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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.

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Mr Sergey Lavrov

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Mr Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation in Nay Pyi Taw on 3 August 2022.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Mr Sergey Lavrov at the Credentials Hall of the SAC Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, they frankly discussed marking the Diamond Jubilee ceremonies as the bilateral relations of both countries will turn 75 years in 2023, plans to open two Myanmar consulates to Russia in order to promote the diplomatic relations as Russia and Myanmar are close friends,

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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.

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AS Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 22 April called for peace talks with ethnic armed organizations-EAOs to restore perpetual peace in the country and make an end to the armed conflicts, a peace delegation led by Vice-Chairperson-1 Sao Khur Tai of the Shan State Progress Party-SSPP arrived in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

On arrival at the Horizon Lake View Resort, Nay Pyi Taw, the peace delegation was welcomed by members of the National Solidarity and Peace-making Negotiation Committee and ethnic people from the Department of Fine Arts, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, departmental staff, and local people who want peace holding miniature State flags and placards bearing: "Perpetual peace is the real aspiration of the people", "Achieving peace is the true desire of all citizens", "Let's hold talks for peace in the Union", "Only when the ethnic nationalities are in unity will stability, peace and tranquillity be achieved". — MNA

The SSPP peace delegation are welcomed on their arrival at Nay Pyi Taw.

Situations that require mandatory wearing of face masks announced

1. The Ministry of Health has been urging people to wear face masks to prevent the spread of the disease since the beginning of the outbreak of COVID-19.

2. As part of the personal protection rules for the COVID-19 disease that the public has to follow in their daily lives, they are informed that it is necessary to wear a face mask in the following situations: -
   (a) being close to one person in a room;
   (b) being with people in crowded places such as travelling in vehicles used by the public, railways, ships, planes; hospitals/health centres used by the public; offices, schools, markets, shopping centres, and nursing homes;
   (c) Having any suspected symptoms of COVID-19 such as illness, cough, sneezing, stuffy nose, sore throat, physical discomfort, body pain, sudden loss of smell and taste.

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18 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 3 August, total figure rises to 614,146

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **614,146** after **18** new cases were reported on 3 August 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,927** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll still stands at **19,434** without more casualties.

COVID-19 vaccine is being injected to those of priority groups in regions and states for prevention and control of the disease. Up to 2-8-2022, a total of **30,222,307** people above 18 have been vaccinated. A total of **6,084,907** people under 18 have been vaccinated. —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 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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efforts to be made for opening Russian consulates in Myanmar, plans of them to ally as permanent friendly countries and permanent allies, situations of governments of Russia and Myanmar to manage their internal affairs without external interference as Russia and Myanmar are sovereign countries, extension of Russia-Myanmar friendship associations, exchange of goodwill visits between governments from both countries and senior military officers, enhancement of cooperation in defence sector, cooperation in trade and economic sectors, enhancement of tourism services, religious affairs and culture sectors, sending of more civilian and military scholarship students, exchange of trainees for development of human resources, cooperation in humanitarian aid measures, and international and regional relations.

They also openly talked about committing the ruling party to have the position of upper hand in technological and social relations sectors in advance before the 2020 general elections, taking State responsibilities by the Tatmadaw under the State Constitution although the Tatmadaw requested the authorities to solve the voting frauds after the elections because those authorities did not solve such problems, committing terror acts although efforts were made to solve the vote-rigging in the election under the law, legally handing down sentences to those who committeed blewing up mines, assassination and murdering via terror acts, political changes in Myanmar, efforts being made for restoring internal peace, plans to hold the elections in line with the roadmap at a time when the country restores peace and stability under the political and security trends, and measures to build the Union based on democracy and federalism.

Also present at the meeting were SAC Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for International Relations U Ko Ko Hlaing, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Myo Htut and officials. The Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs was accompanied by Deputy Minister Mr Igor Morgulov, Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Nikolay Listopadov and officials.

The Senior General cordially greets the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation at the event.

After the meeting, the Senior General and the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs exchanged gifts.

The diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Russia will turn 75 years on 18 February 2023. During the tenure of the SAC Government, efforts are being made to further promote trade matters between the two countries and two armed forces, science and technological matters, defence and other measures. The Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs who called on the SAC Chairman Prime Minister paid a visit to Myanmar in 2013 and held talks with officials. —MNA

COVID-19 vaccine drive continues in various states, regions

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

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

Yesterday, doctors and nurses from public hospitals, medical teams from the Tatmadaw, relevant healthcare workers in collaboration with volunteers gave COVID-19 vaccines to 154 people from Tamway Township in Yangon Region, 2,327 people from twenty-six townships in Ayeyawady Region, 1,913 people from seven townships in Rakhine State, 13,018 from seven districts in Mandalay Region, and 372 people from Toungoo and Bago Townships in Bago Region respectively.

Similarly on that day, healthcare officials gave the vaccines to 5,751 students from twenty-six townships in Ayeyawady Region, 961 students from four townships in Rakhine and Chin States and 5,622 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

ISR U-19 Men's Football final match of 2022 and award ceremony held

THE final match of the Inter-State/Region U-19 Men's Football Tournament 2022 and awarding ceremony co-hosted by the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs and Myanmar Football Federation was held at 3:00 pm at the Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by SAC members Mahn Nyein Maung, Daw Aye Nu Sein, Jeng Phang Naw Taung, U Moung Har, U Sai Long Seng, Saw Daniel, Dr Banyar Aung Moe and U Shwe Kyein, Union Ministers, Auditor-General of the Union, the Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw council, Deputy Ministers, Ethnic Affairs Ministers of Mon and Kayin States, departmental officials, officials from MFF and football fans.

Firstly, Kayin State and Mon State played the final match and Kayin State won by 3-2.

SAC Member Mahn Nyein Maung awards the championship trophy to the Kayin State team.

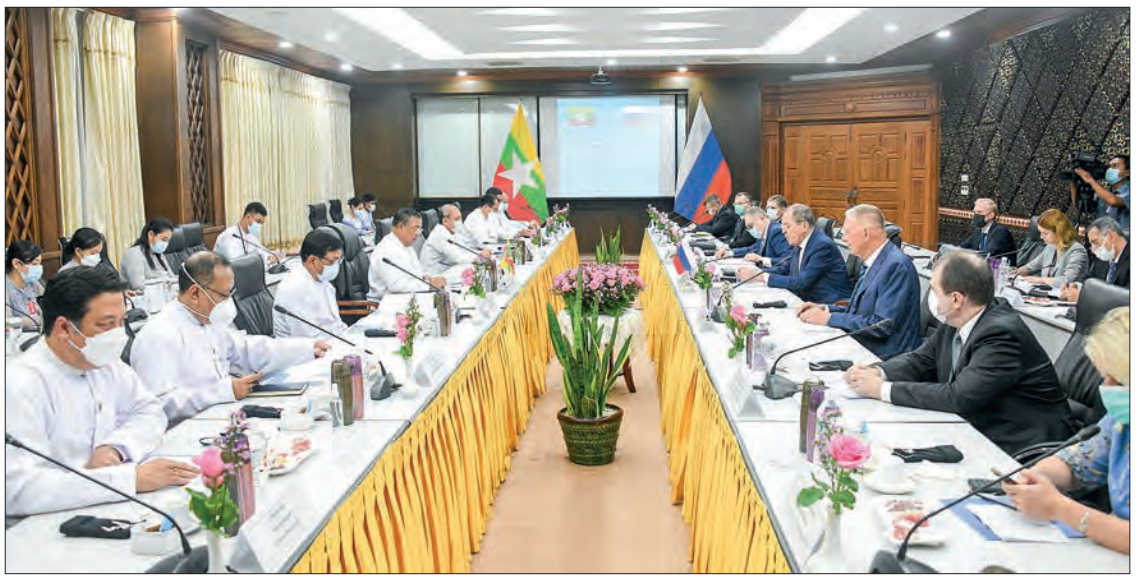
Then, the awarding ceremony was held and SAC member U Shwe Kyein awarded the best goalkeeper prize to Than Shwe Htay (Kayin State Team); Dr Banyar Aung Moe awarded the best defender prize to Ye Htet Naing (Mandalay Region team) and the best midfielder prize to Kaung Htet Paing (Mon State team); Saw Daniel awarded the best striker prize to See Ya Phyo (Kayin State team) and the best player award of the tournament to Tun Tun Naing (Kachin State team).

