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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.

As the strength of the nation lies within, and only when public cooperation is better, will the emphasis be placed on the development of the nation: Senior General

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets the Yangon regional cabinet ministers and officials in Yangon on 9 June 2022.

THE prosperity of the nation and food sufficiency is a national vision of the country, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in a meeting with ministers of Yangon Region Government and officials at the regional government office yesterday afternoon.

Report on salient points of the region and development tasks

The Chief Minister of Yangon Region reported to the Senior General on salient points of the region, sabotage events, control measures of security forces under the law, development tasks of social, health, economic, agriculture and livestock sectors, implementation of the Pankhinn project and beautifying of the region.

Continuous running of all work mechanisms for improvement of the nation

Speaking at the meeting, the Senior General stressed the need to continuously carry out all sectors including agriculture and livestock tasks, education and health measures which are

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Invitation to basic education staff absent from duties extended

THE Information Team Committee of the State Administration Council invited teachers and education staff who have been absent due to intimidation, participation in protests, and travel difficulties and concerns to report to the nearest Township Education Offices before 31-5-2022 so as to resume their teaching duties.

To date, 2,482 teachers have contacted there.

For teachers who wish to report but are unable to report within the deadline due to transport and other difficulties, the reporting deadline has been extended to 14-6-2022.

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MoFA Deputy Minister hosts dinner for the Cambodian delegation

The Cambodian delegation attends the dinner hosted by the MoFA deputy minister.

U Kyaw Myo Htut, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted dinner for the Cambodian delegation led by Dr Kung Phoak, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Head of the Office of the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair at 6:30 pm yesterday at the Park Royal Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. —MNA

MoHA holds monsoon tree-growing ceremony 2022

THE Ministry of Home Affairs organized its monsoon tree-growing ceremony for 2022 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the event, State Administration Council member Union Minister Lt-Gen Soe Htut made a remark.

Then, the Union minister and wife grew teak plants.

Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Soe Tint Naing and his wife, Deputy Minister Chief of Myanmar Polic Force Maj-Gen Zin Min Htet and his wife, the permanent secretary and wife, the directors-general and wives and departmental staff also grew plants in the designated places.

Then, the Union minister and wife viewed the tree-growing processes and the tissue-culture banana plantation of the Myanmar Police Force.

During the tree-growing event, the ministry grew 1,120 saplings including teak, star-flower and windbreak Manjansha.

The ministry's affiliated departments grew a total of 42,099 perennial and shade plants in the office compounds across the nation to date. — MNA

The MoHA Union Minister participates in the monsoon tree-growing ceremony 2022 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

10 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 9 June, total figure rises to 613,415

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,415** after **10** new cases were reported on 9 June 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,394** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll stands at **19,434** without more casualties.—MNA

New Thabot Kan Bridge under construction on Shwethaungyan-Magyizin route

THE Ayeyawady Region's Bridge Department constructs a new Thabot Kan bridge on Ngayokekaung-Ngwesaung-Chaungtha-Shwethaung Yan-Magyizin-Kyaukchun-Gwa (Shwethaungyan-Magyizin) road section in Chaungtha of Pathein District in Ayeyawady Region aiming to promote the economy, social, health and tourism industry in Ayeyawady Region and Rakhine State.

The bridge is being constructed over the Thabot Kan river spending the Union budget by the bridge special task force (16).

The beachside road projects are being implemented from Ngayokekaung to Gwa Township on the Ngayokekaung-Sinma-Ngwesaung-Chaungtha-Shwethaungyan-Magyizin-Kyaukchun-Gwa road section. The Thabot Kan bridge construction project includes in Shwethaungyan-Magyizin road section, said bridge construction engineer in charge U Win Lwin.

The new two-lane bridge is 484.596 metres (1,589.69 feet) long with 24 feet in width. The water clearance is 3.66 metres (12 feet) in height (from A.H.F.L) and 25.03 metres (82.12 feet) in width. The Design loading is HL-93. It has a total of 18 spans and is 1.5 metres in diameter Bored Piles will be used for the foundation. The body of the bridge is of R.C Concrete and it will also use P.C Girder, RC Girder & RC Slab for the upper part of the bridge.

The pre-engineering works for new bridge construction including five Bored Piles digging operations were conducted with K200 million of the Union budgets for the 2021-2022 (six-month) mini-budget period. In the 2022-2023FY, it will spend K1,000 million of the Union budget for the construction of Abutment A1Cap, Abutment Body, P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5 and Cap, said the in charge of the bridge project. The new bridge will bring a lot of benefits to the locals regarding their transport and trading of rice, paddy, meat/fish and crops. It can also develop trade flows and socio-economic status. Moreover, there will be easy access to Gawrangyi Island, Ngwesaung, Chaungtha and Shwethaungyan beaches bringing new job opportunities to locals to increase their incomes, the Ministry of Construction.— Pwint Thitsa/GNLM

An aerial view shows the location of the Thabot Kan Bridge on Shwe Thaungyan-Magyizin section. **PHOTO: SOE MYINT AUNG**

I would seriously urge the entire nation to join hands with the Tatmadaw for the successful realization of democracy

OUR Three Main National Causes – non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty – is the most important task of the democratization process. As the task of safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes is the main duty of the Tatmadaw, all the sectors of the State duty have already been transferred to the Tatmadaw. So, I would seriously urge the entire people to join hands with the Tatmadaw for the successful realization of democracy, while adhering to Our Three Main National Causes.

(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)

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The Senior General inspects the construction of main bridge pylon 2 on Yangon bank of the project site.

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the primary requirement for the State. It is necessary to turn out a large number of educated human resources for the development of the nation. The census released in 2019 showed the weakness in the education sector. It is regrettable that although the government reopens schools for the learning of students, terrorists pose threats to and kill educational staff and students and destroy teaching aid and educational buildings arranged for the learning of students. It can be said that those terrorists destroy the country, leaving many losses to students, parents and the State.

Economic development is a must as the main drive

In building a country, political stability and unity will reflect strong politics as well as strong military might and security might will build a powerful defence capability. The two capabilities depend on economic capability. Hence, it is necessary to boom the economy at the township, district, region and state levels. The prosperity of the nation and food sufficiency is a national vision of the country. As food sufficiency will contribute to the development of the nation, arrangements must be made for economic development. While the government is striving for an efficient supply of electricity, all the people need to efficiently use electricity. Officials need to help the people change the use of electronic equipment saving electricity.

Only when a country emphasizes manufacturing of products at home rather than importation, will spending on foreign exchange and trade deficit be reduced. Two previous governments faced a large amount of trade deficit.

Union system based on democracy and federalism and peace

Currently, the government holds peace talks with ethnic armed organizations to restore internal peace. The multiparty democratic system must be correctly implemented to build the Union based on democracy and federalism. The countries exercising federalism are using the administrative system suitable for them. Peace talks will continue with ethnic armed organizations. Good results came out of the peace talks with EAOs. Strenuous efforts will be made for the restoration of the nation through proper peace talks.

Killing under terror acts is not accepted in the international arena. The government solves the political instability under the law of democratic practices. Some EAOs cannot participate in the talks for various reasons. In line with the firm implementation of two political visions, the government further invites the remaining groups to hold talks.

Public service personnel must dutifully serve their assignments

As the strength of the nation lies within, and only when public cooperation is better, will the emphasis be placed on the development of the nation. Hence, public service personnel from departmental organizations must conscientiously discharge duties to be able to win the trust of the people. Only when they associate with each other respectfully in workplaces will all missions accomplish. At the construction site of Myanmar-Korea friendship Dala Bridge, Union Minister for Construction U Shwe Lay reported on the history of the project and the progress of the project implementation.

In his responses, the Senior General stressed the need to take the long-term existence of the bridge and the preventive measures of natural disasters into consideration. Officials need to estimate the height of waterway clearance for safely driving watercraft. And, efforts must be made to the completion of the prioritized measures.

The Senior General and party inspected the construction of main bridge pylon 2 on Yangon bank of the project site where officials conducted the Senior General and party round the progress of works.

In his goodwill visit to the Republic of Korea in 2012, President U Thein Sein discussed the implementation of a Myanmar-Korea Friendship Bridge construction project in Myanmar with his counterpart. The project commenced in 2013 and construction started in 2015. It will be on a cable-stayed bridge. Upon completion, the bridge will help local people from Yangon have easy access to Dala, Twantay, Kawhmu and Kungyangon townships, lessening the traffic congestion of Yangon to some extent. — MNA

The Senior General hears the report on the progress of the project implementation.

U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs receives Dr Kung Phoak, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Head of the office of the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair

U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs received the Cambodian Delegation led by Dr Kung Phoak, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Head of the office of the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on 9 June 2022 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. The Meeting was attended by the directors-general, the deputy directors-general and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The MoFA Union Minister receives the Cambodian delegation in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Dr Kung Phoak expressed Cambodia's view to have constructive engagement but not isolation on the issues of Myanmar upholding the principle of non-interference in one country's internal affairs. He then mentioned that Cambodia noted with satisfaction the progress made in the implementation of Point 4 of the Five-Point Consensus including the Joint Needs Assessment. He further exchanged views on ways and means to implement the other points of the Five-Point Consensus in a mutually agreeable and comfortable manner.

The Union minister explained that Myanmar's Government has been striving to reinstate Democracy including through Peace Negotiations with Ethnic Armed Organizations as Peace and Prosperity are the fundamental steps for building flourishing Democracy. He then informed that Myanmar made significant progress in the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus, especially in Point 4 aiming for the betterment of Myanmar people. He also reiterated that developments in Myanmar are just the internal affairs of the country and should not be regionalized or internationalized. Moreover, he reaffirmed Myanmar's readiness and willingness to cooperate with each and every ASEAN Member State in the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus in line with the existing rules and regulations of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. — MNA

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During the call, the deputy minister acknowledged Cambodia's effort as the Chair of ASEAN providing support for Myanmar with regard to the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus of the ASEAN. He also reiterated that the implementation process of the Five-Point Consensus needs enough time since there are unforeseen difficulties on the ground and measures must be practical to have substantive progress. Dr Kung Phoak expressed Cambodia's continued support to facilitate the implementation of the Five-Point Consensus in cooperation with the Government of Myanmar.—MNA

The MoFA deputy minister receives the Cambodian delegation.

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U Ko Ko Hlaing, Union Minister for International Cooperation and Chairman of the Task Force to Facilitate Provision of Humanitarian Assistance to Myanmar through the AHA centre receives Dr Kung Phoak, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Head of the office of the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair

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Dr Kung Phoak expressed Cambodia's appreciation for Myanmar's facilitation throughout the whole process of provision of Humanitarian Assistance to Myanmar including the conduct of the Joint Needs Assessment and explained ways to move ahead under this point.

The Union minister explained that the provision of humanitarian assistance to Myanmar is necessary to be feasible and implementable. He then reaffirmed Myanmar's commitment to realize the outcomes of the Consultative Meetings in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar as well as to facilitate the distribution of assistance to those needy people without discrimination including Ethnic Armed Organizations. – MNA

The MoIC Union Minister receives the Cambodian delegation.

Members of the Task Force for facilitation of ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance to Myanmar through the AHA Centre meet Cambodian delegation

The meeting between the members of the Task Force and the Cambodian delegation is in progress.

MEMBERS of the Task Force for the facilitation of ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance to Myanmar through the AHA Centre; U Kyaw Myo Htut, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr Aye Htun, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Health and U Aung Tun Khaing, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement met a Cambodian delegation led by Dr Kung Phoak, Secretary of State of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Head of the office of the Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair on 9 June 2022 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

The Meeting was attended by members of the Task Force U Chan Aye, Permanent Secretary from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, U Sein Win, Director-General from the Ministry of Health and members of the Task Force Working Group.

The Meeting reviewed the Joint Needs Assessment (JNA) which was done during the first week of June 2022 by the AHA Centre and ASEAN-ERAT Team. The meeting also discussed ways forward to the completion of JNA in the most effective and efficient way. The Meeting also exchanged views on the outcomes of the Consultative Meeting on ASEAN Humanitarian Assistance to Myanmar held on 6 May 2022 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia.

The deputy minister of the Ministry of Health updated the progress of the national vaccination rollout and discussed the joint vaccination framework which was one of the outcomes of the Consultative Meeting. The deputy minister of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement explained the national policy on the Distribution of Humanitarian Assistance to Myanmar through the AHA Centre.

Myanmar Task Force reaffirmed its commitment to facilitate the works of ASEAN's humanitarian assistance process, including for safe and successful JNA by working closely with the ASEAN Secretariat and the AHA Centre. —MNA

MoSWRR discusses Rakhine state development projects implemented under MoU between Myanmar and India

THE Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement held a coordination meeting to discuss the Rakhine State development projects implemented under the MoU between the Myanmar and Indian governments.

At the meeting, Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine said that under the MoU signed between Myanmar and India in 2017 to carry out development work in Rakhine State, India would provide US$25 million for five years at a rate of US $ 5 million per year. The project of the first year implemented 250 houses in Maungtaw Township with US$3.8 million under the plan of the Government of India in the 2018-2019FY.

She said the meeting was to discuss the 13 projects proposed for the second-year project coordinated and agreed with the government of India to be implemented by the relevant ministries and the state government as soon as possible and to coordinate the 17 proposed projects for the third time.

She called for discussion on the difficulties encountered as the work can be completed within the stipulated time by necessary coordination by knowing the status of the implementation of India's assistance on a monthly or quarterly basis.

As the Ministry has signed the MoU on behalf of the State, it has the main responsibility to implement the MoU, she said, by adding that she believes that the people who will enjoy benefit of the projects will be able to benefit quickly from the speedy implementation of the projects.

Afterwards, the Rakhine State chief minister and the deputy minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement discussed each sector.

The coordination meeting was attended by the director-generals of the departments implementing the project, the deputy directors-general and subject officials, and Rakhine State government officials led by the chief minister. Officials from the state-level departments implementing on the ground attended the meeting online to discuss the implementation of the respective projects, and the Union minister and the Rakhine State chief minister coordinated as necessary. — MNA

CURRENT AFFAIRS

KBZ bank reoperates ATMs in four cities, including Yangon

THE Kanbawza Bank announced on 9 June that cash can be withdrawn at 47 KBZ ATMs in four cities, including Yangon.

In Yangon, a maximum amount of K300,000 per week can be extracted from the ATMs located at the Kamayut Branch-1-2U, Sule Pagoda Road Branch, Kyaukmyaung Market M-1, 9th-Mile (U3), KTL-M-2, MICT Park Branch (U2), U Wisara Road, Junction City Branch, Sakura Residence, City Mart 6th-Mile, Ocean 9th-Mile, Ocean East Point, Yankin Centre and Super One Kyaikkasan and Hledan Centre.

In addition, customers can also withdraw cash from their MPU Debit (ATM card), or by the mBanking Cardless Withdrawal at designated KBZ ATMs in Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw and Taunggyi.

The announcement also said that the list of the expanded ATMs which can issue cash will be announced in a timely manner.

An advert of KBZ Bank ATMs reopening for the withdrawal of banknotes.

Currently, 15 places in Yangon, ten places in Mandalay, 13 places in Nay Pyi Taw and nine places in Taunggyi are set to withdraw cash from ATMs. — TWA/GNLM

YCDC calls for open tender for import of diesel and industrial equipment

THE Yangon City Development Committee called for an open tender to import diesel and industrial equipment for each department. The tender application form will be sold from 8 June, and the submission can be made by 12 noon on 22 June.

It is learned that the tender is called for the import of 350,000 gallons of diesel or 30,000 gallons of premium diesel, 1,500 shirts for YCDC drivers, 1,500 pairs of long pants, 3,000 raincoats, 5,000 sets of clothes, 130 wifi devices (Access Point), 1,557 Sein Lann uniforms, 1,557 raincoats, 550 sheets of tarpaulins, 700 600-litre trash bins, and 30 moving metal bins.

The items will be purchased in Kyat and through an open bidding system. The application forms are available at the Procurement Department of the Department of Finance and Accounting located on the first floor of Yangon City Hall, and the YCDC will inform the date for tender selection again. — TWA/GNLM

Thai authority transfers convicted Myanmar nationals to Myanmar

A total of 169 Myanmar workers — 92 men, 67 women and ten children — who were convicted in Thailand were transferred to Myanmar on 8 June by the Thai authority. They had been detained for various reasons in 14 districts of southern Thailand and were released from the immigration prisons in Ranong District after they had served their sentences.

The transferred Myanmar nationals were transported to Kawthoung from Ranong, Thailand, by boat, and they were provided with shoes, hand sanitizers, masks, foods, and COVID-19 awareness leaflets by the Migrant Resource Centre FED-MRC of the Education and Development Foundation. It is learned that the returning Myanmar migrant workers were from Taninthayi Region, mostly from Kawthoung District.

Returnees will undergo medical check-ups for five days at quarantine centres in Khamaukgyi and Pulone Tontone, said an aid provider. It is reported that Thai authorities are arresting Myanmar migrant workers who are entering Thailand in various ways, and most of the arrested Myanmar workers were illegal immigrants. — TWA/GNLM

Only OWIC holders to be allowed to work in foreign countries

THE Ministry of Labour has announced that migrant workers will be allowed to work abroad only if they hold an Overseas Workers Identification Card (OWIC).

The statement was issued after the so-called ministry of labour of the National Unity Government-NUG, which has been declared a terrorist organization by the State Administration Council, announced that the OWIC will be replaced by the Overseas Employment Registration Card (OERC).

According to the 1999 Foreign Employment Law, the Ministry of Labour has been issuing the OWIC for a term of five years for those who are going to work abroad, and they will be allowed to travel abroad through international airports and land borders only if they are the OWIC holders.

The MoL has also announced that those who are found applying for the OERC or in the possession of the OERC will be blacklisted and entry/exit of the country will be banned. In addition, action will also be taken under the Counter-Terrorism Law and the existing laws and regulations.

An advert and sample card of OWIC for migrant workers going to work in Japan.

"Holders of PJ passport (passport for the job) have to apply for an OWIC Smart Card, without it, the immigration will send them back," said Ko Ko Naing, a resident in Sangyoung who is going to work in Japan.

Workers will be required to submit the Offer Letter or Demand Letter (copy), Visa (copy), Employment Contract (copy), passport (copy), graduate certificate or certificate of profession, and the application form to the Director-General, Department of Labour, at No 51, Ministry of Labour, Nay Pyi Taw by express courier.

"After the submission, it is necessary to call the Labour Office in Nay Pyi Taw and ask if the application is received and when to attend the training; You can check for the training on the Safe Migration Page every day, and after the training, the certificate and the email address have to be sent to the Nay Pyi Taw office," Ko Ko Naing said. He also added that the card must be withdrawn at the Panglong hall in Dagon Myothit (North) Township. — TWA/GNLM

LOCAL BUSINESS

Official cattle export channel to China suspended for over 18 months

MYANMAR'S cattle export to China stopped for over one and a half years, said U Soe Naing, chair of the Mandalay Region Cattle Exporters Association.

The official market of Myanmar's live cattle export to China has been suspended since late 2020.

"The official market came to an abrupt stop in late 2020. Myanmar has halted the live cattle trade. China does not give the green light for live cattle trade," said U Soe Naing.

Nonetheless, the black market of live cattle is booming in border areas. The cattle seen in China's border areas originate from Myanmar. The cattle are daily traded on the black market.

For legitimate trade, China permits live cattle import only after ensuring the cattle are free from 20 diseases including foot and mouth disease, along with vaccination certificates, health certificates, and farming registration certificates. Those import criteria do not matter on the black market.

The value of animal product exports dropped by $100 million in the 2019-2020FY as against a year-ago period, following the negative impacts of the COVID-19.

Myanmar's live cattle export relies heavily on the China market due to a good price although Myanmar has other external markets such as Laos, Thailand, Malaysia and Bangladesh.

The authorities concerned need to regulate the market and coordinate the needs to generate revenue and increase the income of the cattle farmers and traders.

Live cattle export was allowed in late 2017, with a view to preventing illegal exports, creating more opportunities for breeders and promoting their interests.

According to the 2018 cattle census, there are 11.5 million heads of cattle in the country, with 1.8 million buffaloes and 9.7 million cows and bulls, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

Additionally, about 1.1 million cattle are mature enough to be placed on the market per year. About 400,000 cattle are required for local consumption, while the remaining are sent to export markets.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation will also strive for investments in dairy farming and value-added production businesses.

Myanmar shipped US$360 million worth of animal products including cattle to the external markets in the 2018-2019 financial year. The value of animal product exports dropped by $100 million in the 2019-2020 financial year as against a year-ago period, following the negative impacts of the COVID-19. — NN/GNLM

Companies registered on MyCO exceed 5,300 in past five months: DICA

THE number of companies registered on the online registry system, MyCO, totalled 5,323 in the past five months (January-May) this year, the statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) indicated.

The registration and re-registration of companies on the MyCO website commenced on 1 August 2018 keeping in line with the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

The figures of registered companies stood at 8,011 in 2021, 15,080 in 2020, 17,380 in 2019 and 8,506 in 2018, as per statistics of the DICA.

In addition, all registered companies need to file annual returns (AR) on the MyCO registry system within two months of incorporation, and at least once every year (not later than one month after the anniversary of the incorporation) under Section 97 of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

Under Section 266 (A) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017, public companies must submit annual returns and financial statements (G-5) simultaneously.

All overseas corporations must submit ARs in the prescribed format on MyCO within 28 days of the financial year ending under Section 53 (A-1) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

As per DICA's report, thousands of companies have been suspended so far for failing to submit AR forms within the due date.

Newly established companies are required to submit ARs within two months of incorporation or face a fine of K100,000 for filing late returns.

The DICA has notified that any company which fails to submit its AR within 13 months will be notified of its suspension (I-9A). If it fails to submit the AR within 28 days of receiving the notice, the system will show the company's status as suspended. Companies can restore their status only after shelling out a fine of K50,000 for the AR fee, K100,000 for restoration of the company on the Register, and K100,000 for late filing of documents.

If a company fails to restore its status within six months of suspension, the registrar will strike its name off the register, according to the DICA notice. — GNLM

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Chinese demand on kidney bean hikes price up by K10,000 per basket

The red beans are cultivated both in monsoon and winter seasons. The cultivation of the beans has been moved to alluvial soil since four or five years agp to reap the high yield.

THE price of red kidney beans (Phaseolus vulgaris) increased by over K10,000 per basket in early June 2022 on the back of robust China demand. High price prompted the traders keeping the stocks of kidney bean in hands to sell them, said U Tin Ko Ko, a trader from Monywa city.

"The price is up by K10,000 per basket on strong demand by China. Kidney beans from Phaungpyin, Homalin and Kalay areas previously flowed into Monywa market. There is no supply in the Monywa market at present. Those traders holding the beans are selling them," he said.

Kidney beans were harvested in February in upper regions of the Chindwin River. The prices edged up to K55,000-K60,000 from K44,000 in the first week of June on account of Chinese demand.

Approximately 3,000-4,000 bags of kidney beans are traded per day in the Monywa market. Bean traders did a roaring business in the past week, U Tin Ko Ko elaborated.

The red beans are cultivated both in monsoon and winter seasons. The cultivation of the beans has been moved to alluvial soil since four or five years ago to reap the high yield. — Lu Lay/GNLM

OPINION

Honour strikers from the forefront of the healthcare services field

CURRENTLY, nobody turns a blind eye to the important role of nurses in the healthcare service sector of the nation as they can stretch their hands all over the country more than medical doctors in rural health centres.

Up to now, although medical-related universities have turned out hundreds of medical doctors on a yearly basis some of them leave their arena for various reasons. The Remaining graduated medical doctors are not enough for reinforcing the medical field on time. Hence, the government deploys the medical doctors in necessary medical institutions as much as possible to be able to provide health care services to the people in rural and urban areas.

> Whatever it may be, Myanmar will accomplish its vision that emphasis must be placed on the recruitment and appointment of nurses and midwives as well as various levels of health staff in accord with the designated setups at hospitals and health centres across for serving the target to narrow better urban and rural healthcare services for the people.

However, nurses turned out by two nursing universities and some 50 nursing, midwifery and related training schools are engaged in the health sector. Most of them are assigned at rural health centres and branches to improve the health conditions of ethnic local people. Despite hardships in their assignments, especially in languages, they successfully carry on their tasks. Hence, they are easily in harmony with the local people.

Those nurses and midwives are focusing on healthcare services in successive eras for the people at the forefront to lessen the suffering of patients. It is because some 50 per cent of health workers are nurses and midwives, which is the most crucial health human resource. Unfortunately, some 90,000 health staff have suffered from an infection of COVID-19 in providing health care services to the patients because they could not be facilitated with adequate protective equipment, according to the International Council of Nurses (ICN). Nonetheless, those nurses do not hesitate over-serving their assignments.

Despite having some limits, Myanmar has been increasing the spending of the health budget year after year. But, the requirement of human resources for health is still high in the country because the massive number of human resources for health cannot be turned out in a short time. As their professions are very important and subtle, they have to deeply study their subjects practically and theoretically.

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WEATHER REPORT

Monsoon and Lightning Hazard

By Chit Ko Pe

NO SOONER do the summer's hot days fade away than the wet Monsoon sets in. Rain starts to constitute a drizzle or shower or downpour.

The seasonal rainfall soothes people with a moist environment. Those working outdoors under the scorching sun have a respite from the hot environment. As the seasonal rainfall brings thunderstorms in, there is a lightning hazard tagging along and looming around.

Lightning occurs within the atmosphere in the form of a giant spark of electricity. When it passes through the air to the ground there is a shockwave created that we hear as thunder.

Lightning discharges its energy by striking prominent objects such as trees, utility poles, towers, or a person standing in an open field on the ground. Being a dangerous natural force, a lightning strike can cause serious injuries or death to people and/or damage to properties. The risk is enormously severe. Therefore, precautionary measures shall be taken as soonest as possible the moment the lightning hazard is foreseen.

There are early signs of thunderstorms just before lightning: strong winds, dark clouds, rain and distant thunder. The human sensation is also counted -skin tingling, hairs standing on the back of the neck, and/or hearing of crackling noises.

1. If you are outdoors
   a) Seek refuge at safe shelters such as buildings or hardtop vehicles with the windows closed.
   b) Do not take shelter under trees.
   c) If a shelter is not available, immediately get your body into the lightning crouch position by squatting or sitting in a tight ball with your arms wrapped around your legs as well as keeping your feet together touched, head lowered, ears covered, and eyes closed. (It ensures you as small a target as possible.)
   d) Separate from each other if you are with others.
   e) Follow the 30/30 Lightning Safety Rule:
   1st 30 -There is an estimated time of 30 seconds between seeing the lightning flash and hearing the thunder clap.
   2nd 30 -After seeing the last lightning flash or hearing the thunderclap, wait 30 minutes before leaving the shelter. (It means no immediate lightning afterwards.)
   f) If you are travelling in a vehicle, avoid being in open vehicles such as convertibles, motorcycles, bicycles and golf carts.

2. If you are indoors
   a) Close windows and doors.
   b) Keep away from doors, windows and porches.
   c) Avoid lying on concrete floors and leaning against concrete walls.
   d) Refrain from using electric/electronic appliances including corded phones.
   e) Unplug and switch off any electrical connections as a power surge may develop at the main power supply during a lightning storm.
   f) Avoid contact with water by not taking a bath or a shower, or washing dishes as there is a likelihood of lightning travelling through a building's plumbing and metal pipes.

In addition to the primary hazard of a lightning strike, some secondary hazards do exist – fire break-out, being struck by fallen trees or poles, or debris.

With the onset of Monsoon, one and all shall be mindful of such hazards, and active with timely precautions. ■

Myanmar Daily Weather Report
(Issued at 7:00 pm Thursday 9 June 2022)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 10 June 2022: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in lower Sagaing,Mandalay, MagwayRegions, fairly widespread in northern Shan, Kayah States and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of regionally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, Chin States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squall with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (30-35) mph. Wave height will be about (7-9) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase of rain in upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 10 June 2022: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 10 June 2022: Somerain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 10 June 2022: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Monkeypox becoming established in non-endemic countries warns Tedros; calls for more testing, vaccines to end COVID pandemic

A monkeypox outbreak continues to grow in countries where the virus isn't normally found, putting global health officials on high alert.

THE World Health Organization (WHO) chief said on Wednesday that monkeypox infections in non-endemic countries have passed the 1,000 mark and the risk of it becoming established in some is "real".

At a press conference in Geneva updating on both the current Monkeypox outbreak and COVID-19, WHO Director-General, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus noted that 29 countries where the Monkeypox virus does not usually circulate, had confirmed cases.

WHO expert and the technical lead for the Monkeypox outbreak, Dr Rosamund Lewis, said cases being reported now primarily in the non-endemic setting were still "primarily of men who have sex with men.

"There are a few reports now of cases amongst women…at the moment there is still a window of opportunity to prevent the onward spread of monkeypox in those who are at highest risk right now."

Madrid on 2 June 2022 begins PCR testing for monkeypox as cases peak. **PHOTO: RUPTLY TV/UN NEWS**

Going undetected

The "sudden and unexpected" appearance of Monkeypox in these countries suggests that it may have gone undetected for some time, Tedros reiterated.

But he added that the virus could be prevented from establishing itself in non-endemic countries if those who became infected isolated themselves at home, and avoided close contact with others.

To support countries, WHO has issued guidance on surveillance and contact tracing, and laboratory testing and diagnosis.

In the coming days, the agency will issue guidance on clinical care, infection prevention and control, vaccination, and further guidance on community protection, he added.

Last week, WHO hosted a consultation with more than 500 researchers to review what we know and don't know, and to identify research priorities.

"We're also working with UNAIDS, civil society organizations and communities of men who have sex with men to listen to their questions and provide information on what Monkeypox is and how to avoid it", said Tedros.

Africans deserve more

So far this year, Africa - where it's endemic in some countries - has seen more than 1,400 suspected cases of Monkeypox and 56 people have died from it.

"This virus has been circulating and killing in Africa for decades", said Tedros. "It's an unfortunate reflection of the world we live in that the international community is only now paying attention to Monkeypox because it has appeared in high-income countries.

The communities that live with the threat of this virus every day deserve the same concern, the same care and the same access to tools to protect themselves."

COVID-19: Still not enough testing and vaccination

The number of reported COVID-19 cases and deaths continues to go down, but there's still not enough testing and widespread vaccination to say the pandemic will be over soon, Tedros told journalists.

The downward trajectory overall, is "clearly a very encouraging trend", he said, with increasing vaccination rates clearly saving lives, but WHO continues to urge caution.

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Inspections on fishing trawlers for VMS, TED conducted

In a bid to conduct surveillance of the offshore fishing vessels in Kawthoung District, the VMS devices have been located in Myeik, Taninthayi Region, Yangon Region, Rakhine State and Mon State and Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: KANU**

THE fishing trawlers started their operations starting from the first week of June. The Fisheries Department is supervising the trawlers whether they install VMS and Turtle Excluder Device (TED) to ensure the marine resource and rare marine animal conservations.

The country earns foreign income from livestock and marine products. The marine workers also reap profits from freshwater and saltwater products. The officials also eased the ban on the fishing season for one month with 30 per cent of fishing boats. Currently, the fishing boats resumed their operations in Rakhine State, Ayeyawady Region, Yangon Region, Mon State and Taninthayi Region on 1 June.

"We inspect the VMS and TED on the fishing boats. We took action against nine boats for not installing TED in February. We make them use these devices as the turtles can go out from that iron hole. We check the fishing boats with VMS to monitor their activities and ensure that they do not go to restricted areas and we stop them if they do not follow our warnings," said U Thet Oo, Director of the Rakhine State Fisheries Department.

More than 230 fishing trawlers from Rakhine State and Yangon Region and about 1,400 trawlers from Dawei, Myeik and Kawthoung of Taninthayi Region, and other permitted vessels from Ayeyawady Region and Mawlamyine make preparations to resume operations.

"The fishing boats are allowed to go after the inspections. The inspection teams check the boatmen, boat, materials and other machines, especially TED and VMS. The onshore marine products are exported to Ranong, Thailand and the offshore products will be exported by the end of this month. During last year's mini-budget period, the country exported more than $200 million worth of marine products and now we expect more foreign income this year," said U Aung Myint Toe, Director of the Taninthayi Region Fisheries Department. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/GNLM

CRIME NEWS

Drugs seized in some townships

Three arrestees are seen along with seized drugs and vehicles.

MARIJUANA, opium and heroin were seized in Mohnyin, Botahtaung and Ywangan townships, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

A combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force stopped and searched a motorbike driven by San Win Kyi (aka) Apu on the Mohnyin-Hopin Road in Mohyin Township. They captured 0.891 kilogramme of heroin at 11 am on 8 June.

Similarly, at 11 pm on 7 June, a combined team led by the Yangon Region Police Force searched a flat in Botahtaung Township and arrested Myat Min Htike, Kyaw Min Thein, Htet Ko Oo, Zaw Zaw, Htet Naing Min and Htin Aung Linn (a) Waso with 20.7 kilogrammes of marijuana and K0.35 million.

On 7 June at 5:40 pm, police seized 6.71 kilogrammes of heroin and 7.5 kilogrammes of raw opium from a Nissan Diesel car driven by Myint Hlaing (aka) Pauksa accompanied by Han Htet Nyein aboard at the Covid-19 checkpoint on the Ywangan-Han Myintmo Road of Ywangan Township.

According to the investigation, at 7 pm on the same day, trafficker Wai Lwin Oo was arrested with a Toyota Hilux car there.

The suspects are being prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, the Myanmar Police Force stated. — MNA

Illegal timbers, consumer goods, cosmetics, foodstuffs, raw jade and fuel oil seized

SUPERVISED by the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee, effective action is being taken to prevent illegal trade under the law.

The On-duty Combined Inspection Team conducted inspections at the Kawkareik (Tadakyoe) Checkpoint of Kayin State on 8 June.

They seized K3,600,000 worth of steel water taps that were not mentioned in the Import Declaration from a truck heading from Myawady to Mandalay. The action was taken under the Customs Law.

Similarly, on 9 June, an inspection team led by the Myanmar Police Force seized K3,685,000 worth of 291 kilogrammes of various pieces of raw jade stones from a vehicle heading from Lonkhin village to Myitkyina township, under the supervision of the Kachin State Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force and action was taken under the Myanmar Gemstone Law.

Moreover, on the same day, a team led by the General Administration Department made inspections and confiscated illegal consumer goods, cosmetics and foodstuffs (approximately K4,870,000) in Sagaing township.

Seized illegal commodities.

Afterwards, a team led by the Myanmar Police Force seized 9,600 gallons of illegal fuel oil at an estimated value of K57,600,000 in Shwebo township. The action was taken under the Myanmar Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law.

Therefore, five arrests (approximately K69,755,00) were made on 8 and 9 June, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA

Delightful beauty of Kyaukgatin waterfall, pagodas in Minbu attract tourists

KYAUKGATIN waterfall and pagodas, located near the Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda in Minbu (Sagu) Township, Magway Region, are going to capture tourists with delightful beauty.

The waterfall is an hour's drive from Minbu and is located more than two miles west of Phaya Village, near the Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda. The sound of the springs in all seasons, the constant flow of water, and the soothing sounds of the little birds are very pleasant.

There is also a mountain called Bodaw Mountain near the waterfall, where saints in the past did meditation and about 30 small pagodas were built for the future generations to worship. – Zeyar Htet (Minbu)/GNLM

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ECONOMY
WORLD

WTO seeks fresh momentum at big ministerial meet

Ministers from World Trade Organization member states are gathering in the global trade body's home city of Geneva, Switzerland hoping to breathe new life into the crippled organisation. **PHOTO: AFP**

THE World Trade Organization holds its biggest gathering in four years from Sunday, looking to prove that it still has a role in turbocharging international commerce.

Ministers from WTO member states are gathering in the global trade body's home city of Geneva hoping to breathe new life into the crippled organization, which has been stuck for years trying to make progress on resolving issues like fishery subsidies.

Russia's war in Ukraine has not curbed the zeal of WTO director-general Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala to press on with the four-day gathering, even if some countries refuse flat out to negotiate directly with Moscow.

"This ministerial conference will have to deal with this climate of acute confrontation and various tensions," Sebastien Jean, professor of industrial economics at the French National Conservatory of Arts and Crafts university, told AFP. It must also "limit the damage as far as possible, to show that the WTO still can play a useful role," he said, pointing out that the organization could, for instance, ensure that a lack of coordination does not "exacerbate the ongoing food crisis". The meeting marks the first ministerial conference for Okonjo-Iweala, the former foreign and finance minister of Nigeria, who took the helm in March 2021.—AFP

Japan lodges protest against Russia for suspending safe fishing pact

Fishermen unload their catch at the Hirakata fish market in Kitaibaraki, Ibaraki prefecture, Japan. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

JAPAN has lodged a protest against Russia for suspending a safe fishing agreement to prevent Japanese fishing vessels from being seized by Russian authorities in seas near disputed islands off Hokkaido, a government official said Wednesday.

Russia on Tuesday announced the suspension of the 1998 agreement, citing Japan's freezing of payments for a development project in Sakhalin. The move comes amid frictions between the two countries after Japan joined US-led sanctions against Russia for its invasion of Ukraine. "We regret that Russia unilaterally announced the suspension of the agreement," said Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno at a news conference.

The top government spokesman admitted that Japan had not made the latest payment for the project in the Russian Far East. But he also said the project is not a condition for continuing the agreement. The agreement, which covers waters around the Russian-controlled, Japan-claimed islands, was concluded following a series of captures and shootings on fishing vessels by Russian authorities.

It is designed to allow Japan to fish Atka mackerel and octopus, among others, in exchange for paying "cooperation money" to the Russian side. Catch and operating conditions are determined by annual negotiations.—Kyodo

OECD cuts 2022 growth outlook on high inflation after war in Ukraine

THE Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development downgraded on Wednesday its global economic outlook for 2022 to a real 3.0 per cent expansion as Russia's war in Ukraine sent food and energy prices sharply higher.

The estimated growth of the world's gross domestic product was slashed 1.5 points from the previous December projection after Moscow began its invasion in late February. In 2021, the world's GDP expanded 5.8 per cent.

"The surge in commodity prices and the possible disruptions to production will have significant consequences for many economies," the biannual analysis by the Paris-based club of 38 most-wealthy nations said.

Russia and Ukraine are important suppliers of commodities, accounting for about 30 per cent of global exports of wheat, 20 per cent of mineral fertilizers and 11 per cent of oil, according to the OECD.

The report added that the supply-side pressures "intensified" with the conflict as well as shutdowns in major cities and ports in China due to its strict "zero-COVID" policy.—Kyodo

Lao central bank tightens monetary policy to curb inflation rate

A Lao Hmong hill tribe woman and her daughter walk down a street in the Lao border town of Boten, a special economic zone being developed by China in the northern province of Luang Namtha. **PHOTO: AFP/ HOANG DINH NAM**

THE Lao central bank, Bank of the Lao P.D.R. (BOL), has made changes to its reserve requirement level and base interest rate, as announced by the bank's governor.

The move is aimed at reducing the amount of money in circulation and curbing the spiralling inflation rate, which was recorded at 9.9 per cent in April, local daily Vientiane Times reported on Tuesday. Governor of BOL, Sonexay Sithphaxay, recently signed a two-page BOL decision regarding the adjustment to the bank's reserve requirement.

Under the decision, the reserve requirement will increase from 3 per cent to 5 per cent for the Lao currency kip, but will remain at 5 per cent for foreign currencies.

The decision is aimed at ensuring the financial liquidity of the banking system and minimizing the risks that could impact the banking sector, while regulating and sustaining the quality of credit to reflect the reality of the macroeconomic situation.

Raising the reserve requirement means that the central bank can reduce money supply, which should enable it to better control money supply and curb inflation, as well as respond to the nation's economic woes.—Xinhua

BRICS countries vow to deepen business cooperation

BUSINESS representatives from the BRICS countries pledged Wednesday to enhance multilateral cooperation to safeguard the common interests of emerging markets and developing countries.

The 2022 annual meeting of the BRICS Business Council was held in Beijing, with about 150 representatives from the council's working groups attending online.

A joint statement on building high-quality partnerships among BRICS countries was published at the meeting, calling for efforts to deepen dialogue and enhance cooperation.

China has cooperated with all parties to leverage professional and resource advantages and promote economic recovery, said Chen Siqing, chairman of the Chinese chapter of the BRICS Business Council.—Xinhua

ANA to resume regular domestic flights at Tokyo airport from July

ALL Nippon Airways Co. said Thursday it will resume regular operations for all domestic flights to and from Tokyo's Haneda airport starting next month, as travel demand recovers with the easing of COVID-19 travel restrictions. The airline's return to normal operations for its domestic routes comes after it had reduced such flights since March 2020 amid the global pandemic. It also coincides with Japan's move to begin accepting foreign tourists in stages from Friday amid easing COVID border controls.—Kyodo

Rocketing petrol prices fuel British PM's woes

PRIME Minister Boris Johnson on Thursday sought to reset his embattled leadership with a policy blitz to tackle Britain's cost-of-living crisis, including contentious new measures to boost home ownership.

After narrowly surviving a no-confidence vote among his own Conservative MPs on Monday, Johnson is under pressure to turn the page on a series of scandals including lockdown-breaching parties in Downing Street.

In a speech later, he was to vow "more affordable energy, childcare, transport and housing", according to excerpts released by Downing Street.

"And, while it's not going to be quick or easy, you can be confident that things will get better, that we will emerge from this a strong country with a healthy economy," Johnson added.

The scale of the inflationary crisis hitting millions of Britons was underlined as the price of filling up the average family car topped £100 ($125) for the first time, according to data from the RAC motoring group.

Johnson came under new pressure as the price of filling up the average family car surpassed £100. **PHOTO: AFP**

RAC spokesman Simon Williams called it "a truly dark day" for hard-pressed drivers, and urged the government to slash sales tax on petrol and diesel.

The government says much of the crisis is caused by factors beyond its control, such as the impact of the Covid pandemic and the war in Ukraine.— AFP

Uber and Waymo team up to get driverless trucks rolling

UBER and Google's autonomous vehicle unit Waymo on Tuesday said they are joining forces to get driverless trucks hauling cargo on roads across the United States.

Due to the vast distances between American cities and with truck transport key to the economy, companies see self-driving as a way to cut costs and reduce risk.

Waymo will allow its technology to mesh with an Uber Freight platform that connects truckers with loads in a spin on how Uber lets people summon rides using smartphone apps.

"Uber Freight's network of shippers, carriers, and marketplace technology is a great match for the Waymo Driver," Waymo head of commercialization for trucking Charlie Jatt said in a statement.

A vision for the future of logistics includes self-driving trucks like this one pictured by Alphabet-owned Waymo handling the long-hauls then ceding cargo to humans for the local legs to destinations. **PHOTO: WAYMO/AFP**

Carriers that buy trucks equipped with Waymo systems will be able to opt in to having the vehicles deployed as "autonomous assets" on the Uber Freight network, the companies said.

The firms will also explore together the potential for creating hubs where cargo is easily handed off from self-driving trucks to human truckers.

"Both companies envision a future where autonomous trucks tackle the long-haul portion of driving, easing some of the burden of the increasing demand for freight while also enabling drivers to shift into short-haul jobs," they said in the release.—AFP

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

China offers cash for reporting 'national security' threats

CHINA will offer citizens as much as $15,000 in cash for reporting threats to "national security", state media reported, in Beijing's latest move to whip up fears of external foes.

Citizens offering information that leads to the discovery of "acts endangering national security" could be rewarded as much as 100,000 yuan, depending on their role in preventing or solving a case, according to the guidelines. They may also be given "rewards in spirit," the reports said Tuesday, including in the form of certificates.

The Chinese government has for years offered monetary rewards for information on security breaches, but a new guideline issued this week by the Ministry of State Security seeks to standardise the practice, the state-owned Legal Daily reported.

The measure is "conducive to fully mobilizing the enthusiasm of the general public to support and assist in national security work, widely rallying the hearts, morale, wisdom and strength of the people," a ministry representative told Legal Daily. Beijing has increasingly encouraged the public to be vigilant against perceived national security violations, including teaching children to be on the lookout for supposed threats to the country—AFP

Members of the female police force of Badaling Police Station patrol on the Badaling Great Wall in Beijing, capital of China, 7 March 2021. **PHOTO: XINHUA/CHEN ZHONGHAO**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Russia holding 600 Ukrainians at Kherson, Kyiv says

UKRAINE on Tuesday accused Russian forces of detaining some 600 people, mainly journalists and pro-Kyiv elements in the southern region of Kherson, which Moscow's military now holds in its grip.

"According to our information, some 600 people are ... being held in specially converted basements in the region of Kherson," said Tamila Tacheva, the Ukraine presidency's permanent representative in the Crimea, the peninsula to the south of Kherson which Moscow annexed in 2014.

Tacheva said the bulk of those being held were "journalists and militants" who organised "pro-Ukrainian gatherings" in Kherson (city) and the region around it after it was occupied by Russian forces in the wake of the invasion launched in late February.

"According to our information, they are being held in inhuman conditions and are victims of torture," Tacheva added without giving further details.

Some Ukrainians held in the Kherson region — civilians but also detained combatants — have been sent to jails in Crimea, she added.— AFP

Canada increases oil, natural gas output amid market uncertainty

CANADA increased its crude oil and natural gas production in March to meet domestic and global demand amid market uncertainty caused by the conflict in Ukraine and sanctions imposed on Russia, Statistics Canada announced Tuesday.

Production of crude oil and equivalent products was up 2.3 per cent to 24.2 million cubic metres in March, a second consecutive monthly year-over-year gain and the overall increase was driven by oil sands extraction, up 1.8 per cent in March to 15.7 million cubic metres, the national statistical agency said.

Prices for energy products continued on a strong upward trend in 2022. In March, according to the Raw Material Price Index, the price for crude oil and bitumen jumped 21 per cent compared with February 2022, and 79.8 per cent higher compared with March 2021, as the conflict in Ukraine and sanctions imposed on Russia caused major disruptions in energy markets, the agency said.

According to the agency, exports of crude oil and equivalent products rose 5.5 per cent to 19.1 million cubic metres and imports rose 17.5 per cent to 3.7 million cubic metres in March.— Xinhua

Turkey says removal of Russia sanctions for grain exports 'legitimate'

TURKEY'S foreign minister on Wednesday called Russian demands for an end to sanctions to help grain onto the world market "legitimate".

"If we need to open up the international market to Ukrainian grain, we see the removal of obstacles standing in the way of Russia's exports as a legitimate demand," Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu told a joint press conference with his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov in Ankara.

Sanctions imposed on Moscow's financial system have impeded the export of Russian grain and fertilizer. Lavrov arrived in Ankara on Tuesday amid stark warnings of global food shortages partly blamed on Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

At the request of the United Nations, Turkey has offered its services to escort maritime convoys from Ukrainian ports, despite the presence of mines — some of which have been detected near the Turkish coast.

Cavusoglu welcomed the UN plan as "reasonable" and "implementable", while offering to host a meeting in Istanbul to discuss the details of the scheme.—AFP

World faces largest cost-of-living crisis in a generation: UN report

THE world is facing a cost-of-living crisis unseen in at least a generation, partly due to the Ukraine conflict, said a UN report on Wednesday.

"The largest cost-of-living crisis of the 21st century has come when people and countries have a limited capacity to cope," said the second report of the Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance over the Ukraine conflict.

The Ukraine conflict has trapped the people of the world between a rock and a hard place. The rock is the severe price shocks in food, energy and fertilizer markets, given the centrality of both Russia and Ukraine in these markets. The hard place is the extremely fragile context in which this crisis arrived: a world facing the cascading crises of COVID-19 and climate change, it said. "A shock of this magnitude would have been a significant challenge no matter the timing. Now, it is of historic, century-defining proportions," the report said.

A fruit vendor poses for a picture at the "Central de Abasto" wholesale market in Mexico City. **PHOTO / ALFREDO ESTRELLA /AFP/FILE**

The Food and Agriculture Organization's food price index is at near-record levels and 20.8 per cent higher than at this time last year. Energy market volatility has increased with the recognition that a prolonged conflict will lead to higher energy prices in the medium to long term.

Crude oil has now reached over 120 US dollars per barrel and energy prices overall are expected to rise by 50 per cent in 2022 relative to in 2021. Fertilizer prices are more than double the 2000-2020 average. —AFP

GLOBAL AFFAIRS

China, Russia accuse US at UN of stoking N.Korea tensions

Students and youth attend a dancing party in celebration of the 110th birth anniversary of President Kim Il Sung, known as 'Day of the Sun', at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang on 15April 2022. **PHOTO: KIM WON JIN / AFP**

CHINA and Russia took aim at the United States during a landmark UN General Assembly session on Wednesday, accusing Washington of stoking tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

The session was held for Beijing and Moscow to explain their decisions last month to veto a US draft resolution in the Security Council that would have imposed new sanctions on North Korea. China's ambassador to the UN, Zhang Jun, hit out at Washington's approach to Pyongyang, saying tension on the peninsula has "developed to what it is today, primarily due to the flip flop of US policies," before making a plea for easing sanctions against North Korea.

Moscow's deputy ambassador to the UN, Anna Evstigneeva, also called for the sanctions to be lifted. North Korea needs more humanitarian aid and the West should stop blaming Pyongyang for tensions, she said. Speaking for the United States, deputy ambassador Jeffrey DeLaurentis dismissed the accusations, saying the current sanctions and proposals to add more are in direct response to North Korea's actions. "We seek a dialogue with Pyongyang without preconditions.

We have passed this message on through private channels as well, including high level personal messages from senior US officials to senior DPRK officials," he said, using an acronym for North Korea. Washington believes North Korea, which has carried out a blitz of sanctions-busting weapons tests this year, is poised to test a new nuclear weapon.—AFP

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US Capitol riot probe renews spotlight on Trump rebels

DEATH threats, accusations of betrayal and censure by their local parties: for the six Republicans running for re-election after voting to impeach Donald Trump, the last 17 months have been a painful lesson in the perils of opposing an unforgiving leader.

Ten out of 211 House Republicans backed the Democrats' ultimately unsuccessful bid to have Trump convicted in a Senate trial last year, believing he should be held accountable for inciting a deadly siege of the US Capitol on 6 January 2021.

Four have since announced they would retire, and the remaining six have become pariahs in their local town halls and roadside diners, upbraided for their "disloyalty" as they campaign for November's midterm elections.—AFP

Biles, Raisman, other top US gymnasts file $1 bn claim against FBI

SIMONE Biles, Aly Raisman and other star US gymnasts filed a $1 billion claim against the FBI on Wednesday for mishandling of the investigation into sexual abuse by predatory former team doctor Larry Nassar. Nassar, 58, is serving a life sentence after pleading guilty in late 2017 and early 2018 to sexually assaulting athletes while working as a sports medicine doctor at USA Gymnastics and Michigan State University.—AFP

Britain faces biggest rail strike in decades: union

RAIL union RMT said more than 50,000 workers will take part in a three-day national strike coinciding with major events including the Glastonbury music festival, an Elton John concert and an England cricket match. "We have a cost-of-living crisis, and it is unacceptable for railway workers to either lose their jobs or face another year of a pay freeze," RMT general secretary Mick Lynch said in a statement announcing the planned strikes late yesterday. "Our union will now embark on a sustained campaign of industrial action which will shut down the railway system."

The strikes are planned for 21, 23 and 25 June, the biggest dispute on Britain's railway network since 1989, according to the RMT. **PHOTO: PIXABAY/AFP**

Countries around the world are being hit by decades-high inflation as the Ukraine war and the lifting of Covid-19 lockdowns fuel energy and food prices. Britain's annual inflation rate has surged to a 40-year high at 9%.

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Lynch said the union "is open to meaningful negotiations with rail bosses and ministers", whom he urged "to come up with new proposals to prevent months of disruption on our railways".—AFP

Spain 'won't tolerate' using migrants as leverage: PM

SPAIN "will not tolerate" the use of immigration as a "means of pressure", Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said on Wednesday in an indirect warning to Morocco.

It comes after the two nations normalized relations following a bitter diplomatic spat, which erupted in April 2021 and only ended in March after Spain changed its traditional position on disputed Western Sahara.

The falling-out peaked in May 2021 after some 10,000 migrants crossed the Moroccan frontier into Spain's North African enclave of Ceuta as local border forces looked the other way in a move widely seen as a punitive gesture by Rabat.

Although Madrid and Rabat have made their diplomatic peace, Sanchez nonetheless fired a warning shot over Morocco's bows, saying: "Spain will not tolerate any use of the tragedy of illegal immigration as a means of pressure." "The best way is international cooperation," he said.

Patching up the relationship with Morocco, the departure point for many migrants, has meant a drop in arrivals, notably in Spain's Atlantic Canary Islands. —AFP

China offers cash for reporting 'national security' threats

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Myanmar team included in tough group of AFF U-19 Championships 2022

DRAWING-LOTS ceremonies for the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) U-19 Championships 2022 in which the Myanmar team are participating was held on 9 June.

All 11 Southeast Asian nations will compete in the tournament, which will be held in Indonesia from 2 to 15 July.

According to the drawing-lots, Group A sees the host Indonesia, Myanmar, Viet Nam, Thailand, Brunei Darussalam, and the Philippines while Malaysia, Laos, Timor-Leste, Cambodia and Singapore are participating in Group B.

The Myanmar team has been taking training for international competitions this year, including this one, since the Thingyan period, with U Soe Myat Min being the head coach.

The Myanmar U-19 team played three friendly matches at home during the training period and won two matches, and lost one.

The annual competition was launched in 2002, but it has not been held for some years, and the tourney will resume this year as the 18th version.

Of the 17 matches completed, the Thai and Australian teams are the most successful with five times winning each, followed by the Myanmar team with two times winning.

In turn, Malaysia, Indonesia, Viet Nam, Iran, and Japan have won one at a time.

The ASEAN Football Federation has invited Asian powerhouses to compete for some years, with Japan and Iran among the winners. The last competition was held in 2019 and the Australian team won, but Myanmar did not participate that time. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Ukraine beat Republic of Ireland after World Cup heartbreak

VIKTOR Tsygankov lifted Ukraine's spirits after their painful failure to qualify for the World Cup as the midfielder clinched a 1-0 Nations League victory over the Republic of Ireland on Wednesday.

Tsygankov struck with a fine free-kick early in the second at Dublin's Aviva Stadium.

Ukraine held on to that slender lead as they bounced back from the 1-0 defeat against Wales on Sunday that ended the war-torn nation's bid to qualify for this year's World Cup. While Ukraine won't be going to Qatar for the World Cup, their impressive response to such a devastating loss epitomized the spirit in Oleksandr Petrakov's side. Of course Petrakov's players have far greater concerns as the Russian invasion continues in their homeland.

Viktor Tsygankov lifted Ukraine's spirits after their painful failure to qualify for the World Cup as the midfielder clinched a 1-0 Nations League victory over the Republic of Ireland on Wednesday. **PHOTO: AFP**

Petrakov had admitted the emotional and physical impact of the events in Cardiff combined with the ongoing war had taken its toll on his players.

He made 10 changes after the Wales game and the understudies were good enough to extend Ireland's winless run in the Nations League to 12 games. —AFP

Paris police chief acknowledges 'failure' at Champions League final

THE head of Paris police acknowledged on Thursday the "failure" of security operations for the Champions League final last month and apologized for tear-gassing supporters as they tried to enter the stadium.

The football showpiece hosted by Paris on 28 May was marred by scenes of mayhem as Liverpool fans struggled to enter the stadium for the match against Real Madrid, raising questions over the capacity of the French capital to host the 2024 Olympics.

"It is obviously a failure," Didier Lallement told a commission investigating the fiasco at the French Senate. "It was a failure because people were pushed around and attacked. It's a failure because the image of the country was undermined." He said he was "sorry" for authorising the use of tear gas to move supporters away from the stadium before the match, but added that there was "no other means" of relieving the growing pressure at the gates.

"We needed to get people to move back," Lallement explained. "We asked people to move back, then we used tear-gas... it's the only way to our knowledge of moving a crowd back, except for a baton charge." —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.

Gattuso named as new Valencia coach

GENNARO Gattuso has been confirmed as the new coach of Valencia, the La Liga side announced on Thursday.

The 44-year-old, who last managed Napoli, will replace Jose Bordalas who was sacked by the club last week.

Gattuso has also managed AC Milan, where he played as a combative midfielder for 13 years, and won the Italian Cup with Napoli in 2020.

"For me, football is passion, respect for the game, and love for the ball," Gattuso said in a video posted by Valencia on social media. "I know what it is to be afraid of Valencia. I have seen great teams fall in this (Mestalla) stadium, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary this season." Gattuso has only signed a deal for the next two seasons.

Gennaro Gattuso has been confirmed as the new coach of Valencia, the La Liga side announced on Thursday. **PHOTO: AFP**

He was sacked as Napoli boss at the end of the 2020-21 campaign after a home draw with Verona in the final game saw them miss out on a Champions League place to Juventus by a single point.

Gattuso will be the 10th coach to take charge of Valencia since controversial owner Peter Lim bought the club eight years ago. Valencia finished ninth in La Liga last season and lost the Copa del Rey final to Real Betis on penalties.— AFP