

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.

Education sector aims to turn out human resources for the State: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presides over the SAC meeting 6/2022 in Nay Pyi Taw on 21 July 2022.

NO matter what students learn in education at any school, they must have the knowledge to be able to stand on their own after completion of learning, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the SAC meeting 6/2022 at the SAC Chairman Office yesterday.

Security measures related to politics
In his speech, the Senior General said that terror acts were taken action under the law. The Ministry of Home Affairs is taking responsibility for combating the terror acts and riots whereas the Tatmadaw is taking responsibility for State defence duty and armed insurrection. As the country is democratic,

military administration is exercised at a minimum as much as possible.
So-called PDF terrorists brutally killed 52 members of the Sangha and one nun up to 20 July, most of them were killed in Sagaing Region. Similar cases happened in Magway Region. Moreover, so-called PDF terrorists also committed murdering educational staff, leaving 47

dead and 21 injured, and 25 staff went missing, totalling 93. Most of them were from Sagaing and Magway regions.
Need of enhancing the educational qualification of the people
All the people are to strive for improvement of educational qualification of the entire people. Some school-age children

missed the chance to enrol due to the lack of peace and stability in the region based on security and political measures. Efforts are being made to reopen the remaining schools. The education sector aims to turn out human resources for the State. No matter what students learn in education at any school, they must have the knowledge to be

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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
State Administration Council

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THE prices of black gram (urad in India) have a bumpy ride in July. The price reached the highest of K1,630,000 per tonne, according to the bean market.

The black gram prices started to rise over K1.7 million per tonne starting on 2 July and they soared to K1,707,500 per tonne on 4 July.

Then, the price slid to K1,537,500 per tonne on 15 July. The figures reflected a decrease of K170,000 per tonne.

The price of black gram rose again to K1,670,000 per tonne on 16 July, showing an increase of K130,000 per tonne within five days.

On 21 July, the price dipped to K1,630,000 per tonne. So, the price was down by K40,000 per tonne.

However, the price remains high following robust demand by the leading buyer India and Kyat devaluation against the US dollar on the forex market.

Moreover, India agrees to purchase 250,000 tonnes of black gram and 100,000 tonnes



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of pigeon peas (tur) from Myanmar for five consecutive years from the 2021-2022 financial year to the 2025-2026FY, according to a press release issued on 18 July. Myanmar and India signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on pulses purchase in June 2021 and India has officially released the pulses import quota.

Pulses imports are allowed via the five ports; Mumbai,

Tuticorin, Chennai, Kolkata and Hazira. India extended relaxations of conditions regarding clearance consignment for black gram and pigeon peas until 31 March 2023.

The market for black gram needs to be observed. The price is correlated with India's demand, fuel price hike and forex rate.

Last September 2021, the prices hit an all-time high of

K2 million per tonne when the US dollar exchange rate with Myanmar currency hit over K3,000 in the local forex market.

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at over 385,195 tonnes of pulses and beans to foreign markets through the sea route, and \$92.203 million valued at over 137,136.76 tonnes were sent to the neighbouring countries through land borders.

Myanmar exported US\$1.57 billion worth of over two million tonnes of various pulses to foreign trade partners last financial year 2020-2021. The country shipped \$966.4 million valued in 1.24 million tonnes of pulses and beans to foreign markets through the sea route, and \$604.3 million worth of 786,920 tonnes were sent to the neighbouring countries through land borders.

Myanmar yearly produces approximately 400,000 tonnes of black gram and about 50,000 tonnes of pigeon peas. Myanmar is the top producer of the black gram which is primarily demanded by India, while pigeon peas, green grams and chickpeas are cultivated in Australia and African countries besides Myanmar. — NN/ GNLM

Public Notification

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

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

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

Earthquake occurs inside Myanmar

A strong earthquake of magnitude 6.1 Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about 17 miles east of Kengtung), latitude 21.26°N, longitude 99.86°E, depth eight kilometres, about 18 miles east of Kengtung seismological observatory happened at 23 hours 37 minutes 26 seconds MST on 21 July 2022. —Department of Meteorology and Hydrology

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Seismological Division
Nay Pyi Taw
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Earthquake Information

Date	21.07.2022
Time (MST)	23:37:26
Magnitude	6.1 (Strong)
Latitude	21.26 °N
Longitude	99.86 °E
Depth	8 km
Region	About (17)miles E of Keng Tung.

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Union spirit is the resolve to build a Union through mutual amity between all the nationalities

UNION spirit is the foundation of the historic independence struggle, and it will also be the cornerstone of the future democratic country. In fact, the Union spirit is the resolve to build a Union through mutual amity between all the nationalities. As a peaceful and stable democratic State will be built only with the Union spirit, we must nurture a highly qualified new general possessing a strong Union spirit.

(Excerpt from the message sent by Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing on the occasion of 74th Anniversary Union Day which fell on 12 February 2021)

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able to stand on their own after completion of learning.

Need for economic growth

The government adopted the basic policies for economic development. Priority is given to operating production based on agriculture and livestock farms. Despite having many human resources, the country does not have adequate skilled labour in the agriculture and livestock sector. Hence, efforts are being made to create chances for students to learn higher education based on the agriculture and livestock sector and to engage in production. Double cropping and a high yield of crops can help earn increased income for farmers to have high socioeconomic status. Hence, it is necessary to achieve success in agriculture and livestock farms to improve the economy of farmers.

In the previous period, as the import volume of edible oil was large, edible oil crops and exportation were restricted. Farmers have a chance to freely grow the crops and freely export them. If they export agricultural produce via the UMFCCI for the interests of the State, their sales will be free and the State income will increase.

With regard to the implementation of businesses based on agriculture and livestock farms via enhancement of education, the Senior General said: “Concerning the education promotion plan, most of the people completed in the primary and middle school education. The majority of people are educated in high school and higher education. So, I see it is necessary to especially prioritize the enhancement of the education standard of the people in rural areas and in states

where the majority of people complete only middle school education. In the country, the constitution stipulates that basic primary education is compulsory for all. But, primary education is not enough for the people at present. Such primary education is inadequate for catching up with the advancement of the world. As such, in its tenure, the government encourages the students to learn middle school education till grade 10 free of charge. If so, people from the rural areas will be skilled labour and educated persons. If we give training to them, they will have a wider knowledge and skills to contribute to their businesses. We set such an aim. Now, there are 127 districts. In the first wave, we will open some 50 high schools giving agriculture, livestock and mechanical techniques to the students. I have discussed with relevant Union ministers to do so. It is necessary to appoint graduates from veterinary science and agriculture to teach the students. We arrange that the staff discharging duties at Agriculture Department and Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department will be assigned as contributing teachers at these schools. If so, I expect a large number of skilled labour will be turned into rural areas. So, we have to operate businesses based on agriculture and livestock farms.

“Moreover, such plans are not adequate. It is responsible for the private sector. The government is responsible for turning out the human resources. The rest is for the private sector. On one hand, the government arranges the supply of inputs, for example, supply

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of water, distribution of fertilizers and seeds in the agriculture sector and supply of feedstuffs, medicines, water and pedigree animals in the livestock sector. Participation of the government in the private sector will exist till a set time. Hence, the council will prioritize operations of agriculture and livestock farms.”

Development of cotton cultivation required

He continued to say that there are 240,000 acres under cotton cultivation in the country, that the country is cooperating with industrialized nations to be able to produce high-quality long-staple cotton and manufacture high-quality fabric and that establishment of advanced garment factories will contribute to the development of the country’s economy.

Higher living standards for rural people necessary

Due to the weaknesses of the socio-economic life, the living standard of the country’s rural people is lower than those of other countries. The socio-economic life of the rural people will improve only when the agriculture and livestock breeding industries succeed.

Sufficiency in electric power

er plays a vital role in enhancing the living standard of the people but would it be beneficial only if renewable energy can be produced and so the country is taking measures to successfully implement hydro-electric power projects to minimize the emission of carbon dioxide in producing electric power.

Measures taken for restoring durable peace

With a view to achieving enduring peace, the government invited ethnic armed organizations to peace talks and those who came to the peace talks agreed to the establishment of the Union based on democracy and federalism in accord with the wish of the people. And more invitations have been made to some EAOs that have not come to the peace talks and, it would be good for the country’s future if the remaining EAOs come to the table.

Finally, the Senior General said that, during his visit to the Russian Federation, he met responsible personnel of military and civil services, went on a study tour of universities, plants and workshops and had discussions on increased cooperation in various sectors, including the mutual friend-

ship between the governments and military services, culture, science and technology, tourism, development of human resources. He concluded that although his working visit to the Russian Federation was short, it was fruitful and good for the country.