Afterwards, SAC member U Sai Long Seng gave a cash prize to the Kachin State team, which stood in fourth place. SAC member U Moung Har awarded individual medals and cash awards to the Mandalay Region team, which secured in third prize. SAC member Jeng Phang Naw Taung presented individual medals and cash awards to the Mon State team that finished second and SAC member Daw Aye Nu Sein awarded individual medals and cash awards to the champion Kayin State team.

Next, SAC member Mahn Nyein Maung awarded the championship trophy to the Kayin State team.

The Inter-State/Region U-19's Men Football Tournament 2022 matches was held with 325 players from 14 teams from 20 July to 3 August. — MNA

MoFA Union Minister holds talks with Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russian Federation



The Myanmar-Russian Bilateral Talks cochaired by the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation are in progress in Nay Pyi Taw.

MINISTER of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation Mr Sergey Lavrov arrived in Nay Pyi Taw by special aircraft on the morning of 3 August 2022 to pay a working visit to Myanmar. The Russian Foreign Minister was welcomed by Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myo Htut and responsible officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

During the working visit, Mr Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Russia, met U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw in the morning. The foreign ministers cordially exchanged views on the promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation and reaffirmed their commitment to enhancing cooperation between the two countries in the multilateral arena based on mutual trust and understanding.

Subsequently, the Myanmar-Russia Bilateral Talks cochaired by the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar and the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation were held. The meeting was attended by the Deputy Foreign Ministers and senior officials from the Foreign Ministries of Myanmar and the Russian Federation. The Union Minister expressed his deep appreciation to the Russian Federation, a true friend to Myanmar, for the consistent support rendered to Myanmar both bilaterally and multilaterally. The Union Minister also thanked Russia for the donation of Covid-19 vaccines in January 2022 to support the Myanmar Government's efforts to combat and contain Covid-19 as well as for the contribution of the Monkeypox diagnostic test kits for Myanmar during his working visit.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed matters pertaining to further advancement of bilateral relations and cooperation, especially between the governmental institutions, two armed forces and peoples, potentials for promotion of economic and cultural cooperation and continuing cooperation in regional and international fora particularly in ASEAN, Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), Eurasian Economic Union (EEU) and the United Nations. The ministers also apprised the recent developments of their respective countries and also exchanged views on regional and international matters of common interests.

Afterwards, the Plan of Consultations (2022-2024) between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation was signed and exchanged by the two Foreign Ministers. The Plan of Consultations will further enhance engagements and collaboration between the two Foreign Ministries and will offer opportunities to synergize and coordinate in bilateral and multilateral arenas on core issues of common interests. The Plan of Consultations has been launched between the two Foreign Ministries since 1999.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs hosted a working luncheon for the Russian Delegation at the Aureum Palace Hotel.

Mr Sergey Lavrov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation left Nay Pyi Taw in the evening and was seen off by Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myo Htut and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA

CURRENT AFFAIRS

SSB links with 21 private clinics

THE Social Security Board-SSB published the list of 21 private clinics, that are connected with them for the fee-for-service payment-FFS system.

The list of published clinics in the Yangon Region is as follows: OSC Clinic in the North Okkalapa Township, Royal Dragon Diagnostic Centre and Specialist Clinic in the Lanmadaw Township, Kaday Htay Clinics in the Shwe Paukkan, Baymakha Clinics in the Hmawby and Hlegu Township, Moe Kaung Treasure Clinic in the Hmawby, Hlegu and Baukhtaw, Kaung Zay Clinic in the Hlinethaya Township and Thukha Susan Clinic in the Hlinethaya Township.

The Moe Kaung Treasure clinic in the Baukhtaw, Yangon Region.

The list of the clinics in other regions and states is Myittashin Clinic (Mandalay), Dekkhina Dipa Clinic (Myeik), Myat Royal Clinic (Taunggyi), Myat Mon Clinic (Myitkyina), Shwehintha Clinic (Bago), Nyaung Inn Clinic (Bago), Lin Clinic (Thawuthti), Kaung Zay Clinic (Indagaw), Thukha Susan Clinics (Mandalay and Bago) and Baymakha Clinic (Pyu).

SSB is providing healthcare services to insured workers at three workers' hospitals, 57 departmental clinics and 96 township clinics. — TWA/GNLM

One bag of rice per household to be sold at lower price

ONE bag of rice per household will be sold at a low price, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation.

They sell rice at Rice Warehouse (Wadan), Wadan Seikkan from 9 am to 3:30 pm starting from 3 August.

"It is more convenient for the people as the rice will be sold at the rate of K77,000 per bag. Not only Pawsan Rice but also other rice will be sold at a lower price, so it is more convenient," said Daw Wah Wah Myo, a residence of Hlaing Township.

"Brokers want to play the market at such a cheap price, so officials need to check and take action against greedy people. "We want to know the selling days and the number of bags to be sold per day. We want token system, and Queue system for purchasing," she added.

Daw Wah Wah Myo continued that she wants officials to supervise so that people can buy in a disciplined manner.

The prices now are lower than the external retail price, said Ko Aung San Tint from Lanmadaw Township.

The Myanmar Rice Federation sells one bag of Ayeyawady Pawsan at a rate of K52,000 to K55,000, a bag of Kyapyan rice for K55,000 to K60,000, Shwebo Pawsan for K75,000 to K77,000, and 90-day rice for K35,000 to K37,000.

It is reported that Myanmar Rice Federation is selling the joint stock with Myanmar Rice Traders Association, Myanmar Rice Millers' Association, Myanmar Rice Growers Association, Rice Commodity Depot (Wadan), and Rice Commodity Depot (Bayintnaung).— TWA/GNLM

The rice bags are systematically stored in a warehouse.

Dali-Baoshan rail link benefits China-Myanmar trade flow

A first section of the Dali-Ruili-railway, which will connect Dali in Yunnan Province with Muse in northern Myanmar, was opened recently. As a result of the route, South-East Asian countries, including China and Myanmar, will be able to exchange goods more easily.

The Dali-Baoshan railway section, part of the Dali-Ruili railway, which took 14 years to build, is now running in Baoshan city.

Baoshan city is situated in southern Yunnan Province and connects with Myanmar. Upon the successful opening of the Dali-Baoshan route, China and Myanmar will be able to exchange goods more easily.

As part of the MoU between Myanmar and China governments, there are a lot of projects that support BRI. There is an MoU for the improvement of processes at the Ruili-Muse border trade collaboration zone, as well as an MoU for cooperation between Mandalay Region and Yunnan Province regarding the Myanmar Economic Corridor.

In China, the Baoshan-Ruili sector system is currently being constructed, and once the whole route is completed, China-Myanmar international railway can be completed. — TWA/GNLM

Chilli prices hike by four times year on year, making healthy profits for farmers

Chilli farmers were pictured in Theetattkan (North) Village in Meiktila Township last year.

THE new Moe Htaung chilli from Thaedaw, Kyaukse and Thazi fetches good prices in the Yangon market making profits for chilli farmers.

In early August 2021, the chilli was priced at K4,000 per viss in the Yangon market and K15,000 per viss on 2 August 2022 while K16,000 per viss on 3 August. The price becomes four times compared to the same period of the previous year.

As there is proper rainfall during this year, the chilli production rate and prices are higher than last year, and the chilli farmers get good profits. The new Pyawbwe Moe Htaung chilli will enter the market soon.

The new Thaedaw Moe Htaung chilli entered the Yangon market at K8,000 per viss by the end of June 2022 while Kyaukse Di Mo monsoon chilli at K12,000 per viss by the end of July. The chilli price was high about K16,000 per viss within a few months. In early July, the chilli price was K8,500 per viss while K10,000 per viss in mid-July, K11,500-12,000 per viss at the end of July, K13,000 per viss on 1 August, K15,000 per viss on 2 August and K16,000 per viss on 3 August. The prices are increasing on three consecutive days, said a chilli wholesale centre owner.

On 3 August, the Thedaw, Kyaukse and Thazi monsoon chilli was priced at K16,000-16,500 per viss at the Bayintnaung market, while long chilli at K14,500, Panye and Myarni chilli at K15,000-15,500, chilli stored at cold storage at K16,000-16,500, long chilli of delta region at K15,500 and chilli stored at cold storage at K16,000-16,500.

