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Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council

1. The Union Election Commission will be reconstituted and its mandated tasks, including the scrutiny of voter lists, shall be implemented in accordance with the law.
2. Effective measures will be taken with added momentum to prevent and manage the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Actions will be taken to ensure the speedy recovery of businesses from the impact of COVID-19.
4. Emphasis will be placed on achieving enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.
5. Upon accomplishing the provisions of the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held in line with the 2008 Constitution, and further work will be undertaken to hand over State duties to the winning party in accordance with democratic standards.

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and delegation visit Novosibirsk State University and Higher Military Command School in Novosibirsk, Russia

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing currently in the Russian Federation left for Novosibirsk by a flight from Pulkovo International Airport of St Petersburg accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Lwin Oo and Military Attaché Brig-Gen Moe Kyaw yesterday morning and they were seen off by officials of St Petersburg.

On arrival at Novosibirsk, they were welcomed by the officials.

Then, the Senior General and party visited the Novosibirsk State University and were welcomed by Rector Dr Mikhail Petrovich Fedoruk and officials concerned. The rector and officials explained research works of science and technology subjects, findings in chemistry, physics,

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SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife arrive in Novosibirsk of the Russian Federation yesterday.



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Broader outlook and farsightedness

Everyone who knows the world's history can consider that the nation-building task is too difficult to avoid encountering various kinds of ups and downs in this mundane world.
Therefore, with a broader outlook and farsightedness, we shall seize whatever opportunity we have. That's the way we love Myanmar. We can build our Myanmar.

(Excerpt from the broadcasting speech made by Bogyoke Aung San to the national peoples in November 1944)



Domestic petrol price decreases to K1,700 per litre for 92 Ron

ACCORDING to the fuel market, the price of domestic fuel has fallen again and reached K1,700 per litre for Octane 92.
Last 22 June, the petrol price in the Yangon market was K2,275 for Octane 92, K2,375 for Octane 95 and K2,720 for premium diesel. The price of diesel reached K2,690 per litre.
On 16 July, the price of fuel oil in the Yangon market is K1,700 for Octane 92, K1745 for Octane 95, K2,190 for premium diesel, and K2,130 for one litre of diesel.
Therefore, within 24 days, according to the type of fuel, per litre has decreased by from K530 to K630. The decline in fuel prices is due to the decline in Singapore-based Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) prices.
It is reported that the current Motor Fuel Import, Storage and Distribution Supervisory Committee is working to ensure that there is no shortage of motor fuel in the market and to stabilize prices.

In addition, in order to ensure that the fuel prices in the market are balanced, the Petroleum Products Supervision and Inspection Department publishes daily fuel reference prices under the supervision of the Fuel Import, Storage and Distribution Supervision Committee.
The reference prices are based on Singapore's daily MOPS price. It is based on the reference wholesale price in Yangon, taking into account operating costs and reasonable profit percentages, premium insurance fees plus taxes.
After adding reasonable average transport costs to the reference wholesale price, officials have calculated the reference retail prices that should be according to the regional and state capitals.
Reference retail prices are published via national newspapers, media and the department's Facebook page and its website.
Myanmar can meet only

about 10 per cent of its domestic fuel demand, and the remaining 90 per cent has to be imported and used from abroad, so the price of fuel sold locally is changing depending on the international price.
It is reported that the price of domestic motor oil is distributed at a reasonable price compared to the regional countries, and officials are working to ensure that there is no mutual harm between the sellers and the users to have reasonable prices. In some countries, due to taxes on the import of motor fuel, the price is higher than in Myanmar. In Malaysia, the government provides additional payments as subsidies so the price is about 60 per cent cheaper than in Myanmar.
Every country set fuel prices according to its own country's policy, but Myanmar collects only a small percentage of taxes and distributes the fuel to the public at a low price, officials said. —NN/GNLM

Announcement for opening reception centres to receive CDM staff, students and youths

THE State Administration Council has been striving for the all-round development of the country including economic, social, education and health sectors. In addition, security forces are performing their duties day and night so that the entire mass of national people in various regions across the Union should be able to lead their lives and earn their living in the peace of mind. The State Administration Council gives priority to achieving genuine and perpetual peace, building up the united strength of the national brethren.
In order to prevent the unnecessary loss of human resources, the State Administration Council has publicly invited the basic education staff who are absent from duty to resume their duties and those who take part in armed resistance under various names of groups, including PDFs, to return to the legal fold if they wish to, and is systematically receiving the returnees.
It is found that, due to the persuasion, instigation and coercion of CRPH and NUG terrorist groups, some CDM staff, students and youths went to the strongholds of some ethnic armed organizations and received training in arms, ammunition and explosives.

It is known that some of those who have completed the training no longer want to be involved in terrorist attacks and so they fled to the regions within and without the country and are working there for their living. When they see terrorist attacks with their own eyes, they cannot accept such terrible acts at all. On the other hand, they have come to believe in the government's five-point roadmap and its endeavour for durable peace. Moreover, they want to live peacefully in their hometowns again with their parents and relatives. Nevertheless, they cannot do so because of the coercion and intimidation by CRPH and NUG terrorist groups and their subordinates, it is learnt.
Therefore, the government is taking measures to be able to open reception centres in border areas for those who would like to return homes to their respective regions. Moreover, those wishing to return home can contact Tatmadaw units and police stations. It is guaranteed that they will be able to lead their daily lives peacefully.

Information Team
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Myanmar National Flag to hoist at half-mast on 75th Martyrs' Day

THE State Administration Council has informed all government offices and organizations to hoist the Flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at half-mast across the country, and MRTV national television channel to sound sirens at 10:37 am to commemorate the fallen leaders as a symbol of grief, on 19 July 2022 Tuesday (75th Martyrs' Day).
At that time, vehicles on road must stop for a while and honk their horns too, it is learnt. — MNA

11 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 16 July, total figure rises to 613,809

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,809** after **11** new cases were reported on 16 July 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,724** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll still stands at **19,434** without more casualties.—MNA

Further invitation to remnant groups to hold talks

DEMOCRACY as well as federalism requires equal rights. Talks will continue with the ethnic armed organizations to restore peace. Good results came out from the talks with EAOs. Efforts will continue to restore peace by holding better talks. Some EAOs cannot participate in the talks for various reasons. In line with the firm implementation of two political visions, the government further invites remnant groups to hold talks.

(The excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in meeting with ministers of Yangon Region government on 9 June 2022.)

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and delegation visit Novosibirsk State University and Higher Military Command School in Novosibirsk, Russia



The Senior General looks into the display of firearms at the Higher Military Command School.



The Senior General views round the Novosibirsk State University.

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applied mathematics and information technology, biology and geology, prediction and discoveries through modern technology for future prospective conditions, lab research and classrooms. Then, the Senior General raised questions about what he wanted to know.
At the meeting hall of the university, the rector played the

video file of the lecture section of Novosibirsk State University and reported on the university status, curriculum for postgraduates, dormitory and stadiums for students. He also expressed the readiness to welcome Myanmar students.
After that, the Senior General discussed the criteria for selecting students and sending Myanmar military and civil

trainees.
Then, the Senior General and the rector exchanged gifts, viewed round the campus and took commemorative photos.
Novosibirsk State University is a private research university. The university was founded in 1958, on the principles of integration of education and science, early involvement of students with research activities and the

engagement of leading scientists in its teaching programmes. In 2022, Novosibirsk State University had 246th place in the rating of the QS World University Rankings.
The Senior General and party also visited the Higher Military Command School and were welcomed by Principal Major-General Markochin Segeri Gregorovich. Then, they studied the small

arms simulator room, firearms and target engagement system developed by the Russian Army.
In the evening, the Senior General and party attended the dinner party hosted by the Head of the Novosibirsk Government. The artistes performed traditional songs and dances during the dinner and the Senior General gave cash prizes to the performers. —MNA

Kayin state-level tree-planting ceremony held

THE 2022 monsoon season tree-growing ceremony, the third time for Kayin State, was organized by the Kayin State Forest Department under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation at the Myanmar Economic Corporation No 2 Cement Plant (4,000-tonne).
The Kayin State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo attended and addressed the tree-planting ceremony. He said eight pre-monsoon tree-growing events and three monsoon season tree-planting events have been held in the state. Locals and social organizations have participated in planting 8,115 trees. The



third state-level ceremony will grow 1,188 teak trees. It would ecologically benefit from forests, he elaborated.
Afterwards, the chief minister presented the seedlings to the factory manager U Kyaw Kyaw Soe of the 4,000-tonne cement plant. The Kayin State chief minister, the state chief justice, cabinet members, departmental officials, factory staff and residents took part in the tree-planting event.—Saw Myo Min Thein (IPRD)/GNLM

The third 2022 monsoon season tree-growing ceremony in Kayin State is in progress.

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Head of Novosibirsk, arrives back from Russian Federation

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing currently in Novosibirsk of the Russian Federation held discussions with Head of Novosibirsk Mr Andrey Alexandrovich Travnikov at the latter's office meeting hall yesterday.

The meeting was attended by SAC member Mahn Nyein Maung, Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, senior military officers, Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Lwin Oo, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Moe Kyaw, the principal of the Higher Military Command School and officials concerned of science and technology, edu-



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Mr Andrey Alexandrovich Travnikov, Head of Novosibirsk yesterday.



The Senior General and wife are seen off at Tolmachevo Airport.



The Senior General arrives back in Nay Pyi Taw.

cation, social, culture, tourism and other sectors of Russia.

They frankly exchanged views on economic cooperation based on the geographical situation of Novosibirsk, bilateral trade, tourism development network, direct flight to Novosibirsk from Myanmar, proper cooperation in education as there are 22 standard universities in Novosibirsk, sending of Myanmar delegation to the Science and Technology Forum to be held in Russian Federa-

tion, study tour for science and technology sectors, exchange of culture and enhancement of bilateral relations in military and civilian sectors.

Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General and party who joined the visit of the SAC Chairman also paid a visit to the Novosibirsk State Academic Opera and Ballet Theatre near Marriott Hotel in Novosibirsk.

The delegation led by the Senior General left Novosibirsk of the Russian Federation

by a special flight of Myanmar Airways International yesterday noon. They were seen off by officials of the Novosibirsk Government, the principal of the Higher Military Command School, the No 44 Division acting commander, Myanmar Ambassador U Lwin Oo, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Moe Kyaw and officials at Tolmachevo Airport.

During the visit, the Senior General and the delegation met military and civilian

officials, visited famous landmarks, universities, factories and workplaces of the Russian Federation and enhanced the cooperation in friendship and culture between the two armies and governments, military technology, science and technology, human resource development, economic, culture and other various sectors.

On arrival at Tatmadaw Airport in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, the delegation led by Senior General was welcomed

by SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, SAC members and their wives, Union ministers, senior military officers from the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and their wives, deputy head of the Russian Embassy in Myanmar Mr Pavel A Klabukov and officials.—MNA

Maximum amount of CMP garments, industrial raw materials, agricultural products exported abroad in Q1

DURING the three months of the 2022-2023 Financial Year-FY, industrial raw materials, including CMP garments, were exported the most, and agricultural products were the second largest, according to the Ministry of Economy and Commerce.

In this way, industrial raw materials worth US\$2,699.385 million were exported from 1 April to 1 July of the 2022-2023FY.

During this period, among the industrial raw materials exported from Myanmar, officials were able to export the most CMP garments, as well as the most industrial raw materials exported to foreign countries.

In the same period of the 2021-2022FY, industrial raw materials worth \$1,958.575 million were exported, and this year it was able to export \$740.81 million more worth of goods compared to the same period of the previous year.



Female workers are seen at one of the CMP garment workplaces.

During the three months from 1 April to 1 July of the 2022-2023FY, agricultural products worth \$1,097.809 million were exported by private owners.

During the three months of FY2022-2023, it was able to export the second-largest number of agricultural products to foreign countries.

In the 2021-2022FY, the export value of \$1,102.605 million has decreased compared to the previous year by \$4.796 million. — TWA/GNLM

6 YBS lines to collect fares on distance basis

THE YUPT Public Co Ltd announced that they will increase bus fares based on the distance on six YBS bus lines.

The six lines under the YUPT are YBS 2, YBS 3, YBS 4, YBS 24, YBS 28 and YBS 110.

The distance-based bus fare will be collected with the permission of YRTC.

The Flat Fare will become Distance Fare and the YPS machines are installed at the entry/exit of the bus. The passengers have to scan the YPS cards twice – first when they get on, and before they exit the bus, according to YUPT.

As for the distance fare, it will be K200 for half journey, another K200 from half journey to the terminal, and K400 from the starting to ending points. It will save five per cent of the entire bus fare at only K380 if the passengers use the YPS card for the whole journey.

Currently, the number of YBS passengers is growing and over one million people a day are commuting. – TWA/GNLM

AMI system used in 29 townships, saving about 9% of electricity loss



One power distribution station.

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Electric Power, 29 townships in Yangon Region have used the Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system to reduce power loss by nine per cent.

In these townships, electric-

ity loss was 14 per cent to 15 per cent before, but now the loss of electricity is only about six per cent.

Electricity generation by the Ministry of Electric Power, and transmission and distribution

activities are being carried out, and losses in electricity transmission and distribution activities are also occurring, officials said.

Losses may occur due to the error of meter readers, and losses may occur due to fraud by electricity consumers in various ways.

In order to solve these losses, the Ministry of Electric Power has implemented the AMI system.

The AMI system will be installed in all townships within the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

As a recent measure, Pyinmana, Dekkhinathiri and

Pobbathiri townships and three townships within Mandalay Region are installing AMI smart meters.

As electricity consumers, they can view the amount and information of the electricity units they are using every day from their phones at any time, and the department can also check whether any fraudulence has been committed on the installed meters.

People will be able to view and check the electricity bill, and they will be able to pay the electricity bill over the phone as well, officials said. — TWA/GNLM



Bayintnaung wholesale market on changing trends

THE YCDC established the Bayintnaung Warehouse and Cargo-bus Terminal in 1990 and now it has been over 25 years.

In 1993, the 20 feet x 60 feet apartment was priced at K4 million and now it is about K200 million in 2022. The rental fee of an apartment was only K100,000 per month in 2000 and it is about K800,000 per month currently.

However, the rental fee of an apartment is about K2

million per month on Yaytama street which is crowded with onion and potato dealers.

The numbers of cargo truck terminals are higher than the numbers more than 25 years ago and now there are over 300 terminals. There were high traffic jams in the wholesale centre area in the 2010s. The traffic congestion reduced recently as the transactions are slack usually in monsoon, especial-

ly in Yaytama street, said the residents.

The purchasers buy the products at Bayintnaung Wholesale Centre and send them to Mon and Rakhine states. However, the onion and potato were directly transported to Mon, Rakhine, Patheingyi and Hinthada to date since 2015. The people from delta make direct orders from Yangon and the logistics and procurement services become slack.

The distribution companies of Yangon transported the products via Bayintnaung to other regions in the past, but now they themselves distribute their products. Therefore, the trucks of Bayintnaung do not get many offers.

The wholesale centre owners cannot run the operations properly and the workers do not get good incomes. Sometimes, the owners of rice, oil and oth-

er products wholesale centres have to add extra money for labour charges. It is easy to rent an apartment at Bayintnaung. The Bayintnaung wholesale market is crowded with purchasers daily.

The Bayintnaung-based market situation became worse in 2020 than in 2010 due to the direct sales and procurement for foreign demand. — TWA/GNLM

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-



A student in Pauktaw Township in Rakhine State gets COVID-19 vaccine shot on 16 July.

old students, respectively. Yesterday, doctors and nurses from public hospitals, medical teams from the Tatmadaw, relevant healthcare workers in collaboration with

volunteers gave COVID-19 vaccines to 8,453 people from twenty-six townships in Ayeyawady Region, 1,067 people from five townships in Rakhine State and Chin State, and 37,966 people from seven districts in Mandalay Region, respectively.

Similarly, healthcare officials gave the vaccines to 10,341 students from twenty-six Townships in Ayeyawady Region, 757 students from five townships in Rakhine State and 12,117 students from seven districts in Mandalay Region,.

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

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, foodstuffs, consumer goods, car parts and vehicles seized

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

Under the instructions of the Chairman of the Anti-Illicit Trade Task Force, an on-duty inspection team conducted inspections at the Mayanchaung Permanent Checkpoint on 12 July.

Officials confiscated K20,567,554 worth of foodstuffs, consumer goods and car parts that were different from the

Import Declaration (ID) from a Volvo 22-wheel truck and trailer (approximately K60 million) heading from Myawady to Yangon.

Similarly, an unregistered Subaru pickup car (approximately K6 million) without official documents was captured. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

In addition, on 14 July, the Mon State Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force inspected a warehouse in Myaingthaya Ward of Mawlamyine township and

captured K74,140,000 worth of duty-free cosmetics and foodstuffs without official documents. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Afterwards, a total of 0.795 tonne of illegal timbers worth K165,240 were confiscated in Banpyin village in Minhla township under the supervision of Magway Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

On 13 July, a combined on-duty team made inspections under the Bago Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force. They seized K19,048,000 worth of car parts and clothes from a Nissan 22-wheel truck and trailer (approximately K65 million) heading from Myawady to Yangon near the Phayagyi Tollgate, and the action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Afterwards, a total of 1.755 tonnes of hardwood parts worth K877,300 was captured on 16 July. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

In addition, K9.5 million worth of three unregistered vehicles in the Bago and Toungoo districts were captured, and the action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

Therefore, 15 arrests (approximately K255,298,094) were made on 12, 13, 14 and 16 July, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA

Drugs confiscated in some townships



Three arrestees are seen along with seized drugs and a vehicle.

A combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force stopped and searched Tun Tun, who is on suspicion in the corner of Thumingala road and Byamaso road, No 6 ward, South Okkalapa township at 10 am on 15 July. They found 2,200 stimulant tablets and 0.2 kilogramme of marijuana and as an interrogation result, the team seized 0.8 kilogrammes of marijuana from his house, which was located in No 7, Myitta street, Bo Tun Zan ward, Dawbon township at 11 am.

Likewise, the Anti-Drug Task Force stopped and searched a King Long min-

ibus driven by Kyaw Swar Win accompanied by Ma Mee Mee (aka) Khin Moe Sway and Aung Pwe near Myogyi village, Myogyi village's tract of Ywangan township at 11:30 am on 14 July.

The team impounded 1.1 kilogrammes of heroin and 480 stimulant tablets. Furthermore, the team examined Laihay's house and nabbed 0.08 kilogramme of heroin, 2,000 psycho narcotic pills and K0.2 million from the house, in No (Nasala-71), Nantsalee village of Hsenwi township at 5:45 pm. They are prosecuted under the law, the Myanmar Police Force stated. — MNA



Confiscated commodities.

ARTICLE

Changes in future, new scenes on Phone Gyi Street of Lanmadaw Tsp

By Lin Oo

THE scenes along Phone Gyi Street between Bogyoke and Strand roads linking with Pyay Road in Lanmadaw Township of Yangon are changing significantly, said the residents.

Reopening of temporarily closed road

Starting 9 April 2022, the entry and exit to Phone Gyi Street (upper) between Bogyoke and Anawrahta roads were closed. Two months later, it was reopened in the last week of June, said Ko Than Win, a taxi driver who lives near the Sanpya cinema.

During that period, the structure for the construction of a two-way approach road of cable-stayed Dala bridge over Phone Gyi Street on the side of Yangon emerged. For the safety of vehicles, the green fence panels are used at the beam of that approach bridge over Anawrahta Road.

Slowly emerging structure

Moreover, the pedestrian walking at the upper part of Phone Gyi Street and Anawrahta Road is covered with a roof for the people passing on Phone Gyi Street. The height of the bridge on the side of Anawrahta Road is 17 feet. The concrete bars and beams linked between bored piles for the approach road can be seen recently.

The four beams are connected for two spans each by the end of June. There are four pedestrian bridges along Anawrahta Road. The bridge beside the Sanpya cinema comprises a two-lane road. When the cable-stayed bridge completes, the approach bridge will be in the middle of Phone Gyi Street and there will be a two-lane way on each bottom side of the bridge. The entrance to the cinema portico has been demolished a few feet, and the driveway next to the cinema is slightly wider than other places. The cars cannot be parked between the pedestrian and the road, said U Hla Thein, a resident.

A new bridge and a new housing

It will be similar to the



The Dala Bridge construction sites are seen from Phone Gyi Street (above and below photos).



Thamine Butaryon street under the Hlaing River crossing bridge at Bayintnaung junction, said a Lanmadaw resident who works in Bayintnaung Wholesale Centre.

There is a housing construction project near the main approach road of the bridge on the side of Phone Gyi Street. The completion time of the bridge and housing projects will not be much different, said U Shwe who lived in Lanthit Yeiktha.

The housing will comprise two 25-storey buildings. The people who lived in old Lanthit housing will be relocated to the ground floors and upper floors above the car parking. The six-storey buildings are completed. When the project completes, the number of residents will be larger than

in the past.

Never-seen-before views

The cheap apartments can be the housing where the businesses are operated, according to the project. The vehicles will use the main approach road of Phone Gyi Street and the downtown road below the approach road. The apartment owners objected to the construction of the approach on Phone Gyi Street as they were afraid of their buildings could be affected by the project. Now, the bored piles are erected and the beams are linked and the operations do not affect the buildings as their concerns.

Currently, there are ten pillars of the bridge along Phone Gyi Street and many pillars can

be seen at the river bank as the approach roads of three bridges meet there. I've never thought that the scene of Phone Gyi Street would change like that, said U Shwe, a resident of Phone Gyi Street.

Changes in future

The bridge and housing projects can be completed by the end of 2023 and so the social and economic status of residents of Phone Gyi Street can be changed significantly. The people living on the middle and upper floors of buildings can hear the sounds of

vehicles every time. It can easily get to the Yangon side and villages in the southern part of the delta region. It is also connected with the road networks of delta regions and it can be the entrance to Yangon from Patheingyi, Myaungmya and Labutta townships. Moreover, the traffic jams at Hlinethaya and Bayintnaung can be reduced to a certain extent.

The express buses can reach Yangon directly passing the Dala Bridge. The ferry services are not required anymore and the highway bus lines can be seen in the Yangon downtown area. The number of express buses passing the Dala Bridge is lower than the bus lines to Aung Mye Thar and Dagon Aya Express Bus Terminals and so there will be no traffic jams in the Yangon area, said Ko Swe Myint, a commuter from delta to Yangon.

At that time, the highway bus lines to the delta region open their terminal at Phone Gyi Street and the people do not need to go to Hlinethaya, Dagon Aya Express Bus Terminal, said the passengers.

Nevertheless, it can be said the situation of Phone Gyi Street in Lanmadaw Township will change significantly and become the main road by the end of 2023.

Translated.



Work in concert to
consume and regenerate
freshwater fish

WHENEVER monsoon comes in, fingerling-releasing ceremonies take place at natural water areas such as creeks, rivers, lakes and dams across the nation. Indeed, it is an act of conserving the natural environment for the sake of living and non-living beings.

In Myanmar, various species of freshwater fish can be seen in the inland water areas. However, the volume of freshwater fish resources in the inland areas is gradually declining due to the fact

that local people and fishermen extremely capture fish. Moreover, climate change, water pollution, loss of fish reproduction habitats for fish resources, the outbreak of fish diseases, and the eating of fish to each other are primary reasons to cause the loss of fish resources.

To be able to prevent such events, it is necessary to create new areas for fish to habitat and to reproduce new fish generations as well as release fingerlings to fulfil the needs of fish resources. On the other hand, the authorities need to supervise the measures of taking severe action against those who use improper techniques of fishing such as the electric short-circuit method and putting poison into the water to capture fish.

Myanmar is endowed with 53.38 million acres of freshwater area, 20.51 million acres of which are located in natural water areas such as creeks, rivers and lakes, 15 million acres in the wetland areas, 13.38 million acres of rice plantations and 4.5 million acres in water storage lakes. Only when effective action can be taken against undisciplined fishermen, will it be the best way to contribute much to the fingerling releasing process at freshwater resources.

Hence, efforts must be made for raising the volume of freshwater fish resources in the nation to distribute them to the people for ensuring sufficient fish consumption. Only when the consumption rate and reproduction rate of freshwater fish are in harmony, the country will be able to ensure the sustainability of fish resources for future generations.

Truly, the objects underground and above ground as well as underwater and above water are natural resources for the State as well as for the people. All people have the right to utilize these resources. On the other hand, they are responsible for conserving these resources for long-term existence. Even those who can use the resources have to reproduce these objects on the other hand. In reality, these are fundamental rights and duties of all citizens in Myanmar.



ARTICLE

In commemoration of 75th Martyrs' Day

OLD HEROS
Never Die

U KHIN MAUNG
(A retired diplomat)

Introduction

1. First and foremost, may I express from a book of essential quotations on “heroes and heroism”. It reads as follows: -

“Heroism is the resounding victory of spirit over flesh that is to say, over fear.” And we have an old saying which says “old heroes never die”, which remains true at all times or whichever is a timeless truth. This article is a brief story about General Aung San, our national hero and a mar-

tyr, and his leading role in the struggle for our independence and the sacrifices, he made during his short span of life. General Aung San “was not of an age but for all time”. His personality and his leadership still capture the hearts and minds of generations and the memory of his name still remains living, active and alert in our history. In fact, “men are remembered not by the years they lived, but how the years they used in their lifetime”. General Aung San lived a short life, but he

used his hardwon life and made sacrifices and struggles for his motherland's independence and sovereignty. Oh, what a leader he was!

2. As far as my memory goes, Ko Aung San was born in the year 1915, on 13 February in Natmawk, Magway District. His father was U Phar, a pleader and his mother's name was Daw Suu. Ko Aung San was an ordinary man, simple and honest. Simply because of his honesty, patriotism and his able leadership, he became a great

man of all time. In this context, I would like to quote Shakespeare's wise writing. It reads: “Be not afraid of greatness”, “some are born great, some achieve greatness and some have greatness thrust upon them”. It is my humble opinion that that wise writing applies to U Aung San: U Aung San was not born great, but he achieved greatness through his own efforts, honesty, patriotism, able leadership and his sacrifices.

“Old heroes never die”. This wise old saying, I firmly believe,



applies to Ko Aung San. He was a national hero and had passed away long time ago. But the name of Ko Aung San is still well known and the name still remains in the living memory of Myanmar citizens. “Man may come and man may go. But the name “Aung San” will go on forever. To join the history of his mother country Myanmar: What do you say, my

dear reader?

3. There were many heroes in our ancient history and in our modern history as well. Some heroes are unsung heroes, some heroes are well-known and highly worthy of our praise. “Unsung heroes” mean “not praised or famous but deserving to be”. For example, the unsung heroes of the war”. In connection with the

term “Heroes”, we have an old saying “Old heroes never die”. This wise old saying, I firmly believe, applies to Ko Aung San.

4. To prove it, I would like to mention a news item about our living memory of Bogyoke Aung San. The highly esteemed daily newspaper “the Global New Light of Myanmar”, has mentioned a news item on 21 December 2019. The daily newspaper has mentioned “The CBM (The Central Bank of Myanmar) announced yesterday that it will issue “one thousand kyats note” with Bogyoke Aung San's picture on 4 January 2020, “Myanmar Independence Day”.

5. May I now reproduce the writings of a learned lawyer, Dr Maung Maung on “Aung San”, the national icon of Burma (Myanmar) only in brief. “In January 1946, when the first national convention of the “AFPFL (Anti-Fascists People's Freedom League) elected Aung San by acclaim as its president, he was a few days short of 32. At that young age he had built and commanded the national army, led the resistance, rose to be a hero and the leader and almost became a legend in the

land. His meteoric rise was due in a large part to his own great qualities and his unwavering sense of mission, to an equally large part to the readiness of Burma's history to discover such a man at such a time and have him ride the high tides of the nationalist movement as they swept forward to the final goal. Aung San became prominent as a leader of the University student's strike in 1936.

6. From the University, Aung San slipped naturally into politics. He became a leader of the young Thakin (our own masters) movement, the secretary of the Freedom Bloc and an advocate of direct action to oust British rule seizing the opportunity that the war prescribed.

7. Struggles and sacrifices for independence and freedom

There were many heroes well-known for their struggles and sacrifices for the independence and freedom of Burma (Myanmar). But, General Aung San was a prominent hero and a martyr who had sacrificed his dear and hard-won life for the cause of his motherland, Burma's

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Book Title	-	The Lost Woman
Author	-	Ju, Dr Myint Zaw
Publishing House	-	Thalayan
Publication Date	-	December 2020
	-	(1 st Edition)
Price	-	K3,000

The Lost Woman

A terrifying and heartbreaking case spread across social media on 6 July. The police tracked down a murder of no-body homicide cases in Yekyaw Village, Phyu Township. He killed his wife and hid her body. Moreover, he raped a stepdaughter and attempted to escape after he burnt the body. Violence against women is a hot topic worldwide. The world-famous actress Angelina Jolie also urged US senators to

pass the violence against women act.

The author never fails to record the events happening around us. This week's pick reflects the life experiences of the women. The book is entitled “The Lost Woman” by Sayama Ju and Dr Myint Zaw.

The book contains an article on how a man becomes head of household in the social environment of the author, with Dr

Johnson's definition of patriarchy and some of his assertions; male dominance, male identification, male centredness and the obsession with control. A novel entitled “notes of a doctor” revealed how the husband of a low-income family holds absolute power over his partner's choice in birth control in the real world. Another male dominance novel entitled “A window” stated a bizarre day of the husband who

is pleased with his power over an innocent wife who always spends her time at home, never accompanies the husband at parties and has not questioned his income.

Generally, a wife usually neglects the rights of women and puts her husband and children first. There is a perception of some women that treat their son as a lord and their husband as a God in the extreme. Even if they do not consider this much, the wives tend to sway from the existence of women. This thought inspired the author to develop the novel The Lost Woman. The books can visualize the real-life experiences of women.

Adding to that, Dr Myint Zaw's unequal water resources and toxic masculism articles, Simon de Beauvoir's becoming woman and the concept of woman and US President Joe Biden's speech stating that it is a waste if we cannot protect women from any forms of violence are included in the book.



Book Title	-	Author
Author	-	Bhamo Tin Aung
Publishing House	-	Seikku Cho Cho
Publication Date	-	July 2022
	-	(1 st Edition)
Price	-	K4,000

Author

THE best book publisher Seikku Cho Cho published a compilation of short stories by Bhamo Tin Aung.

The short stories by Saya Bhamo Tin Aung reflect the life experiences of the author, contemporary depiction, political images and social norms and views.

Authors like to turn the stories happening around them into fiction. Nonetheless, they are hesitant to share with others about their family members. He coined a phrase before the introduction of the novel. A piece of writing “Me and Myaing (Author and his wife)” is a story of his beloved wife called

Myaing.

Once I was saddened a lot by the news of a prostitute Mi Than Kyi. At that time, Myaing was still in surgery. I spent time choosing clothes and jewellery for Sayama Daw Khin Khin Gyi in Dr Ye Chan's novel. In reality, I seldomly buy a Longyi (sarong) for my wife. However, my selfless wife has never asked me to buy things. She has never sulked. She is committed to her duty to be a good mother and good wife. While I am short of money, my supportive wife secretly sold her precious metals given by her parents. He compliments his wife on how she is a

supportive spouse when life is stressful.

The book contains ten stories; Me and Myaing (Author and his wife), Myself (Author and his ego), Myit Khin Khin (author and his Abhidhamma), the uncivilized and civilized person (author and his soul), livings and thoughts (author and his source), unescaped character (author and alcoholic drink), fish caught in a trap (author and freedom of expression), Pulling the tiger's tail (author and politics), an anonymous woman (author and writing materials) and Aung Than and his younger brother Aung San (author and tax).

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Old heroes never die

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freedom. And there are many tales and stories to tell about our martyr Bogyoke Aung San's honesty, bravery, simplicity, sacrifices and struggles though he lived a short life. In short, Bogyoke Aung San was also our national hero. So, there are a lot of stories of General Aung San to tell and keep in memory. But, for your precious time, my dear reader, I would like to present only a few stories, especially about his courage and the remarkable speeches he made. "Cowards die many times before their deaths, the valiant never taste of death but once".

8. Bogyoke Aung San, our martyr

A Burmese writer, "Dagon Taryar", described Bogyoke Aung San, in a journal "Yokepon Hlwa (Profiles)" in Rangoon in 1947, as "the raw", a description which did not displease him" And Dr Maung Maung in his book.

"A trial in Burma, the Assassination of Aung San" expressed that, if he was raw, the rawness gradually left him "as fulfilment came". Bogyoke Aung San smiled more often and could spend more

time with his family. It was almost unbelievable; the place of honour in history was already his, and Burma was soon to be free. It was almost too good to be true and he sometimes felt a little sad, and unsure. But he was a man of destiny, he must go, he was destined.

9. On Saturday morning, the 19th of July 1947, Bogyoke Aung San dressed himself in Burmese dress choosing to wear a longyi of the colour gold. At about 10 am, he left his home in Rangoon's Tower Lane for his chamber in the Secretariat. On his arrival, the Executive Councillors assembled and the business of the day was started as usual. Soon afterwards, around 10:30 am U Saw's (the rival full of jealousy and envy at Bogyoke Aung San's fame and popularity) gunmen broke into the chamber and shot Bogyoke Aung San and his colleagues down.

Bogyoke Aung San's speeches.

10. Bogyoke Aung San had a reputation as a blunt speaker and he was simple, and honest too. So, I think, I may say, Bogyoke

Aung San was a blunt speaker. But Bogyoke Aung San usually spoke his mind. Just for his patriotism, heroism and able leadership, many, many of General Aung San's speeches were note worthy. To spare your precious time, please allow me to mention only a glimpse of his personality, popularity, leadership and a few of his remarkable speeches as follows: —

- Bogyoke Aung San was optimistic and outgoing. He was full of wit and humour; he laughed easily and was very human. He was not at all the glum and brooding type; after all, a man may not become a national hero simply by brooding

- Once, Bogyoke Aung San summoned officers and staff of the war office to give a sermon in patience and humility. He stressed the need to prepare oneself for the high endeavour, to build one's strength without showing it off, and to never overestimate one's powers or underestimate those of the opponent.

- Bogyoke Aung San came often to the Academy (Defence Services Academy). At the third batch passed out at the end of November 1944, Bogyoke Aung San gave a speech. He stressed the need to learn, to strive and to sacrifice, for hard battles were

yet to come. He was brief and blunt. His words were well remembered.

11. On 17 March 1945, was the day a farewell parade for (Burmese) troops were leaving the city for the field. The parade ground was the present Resistance Park. On that day, the Adipadi, Dr Ba Maw spoke some complimentary words about the gallant army which was going to the war" to repay the debt of history" but his words did not quite go home. Dr Ba Maw was a brilliant speaker and coiner of words and phrases. But people do not respond to mere words. When Aung San spoke, the people listened. He was brief. He said the time had come to go out and fight. He would himself take to the fight to lead us; danger, hardship and perhaps death, lay ahead but we shall all go forward together".

Honouring the 72nd anniversary of our independence day, the highly esteemed Global New Light of Myanmar, reproduced an "extract from the speech given by General Aung San at the Jubilee Hall First Preparatory Conference held on 19 May 1947" under the heading "Equality for all".

"To be a genuine democracy, it is not enough to be a "government of the people, by the people, for the people: The govern-

ment must uplift the economic standard of the people to the point where there is equality of opportunity for all. Then only can we go forward towards genuine democracy."

Conclusion

12. "Old heroes never die" Our martyr, Bogyoke Aung San was assassinated, together with other martyrs on 19 July 1947. Bogyoke Aung San was dead and gone. But his name still captures the hearts and minds of many generations of Myanmar. "Man may come and man may go". But the name of Aung San will go on forever. To join the history of his motherland (Burma) Myanmar.

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Webb begins hunt for the first stars and habitable worlds



In this photo released by Nasa, engineering teams celebrate at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, Maryland as the second primary mirror wing of Nasa's James Webb Space Telescope unfolds, before beginning the process of latching the mirror wing into place. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

THE first stunning images from the James Webb Space Telescope were revealed this week, but its journey of cosmic discovery has only just begun.

Here is a look at two early projects that will take advantage of the orbiting observatory's powerful instruments.

The first stars and galaxies

One of the great promises of the telescope is its ability to study the earliest phase of cosmic history, shortly after the Big Bang 13.8 billion years ago.

The more distant objects are from us, the longer it takes for their light to reach us, and

so to gaze back into the distant universe is to look back in the deep past.

"We're going to look back into that earliest time to see the first galaxies that formed in the history of the universe," explained Space Telescope Science Institute astronomer Dan Coe, who specializes in the early universe.

Astronomers have so far gone back 97 per cent of the way back to the Big Bang, but "we just see these tiny red specks when we look at these galaxies that are so far away".

"With Webb, we'll finally be able to see inside these galaxies and see what they're made of."

While today's galaxies are shaped like spirals or ellipticals, the earliest building blocks were "clumpy and irregular," and Webb should reveal older redder stars in them, more like our Sun, that were invisible to the Hubble Space Telescope.— AFP

Baby elephant pulled from Thailand manhole in dramatic rescue

A baby elephant was dramatically rescued from a manhole in central Thailand after his mother was sedated to allow the operation to proceed, wildlife officials said.

The calf fell into the drainage trough on the outskirts of the Royal Hills golf course in Nakhon Nayok province in the early hours of Wednesday morning.

Its distressed mother, believed to belong to an elephant herd travelling through the nearby jungle, stayed with the infant as it was unable to climb out of the steep pit.

The pair were discovered by a passing resident, who quickly alerted wildlife officials and Khao Yai National Park authorities to the pachyderm's plight.—AFP



The calf fell into the drainage trough on the outskirts of the Royal Hills golf course in Nakhon Nayok province. PHOTO: THAILAND'S DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL PARKS, WILDLIFE AND PLANT CONSERVATION (DNP)/AFP

Pandemic fuelled online gaming addiction in young Australians, survey finds

THE lockdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic created a “perfect storm” for online gaming addiction among young Australians, according to a new survey.

The study findings, published in the National Library of Medicine and revealed on Friday, showed that almost three per cent of about 1,000 teenagers had the psychiatric condition of internet gaming disorder (IGD).

Developmental psychologist, associate professor Wayne Warburton from Macquarie University (MU) said IGD could seriously impact young people’s daily lives including their school-



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work, relationships and mental health.

Warburton said IGD signs included becoming more unsociable and avoiding previously enjoyable pastimes and its sufferers might often appear irritable and could even become aggressive if someone tried to stop them from gaming.

The MU team noted that the average time spent on recreational screen use was rising quickly, a situation exacerbated by the social isolation caused by COVID-19.

Warburton quoted US figures showing teenagers’ average daily recreational screen time soared to about 520 minutes in 2021 as compared to 400 minutes prior to the pandemic. He believed Australia’s situation was comparable.

The researchers also found IGD was increasingly seen among younger children with those in primary school now as vulnerable as teenagers.

“My research shows kids are more at risk if they have issues with impulse control and if their basic needs, like self-esteem, are being met better online than offline,” Warburton said.—Xinhua

New Zealand reports 9,241 new community cases of COVID-19

NEW Zealand reported 9,241 new community cases of COVID-19 on Saturday, said the Ministry of Health in a statement.

The seven-day rolling average of community case numbers of COVID-19 in New Zealand now sits at 9,984. The ministry also reported 761 current hospitalizations, including 15 cases in ICU or HDU, and 29 deaths from COVID-19 on Saturday.

In addition, there were 308 new cases that have recently traveled overseas.—Xinhua

Canada approves 1st COVID-19 vaccine for children 6 months to 5 years

CANADA’S drug regulator announced Thursday it has authorized the use of the Moderna Spikevax COVID-19 vaccine in children six months to five years of age.

This is the first COVID-19 vaccine authorized in Canada for use in this age group with approximately 1.7 million children, Health Canada said in a statement. Health Canada, which received an application from Moderna to expand the indication of Spikevax on 29 April 2022, initially authorized the vaccine for use in people 18 years of age and older in December 2020, and subsequently authorized for children 12 to 17 years of age in August 2021, and children six to 11 years of age in March 2022.

According to the statement, Health Canada has authorized a two-dose primary series of 25 micrograms each, with the second dose to be administered 4 weeks after the first dose. This is half the dose authorized for children six to 11 years of age and one quarter of the dose authorized for people over 12 years of age.

The clinical trial showed that the immune response to Spikevax in children six months to five years of age was comparable to that seen in people 18 to 25 years of age from a previous study. Efficacy was assessed when Omicron was the predominant variant of COVID-19 and the vaccine was well tolerated without safety signals from the trial, Health Canada said.—Xinhua



A woman and three children go on a cooling bike ride on a scorching hot day, in Vancouver, British Columbia, 29 June 2021. **PHOTO: DON MACKINNON / AFP/FILE**

Death toll from COVID-19 surpasses 200,000 in Britain



A commuter with a face covering walks with her luggage after getting off a Transport for London (TfL) underground train in London on 31 January 2022. **PHOTO: TOLGA AKMEN / AFP**

MORE than 200,000 COVID-19 deaths have been recorded across Britain, showed the latest data released Wednesday from the Office for National Statistics (ONS).

The grim milestone has been reached in late June, but not revealed until Wednesday due to a delay in registration. Up to the start of July, a total of 200,247 COVID-19 deaths have occurred, the ONS said. The figures include deaths due to COVID-19 as well as those involving the virus.

In the week ending 1 July 2022, 11,828 deaths were registered in Britain, 12.1 per cent above the five-year average (1,278 excess deaths), said the ONS. By early January 2021, more than 100,000 COVID-19 deaths had been registered nationwide. It has taken more than a year and a half for the death toll to double, with vaccination uptake, better understanding of how to treat the virus and social distancing measures all contributing to fewer deaths, said British newspaper The Guardian. According to figures from Our World In Data, as of 12 July, Britain has one of the highest COVID-19 death tolls in Europe, with a death rate of about 2,689 per million people, compared with a rate of 2,295 deaths per million people for Spain, 2,230 for France and 1,704 for Germany. The country’s excess mortality rate is also higher than other European averages which stand at 2,070 per million people, more than twice that of Germany’s which stand at 1,110.—Xinhua

ECONOMY WORLD

World 5G Convention to be held in China's Heilongjiang

THE 2022 World 5G Convention will be held from 10 to 12 August in Harbin, the capital of northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, the event organizers said.

The event, to be held both online and offline, will be co-hosted by the Heilongjiang provincial people's government, the National Development and Reform Commission, the Ministry of Science and Technology, and the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology.

The event aims to bring together the latest achievements and viewpoints of 5G development in the world, draw a blueprint for a global system of science and technology as well as industrial cooperation, and build a platform for the close integration of the 5G innovation chain, industrial chain, and supply chain, according to Li Mingchun, deputy secretary-general of the provincial government.



Photo taken on 5 September 2020 shows a view of the 5G communication services exhibition area of the 2020 China International Fair for Trade in Services in Beijing, capital of China. **PHOTO: XINHUA/ZHANG CHENLIN**

The convention will hold a series of activities, including an opening ceremony and main forum, parallel sessions, and seminars. Many investment projects in the digital economy will also be

signed during the event.

World 5G Convention is the world's first international conference in the 5G field. The first edition of this event was held in Beijing in 2019. —Xinhua

EU to seek cuts in heating, cooling of buildings to save gas

THE European Commission is expected next week to ask EU countries to reduce heating and cooling of public buildings and offices to cut demand for gas, according to a document seen by AFP.

In order to better withstand the drastic fall in Russian gas supplies, which could be cut off altogether, the commission is expected to urge governments across the 27-nation bloc to set limits on the amount of energy used by public buildings, offices, commercial properties and out-

door terraces.

For optimal energy use, it will recommend the rules require that public buildings be heated to no more than 19 degrees Celsius (66 degrees Fahrenheit) and cooled by air conditioning units set no lower than 25°C (77°F°).

"Energy saved during the summer is energy that can be used in winter," the commission points out in the document.

Energy experts say lowering the thermostat by one degree could cut a building's

heating bill by about 10 per cent. Air conditioning units generally struggle and fail to cool a room below 20°C so they waste energy trying.

The recommendation is part of a series of measures Brussels is investigating to cut the European Union's gas consumption by 25 to 60 billion cubic metres (880 to 2,120 billion cubic feet) per year.

The EU imported around 140 bcm of gas by pipeline from Russia last year, according to the International Energy Agency.

"Acting now could reduce the impact of a sudden supply disruption by one third," says the document, which is due to be published on 20 July and could be modified in the interim.

It calculates that 11 billion cubic metres of gas could be directly saved from reducing excessive heating and cooling, and between four and 40 bcm via reduced electricity demand. Another 10-11 bcm could be saved from use by industries, which have already slowed production due to soaring prices.—AFP



Acting now could reduce the impact of a sudden supply disruption by a third, the commission says. **PHOTO: APA/AFP**

Aviation buzzing for return of Farnborough airshow

AVIATION'S biggest players descend on the renowned Farnborough airshow next week, buoyed by the travel sector's nascent recovery from the Covid pandemic and as Russia's invasion of Ukraine boosts defence spending. Farnborough, southwest of London and one of the largest civilian and defence shows alongside Dubai and Paris, is abuzz with anticipation as the aerospace sector fires up its engines for the first time since being ravaged by the pandemic.

At the same time, however, the industry faces headwinds from rocketing inflation fuelled by historically high energy prices and higher wages, while staff shortages constrain airports.

At Farnborough, US titan Boeing and its European

arch-rival Airbus will take to the skies to show off their latest hi-tech wares — and engage in their traditional dogfight for multi-billion-dollar jet orders.

Celebration

"This is the first major global airshow for three years since Paris 2019 and therefore there is definitely a bigger excitement and buzz than I have seen before about Farnborough," airshow chief executive Gareth Rogers told AFP. "People are excited to be coming back together and really looking forward to seeing each other. I think it's going to be a bit of a celebration." Civil aerospace has been energised this year by the return of international travel after the lifting of Covid restrictions.—AFP



A visitor photographs the General Electric GE90 engine of a Qatar Airways operated Boeing 777-300ER passenger aircraft at the Farnborough Airshow on 19 July 2018. **PHOTO: ADRIAN DENNIS/AFP/FILE**

No bed of roses for Ecuador's flower industry

THE pandemic, the war on Ukraine, and more than two weeks of ruinous protests over soaring living costs — Ecuador's flower industry has recently had to surmount one obstacle after another.

The country's fourth-largest income-generator in terms of sales, roses alone earned nearly a billion US dollars in 2021 — a record haul of \$927 million to be exact.

With hundreds of companies growing 450 rose varieties, Ecuador is the world's third-biggest flower exporter after the Netherlands and Colombia. But this year's prognosis is unclear after 18 days of sometimes-violent mass protests against rising fuel prices that included burning roadblocks and arson, and resulted in six deaths. "The protests meant much larger losses than all that was lost during two years of pandemic," said Marcelo Echeverria, Ecuador commercial representative for the Dummer Orange international flower firm.—AFP

S Korea’s automotive export hits 8-year high in first six months

SOUTH Korea’s automotive export hit the highest in eight years in the first half of 2022 owing to strong demand for eco-friendly vehicles, government data showed Friday.

Automotive shipment rose 3.2 per cent over the

year to 24.35 billion US dollars for the first six months of this year, according to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

It was the highest in eight years since the first half of 2014 amid growing demand for eco-friendly

cars, which took up 30 per cent of the total automotive shipment. It was up 8.3 percentage points from a year earlier.

Car export to Asia and Latin America advanced in double figures, but shipments to the European Union declined 9.3

per cent in the first half.

The domestic sale of eco-friendly cars, including electric and hydrogen-powered vehicles, jumped 34.3 per cent from a year earlier to reach a record high of 210,474 units in the first half.—Xinhua



South Korea’s Hyundai Motor is the world’s fifth-largest automaker in terms of sales. PHOTO: HYUNDAI MOTOR/XINHUA

Malaysia’s natural rubber production falls 6.3% in May

MALAYSIA’S natural rubber production declined by 6.3 per cent to 21,073 tonnes in May from 22,498 tonnes in April, official data showed Friday.

On a year-on-year comparison, the production of natural rubber also tumbled 25.2 per cent, according to the Department of Statistics Malaysia.

Meanwhile, exports of Malaysia’s natural rubber amounted to 43,197 tonnes



Malaysia’s natural rubber production declined by 6.3 per cent to 21,073 tonnes in May from 22,498 tonnes in April, official data showed Friday PHOTO: PHOHEN/XINHUA

in May, down 26.3 per cent from 58,596 tonnes in April.

China remained the main destination for Malaysia’s natural rubber exports, accounting for 44.6 per cent of its total exports in May followed by the United States, Turkey, Brazil and Finland. Total stocks of natural rubber in May dropped by 2.8 per cent to 289,430 tonnes compared to 297,654 tonnes in April.—Xinhua

Int’l auto expo opens in northeast China

THE 19th China (Changchun) International Automobile Expo kicked off Friday in Changchun, the capital of northeast China’s Jilin Province. Covering an area of 200,000 square metres, the expo has nine indoor exhibition halls and

four outdoor exhibition areas. So far, a total of 155 domestic and overseas automobile brands and 128 enterprises have registered for the exhibition. More than 10 new energy vehicle brands will display their new and highlighted

models during the event, including BYD and SAIC Audi. The Changchun municipal government will invest 40 million yuan (about 5.9 million US dollars) to subsidize car purchases from individual consumers. With some 310 million

cars owned by residents, China is the world’s largest automobile market. In 2021, retail sales of automobiles and related products accounted for 9.9 per cent of the country’s retail sales of social consumer goods.—Xinhua

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ELECTRIC POWER
ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION ENTERPRISE

Date. 16th July, 2022

Invitation to Bid for implementation of Ground Mounted Solar Power Plant Projects on Independent Power Producer and Build – Operate - Own Basis

1. Electric Power Generation Enterprise (EPGE) seeks to invite tender for the purchasing of electricity at Designated Connection Points from the Ground Mounted Solar Power Plant Projects on Independent Power Producer (IPP) and Build Operate Own (BOO) basis.

2. The Concession period shall be twenty (20) years from Commercial Operation Date(COD).

3. The Tender Form can be purchased within office hour from the tender announced date at following office either;

(1) Procurement Department,
Electric Power Generation Enterprise, Building 27,
Nay Pyi Taw, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
(or)

(2) NO.39 Kanner Road, Ahlone Power Station,
Ahlone Township, Yangon,
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar

4. The Tender Form fee is Myanmar Kyat three hundred thousand (Kyat 300,000) only.

5. The bid submission date is **16th September, 2022 at (10:00) hr, Myanmar Standard Time.**

6. Bidders shall prepare the proposals in accordance with the Invitation for Bid and Request for Proposal (RFP).Bidder's Proposals must be submitted on time. Any late proposal shall be rejected.

7. The necessary information of this tender can be inquired within office hour via calling the phone numbers or sending mail to the Email;

Electric Power Generation Enterprise
Ministry of Electric Power
Building 27, Nay Pyi Taw
Ph+95 9256323643, +95 9448543062
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V NAKSKOV MAERSK VOY.NO. (225W/228E)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V NAKSKOV MAERSK VOY.NO. (225W/228E)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **17-7-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SEALAND MAERSK ASIA PTE LTD

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Notice to Non-Residence Members of Yangon Sailing Club

Non-Residence Members who are currently residing abroad or out of town are requested to pay annual fees and overdue payments by 30th September 2022. Membership will be terminated as the result of overdue payments according to The Club's regulation.

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Roscosmos cosmonaut Oleg Artemyev (C) seen attending a spaceflight training session in Star City, Russia, in February, 2018. Artemyev recently became commander of the International Space Station (ISS). **PHOTO: STR/AFP/FILE**

US to resume International Space Station flights with Russia

THE United States said Friday it would resume flights to the International Space Station with Russia, despite its attempts to isolate Moscow over the invasion of Ukraine.

“To ensure continued safe operations of the International Space Station, protect the lives of astronauts and ensure continuous US presence in space, NASA will resume integrated crews on

US crew spacecraft and the Russian Soyuz,” US space agency NASA said in a statement.

NASA said that astronaut Frank Rubio would fly with two Russian cosmonauts on a Soyuz rocket scheduled to launch on 21 September from Kazakhstan.

The announcement came hours after President Vladimir Putin fired the head of Russia’s space agency, Dmitry Rogozin, a

firebrand nationalist and ardent backer of the Ukraine invasion who once quipped that US astronauts should get to the space station on trampolines rather than Russian rockets. NASA said that the International Space Station was always designed to be operated jointly with participation from the space agencies of the United States, Russia, Europe, Japan and Canada.—AFP

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

US says no restrictions on farm equipment to Russia

THE United States said Thursday that it would not bar the sale of farm equipment to Russia, again denying Moscow’s allegations that Western sanctions – not its invasion of Ukraine – are causing the global food crisis. The Treasury Department, in a legal form on sanctions exemptions, said it would not stop US transactions related to the production, sale or transport of agricultural equipment.

In line with previous rules set after the 24 February invasion, the Treasury Department also said it was not prohibiting agricultural commodities such as fertilizer as well as medical devices and Covid-19 tests.—AFP

Russia deploys missiles from Europe’s largest nuclear plant: Ukraine agency

RUSSIA is using Europe’s largest nuclear power plant as a base to store weapons including “missile systems” and to shell the surrounding areas of Ukraine, an official with Kyiv’s nuclear agency has said. Located on the Dnipro river in southeastern Ukraine, the Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant has been under Russian control since the early weeks of Moscow’s invasion, though it is still being operated by Ukrainian staff. The president of Ukrainian nuclear agency Energoatom said Friday in a televised interview that the situation was “extremely tense”, with up to 500 Russian soldiers controlling the plant. —Xinhua

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Iran rejects US claim of sending drones to Russia as “baseless”



Iranian military officials inspect drones on display prior to a drill at an undisclosed location in central Iran in January 2021. **PHOTO: AFP**

IRANIAN Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian on Friday rejected a recent US claim that Iran is providing Russia with

drones for use in Ukraine as “baseless” and politically motivated.

Amir-Abdollahian made the

remarks in a phone call with his Ukrainian counterpart Dmytro Kuleba, according to a press release on the foreign ministry’s website, after US National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said on Monday that “information” indicates Iran is preparing to provide Russia with “up to several hundred” drones, including weapons-capable ones.

Such allegations, which came just ahead of the ongoing US President Joe Biden’s Middle East tour, are aimed at “achieving specific political goals and purposes”, the top Iranian diplomat noted.

“Just as we said at the beginning of the (Ukrainian) crisis, we are opposed to war in Afghanistan, Yemen, Palestine and also Ukraine,” Amir-Abdollahian told Kuleba.—Xinhua



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EU to target Russian gold in next sanctions package: commissioner

THE European Union will target Russian gold exports in its next sanction package and seek to “close exit routes” for those bypassing its earlier packages, an EU commissioner said Friday.

The EU has so far approved six sanction packages against Russia. The last one passed in June imposed a ban on most Russian oil imports.

The EU will look into “ways

we could slap a sanction regime on gold, which is an important commodity for exports from Russia”, Maros Sefcovic, deputy head of the European Commission, said in Prague.

“As soon as we reach an agreement at the level of member states, we will publish it,” he said ahead of an informal meeting of EU affairs ministers held by the Czech presidency of the

27-nation bloc.

The move follows a ban on gold exports from Russia agreed by the world’s most industrialised nations at a G7 meeting at the end of June.

Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Olga Stefanishyna, who is attending the meeting in Prague, urged the EU to adopt a new sanctions package on Thursday.—AFP

Biden to talk oil at Arab summit concluding Middle East tour



Mecca governor Prince Khaled al-Faisal welcomes Biden upon his arrival in Jeddah. PHOTO: MEDIA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF MECCA/AFP

US President Joe Biden is set to discuss volatile oil prices during a summit with Arab leaders on Saturday in Saudi Arabia, the final stop of his Middle East tour.

On his first trip to the region as president, Biden is also looking to outline his vision for Washington's role in the region in order to not cede influence to Russia and China.

He plans to announce Saturday that the US is committing \$1 billion in food aid to the Middle East and North Africa amid rising food insecurity induced by the war in Ukraine, a senior official told reporters.

Saturday's meeting in Jeddah will bring together leaders of the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council as well as Egypt, Jordan and Iraq. Biden landed Friday in Saudi Arabia, a long-

time US ally he once vowed to make a "pariah" over its human rights record, and met with King Salman and de facto ruler Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman.

Tensions had been high between Biden and Prince Mohammed, especially after Biden's administration released US intelligence findings that Prince Mohammed "approved" an operation targeting journalist Jamal Khashoggi, whose killing and dismemberment in Saudi Arabia's Istanbul consulate in 2018 spurred global outrage.

After a fist-bump greeting with Prince Mohammed, Biden said he raised Khashoggi's case "at the top" of their discussions and "made it clear if anything occurs like that again they will get that response and much more".—AFP

LATEST DEVELOPMENT

Security fears for Bolsonaro, Lula in tense election campaign

BRAZIL'S far-right President Jair Bolsonaro and his left-wing rival Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva both wear bulletproof vests to campaign rallies ahead of October's elections, with the safety of candidates a top concern in an atmosphere of deep political polarization.

The assassination of Japanese ex-Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at a campaign rally last Friday sparked a wave of concern on social media in Brazil that conditions at home were ripe for a similar crime.

Then on Sunday, a Lula partisan was shot dead at a political party event by a police officer shouting pro-Bolsonaro slogans.

Lula blamed the death on "hate speech encouraged by an irresponsible president," while Bolsonaro countered that violent people should "join the left, which has an undeniable history of violent episodes".

The president himself was stabbed in the abdomen during his previous presidential campaign in 2018 by a man who was later declared mentally unfit to stand trial.— AFP

Abe shooter's mother donated 100 mln yen to Unification Church



Japan mourners pay last respects to Shinzo Abe for ex-PM funeral in Tokyo. PHOTO: KYODO

THE mother of the man who fatally shot former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe donated about 100 million yen (\$720,000) to the Unification Church, the man's uncle said Friday. The assailant,

41-year-old Tetsuya Yamagami, has told investigators he believes Abe was linked to the church and that he resents the organization because his mother's donations to it ruined his family's finances.

Yamagami shot Abe on 8 July when the former prime minister was delivering a stump speech on a street in the western city of Nara. Yamagami was arrested at the scene where police found a homemade gun, and he was sent to prosecutors Sunday on suspicion of murder. Her contributions included about 60 million yen from a life insurance payment over the death of Yamagami's father; his uncle told reporters in Osaka Prefecture. He said the other 40 million yen to the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, widely known as the Unification Church, came from her selling family real estate.— Kyodo



A Mexican Federal Police unit patrols around the Puente Grande state prison in Zapotlanejo, where drug lord Rafael Caro Quintero was jailed until his release in 2013. PHOTO: HECTOR GUERRERO/AFP

Mexico captures drug lord wanted for murder of US agent

MEXICO on Friday captured a notorious drug kingpin on the FBI's list of 10 most-wanted fugitives for the murder of a US undercover agent that strained the countries' diplomatic relations.

Rafael Caro Quintero, 69, is accused by the United States of ordering the kidnap, torture and murder of Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) special

agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena in 1985.

He was detained by Mexican marines in the town of Choix in the northwestern state of Sinaloa, for "the purpose of extradition", the navy said in a statement.

Caro Quintero had already been arrested in 1985, tried in Mexico and sentenced to 40

years in prison for Camarena's murder.

But in 2013, a Mexican court ordered his release on a legal technicality after he served 28 years, a move that angered US authorities.

By the time Mexico's Supreme Court overturned the decision, Caro Quintero had already gone into hiding.—AFP



Myanmar to play Viet Nam today in 3rd place match of ASEAN Women's Championship

MYANMAR women's national football team will play against Viet Nam women's team in the third-place match of the ASEAN Women's Championship in the Philippines today.

Team Myanmar match will start at 2:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time.

Next, the final match will begin at 6:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time and Thailand will take

on the Philippines. Teams from the same group met again in the third match and the final,

In the group meeting, the Vietnamese team trounced the Myanmar team 4-0 while the Thai team beat the Philippines by a single goal. The Myanmar team lost to Viet Nam by four goals as their core players rested for the semi-finals. In the semifinal, team Myanmar lost

to the Thai team by two goals and missed out on the final. The host Philippines beat Viet Nam in the semi-finals with a surprising four-goal deficit and qualified for the finals for the first time.

Although the Myanmar team missed out on the final, they will have to try to end the bad results every time they meet Viet Nam for third place. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Tokyo to host 2025 World Athletics Championships



The World Athletics Council confirmed that Tokyo would stage the championships for the second time after beating out competition from Kenya, Poland and Singapore. PHOTO: AFP

TOKYO has won the right to host the 2025 world athletics championships after beating three rivals

of the Kenyan capital Nairobi, Poland's Silesia and Singapore, it was announced here on Thurs-

day. World Athletics, the sport's world governing body, said in a statement that Tokyo, which hosted the 1991 edition, scored the highest of the four candidates in the bid evaluation. "Within an extremely strong field of candidates to host the world athletics championships 2025, Tokyo offered a compelling bid," said World Athletics President Sebastian Coe.

The 18th world athletics championships begin in Eugene, Oregon on Friday, while Budapest in Hungary will host the 2023 event.—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.

Norway crash to shock exit from Euro 2022

NORWAY suffered a shock exit from Euro 2022 as the pre-tournament title contenders crashed to a 1-0 defeat against Austria on Friday.

Despite the presence of Lyon star Ada Hegerberg in their line-up, former European champions Norway paid the price for another lacklustre display in Brighton.

Norway failed to advance from Group A after a second successive loss, while Austria progressed to the quarter-finals as runners-up behind England.

England, already assured of topping the group, crushed Northern Ireland 5-0 in their last game to move into the last eight with three successive wins and without conceding a single goal.—AFP

Hanthawady United draw Yadanabon FC in MNL Week 4

HANTHAWADY United played a 1-1 draw against Yadanabon FC in the Week 4 opener of the Myanmar National League at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon yesterday. It was a meeting between two teams that were on a losing streak, and although they managed to stop their defeats, they were unable to get a win and ended in a draw. As a difference, this draw was the first draw of the 2022 MNL season, and the draw came from the 16th game.

In order to regain the victory, both teams made some changes to their starting lineups. Hanthawady team started with core players, while Yadanabon also included some key players. Since the start of the game, both teams launched the attack, but

they were unable to take advantage of the opportunities

and scored goals in the first half.

At

the end of the first half, it was a scoreless draw, and in the 59th minute, Naing Tun scored the lead goal for Yadanabon through a penalty kick.

After that, the Hanthawady team tried to equalize, and in the 73rd minute, they got an equalizing goal through a penalty kick, which was scored by Soe Kyaw Kyaw.

After four matches played both teams have earned four points each with one win, one draw and two losses.

Maha United will take on GFA FC today at 3 pm in the second match of the Myanmar National League Week 4 at the same venue. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM



A Yadanabon FC player (blue) eyes the ball against the Hanthawady United player during their Myanmar National League Week 4 match at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon on 16 July 2022. PHOTO: MNL