

Press Release

MYANMAR received the invitation from Cambodia, the current Chair of ASEAN, to the non-political representative from Myanmar to attend the 55th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting and Related Meetings from 31 July 2022 to 6 August 2022 in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Myanmar didn't participate in the 55th AMM and related meetings as it is obviously contradictory to Article 5 of the ASEAN Charter on "Rights and Obligations".

Myanmar accepted the ASEAN five-point consensus as a responsible member of ASEAN. When the ASEAN five-point consensus was discussed, Myanmar clearly stated that it will be undertaken based on evolving domestic situation of the country, the interest of the country, and the principles of the ASEAN Charter and ASEAN Way and ASEAN spirit. ASEAN should respect the right of every Member State to refrain from interference in the internal affairs of fellow member states, subversion and coercion. ASEAN should also respect Myanmar's efforts to manage its internal affairs in line with the State Constitution (2008), and the existing laws and regulations of one country.

The Ministry objects to the usage of a "lack of progress" on the implementation of the ASEAN five-point consensus stated in the paragraph on "Developments in Myanmar" in the Joint Communiqué of the 55th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting as it neglects Myanmar's efforts on its implementation.

Myanmar never fails in its endeavours to find peace and tranquillity in the country while closely and constructively cooperating with the special envoy of the current ASEAN Chair in the implementation of the five-point consensus. Ongoing peace efforts led by the Chairman of the State Administration Council himself are notable progress. In order to achieve enduring peace for the entire nation, the Chairman of the State Administration Council met with leaders of ten Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs), and the Peace Negotiation Committee met with EAOs, political parties and peace-seeking organizations 75 times and had a frank discussion with them to achieve peace across the country.

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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 Peace Talks Team meets SSPP delegation

THE State Peace Talks Team held a meeting with representatives from the Shan State Progress Party-SSPP at the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Centre's meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Union Minister at the Union Government Office (1) Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, who is also a member of the State Administration Council, Chairman of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee Leader of the State Peace Talks Team, SAC member Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, Lt-Gen Min Naung, the secretary of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee, and Vice-Chairman (1) Sao Khur Tai, Vice-Chairman (2) Sao Khun Seng and Central Committee member Sao Naw Leik from SSPP took part in the meeting.

At the meeting, Peace Talks Team Leader Lt-Gen Yar Pyae



The State Peace Talks Team holds the meeting with the peace delegation of the Shan State Progress Party-SSPP in Nay Pyi Taw on 5 August 2022.

and SSPP Vice-Chairman (1) speeches and the attendees discussed peace and development affairs. The second-day meeting will be continued on 6 August, it is learnt.—MNA

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Order No 44/2022
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5 August 2022

Appointment and Duty-Assignment of
Union Minister

THE State Administration Council has appointed and assigned
U Myo Myint Oo to the duties of Union Minister for Energy
under Section 419 of the Constitution.

By order,
Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary

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.

Ministry of Health
25-7-2022

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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ASEAN Youth Debate 2022 held online



Team Myanmar compete in the ASEAN Youth Debate 2022 online.

CAMBODIA hosted the ASEAN Youth Debate 2022 and the First Elimination Round was organized online yesterday. Myanmar youths participated in the competition, and the director-general and officials of the Youth Affairs Department under the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs joined the event. The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of Cambodia

held it for the first time under the topic of Addressing Challenges Together: ACT aiming to develop young people with research skills, in-depth thinking and public speaking, as well as raise awareness of ASEAN values and identities, among young people.

The Cambodian candidates competed under the title “This house believes that improving healthcare outcomes promotes higher labour productivity for women”, while the Viet Nam team “This house believes that the discrimination against women in workplaces is the major source of income inequality”, Indonesian team “This house believes that ASEAN can achieve a common educational quality standard and assurance”, and three teams of 19 Myanmar young representatives of

the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Labour and the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement opposed their motions.

A total of 20 teams representing eight ASEAN countries participated in the First Elimination Round on 4 and 5 August.

After the first round, 10 teams were selected and Myanmar’s Team (2) will have to compete with the Indonesian Team in the second round.

The Second Elimination Round will be on 21 August and the quarter-finals will be on 4 September and the semi-finals on 18 September. The final round will be on 12 October and the award-giving ceremony will be on 13 October in Phnom Penh. — MNA

Tatmadaw is also steering and monitoring to be straightforward on building the Union Republic rooted in democracy and federal system having peace and tranquillity

HAVING duty consciousness among the country and people, loyalty and a variety of selfless performances with a spirit of goodwill by Tatmadaw have been witnessed in the past. Currently, Tatmadaw is also steering and monitoring to be straightforward on building the Union Republic rooted in democracy and federal system having peace and tranquillity, and community development. I would like to highlight that every effort partaken by Tatmadaw tend to be beneficial for our motherland and ethnic people, and Tatmadaw also performs the tasks with a spirit of goodwill to be able to stand rigidly as a country among the world.

(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)

Press Release

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The Government has always been providing timely information on the terrorist activities of NUG and PDF and the loss of innocent lives and damages caused by those activities despite the government’s all-out efforts for peace in every corner of the country.

If ASEAN member States and external partners genuinely wish to help Myanmar in restoring normalcy, they should not encourage engaging with terrorist groups such as NUG and PDF and should avoid any actions that could encourage terrorism.

The provision of Humanitarian Assistance through the AHA Centre is another tangible progress made under the five-point consensus. While giving special consideration to the safety and security of humanitarian personnel, the Myanmar government will continue facilitating the delivery of broader humanitarian assistance to the people in an equitable and non-discriminatory manner.

Therefore, ASEAN should avoid any one-sided assessment of the implementation of the five-point consensus. Progress of implementation of the ASEAN five-point consensus should be assessed in an objective and fair manner based on the factual updates and situations on the ground.

The Ministry strongly objects to and rejects the Joint Statement issued by the AICHR representatives of Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Singapore and some ASEAN member states’ expression of their concerns on the execution of four criminals as they are incorrectly referred to them as “political activists”.

Those criminals are executed not because of being democracy activists but because they are found guilty of masterminding, inciting, supporting, arming and committing terrorist activities which caused tremendous loss of innocent lives. It is inappropriate to express those four criminals as “political activists”. Myanmar already explained and sent letters to the Chair and other ASEAN member states about the terrorist activities of those four criminals along with actual facts and data.

Myanmar will continue to implement its Five-Point Future Plan and will also constructively cooperate with ASEAN while adhering to the important principles enshrined in the ASEAN Charter and in line with ASEAN practices. Myanmar will continue facilitating and cooperating with the special envoy of the current ASEAN Chair in the implementation of the ASEAN five-point consensus by Myanmar-owned and Myanmar-led process without compromising its national sovereignty.

Myanmar believes that ASEAN can maintain its unity and centrality in the long-term only if all ASEAN member states respect the provisions and basic principles of the ASEAN Charter, especially equality, inclusiveness, sovereignty and non-interference in the internal affairs of ASEAN Member States.

Therefore, Myanmar rejects and dissociates the paragraph on “Developments in Myanmar” in the Joint Communiqué of the 55th ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ Meeting.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw
Date, 5 August 2022

CBM issues new reference exchange rate at K2,100 per US dollar

THE Central Bank of Myanmar has set the reference exchange rate at K1,850 per US dollar. Currently, the CBM issued a press release that it will change the new reference exchange rate to K2,100 per US dollar, which will be effective on 8 August 2022, it is learnt. — GNLM

12 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 5 August, total figure rises to 614,170

MYANMAR’S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 614,170 after 12 new cases were reported on 5 August 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, 592,970 have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll reached 19,434 without more casualties.—MNA

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Central Bank of Myanmar Notification No 36/2022 Nay Pyi Taw 9th Waxing of Wagaung 1384 ME 5 August 2022

1. The Central Bank of Myanmar hereby issued this notification by exercising the authority entrusted under Sub-section (b) of Section 49 of the Foreign Exchange Management Law.
2. The Central Bank of Myanmar issued Notification No 12/2022 dated 3 April 2022 related to earnings of foreign exchange of those who reside in the country receiving from abroad and remittance of the foreign exchange abroad.
3. Exporters have to exchange 65 per cent of incomes obtained from exportation with Myanmar kyat in line with the prescribed directives from Paragraph 2 mentioned in Notification No 12/2022 of the Central Bank of Myanmar.
4. This notification must be effective as of the issuance date.
5. If anyone does not follow this notification, they will face action to be taken under the Foreign Exchange Management Law.

Than Nyein
Governor

Myanmar teams win four golds, six silvers, eight bronzes in 11th ASEAN Para Games

THE Myanmar Paralympic Team, which is competing in the 11th ASEAN Para Games hosted by Indonesia, won three gold medals, four silver medals, and six bronze medals in athletics, one gold medal and one bronze medal in swimming, two silvers in weightlifting, and one bronze in archery, respectively.

The Myanmar sports team competed in the athletics competition held at the Manahan Stadium, the swimming competition held at the Jatidiri swimming pool, the weightlifting competition held at the Solo Paragon Hotel and the archery competition held at the Kota Barat Stadium.

Soe Pei won one gold medal and Kyaw Kyaw Win won the bronze medal in the men's 200-metre race, and Thet Htoo Aung won a bronze in the men's



Members of Team Myanmar are seen with medals during the 11th ASEAN Para Games being held in Indonesia.

800-metre race.	Aung Phone Myat won one gold medal in the men's shotput competition, and one silver medal in the men's 400-metre relay race.	Nanda Lin won one silver medal in the women's 100-metre race, and one bronze in the 400-metre race.
Zaw Min Lwin won one gold and one silver in men's shotput and discus events.		

Laura Win won one silver medal in the women's long jump, and Htet Htet Aye won the bronze medal in the women's javelin competition.

Soe Than won bronze in the men's high jump competition, and Aung Tun Lin won bronze in the men's discus competition.

Nanda Soe Min won one gold medal in the men's 100-metre backstroke. Officials presented awards to the athletes who have won medals in the competition.

Team Myanmar is participating in athletics, archery, goal ball, swimming, football, sitting volleyball and weightlifting competitions.

To date, the Myanmar sports team have won a total of 35 medals including 13 golds, nine silvers and 13 bronzes. — Bala Soe/ GNLM

Five Myanmar's export beans hit three-year high

ON 4 August, the black bean FAQ/RC was priced at K1,645,500 per tonne in the Yangon market while K1,905,500 per tonne of SQ/RC and K1,580,000 per tonne of pigeon pea. The price of mung bean (Pakokku) was K2,550-K2,850 per tonne, Kayan Shwewah (special) at K2,665-2,750 and chickpea at K3,450-3,500.

The black bean price does not change and the pigeon pea price rises to K80,000 per tonne within one week.

On 4 August 2021, the black bean FAQ/RC was K1,245,000 per tonne while K1,460,000 per tonne of SQ/RC, K1,175,000 per tonne of pigeon pea Red/RC. The price of mung bean (Pakokku)

was K1,615-K1,735 per viss while mung bean (Kayan Shwewah) at K2,080-K2,170 and chickpea at K2,200-K2,250.

On 4 August 2020, the black bean FAQ/RC was K948,000 per tonne while K1,078,000 per tonne of SQ/RC, and K805,000 per tonne of pigeon pea Red/RC. The price of mung bean (Pakokku)

was K1,865-K1,920 per viss while mung bean (Kayan Shwewah) at K2,100-K2,170 and chickpea at K1,700-K1,800.

On 4 August 2022, the prices of black bean, pigeon pea, mung bean and chickpea are drastically higher compared to the same period of the last two years. The export of black bean, pigeon pea, mung bean and chickpea fetch good prices and the bean farmers reap good profits and the country also earns foreign income.

higher than in 2021 and K1 million than in 2020.

The country grows 19 types of beans and pulses on 11 million acres of land with 66 per cent of black bean, pigeon pea and mung bean plantations. In the 2016-2017FY, the country exported one million tonnes of black bean, pigeon pea and mung bean (over \$700 million). About 77 per cent of beans and pulses exported are black beans and shipped to India.

Ninety per cent of pigeon pea export and eight per cent of mung beans are also exported to India. During over 30 years of Myanmar-India bean trade, the country received a quota of 250,000 tonnes of black bean export and 100,000 tonnes of pigeon pea in five years (2021-2026).

As the country can export beans to the Indian market in five years, so the local bean farmers can get higher bean prices.— TWA/GNLM



A black bean plantation.

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Peanut oil, sesame oil, sunflower oil prices on the rise

AS the peanut, sesame and sunflower prices are high in the market and the prices of peanut oil, sesame oil and sunflower oil are also on the rise in early August.

In July, the peanut oil price was K9,000-K9,500 per viss while K8,000-K8,500 per viss of sesame oil, K7,500-K8,000 per viss of sunflower and K7,000-K7,200 per viss of soybean oil. On 5 August, the peanut oil price was K11,000-K12,000 per viss while K9,000-K9,500 per viss of sesame oil, K9,000-K9,500 per viss of sunflower oil and K7,000-K7,200 per viss of soybean oil, according to the data of the Mandalay NGO. In the local market, the peanut oil is priced at K10,000-K11,000 per viss and the sesame oil at K8,500-K9,000 per viss.

In the Mandalay market, the peanut price was K5,500-K5,600 per viss of S1 seed, K5,200-5,300 per viss of S1 seed on 30 July and the S1 seed was K6,050-K6,150 per viss and S1



Various oil brands sold in the market.

seed K5,700-K5,900 per viss on 5 August.

Similarly, the sesame price was K4,000 per viss and reached K4,400 per viss on 5 August.

On 30 July, the sunflower price was K77,000 per basket and rose to K80,000 per basket on 5 August. One viss of peanut produces between 38 and 43 ticals of

oil after grinding while one viss of sesame produces about 40 ticals of oil. The peanut expeller cake was priced at K1,900 per viss and now K2,075-K2,100 while K1,300-K1,350 per viss of sesame expeller cake and K1,180 per viss of sunflower expeller cake.

During the new peanut season, the peanut demand is high

in the Mandalay market and so the price is high about K500 per viss, said an oil miller.

Similarly, the sesame demand in China is also high and sesame prices have also increased. If the sesame is ground and sold in the region that produces sesame, the sale rate is low and so it is sold to

the large-scale oil miller, said a small-scale miller.

In Myanmar, the individual oil consumption rate was two visses and 50 ticals in 1935, three visses and 80 ticals in 1975 and five visses and 60 ticals in 2012 and it reaches about eight visses in recent years, according to the data.

According to the official statement, the country grows 7.37 million acres of edible oil crops and produces 96.22 million baskets of edible oil crops. It exported 0.18 million tonnes of sesame worth \$236.33 million. In 2014, the export peanut price was \$1,629 per tonne, and \$1,844 per tonne of sesame and the imported palm oil price was \$759 per tonne. The prices of locally produced peanut and sesame prices were higher than the palm oil prices.

In the local and foreign oil market, the price gaps between palm oil and peanut oil, sunflower oil and sesame oil are still wide. — TWA/GNLM

MNA to fly Bodh Gaya, Dubai flights



One aircraft of the MNA fleet.

THE Myanmar National Airlines (MNA) will launch Bodh Gaya and Dubai flights in Oc-

tober, according to the MNA statement.

The MNA will fly Personal

Flight for pilgrims in the second week of October. It also arranges to operate Yangon-Dubai-Yangon Direct Flights on the arrival of one new Boeing aircraft. The MNA resumed its operations on 17 April and operated flights to China and South Korea.

Currently, it flies the Yangon-Singapore flight twice a day, the Yangon-Kuala Lumpur flight every Tuesday, the Yangon-Bangkok flight twice a day, the Yangon-Kunming flight every Monday and the Yangon-Incheon flight every other Friday. — TWA/GNLM

Temporary power outages in 9 townships in southern, northern districts of Yangon

TREES and branches touching 33kV power cables connecting to southern and northern districts of Yangon will be cut and so there will be temporary power shortages in nine townships on 6 and 7 August, according to the statement of the Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation (YESC).

On 6 August, tree branches around the 33kV Kanaung-Khanaungto power lines and 33kV Hline-thaya-Kungyangon power lines connecting to the south-

ern district of Yangon will be cut between 11 am and 2 pm.

During the operation, temporary power cuts will affect Dala, Seikkyi Khanaungto, Twantay, Kawhmu, Kungyangon, Latkhokgon, Kyaikhtaw, Ayeywa and Hlinethaya.

On 7 August, tree branches touching the 33kV Hlawka (Ba+Bb) cables connecting to the northern district will be removed from 9 am to 12 pm and so there will be temporary power outages in Insein, Mingaladon and Shwepyitha townships. — TWA/GNLM



YESC was removing trees and branches touching power cables in Hline Township of Yangon Region in 2021.

92 Ron price drops to K1,680 per litre

THE fuel prices were high again recently and the 92 Ron price dropped to K1,680 per litre, according to the reference prices of the Supervisory Committee on Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil.

The 92 Ron price declined by K1,680 per litre in Yangon and K1,690 per litre in Bago while K1,700 per litre in Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw, Magway, Dawei, Monywa, Pathein, Hpa-an, Mawlamy-

ine, Lashio, Taunggyi and Loi-kaw for transportation charges. It was over K1,800 in Myitkyina, Sittway and Haka and K2,695 in Kengtung.

According to the wholesale prices of the committee released yesterday, the 92 Ron was K1,680 per litre in Yangon while K1,740 per litre of 95 Ron, K2,030 per litre of HSD (500 ppm), and the retail prices of HSD (50 ppm) and HSD

(10ppm) were K2,090 per litre.

The committee set the prices based on MOPS and the consumers can report to the committee if they are not satisfied with the prices.

The reference wholesale prices of the committee in Yangon were K1,592 per litre of 92 Ron, K1,648 per litre of 95 Ron, K1,932 per litre of HSD (500 ppm) and K1,988 per litre of HSD (10 ppm). — TWA/GNLM

LOCAL BUSINESS

Domestic fuel price decreases by around K100 per litre

THE domestic fuel prices fell back to K1,700 per litre of Octane 92, according to the fuel oil market.

On 1 August, oil prices stood at K1,820 per litre for Octane 92, K1,890 for Octane 95, K2,195 for premium diesel and K2,135 for diesel. The prices slid to K1,680 for Octane 92, K1,740 for Octane 95, K2,090 for premium diesel and K2,030 for diesel on 5 August.

The figure shows a decrease of K100 per litre within four days.

The price decline is followed by the price set by Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS), the pricing basis for many refined products in Southeast Asia. Singapore MOPS price has rolled back for now.

The Supervisory Committee on Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil is governing the fuel storage and distribution sector effectively not to have a shortage of oil in the domestic market and ensuring price stability for energy consumers.



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The Petroleum Products Supervision and Inspection Department, under the guidance of the committee, is issuing the daily reference rate for oil to offer a reasonable price to energy consumers.

The reference rate in Yangon Region is set on the MOPS' price assessment, shipping cost, premium insurance, tax, other general cost and health profit per cent.

The rates for regions and

states other than Yangon are evaluated after adding the transportation cost and the retail reference rates daily cover on the state-run newspapers and are posted on the media and official website and

Facebook page of the department on a daily basis starting from 4 May.

As per the statement, 90 per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally. The domestic fuel price is highly correlated with international prices. The State is steering the market to mitigate the loss between the importers, sellers and energy consumers. Consequently, the government is trying to distribute the oil at a reasonable price compared to those of regional countries.

Some countries levied higher tax rates and hiked oil prices compared to Myanmar. However, Malaysia's oil sector receives government subsidies and the prices are about 60 per cent cheaper than that of Myanmar. Every country lays down different patterns of policy to fix the oil prices. Myanmar also poses only a lower tax rate on fuel oil and arranges for energy consumers to buy the oil at a cheaper rate. — NN/GNLM

Stock trading slightly rises in July 2022



The stock trading value of seven listed companies on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) amounted to K246.9 million with 72,843 shares in July, the Yangon Stock Exchange's monthly price data indicated.

THE equity market sees a small increase in trading in July as compared to the trading in June 2022, the Yangon Stock Exchange's monthly price data indicated.

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monthly price data indicated.

Trading of 61,435 shares valued at K282 million was recorded on the exchange in January 2022 and the trading volume rose to 80,291 shares

in February, with an estimated value of K414.9 million. A total of 52,408 shares with an estimated value of K233.634 million were traded on the exchange in March. The trading value slightly rose to K276 million with 53,059 shares traded on the exchange in April. The equity market saw K314 million worth of 55,024 shares traded in May and K200.63 million worth of 40,062 shares in June, according to the monthly report of the YSX.

At present, shares of seven listed companies — First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co. Ltd (TMH), the Ever Flow River Group Public Co., Ltd (EFR) and Amata Holding Public Co., Ltd. (AMATA) — were traded in the equity market. The share prices per unit were closed at K7,100 for FMI, K2,500 for MTSH, K6,900 for MCB, K18,000 for FPB, K2,450 for TMH, K2,450 for EFR and K5,000 for AMATA, respectively in July.

Regardless of the collapse of the stock markets worldwide, the local equities market has been able to continue operating without stopping trading.

Additionally, YSX launched a pre-listing board (PLB) on 28 September 2020 in order to provide unlisted public companies with fund-raising opportunities and build a bridge toward listing on YSX.

Next, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Myanmar (SECM) has allowed foreigners to invest in the local equity market since 20 March 2020.

The YSX was launched four years ago to improve the private business sector. It disseminates rules and regulations regarding the stock exchange and knowledge of share trading through stock investment webinars and training courses.

Those enthusiastic can also join the YSX Telegram channel to get easy access to daily stock market updates, event info, market research and investor learning tips. — KK/GNLM

US exports hit new record in June, lowering trade deficit

AMERICAN exports set another record in June, narrowing the US trade gap for the third consecutive month, according to official data Thursday.

Goods and services exports rose by \$4.3 billion last month to \$260.8 billion, topping the prior record set in May, while imports fell by \$1 billion, the Commerce Department reported.

That trimmed the US trade deficit by 6.2 per cent to \$79.6 billion, the data showed.

Sales of US goods abroad were boosted by gold, natural gas, aircraft, and foods and feeds.

Petroleum exports were the highest on record at \$29.1 billion, but petroleum imports also hit an all-time high of \$27.8 billion,

the report said.

Services exports, including travel and transport, rose slightly hitting a new peak.

Meanwhile, imports of autos and parts fell sharply.

The US trade gap with China rebounded after narrowing in May, rising \$4.7 billion to a new record of \$36.9 billion on a surge in imports after dipping the prior month, the report said. That was the highest in nearly three years.

Companies in recent months rushed to replenish depleted inventories amid strong demand from American shoppers, but sky-high inflation has raised concerns that consumers will pull back causing firms to become more cautious.—AFP

Alibaba quarterly revenue flat for first time ever in June



Alibaba has seen its market value plummet after Beijing launched a sweeping crackdown in 2020. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

CHINESE e-commerce giant Alibaba reported flat revenue growth on Thursday for the first time ever, as the country grappled with an economic slowdown and Covid-19 resurgences kept consumers jittery.

Alibaba's performance is widely seen as a gauge of Chinese consumer sentiment, given its market dominance, and its revenue growth has slowed

markedly over the past year.

Revenue came in at 205.6 billion yuan (\$30.7 billion) in the April-June quarter, beating analyst expectations despite being slightly below the same period last year, following a decline in the company's China commerce segment revenue, Alibaba said.

The company has been grappling with growing competition and economic fallout

from strict Covid restrictions that have battered consumer sentiment, pushed the unemployment rate up and tangled supply chains.

"Following a relatively slow April and May, we saw signs of recovery across our businesses in June," said Alibaba Group's chairman and chief executive Daniel Zhang in a statement.

"Despite the soft economic conditions, we managed to deliver stable revenues and narrowed losses in several strategic businesses by improving operating efficiency," he added in an earnings call.

The company's revenue growth was flat "primarily due to a decline in China commerce segment revenue" although this was offset by growth in the cloud segment, Alibaba said.

Many parts of China have faced harsh lockdowns in recent months, as officials struggled to stamp out the Omicron variant under the country's zero-Covid policy.—AFP

Apple accused of mishandling sex misconduct complaints: report



Apple was accused by current and former female workers of mishandling sex misconduct allegations, the Financial Times reports. **PHOTO: AFP**

OVER a dozen women accused Apple of mishandling sexual misconduct claims they lodged while working for the iPhone maker, according to a Financial Times report out Thursday.

The 15 current and former employees of the Silicon Valley giant reported either being retaliated against or getting a disappointing or counterproductive response from the company.

Apple did not immediately reply to a request for comment, but told the newspaper it works hard to investigate misconduct complaints and added it would make changes to its training processes.

Sexual harassment or discrimination scandals have rocked Silicon Valley in the wake of the #MeToo movement, which spurred action over the

tech industry's male-dominated culture, attitudes and behaviour.

One of the women cited in the story, Megan Mohr, was inspired by #metoo to report to Apple in 2018 that a male colleague had removed her shirt and bra and photographed her after a night out drinking together while Mohr briefly fell asleep.

After speaking with human resources about her claim, the company noted the worker's conduct was potentially criminal but didn't violate any policy in the context of his work at Apple, the story reported.

She quit her job in January, after 14 years at the firm, and is now asking the company to take a hard look at its policies, the report went on to say. The women interviewed for the story make up a fraction of the some 165,000 people the firm employs globally.

Another woman cited in the story, Jayna Whitt, penned a blog post in which she said a romantic relationship with a fellow Apple attorney had gone bad and become dangerous.—AFP

ING profits hit by Türkiye's hyper-inflation

DUTCH banking giant ING reported on Thursday a 20-per-cent drop in net profit in the second quarter, hit by soaring inflation in Türkiye and concerns about the global economy.

ING booked a profit of 1.18 billion euros (\$1.2 billion) in the three-month period ending in June.

"The backdrop to ING's performance in the second quarter of 2022 was one of ongoing geopolitical uncertainty and pressure on the global economy," ING chief executive Steven van Rijswijk said in a statement.

"Despite these difficult operating conditions, I'm pleased with our results," he said, pointing to

growth in ING's primary customer base and a rise in loans and deposits.

Revenue rose 3.7 per cent to 4.7 billion euros.

ING's net profit took a 277-million-euro hit from Türkiye's hyper-inflation, which is close to 80 per cent.

The bank's profits were slashed by more than half in the first quarter, when results were affected by Russia's war in Ukraine, but ING said its "risk costs were significantly lower" in the second quarter.

ING said it had reduced its exposure to Russia and the amount of money set aside for potential losses had been cut by 117 million euros.—AFP

Conserve mangrove forests to benefit the socio-economy of locals

MYANMAR is endowed with the seventh largest mangrove forests in the world and the third one in Asia along its coastal areas. Conservation of mangrove forests is crucial for the nation as part of fencing against natural disasters, especially flooding.

In fact, mangrove forests are invaluable. An emphasis should be placed on re-growing mangrove plants in the places of damaged plants as nurturing the mangrove forests for long-term existence. Mangrove plants are thriving on the islands and along the coastal lines from the Naf River of Rakhine State to Bayintnaung Cape in Kawthoung in Taninthayi Region.

However, some areas of mangrove forests are facing damage and loss of plants for the extreme extraction of firewood and logs to be baked into charcoal. Some people clear the mangrove forests for re-claiming the shrimp farms, fish farms, salt fields and other land utilization. It is because they don't have a wider knowledge about mangrove forests and they prioritize their interests for doing business.

Actually, mangrove forests are useful for humans. They are a great natural shield in preventing natural disasters such as strong winds, storms, flooding and landslides. Moreover, local people can extract timber logs from mangrove forests under limitations every year, benefiting the local people by improvement of their socio-economic status.

Indeed, one hectare of mangrove forest can absorb 17 metric tons of carbon per year, lessening the impacts of global warming. These forests are discharging the duty of fences automatically hampering tidal waves and tsunamis as well as helping the silt of rivers and creeks. Mangrove forests are the best habitats for mangrove forest monkeys, reptiles, fish, shrimps and crabs. Hence, the depletion of mangrove forests will reflect the rareness of aquacultures such as fish, prawns and crabs relying on these forests in their habitats.

Mangrove forests thrive on 1,107,745 acres of land, occupying 3.9 per cent of the total forest coverage of the nation. Hence, the government is implementing the projects of nurturing the mangrove forests from 2019 to 2023 in order to ease climate change and improve the socio-economic status of the local people as a great gift for new generations.

Only when local people participate in the conservation of mangrove forests along Myanmar coastal lines and islands will the greening areas be extended to seaside areas so as to create proper habitats of fish and shrimp sources for ensuring the sufficiency of marine products and forest products for the local people.

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Significant terms and their meanings in international law and diplomacy

By U Khin Maung (A retired diplomat)

Introduction

First of all, please allow me to say that I am not a law expert. I am a law student, in the sense that I am still studying law, which is so wide a subject that one cannot study all and become a law expert. Learning, in fact, is a never-ending process. Well, while I was still serving as a public servant in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, I was entrusted to go on studying law and offer my legal opinion and advice. As such, my division staff and I made research on international law and diplomacy. And we collected all over research and presented our research and study in a booklet form. And the then Honourable Minister for Foreign Affairs appreciated and instructed us to make copies to circulate it to the whole ministry. Thus, it was a booklet of "Significant terms and their meanings in international law and diplomacy. In this paper, may I reproduce it and present it as a series of articles. Now, series one is in alphabetical order.

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ab initio (Lat): (adv); in initio (Lat): (adv)

Ab initio means "from the beginning" (an act beyond one's legal competence is void *ab initio*); in legal writing, it is used commonly in the phrase void *ab initio*.

In initio means "in the beginning"

ab intra (ab in'tre) (Lat): (adv)
Ab intra means "from within" [Latin *ab intra*: *ab*, from + *intra*, within]

accession: (n)
Accession is a noun of the verb "accede" meaning to agree or consent, or to enter a treaty or accord.

The absolute or conditional acceptance by one or several nations of a treaty already concluded between other sovereign states.

accord: (n); concord: (n); concordat: (n)
Each means an amicable arrangement between parties, especially between peoples or nations;



International law consists of rules and principles governing the relations and dealings of nations with each other, as well as the relations between states and individuals, and relations between international organizations.

PHOTO: REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSE/FREEPIK

compact; treaty.

Accord means a treaty of peace signed between two or more states.

Accord is the less formal word and the more frequently used one today.

Concord is a formal word

meaning "an amicable arrangement between parties, especially between peoples or nations; compact; treaty".

Concordat is an agreement between church and state. It has been used additionally as a variant of concord, but it is to be avoided in that sense.

accredit: (vt)

Accredit is to supply with credentials or authority; authorize. It also means appointing an ambassador to a foreign government.

Accredited is a word meaning officially given the authority to represent a government in another country.

[French *accréditer*: *a-*, to (from Latin *ad-*)]

act of God: (n); force majeure (Fr): (n); vis major (Lat): (n)

Act of God is a common English phrase used in legal writing referring usually to the destruction caused by forces of nature-like storm, earthquake, tornado, flood, lightning or forest fire due to natural causes, or which either the arrival or the force, could not have been foreseen or guarded against.

Force majeure is a French equivalent and means literally "a superior force" denoting an event or effect that can be neither anticipated nor controlled.

Vis major is Latin equivalent.

acquiesce (Lat): (vi)

Acquiesce means to consent or comply passively or without protest. It is the indication of agreement or consent by permitting things to be done or claims to be made without objection.

[Latin *acquiescere*: *ad-*, *ad-* + *quiescere*, to rest (from *quies*, rest)]

Usage Note: When acquiesce

takes a preposition, it is usually used with "in" (acquiesced in the ruling) but sometimes with to (acquiesced to her parent's wishes).

ad hoc (Lat): (adj & adv)

Ad hoc is a term meaning "for the specific purpose, for the specific case, for the specific situation at hand": e.g., *ad hoc* committee to address the issue of salaries; an *ad hoc* compensation committee. [Latin *ad* = to + *hoc* = this]

ad infinitum (Lat): (adj & adv)

Ad infinitum means "to infinity: having no end"

[Latin *ad*, to + *infinitum*, accusative of *infinitus*, infinite]

adherence: (n); adhesion: (n)

Both words derive from the verb "adhere".

Adherence used in legal contexts can be seen from this example: "There are also authorities to the contrary and we might mention of a retreat by the Supreme Court of Myanmar from adherence to the rule.

Adhesion in legal terminology is used to refer to a standard

printed contract prepared by one party, to be signed by the party in a weaker position, usually a consumer, who has little choice about the terms of the contract.

It is also used when a government enters into some but not all of the provisions of a treaty already existing between two other governments. Adhesion is the term to describe the third government's entrance into the treaty. By the term adhesion, it is meant that the third nation becomes a party only to such parts as are specifically agreed to.

By the term accession, however, it is meant that the third nation is bound by the whole treaty.

ad interim (Lat): (adv)

Ad interim means "in or for the meantime; temporarily". E.g., An officer *ad interim* is one appointed to fill a temporary vacancy or to discharge the duties of the office during the absence or temporary incapacity of its regular incumbent.

[Latin *ad*, to, for + *interim*, the meantime]

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Long Covid symptoms affect one in eight, study suggests

ONE in eight people who get coronavirus develop at least one symptom of long Covid, one of the most comprehensive studies on the condition to date suggested on Thursday.

With more than half a billion coronavirus cases recorded worldwide since the start of the pandemic, there has been rising concern about the lasting symptoms seen in people with long Covid.

However almost none of the existing research has compared long Covid sufferers with people who have never been infected, making it possible that some of the health problems were not caused

by the virus.

A new study published in The Lancet journal asked more than 76,400 adults in the Netherlands to fill out an online questionnaire on 23 common long Covid symptoms.

Between March 2020 and August 2021, each participant filled out the questionnaire 24 times.

During that period, more than 4,200 of them — 5.5 per cent — reported catching Covid.

Of those with Covid, over 21 per cent had at least one new or severely increased symptom three to five months after becoming infected.

However nearly nine per cent

of a control group which did not have Covid reported a similar increase.

This suggested that 12.7 per cent of those who had Covid — around one in eight — suffered from long-term symptoms, the study said.

The research also recorded symptoms before and after Covid infection, allowing the researchers to further pinpoint exactly what was related to the virus.

It found that common long Covid symptoms include chest pain, breathing difficulties, muscle pain, loss of taste and smell, and general fatigue.

'Major advance'

One of the study's authors, Aranka Ballering of the Dutch University of Groningen, said long Covid was "an urgent problem with a mounting human toll".

"By looking at symptoms in an uninfected control group and in individuals both before and after SARS-CoV-2 infection, we were able to account for symptoms which may have been a result of non-infectious disease health aspects of the pandemic, such as stress caused by restrictions and uncertainty," she said.

The authors of the study said its limitations included that it did

not cover later variants, such as Delta or Omicron, and did not collect information about some symptoms such as brain fog, which have since been considered a common sign of long Covid.

Another study author, Judith Rosmalen, said "future research should include mental health symptoms" such as depression and anxiety, as well as aspects like brain fog, insomnia and a feeling of malaise after even minor exertion.

Christopher Brightling and Rachael Evans, experts from Britain's Leicester University who were not involved in the study, said it was "a major ad-



One in eight people who contract coronavirus develop at least one symptom of long Covid, a new study suggests. PHOTO: REMKO DE WAAL ANP/AFP/FILE

vance" on previous long Covid research because it had an uninfected control group.

"Encouragingly, emerging

data from other studies" suggests there is a lower rate of long Covid in people who have been vaccinated or infected with the

Omicron variant, they said in a linked Lancet comment.

SOURCE: AFP

SCI/ENVIRON WORLD

South Korea's first lunar orbiter launched by SpaceX



People in a railway station in Seoul watch a television screen showing a SpaceX Falcon 9 rocket launching with South Korea's first lunar orbiter Danuri onboard from Cape Canaveral in Florida. **PHOTO: AFP**

SOUTH Korea's first lunar orbiter successfully launched on a year-long mission to observe the Moon, Seoul said Friday, with the payload including a new disruption-tolerant network for sending data from space.

Danuri -- a portmanteau of the Korean words for "Moon" and "enjoy" -- was on a Falcon 9 rocket launched from Cape

Canaveral in Florida by Elon Musk's aerospace company SpaceX. It aims to reach the Moon by mid-December.

"South Korea's first lunar orbiter 'Danuri' left for space at 8:08 am on 5 August 2022," Seoul's science ministry said in a tweet, sharing a video of the rocket blasting off trailing a huge column of smoke and flames.

Danuri "successfully entered orbit towards the moon", Seoul's vice-science minister Oh Tae-seok told reporters later Friday, saying that researchers were already communicating with Danuri through NASA's deep-space antenna in Canberra, Australia.

"Analysis of the received satellite information confirmed that Danuri's solar panel was properly unfolded to start power generation," he said, adding everything appeared to be going smoothly.

Danuri will use six different instruments, including a highly sensitive camera provided by NASA, to conduct research, including investigating the lunar surface to identify potential landing sites.

One of the instruments will evaluate disruption-tolerant, network-based space communications, which, according to South Korea's science ministry, is a world first.—AFP

Ending rhino poaching in Namibia calls for concerted efforts: spokesperson

RHINO poachers in Namibia have shifted focus from national parks to custodianship and private farms with both black and white rhinos being the target, an official said Thursday.

Namibia's Ministry of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism (MEFT) has recorded 33 rhinos poached since the start of the year, of which 24 were black rhinos and nine were white rhinos,

said MEFT spokesperson Romeo Muyunda in a statement.

This year's poaching cases include nine black rhinos poached on custodianship farms, 15 black in the Etosha National Park, and another nine white rhinos on private farms, he said, stressing that poaching in national parks has slightly decreased due to strengthened wildlife protection strategies.

Namibia recorded 44 rhinos poached in 2021, 42 in 2020, 57 in 2019, 83 in 2018, and 55 in 2017.

According to Muyunda, the rhino poaching situation in the country is dynamic and the fight is far from over. "We remain committed to ensuring that poaching of rhinos is significantly reduced if not completely stopped. This, however, requires the involvement of all stakeholders including members of the public by rejecting poaching in our societies," he said. Muyunda said to strengthen rhino security and prevent further poaching, the ministry with its stakeholders is implementing strategies used in the country's national parks on custodianship farms and private farms. "This includes increased ground patrols, aerial patrols establishment or strengthening of existing anti-poaching units, the inclusion of MEFT and law enforcement agencies in intelligence gathering and law enforcement activities," he said.—Xinhua



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'Synthetic embryo' breakthrough but growing human organs far off

STEM cell scientists say they have created "synthetic embryos" without using sperm, eggs or fertilization for the first time, but the prospect of using such a technique to grow human organs for transplantation remains distant.

The breakthrough was hailed as a major step forward, though some experts said the result could not fully be considered to be embryos and warned of future ethical considerations.

In research published in the journal *Cell* this week, scientists at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel described mouse stem cells self-assembling into embryo-like structures in the lab.

The research built upon 2018 research that had a bundle of mouse stem cells self-organized into something resembling

the beginnings of an embryo — but with far fewer cells.

The Weizmann team led by Palestinian stem cell scientist Jacob Hanna went much further. They started by collecting cells from the skin of mice, then made them artificially return to the state of stem cells.

The stem cells were then placed in a special incubator, which continuously moved to mimic a mother's womb.

The vast majority of the cells failed to form anything.

But 50 — 0.5 per cent of the 10,000 total — collected themselves into spheres, then embryo-like structures, the researchers said.

After eight days — around a third of the 20-day mouse gestation period — there were early signs of a brain and a beating heart, they added.—AFP



The mouse stem cells are placed in a special incubator which moves to mimic a mother's womb. **PHOTO: AFP**

Australia backs law to speed carbon emission cuts

AUSTRALIA enshrined deeper cuts to carbon emissions in new legislation Thursday, aiming to shed its decade-long reputation as a fossil-fuel-addicted climate laggard.

Lawmakers in the lower house of parliament voted 89-55 in favour of a 43 per cent reduction in carbon emissions by 2030 from 2005 levels, on the path to reaching net zero emissions by 2050.

It is expected to go to the Senate for final approval in September.

Heavily reliant on coal for its electricity and one of the world's top exporters of fossil fuels, Australia's centre-left Labour Party government came to power in May promising swifter action to curb global warming.

Australians hit by increasingly ferocious bushfires and floods voted in large numbers for climate-aware candidates at the last election, helping to oust the previous conservative coalition government.—AFP

HEALTH/PANDEMIC WORLD

COVID-19 SITUATION UPDATE WORLDWIDE

North Korea says ‘all recovered’ after Covid outbreak

NORTH Korea reported zero fever cases Friday for a seventh straight day, state media said, adding that everyone who had fallen sick since the country confirmed its first Covid-19 infections had recovered.

The isolated country, which has maintained a rigid coronavirus blockade since the start of the pandemic, announced an Omicron outbreak in the capital Pyongyang in May and activated a “maximum emergency epidemic prevention system”.

State media have meticulously reported the official number of cases, deaths, treatments and recoveries every day since, with leader Kim Jong Un putting himself front and centre of the government’s response.

North Korea refers to “fever patients” rather than “Covid patients” in case reports, apparently due to a lack of testing capacity.

“No new fever cases were reported during the past week and all those receiving treatment have recovered across the country,” the official KCNA reported Friday.

“The overall anti-epidemic situation of the DPRK has entered a definite phase of stability,” the report added.

The country will continue to strengthen its monitoring of “new COVID-19 sub-variants and various diseases” and can still mobilise medical workers “in case of a crisis”, it added.

North Korea has recorded nearly 4.8 million infections since late April with just 74 deaths for an official fatality rate of 0.002 percent, KCNA has reported.—AFP

Children dance at Taesongsan Fun Fair in Pyongyang, Democratic People’s Republic of Korea, 1 June 2019. PHOTO: XINHUA/CHENG DAYU/FILE



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Australians still recovering from lingering pandemic loneliness: white paper

LOCKDOWNS, public health restrictions and isolations saw Australians’ chance for social connection fall off a cliff during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the ending of the majority of these measures the country still faces a surge in loneliness.

A white paper report was delivered to the Australian government on Thursday declaring Australia’s surge in loneliness a “public health emergency”. Loneliness researcher at Swinburne University and contributor on the report, Michelle Lim,

said urgent action was needed to address this looming crisis in an article published in the Conversation.

“People who have never felt the anguish of loneliness have experienced distressing loneliness for the first time in their lives due

to the implementation of public health recommendations and restrictions to curb the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus,” she said in the report. One 26-year-old Canberra resident, who asked not to be named, told Xinhua that after the pandemic she has found it

hard to spend time alone.

“I feel like now whenever I am not with people I will be transported back to that time (lockdowns),” she said. “When I caught COVID I was more worried about having to isolate than actually being sick.”—Xinhua

2022 MONKEYPOX OUTBREAK

US declares monkeypox a public health emergency



Health workers sit at a table at a pop-up monkeypox vaccination clinic which opened by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health at the West Hollywood Library on 3 August 2022, in West Hollywood, California. PHOTO: AFP/MARIO TAMA

THE United States on Thursday declared monkeypox a public health emergency, a move that

should free up new funds, assist in data gathering and allow the deployment of additional

personnel in the fight against the disease. “We’re prepared to take our response to the next level in addressing this virus, and we urge every American to take monkeypox seriously and to take responsibility to help us tackle this virus,” Health and Human Services secretary Xavier Becerra said in a call.

The declaration, which is initially effective for 90 days but can be renewed, came as nationwide cases topped 6,600 on Thursday, around a quarter of them from New York state.

Experts believe the real number could be much higher in the current outbreak since the symptoms can be subtle, including single lesions.—AFP

Bolivia sees 2 new monkeypox cases, steps up control measures

BOLIVIA’S Health and Sports Ministry on Thursday said two new cases of monkeypox were detected, raising the total cases to three and leading authorities to redouble efforts to control the spread of the virus.

“As of Wednesday night, two new cases of monkeypox were confirmed so to date there are three confirmed cases,” Maria Renee Castro, deputy minister of promotion, epidemiological surveillance and traditional medicine, told Xinhua.

The country’s first monkeypox case, involving a 38-year-old patient, was confirmed on Monday in Santa Cruz. The patient is

being treated by specialists and is in stable condition.

The new cases involve a 26-year-old Brazilian man and a 43-year-old Bolivian man who recently travelled to Brazil.

Authorities are testing people the patients came into contact with, said Castro, adding Bolivia has the capacity to diagnose and adequately control the disease to prevent its spread.

After the first suspected cases were reported at the end of May, the government took the necessary precautions to monitor and contain monkeypox, and to acquire the reagents needed to detect it, said Castro.—Xinhua

ECONOMY WORLD

India hikes interest rates to pre-pandemic level

INDIA'S central bank on Friday hiked interest rates for a third-consecutive time, as it contends with a widening trade deficit and weakening currency.

Asia's third-largest economy raised its key lending rate to 5.40 per cent — a level last seen in August 2019 — three months after kicking off a monetary tightening cycle in May. "Successive shocks to the global economy are taking their toll," the Reserve Bank of India's governor Shaktikanta

Das said in a televised address, pointing to surging inflation and lower global growth. "Disquietingly, globalization of inflation is coinciding with de-globalization of trade. The pandemic and the war have ignited tendencies towards greater fragmentation."

India bounced back strongly from the coronavirus pandemic with one of the world's fastest growth rates, but is now grappling with rising costs as commodity prices remain elevated.

The International Monetary Fund last week slashed India's growth outlook for the ongoing financial year ending March 2023 to 7.4 per cent from 8.2 per cent forecast in April. A broad dollar rally in recent months has contributed to the Indian rupee depreciating sharply to fall below

80, its lowest level against the greenback on record.

Das said the rupee has fared "much better" than other emerging market currencies and "moved in a relatively orderly fashion, depreciating 4.7 per cent against the US dollar" from 1 April.— AFP

Asia's third-largest economy raised its key lending rate to 5.40 per cent. Workers erecting scaffolding are reflected in the glass facade of a building 06 June 2000. **PHOTO: ARKO DATTA/AFP/FILE**



Eurozone consumers fear stagflation in new ECB survey



Consumers expect the economy to shrink by 1.3% over the next year. Photo shows a street market in Paris. **PHOTO: LUDOVIC MARIN / AFP**

CONSUMERS in the eurozone expect inflation to stay high and the economic growth to go into reverse over the next year, according to a new survey published by the European Central

Bank on Thursday.

The first issuance of the ECB's Consumer Expectations Survey (CES) for June showed widespread concern for the economic outlook, as Europe

navigates the fallout from the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

The monthly survey, which was carried out online among 14,000 people from the eurozone's six largest economies, would help the ECB pursue its price stability mandate by "improving the analytical basis" for its decision-making, the central bank said in a statement.

It would also improve the ECB's picture of households' "financial vulnerabilities" and any "challenges to financial stability".

At the end of July, the ECB raised its interest rates for the first time in over a decade as it looked to tackle record inflation driven by the soaring cost of energy.

Consumer prices rose at an 8.6 per cent pace in the eurozone in July, an all-time high and well above the ECB's own two per cent target.— AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Indonesia Q2 growth boosted by exports, easing Covid curbs

INDONESIA'S economic growth accelerated in the second quarter of 2022 despite global uncertainty, official data showed Friday, thanks to soaring commodity prices and easing Covid-19 restrictions. Southeast Asia's largest economy expanded 5.44 per cent on-year in April-June, slightly up from 5.01 per cent in the previous three months, the Central Statistics Agency said.

Exports, which account for a quarter of the country's gross domestic product, grew 19.74 per cent as prices for commodities were boosted after Russia's invasion of Ukraine. "The disruption of the global supply chain has led to the increase in prices of Indonesia's key commodities, resulting in a windfall to export performance," statistics agency head Margo Yuwono said.—AFP

Italy unveils 17-bln-euro aid package to combat inflation, drought

ITALIAN Prime Minister Mario Draghi on Thursday announced an aid package worth an estimated 17 billion euros (17.3 billion US dollars) to combat surging inflation and drought.

As head of a caretaker government, Draghi announced that the Council of Ministers had just approved the latest aid package at his first press briefing after his official resignation as prime minister on 21 July. He agreed to stay on as head of government in a caretaker role until a new government can be formed after a general election scheduled for 25 Sept.—Xinhua

Saudi Arabia records \$20 bn surplus after oil price surge

SAUDI Arabia said Thursday it had achieved a rare budget surplus of over \$20 billion in the second quarter of 2022, as oil revenues surged 90 per cent compared to a year ago.

Despite being among the world's top crude exporters and the largest Arab economy, Saudi Arabia has failed to balance its books since the 2014 oil price slump, forcing the Gulf state to

borrow to make up for shortfalls.

In the second quarter of 2022, Saudi Arabia earned more than it spent, with a surplus of 78 billion riyals (\$20.8 billion), the finance ministry said.

The surplus is largely due to oil revenues rising to more than 250 billion riyals, compared to around 132 billion during the same period in 2021, a jump of 89 per cent.

Saudi Arabia has benefited from both an economic bounce after restrictions imposed to tackle the Covid-19 pandemic were eased, and then again as oil prices surged following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

In December, Saudi Arabia approved its 2022 budget projecting a surplus for the first time since oil prices slumped in 2014.—AFP



Cranes unload containers from the deck of ships in the Jeddah Islamic Port. **PHOTO: ROSLAN RAHMAN/AFP/FILE**

German industrial orders slide in June

GERMAN industrial orders dipped in June, official figures published Thursday showed, as Europe’s largest economy faced the threat of a recession in the months to come.

New orders — which usually provide a foretaste of industrial output — fell by 0.4 per cent in June from the previous month, the federal statistics agency Destatis calculated.