Similarly, the chilli pepper was priced at K16,000, Myitwa chilli pepper at K16000, and Sinphyukyun chilli pepper at K16,000. The highest chilli price was K7,000 per viss at the Bayintnaung market over the past three decades.

Although the prices of 2022 become higher double (four times than the same period of last year) within a few months, the Indian long chilli (six-viss bag) do not enter the market, said a chilli dealer.

It is strange that the palm oil, onion, garlic and potato from other countries enter the market except for the chilli, said chilli purchaser U Kaung. – TWA/GNLM

Myanmar's Irrawaddy dolphin population grows

THE Irrawaddy dolphin population in the Ayeyawady River has increased, according to the Irrawaddy dolphin conservation team under the Fisheries Department, Nay Pyi Taw.

A total of 79 dolphins living in Ayeyawady River in Mandalay-Kyaukmyaung sections between Bhamo and the second defile are spotted near the Mingun Stupa this rainy season.

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and the Fisheries Department conducted Irrawaddy dolphin conservation and a survey between Mandalay and Bhamo in February 2020 and found 79 dolphins inhabiting in the Ayeyawady river and the dolphin population has increased over one year period.

A total of 79 dolphins living in Ayeyawady River in Mandalay-Kyaukmyaung sections between Bhamo and the second defile are spotted near the Mingun Stupa this rainy season. **PHOTO: KANU**

"According to our regular data, one or seven new dolphins are born per year. Currently, they are breeding. As we haven't conducted a ground survey since 2021, we don't have the exact number of newborns. The fishermen reported that they found seven dolphins including two newborns near Mingun in July. There are a few numbers of dolphin deaths in the Ayeyawady River every year. We carry out conservation as much as we can and so it shows an increase in dolphin population," said an official of the conservation team.

There are 29 dolphins between Mandalay and Kyaukmyaung, 16 between the second defile and Bhamo and 34 between the second and third defiles. They live near the Mingun Stupa in the rainy season. The Fisheries Department of respective region/state launched awareness campaign to fishermen not to incur losses in marine resources and not to catch the dolphins together with the Irrawaddy dolphin conservation team.

Irrawaddy dolphins are found in three rivers – the Mekong, the Mahakam (Indonesia) and the Ayeyawady (Myanmar)— in addition to the estuary and coastal wetlands.

The dolphins in Myanmar's neighbours and India are called Irrawaddy dolphins. It found over 20 dolphins near Main Ma Hla Island in Bogale Township of Ayeyawady Region in 2018, over 60 at Rakhine coastal region of Sittway Township in 2010 and another 60 between Myeik and Kawthoung in 2011. The survey shows the dolphin population increased over one year despite the deaths in 2022. — Nyein Thu(MNA)/ GNLM

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, working materials and electronics confiscated

Seized electronics at Yangon International Airport.

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

Under the instructions of the Customs Department, an on-duty- team made inspections at the Myanmar International Terminal (Thilawa), according to information on 29 July and 1 August.

Officials captured K23,515,417 worth of garment materials and construction materials that exceeded the Import Declaration (ID). The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Similarly, a combined team made inspections under the supervision of the Magway Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force.

They confiscated a total of 2.5100 tonnes of illegal ironwood and sal sawn timber worth K1,255,000 in Ngaphe township of Minbu district on 31 July and a total of 3.7716 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K264,012 in the East Yoma forest reserve of Thayet district on 1 August. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

Afterwards, a Customs On-duty Team at the Yangon International Airport confiscated K12,950,000 worth of electronics without official documents on 1 August. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

On 3 August, a total of 5.8136 tonnes of illegal teak and hardwood worth K2,614,508 were seized in the Bago and Toungoo districts under the management of the Bago Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force.

Therefore, ten arrests estimated at K40,598,937 were made on 29 and 31 July and 1 and 3 August, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA

Public Notice

1. The Anti-Corruption Commission has established corruption prevention units within ministries to effectively curb corruption.

2. The ACC used SMS on the mobile phone to ask the public who seek services at an office of the department of the relevant ministries via Short Code No "1111" for feedbacks, including the Public Feedback Programme-PFP.

3. According to the PFP, the right replies of the citizens via Short Code No "1111" will provide the quality of services of each department and the requirements for corruption prevention to be fixed.

4. Therefore, the public should make a reply to the questions of the ACC and corruption prevention units of the ministries via SMS at Short Code No "1111" and such doing is a supportive measure for PFP, and the people are urged to cooperate in the operations.

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LOCAL BUSINESS

Oyster aquaculture expands in Rakhine State after trial run

OVER 15,000 more oyster farming blocks are added in Rakhine State despite it is yet to penetrate export markets, according to the Rakhine State Fisheries Department.

Starting from 2021, oyster aquaculture has been conducted on about 15,000 farm blocks on a trial run in Kyaukpyu and Gwa townships in Rakhine State. As it is cost-effective without the need for feedstuffs, oyster aquaculture has expanded to over 30,000 blocks for now.

Feedstuffs that the oyster eats are algae, water insect larvae and aquatic mites and they can be easily found in the rivers and creeks, saving feedstuff costs. This contributes to success in farm trials.

Over 15,000 more oyster farming blocks are added in Rakhine State despite it is yet to penetrate export markets, according to the Rakhine State Fisheries Department.

At present, oysters from Rakhine State are still not exported to foreign markets. They are sent to domestic markets.

The oysters from Rakhine State are delivered to Yangon, Mandalay, Lashio, Muse and Myawady markets. However, supply still cannot meet demand in Yangon Region. Oyster prices are estimated at K900 to K1,500 per singular oyster.

Rakhine State is relying on fishery products enterprises. The local products are conveyed both to external and domestic markets. They are sent to other regions and states through the Yangon market. Hotels, motels and restaurants highly demand them.

Rakhine State is a fishery hub for neighbouring country Bangladesh. Myanmar exports rohu, red snapper, black pomfret, hilsa, tiger prawn, dried fish, dried snapper, dried Chapila fish, dried Bombay duck, dried squid, saltwater fish, mackerel fish, shrimp, crab, mud crab, soft-shell crab and clams to Bangladesh through Maungtaw and Sittway border posts. — NN/GNLM

Myanmar ships $249 mln worth of over 733,000 MT of rice in past 4 months

Myanmar also generated an income of $700 million from two million tonnes of rice exports to foreign countries in the past 2020-2021 financial year.

MYANMAR delivered 733,098 metric tons of rice and broken rice in the past four months this year (April-July), with an estimated income of US$249 million, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

In the past four months, approximately 43 exporter companies delivered over 664,074 MT of rice to foreign trade partners through sea trade, whereas over 69,023 MT were sent to neighbouring countries via border posts.

The export volume in cross-border trade significantly plunged compared to the previous year's record owing to trade delays triggered by China's strict border rules. At present, more than 10,000 bags of rice and broken rice are daily conveyed to China through the Muse border post, as per Muse Rice Wholesale Centre.

Myanmar shipped rice and broken rice to China, regional countries, countries in Africa and European Union member countries through maritime trade.

Myanmar exported rice to around 20 foreign markets, mostly to China (92,622 MT) and the Philippines (91,374 MT).

Additionally, Myanmar primarily conveyed 91,603 MT of broken rice to Belgium, over 91,033 MT to China and 37,500 MT to Spain.

The prices of rice for export markets are rocketing on low supply, according to the Bayintnaung Rice Wholesale Depot.

The prices of low-quality white rice varieties were approximately $325-360 per MT depending on the different varieties and quality. The export price of Myanmar's rice was relatively lower than the rates of Thailand and Viet Nam, according to the MRF.

Myanmar has shipped more than 1.4 million tonnes of rice and broken rice to foreign trade partners between 1 October and 31 March in the past mini-budget period (2021-2022), the Myanmar Rice Federation stated.

Myanmar also generated an income of $700 million from two million tonnes of rice exports to foreign countries in the past 2020-2021 financial year. — KK/GNLM

Kyat depreciates against Thai Baht

MYANMAR currency Kyat is weakening against the Thai Baht in the local forex market, forex price data indicated.

In early July, the exchange rate for a Thai Baht was valued only at K60, and 1,670 Baht was exchanged for K100,000. On 3 August, the Baht-Kyat exchange rate was 1/70 and 1,460 Baht was worth K100,000.

The local currency value is moving downwards following a volatile dollar. Kyat devalued against the safe-haven US dollar at approximately K2,500 on the over-the-counter market at the moment.

There is a gap of K700 between the informal exchange rate (K2,500) and the regulated reference rate set by the Central Bank of Myanmar (K1,850). The domestic gold price is gaining on the global cues. The pure gold fetches up to K2.3 million per tical (0.578 ounce, or 0.016 kilogramme) in the domestic market.

Therefore, some money exchange operators and gold traders are under investigation.

During 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 play 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 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. — NN/GNLM

Enhance capacity in leader's life on a daily basis

HUMANS are living in society as a nature. Two persons from the society need to negotiate by doing everything for the satisfaction of both sides called a win-win situation to be able to avoid hostile acts between them. Both persons need to taste a harmonious living for their days.

If a two-person group is added with one more, the three-person group will face greater progress as well as worse problems. They may face worse challenges but try to overcome them. They all need to seek ways and means for solving all problems. In this regard, before solving the problems, negotiating among them is of great importance.

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In solving the problems, one of three persons gradually takes a leading role and the remaining two become followers. Indeed, a person cannot do everything, so it is necessary to divide the jobs among others. But the persons who divide the assignments for others need to motivate other persons to be keen to do the jobs.

Leaders must have a high capability to negotiate with partners to successfully solve problems. Negotiation skill is of great importance for all. But only when the leaders have negotiation skills will all work processes be completed. Applying the management and negotiation skills, leaders need to organize the followers to be able to march to the same goal.

As now is the technological era with advancements per day, leaders need to uplift their capacity by studying new techniques to tackle society. Leaders need to adopt new ways and means as well as new tactics to improve the relevant societies. They should analyze the strong and weak points of all projects and how to amend the plans to have better ones.

Leaders must have the capacity how to approach the change in all aspects and how to overcome the challenges of change management in a smooth process. To have success in all processes, leaders need to cement relations with partners and followers vertically and horizontally. As a result, the success of leaders in all measures depends on their efforts, skills of tactics, negotiation and approaching the ways and means to solve the problems through friendly relations with followers.

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Do Improve Your Online Learning

By Yin Nwe Ko

IN MYANMAR, online learning has hardly been heard and known widely among people before the pandemic. During the pandemic, which made people stay at home, the parents, the teachers, and the students looked for the best way to continue learning at home. Due to the essence of internet access, we found ways of online learning and online teaching.

There is a query: **What is Online Learning?**

The answer is that **Online learning is a way of learning that uses computers and technology to offer courses, classes, or programmes.**

Are you looking for ways how to improve the online learning experience for you and your students? If yes, then this article will solve that problem. Although it can be an amazing tool to learn and get a degree, there are a few things that learners come across that increase the hurdles of online studying. In this article, you will find tips, tricks, and practical ways how to improve online learning and online teaching.

Students use the internet, email, video services, and other tools to learn and be taught. Also, it is a collection of tools, resources, and delivery methods designed to help you learn online. Online classes are taught over computer networks, allowing for interactive instruction, text-based chat, or video conference between students and teachers. Virtual classrooms contain all of the characteristics of a classical classroom but there are no limits on location. Technically, online learning takes a traditional classroom experience and puts it online. With hundreds of free video-based tutorials to choose from, teachers can guide students through classes, interactive games, contests, lectures, and more.

There is also another query: **What Are Ways How to Improve Online Learning?**

When creating online courses, designers and developers should take the time to create an engaging curriculum. The following queries should be asked: Who are the learners? What is their background? What skills will they gain from your course? When you know what their needs are, you can create content that is both informative and in-depth. Listed below are the fundamental tips and tricks you can use to improve online learning.

As an online student, you can choose to access your course information and complete your assignments at any time. **ILLUSTRATION: FREEPIK**

Keep It Interesting

To keep your online learning from becoming stale, incorporate more interactive elements like gamification. Making everyday tasks like checking in or turning in work into fun and engaging contests is possible. The point is to mix things up a bit while still keeping the learning theoretically valid. In online learning, gamification refers to using game elements such as competition with others, point scoring, and engagement rules. This method helps to improve engagement and retention during learning. Active engagement is the key to online learning.

Students have a lot of entertaining content competing for their attention on the internet. Consider including tools and content that will engage your audience on your site.

Work on Consistency and Organization

Your students will have the best online learning experience when the course content is consistent and well organized. Creating an efficient and structured course delivery schedule helps ensure that you're meeting all of your deadlines. It also helps keep your students well-informed of upcoming events or assignments.

Create Communities and Groups to Help Students Interact and Collaborate

Easily create private groups and public communities that fit your needs for project collaboration, meeting space, and extra support. Help foster more engaging online classes with private online study rooms and free group video chats. Interactions will be easier if tools such as real-time shared whiteboards, discussions, file sharing, video chats, and screen sharing are used. Create communities around classes or other topics that students want to learn or discuss. You can use these forums to help students connect and allow them to share their own experiences.

Customize Classes to Address the Specific Needs of Each Student

Gone are the days of one-size-fits-all education. The power of online learning allows students to learn at their pace, while instructors can offer a custom class experience. Among the many benefits of learning online is the ability for a teacher to customize classes to address the specific needs of each student. Customize the length, content, and schedule of each class to address the specific needs of each student. By personalizing all assignments and assessments for your students, you can make your work stand out.

Provide Illustrative Visual Aids to Explain the Topic Thoroughly

You can improve online learning by providing illustrative visual aids to explain the topic thoroughly. You may want to include pictures, charts, graphs, or tables in your online course as pedagogical tools to improve the learner experience. This helps learners pay attention, recall information better and remember how to do things. However, be sure to use formatting techniques such as captions and bolding so that the students know what information is most important and why. You can also consider using virtual smart boards and high-quality videos to explain your point. This helps ensure all students understand the topic, no matter where they are located.

Take Frequent Breaks during Long Learning Sessions

With more people signing up for online education, learning how to cope with the overwhelming amount of information they learn is crucial. The idea of taking a break from learning, especially when you have completed a section and are anxious to move on, might sound like the worst possible idea. However, the best way to avoid burnout is to take frequent breaks during long learning sessions. As you may know, learning information is far easier when it is presented to you in shorter learning segments with frequent breaks for review. Studies have also shown that on average, a longer online class or segmented course will involve more recall of the learning material than a shorter version.

Offer Feedback or Suggestions on How to Improve the Learning Process

To improve online learning for your students, always conduct a survey. Encourage students to provide feedback, ask questions, or make suggestions on how to improve the online learning process. It helps you develop a higher quality product and help them learn effectively and efficiently. This also includes them in the learning process, makes them feel heard, and is highly appreciated.

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Paris ramps up fight against monkeypox with new vaccine centre serving most-affected groups

FRENCH health authorities announced Tuesday that 2,171 monkeypox cases have so far been confirmed in France, more than half of them in the Paris region.

To combat this rising number, local authorities have opened the capital's first vaccination centre dedicated entirely to administering the smallpox vaccine – which has been found to be effective against monkeypox – to targeted groups.

Located in Paris's 13th arrondissement (district), the dedicated monkeypox vaccine centre currently consists of one waiting room with small adjoining vaccination at the Edison community health centre.

Upon entering, patients are immediately informed that they can only be vaccinated if they have reserved on Doctolib, a privately run website that many French residents use to book medical appointments.

Staff at the reception desk have the patient fill out a questionnaire and verify their identities, although patients are not required to have a doctor's prescription to be inoculated.

The French government said last week it would mobilise more people to help administer vaccines, including doctors, nurses and medical students.

Once patients have been vaccinated, they will be booked in for a second appointment within 28 days, although health authorities have said this time limit may be extended.

If someone comes to the centre with monkeypox symptoms, they are immediately sent home to self-isolate for the duration of the illness, which typically lasts two to four weeks. Samuel Etien, a medical student and volunteer at the centre, recommends people consult a physician if they notice any kind of rash consisting of large hardened pimples with pus or crusts developing in the area around their mouth or the palms of their hands; pimples that often appear all at once; and mouth or anal pain.

The medical student says the most common symptoms are a red rash on the anal or oral mucous membranes, a cluster of pimples, influenza-like symptoms (fever, aches) and swollen lymph nodes in the neck and armpits. Etien said confirmed or suspected cases should be isolated as soon as possible.

Serving 'at risk' groups

Some 95 percent of French monkeypox cases have been diagnosed in men who have sex with men, and a quick glance around the waiting room confirms that most of those being inoculated on Monday were male.

The vaccine centre is currently prioritising the most at-risk populations, including gay men, trans people, those with multiple sexual partners and sex workers, with no immediate plans to open up vaccinations to the general public.

In an effort to encourage sex workers to get a preventative dose of smallpox, the centre is planning to allow sex workers to make appointments through third-party associations in addition to Doctolib.

Frederique and Hervé, two gay men who acknowledged they were in the high-risk group, said they were getting the vaccine because "the illness is spreading and we're going on holiday to Africa so we wanted to take pre-cautions".

SOURCE: AFP

A man waits to receive a dose of the Monkeypox vaccine at the Edison municipal vaccination centre in Paris on 27 July 2022. **PHOTO: ALAIN JOCARD /AFP**

ARTICLE/ENVIRON WORLD

Do Improve Your Online Learning

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Provide a Clear, Informative, and Interactive Presentation

Do you know how to engage your students and keep them interested in what they are learning? With online courses, you have the advantage of presentation styles that are not possible in a traditional classroom setting. Many variables must be considered to deliver the best possible online learning experience for both educators and learners. It doesn't matter whether you are delivering online training, delivering a presentation online at a virtual conference, or communicating with your team on Slack, you need to make your content easy to follow.

Keep the Focus on Group Collaboration and Active Learning

Promoting social learning through group collaboration and active engagement are two major ways to keep students engaged in the learning process. Group problem solving and group journaling are also effective strategies for student learning. Working with others in real-time can be intimidating. Host virtual classrooms and asynchronous discussion groups, where students and instructors interact at scheduled times or on cue. This can help you overcome stage fright that prevents students from learning to their fullest potential.

Focus On Using the Right Tools to Power Up Your Online Classroom

Today's educators know that one of the keys to improving online education is by using various teaching tools. Letting your students use the right tools will improve the learning experience and help your students understand important aspects of your class more easily. Collaboration and communication are a key part of any classroom, but to facilitate this process in online classes, instructors rely on various tools. The availability of so many tools and new apps can make utilizing technology to your advantage challenging.

Use a Variety of Media like Visuals, Audio, and Video

Online education has advanced significantly in the last decade, especially in Myanmar for two or three years, but there is still room for improvement in both e-learning software and the overall online learning experience. A great way to improve an online class is to use various media to keep students engaged. Adding visuals, audio, and video to your class will help you break up the monotony of reading on a screen.

Set Clear Expectations at the Beginning of the Course

Students who are given clear expectations at the start of the course are more likely to participate actively. It would also help if their experience levels and learning levels are acknowledged. You and your students should decide at the beginning of the course which tools and features will best meet the needs of the course. Additionally, you can make sure that everyone knows what tools to use and how to use them most effectively for your learning environment.

Motivate and Inspire the Students

Motivating and inspiring the students are some of the most important goals for teachers. There are various ways you can motivate your students and keep them engaged. You want to get your message out and make someone pay attention. If you don't demonstrate that you can teach and educate people, they will likely move on. After you present the problems in the lecture, you need to explain why they are problems and provide solutions; this means that your students will be able to understand the material more fully. Also, these skills require pacing and organization, direct instruction, and thorough explanations.

Give Students More Autonomy, Freedom, and Choice in Their Learning

Students can learn more independently, freely, and according to their preferences through online education. Also, learners become engaged with your content instead of just reading it when you incorporate storytelling, research, writing, and video. Autonomy is the ability to select the materials you need and skip those that you do not. Online learning gives students a great deal of autonomy in their learning. Research shows that learning when students are motivated and engaged in their content leads to better learning outcomes.

Set Learning Goals and Offer Incentives for Achieving Those Goals?

For you to achieve goals, whether academic or personal, you must understand what you must learn and how you must learn it. Goal setting is a critically neglected part of the learning process. Develop a learning plan with specific goals regardless of whether you are just starting the course or improving a current one. Goals give students a chance to effectively reflect on where they want to be and what they want to achieve. You can also use incentives like gifts or free access to other training materials to motivate students into achieving these goals.

To sum up, in my long article, as Myanmar people will still be needing to be accustomed to online learning, we will have to take a little longer time in practical performance. To fulfil all the fundamental tips and tricks mentioned above, some might not be possible for every teacher and student. However, this will surely help them convenient in performing the online learning activities. Even if the teachers who are relying on online learning are not able to apply all tips but apply two or three tips, they will definitely convey many benefits and this type of learning will not easily fade away in society, I think.

Reference: LMSHERO.COM

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Dutch farmer protests reap populist support

DUTCH farmers' rowdy protests against government climate plans have caused a stir at home and abroad, with populists worldwide jumping on the bandwagon and even former US president Donald Trump backing them.

"We take all the support that we can get," says Jaap Kok, a 62-year-old cattle farmer standing in a meadow full of cows near Barneveld in the central Netherlands' farming belt.

The farmers have wreaked havoc for weeks, dumping manure and garbage on motorways, blockading supermarket warehouses with tractors and rallying noisily outside politicians' houses.

They oppose plans to cut emissions of nitrogen in the Netherlands — the world's second-biggest agricultural exporter after the United States — by reducing livestock and closing some farms. While a small group has been blamed for much of the unrest, there have also been large protests involving thousands of tractors.—AFP

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Sinkhole larger than tennis court has Chile perplexed

EXPERTS in Chile on Tuesday were investigating the appearance of an enormous sinkhole, bigger than a tennis court, that has appeared near a copper mine in the Atacama desert.

Experts were dispatched to examine the hole, some 32 metres across and twice as deep, which appeared in an area about 800 kilometres north of Santiago over the weekend, the National Geology and Mining Service (Sernageomin) said in a statement.

A 100-metre security perimeter has been erected around the hole in the Tierra Amarilla municipality, near the Alcaparrosa mine operated by Canadian firm Lundin Mining.

The company said in a statement there had been "no impact to personnel, equipment or infrastructure," and the sinkhole has remained stable since its detection.

As a preventive measure, "development work in an area of the Alcaparrosa underground mine has been temporarily suspended," the company said.

Sernageomin director David Montenegro said experts would seek to determine the cause of the collapse and "ensure that all safety measures are taken to safeguard the lives of workers and communities close to the site." —AFP

HEALTH/PANDEMIC WORLD

Conjoined twins separated with help of virtual reality in Brazil

CONJOINED twins born in Brazil with a fused head and brain have been separated in what doctors described Monday as the most complex surgery of its kind, which they prepared for using virtual reality.

Arthur and Bernardo Lima were born in 2018 in the state of Roraima in northern Brazil as craniopagus twins, an extremely rare condition in which the siblings are fused at the cranium.

Joined at the top of the head for nearly four years — most of that spent in a hospital room outfitted with a custom bed — the brothers are now able to look each other in the face for the first time, after a series of nine operations culminating in a marathon 23-hour surgery to separate them.

London-based medical charity Gemini Untwined, which helped carry out the procedure, described it as the "most challenging and complex separation to date", given that the boys shared several vital veins.

"It was the most difficult, complex, challenging surgery of my career," said neurosurgeon Gabriel Mufarrej of the Paulo Niemeyer State Brain Institute (IECPN) in Rio de Janeiro, where the procedure was performed.

"No one believed it was possible at first. Saving them both was a historic accomplishment."

Members of the medical team, which included nearly 100 staff, prepared for the delicate final stages of the surgery on 7 and 9 June with the help of virtual reality.

Using brain scans to create a digital map of the boys' shared cranium, surgeons practised for the procedure in a trans-Atlantic, virtual-reality trial surgery executed in both Britain and Brazil.

British neurosurgeon Noor ul Owase Jeelani, the lead surgeon for Gemini Untwined, called the prep session "space-age stuff." "It's just wonderful, it's really great to see the anatomy and do the surgery before you actually put the children at any risk," he told British news agency PA.— AFP

This undated handout photo released by Gemini Untwined shows conjoined twins Bernardo and Arthur Lima before their operation at the Instituto Estadual do Cerebro Paulo Niemeyer (IECPN) hospital in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. **PHOTO: - / GEMINI UNTWINED / AFP**

COVID-19 SITUATION UPDATE WORLDWIDE

India reports 17,135 new COVID-19 cases

INDIA reported 17,135 new cases of COVID-19 during the past 24 hours, taking the total tally to 44,067,144 in the country, according to federal health ministry data released on Wednesday morning.

Wednesday's new cases marked an increase after showing a declining trend in the new cases for two straight days.

With the reporting of fresh cases, India's active caseload currently stands at 137,057.

The country also logged 47 related deaths during the past 24 hours, pushing the overall death toll to 526,477 since the beginning of the pandemic, the ministry said.

The daily positivity rate stands at 3.69 per cent and the weekly positivity rate was 4.67 per cent, the ministry data showed. The ministry said so far 43,403,610 people have been cured and discharged from hospitals, including 19,823 discharged during the past 24 hours.—Xinhua

Singapore reports 10,230 new COVID-19 cases

SINGAPORE reported 10,230 new cases of COVID-19 on Tuesday, bringing the total tally to 1,728,995.

Of the new cases, 659 cases were detected through PCR (polymerase chain reaction) tests and 9,571 through ART (antigen rapid test) tests, according to statistics released by the Ministry of Health.

Among the PCR cases, 632 were local transmissions and 27 were imported cases. Among the ART cases with mild symptoms and assessed to be of low risk, there were 9,244 local transmissions and 327 imported cases, respectively. A total of 652 cases are currently warded in hospitals, with 63 cases in intensive care units. — Xinhua

2022 MONKEYPOX OUTBREAK

Japan approves smallpox vaccine to prevent monkeypox

JAPAN'S health ministry has approved the use of a smallpox vaccine believed to be effective against monkeypox. The smallpox vaccine approved by the ministry is thought to be 85 per cent effective against monkeypox, health officials said. The move came after Japan confirmed two cases of the disease in late July in men in their 30s, who had both travelled overseas, and the government announced preemptive measures to prevent the spread of the disease. As for treatment, the health ministry is looking into a medication called tecovirimat, which is an oral medication also used to treat smallpox. Symptoms of the tropical disease, spread through close physical contact, are similar to those of smallpox and include fever, extensive rashes, skin lesions and swollen lymph nodes, following an incubation period of five to 21 days, health officials here said.—Xinhua

People walking on the street of Tokyo Ginza District. **PHOTO: AFP**

Cyprus confirms first case of monkeypox

CYPRUS confirmed its first case of monkeypox on Tuesday, a health ministry spokesman said.

The patient is a 40-year-old man with recent travel history, the spokesman said without revealing the name of the country he had traveled to.

The spokesman said the man sought medical help on Monday after developing early symptoms of an infection.

The infection was confirmed on Tuesday through a molecular laboratory test at the Nicosia General Hospital where the patient is being treated in a special ward reserved for monkeypox cases, he added.

The spokesman said there had previously been 11 false alarms of suspected cases in Cyprus, which helped medical authorities test protocols prepared after the first monkeypox cases were reported by the World Health Organization.

A health ministry statement said that anyone with symptoms including fever, headache, muscle pain, back pain, lymphadenopathy, chills and exhaustion, followed by a rash appearing one to five days after the onset of symptoms, will be considered a suspected case and required to have a PCR test. — Xinhua

ECONOMY
WORLD

Germany's Scholz accuses Russia of blocking gas turbine delivery

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said transferring the missing turbine to Russia was 'really easy'. **PHOTO: AFP**

GERMAN Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Wednesday accused Russia of blocking the delivery of a turbine needed to keep gas flowing to Europe via the Nord Stream 1 pipeline.

As the continent's biggest economy scrambled for energy sources to fill the gap left by Russia's throttling of supplies, Scholz also opened the door to keeping Germany's remaining nuclear plants running.

Standing next to the turbine, currently stuck with maker Siemens Energy in Germany, Scholz said the unit was "available and working". "There is no reason why this delivery cannot happen," the chancellor said.

The turbine had received "all the approvals" it needed for export from Germany to Russia, he said.

Pipeline operators only needed to say that "they want to have the turbine and provide the necessary customs information for transport to Russia", Scholz said, adding that the transfer was "really easy". Russian energy giant Gazprom has blamed the delayed return of the unit from Canada, where it was being serviced, for the initial reduction in deliveries of gas via the Nord Stream 1 gas pipeline in June.

Officials in Berlin worked with their counterparts in Canada to expedite the return of the turbine but the unit has yet to reach its final destination.

Deliveries via the undersea energy link were reduced to around 20 per cent of capacity in late July, after Gazprom halted the operation of one of the last two operating turbines due to the "technical condition of the engine".—AFP

OPEC+ meets after Biden push to hike oil output

THE OPEC+ group of major oil exporters meets Wednesday to discuss its output strategy after US President Joe Biden lobbied Saudi Arabia to boost production to tame soaring prices.

The cartel led by Saudi Arabia and Russia has resisted US pressure to ramp up production significantly so far after Moscow's invasion of Ukraine sent oil prices soaring.

After cutting production in 2020 in response to falling prices during the Covid pandemic, OPEC+ began to modestly raise it last year and has renewed the policy every month.

Its output is supposed to have returned to pre-Covid levels -- but only on paper as some members of the 23-nation group have struggled to meet their quotas.

Craig Erlam, analyst at OANDA trading platform, said the OPEC+ meeting will show whether "President Biden has any influence in the cartel at all".

Biden made a controversial trip to Saudi Arabia in July in part to convince the kingdom to loosen the production taps to stabilize the market and curb rampant inflation.

The US president met with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman despite his promise to make the kingdom a "pariah" in the wake of the 2018 killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Biden said after his meetings with Saudi officials that he was "doing all I can" to increase the oil supply.

"Saudi Arabia and its allies will have to decide whether to heed Joe Biden's request and raise production or show solidarity towards Russia by staying put," said Tamas Varga, analyst at oil broker PVM.

French President Emmanuel Macron also reached out to bin Salman, hosting him last week in Paris, with Macron's office saying the two leaders agreed to work "to ease the effects" of the Ukraine war.—AFP

A general view shows an oil plant in Haradh, about 280 kms (170 miles) southwest of the eastern Saudi oil city of Dhahran. **PHOTO: AFP /FILE**

NEWS IN BRIEF

China's electricity use mirrors economic recovery

CHINA'S electricity consumption, a key barometer of economic activity, has been rising in recent periods, indicating the continuous recovery of enterprises' production and economic operation.

The country's total power use increased 2.9 per cent year on year in the January-June period to 4.1 trillion kilowatt-hours, according to the National Energy Administration.

In June alone, power consumption was recorded at 745.1 billion kilowatt-hours, an increase of 4.7 per cent from a year ago. The growth rate was 6 percentage points higher than that in May when the country was hit by sporadic resurgences of COVID-19.

The recovery in the growth rate of electricity consumption in June reflected the positive effects of the current resumption of work and production, Wang Yixuan, an official with the China Electricity Council said.—Xinhua

Pakistan's inflation climbs to 24.9% in July

PAKISTAN'S consumer price index (CPI), a main gauge of inflation, rose 24.9 per cent year on year in July as compared to the same month a year ago when it was recorded at 8.4 per cent, according to the figures from the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) on Monday.

On a month-on-month basis, the CPI increased by 4.3 per cent in July as compared to an increase of 6.3 per cent in the previous month of June, the PBS figures showed.

The statistics said that high inflation is associated with rising prices of food and non-food items including cooking oil, vegetables, pulses, wheat, rice, milk, electricity charges, motor fuels, construction input items, and motor vehicle accessories. In a bid to control surging inflation in the country, the government of Pakistan Sunday announced to decrease petrol price by 3.05 rupee per litre. However, economic experts said that the insubstantial cutting down will have little impact on the skyrocketing inflation in the country.—Xinhua

BMW profits drop as China lockdowns knock production

GERMAN auto manufacturer BMW said Wednesday its profits dipped in the second quarter as supply bottlenecks and Chinese lockdowns knocked production. The carmaker's profits for the period between April and June fell to three billion euros ($3.1 billion) from 4.8 billion euros in the same period last year. BMW CEO Oliver Zipse recognized "unfavourable conditions" but said in a statement the Munich-based group had shown "a high degree of resilience". "Ongoing semiconductor supply issues and supply chain disruptions following Covid lockdowns in China", a key market for automakers, held back production in the first half of the year, BMW said in a statement.

BMWs on display at a car show in Chicago, USA. **PHOTO: SCOTT OLSON / AFP/FILE**

BMW shipped just over 563,000 units in the second quarter of 2022, a drop of 19.8 per cent.

Like other premium carmakers, the limits to production meant that BMW leant more heavily on its top-of-the-range models with bigger margins. The group benefited from this better "product mix" and higher prices for its vehicles, which partially offset the fall in the number of vehicles sold, BMW said. —AFP

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(22/2022-2023)

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats.

Sr No.	Tender No.	Description	Remarks
(1)	DMP/L-069(22-23)CAP (Retender)	Pipe Fittings (2) Groups	Ks

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qtty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from **4 August 2022** at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the **Technical Specifications and Commercial Quotation with Original Bid Bond in each separate sealed envelopes** on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than **12:00 pm** on **18, August 2022**.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time – **18-8-2022, 12:00 pm**

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Ministry of Immigration and Population
Department of Population
Invitation of proposals for International Consultant

1. Ministry of Immigration and Population (MOIP) intend to implement Mapping and Enumeration Area delineation operation using GIS technology which is one of the major activities of Population and Housing Census. On this regard, Ministry of Immigration and Population is seeking the serving of an international consultant to develop the detailed work plans, build the GIS system, provide technical advice and conduct the capacity enhancement training.

2. The experienced international consultant will be recruited through competitive selection and evaluation processes, and interested candidates are invited and suggested to refer below information to summit the proposal:

(a)	The date and time that the interested candidates can get TOR for international consultant	-	During 8-8-2022 to 19-8-2022 (during office hours.) TOR can be available from www.dop.gov.mm
(b)	The place which can be submitted the proposal	-	Department of Population, Ministry of Immigration and Population, Building No (48), Nay Pyi Taw
(c)	Method of submission of proposal	-	In person or by email: pop.dept.mm@gmail.com
(d)	Deadline for submission of proposal	-	19-9-2022 at 16:30 PM MMT. (During office hours.)
(e)	Interview Date and time	-	The shortlisted candidates will be contacted

3. Proposals submitted after the deadline will not be accepted.

4. If you want to know more about proposal form and the terms and conditions, you can contact the following phone number and email during office hours:
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M.V PEGASUS 03 VOY.NO. (2208)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V PEGASUS 03 VOY.NO. (2208)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **3-8-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **WILMAR** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301928**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S GLOBAL MARS SHIPPING PRIVATE LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V XING PING VOY.NO. (888N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V XING PING VOY.NO. (888N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **4-8-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V PANJA BHUM VOY.NO. (200W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V PANJA BHUM VOY.NO. (200W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **4-8-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V MSC SUPARNA F VOY.NO. (SB231R)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MSC SUPARNA F VOY.NO. (SB231R)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **4-8-2022** 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.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY S.A

GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Hacking fears delay UK's Conservative leadership vote

VOTING in Britain's Conservative party leadership election has been delayed after government cyber experts raised concerns over potential hacking of members' ballots.

The delay might benefit Rishi Sunak, who trails in polls of Tory members against Liz Truss in the race to succeed Prime Minister Boris Johnson, and is hoping to claw back ground in a campaigning blitz.

A letter from party headquarters to members, revealed by the Spectator magazine late Tuesday, said ballots due to go out this week would arrive by 11 August at the latest. "This is because we have taken some time to add some additional security to our ballot process which has delayed us slightly," the letter said.

It said the party has ditched a hybrid system, in which members could vote first by post but later change their mind and vote online using a special security code.

Instead, only the first vote cast — whether by mail or online — will count. The deadline for voting remains 2 September, with the result due to be announced three days later.

The Daily Telegraph said the party had acted on advice from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), which it said feared the potential for hackers to alter a large number of votes online late in the race.

There was no specific threat identified from a hostile state, the newspaper said, although Russia in particular has been accused of meddling in Western votes including the US presidential election. In a statement, an NCSC spokesperson confirmed the agency had "provided advice to the Conservative party on security considerations for online leadership voting".— AFP

British Conservative frontrunner Liz Truss won further heavyweight endorsement Monday as party members began a month of voting to decide the next occupant of 10 Downing Street. **PHOTO: AFP**

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

First Ukrainian grain shipment since invasion set for inspection in Türkiye

Bulk carrier M/V Razoni, carrying a cargo of 26,000 tonnes of corn, leaves Ukraine's port of Odessa, en route to Lebanon, on Monday. **PHOTO: AFP/ OLEKSANDR GIMANOV**

A team of Russian and Ukrainian officials in Türkiye is due on Wednesday to inspect the first shipment of grain exported from Ukraine since Moscow's invasion under a deal aimed at curbing a global food crisis. The Sierra Leone-flagged Razoni arrived at the edge of the Bosphorus Strait just north of Istanbul on Tuesday, a day after leaving the Black Sea port of Odessa carrying 26,000 tonnes of maize bound for Lebanon. The ship sailed through a specially cleared corridor in the mine-infested waters of the Black Sea, which had been under a Russian blockade. It is due to be inspected Wednesday by a team that includes Russian and Ukrainian officials, in accordance with Russia's wish to ascertain the nature of the cargo, the Turkish defence ministry said.

The Razoni set sail under a deal brokered by Türkiye and the United Nations to lift Russia's naval blockade of the Black Sea and allow the shipment of millions of tonnes of produce to world markets to help curb a global food crisis.—AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sanctions have huge toll on Russian economy: report

THE Russian economy has been deeply damaged by sanctions and the exit of international business since the country invaded Ukraine, according to a new report by Yale University business experts and economists.

Even though Moscow has been able to pull in billions of dollars from continued energy sales at elevated prices, largely unpublished data shows that much of its domestic economic activity has stalled since the 24 February invasion, according to the report released in late July.—AFP

Moscow seeks to ban 'unfriendly' nations from adopting Russians

RUSSIAN lawmakers on Monday tabled a bill that would ban the adoption of Russian children by citizens of "unfriendly" countries as tensions soar over Moscow's military intervention in Ukraine.

If passed, the bill would expand a 2012 law that prohibited US families from adopting Russian children. At the time the ban provoked an outcry, with Kremlin critics saying made Russian orphans – many with physical or mental difficulties – the victims of a standoff between Washington and Moscow.—AFP

Gas bills to double for millions of German households

GERMAN households are bracing for bigger-than-usual bills this winter as energy companies pass on the cost of gas, which has soared since the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

The invoice for a typical household could double from 1 October, German group RheinEnergie warned in a statement on Monday, the first major provider to give a detailed estimate.

The company supplies approximately 2.5 million people with energy in the region around the city of Cologne, in western Germany.

"An increase of almost 450 per cent in the procurement cost for natural gas" over the past year was behind the punishing increase, RheinEnergie said.

The "market deteriorated significantly again with the start of the Russian war of aggression against Ukraine", which further sent up the price, RheinEnergie said.

A two-person household, with an average gas consumption of 10,000 kilowatt-hours annually, would see their bill jump from around 960 euros ($980) a year ago to 2,002 euros, the company said.— AFP

The invoice for a typical household could double from 1 October, German group RheinEnergie warned in a statement on Monday, the first major provider to give a detailed estimate. **PHOTO: NIKOLAY DOYCHINOV/AFP**

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NEWS IN BRIEF

US asks Argentina to seize grounded Venezuelan plane

THE United States asked Argentina Tuesday to seize a Venezuelan plane that has been grounded in Buenos Aires since June after an Iranian airline allegedly violated Washington sanctions by selling it to Caracas.

The Boeing 747 cargo plane, owned by the Venezuelan company Emtrasur, has been stuck with its 19 crew members at a Buenos Aires airport since it arrived on 8 June from Mexico with a shipment of auto parts, after having tried unsuccessfully to enter Uruguay.

The crew is made up of five Iranians and 14 Venezuelans. On 19 July, a US court in the District of Columbia issued an order to seize the plane on the grounds that US "export control laws" were violated.— AFP

112 hospitalized in India industrial gas leak

At least 112 women have been hospitalized after a gas leak at an apparel manufacturing plant in India, police said Wednesday.

The workers complained of nausea and vomiting at a plant in the Atchyutapuram district of the southern state of Andhra Pradesh on Tuesday night. "The women are all stable. There are no deaths. Investigations are going on," senior police official M. Upendra told AFP. The hospitalizations follow a similar accident in June when around 200 women fell unconscious after a gas leak in the same area, broadcaster NDTV reported. — AFP

Riot police clash with coca leaf growers during a protest march in La Paz, on 2 August 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

Clashes erupt in Bolivia capital between police and coca farmers

CLASHES broke out Tuesday in the Bolivian capital La Paz between police and coca leaf producers in a dispute over control of the coveted commercialization of the plant. Several uniformed officers and a journalist were injured, several sources reported, as hundreds of growers from the Association of Coca Producers (Adepcoca), as well as opponents of the government of leftist President Luis Arce marched to demand the closure of a parallel market for the plant, which they say is illegal and enjoys government support.

Last October, thousands of coca leaf growers stormed the country's main coca market in La Paz following violent clashes with security forces.

The Adepcoca market has become the center of a dispute between two groups of coca growers — one loyal to the government, the other opponents — since last year.—AFP

Sri Lanka brushes aside Indian concerns on Chinese ship

Sri Lanka's government handed over the running of Hambantota port to China Merchants Port Holdings in December 2017. **PHOTO: AFP**

SRI Lanka on Tuesday brushed aside Indian concerns over a scheduled visit by a Chinese ship, saying it was coming only to refuel and replenish supplies.

The research and survey ship Yuan Wang 5 is due to dock in the Chinese-run Hambantota Port in southern Sri Lanka on 11 August, according to analytics website MarineTraffic.

Indian media reports said that New Delhi was worried the vessel would be used to spy on its activities and that it had lodged a complaint with Colombo.

It is a dual-use spy vessel, employed for space and satellite tracking and with specific usage in intercontinental ballistic missile launches, according to Indian broadcaster CNN-News18.

Sri Lankan government spokesman Bandula Gunawardena said that the cabinet discussed the ship's visit on Monday and that it would still be allowed to dock.

"Both India and China are helping us at this very crucial time when we are facing an unprecedented economic crisis," Gunawardena said.

"The President (Ranil Wickremesinghe) informed the cabinet that this matter will be diplomatically resolved by talking to all sides. Both are important friends."

The vessel is to spend about a week at Hambantota taking in fuel and other supplies and will not undertake any work while in Sri Lankan waters, Gunawardena said.— AFP

Mexico prosecutors investigate ex-president Pena Nieto

Enrique Pena Nieto and his wife, soap opera star Angelica Rivera married in 2010. **PHOTO: ALFREDO ESTRELLA/ AFP/FILE**

MEXICO'S Attorney General's Office said Tuesday that it was investigating former president Enrique Pena Nieto for suspected crimes including illicit enrichment and money laundering.

The announcement came nearly a month after the finance ministry's Financial Intelligence Unit revealed that Pena Nieto was facing a probe over more than a million dollars of international money transfers.

The ex-president, who was in office from 2012-2018 and now lives in Madrid, has denied any wrongdoing. Some of the allegations involve Spanish construction company OHL, the Attorney-General's Office said in a statement, without giving details. "Progress in this investigation will allow prosecutions in the coming months," it said.

Pablo Gomez, head of the Financial Intelligence Unit, told reporters in July that Pena Nieto had received around 26 million pesos ($1.25 million) sent by a relative in Mexico.—AFP

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Manchester United's Cristiano Ronaldo and Harry Maguire have received the most Twitter abuse of any Premier League players, a report published Tuesday has found. **PHOTO: AFP**

MANCHESTER United's Cristiano Ronaldo and Harry Maguire have received the most Twitter abuse of any Premier League players, a report published Tuesday has found. Analysis by British media regulator Ofcom of 2.3 million tweets in the first half of last season found nearly 60,000 abusive posts, affecting seven in 10 top-flight players.

Half of that abuse was directed at just 12 individuals – eight from United.

Twitter was chosen due to its popularity with players, and because it makes data available for research but the study does not take into account the safeguards that are in place. Ofcom is preparing to regulate technology companies under new Online Safety laws aimed at protecting users.

"These findings shed light on a dark side to the beautiful game," Ofcom group director for broadcasting and online content Kevin Bakhurst said. "Online abuse has no place in sport, nor in wider society, and tackling it requires a team effort.

"Social media firms needn't wait for new laws to make their sites and apps safer for users. When we become the regulator for online safety, tech companies will have to be really open about the steps they're taking to protect users. We will expect them to design their services with safety in mind." —AFP

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine Objectives

1. Political affairs

(a) To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, through a disciplined and genuine multiparty democratic system that is fair and just.

(b) To emphasize the achievement of enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).

(c) To continue implementing the principle of peaceful co-existence among countries through an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy.

2. Economic affairs

(a) To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.

(b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.

(c) To promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.

3. Social affairs

(a) To ensure a strong and dynamic Union spirit, the genuine spirit of patriotism.

(b) To respect and promote the customs and traditions of all National peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics.

(c) To enhance the health, fitness and education quality of the entire nation.

Myanmar to play Thailand today in 3rd place match of U-18 Women's Championship

THE third place and final matches of the 2022 ASEAN U-18 Women's Championship, will be held today in Palembang, Indonesia, and the Myanmar team will play against Thailand in the third-place match.

The third-place match of team Myanmar will be played at 3 pm Myanmar Standard Time and the final match to be played between Viet Nam and Australia will be held at 7:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time. Viet Nam beat Myanmar 4-1 and Australia won Thailand by 1-0 in the semi-final match held on 2 August.

In the match between Australia and Thailand, the game was scoreless until 90 minutes, and the Australian team won in overtime. The Myanmar team tried to reach the finals but lost to Viet Nam in the semi-finals, so they will only have to try for third place. The Thai team won three games in group matches, lose one game, and entered the semi-finals with nine points. Although there is no difference in terms of skill between the Myanmar and Thailand teams, the Myanmar players, who have little international experience, need to play boldly without worrying and grasp the opportunity to win the third prize. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Myanmar team leave for Viet Nam to compete in U-19 invitational tourney

The Myanmar U-19 men's football team are seen before leaving for Viet Nam to compete in the U-19 invitational tourney. **PHOTO: MFF**

THE Myanmar U-19 team left for Viet Nam on the morning of 3 August to compete in the Viet Nam U-19 invitational tournament to be held from 5 to 11 August in Binh Duong, Viet Nam.

A total of six members of the management coach, and 25 players followed team Myanmar.

Team manager U Ye Win Aung, Head Coach U Soe Myat Min, Assistant Coach U Min Min Tun, U Sa Htet Naing Win, and Goal Coach U Sein Aye will handle team Myanmar.

The Myanmar team includes goalkeeper Hein Htet Soe, Htet Arkar Win, Aung Pyae Phyo, defenders Lin Lin Tun, Lann Sann Aung, Tun Tun Thein, Myo Min Hein, Khant Zin Hein, Khun Aung Soe, Latt Wai Phone, midfielders Saw Than Ko Than, Ye Yint Phyo, Arkar Kyaw, Moe Swe, Zaw Win Thein, Okkar Naing, Ye Kaung Satt, Thar Yar Win Htet, Hein Zaw Naing, Phyo Thant Ko Ko, and Chit Aye, and strikers La Min Htwe, Swan Htet, Than Toe Aung, and Thein Zaw Thiha.

Southeast Asian countries: Viet Nam, Thailand, Malaysia and Myanmar teams will compete in the tourney.

Group matches will be played on 5, 7 and 9 August, two games will be held per day, and the third match and the final will be held on 11 August. According to the format of the tournament, the two teams with the most points will play in the finals, and the teams ranked 3rd and 4th will play in the third place match.

According to the fixtures, Myanmar will take on Viet Nam and Malaysia will face the Thai team on 5 August.

Myanmar meets Thailand and Viet Nam will play against Malaysia on 7 August and Myanmar face Malaysia and Thailand meets Viet Nam on 9 August. —Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM