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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.

Every country emphasizes investment in the education sector as a human resource primarily depends on knowledge: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing speaks on the occasion of the award-giving event to offspring of military personnel, war veterans and military-substitute civilian servants in Nay Pyi Taw on 23 July 2022.

STUDENTS must try their best to become Myanmar youths who can uplift the prestige of their families and their school as well as the State. They have to try hard to become good students in the student life and good teach-

ers with discipline and good leaders in the future as they would be leaders of the nation at a time, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min

Aung Hlaing at the ceremony to award offspring of military personnel, war veterans and military-substitute civilian servants for their outstanding and other multiple outstanding youths in the 2019-20 and 2021-22 academic

year matriculation examinations at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

In his speech, the Senior General said that all the countries accept that human resource is of great importance in

the persistent development of their countries. Every country emphasizes investment in the education sector as a human resource primarily depends on knowledge.

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1. The Union Ministries and Region/State Governments spend the Natural Disaster Management Fund systematically for the COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities with the permission of the National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19, and the remaining amount is K491.978 billion as of 14 July 2022.

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Pwe Gauk

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Waterfalls Resort

Special arrangements are made
for Package Tours and group Pilgrimages.

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

endurable 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.

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"Press Statement"

Judgement of the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on the preliminary objections raised by Myanmar

THE Republic of the Union of Myanmar takes note of the decision by the International Court of Justice to reject the preliminary objections raised by Myanmar relating to the application filed by The Gambia on 11 November 2019, alleging violations by Myanmar of the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

Myanmar submitted four preliminary objections to the jurisdiction of the Court to deal with the merits of the application and to the admissibility of the case on 20 January 2021. The first preliminary objection was that the court lacks jurisdiction or that the case is inadmissible on the ground that The Gambia serves as a nominal applicant for the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (the "OIC") and that the real applicant in these proceedings is the OIC, an international organization. The second preliminary objection was that The Gambia lacks standing to bring the case against Myanmar under Article IX of the Genocide Convention as it is a non-injured Contracting Party to the Convention. The third preliminary objection was that The Gambia, as a non-injured Contracting Party to the Genocide Convention, may not seize the Court with a case arising under that Convention since Myanmar made a reservation to its Article VIII. The fourth preliminary objection was that the Court lacks jurisdiction or that the case is inadmissible as there was no dispute between The Gambia and Myanmar on the date of filing of the Application instituting proceedings.

The International Court of Justice held public hearings on the preliminary

objections raised by Myanmar from 21 to 28 February 2022, at the Peace Palace in The Hague, the Netherlands. The Myanmar delegation was led by U Ko Ko Hlaing, Agent of Myanmar and Union Minister for International Cooperation and Dr Thi Da Oo, Alternate Agent of Myanmar, Union Minister and Union Attorney-General, Ministry of Legal Affairs. International counsels and advocates presented Myanmar's arguments before the Court.

The preliminary objections raised by Myanmar were believed to be strong as a matter of law and matter of fact. Myanmar notes that Judge Xue Hanqin issued a dissenting opinion, and voted against the Court's finding that it has jurisdiction and that the application is admissible. Myanmar is disappointed that its preliminary objections were rejected, while it notes that the Court has now determined the matter. Myanmar noted that this judgement will become not only a source of international law but also set a precedent for future cases.

Myanmar reaffirms its position in a declaration over the ratification of the Convention and respects its obligations under the Convention without any violation of them. At the same time, Myanmar will endeavour its utmost efforts to safeguard the country's sovereignty and national interest and continue to undertake appropriate steps for the country.

*Ministry of International Cooperation
23 July 2022*

Announcement

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- At present, as the COVID-19 infection rates have dropped significantly in the country, sector-wise activities will be made to revive the country's economy hit by COVID-19 and changing conditions of international countries.
 - Therefore, new K400 billion separate funds will be established to grant low-interest loans to local enterprises to support manufacturing industries based on agriculture and livestock breeding, industries and production growth to ensure job opportunities under the supervision of the Ministry of Planning and Finance as per economic objectives of the State Administration Council.
- Ministry of Planning and Finance*

43 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 23 July, total figure rises to 613,940

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,940** after **43** new cases were reported on 23 July 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,789** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll still stands at **19,434** without more casualties.—MNA

We will have to continue to consolidate the strength of the national unity in the future also

AS for the country which is a heterogeneous society, historical lessons have taught us that only the national unity can ensure the non-disintegration of the Union and the perpetuation of sovereignty. We will have to continue to consolidate the strength of the national unity in the future also.

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

Every country emphasizes investment in the education sector as a human resource primarily depends on knowledge: Senior General



The Senior General presents awards to Ma Yoon Nadi Aung.



The Senior General and his wife warmly greet Tatmadaw members, students and parents at the event.

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The Senior General praised for concerted efforts of officials concerned from Basic Education High School No 2 in Mingaladon and No 2 Education School and other schools with high pass rates, urging those from other schools with low pass rates to secure similar success.

The Senior General continued to say that in this ceremony, prizes will be awarded to 75 six-distinction winners, 178 five-distinction winners, six other ranks who secured two distinctions and 16 multiple outstanding youths. The remaining outstanding students will be awarded by relevant military commands. Moreover, deserved prizes will be given to Tatmadaw Basic Education High Schools and Tatmadaw Education Schools for their high pass rates.

From 2013-14 AY to 2018-19 AY, a total of 489 students with high marks have been given scholarship awards for learning university education including medical universities, universities of dental medicines, technological universities, universities of computer studies, universities



The Senior General and his wife take the documentary group photo at the event.

of economics, education universities, agriculture university, veterinarian science, arts and science, maritime and aerospace universities.

One-third of all citizens have completed their middle school education according to the 2014 census and 2019 interim census. Hence, the government is implementing the plans for all school-age children to learn education till the KG+9 basic education middle school although the con-

stitutions stipulate that primary school education is compulsory for all citizens.

In conclusion, the Senior General urged the students to try their best to become Myanmar youths who can uplift the prestige of their families and their school as well as the State.

Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Myo Zaw Thein reported on the number of outstanding students who won distinctions in the 2019-20 and 2021-22 academic year

matriculation examinations, Tatmadaw Education Schools and Tatmadaw basic education schools with high pass rates, and winning of multiple outstanding award winners.

The Senior General presented honorary awards and certificates of honour to BEHS No 2 (Mingaladon) called Aung San Thuriya Hla Thaung School for the best pass rate in the 2019-20 and 2021-22 academic year matriculation examinations and

BEHS (Shwe Nattaung) for the second prize through the officers-in-charge of the schools respectively.

He also presented honorary prizes and certificates of honour for third prize for 2019-20 AY and first prize in 2021-22 AY to No 2 Education School (Meiktila) and second prize in 2019-20AY and third prize in 2021-22 AY to No 5 Education School to headmasters.

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The Senior General also presented medals, honorary prizes and certificates of honour to Maung Ye Yint Min Htet, Ma Thoon Poe Yati, Maung Pyae Lin Thant, Ma Pan Pyae Thakin and Ma Yoon Nadi Aung for their multiple outstanding awards.

Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, the wife of the Senior General, also gave medals, honorary prizes and certificates of honour to five female and male multiple outstanding students and five six-distinction winner students.

SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win presented honorary awards and certificates of honour to school administrators from No 11 Education School (Monywa), No 9 Education School, No 1 BEHS (Nay Pyi Taw) and BEHS (Hsenwi) for their high pass rates in two academic years respectively.

Then, he presented medals, honorary prizes and certifi-



The Vice-Senior General gives the award to Maung Min Khant Thway.

cates of honour to six female and male multiple outstanding youth award winners and six-distinction winners respectively.

Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of the Vice-Senior General, gave medals, honorary prizes and certificates of honour to 10 six female and male multiple outstanding youth award winners and six-distinction winners respectively.

Afterwards, SAC members, secretary and joint-secretary and their wives as well as Union ministers and senior military officers presented outstanding students with flying colours in the matriculation examinations for two academic years.

Then, on behalf of outstand-

ing students, Ma Shwe Pyae Lyan Oo spoke words of thanks. The Senior General posed for documentary photos with outstanding students and military personnel.

A total of 4,097 outstanding students were honoured at the ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw from 2011-2012 to 2018-19 AY and 6,966 outstanding students in respective military commands headquarters.

A total of 4,648 students who passed matriculation examinations with flying colours and other outstanding students will be honoured at relevant military command headquarters.

A total of 30 students with the highest marks among other students, three military personnel and two officers from Tatmadaw BEHS and Tatmadaw Education School with the highest pass rate arranged the trips to Singapore and Thailand for accumulating international knowledge and knowing the international culture. — MNA

Sports DM encourages athletes who will compete in 11th ASEAN Para Games

DEPUTY Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Myo Hlaing, along with officials, met athletes at the Myanmar Rowing Federation in Inya Lake, Yangon at 7 am yesterday.

The deputy minister gave speeches and inspected the land where the six four-storey dormitories were to be built soon.

Next, he met athletes who will compete in the 11th ASEAN Para Games at the dining room of the Myanmar Paralympic Sports Federation in Dagon Myothit (North) and the needs of blind goalie athletes were fulfilled.

After that, the deputy minister watched and encouraged the weightlifters and volleyball players at the Gym.

He stressed that athletes should try their best to make



the country proud in the competition and that if they win medals, the State will reward them. He urged them to live up to good health and fitness.

He then inspected the land to build a 120 feet x 40 feet double-decker amphitheatre with a roof, in front of the North Da-

gon Pool.

Furthermore, the deputy minister inspected the completion of the athletics synthetic track at the Pedetha Stadium in South Okkalapa and the land where the football stadium grand amphitheatre is to be built.

The Yangon Region government donated K5.4 million for nine months for the Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon) and it was presented by the Yangon Region Sports and Physical Education Committee Chairman U Htay Aung.

The deputy minister received the cash and returned the certificate of honour. The deputy minister and the party had lunch with the students. — MNA

Domestic, int'l flight tickets can be purchased with 15%-20% discount: MNA

MYANMAR National Airlines announced that its domestic and international flight tickets will be available with 15% and 20% discounts in Myanmar kyats.

The airline continuously encourages domestic and international travellers and Monsoon Online Travel Fair 2022 will be held from 25 July to 1 August, where everyone can buy foreign trips with a 15%-20% discount.

The travel period of flight tickets purchased during the specified period is set from 27 July this year to 17 April 2023.

Until 29 October, everyone can enjoy one free promotion transfer.

At the end of the Travel Fair period, ten lucky passengers

who have purchased tickets will be selected and will be raffled for flight tickets so that they will be able to choose their favourite destination.

If passengers show two round-trip Boarding Pass tickets for flights between 27 July and 10 August at Myanmar National Airlines ticket sales counters before 30 September, they will be able to purchase domestic one-way tickets with a 20 per cent discount.

Flight tickets are available on the MNA website www.flymna.com.

Mobile Application Purchases can be made in USD and MMK currencies at MNA Ticketing Counters and Authorized Travel Agents. —TWA/GNLM



An MNA flight attendant is pictured serving passengers.

Shwebo Pawsan price on the rise

THE Shwebo Pawsan is priced at K70,000 per bag at the Bayintnaung wholesale centre in the third week of July and it rose by K5,000 week-on-week, said a rice dealer in Arthawka street.

It was K54,000-55,000 per bag of Pathein-Myaungmya Pawsan at the wholesale centre while K51,000 per bag of Pyapon Pawsan and K49,000 per bag of Bogale Mawkyun Pawsan.



Shwebo Pawsan and other rice varieties are seen at one rice outlet.

The price of Pawkywe (Mee-done) was K40,000 per bag last week and it rose to K41,000-41,500 per bag this week. The broken rice price was K30,000 per bag last week and it declines to K28,500 per bag this week.

On 22 July, the prices of rice delivered by the door-to-door system were K75,000 per bag of Shwebo Pawsan, K62,000 per bag of Pathein-Myaungmya Pawsan,

K56,000-60,000 per bag of Pyapon Pawsan and K55,000 per bag of Mawkyun Pawsan, according to customers. The shops sell the 12-pyi bag and the six-pyi bag in addition to the 24-pyi bag this year.

In the early monsoon period, there are proper rainfalls in the delta region. If there are fewer natural disasters in mid and post-monsoon periods, the monsoon paddy can be produced as usual. Within two months before the new monsoon rice season, the low-grade rice price will not be higher than the high-grade rice.

Although the broken rice is exported, there is still a price gap between broken rice and low-grade rice. The country plants 15 million acres of monsoon paddy and three million acres of summer paddy yearly. — TWA/GNLM

Requirement for export licences on sesame and peanut effective on 23 July

OUT of 181 customs tariff lines for beans and pulses, cooking oil and edible oil crops, notification on sesame and peanut to apply for export licences will be effective on 23 July instead of 1 August, the Customs Department announced. According to the statement of the Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce, newsletter (7/2022) of export and import, a total of 181 customs tariff lines – 53 for beans and pulses, 18 for edible crops and 110 for cooking oil are required to apply for export licences beginning on 1 August. Therefore, these HS Code 10 digit 181 lines are changed in setting as customs tariff lines

that require export licences in an MACCS system and it has already been announced to apply for the licence in advance in Notification 14/2022 of the Customs Department on 5 July. According to the proposal sent on 22 July, 18 customs lines for edible oil crops including sesame and peanut are changed as customs tariff lines that require export licences in the setting of MACCS starting 23 July instead of 1 August mentioned in the newsletter (7/2022) of the Trade Department and the people can contact the Help Desk Section (01-379429) during office hours. — TWA/GNLM

CNG gas distributed to YBS buses as usual

THE CNG is distributed as usual for YBS buses, according to the CNG Department. “Some said the Zawtika gas pipeline burst. We queued up since yesterday and we got gas at dawn,” said YBS driver Ko Win Htut.

The gas pipeline in the deep seaport burst on 22 July and the CNG-fuelled taxis and buses waited for hours to fill up at CNG filling stations in Yangon. On the evening of 22 July, the YBS did not run as they could not fill up CNG and so the social welfare teams

provided vehicles to the flock of passengers at bus stops.

“A fertilizer factory that runs using CNG in Nyaungtone-Maub-in suspends its operation today and we distribute gas to CNG filling stations in Yangon,” said an official of the department.

It can take one week to repair the pipeline. There will be fewer YBS buses for several days as the stations in Yangon do not have enough gas, and for unpure CNG gas, according to YBS drivers.

“I did not see so many buses at the bus stop this morning. The buses run every five or 10 minutes. There would be few buses as they do not get gas today,” said Ko Myo Oo from Thingangyun township. The YBS companies also announced that they will reduce the number of buses due to CNG shortages. The number of YBSs between 2,700 and 2,800 are in operation daily in Yangon Region and it distributes 16 million cubic feet of natural gas for these buses. — TWA/GNLM



YBS buses are pictured at the CNG filling station.

Yangon mayor inspects development activities in Hlinethaya Township



CHAIRMAN of the Yangon City Development Committee-YCDC Yangon Mayor U Bo Htay accompanied by the vice-mayor, the secretary, committee members and relevant officials made an inspection tour of development activities in Hlinethaya Township yesterday morning.

First, the Yangon mayor and party inspected the cleaning of grass bushes to prevent and control dengue fever with the activities of mosquito spraying and vaccination in the classrooms and the garbage and silt in the drains in front of No (15) Basic Education Middle School in Hlinethaya (West) township. He also viewed sim-

ilar activities in Hlinethaya (East) township and made necessary instructions.

The mayor and party also met Yangon Region Sports and Physical Education Chairman Attorney-General U Htay Aung and officials of the regional football sub-committee at No 4 Basic Education High School on Bogyoke Aung San Street in Ahlon township and inspected the repair work of the school's football ground. He then attended the coordination meeting on the implementation of the YCDC activities for the 2022-2023 financial year at the YCDC office on Yadana Road in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township. — MNA

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, foodstuffs, consumer goods, industrial goods, minerals and vehicles seized

EFFECTIVE action is being taken under the law to control illegal trade with the supervision of the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee.

Supervised by the Magway Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force, the joint inspection teams made inspections at the East Yoma forest reserve of Sinpaungwe Township, Thayet District and confiscated 2.1864 tonnes of illegal timbers (an estimated value of K153,048). The action was charged under the Forest Law.

On 20 and 21 July, an inspection was made at the warehouse of Yangon International Airport by the inspection team of the Anti-Illicit Trade Division under the supervision of the Customs Department and seized approximately K22,002,050 worth of ophthalmic accessories without the Import Declaration, industrial goods (an estimated value of K29,400,000) without an import licence and electric cable wires worth about K1,200,000, amounted to K52,602,050. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Similarly, 696 tin-mixed metal bags which exceed the permitted extent (an estimated value of K800,000,000) were impounded from a truck at the Mahlwe Taung Checkpoint of Yephyu Township, by the combined inspection teams with the supervision of the Taninthayi Region Anti-Illicit Trade Task Force on 21 July. The action was taken under the My-

anmar Mining Law.

Supervised by the Yangon Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force, an on-duty inspection team of EMS International conducted inspections and seized foodstuffs with no proof of importation (approximately K1,200,000) on 22 July. The action was charged under the Customs Procedures.

Likewise, the inspection team of the Anti-Illicit Trade Division examined the Container Checkpoint of the Myanmar Industrial Port and confiscated blank holders with no ID at an estimated value of K5,550,000 and unregistered vehicles (approximately K35,000,000) which were imported by ship, totalling K40,550,000. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Besides, inspections are carried out at the DaikU Township in Bago Region, by the inspection team of the regional Forest Department which was supervised by the Bago Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force and impounded 11.7296 tonnes of illegal timbers (approximately K5,864,800) on 22 July. Also, an inspection team led by the Myanmar Police Force arrested a Toyota Wish car without a licence (an estimated value of K3,500,000) near the Thapyaykan village on 23 July. These two arrests amounted to an estimated value of K9,364,800 and the action was taken under the Forest Law and the Export/Import Law, respectively.

Afterwards, the combined on-duty team of the Kayin



Seized illegal watches in Kawkareik.



Confiscated items at Myanmar Industrial Port.

State Anti-Illicit Trade Task Force made inspections at the

Kawkareik (Tadakyoe) Checkpoint and seized an unregistered Honda Fit GE6-type vehicle (approximately K5,000,000), which was stopped for an excessive time near Hlainewa village, as reported. The team also captured the couple's watches with no IDs (an estimated value of K1,720,000) and men's shoes (approximately K2,400,000) from a truck heading from Yangon to Myawady. These two arrests, which were made on 22 and 23 July, amounted to K9,120,000 and the action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Thus, 19 arrests worth approximately K912,989,898 were made on 20, 21, 22 and 23 May, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA

Local fuel prices decline, 92 reaches below K1,700 per litre

THE local fuel prices decline and 92 Octane reaches below K1,700 per litre, according to the market.

On 22 June, it was K2,275 per litre of 92, K2,375 per litre of 95, K2,720 per litre of premium diesel and K2,690 per litre of diesel in the Yangon market. On 23 July, it was K1,665 per litre of 92, K1,715 per litre of 95, K2,110 per litre of premium diesel and K2,050 per litre of diesel.

Therefore, the fuel prices drop between K610 and K660 per litre within one month.

The prices decline as the prices of Singapore-based Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) drop. Currently, the Supervisory Committee on Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil conducts measures to ensure fuel sufficiency and price stability.

Moreover, the Petroleum Products Regulatory Department released the daily fuel ref-



The Newday petrol sign shows fuel prices on 23 July in Sangyaung Township.

erence prices of the Supervisory Committee on Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil. The reference prices are based on Singapore's daily MOPS prices including transportation charges, premium insurance, tax, production costs and profits and released by adding fair prices

for Yangon and other regions/states on a State-run daily paper, media, departmental Facebook page and website starting 4 May.

The country produces only 10 per cent of the fuel needs and the other 90 per cent is imported and so the local fuel prices are changing depending on the international prices. The government maintains to receive fair prices without affecting the importers and consumers and distributes the fuel at fairer prices compared to the regional countries.

In other countries, they have higher fuel prices than Myanmar as they collect higher tax rates. The Malaysian government grants subsidies and so it saves about 60 per cent of Myanmar. Every country has its own fuel policies and Myanmar also sets policies with a low tax rate for its citizens to buy fuel at fairer prices. — NN/GNLM

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

24-7-2022

Kyat/Litre

Fuel (Retail Price)	Yangon	Mandalay	Nay Pyi Taw	Bago	Magway	Dawei	Monywa	Patheingyi	Myittha	Sittoung	Hpa-an	Mawlaikya	Lashio	Taungtha	Loileik	Haka	Kengtung
92 Ron	1,665	1,710	1,705	1,670	1,710	1,730	1,715	1,695	1,790	1,805	1,700	1,710	1,745	1,745	1,750	1,965	2,510
95 Ron	1,715	1,765	1,760	1,725	1,760	1,785	1,770	1,745	1,840	1,855	1,755	1,770	1,795	1,795	1,800	2,020	2,565
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	2,790
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	2,820
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	2,820

Fuel (Wholesale Price)	Yangon	Mandalay
92 Ron	1,575	1,640
95 Ron	1,625	1,691
HSD (500 ppm)	1,952	2,020
HSD (50 ppm)	2,007	2,077
HSD (10 ppm)	2,007	2,077

Remarks:

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It's calculation is based on MOPS price.

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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

Public Notification

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

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

Auto telephone number

- 067 409 883

Mobile phone

- 09 404339969

Fax

- 067 409 886

Email address

- antiillegaltradeinfo@gmail.com

Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee

Public Notification

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

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

Auto telephone number

- 067 409 881

Mobile phone

- 09 699611116

Fax

- 067 409 887

Email address

- antiillegaltradeoffice@gmail.com

Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee

Overcome challenges to upgrading capacity level

EVERYBODY may have experienced downhearted events in facing challenges once or many times in their life but no one thinks they should be grateful for these challenges. Teachers teach students. Trainers give training to trainees. It means everybody needs teachers and trainers for having experiences in their immature life under the guidance and training. It is because they themselves do not have the efficient capacity to overcome or encounter the challenges of life as they do not understand the deceitful tricks of the secular world and vicious circle.

It is true that the challenges of life are anxieties for all persons. But mature persons have the appropriate knowledge and capacity to solve the problems they face daily. They intentionally and unintentionally apply the answers from lessons they exercised in childhood when their teachers and trainers gave training to them.

The knowledge they accumulated in childhood is invaluable now. The basic knowledge is the first step for them to seek various kinds of experiences for solving the harder and harder challenges. In fact, these challenges upgrade them to have a higher level of life and improve their knowledge and widen their scope.

In Myanmar society, a story showed that a pot-maker hits the pots to be better in the pottery industry but he does not have any purpose to break up the pots. He makes the pots more compact and stronger. It aims that the compact wall of the pot will be better to be used safely.

Similarly, harder and harder challenges will be higher and higher steps for everybody to have higher levels of mental status. If so, they have to assume that whenever they overcome a challenge, they had stepped up one more level. But, if they give up, they will fail. That is why everybody should not delay and be hesitating to face the challenges in their life and they have to delightedly seek ways to overcome the challenges. They will face the significant experience that whenever they overcome challenges or solved problems, they would be pleased with their life and they would take pride in their efforts.

Actually, everybody may face easy or hard challenges on a daily basis. It is unavoidable. If they avoid the challenges whenever they face them, their acts will be cowardly. Only when they deservedly overcome challenges or solve the problems of life will their acts be valuable. It will depend on the choice of a person.

China secures economic growth while mitigating epidemic impact

BY EFFECTIVELY coordinating epidemic prevention and control with economic and social development, China has ensured positive economic growth so far this year, mitigating the impacts of COVID-19 outbreaks at home and complex international situations.

The number of daily civil aviation flights since the beginning of July has exceeded 10,000 and cross-provincial tourism in many parts of the country is resuming rapidly.

Electricity consumption in Shanghai hit a record high on 8 July, roughly a month after the city fully resumed the normal order of production and living. Starting 12 July, Beijing resumed offline sporting events in an orderly manner. Containing the highly infectious Omicron variant and ensuring public well-being while maintaining economic development momentum is no easy task.

In late May, the State Council rolled out 33 measures in six areas to bring the economy back on a normal track.

Some taxes and fees were scrapped or deferred to reduce the burden on businesses, digital coupons were given to residents to encourage consumption, and job creation was boosted to maintain employment stability.

New market entities

More than 11.51 million new market entities were established nationwide from January to May, of which nearly 8.06 million are individual businesses.

An index tracking the country's logistics market performance stood at 52.1 per cent in June, climbing above the boom-bust line of 50 per cent for the first time after staying in the contraction zone for three months, according to the China Federation of Logistics & Purchasing (CFLP).



A staff member works in a textile factory at the integrated industrial park in Moyu county of Hotan, Northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur autonomous region, 11 January 2022. PHOTO: XINHUA

The improving data showed that businesses at both supply and demand sides tended to be more active, according to CFLP.

"In the face of the impact of domestic and overseas periodic and unexpected factors, the Chinese economy has stabilized and

rebounded in a relatively short period of time, demonstrating its strong resilience and huge potential," Yuan Da, an official

with the National Development and Reform Commission, China's top economic planner, told a press conference last week.

Despite multiple challenges at home and abroad, the Chinese government has made employment a top priority in ensuring people's livelihood and deemed it an important underpinning for keeping overall economic performance stable.

New entrants in the labour force reached around 16 million this year. Among them, college graduates amounted to 10.76 million, a historic high.

Large-scale internship programmes

To boost employment, the government has carried out large-scale internship programmes for graduates, held frequent online and offline recruitment events, and expanded employment channels for key groups of job-seekers.

SOURCE: Xinhua



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 23 July 2022)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 24 July 2022: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing, Magway and Ayeyawady regions and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway, Taninthayi regions and Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar Waters. Wave height will be about (6-8) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Weak to moderate monsoon.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24 July 2022: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%)

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24 July 2022: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%)

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24 July 2022: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).



Book Title	- Kim Jong Un and North Korea (The Great Successor by Anna Fifield)
Translator	- Hein Latt
Publishing House	- The Book House
Publication Date	- February 2020 (1 st Edition)
Price	- K3,500

Kim Jong Un and North Korea (The Great Successor by Anna Fifield)

IT is the 45th biography of the author that reveals the most elusive and youngest leader with nuclear arsenals. Donald Trump, the 45th President of the United States, also praised him as a great young leader: The world's most atypical and secretive leader drew the attention of the people worldwide. As he pursued his education in Switzerland, he managed to enhance the socio-economy of

North Korea's people in his administration. This being so, Kim was called the Great Successor by his people.

The book illuminates the insights of North Korea's socialist paradise city in Chapter I, Kim's youth in Chapter II and the Trump-Kim summit in Chapter IX. Additionally, the book shares the story of eternal leader Kim Il Sung in appendix A and con-

cludes with the history of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) in appendix E. "The Great Comrade Kim Jong Un delivered a New Year's message that the North and the South must work together to de-escalate the military tension in order to achieve peace on the Korean peninsula. He proved his willingness for peace by sending his sister Kim Yo Jong as

North Korea's delegation at the Winter Olympics held in Seoul, South Korea in 2018. His beautiful vision and great response led to North Korea's reform focusing on an open-door policy. This book will shed light behind the curtain on North Korea's leader and his brilliant move.

Kim Jong Un vowed to step up the nuclear weapon program and fulfilled the dream of his grandfather Kim Il Sung. North Korea is estimated to have 15 nuclear warheads. According to the CIA's estimate of North Korea's nuclear power; it may have 60-70 warheads. Some were surprised by North Korea's nuclear programme despite its poverty. Kim Jong Un and the nuclear program can be read in Chapter VII entitled "Gemstone Knife".

Western media makes groundless insults about him as a fool. They will not call him a madman after realizing an insightful and captivating portrait of the secretive leader. This book will reveal the behind-the-scenes story of the oddest and most secretive leader Kim Jong Un.



Book Title	- Liangjiahe Village: A Story of Chinese President Xi Jinping
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Liangjiahe Village: A Story of Chinese President Xi Jinping

EVERY successful person has an inspirational story of life. Intelligence, hard work and perseverance are contributing factors to success. This week's pick is Liangjiahe Village where Xi Jinping took his first step on a journey to become president.

This compelling story of Xi illustrates his youth, spirit, enthusiasm, fortitude, bravery and selfless act. Readers can vividly see how a 15-year-old Xi Jinping who arrived at Liangjiahe Village under a campaign that urban educated youth were sent to work in far-flung regions overcame challenges. The

book portrayed Xi's passion, perspective, determination, persistence, endurance and audacious goal.

"This small village is where he followed his passion and entailed an enthusiasm for his political career to rise to one of the world leaders. It is an astonishing and inspirational story about the village and its nature that Xi frequently mentioned.

Xi Jinping is the second one to be named the paramount leader of China after Deng Xiaoping.

The economic philosophy of President

Xi Jinping is widely known as Xieconomics. Xi's political course and economic policies play a significant role in the world.

The author stated in his preamble that Xi's experiences in Lianjianhe Village contribute to motivation, ingenuity, philosophy and strong resolution. Under Xi, China developed a Global strategy for building a community of common security. This book entitled Liangjiahe Village: A Story of Chinese President Xi Jinping (Myanmar Edition) was published by the Awgatha Publisher:

ENVIRON WORLD

Record temperatures set across US as heat wave engulfs nation

A relentless US heat wave that has triggered health alerts for more than 100 million people is set to intensify this weekend, with temperatures and humidity forecast to surge to suffocating highs in many parts of the country.

The devastating heat — which has also hit Europe, causing hundreds of deaths there — highlights the direct threat climate change poses to even the wealthiest countries on the planet.

“So far this week, 60 daily high temperature records have been tied/broken as dangerous heat enveloped much of the Nation,” the National Weather Service (NWS) said in a tweet Thursday morning.

“More records are likely to be set over the next week,”

it added.

Temperatures in large parts of the southwest United States have soared to over 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius), topping 110 degrees in some areas. Similar levels were recorded across the US south, where humidity compounded the discomfort.

The NWS tweeted Tuesday that 100 million people were under heat-related warnings and advisories, and said on Thursday that a “significant portion of the population” would remain under such warnings over the weekend. Already high temperatures were set to rise further this weekend across the east coast of the United States, where high humidity could push “feels-like” temperatures well above 100 degrees.—AFP



The heatwave, stretching across both sides of the Atlantic, has compelled state leaders to urge people to reduce power consumption. Temperatures in parts of the US have soared to over 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius), topping 110 degrees in some areas. **PHOTO: AFP**

More than 20 killed in south Iran floods: state media

FLOODING in southern Iran has killed at least 21 people and left others missing following heavy rainfall in the largely arid country, state media reported on Saturday.

“Twenty-one people were killed and two are still missing,” in the floods that affected several towns in and around Estahban county in the southern province of Fars, Hossein Darvishi, provincial head of the Red Crescent Society, was quoted as saying by state TV. Videos posted on local media and social media showed cars caught in the rising waters of the Roodball river and carried away while parents tried to rescue their children from the vehicles.

The governor of Estahban, Yousef Kargar, said “around 5:00 pm yesterday, heavy rains... in the central parts of Estahban County led to flooding,” according to state news agency IRNA. Estahban is 174 kilometres (108 miles) east of the provincial capital Shiraz.—AFP

Italy’s famous Po Valley rice paddies decimated by drought

THE roar of Dario Vicini’s motorcycle cuts through the silence as he drives across his rice paddy to survey the destruction wrought by Italy’s worst drought in 70 years.

His fields are nothing but desolation, with rice stems slowly dying in the sandy ground.

“Under normal circumstances, I would never have been able to ride my motorcycle over the field,” Vicini explained to AFP.

“At this time of year, the plants would be up to my knees and the rice field would be flooded,” he said.

“Here, they’re tiny, because the water needed to irrigate them has never arrived.”

Vicini’s “Stella” farm, located in the village of Zeme in the Po Valley, 70 kilometres (43 miles) southwest of Milan, is part of Italy’s “golden triangle” of rice paddies.

Europe’s leading rice-growing region — which supplies Italy and the world with the country’s



Dario Vicini surveys his drought-ruined rice crop: “Under normal circumstances, I would never have been able to ride my motorcycle over the field”. **PHOTO: AFP**

famous arborio for risotto and many other varieties — stretches west from Pavia in Lombardy to Vercelli and Novara in Piedmont.

Vicini said the area’s last “decent rain” came in December.

“It’s the fault of climate change,” said the 58-year-old farmer, who estimates his income has fallen by 80 to 90 per cent.

Enrico Sedino, another farmer in the area, is even more worried.

“If there’s no more water, I can lose up to 100 per cent of my turnover,” he said.

Around the rice paddies, cracks are visible in the parched earth and the feeble, stunted rice shoots are covered with a thin layer of dust.—AFP

Battered by climate change, Latin America must brace for worse: report

FLOODS, heat waves and the longest drought in 1,000 years: Latin America is grappling with devastating climate change impacts that will only get worse, a World Meteorological Organization report warned Friday.

In its State of the Climate report for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) for 2021, the WMO said ecosystems, food and water, human health and welfare were all taking a battering.

Glaciers in the tropical Andes have lost more than 30 per cent of their area in less than 50 years, increasing the risk of water scarcity in many regions, it said.

Sea levels continued to rise at a faster rate than globally, and the so-called Central Chile Mega Drought — 13 years and running — is the longest in at least 1,000 years.

Meanwhile, deforestation rates “were the highest since 2009, a blow for both the envi-

ronment and climate change mitigation,” said the report.

Brazilian Amazon deforestation doubled from the 2009-2018 average, with 22 per cent more forest area lost in 2021 than the previous year.

The Amazon provides oxygen-producing and carbon-trapping functions that are crucial not only for the region but for

the world.

‘Decades of progress’ stalled

The report also documented the third-highest number — 21 — of named storms on record for the 2021 Atlantic hurricane season, and extreme rainfall that caused hundreds of fatalities and destroyed or damaged tens of thousands of homes.—AFP



Hurricane Iota caused widespread devastation in Nicaragua in 2020. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

PANDEMIC
WORLD

Tokyo begins 4th vaccinations of medical workers amid 7th wave



A doctor receives a COVID-19 vaccine shot in the city of Fukui in March. PHOTO: KYODO

MEDICAL staff and elderly care workers in Tokyo began to receive their fourth COVID-19 vaccinations on Saturday after the government expanded its eligibility criteria in response to Japan's seventh wave of infections.

Last week's decision to begin the vaccinations was aimed at ensuring enough medical and care workers are available

when Japan is seeing record numbers of new cases driven by the spread of the BA.5 Omicron subvariant.

Some medical institutions in the capital have been forced to limit the number of emergency patients they accept and scale back surgical procedures they conduct due to staff shortages caused by a spate of COVID infections.

Previously, the fourth dose was only available to people aged 60 and over and those between 18 and 59 with pre-existing conditions who are considered at higher risk of developing severe symptoms when infected with the virus.

A study shows the fourth inoculation has relative efficacy for elderly people but may only provide marginal protection for younger people.

The fourth vaccination is available at three mass vaccination sites, including the Tokyo metropolitan government building, for residents of the capital or people who commute into the city.

The nationwide daily case count exceeded 190,000 on Friday, marking a new record for the third consecutive day.

A panel of health experts working under the health ministry said Friday fourth shots are effective to some extent in preventing the spread of the subvariant, citing clinical data.—Kyodo

Omicron BA.4, BA.5 likely to dominate in Mongolia

THE Omicron subvariants BA.4 and BA.5 are likely to dominate in Mongolia within two weeks, Health Minister Sereejav Enkhbold said Friday.

"The two subvariants currently account for at least 10 per cent of new daily infections in the country. Our experts estimate

that the subvariants will account for 80 to 95 per cent of all infections in 14 days," Enkhbold said.

He urged the public to follow relevant health protocols and take a fourth COVID-19 vaccine dose.

Mongolia confirmed 308 new COVID-19 cases on Friday,

bringing the national caseload to 935,360, according to the ministry.

So far, almost 70 per cent of the Mongolian population of 3.4 million has received two COVID-19 vaccine doses, while 32 per cent have received a booster or third dose.—Xinhua



Mongolia reopened its borders to fully vaccinated international travellers on 15 February 2022. PHOTO: AFP

WHO declares monkeypox outbreak global health emergency

THE World Health Organization on Saturday declared the outbreak of monkeypox a global health emergency, the highest level of alert, as cases continue to rise.

The WHO reconvened its emergency committee on monkeypox for the second time in a month Thursday to assess the outbreak and its implication on public health.

Based on health experts' advice, WHO head Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus upgraded the outbreak to a "public health emergency of international concern".

Declaring a global emergency has no direct implications, but it can help raise awareness, as well as increase international cooperation, research and funding.

The latest WHO data show some 16,000 monkeypox cases have been reported from 74 countries and regions this year. Europe accounts for the vast majority of cases, followed by the United States.

Infections have been reported since May outside the central and western African regions, where the disease is endemic. The virus has been known to cause illness and fatalities in those regions.

Infection cases in Asia

remain low. Japan has not reported any infections so far.

The majority of confirmed cases in nonendemic countries are male. The WHO says cases have been identified among "gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men" but cautions that anyone who has close contact with an infected person is at risk.

The disease is spread through close physical contact.

Symptoms include fever, extensive rash, skin lesions and swollen lymph nodes following an incubation period of five to 21 days.

Although monkeypox can be deadly, it is treatable. There is a vaccine against the disease, but it is in short supply globally.

The WHO is so far not recommending mass vaccinations.

The name of the virus refers to its discovery in a monkey during an animal experiment in Denmark in 1958. The first transmission to a human was confirmed in 1970.

The WHO is now simultaneously confronting three global health emergencies. In addition to monkeypox, polio was designated as such in 2014 and COVID-19 in 2020. —Kyodo

China holds int'l travel fair after one-year pause

THE 2022 China International Travel Mart (CITM) kicked off Friday in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, after a hiatus of one year due to the COVID-19 epidemic.

Exhibitors from 71 countries and regions are attending the event online or offline, and officials from embassies and

consulates of 31 countries have also joined the expo, according to the organizers.

The three-day travel fair, with an exhibition area of 80,000 square metres, features various exhibition zones comprising seven themes such as culture and museums, overseas tourism and Yunnan tourism. —Xinhua

ECONOMY WORLD



Japan startup SkyDrive is planning to introduce flying cars to transport people for the 2025 World Exposition in the western city of Osaka.
PHOTO: KYODO

Japan to create 2 Cabinet minister posts to support startups, cut CO2

JAPANESE Prime Minister Fumio Kishida said Friday he plans to create two new ministerial posts within his Cabinet responsible for promoting startup businesses and decarbonization efforts in the country.

Unveiling the positions during a speech in central Japan's Nagano Prefecture, Kishida aims to increase investment in decarbonization by aligning the public and private sectors while driving economic growth through the cultivation of more

startups.

Industry minister Koichi Hagiuda is expected to double as decarbonization minister, while Daishiro Yamagiwa, minister in charge of economic revitalization and coronavirus response, will likely concurrently hold the post of startup minister, a government source said.

Dubbing the efforts in decarbonization as a "green transformation" which will be branded "GX," Kishida vowed to deliver an "unprecedented support

framework to spur massive long-term private sector investment" in carbon reduction industries.

While not elaborating on specific measures, Kishida reaffirmed the "government's commitment to the private sector and financial markets through the backing of financial resources".

The GX executive council will be established in the Prime Minister's Office and hold its first meeting next Wednesday. — Kyodo

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pakistani rupee, stocks continue downward trend, experts call for enhanced measures for economic upturn

WITH the rupee hitting a record low level, losses at the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX), high inflation and low forex reserves of the country recently, Pakistani experts on Thursday called for necessary measures for economic upturn amid political and economic challenges.

The downward spiral of the Pakistani rupee continued on Thursday for the fourth consecutive day of the week, with the currency closing at a historic low of over 226 rupees against the US dollar.

The rupee closed at 224.92 on Wednesday. However, according to the country's central bank, it slid by 0.83 per cent against the greenback to touch 226.81 rupees on Thursday.—Xinhua

Cuban economy grows 10.9% in Q1

THE Cuban economy grew by 10.9 per cent during the first quarter of 2022 compared to the same period last year, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy Alejandro Gil said Thursday.

"We remain focused on reviving economic activities to pre-pandemic levels," he said, while addressing Cuban legislators at Havana's Convention Palace.—Xinhua

Cambodia's export to other RCEP countries up 10% in H1



A lorry drives out of the Hong Leng Huor Dry Port on the western suburb of Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 13 January 2022. **PHOTO: PHEARUM/ XINHUA**

CAMBODIA'S total export to other member countries of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) totalled 3.28 billion US dollars in the first half of 2022, up 10 per cent year-on-year, a report of

the Ministry of Commerce said on Thursday.

During the January-June period this year, Cambodia's top three export destinations were Vietnam, China and Japan, the report said, adding that the king-

dom shipped products worth 1.17 billion dollars to Vietnam, 612 million dollars to China and 542 million dollars to Japan.

The RCEP free trade agreement comprises 15 Asia-Pacific countries including 10 Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member states — Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam — and their five trading partners, namely China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand.

Cambodian Ministry of Commerce's undersecretary of state and spokesman Penn Sovicheat said RCEP and the Cambodia-China Free Trade Agreement (CCFTA), which both took effect on 1 January this year, are a contributing factor to boost Cambodia's exports.—Xinhua

Eurozone economy shrinks as inflation spooks consumers

ECONOMIC activity in the eurozone plummeted in July, a key survey showed on Friday, with a big drop in manufacturing and consumers' post-lockdown spending sprees braked by high prices. The closely watched monthly purchasing managers' index, or PMI, by S&P Global fell from 52.0 in June to 49.4, below the 50-point level that indicates growth. "Excluding pandemic lockdown months, July's contraction is the first signalled by the

PMI since June 2013", and pointed to negative growth in GDP, said Chris Williamson, chief business economist at S&P Global. "Although only modest at present, a steep loss of new orders, falling backlogs of work and gloomier business expectations all point to the rate of decline gathering further momentum as the summer progresses," he said.

The survey showed that the steepest decline in activity was felt in Germany, as the exporting

powerhouse suffered the effects of high prices and anaemic demand for its high-quality products. —AFP

Across Europe, the survey showed that consumer-orientated services such as tourism and recreation, media and transportation saw either no growth or outright declines. Photo shows tourists take selfie pictures in front of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris **PHOTO: SAMEER AL-DOUMY / AFP**



Volkswagen to change CEO and style with departure of Diess

VOLKSWAGEN unexpectedly announced Friday that its CEO Herbert Diess will step down in a few weeks after four years at the head of the German auto giant as it attempts an ambitious shift towards electric vehicles.

Diess's will leave the helm from the top of the world's second-largest automaker "by mutual consent" on 1 September, Volkswagen said in a statement.

The outgoing CEO had been in the hot seat at Volkswagen for months amid clashes with workers' representatives and a nagging troubles at the group's software division.

The change at the top comes as Volkswagen is aiming to leave behind combustion engines to be-

come the world's biggest electric car manufacturer by 2025 -- a target boosted by Diess himself.

Diess had "played a key role" in the transformation of the group, steered the company through "extremely turbulent waters" and "implemented a fundamentally new strategy", said Volkswagen supervisory board chairman, Hans Dieter Poetsch.

The reins will be taken by Oliver Blume, the current boss of the Porsche sports cars, part of the Volkswagen family of 12 brands, which also includes the likes of Skoda and Audi.

The switch was decided at a meeting of the group supervisory board on Friday.—AFP



Diess aimed to make Volkswagen the world's biggest manufacturer of electric cars by 2025, but the effort has been slowed by software problems and production delays. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

China's bond market to better support private businesses' reform, development

CHINESE authorities will strengthen financial service guidance, market regulation and cross-department coordination to enable the bond market to better serve the reform and development of private enterprises, a circular has said. Efforts will be made to improve the financing environment for private enterprises by improving financing services and promoting product innovation, among others, according to the circular jointly released by the China Securities Regulatory Commission, the National Development and Reform Commission, and the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce.

Authorities will standardize the operation of private enterprises and maintain a sound market ecosystem, the circular said, adding that a cross-department liaison and coordination mechanism will be established to discuss and resolve major issues.—Xinhua

France's hung parliament passes 20-bn-euro inflation package

FRANCE'S divided parliament on Friday passed its first major piece of legislation since elections last month, greenlighting a 20-billion-euro (\$20-billion) package to help low-income families struggling with inflation.

The vote in the early hours of the morning provided a boost for the centrist government of President Emmanuel Macron, which is 39 seats short of a majority and was desperate to show it could build consensus.

The so-called "emergency purchasing power bill" passed with 341 MPs in favour, 116 against and 21 abstentions in a vote that took place shortly before 6:00 am (0400 GMT).

"Building majorities



Purchasing power is a major concern for French households, a hot topic that is currently acute. PHOTO: AFP

for projects to provide real solutions to the French people: we succeeded," Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne wrote on Twitter.

Far-right leader Marine Le Pen's National Rally party and the rightwing Republicans both voted in favour, while most leftwing MPs were opposed.

The legislation includes a range of measures designed to help consumers, such as extending fuel tax cuts, raising pensions and benefits, and capping rent increases.

It also gives the government powers to tackle a looming energy crisis caused by the fallout of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

One of the most controversial measures authorizes the state to reopen a coal-fired power station in eastern France in the event of power shortages this winter.—AFP

KDDI to pay damages to millions of users after network outage

MOBILE service operator KDDI Corp said Friday it plans to compensate millions of customers affected by a major service disruption that lasted several days earlier this month.

The damages will mainly cover "calls-only" customers who use cell phones unable to access mobile data, likely meaning they would mostly be elderly users. For users that do not qualify for damages, KDDI is considering compensating them with an "apology".

The provider of the "au" mobile service — and Japan's second-largest mobile carrier by subscribers — will officially make public its responses to affected customers during its earnings announcement slated for 29 July.

The company has yet to announce how it will compensate its corporate customers affected by the multi-day outage, but it is believed arrangements will be made with them individually. The outage beginning 2 July disrupted banking systems, the transmission of weather data, parcel deliveries and network-connected cars, among other things, and prevented users from dialling emergency numbers such as 110 or 119.—Kyodo

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V UNI ACCORD VOY.NO. (0269-724N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24-7-2022 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of AWPT where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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EU launches new legal moves against UK over N Ireland



A lorry passes an anti 'Northern Ireland Protocol' sign as it is driven away from Larne port, north of Belfast in Northern Ireland. **PHOTO: PAUL FAITH/AFP**

THE European Commission on Friday launched four new legal proceedings against Britain over London's failure to implement Brexit divorce terms to govern trade with Northern Ireland.

The proceedings by Brussels add to the legal case load after a year-long truce as the EU challenges a British government bid to scrap parts of post-Brexit trade arrangements in Northern Ireland. London called the move "disappointing". "A legal dispute is in nobody's interests and will not fix the problems facing the people and businesses of

Northern Ireland," a government spokesperson said.

The government would review the EU's arguments "and respond in due course".

Outgoing Prime Minister Boris Johnson's government last month unveiled legislation to unilaterally change trading terms for the politically-fraught British province. The plan is now making its way through parliament.

Earlier the European Commission criticised the UK for failing to implement the so-called Northern Ireland Protocol, "despite repeated calls" from the bloc's parliament and the 27 member states.

"In the spirit of constructive cooperation, we have refrained from launching new internal procedures for over a year to create the space to look for joint solutions with the UK," said EU spokeswoman Arianna Podesta.

"However, the UK's unwillingness to engage with them in a meaningful manner in discussions since last February, and the continued passage of the Northern Ireland Bill through the UK Parliament go directly against the spirit of cooperation". — AFP

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Putin and Saudi crown prince talk oil

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin and Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman spoke about the oil market in a telephone conversation on Thursday, the Kremlin said.

The call comes less than a week after Saudi Arabia's de facto ruler met visiting US President Joe Biden.

Putin and Prince Mohammed discussed "in detail the situation on the international oil market. They stressed the importance of reinforcing cooperation in OPEC+," the Kremlin said in a statement.

The Saudi-led OPEC oil cartel has been cooperating with a number of other oil-exporting nations including Russia for several years to better control the oil market. The group, called OPEC+, introduced production cuts during the coronavirus pandemic that helped the oil market to recover from a crash in prices



This 20 September 2019 file photo shows a partial view of Saudi Aramco's Abqaiq oil processing plant. **PHOTO: AFP**

to below zero. OPEC+ nations have been gradually unwinding those cuts, but the end of Covid restrictions in most countries has seen demand rebound.

With Russia's military operation in Ukraine also triggering supply worries, oil prices have jumped briefly above \$120 per

barrel this year.

The Kremlin statement said Putin and Prince Mohammed noted with satisfaction that the cooperation by OPEC+ members had made it possible "to maintain the needed balance and stability on the global energy market". —AFP

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Russia's Lavrov to address Arab League on Sunday

RUSSIA'S top diplomat will address the Arab League at its Cairo headquarters Sunday, the organization said, days after Russia took part in a summit hosted by Iran, a regional rival of some Arab states.

Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov of Russia will meet Arab League head Ahmed Aboul Gheit and representatives of the 22 nations that make up the pan-Arab bloc, it said on Thursday.

The United States has sought to isolate Russia on the global stage over its invasion of Ukraine, with Secretary of State Antony Blinken refusing to meet Lavrov earlier in July at a Group of 20 meeting in Bali.

Asked about Lavrov's trip, State Department spokesman Ned Price said the United States was "less concerned with whom Foreign Minister Lavrov and his colleagues are communicating and more focused on the messages they're hearing". —AFP

Moscow bars 39 Australians from Russia over Ukraine sanctions

RUSSIA on Thursday banned 39 Australian citizens, including those working in the security and defence sectors, from entering the country in retaliation for Canberra's sanctions against Moscow over its offensive in Ukraine. "In response to the decision of officials in Canberra to impose sanctions... Russia is adding 39 more people to the list" of those banned from entering its territory, the Russian Foreign Ministry said in a statement. —AFP

Ukraine, Russia agree to resume grain exports amid soaring prices

REPRESENTATIVES from Ukraine and Russia signed Friday an agreement to resume grain exports in a meeting mediated by the United Nations, as fears mount over a food crisis triggered by soaring commodity prices.

The deal, reached in Istanbul during a four-way meeting also including the United Nations and

Türkiye, will guarantee safe sea routes, after passage through the Black Sea was blocked due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Delegates at the meeting agreed to establish a joint co-ordination center that will be managed by Ukraine, Russia, Türkiye and the United Nations. UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres and Turkish President

Recep Tayyip Erdogan were also in attendance.

The centre will ensure safety in the entryways of Ukraine's harbours and check ships travelling through Turkish ports for weapons, while Russia and Ukraine are barred from attacking any commercial or private sector vessels travelling through the Black Sea. —Kyodo



Military delegations from Türkiye, Russia, Ukraine and UN officials attend a meeting to discuss shipment of Ukrainian grain stuck due to blockade of Black Sea ports, on 13 July 2022, at Kalender Pavilion in Istanbul, Türkiye. **PHOTO: ANADOLU AGENCY/GETTY/KYODO**

Marshall Islands celebrate first ‘Iroojlaplap’ chief coronation in 50 years

THOUSANDS participated this week in a lavish ceremony in the Marshall Islands marking the first formal coronation of a paramount chief in around 50 years.

The colourful event, which also attracted thousands of viewers on social media, saw Michael Kabua crowned “Iroojlaplap”, or paramount chief, on Thursday night as warriors and guests from the 12 atolls and islands he oversees gathered in a show of respect.

The coronation, held on the small island of Ebeye in the Kwajalein Atoll, is known as a “Kailoojoj” in Marshallese — a ceremony reserved only for paramount chiefs.

It was the first coronation for the royal family since Kabua’s cousin, Iroojlaplap Joba, who died in 1982, ascended to the throne in the 1970s.

The blowing of a conch shell heralded each stage of the elaborate ceremony, which featured islanders wearing tra-

ditional headdress and woven mat clothing.

The red carpet was also rolled out, with Marshall Islands President David Kabua — Michael’s nephew — and members of his cabinet among the guests.

Michael Kabua assumed the title of Iroojlaplap following the death of his older brother Imata Kabua in 2019.

“Iroojlaplap Mike is the embodiment of our traditional leaders,” said David Paul, who like Michael Kabua represents

Kwajalein Atoll in parliament.

“He wholeheartedly believes the role culture should play in our everyday lives.”

Paul praised the new paramount chief for his work helping to ensure the traditional system of customs co-existed alongside modern-day democracy.

“It goes to show the level of maturity of our culture,” he said.

“Even though these systems contrast, they’ve been melded together here.” — AFP



Iroojlaplap Michael Kabua was the first paramount chief to receive a coronation ceremony since the 1970s. **PHOTO: AFP**

Iraq’s Kurdistan caught in Turkish war with rebels

AFTER artillery bombardment killed nine people in Iraq’s autonomous Kurdistan region, Baghdad called for a withdrawal of Turkish forces and said Ankara should handle its “domestic problems” with PKK rebels far from Iraq’s borders.

But with Türkiye a regional economic, military and diplomatic power, can a weakened Iraq

extricate itself from the decades-old war between Ankara and Kurdish rebels? AFP looks at what’s at stake:

For the past 25 years, the Turkish army has maintained about 40 outposts across Iraq’s Kurdish north, where it has carried out several operations against the Kurdistan Workers’ Party (PKK), which Ankara and

its Western allies list as a “terrorist” organization.

The rebels have kept up a deadly insurgency for Kurdish self-rule in southeastern Turkey since 1984. They rely on rear bases and training camps hidden in the mountains of Iraqi Kurdistan. Türkiye also considers the Kurdish People’s Protection Units (YPG) in neighbouring Syria an extension of the PKK and has launched offensives there as well.



General Mohammed al-Bayati speaks at a hospital in Zakho, Iraq, on Wednesday after a strike killed people at a park in the autonomous Kurdistan region. **PHOTO: AFP**

“Since 2020, Türkiye’s air strikes and military ground operations against the PKK in northern Iraq have intensified,” said Shivan Fazil, of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. Figures are hard to verify but open sources indicate Türkiye has “a permanent deployment of 5,000-10,000 soldiers in Iraqi territory,” according to analysis by Salim Cevik published by the German Institute for International and Security Affairs. —AFP

UK spy chief doubts Iran supreme leader will back nuclear deal



Rafael Mariano Grossi, Director-General of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), displays a surveillance camera during a press conference in Vienna, Austria, 17 December 2021. Iran is removing 27 surveillance cameras at nuclear facilities, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) head Rafael Grossi said, calling it a “serious challenge” to the agency’s work in the country. **PHOTO: XINHUA/GUO CHEN/FILE**

BRITAIN’S spy chief voiced doubt Thursday that a landmark 2015 nuclear accord with Iran can be revived, saying Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khomeini remained opposed despite marathon diplomacy with the United States.

“If we can get a deal it’s probably the best means still available to constrain the Iranian nuclear program. I’m not convinced we’re going to get there,” MI6 chief Richard Moore told the Aspen Security Forum.

“I don’t think the supreme leader of Iran wants to cut a deal. The Iranians won’t want to end the talks either so they could run on for a bit,” Moore said in a live interview in the US state of Colorado, in what was billed as his first public speaking ap-

pearance abroad.

President Joe Biden has backed reviving the 2015 agreement which was negotiated under former US leader Barack Obama and trashed three years later by Donald Trump.

But indirect talks brokered by the European Union in Vienna have dragged on, in part over the US rejection of Iranian demands to reverse Trump’s blacklisting of the powerful Revolutionary Guards as a terrorist group. “I think the deal is absolutely on the table. And the European powers and the administration here are very, very clear on that. And I don’t think that the Chinese and Russians on this issue would block it. But I don’t think the Iranians want it,” Moore said.—AFP

US slaps ban on former Paraguay leader over corruption

THE United States on Friday slapped a travel ban on Paraguay’s former president Horacio Cartes, accusing the businessman-turned-politician of corruption and links to “terrorist” groups.

Cartes, who led the South

American nation from 2013 to 2018 and runs a business empire that has included tobacco and soccer teams, denied the allegations as “unfair and unfounded”.

The State Department declared Cartes and his three adult children ineligible to travel to the

United States.

It said that Cartes “obstructed a major international investigation into transnational crime”, a reference to a money laundering scandal for which Brazil has sought the extradition of the former president.—AFP



Hanthawady United beat GFA 10-0 in MNL Week 5

THE first day of the 2022 Myanmar National League Week 5 continued on 23 July at Thuwunna Stadium, where Hanthawady United beat GFA with a big score of 10-0.

Hanthawady United, which lost consecutive three-game, regained victory with a sweet victory. Due to the result of this match, they were able to put pressure on the teams at the top of the table. The GFA team won the first match in Week 4, but in this match, they faced a big loss.

Both teams started with a full set of core players, and the Hanthawady team started attacking from the start of

the game to regain the win. In the eighth minute of the match, the Hanthawady team broke the deadlock, with a goal scored by Soe Kyaw Kyaw. After scoring the goal, Hanthawady continued to dominate the game and scored four more goals in the first half.

Khun Kyaw Zin Thein scored the second two goals at

12 and 17 minutes, Soe Kyaw Kyaw at 20 minutes and Ye Lin Htet at 29 minutes.

Although the Hanthawady team won by five goals in the first half, they tried to score more goals without switching to defensive play. Winning goals for Hanthawady were scored by Aung Myat Thu at 47, 50, and 59 minutes, Soe Kyaw Kyaw at 51 minutes, and Nyi Nyi Aung at 81 minutes.

The GFA team was unable to score a single goal and the defence allowed 10 goals.

After playing five games, the Hanthawady team has seven points while the GFA team has three points. The second-day match of Week 5 will continue today and the Yangon team will play against Maha United. —Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

A Hanthawady United player (red) manages to touch the ball against the GFA player during their Week 5 Myanmar National League match at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon on 23 July. PHOTO: MNL



Yangon United midfielder Maung Maung Win says team is ready to shine

YANGON United midfielder Maung Maung Win said his team is ready to show epic performance on the pitch against Maha United. The team will battle against Maha United in the Week 4 of the Myanmar National League 2022 on 24 July at 3 pm at Thuwunna stadium.

Regarding the upcoming match, Maung Maung Win said, "As we are running on the way to being Champions, we must win the coming match. That's why we are now preparing for that."

"Please keep supporting us though we lost in the last match. Your cheering makes us much stronger," the midfielder added.

Yangon United stands fourth in the Myanmar National League table with the same points, but with a goal difference compared to Ayeyawady United and Myawady. Maha United is placed ninth with three points. —GNLM

Ronaldo in limbo as Europe's elite turn their backs on Man Utd star

CRISTIANO Ronaldo faces an uncertain future after the Manchester United striker's attempt to force his way out of Old Trafford failed to spark the expected rush for his signature.

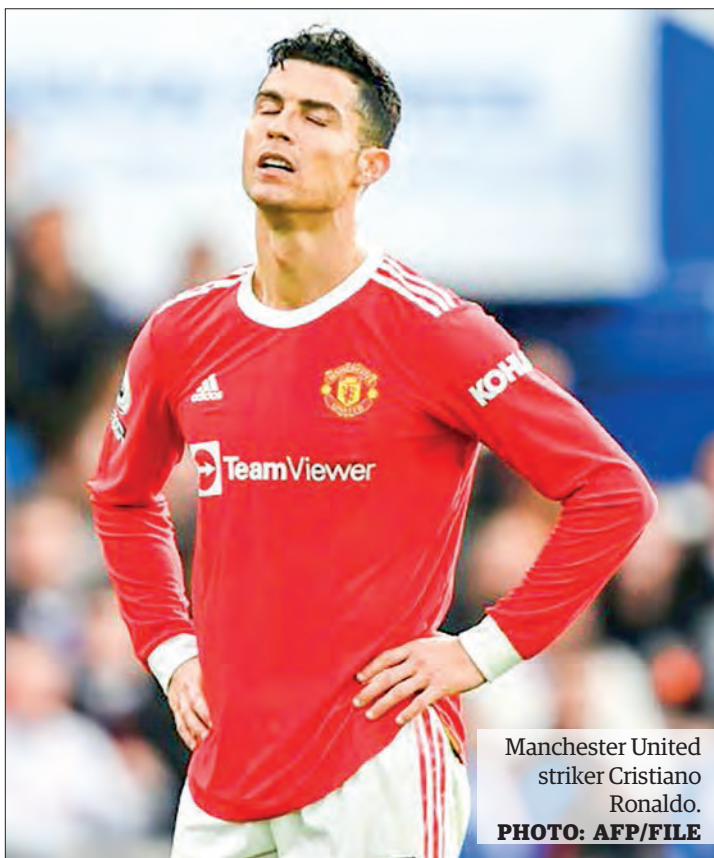
The Portugal superstar shocked United earlier this month with his bombshell exit request after the team's failure to qualify for the Champions League.

Ronaldo would have anticipated a host of top clubs jostling to sign him.

But for the first time in his glittering career he is no longer a must-have item for Europe's wealthy elite as Chelsea, Bayern Munich, Barcelona and Paris Saint-Germain all appear to have turned their backs on the forward.

Concerns over Ronaldo's declining work-rate and his notoriously demanding personality have left the 37-year-old in limbo.

Chelsea co-owner Todd



Manchester United
striker Cristiano
Ronaldo.
PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Boehly was reported to have spoken to Ronaldo's agent Jorge Mendes about a deal to mark the new era at Stam-

ford Bridge.

But Blues boss Thomas Tuchel is believed to have concerns about trying to integrate

Ronaldo into his plans for a fluid front three after signing Raheem Sterling from Manchester City.

"We focused on our top target Raheem Sterling who we signed and everything else stays behind closed doors," Tuchel said when asked about Ronaldo.

Selling Robert Lewandowski to Barcelona could have created space for Ronaldo at Bayern, but the German champions' CEO Oliver Kahn poured cold water on that idea.

"As highly as I rate Cristiano Ronaldo as one of the greatest, a transfer wouldn't be a fit with our philosophy," he said.

"I love Cristiano Ronaldo and everyone knows how fantastic he is. But every club has a certain philosophy and I'm not sure if it would be the right thing for Bayern and the Bundesliga if we signed him now."—AFP