The council members participated in the discussions on promoting ranks of primary assistant teachers and assigning them, fulfilling for needs of rural health centres by region and state governments and other sectors.

In his response, the Senior General said action will be taken against the private schools which are not in line with the education policy. Staff are recruited for health units, and at present, house surgeons and nurses are assigned there. Arrangements are being made to increase plies of trains along Yangon-Pyay, Yangon-Mawlamyine and Yangon-Mandalay routes. Meetings are being held with ethnic armed organizations without restrictions and some organizations are being connected. Arrangements are being made to cultivate quality strains of trees for teak plantations across the nation. It is necessary to review the enactment of archive law for historic persons. — MNA

Myanmar delegation arrives in the Netherlands to attend the open court where the Judgement of the Court related to Preliminary Objections raised by Myanmar will be read

CONCERNING the application filed by the Gambia alleging Myanmar of violating the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, the International Court of Justice will read the Judgement of the Court on the preliminary objections raised by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in open court on 22 July 2022 at the Peace Palace, The Hague, the Netherlands.

To attend the aforementioned open court, the Myanmar delegation led by U Ko Ko Hlaing, Agent of Myanmar and Union Minister for International

Cooperation, and Dr Thi Da Oo, Alternate Agent of Myanmar and Union Minister for Legal Affairs and Attorney-General of the Union, left for the Hague, the Netherlands on 20 July 2022. Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and officials saw off the delegation at the Yangon International Airport.

It is learned that the Myanmar delegation arrived at the Amsterdam International Airport at 06:35 am on 21 July 2022 and Ambassador U Soe Lynn Han and officials from the Myanmar Embassy in Brussels welcome the delegation at the airport. — MNA



Myanmar delegation are seen off at Yangon International Airport before departing for the Netherlands on 20 July.

Over 720 foreigners granted permanent resident permits in Myanmar



MoIP Union Minister chairs the coordination meeting to grant permanent resident permits yesterday.



THE permanent resident permit system for foreigners in Myanmar started on 19 September 2012. As of 20 July 2022, there were a total of 726 applicants and their families and 648 persons have been approved by the Union Government Office.

In implementing the Permanent Resident System-PR System, there are four types of permits: professionals, businessmen who want to invest in Myanmar, ex-Myanmar citizens who have obtained other citizenships and will contribute to

Myanmar, and foreigners who are related by blood to Myanmar citizens.

Regarding the permanent resident permit applicants in Myanmar, the coordination meeting of the Central Committee for the implementation

of the Permanent Resident system-PR system and the interview evaluation of those who have been verified by the Central Committee were held at the Ministry of Immigration and Population in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting, the chairman of the central committee, Union Minister U Khin Yi said that the permanent resident permit system for foreigners is important for national development. It is a method that helps a lot for the country to earn foreign currency and generate long-term interests.

The process was carried out in accordance with the PR rules, and among the applicants, seven were rejected according to the PR rules; one cancelled the application; 39 applicants and their families (12 persons) remain to be in-

terviewed and evaluated by the central committee due to the closure of airlines due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Now there are 11 more applicants and seven families, so there is a total of 50 applicants and 19 family members, totalling 69 persons.

Among them, 21 persons, including family members of those who have been pre-screened by the working committee and those remaining for the previous interview, were interviewed and evaluated at the meeting, and 12 main applicants were also interviewed and evaluated.

In meeting with such applicants, it is reported that they asked and discussed the conditions of being able to live under the existing laws and regulations, and evaluated and approved the decision. — MNA

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It is necessary to upgrade development of multi-faceted tourism industry in rural development and poverty alleviation: MoHT Union Minister

UNION Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Htay Aung said it is very important to promote the cooperation of the public-private sector to promote the development of multi-faceted tourism in the development of rural areas and the eradication of poverty.

He made the remarks at the ASEAN Regional Forum on Village Resource Management for Rural Development and Poverty Alleviation, held with a hybrid system by Indonesia, yesterday morning.

There are 46 villages in Myanmar that are implementing Community-Based Tourism (CBT). The development of tourism is important for the socio-economic development

of local people in states and regions that are rich in unique cultural and natural resources, so local communities can benefit from tourism.

The Union Minister also stressed the need to promote cooperation of the government-private-public for the development of tourist villages and multi-faceted tourism, to create tours in village tourism and establish the necessary standards, urging the participants in the forum to cooperate for the development of rural tourism in the ASEAN region.

The forum was attended by representatives from ASEAN member countries, the Directors-General and officials from the Ministry of Hotels



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and Tourism, region and state branch office managers, representatives from local tour management groups and officials from the Myanmar Tourism Federation.— MNA

Myanmar delegation attends 22nd SOMTC and its related meetings



THE 22nd ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime-(22ndSOMTC) of the ASEAN Political Security Community (APSC) was held by Cambodia as a host, through videoconferencing on 21 July.

The related meetings with Canada, China, Japan, Korea,

India and the European Union, which are partner countries of ASEAN, and the related meetings with the US, New Zealand and Australia were held through videoconferencing at 9 am on 20 and 21 July respectively.

A delegation team led by Police Major-General Aung

Aung, the Leader of SOMTC (Myanmar) and the Deputy Chief of the Myanmar Police Force attended the meeting online at the meeting hall of the Headquarters of the Myanmar Police Force. Secretaries from 10 ASEAN countries and partner countries, director-general

level delegation teams and the Director of the ASEAN Political Security Community from the office of the Secretary General of the ASEAN, also attended the conference.

They discussed the programmes that were accomplished, in progress and suspended, which are related to violence in the field of combating transnational crime, financial support in violence, money laundering, cybercrimes, human trafficking and smuggling, wildlife crime prevention and control.

The meeting between SOMTC and China was held on the morning of 20 July and was co-chaired by Police Major-General Aung Aung, the Deputy Chief of the Myanmar Police Force, and Director-General Mr Hu Binchen of the Department of International Cooperation in the Ministry of Public Security. During the meeting, they considered putting the proper programmes into the implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation in the Field of Non-traditional

Security Issues (2017-2023) and the Joint Action Plan (2019-2023).

The Myanmar delegation conferred with attendees to help arrest and extradite the fugitives of Myanmar, who have entered the neighbouring countries illegally and committed various crimes with smugglers, by establishing the Database for regional fugitives and sharing the real-time information of fugitives.

Afterwards, a representative of Myanmar implied that one of the organizations which have requested information from Myanmar to put in the Trafficking in Persons Report 2022 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, United States, was declared as an illegal organization and a terrorist group, thus it was not the right way to collect information.

During the three-day meeting of the 22ndSOMTC and its related meetings, they confirmed to implement the unexpired business plans and the upcoming plans as per the variable crime pattern and Myanmar promised to join together under the ASEAN policy. — MNA

16 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 21 July, total figure rises to 613,887

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 613,887 after 16 new cases were reported on 21 July 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, 592,774 have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll still stands at 19,434 without more casualties.—MNA

Making News Toxic and Propaganda

by Murderers of Self-Named Media from the Virtual World

By Min Khant

I WROTE an article with the title of ‘Risks of Psychological Warfare, Fake News and Disinformation To Care About’ in State-owned newspapers on 13-5-2022 about the propaganda campaigns of individuals and organizations from local and abroad under so-called media opposing the State Administration Council and Provisional Government temporarily assuming the State’s responsibilities as per the provisions of the 2008 State Constitution as a response to the undeniable electoral frauds and the incidents of breaching the laws in 2020 general elections. The article was again described in Internauka, a Russian scientific journal and on the website of ai-news.ru in the Russian language.

how information warfare is being waged in a systematic manner.

In the early days of the political change in Myanmar, disinformation and misinformation floating have been carried out through social media platforms and premediated networks in order to conceal the truth why the Tatmadaw assumed the State’s responsibilities in accordance with the Constitution due to the vote riggings with breaching laws in 2020 elections and then to disseminate the information among people that the military unjustly seized the control of the State as a coup. At the same time, the narratives of people, particularly their Facebook accounts and pages, who pointed out the vote riggings of the then NLD-led government in the

grown up in the democratic transition period of Myanmar since 2010 in accordance with the 2008 State Constitution and are also a generation familiar with IT technology. In other words, it is also a generation that has been indoctrinated with one-sided ideologies and cultures using the open media and political situation of democracy. The active basic instincts of Gen Z were exploited.

Along with the various forms of demonstrations and protests, there emerged the CDM campaigns inciting civil servants not to go to their offices so as to paralyze the Government mechanism. In fact, although the instigators did not have capacities to take care of the staff who would join CDM, they managed to persuade some government staff to join CDM using incentives of money, rank and position. Although there appeared many narratives on social media platforms pointing out the possible failure of the CDM, such voices were not heard by the public as they were restricted by social media. At present in reality, the term CDM becomes dim and insignificant as the NUG terrorist group and the murderers from the virtual world have already ignored and rejected the CDMers. Some government staff who had believed in the instigations and propaganda are now in some border areas with ruined lives and their family lives are also shattered. Nevertheless, it is glad to see that the SAC government with full sympathy is re-inviting the CDMers.

media. Synchronously, a US citizen virtually provided online training courses on terrorism to Myanmar youths and moreover, a Singapore-based media revealed evidence showing that even Mr Sa-Sa from NUG terrorist group had attended the online courses. What they actually did was that they spread propaganda and made incitement to carry out acts of terrorism across the country by organizing and putting in front the low-educated persons, political extremists of NLD party supporters, and destructionists. That is the reason behind the rising number of motiveless killings of innocent civil servants and civilians after accusing them of ‘dalan’ (informers to authorities). To sum up, the actual perpetrators of the terrorist attacks occurring in Myanmar are the murderers of self-named media from the virtual world.

As another obvious instance, when the Government reopened schools, colleges and universities for the education of the youths, and the future of the Nation, the media made various forms of propaganda and threats inciting children and youths not to go to schools, colleges and universities. On the ground, they are simultaneous, committing the inhumane crimes of blowing up and setting fire to schools. In spite of that, their attempts at propaganda did not succeed in full percent due to the genuine benevolence of the Government and people of parents who understand and care well about the education of children, and the future of the country and it is delightful to see most of the children are back to schools.

Making news toxic and spreading propaganda is not only in the political arena and education sector, such despicable acts can also be found in military issues.

There are certain reasons why the article was featured again in the academic journals and websites of the Russian Federation. It is because the Western media are waging an information war against the Russian Federation in the Russia-Ukraine conflict using fake news and misinformation like the similar ways highlighted in my article that was described in Myanmar newspapers. Otherwise, that is a clear instance proving how powerful countries like Russia besides the small country of Myanmar are under attacks of psychological warfare using such fake news and disinformation.

Along with the rapid development of information and technology in the 21st century, we all can see the attempts of making propaganda via social media platforms with the effective use of technology and money in a systematic manner. Making propaganda and information warfare are being accelerated taking advantage of the political change in Myanmar. In this article, I will make further explanations of

2020 elections, were restricted or removed with the help of the Facebook Newsfeed Algorithm and the Burmese language experts of Facebook Team.

At that point, the people in a strict environment with lockdowns and movement restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic were also incited in various ways to take the streets as a way out of suffocation. That circumstance was not a coincidence but systematic steps taken as per the theories from the book ‘From Dictatorship to Democracy by Gene Sharp, an American writer. All forms of demonstrations and protests seen in February 2021 such as people demonstrating in weird clothes and sexy fashions and the pot-banging strikes are the non-violent action methods of Gene Sharp. It can be assumed that Gene Sharp’s methods and social psychology of the people were synchronically deployed. The main course linking all instigations is social media.

In reality, the youths under the beautiful name of Gen Z are the ones who have

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2	DVB	79	51	8
3	Mizzima	80	46	8
4	Delta News Agency	34	18	3
5	Irrawaddy	13	2	2
6	Tachileik News Agency	19	16	2
Total		414	216	32

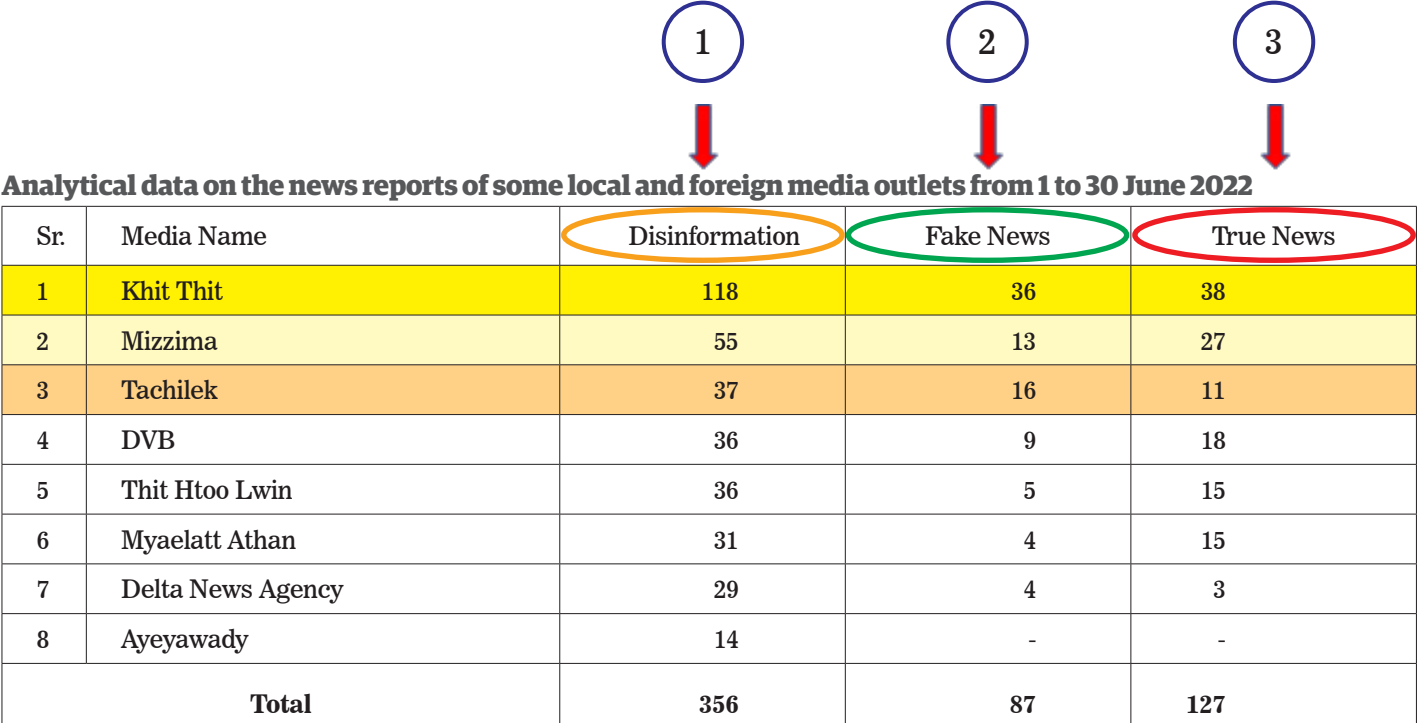
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Фейковых новостей и дезинформации

Ежедневно наблюдается преднамеренное распространение фейковых новостей и дезинформации в социальных сетях. В частности, частные лица и организации из местных и зарубежных стран распространяют сфабрикованные новости и дезинформацию со смесью правды и лжи, созданной с использованием текстов, фотографий и видеозаписей, используя различные аккаунты медиа-агентства Facebook.

Recently, the KNDO and PDFs using cash assistance from external elements and young PDF members launched offensive attacks against the Ukrihta outpost of the Tatmadaw. However, they did not succeed in capturing the outpost and their attempt ended only in humiliating failure with heavy casualties. But they claimed that they had already captured the Ukrihta outpost when they started to launch attacks. Moreover, they also used a pile of dead bodies of PDFs and KNDO as if the Tatmadaw faced heavy deaths. In fact, the internal armed conflicts bring only losses to Myanmar and all national people and therefore, the SAC government has consistently emphasized the invitations to peace talks. The SAC chairman has marked 2022 as the year of peace and it clearly shows the determination of the SAC government in the course of the peace process.

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Yellow-coloured circle (1) pointing at ‘Disinformation’ covers news reports that are fabricated using photos and video footage that did not actually happen on the ground in reality. In fact, the news descriptions are the ones posted on online media attempting to conceal the murder crimes of PDF terrorists by depicting them as if the Tatmadaw committed crimes. To explain more about the fake news described in a green-coloured circle (2), such news is exaggerated based on the incidents that actually occurred in reality. Such fake news reports are usually featured false information and ideologies to make the readers confused.

According to the analytical data of the ‘Fact Check’, it is found that PDF terrorist groups upholding the dogma of ‘everyone who differs from my attitude are my enemy’ are wantonly killing the innocent civilians who do not support

them as per the instructions of NUG. In the news about the killings of innocent civilians, the victims were found accused of dalan (informers to authorities).

If we observe the incidents, the subversive media outlets are instigating the brutal killings of PDF terrorists to provoke a state of terror in the general public when peaceful people are simply struggling for their lives. PDF terrorists kill everyone, who does not support them, regardless of considering who they are, including children, elders, monks and nuns after accusing them of ‘dalan’. In some towns in remote areas, they even cruelly burn down civilian houses. However, the atrocities and cruelties of the PDFs are always concealed by the money-hunter of murderers under the name of media from the virtual world.

Therefore, the so-called news agencies under the name of media describing

disinformation and fake news repeatedly by minding only how to get money are rather deserved to be called subversive media or the media without ethics indoctrinating people with wrong ideologies. In reality, they are not even worth using the term ‘media’ for it will negatively impact the typical media outlets. Their primary intention is to make people believe the disinformation and fake news so as to disintegrate the unity among people; cause dissension between people and the Tatmadaw, and provoke misleading impressions of the Tatmadaw. For the reason mentioned above, let me draw a conclusion of the article by urging the people not to believe the fake news of the subversive media but only to rationally consider the news and information on social media.

Reference wholesale prices for Union Territory, Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay and reference retail prices for cities of regions and states

22-7-2022																	Kyat/Litre
Fuel (Retail Price)	Yangon	Mandalay	Nay Pyi Taw	Bago	Magway	Dawei	Monywa	Patheingyi	Myittha	Sittoung	Hpa-an	Mawlaikyun	Lashio	Taungtha	Loile	Haka	Kengtung
92 Ron	1,700	1,750	1,745	1,710	1,745	1,770	1,755	1,735	1,825	1,845	1,740	1,750	1,785	1,785	1,785	2,005	2,560
95 Ron	1,755	1,800	1,800	1,760	1,800	1,820	1,805	1,785	1,880	1,895	1,790	1,805	1,835	1,835	1,840	2,055	2,615
HSD (500 ppm)	2,050	2,100	2,095	2,060	2,095	2,120	2,115	2,085	2,195	2,190	2,090	2,100	2,135	2,135	2,135	2,355	2,845
HSD (50 ppm)	2,110	2,155	2,150	2,115	2,155	2,175	2,170	2,140	2,255	2,250	2,145	2,155	2,190	2,190	2,195	2,410	2,875
HSD (10 ppm)	2,110	2,155	2,150	2,115	2,155	2,175	2,170	2,140	2,255	2,250	2,145	2,155	2,190	2,190	2,195	2,410	2,875

Fuel (Wholesale Price)	Yangon	Mandalay
92 Ron	1,612	1,678
95 Ron	1,662	1729
HSD (500 ppm)	1,952	2,020
HSD (50 ppm)	2,007	2,077
HSD (10 ppm)	2,007	2,077

Remarks:

(1)

It's calculation is based on MOPS price.

(2)

If people are not satisfied with purchase of fuel, they may safely send complaints to telephone numbers of the committee as follows: -

067-409881 and 09-699611116, 067-411129, 09-440433533

Fuel Import, Storage and Distribution Supervisory Committee

Cooperate with health staff in fighting TB

THE government is implementing the national strategic plan 2021-2025 in cooperation with local and foreign partner organizations as part of efforts to ensure the people stay away from major infectious diseases.

Currently, a plan is underway to decline the outbreak of tuberculosis disease in the country to less than 10 TB patients per 100,000 people in 2035 under the national strategic plan. In this regard, health institutions such as hospitals, clinics and rural health centres are playing a pivotal role in implementing the strategic plan.

On a recent day, the annual TB evaluation meeting took place at the Ministry of Health where the Union Minister for Health stressed the need for analyzing the strong and weak points of the work process in regions and states based on their experiences, adding future plans should be discussed openly.

Thanks to collaborative efforts among the Ministry of Health, partner organizations and the people need to beef up the plan for enabling the people to have easy access to basic healthcare services and strive for achieving the set missions in 2030.

The six components of the Stop TB strategy are: pursue high-quality DOTS expansion and enhancement, address TB/HIV, Multidrug-Resistant TB and the needs of poor and vulnerable populations, contribute to health system strengthening based on primary health care, engage all care providers, empower people with TB and communities through partnership, and enable and promote research.

Health staff members from different health institutions search for TB patients in society for luring them to take medical treatments for a brighter future. Thanks to their efforts, the number of TB patients is declining year by year in order to build a safe society free from tuberculosis, one of three major diseases TB, malaria and HIV/AIDS.

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Only when the current generation is free from TB impacts can new generations build a healthier society and environment. If so, healthy youths will have the capacity to build a powerful country in the future.

As a saying goes: if you want success and growth in the future, the best time to act is now, all the entire people of Myanmar including authorities and health personnel should start the efforts to accelerate the enhancement of the health standard of the people with the fulfilment of healthcare services in full swing so as to lessen infection of tuberculosis disease among other common diseases. Those wishing to see a healthy nation in the future need to join the project of TB control.

Power of Art

By Chitt Naing (Psychology)

Lotus in the mire

One may experience nausea and vomiting if he sees the mire, of which not only is the colour unattractive but the smell is awful. However, a beautiful lotus blossoms out of this mire. According to the metaphorical teachings of Buddha, the lotus flower is pure and beautiful, and it also carries the image of goodness and elegance. Ancient poetic also composed the golden lotus in the middle of a muddy lake.

Saya Thein Pe Myint and Saya Mya Than Tint also co-authored a novel, “The Lotus in the Mire”, around 1960 (more than 60 years ago). It became a masterpiece. I have heard that both of them liked the original story and adopted it without translating it into Myanmar. Just as Sayagyi Shwe U Daung adopted Sir Arthur Conan Doyle’s Sherlock Holmes novels as Detective Maung San Shar in Myanmar and Dagon Taryar created a Myanmar character called “May” adopted from a western country, “Lotus in the Mire” may have been written to suit Myanmar audience.

As for me, I fully support and welcome the arts which inspire

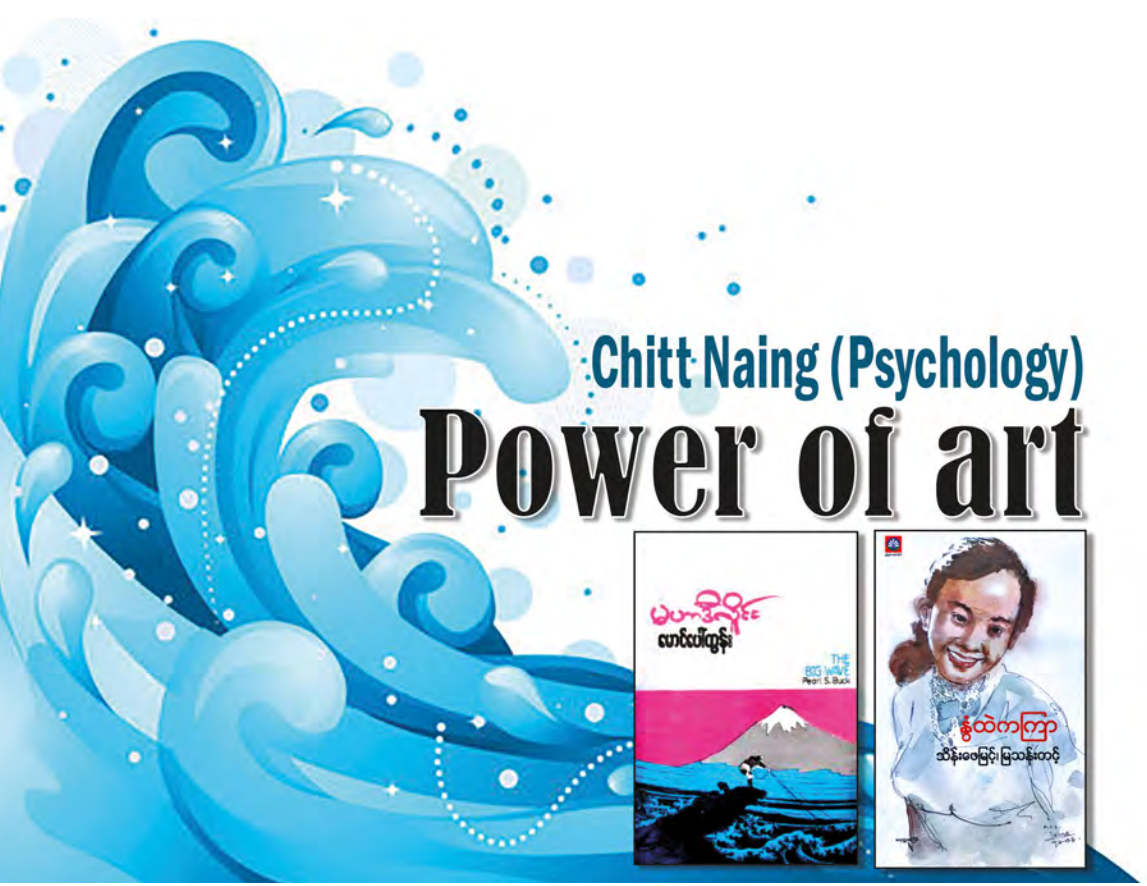
people to strive for excellence and to make every endeavour to develop the nation without giving up at any cost despite all the troubles, crises, oppression and rejection.

Despite being fought to the point of extinction for ten years by the US Army, patriotic Vietnamese bravely fought against the Americans until the US Army fled the country hastily. I remember reading many poems during the 1960s and 1970s that called for a victory in the Vietnam War.

Ho Chi Minh, Chairman of the Viet Nam Party, also lead and mobilized the people to unite. The US Army and the Vietnamese People’s Liberation Army differed in size and strength like gorillas and ants. The General of the Liberation Party executed white American soldiers in many battles.

We learned the following from the US-Viet Nam War of Invasion,

- (a) Financial strength is not the key
- (b) Modernization of ammunition and multiplication is not the key
- (c) Manpower is not a pri-



- mary factor
- (d) Ship, aircraft, helicopter, cannon, and fighting aids are not important
- (e) Isn’t it the mindset of a man who dares to risk his life and fight for the country?
- (f) Just like the attitude of the thirty Myanmar com-
- rades that would fight against the British rule by sticking to any means possible to acquire independence.
- (g) The diary of Che Guevara, a revolutionary hero who bravely took part in the Cuban revolution, and Fidel Castro, the Cu-

vene and manipulate us.

The strong patriotism and national spirit of the ancient ethnic people of Kachin, Kayah, Chin, Mon, Myanmar, Rakhine and Shan can be seen clearly by looking back at their history. In such an era when the ethnic people were in unity, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar gained proper achievements in economy, military, social, education and religious affairs and also the respect of international countries.

There was a long history of people who wanted to rule their own region.

The people ruled small-scale regions or states like a district of present days in a certain period when the country faced divisions and weaknesses. The power-mad persons who thought of themselves as kings fought each other without any power (the cumulative result of past meritorious deeds) and the country was not in stable condition because of the thieves and rebels.

Surely, other countries will bully a nation that does not have peace, unity and power. There were historic lessons regarding it.

Studying history aims to follow the proper laws, ethics and basic principle. It does not aim to blame the Kings for their faults. Nowadays, the ethnic people should live in unity through thick and things as there is a saying if the cattle are scattered, the tiger seizes them. If the peo-

ple apply the lessons learnt from history, they can create a better Hen as it organizes 55 ethnic groups. About 35 ethnicities are living only in Yunnan. The Kachin, Shan, Palaung, Wa, Lahu, Lishaw and Li living in Myanmar seem to be the relatives of Jain Phaw, Taing, Ta’ang, Yi and Wa (locally called Yunnan). Nevertheless, every person loves their country and the ethnic people should make efforts for their land, waters and country faithfully. There are also various types of people in the US.

The population, prosperity and wealth gaps play key roles. It should not say it is not a serious case. The readers should think that attitude is the main principle in creating a better future by studying the past. The morale of the country is also absolutely essential.

It also requires aptitude, predisposition, practices, skills and abilities. If there is such attitude and aptitude, the people or country will reach a higher level of altitude.

The author would like to put forward hard evidence to conclude the article.

The great Japanese artists Hokusai (1760-1849) and Hiroshige (1797-1858) painted pictures with a greatest love for their homeland than anyone else. The two artists’ unique

portraits were described in “The Big Wave”, a novel by Pearl S. Buck that is about The Life and Survival of Four or Five Humans in a Japanese fishing village.

The novel achieves worldwide success and inspires every reader. It is translated into various languages. The book written in 1947 was filmed by a Japanese director and it erased all the mourning, sorrows and depression of people who suffered such feelings for two years after facing two nuclear bomb attacks.

Hiroshima and Nagasaki fell to ashes and the Japanese people were encouraged by that painting, novel and “The Big Wave” movie to become active again. Now, the country has the largest economy in the world.

It is so creative in presenting such concepts with the art of magic. The readers should read “The Big Wave” translated into the Myanmar language by Sayagyi Maung Paw Tun, a recipient of the National Literary Award for Lifetime Achievements, published the first edition in 1993 and the second edition in 2015. The people will understand that the literary, paintings and movies would bring glory to the country and people.

The people who have the ability to develop the country should participate in such doings. The artists are warmly welcomed.

Translated. ■

WHO Europe warns of ‘challenging’ Covid-19 autumn and winter

The strategy pushes increased vaccine uptake in the general population, a second booster dose for immuno-compromised people, a possible second booster to specific at-risk groups, and the use of face masks indoors and on public transportation.

THE World Health Organization’s European office on Tuesday warned of a “challenging” autumn and winter amid a summer surge of Covid-19 cases and reduced surveillance among member states.

The warning was accompanied by a call from the health body for countries to “urgently address gaps in pandemic monitoring and response to avoid preventable deaths and severe disruptions”.

“At this time last year, I spoke

to you about a new wave of Covid-19 sweeping across the region, driven by the Delta variant amid the lifting of restrictions and increased social mixing,” WHO regional director for Europe Hans Kluge said in a statement.

In a similar situation

“It’s now abundantly clear we’re in a similar situation to last summer — only this time the ongoing Covid-19 wave is being propelled by sub-lineages of the

Omicron variant,” he added.

The rapid increase in cases coupled with “reduced virus surveillance” prompted the organization to “forecast a challenging autumn and winter in the European Region”.

It also prompted the release of a Covid-19 strategy for autumn and winter, “to help prepare for the coming waves of infection”.

“Waiting for the autumn to act will be too late,” Kluge said.

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creased vaccine uptake in the general population, a second booster dose for immuno-compromised people, a possible second booster to specific at-risk groups, and the use of face masks indoors and on public transportation.

New infections in European area

Kluge said the number of new infections in the WHO’s European area — 53 countries and regions including several in Central Asia

— had tripled in the last six weeks.

The region recorded 2,585,734 cases over the last seven days.

The organization noted that while hospitalization rates had doubled in the same period, admissions to intensive care units (ICU) had “so far remained relatively low”. “However, as infection rates in older groups continue to rise, Europe is still seeing close to 3,000 people die of Covid-19 every week,” Kluge stressed.

SOURCE: AFP



Tourists get tested with an antigenic test for Covid-19 near the Arc de Triomphe in Paris on 10 July 2022. PHOTO: AFP

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Yangon Water Bus to run budget sunset boat trip



A Yangon water bus is seen in the Yangon River.

THE Yangon Water Bus will resume its services including a budget sunset boat trip, said founder Daw Tint Tint Lwin during a press conference held in Yangon yesterday.

“The sunset boat trip gained proper success previously. Since the running of Water Bus, our company was able to cover the expenses. We operated that trip on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and public holidays. The income covered the expenses of our company,” she said.

The arrangements are being made to resume the services of Yangon Water Bus that were suspended over two years on 1

October. It prepares 75 per cent of trips, she added.

The main routes are Botahtaung, Pansodan, Lanthit, Sapachaung and Arntgyi and the timetable has not been issued so far.

“We will provide the best services for everyone to enjoy the sunset programme at K2,000 or K3,000,” she said.

The Yangon Water Bus started running in October 2017 in the Yangon River. It operated a day trip to Twantay township on weekends. The fare can be made through KPay, CB Pay and Wave Pay, according to the Yangon Water Bus. — TWA/GNLM

YCDC accepts water bills paid online in 7 townships in Yangon

ACCORDING to the Yangon City Development Committee, water bills can be paid online in 7 townships in Yangon Region.

Residents in Kyauktada, Pabedan, Latha, Lanmadaw, Pazundaung, Botahtaung and Mingala Taungnyunt townships will no longer need to come to the YCDC department for the water bills.

In order to pay online, residents are required to install “My City Application” and the payment can be made through AYA Pay, CB Pay, KBZ Pay, UAB Bank-SaiSaiPay, AGD-One Pay, Wave Money, Mytel and

OK\$.

Currently, water supply projects are being expanded. The “Kokkova Water Supply Project” is being implemented with the JICA’s ODA loan to fully supply water to 14 remaining townships, in addition to the downtown townships.

The project is scheduled to be completed in 2025.

It is reported that a total of 220 million gallons of water are being distributed daily in Yangon from Hlawga, Phugyi, Gyophyu, Nga Moe Yeik dam, Lagunbyin dam and underground water supply stations. — TWA/GNLM

Myanmar-produced coffee beans fetch US\$5,000 per tonne

AS the local and foreign demand is high, the coffee bean fetches about \$5,000 per tonne, according to Myanmar Coffee Association.

Myanmar-produced coffee boasts of better quality than others and fetch good prices in the international market. They are exported to Switzerland, China Taipei, China, Thailand, America, UAE, UK, Iceland, South Korea, Japan and Germany.

There are over 200,000 acres of coffee plantations in the country and only over 50,000 acres make profits. The country produces over 9,000 tonnes of coffee per year and the price is between \$4,500 and \$5,000 per tonne, according to the association.

The country grows 80 per cent of Arabica and 20 per cent of Robusta. Although the coffee



Young female workers are seen plucking coffee fruits on a coffee farm.

export volume declined in the outbreak of COVID-19 in 2021, it returns to normal this year with nearly 500 tonnes of coffee.

The coffee is export mainly

grown in PyinOoLwin of Mandalay Region, Ywangan, Mogok and Thandaunggyi and Nawngkhio, Hopong and Pinlaung of Shan State. — TWA/GNLM

Myanmar exports 2,711.80 tonnes of marine products to Bangladesh as of June

MYANMAR exported 2,711.80 tonnes of marine products to Bangladesh in June, according to the figures of the Ministry of Commerce.

The country earned US\$3.378 million from exporting 2,711.80 tonnes of fishery products to Bangladesh as of 11 June in the 2021-2022FY.

Rakhine State also achieves a proper freshwataer export market in Bangladesh and the state government and

Fisheries Department provide techniques and capital for the freshwater fish farming sector. There are about 500 freshwater fish farms in Rakhine State. The officials arrange to adapt a mangrove-friendly farming system and implement a two-year project for 1,000 acres.

Moreover, a new fish hatchery is constructed in Minbya township spending the state budget. The hatching operation will be started in the coming

season. Arrangements are also being made to develop a farming zone near the hatchery.

The department will focus on a mangrove-friendly farming system for crab/prawn farming.

The Maungtaw and Sittway border camps of Rakhine State export rohu, snapper, black pomfret, ilish, lobster, various dried fish, saltwater fish/prawn, mud crab, soft-shell crab and clams. — TWA/GNLM



Yangon City Hall or Office of the Yangon City Development Committee.

18th Myanmar-China Drug Control Cooperation Meeting held virtually

THE 18th Myanmar-China Bilateral Meeting on Drug Control Cooperation hosted by the Central Committee on Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) of Myanmar was held virtually in Nay Pyi Daw yesterday.

At the meeting, the leader of the Myanmar delegation, Police Brig-Gen Win Naing, Joint Secretary of the Central Committee on Drug Abuse Control and Commander of the Drug Enforcement Division, said the drug problem is one of the biggest problems in all countries. He then said the easy buying of new homemade drugs cause to be exacerbating and the drug trafficking was carried out by telecommunications, private couri-



The eighteenth Myanmar-China Drug Control Cooperation meeting is in progress online.



er services, and cargo transport services mainly through the sea route, according to arrests.

He also discussed the online drug market widely penetrated through online banking services with the technological progress

and traffickers take advantage of the increasing number of jobless people in the global economic crisis by giving transport fees for the narcotic trade.

He also highlighted Myanmar is carrying out effective co-

operation with the neighbouring countries, regional countries, world countries and international organizations in implementing drug control measures and an important plan to crack down on the increasing precursor chem-

icals trade. He discussed the need to continue increasing special operations in cooperation with regional countries and expected the two countries (Myanmar-China) would achieve great success with cooperation and common goals and actions.

In the meeting, the Chinese delegation led by Mr Liang Yun, Executive Secretary-General for NNCC and Director-General for NCB participated and also discussed the cooperation work to arrest the fugitives, further cooperation, preventive measures for illegal precursor chemicals and matters related to the 19th bilateral meeting to be hosted by China (NNCC). — MNA

COVID-19 vaccine drive continues in various states, regions



A local in Toungoo Township in Bago Region gets COVID-19 vaccine shot on 21 July.

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

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

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

vant healthcare workers in collaboration with volunteers gave COVID-19 vaccines to 18,427 people from twenty-six townships in Ayeyawady Region, 7,542 people from ten townships in Rakhine and Chin States, 3,429 people from seven districts in Mandalay Region, and 896 people from Toungoo and Bago Townships in Bago Region, respectively.

Similarly, healthcare officials gave the vaccines to 11,294 students from twenty-six Townships in Ayeyawady Region, 9,516 students from ten townships in Rakhine and in Chin States and 6,767 students from seven districts in Mandalay Region.

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

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, fishery products, tractor equipment, consumer goods, clothes, mobile phone accessories, and vehicles confiscated

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 inspection team made inspections and seized 23.7354 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K6,158,352 in Thandwe, An and Taungup townships of Rakhine State on 17 July. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

In addition, a total of 0.5130 tonne of illegal timbers worth K235,516 was captured in the Minbu (Sagu) township of Magway Region on 18 July. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

Similarly, on 19 July, the inspection teams made inspections in Kawthaung township of Kawthaung district

under the supervision of the Taninthayi Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force.

They captured K4.74 million worth of crab (300 kilogrammes), mollusc (300 kilogrammes), and white-leg shrimp (440 kilogrammes) to be exported to Ranong in Thailand at the entrance to the Taungnauk jetty in Kawthaung township and the action was taken under the Law.

In addition, a team led by the Forest Department confiscated tractor tools worth K12.5 million without official documents in Htigyaing township and the action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

Afterwards, on 20 and 21 July, officials of the container terminal of the Myanmar Industrial Port captured K8,829,900 worth of consumer

goods and stuff, which were not declared in the Import Declaration (ID). The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

On 21 July, the 16th-mile Kyaukchaw Checkpoint confiscated K6,953,000 worth of mobile phone spare parts and computer accessories from a Hino Profia truck (approximately K25 million). The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Similarly, a total of 6.1322 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K1,381,372 were seized in Bago and Pyay districts. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

Therefore, 14 arrests estimated at K65,798,140 were made on five consecutive days from 17 to 21 July, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA



Seized electronics and goods in Mandalay Region.



LOCAL BUSINESS

Driver-substitution system via Muse to China cuts transport costs, yet export declining

MYANMAR trucks are allowed to border-crossing through Muse to China under the driver-substitution system, cutting transport costs. Nevertheless, the country's export sees a downtick.

Between 1 April and 8 July in the current financial year 2022-2023, Myanmar exported US\$447.692 million worth of goods to China through the Muse border post. The figures drastically plummeted from \$710.653 million recorded in the corresponding period last FY. There is a drop of \$175.05 million in exports over the Q1 this year.

Prior to 16 May, China banned Myanmar trucks and drivers to enter its side owing to the COVID-19 restrictions and only Chinese short-haul drivers were allowed to transport the goods. This causes the problem of delays and bulk supply owing to the lack of Chinese short-haul truckers, prompting the operators to charge the transporta-



The Muse 105th-Mile Trade Zone on the Sino - Myanmar border.

tion rate to exorbitant prices. As a result of this, the cost of Chinese short-haul trucking tremendously rose to K10 million, whereas the trucking was worth only K700,000-800,000 when Myanmar truckers were

allowed to enter China. Myanmar trucks are given the go-ahead for border-crossing through the Kyinsankyawt-Wang Ding trade channel out of Muse border points under the driver-substitution system

starting from 16 May 2022, said U Min Thein, vice-chair of the Muse Rice Wholesale Centre. "The truck transport rate is affordable for now. Earlier, the freight rate was over K10 million for a truck carrying 1,000

rice bags (50 tonnes each). After 16 May, China gave the green light to the driver-substitution system and the transport cost is estimated at only K1.3 million," U Min Thein elaborated.

"Nonetheless, it will take some time to go back to normality in the Muse border post," U Min Thein added.

China shut down all the checkpoints linking to the Muse border amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Of the checkpoints, Kyinsankyawt has resumed trading activity from 26 November on a trial run. Myanmar daily delivers rubber, green gram, chilli pepper, onion, mango and other food commodities to China through the Kyinsankyawt post.

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

Domestic pure gold price remains strong despite fall in global market



Gold jewellery is pictured at one gold outlet.

DESPITE gold price dip to US\$1,700 per ounce in global markets, the price of pure gold continues its gains at K2,060,000 per tical (0.578 ounce, or 0.016 kilogramme), according to Yango Region Gold Entrepreneurs

Association (YGEA). While the global gold price stayed over \$1,800 per ounce in June, the pure gold fetched only K2,050,000 per tical in the domestic market. At present, the global gold

price slump does not affect the domestic gold market and the price remains strong at K2,060,000 per tical. Another reason for the price increase is attributed to the depreciation of the Kyat

against the US dollar in the local forex. A dollar is valued at over K2,300 in the unofficial market. Moreover, a surge in production cost on mounting inflation drove the price up, said U Myo Myint, chair of YGEA.

The price of fuel used in gold mining escalated from K300,000 to K700,000 per barrel. Only when production costs and global gold prices drop can the price slide.

At the end of September 2021, a dollar value hit an all-time high of over K3,000 in the gold exchanges and consequently, the pure gold reached a record high of K2.22 million per tical in history.

Under the guidance of the Central Committee on Ensuring Smooth Flow of Trade and Goods, the Monitoring and Steering Committee on Gold and Currency Market was

formed on 17 December 2021 as gold and currency market stability plays a crucial role in trade facilitation.

The objectives of the committee are inspecting and prosecuting market manipulation, checking if there is compliance with payment rules not in the domestic market, and proceeding against those unscrupulous traders who intend to interfere with the free and fair operation in the market under the existing laws, by-laws and regulations in line with the official directives, illegal foreign currency holding, illegal trade and taking legal actions against price manipulators.

Furthermore, the officials concerned will crack down on those people involved in charging a percentage for money withdrawals at banks as shadow money. — NN/GNLM

China EV giant BYD to sell passenger cars in Japan from 2023

THE Japanese arm of Chinese electric vehicle giant BYD Co. said Thursday it will begin selling passenger cars in Japan beginning 2023, with the company expected to face fierce competition from Western and domestic automakers.

BYD Japan Co. announced during a press conference in Tokyo that it is planning to release an SUV, compact car and EV sedan in sequential order, but refrained from announcing a price band.

“We would like to promote (the vehicles) at an accessible price range while remaining mindful of market conditions,” an executive of BYD Japan said.

Its SUV “Atto 3”, which was released in China in February this year and has a cruising range of 485 kilometres, will make its debut in Japan in January 2023.

The compact car and sedan, to become available in 2023 or later, both have cruising ranges of around 500 km. The announcement comes on the heels of Mercedes-Benz Japan Co. announcing it will increase its EV models from two to five this year, while Audi Japan, the Japanese unit of German luxury automaker Audi AG, has doubled the number of models to eight from the previous year.—Kyodo



The Japanese unit of Chinese electric vehicle maker BYD Co. holds a press event in Tokyo on 21 July 2022, to announce its entry into the Japanese vehicle market. PHOTO: KYODO

Travel agency H.I.S. to sell shares in “Huis Ten Bosch” resort

MAJOR Japanese travel agency H.I.S. Co. aims to sell its shares in the Dutch-themed “Huis Ten Bosch” seaside resort in Sasebo, Nagasaki Prefecture, in southwestern Japan, sources close to the matter said Thursday.

The Tokyo-based company is seeing its earnings deteriorate over a prolonged slump in overseas travel due to the coronavirus pandemic and losses racked up by a subsidiary in the electricity retailing business.

H.I.S. owns two-thirds of the shares in resort operator Huis Ten Bosch Co. and is expected to sell them for “tens of billions of yen” to companies such as an investment firm in Hong Kong, the sources said. The park itself will remain operational under a new owner.



Photo taken in February 2022 shows an aerial view of Huis Ten Bosch theme park, modelled after a Dutch town, in Sasebo, Nagasaki Prefecture. PHOTO: KYODO

Other Huis Ten Bosch shareholders, including regional companies Kyushu Electric Power Co. and Kyushu Railway Co., also plan to sell their shares at the same time, the sources said.

Meanwhile, the Nagasaki prefectural government has plans to turn the area into a so-called integrated resort, which would include a casino.—Kyodo

EU lifts sanctions on Syria’s Cham Wings airline

THE European Union said Wednesday it has lifted sanctions against Syria’s private airline Cham Wings, after the company was blacklisted last year for its alleged role in illegal migration to Europe.

“On 18 July, Cham Wings was removed from the list of entities subject to EU sanctions in respect of Belarus,” the EU delegation to Syria said. The EU listed Syria’s only private airline last December saying it had increased flights to Minsk in the summer of 2021 to transport migrants seeking to cross from Belarus to the EU illegally.

“The sanctions were lifted from our company after we successfully denied all accusations and allegations against us,” Osama Sateia of Cham Wings told AFP.—AFP

Hit by China shutdown, Tesla boosts auto prices and sells bitcoin

TESLA reported solid quarterly earnings Wednesday despite a hit from Covid-19 lockdowns in Shanghai that Chief Executive Elon Musk said prompted the company to liquidate most of its bitcoin holdings.

Musk, who has generated recent headlines over his controversial withdrawal from a \$44 billion acquisition of Twitter, said the company had navigated a tricky environment with the Shanghai closure and lingering supply chain problems that have raised costs. The electric vehicle maker reported second-quarter profits of \$2.3 billion, about twice that in the year-ago period as the automaker lifted car prices to “embarrassing” levels, as Musk put it.—AFP

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The summit marks a return of high-level US attention after the presidency of Donald Trump, who made no secret of his lack of interest in sub-Saharan Africa. Burger King, an American-based multinational chain of hamburger fast food restaurants, already has a footprint in Africa, such as this outlet in Abidjan, Ivory Coast, but it feels it is 'just scratching the surface'. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Biden plans Africa summit in December as China influence grows

US President Joe Biden announced Wednesday that he will welcome African leaders to Washington in December, a new initiative to build ties with the continent where China's influence has been rising.

Biden said he will hold the summit from 13 to 15 December to "demonstrate the United States' enduring commitment to Africa."

"The US-Africa Leaders Summit will build on our shared values to better foster new economic engagement," Biden said in a statement.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken announced the summit during a visit in November to Nigeria without giving a date. The summit comes as China — identified by the Biden administration as the leading US rival — as well as Russia and Turkey sharply increase their presence in Africa.

The US foreign aid chief, Samantha Power, on Monday urged China to do more to address the global food crisis aggravated by

Russia's invasion of Ukraine as she announced more than \$1 billion to avert starvation in the parched Horn of Africa.

US allies France, Britain and Japan have also been holding routine summits with African leaders. Biden did not specify the guest-list for the Africa summit.

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RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Russia resumes critical gas supplies to Europe via Nord Stream



RUSSIA on Thursday restored critical gas supplies to Europe through Germany via the Nord Stream pipeline after 10 days of maintenance, but uncertainty lingered whether the Kremlin would still trigger an energy crisis on the continent this winter. "It's working," a Nord Stream spokesman said, without specifying the amount of gas being delivered.

Germany, which is heavily dependent on Russian gas, had feared that Moscow would not re-

Last year, Russia accounted for 40 per cent of the EU's total gas imports. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE/ JOHN MACDOUGALL**

open the pipeline after the scheduled work and accused Moscow of using energy as a "weapon".

The showdown came amid the worst tensions in several years over Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Germany believes Russia is squeezing supplies in retaliation for Western sanctions over the war. Klaus Mueller, head of Germany's energy regulator, the Federal Network Agency, said that by Thursday morning gas flows were on track to return to 40 per cent of the pipeline's capacity — the same reduced level as before the maintenance work. — AFP

Western lenders give Ukraine more time on debt

A group of Western countries on Wednesday gave their green light to allow Ukraine to postpone interest payments on its debt and called on other countries to do so.

The delay in payments from August through at least the end of 2023 was accorded at the request of the Ukrainian government, which said the postponement of the payments would allow it to prioritise funding for the war effort.

"In these exceptional circumstances, and acknowl-

edging Ukraine's exemplary track record of honouring debt service to date, the members of the Group of creditors of Ukraine support this" request to postpone interest payments, they said in a statement.

The group, which includes Britain, France, Germany, Japan and the United States, called on other countries which have lent money to Ukraine to join in the effort, as well as holders of Ukraine's bonds.— AFP

Russia asks UN chief to intervene in Ukraine grain talks

RUSSIA has asked UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to intervene in grain talks with

Ukraine to facilitate Moscow's exports, Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Wednesday.

Ukraine and Russia have held talks under Turkish and UN mediation to unblock crucial grain exports, as shipments from Ukrainian ports are disrupted by Moscow's military offensive.

Lavrov said Moscow had agreed to "basic principles" on a grain agreement with Ukraine, but that Kyiv's delegation had refused to include a clause to protect Russian exports.

"The UN delegation simply kept silent," he told state media in an interview.

"Yesterday we sent a signal to the (UN) Secretary-General, saying how is this possible, this is your initiative after all."—AFP



The complete capture of Mariupol is Russia's biggest victory since it launched what it calls a "special military operation" on 24 February. A Russian soldier in Mariupol. **PHOTO: AFP /FILE**

New Sri Lanka president sworn in eyeing unity government

SRI Lanka's six-time prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe was sworn in Thursday as president of the crisis-hit island nation, with plans to form a unity government to manage the turmoil.

The 73-year-old veteran politician, who was overwhelmingly elected as head of state in a parliamentary vote Wednesday, took his oath of office with the country's police chief and top military brass standing behind him.

Official sources said the new leader was expected to shortly form a cabinet to steer the country out of its worst economic crisis since gaining independence from Britain. Opposition leader Sajith Premadasa, who had supported a rival presidential candidate in Wednesday's vote, said he had met with Wickremesinghe to discuss how to protect the country from further "misery

and disaster".

"We as an opposition will provide our constructive support for efforts to alleviate human suffering," Premadasa tweeted on Thursday. Wickremesinghe's cabinet is expected to include several opposition lawmakers.

A foreign exchange crisis triggered by the coronavirus pandemic and exacerbated by mismanagement has left Sri Lanka suffering lengthy power blackouts and record-high inflation. The country's 22 million people have also endured months of food, fuel and medicine shortages.

Public anger boiled over when tens of thousands of protesters stormed the home of then-president Gotabaya Rajapaksa, forcing him to step down and clearing the way for Wickremesinghe's election.— AFP



Sri Lanka's six-time prime minister Ranil Wickremesinghe sworn in as president on 21 July with officials saying he would set up an all-party unity cabinet to confront the country's economic crisis. **PHOTO: HANDOUT/SRI LANKA'S PARLIAMENT / AFP**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Iran says nuclear policy unchanged after 'bomb' remark

TEHRAN gave assurances Wednesday that its nuclear policy was unchanged and that it still adhered to a fatwa banning weapons of mass destruction, after an Iranian official said the country was able to make atomic bombs.

It is the second time in the past 18 months that Iran has reiterated its opposition to nuclear weapons following comments by an official.

"In regard to the topic of weapons of mass destruction, we have the fatwa", or religious edict, by Iran's supreme leader that prohibits the manufacture of such weapons, said foreign ministry spokesman Nasser Kanani.

The fatwa declares the use of atomic bombs and other weapons of mass destruction to be "haram", or forbidden by Islam, and it is often cited by Iranian authorities as a guarantee of Tehran's good intentions. "It seems that there has been no change in the view and position of the Islamic Republic of Iran" regarding the nuclear policy, Kanani told a news conference.—AFP

Last hours for Italy's Draghi after coalition implodes



Draghi may stay on at head of the government. **PHOTO: ANDREAS SOLARO /AFP**

ITALIAN Prime Minister Mario Draghi was expected to resign Thursday after efforts to bring the country's fractious parties to heel failed, kicking off a snap election campaign before the government had even fallen.

The 74-year-old told the lower house of parliament he was heading to the office of President

Sergio Mattarella, whose role it is to formally accept the resignation and guide the country out of the crisis.

Mattarella is likely to dissolve parliament and call early elections for September or October, according to political analysts. Draghi may stay on as head of the government until then.

The former European Central Bank chief, who was parachuted into the PM's seat in 2021 as Italy wrestled with a pandemic and ailing economy, reprimanded his squabbling national unity coalition on Wednesday and urged them back into line before it was too late.—AFP



Panamanians are protesting against rising fuel and food prices and government corruption. **PHOTO: AFP**

Food-laden trucks head for Panama City as road blockades persist

A convoy of some 200 food-laden trucks headed for Panama's capital on Wednesday with a police escort as protesters maintained crippling roadblocks in a standoff with the government over the soaring cost of living.

A fresh round of negotia-

tions announced Tuesday after some demonstrators rejected an earlier deal have yet to begin as trade unions and other civic groups consider their joint position. The caravan left from Chiriqui in Panama's food-growing west on Wednesday for the 500-kilometre (310-

mile) journey to Panama City, with hundreds of tonnes of food.

The trucks were escorted by police and members of the Suntracs construction workers' union, one of the organizations taking part in the protests against rising fuel prices and living costs.— AFP



MFF awards Myanmar women's team for winning third in AFF Women's Championship

THE Women's Football Committee of the Myanmar Football Federation honoured the Myanmar national women's team, which won the third prize in the 2022 ASEAN Women's Championship held in the Philippines, with an honorarium of K50 million cash award.

The ceremony was held on 20 July at the federation's meeting hall.

Women's Football Committee vice-chairwoman Daw Myat Myat Oo and members, General Secretary of the Myanmar Football Federation U Ko Ko Thein, Executive member U Ko Ko Htay, officials and administrators of the Myanmar national women's team, coaches and players attended the awarding ceremony.

At the awarding ceremony, Myanmar National Women's Team Administrator Daw Myat Myat Oo spoke about her experiences in the competition, and U Ko Ko Htay, a member of the Federation's Executive Committee, expressed his happiness and encouragement for the Myanmar



The Myanmar women's team (left) receive the certificate representing a cash award of K50 million for winning third place in the ASEAN Women's Championship. PHOTO: MFF

National Women's Team winning the third prize.

After that general secretary U Ko Ko Thein and Executive member U Ko Ko Htay presented K50 million cash award to Myanmar women's team on behalf of the Federation.

Team Myanmar beat Timor-Leste, Cambodia, and Laos and lost to Viet Nam in the Group matches and finished second in the Group Stage.

They lost to the Thai team in the semi-finals and missed out

on the final, but in the third-place match, they won third place by defeating the famous Vietnamese team by 4-3.

The Myanmar team ended a ten-year streak of not winning against the Vietnamese women's team and won the third prize. The Myanmar national women's team has won two championship titles, second prize three times, and third prize three times throughout the ASEAN Women's Championship. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

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.

Myanmar team leave for Indonesia to compete in AFF U-18 Women's Championship

MYANMAR women's U-18 football left for Indonesia from Yangon yesterday to compete in the ASEAN U-19 Women's Championship, said the source of the Myanmar Football Federation.

Team Administrator Daw Myat Myat Oo, Head Coach Daw Thet Thet Win, Assistant Coach Daw San Yu Naing, Daw Sein Si Si Hlaing, Daw Thuzar Htwe, and Goal Coach U Zaw Lin Aung will supervise the U-18 team.

Goal Keepers Lucier, May Khin Oo, Pyee Bay, defenders Moe Pyae Pyae Maung, Kyei Sin, Nan Shwe Thin, Phyu Phyu Win, May Thet Mon Myint, Khin Htay Kyaing, Shoon Lei Khaing, Nwe Phyo, Phyu Phwe, Midfielders Hnin Pwint Aye, Wai Phue Eain, Wai Hin Phyo, Htet Htet Win, Hay Marn Soe, Khin San Lwin, Daisy Aung,

Aye Htet Htet Paing, Nann Cho Hmwe, July Htet Wai, Strikers Yin Loon Eain, Theingi Htwe, Phyar Myar Moh Moh Aye, Zin Moe Pyae, December Hnin, and Su Myat Noe are accompanied with the team during the trip.

The tournament will be held from 22 July to 4 August, and a total of nine teams will compete.

According to the group division, Viet Nam, Thailand, Indonesia, Cambodia, and Singapore will fall in Group A while Australia, Myanmar, the Philippines and Malaysia are placed in Group B.

According to the fixture, the Myanmar team will face the Malaysian team on 25 July, the Philippines team on 27 July, and the Australian team on 29 July as group matches. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

All Premier League matches of 2022-2023 season to be broadcast live on Skynet TV



Skynet holds its programme introduction event to broadcast all Premier League matches for the 2022-23 season.

ALL the English Premier League matches of the 2022-2023 football season will be broadcast live by the Skynet TV channel with exclusive rights.

Skynet Sports channel will provide subtitles for Premier League fixtures and broadcast dates.

In addition, the Skynet DTH official page and Skynet sports official page will be announced every Thursday in

advance.

English Premier League matches have been broadcast by Skynet TV since the 2013-2014 football season, and have been broadcast for 10 consecutive years until this football season.

"For 10 years, we are proud to be able to show English Premier League matches on Skynet sports channels exclusively and we are very grate-

ful to all Skynet fans who have supported us for 10 years," said Skynet officials on the Skynet DTH Facebook page.

Football lovers want Skynet to show the rest of the league matches as well.

"We want Skynet to broadcast not just one English league, but all four German, Spanish, and Italian leagues," said Kyaw Kyaw Oo from Sangyoung Township.

When broadcasting Premier League matches, the Skynet TV channel will be broadcasting live according to the quality of the original broadcasting side.

As the opening match of the new Premier League football season, which will start on 15 August, football fans will be able to watch the match between Crystal Palace and Arsenal in good quality on the Skynet TV channel. — TWA/GNLM