The previous month’s reading was revised to show a drop of 0.2 per cent, having previously shown a small improvement. The switch meant Germany had now seen industrial orders drop for five consecutive months.—AFP



A VW ID 3 electric car being assembled. Most German companies reported problems procuring raw materials and components. PHOTO: JENS SCHLUETER / AFP

Lufthansa records first net profit since the start of the pandemic

LUFTHANSA said Thursday its freight operations propelled the German airline group to its first net profit since the start of the coronavirus pandemic.

Between April and June, Lufthansa recorded a net profit of 259 million euros (\$263 million), over one billion euros more than the same period last year and its first positive quarter since the end of 2019.

Lufthansa was “back in the black”, CEO Carsten Spohr said in a statement, describing the pandemic as “the most severe financial crisis in our history”.

The group — which includes Eurowings, Austrian, Swiss and Brussels Airlines — made huge net losses of 6.7 billion euros in 2020 and 2.2 billion euros in 2021 as the pandemic shut down large parts of the airline industry.

Lufthansa was saved from bankruptcy by a government bailout in June 2020.

The improved figures were lifted by a “record” result for Lufthansa Cargo, which has benefitted from high demand and “ongoing disruptions in ocean freight”. —AFP



An aircraft of the German airline company Lufthansa takes off from Tegel airport in Berlin. PHOTO: JOHN MACDOUGALL/AFP/FILE

US jury to decide if Twitter worker spied for Saudi royals

JURORS in a San Francisco court on Thursday began mulling the fate of a former Twitter worker accused of taking bribes from Saudi Arabia to help unmask its critics on the platform.

Prosecutors said Ahmad Abouammo sold Twitter user information for cash and an expensive watch some seven years ago, while his defence team contended that he did nothing more than accept gifts from free-spending Saudis for simply doing his client management job.—AFP

China’s advertisement industry logs robust growth in 2021

CHINA’S advertisement industry registered rapid expansion in 2021, data from the State Administration for Market Regulation shows. The combined business revenues of major companies and public institutions in the sector surged 20 per cent year on year to approximately 1.18 trillion yuan (about 174 billion US dollars) last year, exceeding 1 trillion yuan for the first time, according to the administration.

The index measuring the development of China’s advertisement industry came in at 110.85, up 7.36 per cent from the previous year, according to a report jointly released by the administration and the China Economic Information Service.

Online advertisements have taken a dominant position in China’s advertisement market, with revenues increasing year by year. They have offered strong impetus in creating new markets and consumption forms, the data shows.—Xinhua

Notice Inviting Objection To Change of Distributor

FMC Corporation USA holds the registration of the following pesticide granted by the Pesticide Registration Board of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

No.	Trade Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1	Ammate®	Indoxacarb 150 g/L EC	P2017-3341

Notice is hereby given that the official distributor of FMC Corporation for above pesticide is changing to Min Mahaw Co., Ltd. from Y Agro Solution Company Limited now. Min Mahaw Co., Ltd. invites objections to Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, Yangon from all parties within a period of fourteen (14) days from the publication of this notice, with copies of such documents and other proofs in support of their objections. If no objections are received within the period prescribed above, parties mentioned above shall proceed with the completion of formalities recorded with the Pesticide Registration Board.

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Consignees of cargo carried on **TUG;NAUTILLUS BG;SINGA BESAR 2801 V.(22/07-01MM)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **5-8-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **TMIT** 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.

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Extra Diet session ends with state funeral for ex-PM Abe unaddressed

AN extraordinary Diet session ended Friday without any debate over a controversial plan to hold a state funeral for slain former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, while other key issues such as rising energy and food prices also went unaddressed.

The three-day session was held to deal with procedural matters following the House of Councillors election on 10 July. Debates on issues, such as whether it is appropriate to hold a state funeral for the assassinated former leader, were expected to happen when parliamentary committee sessions were closed.

Hidehisa Otsuji, who was elected upper house president on Wednesday, and House of Representatives Speaker Hiroyuki Hosoda read out condolence messages for Abe, who was prime minister for more than eight years, as is customary for house speakers at a plenary session upon the death of an incum-



House of Representatives members leave the chamber in Tokyo as Japan's extraordinary Diet session ends on 5 Aug 2022. **PHOTO: KYODO**

bent Diet member.

Abe "served as prime minister for the longest period in constitutional political history and devoted himself to the

development of our country's democracy," Otsuji said in the upper house.

Abe was "committed to the peace and prosperity of the world

and contributed to improving people's lives and raising Japan's international status," said Hosoda in the lower house session in the afternoon.—Kyodo

French sailor survives 16 hours in capsized boat in Atlantic

A 62-year-old French sailor was rescued in the Atlantic off Spain after surviving for 16 hours in a tiny air pocket under his capsized sailboat, the Spanish Coast Guard said on Thursday.

Laurent Camprubi fired a flare after his boat, the Jeanne Solo Sailor, ran into trouble around 8:30 pm Monday when it was 14 miles (22 kilometres) from the Sisargas Islands off the northwestern Spanish region of Galicia, the Coast Guard said in a statement.

A rescue ship and three helicopters were dispatched immediately and the search team found the boat overturned in the darkness. A diver was lowered onto the ship's hull and tapped it to look for signs of life. Camprubi started knocking from inside, screaming for help.—AFP

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Three more grain ships leave Ukraine: Türkiye

THREE more ships loaded with grain sailed from Ukraine on Friday under a UN-backed deal lifting Russia's blockade of the Black Sea, Türkiye's defence ministry said.

The Panama-flagged Navistar left Odessa for Ireland with 33,000 tonnes of grain, it said.

And two ships left the port of Chornomorsk — the Malta-flagged Rojen headed to Britain with 12,000 tonnes of grain, and the Turkish-flagged Polarnet sailed towards Turkey with 12,000 tonnes of grain.

Moscow and Kyiv agreed in Istanbul last month to resume shipments of wheat and other grain from Ukrainian ports for the first time since Russia invaded its neighbour in February.

The first ship, loaded with 26,000 tonnes of maize, set off from Odessa on Monday for

the Lebanese port of Tripoli.

The Sierra Leone-flagged Razoni was cleared for passage through the Bosphorus Strait by a team that included Russian and Ukrainian inspectors on Wednesday.

The ship's passage is being overseen by an international team that includes officials from Türkiye, the United Nations and the two warring parties.

The team said in a statement the first ship's successful passage offered "proof of concept" that the agreement can hold.

Russia and Ukraine are major suppliers of wheat and other grain. The halt of almost all deliveries from Ukraine has sent global food prices soaring, making imports prohibitively expensive for some of the world's poorest nations.—AFP

'Balancing act': Erdogan to sound out Putin on Ukraine and Syria



Erdogan was told by Putin in Tehran last month that Russia remains opposed to any new offensive that Turkey might be planning against Kurdish militants in northern Syria. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

ENDING the war in Ukraine and starting a new one in Syria are expected to dominate talks on Friday between Russian President Vladimir Putin and Turkish counterpart Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The Turkish leader will be riding high from the diplomatic success of helping orchestrate the resumption of Ukrainian grain shipments across the Black Sea when he flies to Sochi for his second talks with Putin in

just 17 days.

But there are tensions. Erdogan was told by Putin in Tehran last month that Russia remains opposed to any new offensive that Türkiye might be planning against Kurdish militants in northern Syria.

Analysts believe these strains form part of the "competitive cooperation" that has defined the two leaders' relation over the past 20 years.

"Russia's war on Ukraine has restored Turkey's self image as a key geopolitical player and given Erdogan more visibility than at any time in the last few years," European Council of Foreign Relations fellow Asli Aydintasbas wrote in a report last week.

"Most Turks support their country's balancing act and quasi-neutral position between the West and Russia."—AFP

China begins major Taiwan military drills after Pelosi visit

CHINA'S largest-ever military exercises encircling Taiwan kicked off Thursday, in a show of force straddling vital international shipping lanes after a visit to the island by United States House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

The PLA Eastern Theatre Command will stage joint training exercises in the maritime areas off the northern, southwestern and southeastern coasts of the island and their air space, conduct long-range live-fire drills in the Taiwan Strait and conventional missile tests in the waters off the eastern coast of the island.

The military operations are a stern deterrent against the recent major escalation of the negative acts by the United States on the Taiwan question, and a serious warning against separatist activities seeking "Taiwan independence". —AFP/Xinhua

Conspiracy theorist Alex Jones to pay \$4.1 mn in Sandy Hook damages

A Texas jury on Thursday ordered far-right conspiracy theorist Alex Jones to pay more than \$4 million in damages to the parents of a child who was killed in the 2012 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

The jury deliberated for one day before deciding on the amount of compensatory damages Jones should pay for falsely claiming that the Sandy Hook shooting was a "hoax."

Jones claimed for years on his website InfoWars and popular radio show that the shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, which left 20 children dead, was "staged" by gun control activists, but has since acknowl-

edged it was "100 percent real."

The 48-year-old Jones has been found liable in multiple defamation lawsuits brought by parents of the Sandy Hook victims, and the Texas case was the first to reach the damages phase.

After deciding on \$4.1 million in compensatory damages for causing emotional distress, the Austin, Texas, jury will now hear evidence on whether punitive damages are warranted.

The \$4.1 million is far less than the \$150 million in compensatory damages sought by the plaintiffs in the Texas case, Neil Heslin and Scarlett Lewis, the parents of six-year-old son Jesse.—AFP



The legacy of the Sandy Hook shootings in 2012 continues to reverberate nine years later, including in how conspiracy theories have changed since the tragedy. PHOTO: EDUARDO MUNOZ ALVAREZ/AFP

Thai nightclub fire kills 13, PM orders probe



This handout photo taken and released by the Sawang Rojanathammasathan Rescue Foundation shows firefighters working to contain a fire at the Mountain B nightclub. PHOTO: AFP

THAILAND'S prime minister on Friday ordered an investigation into a massive blaze that tore through a nightclub, killing at least 13 people.

The fire broke out around 1:00 am (1800 GMT Thursday) at the Mountain B nightspot in Chonburi province's Sattahip district, about 150 kilometres

(90 miles) southeast of Bangkok.

Video footage posted by a rescue service showed desperate revellers fleeing the club screaming, their clothes ablaze, as a huge fire raged in the background.

The Sawang Rojanathammasathan Rescue Foundation said 13 people were killed and

more than 40 injured, 14 of them seriously.

The service said the blaze was accelerated by flammable acoustic foam on the walls of the club, and it took firefighters more than three hours to bring it under control.

Prime Minister Prayut Chan-O-Cha offered condolences to the victims' families and said he had ordered a probe into the fire.

The dead -- four women and nine men -- were found mostly crowded by the entrance and in the bathroom, their bodies severely burned, the service said.

They were aged between 17 and 49 and all are believed to have been Thai.

"There is not death related to foreigners," police lieutenant colonel Boonsong Yingyong of the Phlu Ta Luang police station, which oversees the area where the blaze occurred, told AFP by phone.—AFP

Italy's Salvini seeks anti-migrant votes on Lampedusa

ITALIAN anti-immigrant leader Matteo Salvini on Thursday takes his campaign for September elections to the tiny island of Lampedusa, the landing point for thousands of migrants trying to reach Europe.

Dozens of leaky, overcrowded boats have arrived in and around Lampedusa in recent days from north Africa, some landing directly and others requiring rescue by the local coastguard.

As often in the summer months, when the sea is calmer, the island's reception centre has become overwhelmed, with more than 1,500 people said to be there this week, in a facility designed for 350.

Salvini, who leads Italy's League party, has made stopping the arrivals the cornerstone of his platform ahead of general elections on 25 September, where he is expected to gain power as part of a right-wing alliance.



Rescue charities have picked up more than 1,000 people in the central Mediterranean in the past few days. PHOTO: MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES (MSF)/AFP / HANDOUT

"Italy cannot accept tens of thousands of immigrants who only bring problems," he said on Wednesday, adding: "Italy is not Europe's refugee camp."

He accused Prime Minister Mario Draghi's government — which he helped bring down last month by withdrawing his support — of trying to cover up the problem on Lampedusa before he arrives.

Interior Minister Luciana Lamorgese last week announced a ferry would take migrants to Sicily three times a week, to ease the overcrowding.

"The island is collapsing — in the next few hours, before my visit tomorrow and Friday, will they try to hide their failures again?" Salvini asked.—AFP



Myanmar wins more silver and bronze in Wushu in 20th ASEAN University Games

WITH the 20th ASEAN University Games being held in Ubon Ratchathani, Thailand, Aye Thitsa Myint from Myanmar

won a silver medal and Maung Khant Min Htet won a bronze medal in Wushu at the Sunee Tower yesterday morning.

There were four events in the Wushu competition. In the second event, Aye Thitsa Myint, a Dagon University student, won the silver medal in the Women's Nanquan event, with a 9.52 score. In addition, Maung Khant Min Htet, a Kyaukse University student, won bronze in the Men's Taijiquan event with a score of 9.41. The Myanmar Wushu team continued to participate in two events of the Wushu competition.

With Myanmar participating in Football, Archery, Sepak Takraw and Wushu in the 20th ASEAN University Games, it secured one gold, one silver and two bronzes, including the gold medal in the Wushu competition and the bronze medal in the football tournament yesterday.—MNA

Silver medallist Aye Thitsa Myint (left) and bronze medallist Maung Khant Min Htet in Wushu competition.



Myanmar faces 0-2 loss to host Viet Nam in U-19 invitational tourney

THE first group day of the Viet Nam U-19 invitational tournament was held on 5 August in Binh Duong, Viet Nam, and the Myanmar team suffered a 0-2 defeat to host Viet Nam.

Similarly, the Thai team drew 0-0 with the Malaysian team in the other match.

The Myanmar team tried to get a good result in the opening match, but the host team was very strong and won with the goals scored

in the first half.

Viet Nam broke the deadlock at 7 minutes and the winning goal was scored at 33 minutes.

In the second half, the Myanmar team tried to score an equalizing goal, but they could not use any chances, so they faced a loss.

Myanmar will next play against the Thai team and Viet Nam will face Malaysia in the second group match to be held on 7 August.—Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine Objectives

1. Political affairs

- (a) To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, through a disciplined and genuine multiparty democratic system that is fair and just.
- (b) To emphasize the achievement of enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).
- (c) To continue implementing the principle of peaceful co-existence among countries through an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy.

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.
- (b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.
- (c) To promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.

3. Social affairs

- (a) To ensure a strong and dynamic Union spirit, the genuine spirit of patriotism.
- (b) To respect and promote the customs and traditions of all National peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics.
- (c) To enhance the health, fitness and education quality of the entire nation.

Yangon to host Professional Golf Tournament

THE Myanmar Golf Open Junior and Professional Golf Tournament organized by the Myanmar Golf Federation will be held on 30 and 31 August 2022 at the Yangon Golf Course (Danyingon) in Yangon.

The competition will include professional level and junior level competitions under 12 years, under 14 years of age, under 18 and women's (under 18) competitions. The tournament will be held according to the St. Andrews Rules of Golf and local rules. Professional level and junior golf athletes from all over Myanmar who want to compete in this tournament can register their names by calling the phone number of U Tun Kyaw: 09-5193423 by 28 August 2022. The competition entry fee is set as free.—Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Myanmar draws Malaysia 1-1 in AFF U-16 Championship

THE second day of the 2022 ASEAN U-16 Championship Group (C) continued on 5 August, with Myanmar and Malaysia drawing one goal each. Since it was a meeting between two teams that each had a win in the first match of the group, the match was a good one. Due to the draw result, both teams will have to wait for good news until the last match.

The Myanmar team has four points from two games, but they need to win against Cambodia to qualify for the semi-finals, and they will have to wait for the result of the Malaysia-Australia match. The Myanmar

team competed according to the starting line-up that won against Australia, and the main players participated.

Both teams played at their full potential and the winner of today's match will be in a good position to advance to the semi-finals.

In the first two minutes of the match, the Malaysian team started to score and Maddisa made the opener. After that, the Myanmar team tried to equalize, but the finishing was weak, so the Malaysian team won at the end of the first half. In the second half, the Myanmar team tried to



A Malaysian team player (yellow) dribbles through Myanmar players during their second group match of the 2022 AFF U-16 Championship. **PHOTO: FAM**

score an equalizer and in the 50th minute, Kaung Khant Zaw made the comeback result.

After that, both teams tried to score a goal, but it ended in a draw. In another Group C match, Cambodia defeated Australia by 4-2. The Myanmar team will play against the Cambodian team on 8 August as the last match of the group. After the second group matches, Myanmar and Malaysia earned four points with one win and one draw.

The Cambodia team have collected three points but Australia has no points with all losses.—Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM