such diseases and how to fight monkeypox with the use of effectively potent medicines and vaccines in the near future.

All global peoples are embracing their hopes for overcoming the challenges of monkeypox with the potent medicines and vaccines created by scientists and medical experts. Hence, the global people expect such a dream would come true tomorrow one day.

Give Respect, Get Respect

By Dr Khine Khine Win

MANY people say respect and hear respect many times but most people really don't understand the meaning and essence of respect. Respect is an essential part of human life and it is a combination of appreciation and admiration. It is an unspoken way of communication and is taught to people everywhere and it is even taught to them in their religions. Respect begins with the self. The first and foremost important thing is you must respect yourself. Self-respect is acceptance of yourself as a whole person. If you don't respect yourself, why should anyone else? If you can't respect yourself then you won't be able to respect others. Laurence Sterne said, "Respect for ourselves guides

our morals: Respect for others guides our manners." Your manners give who you are. Sometimes you don't agree with what another person is saying, but you can disagree without showing disrespect manner. You can show that you respect another person's thoughts and ideas.

Respect yourself first then give respect to your family, your community, and your environment then you must give respect to your country. For instance, when you take care of and respect your environment, you are showing respect for the people who live there. Another example is that when the National Anthem is played at a cinema hall or other event, you stand up to show your respect to your country. You also show respect to

the National Flag because it is the symbol of your country. A person who loves and respects his/her country more than anything else is called a patriot. Bear in mind that a true patriot should never hate other countries because true patriotism teaches to love and respect other countries as well.

Here is the question. Do you feel respected at the workplace? Based on my experiences, most employees don't regularly get respect from their leaders. In workplaces with little or no respect, employees report more conflict and misunderstanding and lower attendance and productivity. Conversely, in a respectful workplace, employees are more engaged and productive. If you really want to see your co-workers happy, you must remember to show enough respect and love for one another.

It should be noted that respect contributes to job satisfaction and it also creates a fair environment.

The awareness about respect must be instilled in every human being from his childhood whether rich or poor. Treating others with respect is a fundamental quality which needs to be taught to all children. If we want our children to learn to respect others, first we must look into ourselves and see if we are respecting others first.

There is an old saying, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you". If you treat them with kindness, they will be kind back. In our society, we should recognize that different people bring different perspectives, ideas, knowledge and culture and that this difference brings great strength. We may disagree but we should always respect each other.

It is for sure everybody wants to be respected. People gravitate towards those who will give them the respect they feel they deserve. If you cannot give it, don't expect to get it. Be aware that you deserve respect whether or not you are being respected. At the same time, the absence of respect can lead to conflict. As Myanmar is a Union of different ethnicities, it is important to respect each other traditions and cultures if we want to live peacefully and in harmony. This will also help to promote the ideals of mutual trust and goodwill.

Respecting your parents, teachers and elders is the main step towards teaching the meaning and importance of respect in our life. In order to have a society which accepts you, you need to learn to respect them. It should be noted that respect is not about

controlling someone or making them do what you want them to do. Respect is actually about the freedom to be yourself and to be loved for who you are. Indeed, respect is the root of happiness. New studies have shown that the respect you've earned is worth more than what is in the bank. If we respected each other a bit more and made that respect known, we could catalyze real, positive change in our world.

In conclusion, it is important to have in mind that for Democracy to work, we need respect towards others and also towards ourselves, so that we feel the need to be active citizens. Respect your value, and others will value and respect you. If you want to get it, you've got to give it.



Book Title	- Outside Myanmar (Dear Migrant Workers)
Author	- Lu Kar
Publishing House	- Zaladni Publishing
Publication Date	- March 2022 (5 th Edition)
Price	- K6,500

Outside Myanmar (Dear Migrant Workers)

AN artist Myint Maung Kyaw drew a two-fist picture on the cover of the novel. The clenched hand looks weak with bulging veins. However, the fists portray anger, dissatisfaction and readiness to fight and struggle in life. The owner of those fists is a migrant worker from Myanmar. This novel is a story of a migrant worker named Phoe Soe (aka) Ah Soe.

Migrating to work in another country has become a trend and dream among Myanmar youths in order to meet development goals owing to political changes and struggle with poverty.

The director-general of the International Labour Organization-ILO has addressed that migrant workers make significant and essential contributions to the economic, social and cultural development of their host countries and their communities back home. However, their work and efforts are

rarely recognized.

Sayama Ma Thida (Sanchoung) noted in the preamble that Saya Lu Kar well described how is the life of outlanders among the strangers outside Myanmar.

The novel started with the words, "I was innocent. However, I was blinded by demons. The readers are swept away by obscurity and the differences between the dream and the real-life experiences of a young man which keep them reading. The readers can hear the screaming of Ah Soe who is behind bars in Malaysia, "Where's my land? and "Please let me go back home" while grinning his teeth.

The objective behind the novel is to closely observe the place before you jump forward. Unless doing so, you might go down into the devastating cliff. This novel, which won the National Literary Award (Novel) in 2017, is the fifth edition of the author Saya Lu Kar.



Book Title	- Stephen Hawking's perspective on law and other writings
Author	- Dr Myint Zan
Publishing House	- Shwe Publishing
Publication Date	- June 2020 (1 st Edition)
Price	- K4,000

Stephen Hawking's perspective on law and other writings

THERE are many requirements for humans and their environment. Among them, science and law are indispensable. Thanks to humanity's efforts and innovations mainly through the development of science and technology we have overcome the limitations of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and the Iron Age. Likewise, the law is essential to alleviate social injustices and solve social conflicts. Hence people should study these important subjects - Law and Science.

This book written by Dr Myint Zan should enhance the knowledge of learners of science and law. It includes a compilation of articles published between the years 2015 and 2019. It contains six parts: (1) articles in honour of personages (2) articles related to little or no reform in education (3) an article on revisionist Bagan

(Pagan) history (4) articles on the rule of law, constitution, and international law (5) articles concerning science and (6) an article on the relationship between science and law.

In Chapter 6, which is the title of the book the late astrophysicist Stephen Hawking's view on an aspect of criminal law is discussed.

Chapter 5 includes an article about the search for extraterrestrial civilizations in the Universe. The late scientist Carl Sagan's view regarding the existence of extraterrestrial civilizations and the late evolutionary biologist Ernst Mayr's statement that such searches are a waste of funds are juxtaposed and discussed.

The book would be beneficial for those who want to study snippets of law, science, history and biography.



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Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 28 May 2022)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate over the Eastcentral Bay and Northeast Bay of Bengal. Weather is a few cloud elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 28 May 2022: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions and Kayah State, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing Region and Shan and Chin states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of regionally heavyfalls in Mon State and isolated heavyfalls in Taninthayi Region and Kayin State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squall with rough seas are likely at times in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon- Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (35) mph. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (8-10) feet in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon- Taninthayi Coasts and (5-7) feet off and along Rakhine Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Thundery activities in Northern Myanmar Areas.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29 May 2022: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29 May 2022: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29 May 2022: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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ENVIRON WORLD

G7 nations vow to stop fossil-fuel financing abroad by end 2022

JAPAN Friday for the first time joined fellow members of the Group of Seven industrialized nations in pledging to end public financing for fossil fuel projects abroad by the end of the year to help combat global warming.

“We commit to end new direct public support for the international unabated fossil fuel energy sector by the end of 2022,” G7 energy and climate ministers said in a joint statement following talks in Berlin.

The term “unabated” refers to projects that do not employ techniques to offset some of the pollution caused by carbon dioxide emissions.

Ending subsidies for the



Halting the flow of money to new fossil fuel development is essential to meeting the world's climate goals. Oil tankers are anchored at Basra harbour, 550 kms (340 miles) south of Baghdad. **PHOTO: ESSAM AL-SUDANI/AFP/FILE**

international fossil fuel energy sector was already part of a series of commitments agreed to by around 20 countries at last year's COP26 climate summit in Glasgow.

Six of the G7 club of rich nations were among the signatories at the time — Britain, Canada, Germany, France, Italy and the United States — but Japan had resisted until now.

“It is good that Japan, the world's largest financier of fossil fuels, has now joined the other G7 countries in making a shared commitment to end overseas fossil fuel financing,” said Al-den Meyer, senior associate at climate policy think tank E3G.

Friday's pledge still allows for some “limited” exceptions of fossil-fuel financing so long as they are consistent with the 2015 Paris pact to curb global temperature increases. But Meyer said countries wishing to do so would face “a very stiff bar to clear”.

At their G7 talks, ministers also committed to largely end the use of fossil fuels in their electricity sectors by 2035, despite heavy tensions in the power market over Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

“We further commit to a goal of achieving predominantly decarbonized electricity sectors by 2035,” they said. — AFP

The Arctic's tricky quest for sustainable tourism

HOME to polar bears, the mid-night sun and the northern lights, a Norwegian archipelago perched high in the Arctic is trying to find a way to profit from its pristine wilderness without ruining it.

The Svalbard archipelago, located 1,300 kilometres (800 miles) from the North Pole and reachable by commercial airline flights, offers visitors vast expanses of untouched nature, with majestic mountains, glaciers and frozen fjords.

Or, the fjords used to be frozen. Svalbard is now on the

frontline of climate change, with the Arctic warming three times faster than the planet.

The local coal mines — the original reason for human settlements here — have closed one after the other over the years, and tourism has become one of the main pillars of the local economy, along with scientific research. “It's always hard to defend because we know that tourism worldwide creates challenges to all the places people visit, but also in the bigger climate change perspective,” acknowledged Ronny Brunvoll,

the head of tourism board Visit Svalbard.

“But we can't stop people from travelling. We can't stop people from visiting each other, so we have to find solutions,” he said.

Around 140,000 people visit these latitudes each year, according to pre-pandemic data, where 65 per cent of the land is protected.

Like the 3,000 local residents, visitors must follow strict rules that bar them from disturbing the animals — tracking a polar bear can lead to a big



Tourists wearing face masks to protect against the coronavirus walk outside the Arctic Circle Info Tower and Safari Centre at Santa Claus Village in the Arctic Circle, Rovaniemi, Finnish Lapland, on 18 December 2020. **PHOTO: KAISA SIREN/LEHTIKUVA/AFP**

fine — or picking flowers in an ecosystem almost devoid of vegetation. “You are really confronted with nature. There are not a

lot of places like this left,” said Frederique Barraja, a French photographer on one of her frequent trips to the region. — AFP

Ongoing floods affect over half million as death toll rises to 30 in India's Assam



Villagers lead their cattle to a partially flooded road after travelling on a boat through flood waters following heavy rains in Nagaon district, Assam state, India, on 19 May 2022. **PHOTO: BIJU BORO / AFP**

THE ongoing floods in India's northeastern state of Assam have affected over half a million people and killed 30 people so far, officials said Friday.

There has been no respite in the ongoing flood situation in the state and according to Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), the floods have hit 12 districts.

“With two more deaths reported during the past 24 hours in Nagaon district, so far 30 people have lost their lives in this year's flooding and landslides in the state,” an official of the ASDMA said. — Xinhua

China's largest saltwater lake sees more water birds

QINGHAI Lake, China's largest inland saltwater lake, has seen an increasing number of water birds, with some starting to breed, the local nature reserve's administration said.

Based on a five-day bird monitoring operation starting last week, the monitoring staff observed 42 species of water birds totalling over 44,000 in number, 8,000 more than the same period in 2021, said He Yubang, head of the administration.

The observed birds included 88 state first-class pro-

tected black-necked cranes, 16 state second-class protected podiceps nigricollis and six whooper swans.

He said water birds have entered breeding season.

The latest data shows that the water area of Qinghai Lake reached 4,625 square km, an increase of nearly 220 square km compared with a decade ago, He noted.

Qinghai Lake is an important ecological barrier in northern China and a key stop-over site for migrant birds. — Xinhua

North Korea says Covid outbreak under control as treatment ‘intensifies’

NORTH Korea says its Covid-19 outbreak has been brought under control, with state media reporting falling caseloads for a seventh straight day Friday as healthcare workers “intensify” testing and treatment.

But experts question the official numbers given the isolated country has one of the world’s worst healthcare systems and likely no Covid-19 drugs or mass testing ability.

The state-run Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) said “progress” has been made in diagnosing and treating patients thanks to “the devoted efforts” of medical workers.

North Korea announced its first coronavirus cases on 12 May and activated a “maximum emergency epidemic prevention system”, with leader Kim Jong Un putting himself front



Empty streets near Pyongyang Railway Station as people stay home due to a Covid lockdown. **PHOTO: KIM WON JIN/ AFP**

and centre of the government’s response. Kim blamed lazy officials for a sluggish reaction to the outbreak and deployed the army to staff Pyongyang’s pharmacies.

This weekend state media said the epidemic has been brought under control, and KCNA reiterated that message Tuesday.

“Nationwide morbidity and mortality rates have drastically decreased,” the news agency said.

On Friday it reported just over 100,000 new cases of “fever”, down from a high of 390,000 a day reported earlier this month.

KCNA also reported one more death Friday -- taking the total to 69 -- and claimed the fatality rate remains at 0.002 per cent. It says more than three million people have fallen sick.

North Korea has not vaccinated any of its roughly 25 million people, having rejected jobs offered by the World Health Organization.—AFP

Germany to recognize Bharat Biotech’s COVAXIN for travel from 1 June

GERMAN Ambassador to India, Walter J Lindner, on Thursday hailed the German government for recognizing the WHO-listed Bharat Biotech’s COVID vaccine, COVAXIN, for travel to the country starting 1 June.

World Health Organization (WHO) in November last year issued an emergency use listing (EUL) for COVAXIN, adding to a growing portfolio of vaccines validated for the prevention of COVID-19 caused by SARS-

CoV-2.

Taking to Twitter, the Ambassador to Germany and Bhutan Lindner wrote, “Very happy that GER government just decided to recognize WHO-listed Covaxin for travels to GER, starting 1 June! This Embassy has been pushing very actively for such decision (because of Covid-backlogs visa sections have longer waiting periods than normal, please have patience).”—ANI

Oxygen producing plant built in Afghanistan’s Baghlan province

AN oxygen producing plant has been built in Afghanistan’s northern Baghlan province to overcome the shortage of essential gas in hospitals, the state-run news agency Bakhtar reported Friday.

Constructed at a cost of 120,000 US dollars, the plant with a capacity of filling 60 cylinders of oxygen gas within

24 hours was given to provincial health authorities on Thursday, the news agency reported.

The oxygen shortage would be solved in all hospitals of Baghlan province with the inauguration of the oxygen plant in the province, according to the news agency.—Xinhua

Travellers with booster can enter Philippines without COVID-19 test

THE Philippines will no longer require a pre-departure COVID-19 test from 30 May for inbound travellers who have got a booster jab as part of the government’s measures to revive the pandemic-hit economy.

Tourism Secretary Bernadette Romulo-Puyat said the new rule to ease further the travel requirements is to encourage more tourists to visit the country and “make it more convenient for tourists”.

“All types of vaccination certificates, regardless of country of origin, will also be accepted,” she said.

“The Department of Tourism (DOT) sees this development as a win for the local

tourism industry as welcoming more tourists in the country will yield more revenues for our small businesses and restore more jobs and livelihoods in the sector,” she added.

Puyat said travel insurance “is no longer required but still highly encouraged for arriving passengers.”—Xinhua

After two years of Covid restrictions devastated tourism, the Philippines is easing travel protocols even as it lags Southeast Asia in terms of vaccination. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**



Shanghai to gradually reopen schools in June as lockdown eases

SHANGHAI schoolchildren will gradually resume some in-person classes in June with daily Covid-19 tests, the local government said Thursday, as the Chinese metropolis gradually emerges from a lengthy lockdown that

brought it to a standstill.

The country has been fighting its worst coronavirus outbreak since the start of the pandemic, with the epicentre Shanghai banning its 25 million residents from leaving their

homes for weeks.

Some of the city’s restrictions have recently eased as cases dwindle, though much of the population is still not allowed to venture outside for more than a few hours a day at most.—AFP

ECONOMY WORLD

Japan mulls easing weapons export rules to prop up defence industry



Japan's first domestically assembled F-35 fighter was unveiled on 5 June 2017. The fighter jet, unveiled at the Komakiminami factory of Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd. in Aichi Prefecture, features high stealth capabilities and mobility. **PHOTO: KYODO/FILE**

JAPAN is considering relaxing rules for exporting defence equipment in an effort to prop up the domestic defence industry, government sources said Friday.

Details of the planned revision will be included in a basic policy for economic and fiscal

management to be finalized by the government in June, the sources said. But the easing of export controls is expected to raise concerns that Japanese-made weapons may be used in conflicts overseas. The National Security Strategy, the country's long-term

security and diplomatic policy guidelines, will also mention strengthening support for the defence industry in revisions to be made by the end of the year, according to the sources.

The move comes amid growing concerns within the government and ruling Liberal Democratic Party that Japan's defence industry will become unsustainable as companies, with the Self-Defence Forces as their sole client, are pulling out one after another due to low profit margins.

While defence equipment and technology transfer agreements that enable exports have been concluded with 12 countries, including Australia, Britain, and India, only one contract for a finished product -- air defence radars -- has been concluded, with the Philippines.—Kyodo

Vietnam's economy to grow 6.9 pct in 2022: S&P Global



Workers make shoes for export at a workshop of the footwear company in Hanoi, Vietnam, 1 April 2022. **PHOTO: VNA/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

S&P Global Ratings has affirmed its "BB+" long-term sovereign

credit ratings on Vietnam, estimating its economy will expand

6.9 pct this year, local media reported on Friday.

The rating agency pointed out that the outlook on the ratings remains stable, Vietnam News Agency reported, citing the country's Ministry of Finance.

The agency's upgrade of Vietnam's ratings was based on the country's strong economic recovery prospect following the lift of travel restrictions, rising vaccination rates and the shift in COVID-19 response policy, said the report. Over the next 12 to 24 months, Vietnam's economy will continue to recover from the challenges posed by the pandemic over the past two years, according to the report.—Xinhua

Ukraine's grain harvest to drop by 37.7 pct in 2022: industry body

UKRAINE'S grain, oilseed and legume output is expected to drop by about 37.7 per cent this year to 66 million tonnes, Interfax-Ukraine news agency reported Friday, citing an industry body.

According to the Ukrainian Agribusiness Club (UCAB), Ukraine's wheat production will fall by 44 per cent this year to 18 million tonnes, while corn output will shrink by 39 percent to 25.7 million tonnes.

The barley harvest is expected to be 5.2 million tons, around 55 per cent below the previous year's level, while sunflower seed output is set to decline by 35 per cent to 10.6 million tonnes, the UCAB said.—Xinhua

India's central bank to opt for "graded approach" towards proposed digital currency

IN its annual report released on Friday, the Reserve Bank of India said that the design of the central digital coin needed to be in line with the objectives of its monetary policy, financial stability and efficient operations of currency and payment systems.

"The Reserve Bank proposes to adopt a graded approach to introduction of Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC), going step by step through stages of Proof of Concept, pilots and the launch," the annual report said.

A proof of concept is a process of determining whether

an idea can be turned into reality or verifying if the idea will function as envisioned.

The Reserve Bank has been exploring the pros and cons of the introduction of CBDC in India and accordingly, the appropriate design elements of CBDCs that could be implemented with little or no disruption are under examination, it said.

In February, India's Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, while presenting the annual budget for the year 2022-23, said that the Reserve Bank of India will launch an Indian digital currency.—Xinhua



An Indian money changer and tour operator (R) waits for customers at his shop in Kolkata. **PHOTO: AFP/DIBYANGSHU SARKAR**

Tibet's first comprehensive bonded zone passes acceptance review

THE comprehensive bonded zone in Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, passed acceptance review on Friday, becoming the first zone of its kind in the region.

Comprehensive bonded zones are special customs supervision areas. The State Council approved the establishment of one such zone in the region in April 2020.

An acceptance and inspection team including personnel from the General Administration of Customs and the National Development and Reform Commission took part in the acceptance process via video link. They examined the construction of infrastructure and regulatory facilities in the zone and issued their acceptance.

Located in the economic and technological development area of Lhasa, the comprehensive bonded zone is adjacent to the city's freight transport hub of Qinghai-Tibet Railway and approximately 40 kilometres away from Lhasa Konggar International Airport.

The comprehensive bonded zone and supporting facility areas cover nearly 4.9 square kilometres in total.—Xinhua

Italy's Mermec wins over 20 mil. euro deals for rail safety in Japan



MERMEC is an Italian multinational company founded in 1970 and active in the field of advanced technologies for rail transport. **PHOTO: MERMEC GROUP/KYODO**

MERMEC S.p.A., an Italian company specializing in technology for railway safety and maintenance, said Friday it has won contracts with Japanese entities worth more than 20 million euros (\$21.5 million) as part of efforts to expand its businesses in Japan and into other markets in Asia.

Mermec, which became the first foreign firm in Japan in 2015 to engage in rail inspection and diagnostics, remains a rare example of a company having cleared the stringent process of selec-

tion in cooperation with Japanese partners.

The latest deals, involving Mitsubishi Electric Corp. and trading house Sumitomo Corp. among others, also cover potential future projects of railway operations in Taiwan, the Philippines and other markets in Asia in partnership with Japanese firms, Mermec said.

Such projects must come in line with greater social awareness of the need to cut greenhouse gas emissions related to the industry, with more people opting to use greener

means to travel, said Angelo Petrosillo, vice-president for international affairs at Mermec, in an interview with Kyodo News.

"We are working to make railway infrastructure more and more modern, interconnected, and resilient," he said.

Giuseppe Aurisicchio, executive manager of the Japanese arm of the company, said, "We expect to double turnover in Japan by next year, and to be more able to get overseas opportunities with our Japanese partners."—Kyodo

Oil India records highest ever profit in 2021-2022 due to high fuel, gas prices

OIL India Limited (OIL) has posted a net profit of Rs3,887.31 crore for the year ended March 2022, which is 123.20 per cent higher when compared with Rs1741.59 crore profit recorded in the previous year.

Talking to ANI, SC Mishra, CMD, Oil India Limited, said that one of the reasons behind the record profit is high crude oil and gas prices. Mishra said that eight billion Roubles of dividend from Russian projects is stuck due to the war between Russia and

Ukraine.

There is no aggressive plan to buy Russian projects as the government is reviewing the investment prospects in Russia, he said.

Talking about the crude oil price outlook, Mishra said oil prices are expected to come down to \$80-90 in some time.

Oil India's turnover of Rs14,530.18 crore during 2021-22 is also the highest ever. The turnover during 2020-21 was Rs8,604.90 crore.

For Q4 2021-22 also, the Turnover and PAT

have increased by 73.85 per cent and 92.32 per cent, respectively over Q4 last financial year. The Earnings Per Share (EPS) for FY22 increased to Rs35.85/share from Rs16.06/share for FY21.

The consolidated turnover of OIL's group companies has increased to Rs30,011.20 crore in 2021-22 from Rs 22,484.13 crore in the last financial year.

Group PAT of OIL for the year 2021-22 also increased to Rs6,719.21 crore from Rs4,145.97 crore in 2020-21.—ANI

ROK enterprises expand industrial facilities in China's Guangdong

TWO years into his overseas assignment to expand the hydrogen energy business in China, Oh Seung-chan, from the Republic of Korea (ROK), is pleased that his work and life have gone smoothly.

In 2021, Hyundai Motor Group set up its first overseas hydrogen fuel cell system project in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province and registered the company HTWO Guangzhou Co., Ltd. As the company's head, Oh lauded the excellent business environment here.

The Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area is one of the most important economic and manufacturing bases in

China. The comprehensive automobile and chemical industrial chains here provide ideal conditions for the development of the hydrogen fuel cell industry, Oh noted.

HTWO Guangzhou expects to complete the

construction of relevant facilities, including a fuel cell system plant, an innovation centre, and a research and development centre, and realize the mass production of hydrogen fuel cell systems by the end of 2022.—Xinhua



A woman sells clothes in front of phone cameras via live streaming on an e-commerce platform in Shaxi Town in Zhongshan City, south China's Guangdong Province, 28 March 2020. **PHOTO: XINHUA/LIU DAWEI**

Rising US wages support spending in April as inflation slows

AMERICAN wages continued to rise in April, supporting an ongoing increase in consumption in the face of an inflation wave that nonetheless shows signs of waning, according to government data released on Friday.

US personal income rose 0.4 per cent compared to March, while

personal consumption expenditures (PCE) gained 0.9 per cent, slowing from the gain in the prior month, according to the Commerce Department report.

But in a bit of good news for shoppers, the PCE price index slowed sharply, increasing just 0.2 per cent after several

months of accelerating at more than twice that pace and 0.9 per cent in March.

The world's largest economy has been battered for months by a cresting inflation wave, made more painful by the surge in energy prices caused by the fallout from the Russian invasion of Ukraine.—AFP

China's lithium-ion battery output tops 95 GWh in March-April

CHINA'S lithium-ion battery output topped 95 GWh during March and April as the strong growth momentum of the new energy vehicle sector continued to fuel expansion, official data showed Friday. Specifically, the output of lithium-ion batteries used for power

storage and for powering new energy vehicles stood at more than 10.5 GWh and 34.6 GWh, respectively, according to the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology. During the two-month period, China's exports of lithium-ion batteries were valued at 42.3

billion yuan (about 6.28 billion US dollars). China has been the world's biggest consumption market for lithium-ion batteries for five consecutive years. Last year, the industry's total production value exceeded 600 billion yuan, according to the ministry.—AFP



Iran's Revolutionary Guards seized two Greek oil tankers in the Gulf Friday, days after Athens confirmed it would deliver to Washington Iranian oil it had seized from a Russian tanker. **PHOTO: AFP**

Iran Revolutionary Guards say seized two Greek tankers in Gulf

IRAN'S Revolutionary Guards seized two Greek oil tankers in the Gulf Friday, days after Athens confirmed it would deliver to Washington Iranian oil it had seized from a Russian tanker.

"The IRGC naval forces today (Friday) seized two Greek oil tankers in the Persian Gulf due to violations that were committed," the Guards -- the ideological arm of the military -- said in a statement on their official website.

It did not elaborate on what the "violations" were.

Greece swiftly accused Iran of "piracy". The foreign ministry said Iranian helicopters had landed commandos on the two tankers.

One of them, the Delta Poseidon, was sailing in international waters at the time, the ministry said.

A spokeswoman for the Athens-based company Polembros identified the second

tanker as the Prudent Warrior.

"The ship has been seized by the Iranian authorities. We have no communication with them at this time," she told AFP.

The Greek foreign ministry said the second tanker was near the Iranian coast when seized.

The ministry said nine Greeks were among the crews of the two vessels, but did not give a number for the other sailors on board.—AFP

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

West has declared 'total war' on Russia: Lavrov

RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Friday accused Western countries of waging a "total war" on Russia and its people and culture as Moscow pushes on with its military operation in Ukraine.

"The West has declared war on us, on the whole Russian world. The culture of cancelling Russia and everything connect-

ed with our country is already reaching the point of absurdity," Lavrov said at a ministry meeting.

He accused the West of banning Russian writers, composers and other cultural figures.

"It is safe to say that this situation will be with us for a long time," he added.—AFP

Russia expels five employees of Croatian embassy in retaliation

RUSSIA on Friday expelled five employees of the Croatian embassy here in a retaliatory move. The Russian Foreign Ministry summoned the Croatian ambassador to Russia and protested against "the groundless attempts of the Croatian authorities to blame Russia for

war crimes in Ukraine" and the Croatian military assistance to Ukraine. In response to Zagreb's decision to reduce the staff number of the Russian diplomatic mission, the ministry declared five employees of the Croatian Embassy in Moscow "persona non grata."—Xinhua

Russia pounds Ukraine's Kharkiv, presses Donbas assault

UKRAINE'S second city Kharkiv on Friday reeled from a deadly onslaught of Russian shelling as Moscow pressed its offensive to capture key points in the eastern Donbas region with more bombing of residential areas.

The pounding of Kharkiv, which according to local officials left at least nine people dead, raised fears that Russia had not lost interest in the city even after Ukraine took back control after fierce battles.

Over three months after Russia launched its invasion on 24 February — and which has left thousands dead on both sides and displaced millions of Ukrainian civilians — Moscow is focusing on the east of Ukraine after failing in its initial ambition to capture Kyiv. Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky reiterated accusations that Moscow



Ukrainian servicemen walk near the front line, east of Kharkiv, on 31 March 2022, during Russia's military operation on Ukraine. **PHOTO: FADEL SENNA / AFP**

is carrying out a "genocide" in Donbas, saying its bombardment

could leave the entire region "uninhabited".—AFP



The deminers are fighting the clock. **PHOTO: AFP**

Deminers race to clear lake favoured by bathers near Kyiv

DEMINERS are racing against time to clear lake Horenka on the fringes of the Ukrainian capital Kyiv of unexploded shells and missiles before the start of the summer season to prevent any casualties. A wooden pontoon allows them to jump into the azure waters of the bucolic lake, which drew hordes of anglers and pic-

nickers in more peaceful times.

Now two boats skim the surface as a diver and an amphibious drone explore its depths.

Between Thursday and Friday, the team found 10 heavy projectiles, the remains of heavy fighting in this area which was the frontline in the early days of the war, unleashed by Russia on

24 February.

None of them exploded due to the "soft landing" on the water, Serhii Reva, head of the pyrotechnical unit of the State Rescue Service of Ukraine, told AFP.

"If an item falls into water, it does not explode because it's not hitting something very hard," he said.—AFP

EU working on joint purchase of monkeypox vaccines

THE EU is working on centralizing purchases of vaccines and treatments for monkeypox, with details to be agreed in the “coming days,” the European Commission told AFP on Thursday.

The push, through the commission’s Health Emergency and Preparedness Authority (HERA), comes as the EU’s disease agency said the number of monkeypox cases in humans worldwide in the current spread had reached 219.

Former EU member Britain has the highest number of cases, at 71, followed by EU countries Spain, with 51, and Portugal, with 37.

The commission’s spokesman for health issues, Stefan De Keersmaecker, told AFP that “HERA is indeed working with the member states and

with manufacturers to procure vaccines and therapeutics for monkeypox”.

The EU’s 27 countries have agreed that HERA will procure the jabs on their behalf “as soon as possible,” he said, adding: “Exact procedures will be determined with member states over the coming days.”

He said “we can however not comment on any figures”.

While the EU already took on a centralized role as coordinator and pre-purchaser of billions of doses of Covid vaccines for its member states, De Keersmaecker said the monkeypox situation was different.

The monkeypox vaccination roll-out “will be limited to very specific cases as the transmissibility of and risk from the virus is not comparable to Covid,” he



Bavarian Nordic scored an approval for Jynneos, the first non-replicating smallpox vaccine in the US and the first monkeypox vaccine worldwide. **PHOTO: BAVARIAN NORDIC/AFP**

said.

The European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) said in an update on Thursday that although the number of cases has risen fivefold since a week ago, the risk of contagion remains “very low”.—AFP

Europol sounds alarm over 3D-printed weapons



A Liberator pistol appears on 11 July 2013 next to the 3D printer on which its components were made. The single-shot handgun is the first firearm that can be made entirely with plastic components forged with a 3D printer and computer-aided design (CAD) files downloaded from the Internet. **PHOTO: AFP / ROBERT MACPHERSON/FILE**

EUROPEAN police agency Europol on Friday warned of a “current and future threat” from 3D-printed weapons, an increasing number of which have been seized across the

continent.

“The threat posed by 3D-printed weapons is very much on the radar of Europol, amid the growing number of such firearms being seized in investigations across Europe in recent years,” it said in a statement.

Europol, which invited more than 120 law-enforcement professionals, ballistic experts, forensic scientists, policymakers and academics to a special conference in The Hague this week, said international cooperation was “crucial to be able to counter the threat”.

In 2019, two people were shot dead in Halle, Germany, by an attacker using a homemade weapon. It was partly manufactured with a 3D printer using a blueprint downloaded from the internet, Europol said.

In April 2021, Spanish police raided and dismantled an illegal workshop for 3D-printed weapons in the Canary Islands, seizing two 3D printers, gun parts, a replica assault rifle and several manuals on urban guerrilla warfare and white supremacist literature.—AFP

Major light festival returns to Sydney after 2-yr COVID hiatus

THE sails of the Sydney Opera House were illuminated with a vibrant display of Australia’s First Nations culture on Friday, as the city welcomed the return of the Vivid Sydney light festival for the first time since 2019.

The animated artwork was projected onto the World Heritage-listed building, in a collaboration between Indigenous Australian artists and creative technology experts that brings

to life the local community and landscape of the West Australia-based Martumili Artists.

After being cancelled for two years in a row due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the major Southern Hemisphere light festival returned with an expanded lineup of more than 200 events and artworks, including 50 light installations and projection artworks forming an eight-kilometre “Light Walk” across the

city, the longest in the event’s history.

“Vivid Sydney provides Sydneysiders and visitors the chance to enjoy and celebrate the city through a sensory symphony of 3D-light projections, exhilarating live music performances and discussions from the world’s brightest minds,” said Stuart Ayres, minister for enterprise and tourism in the state of New South Wales.—Kyodo

Taliban dismiss UN concerns on women’s rights in Afghanistan

THE Taliban on Friday rejected the UN Security Council’s call to reverse heavy restrictions imposed on Afghan women, dismissing their concerns as “unfounded”. The Security Council unanimously adopted a resolution on Tuesday that criticized the Taliban for limiting girls’ and women’s access to education, government jobs and freedom of movement since seizing power last year. Afghanistan’s supreme leader Hibatullah Akhundzada has also ordered women to cover up — including their faces — when in public, triggering international outrage.—AFP



A burqa-clad woman takes a rest in front of a shop selling women garments at a market in Kabul on 13 July 2021. **PHOTO: SAJJAD HUSSAIN / AFP**



The sale of the Premier League club to a consortium led by Todd Boehly, the co-owner of baseball's Los Angeles Dodgers, is expected to be completed by Monday. PHOTO: AFP

Chelsea sale to Boehly consortium to be completed on Monday

CHELSEA said on Saturday that the sale of the Premier League club to a consortium led by Todd Boehly, the co-owner of baseball's Los Angeles Dodgers, is expected to be completed by Monday.

The British government and the Premier League have approved the £4.25 billion (\$5.3 billion) takeover. Chelsea were put on the market in early March, days before owner Roman Abramovich was sanctioned by

the British government following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The British government describes Abramovich as part of Russian President Vladimir Putin's inner circle. Abramovich is also the target of European Union sanctions.

"Chelsea Football Club can confirm that a final and definitive agreement was entered into last night to sell the club to the Todd Boehly/Clearlake Capital consortium," the club said in a

statement.

"It is expected that the transaction will be completed on Monday." The consortium is led by Boehly, but California-based private equity firm Clearlake Capital would own a majority of the shares in the club.

Other investors include US billionaire Mark Walter, who is Boehly's co-owner at the Dodgers, and Swiss billionaire Hansjorg Wyss.— 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

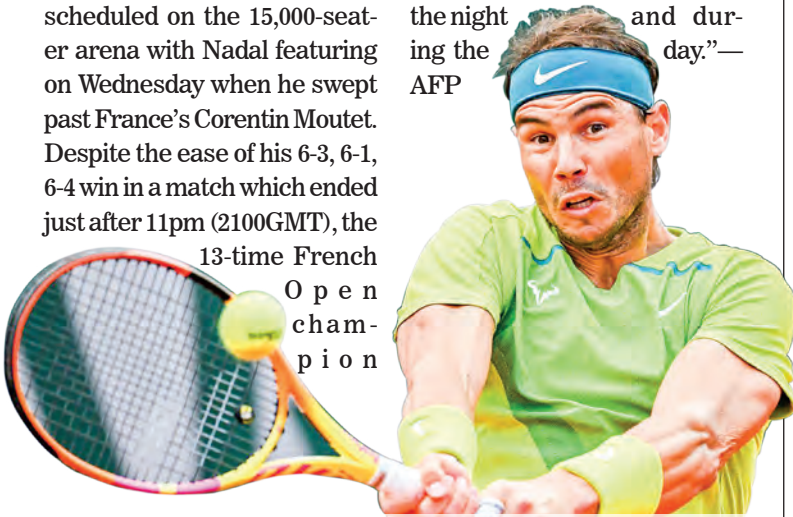
- (a) To ensure a strong and dynamic Union spirit, the genuine spirit of patriotism.
- (b) To respect and promote the customs and traditions of all National peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics.
- (c) To enhance the health, fitness and education quality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

'I don't like Paris night sessions,' says Nadal

RAFAEL Nadal on Friday gave a resounding thumbs down to night sessions at the French Open, admitting "I don't like them".

Roland Garros introduced night sessions only last year on the refurbished Court Philippe Chatrier which boasts lights and a retractable roof. At this year's tournament, 10 are scheduled on the 15,000-seater arena with Nadal featuring on Wednesday when he swept past France's Corentin Moutet. Despite the ease of his 6-3, 6-1, 6-4 win in a match which ended just after 11pm (2100GMT), the 13-time French Open champion

would prefer to play under the sun. "I don't like night sessions on clay. I don't like to play on clay during the night, because the humidity is higher, the ball is slower, and there can be very heavy conditions especially when it's cold," said the Spanish star. "I think that makes a big difference between the way tennis is played on clay during the night and during the day."— AFP



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Ibrahimovic intends to continue playing, says Maldini

ZLATAN Ibrahimovic intends to continue playing despite the end of his contract with Milan and a lengthy layoff in store following knee surgery, club director Paolo Maldini said Friday. "From what I understand, his intention is to continue," Maldini told Gazzetta dello Sport, two days after the striker, who turns 41 in October, underwent surgery that is expected to sideline him for eight months. "We have made an appointment in a fortnight. I don't see any problem in reaching an agreement. He is certainly not at ease playing so little. We will see what happens in the next two weeks," Maldini said. Ibrahimovic, who returned to Milan in January 2020 eight years after leaving and has just helped the club win their first Serie A title since 2011, has had the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee reconstructed. The former Inter Milan, Paris Saint-Germain and Manchester United forward said



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this week he endured six months of sleepless nights due to the pain in his knee because he was determined to fulfil his promise to AC Milan of delivering their first Serie A crown in 11 years.

Meanwhile, Maldini confirmed that the club are in the process of signing Belgian striker Divock Origi from Liverpool

to support Olivier Giroud, Rafael Leao and Ante Rebic in attack.

Milan does not currently have "the financial means" to make large transfers, said former 'Rossoneri' icon Maldini, with negotiations currently underway for the sale of the club which has won 19 Serie A titles.—AFP