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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.

Fisheries Dept to control illegal inshore fishing with 2 inspection vessels in Nov

Officials are seen ready onbard the inspection vessel to combat illegal fishing on inshore waters along the Taninthayi coast.

THE Danish-Myanmar project handed over two inspection vessels to Myeik Fish Harbour on 24 October for the inspection of inshore fishing. The vessels will conduct inspections in November to combat illegal fishing on inshore waters along the coast of the Taninthayi Region.

The water resources from those waters are exploited as they are breeding grounds for fish.

Myanmar Police and Fisheries Department will collaborate to conduct inspections in order to reduce illegal fishing and enhance increasing the availability of fish resources through the enforcement of regulations and the Inshore Fisheries Law.

"The maritime police and fishers' groups will begin the inspection in November depending on the security situation. Since it is the first time, we will put forward the project and implement it with the regional government fund. It is important to sustain fish resources so we need to prevent them from exploitation. We are going to inspect inshore or offshore fishing if they are in conformity with the regulation on fishing nets.

"The Union government and regional government are making efforts to develop the livestock breeding sector. Due to the diminishing ocean water resources, it is essential to protect marine resources including fish and shrimps both inshore and offshore. Regulated fishing will thereby improve the socioeconomy of local fishers," Director U Aung Nyi Toe of the Taninthayi Region Fisheries Department elaborated. SEE PAGE-3

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Nay Pyi Taw Freshwater Fish Farming Law

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(u) The refund shall be defined as the tax deserved to be reobtained for the remaining terms of a grant or tender licence year among the tax paid by the grant winner or licensee whenever the permission for the freshwater fish farming industry shall be suspended or withdrawn for the sake of the State or faced natural disaster or other firm reasons it does not break disciplines of the grant or tender licence.
(v) Those permitted to engage in the freshwater fish farming industry shall be defined as those who shall be allowed to operate the industries related to freshwater fish farms.
(w) Fish farmers shall be defined as those working for freshwater fish farming industries or related industries part-time or full-time.

Chapter II
Visions

3. The visions of this law shall be as follows: -
(a) to further develop freshwater fish farming industries
(b) to prevent the depletion of fish species
(c) to protect the degradation of freshwater fish farming areas
(d) to enable the State to obtain deserved taxes under the law
(e) to manage and take action against freshwater fish farming industries under the law

Chapter III
Application and issuance of grants, licences

4. Those wishing to operate the freshwater fish industry at any granted lakes shall bid at an auction sale through a bidding system in line with the prescribed ways.
5. Those wishing to operate the freshwater fish industry at any separate lakes shall apply for it at the department in line with the prescribed ways.
6. Those wishing to operate the freshwater fish industry at any licenced freshwater fish farming area shall pay a licence tax for fishing equipment in line with the prescribed ways or shall bid at an auction sale by submitting the tender prices if it shall be exercised tender system.
7. Head of the district department shall auction off granted lakes or allow licence for any licensed freshwater fish farming areas as per the prescribed ways under the permission of the head of Nay Pyi Taw department.
8. If the head of the district department has completed auctioning off the granted lake or allowing licences for any freshwater fish farming areas in line with the prescribed ways, the head shall proceed with it upon the approval of the head of Nay Pyi Taw department: -
(a) to issue the grant to the granted lake auction winner
(b) to issue the tender licence to the tender winner.
9. Head of the township department shall scrutinize applications to catch fish at any freshwater fish farming area with the use of any fishing equipment under the restrictions except for the granted lake and tender licensed water areas and shall issue or refuse issuance of licences for fishing equipment.
10. Head of the township department shall scrutinize the application for fish farmer registration by those wishing to work as a fish farmer under the prescribed ways and shall issue or refuse issuance of fish farmer ID.
11. (a) Those wishing to work marine product storage and trading or processing industry shall apply for the businesses at the township head of the department under the prescribed ways.
(b) Head of the township department shall submit the application to the head of the Nay Pyi Taw department through the head of the district department under the prescribed ways.
12. Head of the Nay Pyi Taw department shall issue a licence for the storage and trading of marine products or a processing licence if the application is in line with the prescribed rules.

Chapter IV
Payment

13. The granted lake activity winner shall pay the tax for the lake on the day of winning the granted lake and tender fee and licence tax to the bank to be completed within a day in line with the prescribed ways on the day of winning the tender licence. If it is beyond the banking hours, they shall pay the fees to the bank on the other day of the bank opening day.
14. Except for allowing grant or tender licence measures, those winning the licence for fishing equipment for any freshwater fish farming areas shall pay free to the bank.
15. If it is applying for a long-term grant (land record) measure, the head of the Nay Pyi Taw department shall allow the long-term grant with the approval of the council.
16. Those winning the long-term grant (land record)-
(a) shall pay tax for the lake to the bank under the prescribed ways
(b) shall pay a prescribed percentage of cash over the tax for the lake to the bank for releasing fingerlings and repairing the lake.
17. Those winning permission for the operation of the freshwater fish industry shall pay the necessary licence fee and registration fee to the bank under the prescribed ways.

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Organization Registration Law

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[c] Union Territory Registration Board
[d] Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zone Registration Board
[e] District Registration Board
[f] Township Registration Board

5. [a] The Union Government shall form the Union Registration Board as follows:

[1] Union Minister Ministry of Home Affairs	Chairman
[2] Representatives from concerned government organizations	Members
[3] Director-General General Administration Department	Secretary

[b] Regional or State Government shall form the Regional or State Registration Board as follows:

[1] A Minister from Region or State Government	Chairman
[2] Representatives from concerned Government Organizations	Members
[3] Director Region or State General Administration Department	Secretary

[c] Union Territory Governing Body shall form the Union Territory Registration Board as follows:

[1] A Member of Union Territory Governing Body	Chairman
[2] Representatives from concerned organizations	Members
[3] Director Union Territory General Administration Department	Secretary

[d] Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zone Governing Body shall form the Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zone Registration Board as follows:

[1] An Executive Committee Member from Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zone Governing Body	Chairman
[2] Representatives from concerned organizations	Members
[3] Deputy Director Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zone General Administration Department	Secretary

[e] The District Administrator, District General Administration Department shall form the District Registration Board as follows:

[1] District Administrator District General Administration Department	Chairman
[2] Representatives from concerned government organizations	Members
[3] Assistant Director District General Administration Department	Secretary

[f] The Township Administrator, Township General Administration Department shall form the Township Registration Board as follows:

[1] Township Administrator Township General Administration Department	Chairman
[2] Representatives from concerned government organizations	Members
[3] Deputy Township Administrator Township General Administration Department	Secretary

[g] Those vested with the power to form the registration bodies under Sections (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) and (f) can reform the bodies as prescribed.
[6] The job descriptions for the registration bodies are:
[a] to scrutinize the registration application of the organization concerned and grant the permission, decide not to grant the permission and cancel the registration;
[b] to scrutinize the application by the concerned organization for an extension of the registration and grant the extension and decide not to grant the extension;
[c] to ensure compliance with the law by the organizations and provide assistance;
[d] to coordinate with the concerned government departments and organizations in respect to the organizational objectives and processes;
[e] to give directions to the organizations not to cooperate with, assist in and provide support to either directly or indirectly money laundering and terrorism financing through cash flow, cash management and monetary support; and
[f] to coordinate with the concerned government departments and organizations to enable auditing as and where necessary of the organization's cash and assets as well as the annual financial statements.

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If the ethnic armed organizations come to the peace talks, the future politics of the nation will be assured

THE 4th of January 2023 will be the Diamond Jubilee Independence Day of Myanmar. We will continue to prioritize the cessation of armed conflicts. As 2022 has been set as the year of peace, it is necessary to implement the peace process in a pragmatic way. Thus, I myself invited the leaders of ethnic armed organizations-EAOs to join the peace talks. These talks brought good results for the regions and the nation, so, if the ethnic armed organizations come to the peace talks, the future politics of the nation will be assured.

(The excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on the Occasion of the Eighteen Months of the Assumption of State Duties by the State Administration Council on 1 August 2022)

MoL Union Minister attends 27th ALMM, 12th ALMM+3

UNION Minister for Labour Dr Pwint San attended the 27th ASEAN Labour Ministers' Meeting (ALMM) and 12th ASEAN Plus Three Labour Ministers Meeting (ALMM+3) hosted by the Department of Labour and Employment of the Philippines in Manila from 28 to 29 October.

During the 27th ALMM held under the topic of "Together as One: Reshaping the World of Work the ASEAN Way Towards Digitalized, Inclusive and Sustainable Recovery and Growth", the Union Minister said the technological inventions that are not conformity with the requirements of future job opportunities have impacts on the employment of the labourers. It should adopt the skills properly and create new jobs for the ASEAN workers to be able to work in the coming decade as a result of technological improvement.

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He then talked about the reviewing of regional employment urgently for instantly shutting down of workplaces, policy changes, reducing wages and job losses due to COVID-19 and preparations for the future, improvement of labourers' skills, learning opportunities for new skills to meet the labour demand in digital economic, insurance for occupational safety and health, new normal lifestyle in post-COVID-19 and proper achievements through the cooperation of ASEAN governments, employees and employers, exploring the essence of ASEAN Community under three pillars of ASEAN and ASEAN unity for future.

The Union minister highlighted the concerted efforts in unison of the ASEAN along with its growth and sustainable job opportunities using digital inclusive rehabilitation and development.

The joint statements of 27th ALMM and 12th ALMM+3 will be released, it is learnt. — MNA

Fisheries Dept to control illegal inshore fishing with 2 inspection vessels in Nov

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In Taninthayi Region, the closed fishing season is set from April to June in Myanmar seas and it has exceeded three months. Inspections are underway to oversee the fishing of lobsters and king prawns. Inspections also include whether fishing vessels are catching fish and shrimps with stipulated fishing nets in designated areas both inshore and offshore, the protection of the crab conservation zone and the six fishing plots near Kawthoung, and controlling illegal fishing.

Taninthayi Region has more than 8,000 inshore fishing vessels and over 1,400 offshore fishing vessels. Due to the increase in global fuel prices, fishing vessels cannot fully catch fish, but fish and shrimp are caught and shipped normally as foreign exports.

In a bid to conduct surveillance of the offshore fishing vessels in Kawthoung District, the VMS devices have been located in Myeik, Taninthayi Region, Yangon Region, Rakhine State and Mon State and Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: KANU**

The Fisheries Department and the Danish Ambassador to Myanmar visited Thame Village in Myeik District. Although fishers from the village capture Kakuran fish (four-finger threadfins) with a designated fishing net in order to conserve fish resources, fishers from other villages catch those four-finger threadfins with a two-inch fishing net breaching the regulations.

Therefore, the Danish government provided two inspection vessels to the Fisheries Department to monitor the catch of four-finger threadfin fish, which are exported to external markets.

The Fisheries Department and Myanmar Police will cooperate in the inspection of the inshore fishing in November with two inspection vessels. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/GNLM

Patients get free cleft lip and palate surgeries in Nay Pyi Taw

JAPANESE Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon Dr Naoko Kishi of Japan Heart and 14 medics led by Dental Specialist Dr Khin Maung of the Ministry of Health conducted free surgery for four patients with cleft lips and cleft palates for the first time at the Dental Hospital in Pobbathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw between 26 and 27 October.

One of the cleff lip and palate surgeries is underway.

The Japan Heart signed an MoU with the Medical Services Department of the Ministry of Health and launched cooperation work in the medical sector in 2004 and the Japanese Oral and Maxillofacial Specialists led by Prof Dr Mikihik Kogo and Myanmar dentists provided free surgeries for about 300 patients with cleft lips and cleft palates from 2019 to date.

The surgeons will continue free surgical care at the Dental Hospital in Pobbathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw every Wednesday so that patients with cleft lips and cleft palates across the nation can come to the hospital for free treatment. – MNA

IWUMD pledges to support socioeconomic status of rural people winning ASEAN Energy Award

THE ASEAN Centre for Energy (ACE) presents the ASEAN Energy Award, and Myanmar won eight awards in the Renewable Energy category and one Sustainable Energy Champion Award. Effective measures to ensure access to electricity that provides the socioeconomic status of rural people will be carried out along with proper attempts on receiving awards continuously, according to the Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department-IWUMD (Yangon).

Seventy per cent of the population of Myanmar are engaged in agriculture and the department arranges to provide water resource needed for the agricultural sector. To ensure the water resource, it implemented hydropower projects using dam water and solar system and contributed to the people and won ASEAN Energy Awards from 2009 to 2021.

"The hydropower is generated at the large dams, but there is a water distribution system using canals at the remote areas from the dams. We construct a falling water structure to get mini hydropower for rural electricity and it can run the small-scale industries and so it contributes to the socio-economic status of rural people. For such achievements, we won awards in international and ASEAN competitions. In 2009, we won the first ASEAN Energy Award for the Ma Mya small-scale hydropower project in Ingapu Township of Ayeyawady Region and the ASEAN Sustainable Energy Champion Award in 2021 in the competition held in Brunei. We already won eight first prizes and a second prize in the ASEAN Energy Award. We are very happy for the development of the socioeconomic status of rural people through the hydropower generation," Director U Win Htut of the Division (Industry) 1 of the IWUMD.

The department invented the small-scale hydropower turbine and installed it at the water reservoirs to provide electricity to rural areas and won the ASEAN Energy Award. The department will continue its drive to electrify rural areas and distribute water to promote the socioeconomic status of the agricultural sector. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/GNLM

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, industrial materials and vehicles confiscated

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

On 28 October, an on-duty team under the supervision of the Customs Department nabbed K2,039,268 worth of Ventilation Work, Flexible Duct and four goods without import licences from a container at the Asia World Port Terminal Container Checkpoint and K6.3 million worth of brand-new telecommunication equipment that did not match the rules and regulations. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

In addition, an on-duty team captured 306 kilogrammes of plastic bottles and PE slipper flip flop worth K3,256,433 from two vehicles and a trailer (approximately K155 million) that were not declared in the Import Declaration (ID) at the Mayanchaung Permanent Checkpoint. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Afterwards, on 29 October, a combined team conducted inspections under the management of the Sagaing Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force and seized a Toyota Mark II car (approximately K6 million) at the entrance combined checkpoint of Monywa township. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

Similarly, officials confiscated a total of 4.1778 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K2,381,284 in the Toungoo and Nyaunglebin districts. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

Therefore, ten arrests (estimated value of K174,976,985) were made on 28 and 29 October, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA

Confiscated illegal goods at Asia World Port Terminal Container Checkpoint.

Seized items at the warehouse of Yangon International Airport.

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Bell pepper price on rising at K30,000 per viss

ON 27 October, the wholesale price of bell pepper from delta regions rose to K30,000 per viss in the Bayintnaung Chilli Market, according to the Seinpanlan Chilli Wholesale Centre.

On 15 October, the bell pepper was priced at K20,000 per viss while K22,000 per viss on 18 October, K25,000 per viss on 20 October and K30,000 per viss on 27 October. On that day, the zee bell pepper and Seinsar bell pepper were priced at K21,000 per viss.

The Shanbuusoe new bell pepper entered the market. The new long chilli pepper is K18,000 per viss and K16,500 per viss of the new Moe Htaung chilli pepper. In the new season of bell pepper from the delta region, it was only K7800-8000 per viss. The sizes of bell pepper priced at K30,000 per viss are similar to lemons.

The people choose zee bell pepper and Seinsar bell pepper which are lower by K10,000 than the price of bell pepper processed in cold storage from the delta region. As the delta bell pepper prices are higher, the sales also decline at most of the Bayintnaung chilli wholesale centres. The centres that sell bell pepper processed in cold storage have good transactions.

The colour of bell pepper processed in cold storage changes in colour if they are kept outside for a long time and so people take out only the needed amount to sell. The new bell pepper from the delta region entered the Yangon chilli market in mid-March at K8,000 per viss.

The service charge for keeping the cold storage is K75 per month and it costs only K600 for about seven months.

During these months, the prices become higher and they reached K20,000 per viss and K30,000 per viss in October. It can get good prices as the people can keep the colour and quality.

The rice, cooking oil, onion and chilli prices hit a record high this year and the price of chilli becomes three times its original price. If the new bell pepper from the delta region kept in cold storage is sold this month, it can make a K20,000 profit per viss.

The consumers can reduce the chilli consumption rate so they do not worry about the increasing prices of chilli like other daily foodstuffs such as rice and cooking oil.

He has never heard the record high of rice, cooking oil, onion and chilli in mid-2022 throughout his working days, said 80-year-old merchant U Yi Tun from Lanmadaw Township. — TWA/GNLM

The bell pepper is seen being transported to the market.

Elephant Momo's 69th birthday celebrated

The 69th birthday event of Elephant Momo is progress yesterday.

A living icon of the Yangon Zoological Garden — Momo the elephant was congratulated on its 69th birthday on 29 October.

Officials of the Yangon Zoological Garden prepared alms food and robes for the monk. Merits were yesterday distributed to all the animals that died after living in Yangon Zoological Garden.

As Momo's Birthday Weekend, fun fair programmes inside the Yangon Zoological Garden such as a birthday cake for Momo and a photo exhibition of Momo's photos, music concerts, magic shows, and animal performances commemorative photo shoots among others were held. Many fans came to the event which included stalls and games.

Momo has been entertaining visitors at the zoo for more than 50 years before she retired in 2016. She was born in 1953 and turned 69 this year. People's favourite elephant, Momo was spotted wandering in the woods alone by U Khun Sanda, the timber worker from Loikaw Township, Kayah State in 1961. Then, he decided to hand her over to the Yangon Zoological Garden. He named the elephant "Momo" after his wife when officials from the Yangon Zoological Gardens asked her name.

It is known that Momo has been performing concerts for visitors at the zoo and also carried the sacred relic of the tooth of the Lord Buddha in the State's flagship events. Though she stepped back from the entertainment business, she has been caring for baby elephants at the Yangon Zoological Garden.

Since Momo's 60th birthday, the birthday party has been held annually. It is celebrated with a birthday cake which is made of sugar canes, bananas, fruits, and releasing of birds. — TWA/GNLM

Thai authorities repatriate 190 Myanmar nationals via Kawthoung

A total of 190 Myanmar nationals, who were detained for various reasons in Thailand, returned to Myanmar via Kawthoung on 28 October.

One hundred and forty-three males and 47 females were handed over by Thai immigration officials from Ranong of Thailand to Myanmar officials in Kawthoung. Then, Migrant Resource Centre-MRC provided personal goods to them.

Medical staff and Red Cross members checked them with an RDT Test Kit. Female returnees will quarantine at the Khamaukgyi quarantine centre and male returnees at the quarantine centre in Pulaw Township respectively. Those returnees are under surveillance for five days at quarantine centres. Then, they will be sent to their home unless they are infected.

A total of 178 Myanmar migrant workers, who were charged and stranded in Thailand for various reasons, were repatriated to Kawthoung via Ranong, Thailand by boat on 21 October. A total of 56 Myanmar migrant workers also arrived back in Tachilek Township on 21 October. — TWA/GNLM

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Chapter V
Duties of those winning freshwater fish farming industry

18. Those winning freshwater fish farming industry: -
(a) shall pay necessary taxes under the rules of this law.
(b) shall abide by disciplines of grant or licence, orders, notification and directives issued under this law.
(c) shall help to release fingerlings and research for freshwater fish industries if the department assigns them.
(d) shall appoint the persons holding the fish farmer registration issued by the township department at their farms.

Chapter VI
Authority of Nay Pyi Taw Council

19. The council shall allow tax exemption for the following functions: -
(a) freshwater fish research conducted with the permission of the department
(b) freshwater fish farming industries for the sake of the Nay Pyi Taw Area
20. The council shall inform the head of the Nay Pyi Taw department about whether it approves permission for the long-term granted lake (land record) and renewal or not.
21. The council shall suspend or withdraw or revoke the issued grant or tender licence for the sake of the Nay Pyi Taw Area at any time if necessary.
22. The council shall set the refunding amount for the re-issuance of the department.
23. The council shall manage the following measures related to permission of freshwater fish farming industries for the sake of Nay Pyi Taw Area if necessary-
(a) reclaiming or revoking newly granted lakes, separate lakes or tender measures at any freshwater fish farming areas or changing the type and number of fishing equipment
(b) allowing or refusing an application to operate freshwater fish farming at any separate lakes to the department
(c) allowing and setting terms for the long-term granted lake (land record lake)
(d) setting licence rates depending on fishing equipment types
(e) coordinating with relevant departments over the development of the freshwater fish farming industry
(f) allowing necessary expenses in accordance with the financial rules and regulations to conduct long-term existence of the freshwater fish farming industry and research works

Chapter VII
Duty and Authority of Head of Nay Pyi Taw Department

24. Duties of the head of the Nay Pyi Taw department shall be as follows: -
(a) manage, supervise and educate systematic development of freshwater fish farming measures
(b) announce licence rates depending on fishing equipment approved by the council under Sub-section (d) of Section 23
(c) set prohibited fish species, sizes, fishing equipment, fishing season, location and fishing techniques
(d) set terms of the granted lake, licence, registration and disciplines of granted lake and licence for those allowed to operate freshwater fish farming industry
(e) set, change and revoke the types of the granted lake, separate lakes or licensed freshwater fish farming areas with the approval of the council
(f) set duty and authority for the head of the department
(g) announce licence tax, registration fee, rented grant or charges for damaged and loss of licence in applying for the copies, types of tax-exempted freshwater fish farms and amounts
(h) take freshwater fish farming measures sometimes assigned by the council
(g) submit orders, notifications and directives issued under this law to the relevant Union Ministry and director-general of the Fisheries Department
25. Authority of the head of the Nay Pyi Taw department shall be as follows: -
(a) allow the district head of department to the sale of granted lake auction and allow tender licences and approve those winning auctions and tenders
(b) allow or refuse the long-term rented grant (land record lake) with the approval of the council if one applies for the long-term rented grant (land record lake) and renewal
(c) issue licence for storage and trading of marine products and licence for processing measures
(d) director head of the district department to issue copies of the rented grant or licence to the applicants to seek the copies of the rented grant or damaged or loss of licence with an order to pay prescribed charges
(e) arrange the issuance of refunding amount prescribed by the council
26. Head of Nay Pyi Taw department shall demand necessary expenses be spent on the long-term existence of the freshwater fish farming industry and conducting research tasks for the Department of Fisheries with the permission of the council under the financial rules and regulations.
27. In the case of taking action against breaking any points of prohibition mentioned in this law, the head of the Nay Pyi Taw department shall manage matters related to the seized evidence materials as follows: -
(a) confiscate or procure or manage the evidence objects including vehicles, fishing equipment and fish with the permission of the council if necessary
(b) form the evidence object procurement committee for procuring the evidence objects under the sub-section (a) and set duty and authority
28. The head of Nay Pyi Taw department shall hand over the entrusted any kind of authority under this law to any gazetted officer from the department or any head of the department.

Chapter VIII
Application for refunds

29. If the rented grant or tender licence is suspended or withdrawn for the sake of the State, one shall have to apply for seeking refunds at the relevant district head of the department under the prescribed ways.
30. If the loser submits an application under Section 29, the relevant head of the district department shall scrutinize it under the prescribed restrictions and submit it to the head of the Nay Pyi Taw head of department.
31. If the head of the Nay Pyi Taw department finds the correctness of the applied measures under Section 30, the head shall submit it to the council with his remarks in order to issue the refunds.
32. If the council scrutinizes the submission under Section 30 and decides to issue the refunds, it shall set the amount of refunds.

Chapter IX
Nullification of permission for freshwater fish farming

33. The permission of operating freshwater fish farming shall nullify under this law at a time when the following measures happen-
(a) expiry of the term allowed
(b) revocation or nullification of rented grant or licence
(c) findings of the head of the department that it no longer operates a freshwater fish farm
(d) handing over the rented grant or licence by the persons allowed for the operation of freshwater fish farming industries
(e) findings that those allowed to operate freshwater fish farming industry tenant their rented grants or licences to other persons or hand them over to other persons without the permission of the department
(f) nominating them on the blacklist

Chapter X
Inspection and taking action

34. The head of the department shall conduct the inspection and take action as follows: -
(a) entering, inspecting and performing search and confiscation at any freshwater fish farming areas and buildings including vehicles, fishing equipment and granted lakes, separate lakes and licensed lakes in the freshwater fish farming areas he took responsibilities in line with the prescribed rules without a letter of warrant
(b) demanding to inspect and copy necessary documents including rented grants and licences to be kept at the workplaces
(c) interrogating, inspecting, instructing and taking action against the freshwater fish farm operators and fish farmers if necessary
(d) confiscating vehicles, fishing equipment, fish and evidence objects inclusive of operating freshwater fish farm industry with the use of set forms and submitting the reports on confiscation to the head of Nay Pyi Taw department in the case of breaking any point of prohibitions mentioned in this law
(e) making arrangements for taking action against those who broke any prohibitions mentioned in this law.
(f) if fish and quickly perishable marine products are confiscated, he shall seek approval from the head of the Nay Pyi Taw department and soonest procure them and pay the proceeds to the bank.

Chapter XI
Taking action under management measure

35. If the township head of department finds the case breaking any points of licence disciplines, or if he finds the case breaking any disciplines of rented grant or tender licence disciplines, he shall adopt a management order or more with the agreement of the district head of department as follows: -
(a) warning with letter
(b) temporarily suspending the rented grant or licence in a set period
(c) revoking or nullifying rented grants or licence
(d) putting them on the blacklist
36. (a) Those who hold a rented grant or licence shall suspend their operations during the period when the order was adopted for suspending or nullifying or withdrawing the rented grant or licence.
(b) according to Sub-section (a), if they continue the operation without suspension, they shall be identified as operating the work without a rented grant or licence.

Chapter XII
Appeal

37. According to Sub-section (a) of Section 35, those who are not satisfied with the order adopted for the licence shall have the right to submit the appeal as follows: -
(a) if they do not satisfy with the order adopted by the head of the township department, they shall appeal to the head of the Nay Pyi Taw department within 30 days from the date when he accepted the order.
(b) The head of Nay Pyi Taw department shall scrutinize the appeal case under Sub-section (a) and approve or amend or nullify the order adopted by the relevant head of the township department.
(c) The order adopted by the head of the Nay Pyi Taw department shall be completed.
38. Those dissatisfied with the order adopted for the cases of rented grant or tender licence under Sub-Section (b), (c) or (d) of Section 35 shall have to appeal as follows: -
(a) if they do not satisfy with the order adopted by the township head of department, they shall appeal at the council within 30 days from the date when they accepted the order.
(b) The council shall scrutinize the appeal case under Sub-section (a) and

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approve, amend and nullify the order adopted by the relevant township head of department.

(c) The order adopted by the council shall be completed.

Chapter XIII
Prohibitions

39. Anyone shall not be allowed to operate the freshwater fish farming industry without a rented grant, tender licence, fishing equipment licence, marine product storage and trading licence, marine product processing licence and fish farmer registration issued under this law.
40. No one shall be allowed to do anything at the freshwater fish farming areas as follows: -
    (a) fishing with the use of explosives, electricity, toxins, chemicals and dangerous objects or destroying the process
    (b) using the prohibited fishing techniques or fishing equipment
    (c) capturing the prohibited fish species or sizes
    (d) fishing in a prohibited period or venue
41. Anyone shall not be allowed to block, build, lay, prepare or use blocking, embankment, damming, bamboo-screen and nets at the freshwater fish farming areas.
42. Anyone shall not be allowed to do the following measures at granted lakes, separate lakes and tender areas: -
    (a) clear or set fire to habitats of fish
    (b) grow crops
    (c) build residential houses for permanent living
43. Anyone shall not be allowed to disturb or make water pollution or harm fish, water creatures and living and unloving natural resources in the freshwater fish farming areas in various ways.
44. Anyone shall not be allowed to change the type of water, volume and water courses in the granted lakes, separate lakes or related creeks, drains and streams without any permission of the department.
45. Anyone shall not be allowed to produce, process, transport, store, distribute or sell the following marine products-
    (a) the marine products which shall cause toxic to consumers, affect hazardous to health or harm the natural environment
    (b) the marine products partially or totally substituted or made of chemicals including dyes and potassium nitrate impropriate for public consumption to harm the quality and cause danger
    (c) the marine products inserted with water or minerals or some objects for increasing weight and harm quality
46. Anyone shall not be allowed to follow the orders, notifications and directives issued at opportune times by the council and the department.

Chapter XIV
Penalties

47. If anyone is sentenced for breaking any prohibitions mentioned in Section 39,
    (a) they shall be sentenced to not more than three months' imprisonment of not more than K30,000 fine punishment or both for operating freshwater fish farming without a fish farmer identity.
    (b) they shall be sentenced to not more than six months imprisonment or not more than 50,000 or both for fishing at the freshwater fish farming area without a licence for fishing equipment.
    (c) they shall be sentenced to not more than one year's imprisonment or not more than a K100,000 fine punishment or both for operating freshwater fishing without licences for marine product storage and trading or marine product processing.
    (d) they shall be sentenced to not more than two years imprisonment or not more than K300,000 fine punishment or bot for operating freshwater fishing without a rented grant or tender licence.
48. If anyone is sentenced for breaking any prohibitions under Section 40, they shall be sentenced to not more than three years imprisonment or not more than a K300,000 fine punishment or both.
49. If anyone is sentenced for breaking any prohibitions under Sections 41, 42, 43, 44 and 45, they shall be sentenced to not more than one year's imprisonment or not more than a K100,000 fine punishment or both.
50. If anyone is sentenced for breaking any prohibitions mentioned in Section 46, they shall be sentenced to not more than two years imprisonment or not more than a K200,000 fine punishment or both.
51, If anyone is sentenced for encouraging the acts of breaking any provisions of this law or attempting to commit it or join conspiracies, they shall be sentenced to the penalties mentioned in this law.
52. If those who had been sentenced for any cases under this law break any prohibitions again, they shall be sentenced to the most severe punishment prescribed for that case.

Chapter XV
General

53. Rented grants, licences and fish farmer identity issued under the Freshwater Fish Farming Law (Law No 1/1991 of the State Law and Order Restoration Council) shall be used up till their validity.
54. If some border disputes and management disputes on the freshwater fish farming areas happen between Nay Pyi Taw and Region or Nay Pyi Taw and State, if both sides shall not reach an agreement on a solution, it shall be submitted to the Nay Pyi Taw Council or relevant region or state governments for seeking the decision.
55. The department shall follow the facts, directives and rules and regulations mentioned in the freshwater fish research and development projects set by the Department of Fisheries under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.
56. Crimes in this law shall be designated as cognizable offences.
57. The head of the department in serving his duty and authority shall seek the help of the relevant Myanmar Police Force if necessary.
58. With regard to freshwater fishing, procedures and orders related to the 1991 freshwater fish farming law and freshwater fishing shall be approved if they do not oppose this law.
59. If the evidence related to any crime prosecuted to the court is uneasy to be sent to the court, the report or other relevant documents on how the evidence has been arranged shall be allowed to be sent to the court without the need to send the evidence.
60. Relevant department shall completely levy necessary taxes and fees as a collection of land tax.
61. To implement the provisions of this law: -
    (a) The council shall release necessary rules, rules and regulations, orders, notifications, directives and procedures.
    (b) The department shall release necessary orders, notifications, directives and procedures with the agreement of the council.

I hereby sign this law under Section 419 of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

Sd/Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Chairman
State Administration Council

Those wishing to enter the legal fold can contact respective townships' Red Cross Society, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Social Welfare Office and social welfare organizations authorized by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in addition to reception centres in border areas, Tatmadaw units and police stations

THE Information Team of the State Administration Council has released statements inviting CDM staff, students and youths, who are in border areas and ethnic armed groups, they can contact the nearest reception centres in border areas, Tatmadaw units and police stations if they want to enter the legal fold and the government will guarantee their lives following the rules and regulations.

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. Meanwhile, 3,156 education workers, who were absent from their duties, another 1,009 people, who want to withdraw the cases that were opened against them, and 231 PDF members have contacted and returned to the legal fold. Then, they were given back to their parents systematically and the numbers of people who enter the legal fold and those who wish to are rising. Therefore, the government is making efforts to accept more numbers of those people.

The government opens reception centres in border areas for those who would like to return to the legal fold. Moreover, those wishing to return home can contact respective townships' Red Cross Society, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Social Welfare Office and social welfare organizations authorized by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. It is guaranteed that they will be able to lead their daily lives peacefully.

Information Team
State Administration Council

OPINION

Help the future of persons with disabilities be brighter

THE Universe as well as the globe is concerned with all living beings, especially humans. Nobody should discriminate against anyone based on disability or ability, gender, age, religion and skin colour with regard to residing in the world.

Everybody needs to give a helping hand to each other without discrimination of disability, blindness, deaf and dumb and so on. If so, they all will participate in the activities of building the nation with peace and prosperity. Reciprocally, the peaceful and prosperous nation will strive for the uplift of the socioeconomic life of those persons.

> All in all, it is necessary to uplift the living standard of persons with disabilities as much as possible without setting them aside the society by providing vocational training to them so as to operate their own businesses. If so, their future will continuously be brighter.

It was reported that the Rehabilitation Department and the Monetary Supervision Department are to jointly disburse the K3 billion capital fund for persons with disabilities without waste to the microfinance organizations under the three-year short-term loan plan so as to increase the fund. The increased fund must be spent on education, health, social and welfare of the persons with disabilities to benefit the disabled persons.

The loan disbursement committee, the loan scrutiny body and loan supervisory bodies are formed under the control of the national committee for rights of the persons with disabilities. It is necessary to organize workshops for persons with disabilities and their organizations so as to implement the socio-economic life enhancement and drawing of rules and regulations for the increased fund.

It is important for persons with disabilities to have vocational education, job opportunities and their own income to be able to live with prestige and dependence. To increase job opportunities for persons with disabilities, it is necessary to raise knowledge and awareness of the law regarding the rights of persons with disabilities, the rules and the quota process to industrial zone committees, entrepreneurs and managers.

In the history of persons with disabilities, although sports aim to primarily have health and fitness, victories in sports competitions help uplift the prestige of the State and the people in the international community.

Myanmar athletes with disabilities are capable and uplifting the prestige of the State. As such, the Prime Minister himself deservedly honoured them. As a master plan for the sports arena, efforts must be made for turning out the new generation of disabled athletes.

All in all, it is necessary to uplift the living standard of persons with disabilities as much as possible without setting them aside the society by providing vocational training to them so as to operate their own businesses. If so, their future will continuously be brighter.

ARTICLE
BOOKRACK

The cover of the election manifesto made by the ruling Liberal Democratic Party in 2022. Under the title, "Protect Japan. Create the future", Prime Minister Kishida appeals to the public that only LDP has the ability to execute their policies.

To achieve policy-based elections

By Suzuka YOSHIDA

MYANMAR will hold general elections in August next year. There are various views as to whether or not it will be implemented, but I think that each political party is preparing for the general election.

Looking at the state of general elections in Myanmar so far, the appearance of appealing to voters is not so frequent, and what criteria motivate voters? Is it the name of the party, the popularity of the leader of the party, or the political party with the name of the ethnic group in its crown?

Debate with election manifesto in Japan

Election methods differ from country to country, but this time I would like to introduce how to fight for elections based on election pledges (manifestos) that have taken root in Japan.

Election pledges mean, in other words, the promise that "when our political party becomes the ruling party, we will prioritize such matters for such goals". Politics, in a sense, can be said to be the activity of deciding policies and enacting laws so that citizens can reap sound benefits in all fields. And elections are the process of choosing Diet members who are worthy of discussing important issues in the Diet.

In a world where all kinds of problems arise in all areas, it is desirable for each political party to decide in advance what policy will be taken and prepared for it, even if it is unpredictable. Among them, if there are areas or items that you particularly want to implement, prioritize them. These pre-prioritized policies are "election pledges" (called "manifestos" in Japanese).

In Japan, since the House of Representatives election in September 2005, it has become a custom for political parties to set their campaign pledges several months before the election. Election manifestos are printed as pamphlets and posted on the website. Media and political science experts debate whether each political party's line fits with what fits the times. Although sometimes the gossip of a particular politician is talked about rather than the policy.

Politicians are responsible for setting policies and enacting laws in all areas, including the economy, health, education, population, national security, foreign affairs, public order, and amendment of the constitution. How you see the present and the future determines which issues to be prioritized. It would be better if the results of the missteps were shown immediately, and sometimes the missteps were discovered only after the prime minister and his ministers had already passed away. A good example is Japan's declining population. Its government seems to perceive the population as just a matter that would naturally increase without government intervention.

Using the media as a "forum" to disseminate policies

For example, let's say that the ruling party made a top priority in its election manifesto, saying, "Currently, Japan should prioritize the risk of missile attacks from neighbouring countries, and should increase its national defence budget to trillions of yen." In response, the opposition parties will announce their election pledges, giving top priority to economic reconstruction.

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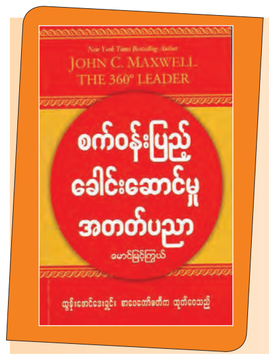
Myanmar Encyclopaedia (Volume I, Ka-Kut)

Encyclopaedia Birmanica was published in 15 volumes between 1954 and 1976 with Volume I first published in 1954 and the second edition published in 1971. The previous volume 1 covers Ka to Kum. Burma Translation Society (Sarpay Beikman) started to compile the Encyclopaedia Birmanica in 1949 to suit the situation of Burma. The encyclopaedia included world knowledge on the arts and science subjects in the addition to facts about Burma. True to its name, the encyclopaedia was compiled by academicians and authorities on their different disciplines concerned with the use of detailed references.

The new Volume I recently published covers Ka-Kut. The compilation was based on the original Volume I with some additions and amendments to suit the latest developments. This book was published jointly by the Ministry of Information and the Htoon Foundation. The new encyclopaedia contains updated illustrations, too. To publish the new volumes, the Steering Committee to Publish the Encyclopaedias was formed with U Chit Naing, the former Union Minister for Information, and U Thein Tun, the Chairman of Htoon Foundation, as patrons, Sithu Dr Thaw Kaung, the retired librarian of the Universities Central Library, as chairman, Dr Khin Aye (Maung Khin Min – Danubyu), the retired Professor Dean of Myanmarsar Department, the University of Yangon, as Vice-Chairman 1, Dr Tin Hlaing (Bo Hlaing), the retired Director-General of the Atomic Energy Department, as Vice-Chairman 2, U Win Kyaw Aung, the Director-General of the Printing and Publishing Department, as the Secretary, and U Toe Kyaw, the Chief Editor of Sarpay Beikman, the Printing and Publishing Department, as the Joint Secretary.

The contents of the encyclopaedia are arranged according to Myanmar alphabetical order as used in the Myanmar Spelling Dictionary published by Myanmar Language Commission. There is also an index in the addendum for easy reference. Additionally, there are also notes for clarifications outside the main body of the encyclopaedia.

In the foreword written by U Chit Naing, words of special thanks are given to former Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint, the Htoon Foundation Chairman and the Steering Committee members, the editorial team and all those who have contributed towards compiling and publishing the encyclopaedia.



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Set Wun Pyay Gaung Hsaung Hmu Ahtatpyinnya (The 360 Leader by John C. Maxwell)

John C. Maxwell is a famous writer from the New York Times. His books are not only entertaining but also knowledge-giving for the work establishments. This is the reason why his books are selling well. Not only the original writer but also the translator is famous among the readers. The translator is known as Maung Myint Kywe who has translated two books on leadership with the first one being 21 Laws of Leadership and the second one, the Qualities of a Leader. These translated books were published by Htoon Foundation, and they both sold well.

The book under review now presents tips for providing leadership in diversified work establishments to leaders at all levels – the superiors, the subordinates and the fellow workers. The book contains six episodes: Episode 1 deals with the wrong concepts being held by the mid-level managers; Episode 2 discusses the challenges to be faced by the 360 leaders; Episode 3 is concerned with the fundamental principles for the 360 leaders in dealing with the superiors; Episode 4 is about the fundamentals for the 360 leaders in managing their fellow workers at the same horizontal level; Episode 5 mentions the fundamental principles for the 360 leaders to provide leadership to the subordinates, and Episode 6 is related to the value of the 360 leaders. There are also sub-sections under the variegated episodes. Additionally, there is also a special section, "Create an environment that will produce the 360 leaders".

In the episode dealing with providing leadership to the subordinates, building a good relationship is always an effective basis for leadership. A leader who ignores the social dealing aspect is reliant on his positional power.

Such a leader stays inside his office room for a long time. When getting out of the room to attend a meeting, he will neglect those he meets with in the corridor. This is a blunder.

In his foreword to this book, the Chairman of Htoon Foundation, the publisher of this book, says that the tips mentioned in Episode 1 ought to be read thoroughly so that the readers can understand the usefulness and the effectiveness for the organizations the readers are involved in. ■

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To achieve policy-based elections

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Other opposition parties may also take up "amendment of the constitution" or announce policies in all areas.

At the same time, election pledges will be debated on various TV programmes by influential lawmakers from each political party, as well as economic and security experts. "The current world economy is in such a situation. If the lives of the people come first, it is the economy." "No, safety and security come first." "Welfare comes first." If you do diplomacy, you don't need to amend the constitution," he said, using the media as a "place" to show their statement as like a multitude of flowers.

Influential politicians produce policy

Then, who will produce those policies? Policy teams within each party that are in the same category as administrative ministries and agencies are taking the lead. Discussions are held on agendas provided by bureaucrats and the latest agenda picked up by the media. Legislators use this opportunity to include policies that their constituencies want. In addition, the ruling Liberal Democratic Party has the Policy Affairs Research Council, an organization that conducts surveys, and research, and plans to create special and urgent policies.

Human nature also has an impact on policy-making. In any country, the quality required for a person who wants to become a member of the Diet is to stand out before anyone else and speak persuasively. A political party is a group of people who are the first to say such persuasive words in a loud voice. Under such circumstances, while the voices of the lawmakers are raising their voices to speak out, it is impossible to unify them while fulfilling all the speculations of the lawmakers. Thus ultimately, the will of the leader of the party takes precedence.

Cover of the policy pamphlet of the main opposition party, the Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan, distributed before the 2022 House of Councilors election. Although it is labelled as "life security is necessary", it is characterized by describing policies in all fields.

Media is a double-edged sword

Gossip can lead to scandal and give death for parliamentarians who play politics. There is always a rivalry between parliamentarians, so some parliamentarians use the mass media to spread gossip to kick rivals out. Rather than arguing inside the Capitol, important information is exchanged at various nightly meetings. Members of parliament like to attend evening meetings because they can seize the opportunity to inject new ideas into policy. Some informal information such as affaire exchanged here is disclosed in the media in a funny way.

In authoritarian countries, information is controlled, so politicians' gossip is rarely reported. I personally find the media in a well-controlled country to be a bit disgusting, like watching well-behaved tigers. I think one of the indicators of a democratic country is whether or not a country can discuss political issues anywhere.

Politicians try to manipulate the media, hoping that the scandal will be not exposed, but journalists do not hold back from politicians and pull out of the process of policy-making and scandals. The people (voters) look forward to the battle between politicians and journalists. When it comes to elections, journalists' discourse becomes more and more popular as same as the candidate's one. Gossip is like a garnish for policy debates, and voters simply watch the controversies reported on TV, newspapers, magazines, social media, etc., and argue with their colleagues and friends. "Is safety and security the top priority?" "Security depends on the economy", etc. Ultimately, voters think carefully themselves and make their own decisions about which political party they will vote for. However, secrets that raise suspicions about humanity come to be perceived as "scandals" and have a great negative impact on elections.

Even after passing the election and becoming a member of the Diet, the battle between politicians and journalists should continue. Politicians want media coverage in a favourable tone. However, criticism works against them as repeated reports of gossip can lead to resignation. Dealing with the media is a double-edged sword for politicians.

Turbulent times need smart voters

Parties/countries are sometimes in such a state of emergency that is too severe to be aware of the significance of what they are facing. States must train voters who can make the right decisions in turbulent times. Voters (citizens) can become good voters by getting into the habit of thinking separately from gossip and policy debates, and by having a perspective that thinks about the future of the nation as a whole, not just about themselves. In order to produce such voters, it is necessary to prepare a long-term educational programme from primary education to mid-education to build a nation over a 100-year span.

Perhaps because Japan has too frequent elections to elect local assembly members and governors, it seems that Japan has fallen into inertia. Yamagata Prefecture (local government) recognized this as a problem and started an educational programme for teenagers to think about elections and voting. Yet it will take time for the right voters and candidates to emerge in a tangible way.

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Since 2003, Yamagata Prefecture has been conducting education to raise awareness of elections at schools for elementary school students (age of six) to high school students (age of 18, voting age) in an effort to increase their interest in politics. Prefectural officials and volunteers visit schools to give lectures on the importance of elections. The above election awareness pamphlet is for elementary school students in 2022.

Europe's emissions rise post-Covid, won't meet targets: EEA

The European Union wants to achieve climate neutrality within the next 30 years. Airbus shares this mission and targets net-zero aviation in Europe by 2050. **PHOTO: AFP**

EUROPE'S greenhouse gas emissions rebounded in 2021 due to the post-pandemic recovery and the continent must step up efforts if it hopes to meet its targets, the European Environment Agency (EEA) warned Wednesday.

Preliminary data reported by EU member states showed that greenhouse gas emissions rose by five per cent in 2021 from 2020, mainly due to the post-Covid economic recovery, a new EEA report showed.

The emissions remain nonetheless six percent below the 2019 pre-pandemic level.

The EU target of a 55-percent reduction in net emissions by 2030 "is not expected to be reached according to current projections", agency expert Melanie Sporer told reporters.

"We will need to double our efforts on greenhouse gas emissions every year from 2021 to 2030, compared to 1990 to 2020, in order to reach the different targets", she said.

The biggest efforts were noted in the field of energy supply, the industry with the highest emissions, the EEA noted.

The sector's emissions declined by 43 per cent from 2005 to 2020, while they dropped by 15 per cent in the transport industry and two per cent in the agriculture sector. The total share of renewable energies in energy consumption remained stable in Europe at 22 per cent following several years of sharp expansion — a source of concern at a time when the transition to green energy needs to be accelerated.—AFP

G20 members launch call to action on tuberculosis

HEALTH ministers of the Group of 20 (G20) members launched a "Call to Action on Financing for Tuberculosis Response" to tackle the second leading cause of death from infectious diseases after COVID-19.

The launch was carried out on Thursday during the second G20 Health Ministerial Meeting held on 27-28 October in Indonesia's Bali.

"We have taken concrete actions to increase financing to combat tuberculosis (TB). We are very serious about it," Indonesian Health Minister Budi Gunadi Sadikin told a press conference on Friday.

The initiative calls on G20 members to mobilize resources to close capacity gaps, accelerate the development of new tuberculosis vaccines, and control infections. Suvanand Sahu, deputy executive director of the Stop TB Partnership of the United Nations, said the biggest challenge to ending tuberculosis is the lack of funding, both domestically in each country and internationally.

"Because of the lack of funding, existing tools to fight tuberculosis are not reaching all those who need them and new tools are not fast-tracked through the research pipeline," said Sahu, who was present virtually at a press conference Thursday before the opening of the meeting.—Xinhua

This file photo shows inmates from the Quezon City jail being processed during a mass screening for tuberculosis (TB) in suburban Manila. **PHOTO: RERESENTATIVE IMAGE/AFP/FILE**

NEWS IN BRIEF

UN agencies help authorities deal with extensive cholera outbreak in Haiti

UN agencies and nongovernmental organizations are helping Haitian authorities to deal with the current extensive cholera outbreak in the Caribbean island nation, said a UN spokesman on Friday. Suspected cases of cholera have been found in eight of Haiti's 10 administrative departments. The occupancy rate in the 15 cholera treatment centers in the Port-au-Prince metropolitan area reached more than 80 per cent on Wednesday, said Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.—Xinhua

12 dead from Ecuador bootleg liquor poisoning

A total of 12 people died from bootleg liquor poisoning in two Ecuadorian provinces, with 52 others suffering from methyl alcohol intoxication, the Public Health Ministry said on Friday.

Authorities continue "to monitor and investigate the cases of mass intoxication," the ministry said in a press release.

In Santo Domingo de los Tsachilas, seven people aged 25-56 have died, including a woman, while in Esmeraldas, five men died, ranging in age from 42 to 65.—Xinhua

Canada confirms 1,435 monkeypox cases

CANADA has confirmed 1,435 cases of monkeypox, including 42 hospitalizations, the Public Health Agency of Canada said on Friday.

Of the confirmed cases, 684 are from Ontario, 524 from Quebec, 175 from British Columbia, 41 from Alberta, six from Saskatchewan, two from the Yukon and one each from Nova Scotia, Manitoba and New Brunswick, said the health agency.

Monkeypox cases remain low in Canada and there have been 24 new cases for the past three weeks.

Second doses of the monkeypox vaccine are rolling out in the country. The National Advisory Committee on Immunization recommended monkeypox vaccine to be used as a preventative, two-dose vaccine for those at risk of exposure, with the second dose, only for people who do not have symptoms administered 28 days after the first.

Monkeypox is a viral disease that can spread from person to person through close contact with an infected person, including through hugs, kisses, massages or sexual intercourse, according to experts.—Xinhua

The first monkeypox cases in Canada were reported on 19 May 2022 in Montreal. British Columbia's first case was confirmed on 6 June 2022. **PHOTO: DON MACKINNON/AFP**

During the early phase of the COVID-19 outbreak, Tanzania adopted a preventive strategy whereby the community was sensitized, and measures were taken to ensure that overcrowding was avoided, and frequent handwashing practiced. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/AFP**

Tanzania sets aside US$3.4 mln for training 139 medical specialists

TANZANIAN health authorities said on Friday the government has set aside eight billion Tanzanian shillings (about 3.4 million US dollars) for training 139 medical specialists.

Ummy Mwalimu, the health minister, said the training of the medical specialists under the government scholarships was aimed at filling the shortage of the highly required medical personnel.

"The 139 medical personnel that will benefit from the scholarships is the brainchild of President Samia Suluhu Hassan," Mwalimu told a news conference in the capital Dodoma.

She said 136 of the selected 139 medical specialists will be trained abroad and three will be trained within the east African nation.

Upon completion of their studies the medical specialists will be assigned to work in public hospitals for three consecutive years, said the minister.

She said the medical specialists have been selected from the country's leading medical facilities.— Xinhua

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China promotes application of AI technology to real economy

AT a logistics centre belonging to a healthcare group in China, autonomous mobile robots carry shelves and containers out of the warehouse, a task that previously required human workers to take about 30,000 steps each day.

The artificial intelligence (AI) robots, developed by Chinese AI company Megvii, helped this logistics centre reduce labour difficulties and costs, improve working efficiency, and promote its transformation from automation to intelligence. Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province, has been a trial ground for several categories of smart vehicles, including self-driving buses running on China's first open-road smart-bus demonstration line, according to a spokesperson with Xiangjiang Smart Tech Innovation Centre.

The smart-bus demonstration line, built by Xiangjiang New Area, is 7.8 Kilometres long and features 22 stops in both directions. However, the driver's seats are not empty, but are occupied by "safety personnel".

The throttle, brakes, steering wheel and gear lever in these autonomous vehicles are all managed by computers, allowing the "driver" to keep a better eye on events during test drives, according to He Jiancheng, one of the safety personnel.

A visitor experiences a massage robot at the 2022 World Artificial Intelligence Conference (WAIC) in east China's Shanghai, 1 September 2022. **PHOTO : XINHUA**

"My main task is to deal with any unpredictable situations that the vehicle may encounter," he said. Seeking to accelerate the development of AI applications and boost economic growth, China's Ministry of Science and Technology recently announced the first batch of 10 AI demonstration application scenarios, including smart farms, smart factories and autonomous driving.

"AI technology must be combined with application scenarios if it is to play its greatest role," said Ren Aiguang, an official with the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology. "China's advantage in AI development lies in its rich application scenarios created during the intelligent upgrading of the real economy."—Xinhua

IMF predicts robust growth for Cambodia, driven by FTAs, high vaccination rate

Cambodian labourers work on a high-rise building construction site in Sihanoukville. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Friday that Cambodia's economic growth is expected to be robust this year and the next couple of years, supported by free trade agreements and high vaccination rate.

In its Regional Economic Outlook Report for Asia and Pacific: Sailing into Headwinds, the IMF said Cambodia's growth is projected at 5.1 per cent in 2022, 6.2 per cent in 2023 and 6.6 per cent in 2024.

The Southeast Asian nation saw robust consumption, services and export in the first half of 2022, supported by high vaccination rate, the report said.

It added that the kingdom will see faster than expected recovery in the tourism industry.

Davide Furceri, deputy division chief of the IMF's Regional Studies, Asia and Pacific Department, said the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and the Cambodia-China Free Trade Agreement have also given a boost to these growth rates.

"Regarding the trade agreements, I think this is a good step for many countries to the extent it signals international cooperation more broadly," he said in a press conference via video link.

"So, I think the participation in the RCEP is a good step not only for the short term, but also for the medium term," Furceri added.

Entered into force in January 2022, the RCEP trade deal comprises 15 Asia-Pacific countries including 10 ASEAN member states, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Viet Nam, and their five trading partners, namely China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand.— Xinhua

Half of American workers considering second jobs amid high inflation: poll

MORE than half of Americans are considering taking on extra jobs to be able to pay for everyday expenses and meet the rising cost of living as inflation remains high, the ABC News has reported.

A new study by Qualtrics, a software technology company, showed that employees in the United States are combatting the soaring prices of essentials like groceries, housing, and gas by looking for ways to increase their incomes and cut down on expenses, said the ABC News in a report Wednesday. —Xinhua

Spanish growth slows sharply, inflation eases

SPAIN'S economy narrowly dodged a contraction in the third quarter with growth of 0.2 per cent, the national statistics body said Friday.

The country's growth is sharply down from 1.5 per cent in the previous quarter, according to provisional data from the National Statistics Institute (INE). The slowing growth is largely down to poor performance in the real estate sector, where activity contracted by 2.5 per cent, and a drop in exports and business investment.

However, inflation in Spain eased in the last three months, reaching 7.3 per cent in October, the INE said. This is a sharp drop from the 10.8 per cent in July, which was the highest in nearly 38 years. Like other countries across Europe, Spain has been struggling with soaring inflation as a result of the fallout from the war in Ukraine and the reopening of the economy after pandemic-related lockdowns.

Among Western economies, Spain was also one of the worst hit by the economic fallout of the Covid pandemic, largely due to its heavy dependence on tourism. The country's public accounts control body has warned that the Spanish economy could contract in the last quarter of this year and the first quarter of next — putting Spain in a technical recession.

But the government has insisted the country can dodge a crisis. Spanish economy minister Nadia Calvino said in a TV interview Wednesday that it was "obvious" the country was "at a delicate moment", but that the economic indicators do not suggest there will be a recession.—AFP

A woman walks past a shop window displaying autumn clothes in Barcelona, Spain, 27 October 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

China creates over 10 million urban jobs in first nine months

CHINA created 10.01 million jobs in its urban areas in the first nine months of this year, official data showed Thursday.

The overall employment situation has remained stable despite the current employment challenges, according to the Ministry of Human Resources and Social Security.

From January to September, 1.32 million people with difficulty finding jobs became employed, while 3.87 million unemployed people found new jobs.

During the period, China had issued a total of 72.7 billion yuan of employment subsidies, the ministry said.—Xinhua

Algeria signs US$600 mln gas deals with Italian firms

ALGERIA'S national petrochemicals firm Sonatrach said Thursday it had signed deals worth around $600 million with Italian companies to extract and transport liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).

Africa's biggest natural gas exporter, Algeria is seeking to fill a gap in supplies to nearby European markets after Russia's invasion of Ukraine rocked global energy markets. Sonatrach said it had reached a $400 million deal with Italian firm Tecnimont for the building of an LPG extraction plant, to be built within three years.—AFP

Honda unveils new HondaJet with longer flight range, autolanding

HONDA Motor Co will launch a new model of its popular small business aircraft, HondaJet Elite II, featuring a longer flight range and an automatic landing system.

The latest model, priced at $6.95 million, can travel 2,865 kilometers, 204 km longer than the existing models, as it adopted a bigger fuel tank, according to Honda's jet-making unit, Honda Aircraft Co.

It also added performance-improving ground spoiler devices to its wings to help control speed, Honda Aircraft said recently.

The HondaJet Elite. **PHOTO: HONDA AIRCRAFT COMPANY**

"The HondaJet Elite II once again pushes the boundaries of its category on all fronts of performance, comfort and style," Hideto Yamasaki, CEO of Honda Aircraft, said in a statement.

The company is expected to start delivering the aircraft to customers from November after obtaining a certificate for flight operations from US aviation authorities.

New automation technologies, such as emergency auto-landing, will also be introduced to the new model by the end of next year, according to Honda Aircraft. The functions can be retrofitted to the aircraft, the company said.—Kyodo

Brazilian mining giant Vale sees 12% profit rise in 2022

BRAZILIAN mining giant Vale reported a third-quarter net profit of US$4.45 billion on Thursday, a 12.2 per cent year-on-year climb.

Vale chief executive Eduardo Bartolomeo called the results "solid" since they come amid high worldwide inflation and fluctuating prices for iron ore and nickel.

Prices for iron ore were down sharply in the quarter, averaging $92.6 per tonne, compared to $127.2 per tonne in the same quarter last year when global demand surged.

Brazilian mining giant Vale reported a third-quarter net profit of US$4.45 billion on Thursday, a 12.2 per cent year-on-year climb. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

The fall was partially compensated by the rise in nickel to $21.7 per tonne, up from $18.2 per tonne a year ago.

In the second quarter, Vale posted a net income of $6.2 billion, a more than 18 per cent drop from the previous year. —AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V UAFL ATHENS VOY.NO. (22012N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V UAFL ATHENS VOY.NO. (22012N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **30-10-2022** 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.

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S X-PRESS FEEDERS LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V IRIS TRIUMPH V-68** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **30-10-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AIPT-2** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Phone No: **2301177, 2301931**

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S MOL DRYBULK LTD / HONDA

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Energy

INVITATION FOR DATA PREVIEW SECTION EVENT

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE), Ministry of Energy, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar will convene an event titled "**GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL DATA PREVIEW OF MYANMAR ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE OPEN BLOCKS**" which will be held as follow:

Date - 10 November, 2022 (Thursday), For Onshore Blocks
11 November, 2022 (Friday), For Offshore Blocks
Time - 09:00 AM to 16:00 PM
Venue - Grand Ball Room, Mingalar Thiri Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw

The onshore and offshore open blocks data preview section offers Geology & Geophysical data presentations and display montage sections for (21) onshore blocks and (21) offshore blocks.

Therefore, we would be extremely grateful if you could R.S.V.P to the following address by not later than **November 8, 2022**.

Director (Planning)
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Ministry of Energy
Building (44), Nay Pyi Taw
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Remark: The additional information about the event, please kindly contact to the following addresses.

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Russian Navy fleet thwarts drone attack in Crimea Bay: Official

A Russian warship sails on the Neva river during the Navy Day parade in Saint Petersburg on 29 July 2018.
PHOTO: AFP/KIRILL KUDRYAVTSEV

THE Russian navy on Saturday thwarted a drone attack on the Sevastopol port, home to Moscow's Black Sea Fleet in Russia-annexed Crimea, Moscow-installed authorities said.

"Today, starting at 04:30 am for several hours, various air defence systems in Sevastopol repelled drone attacks," Sevastopol governor Mikhail Razvozhayev said on Telegram.

"All UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles) have been shot down."

Mr Razvozhayev had earlier said the Russian navy was repelling a drone attack. "Ships of the Black Sea Fleet are repelling a UVA (unmanned aerial vehicle) in Sevastopol bay," he said in the early hours of Saturday. The governor said the city's services were on "alert", but said no "civilian infrastructure" had been damaged. A student dormitory at an art college near the port saw "one windowpane burst" but "no harm was done", he added.

He called on residents of the city not to post videos of the incident on social media. "It should be clear to everyone that such information is much needed for Ukrainian Nazis in order to understand how the defence of our city is built," he said.—AFP

Volkswagen profits slip after Russia production halt

GERMAN auto giant Volkswagen reported Friday a fall in third-quarter profits after taking a hit from suspending production in Russia and the listing of its premium sports car brand Porsche.

The car manufacturer made a net profit of 2.13 billion euros ($2.12 billion) in July to September, a fall of more than 26 per cent from the same period a year earlier.

Results were "weighed down by non-recurring costs totalling around 1.6 billion euros related to revaluation effects due to the group's suspended activities in Russia and costs associated with the Porsche IPO", said Volkswagen in a statement.

Along with other German automakers including rivals Mercedes-Benz and BMW, Volkswagen halted exports to Russia shortly after the invasion of Ukraine and closed its local production sites. Last month, luxury sports carmaker Porsche floated on the Frankfurt stock exchange in one of Europe's biggest listings in years. Volkswagen is expected to use some of the cash raised in the listing in its shift towards electric vehicles.—AFP

The new Volkswagen ID Buzz electric van is displayed during its presentation in Hamburg, northern Germany on 9 March 2022.
PHOTO: JOHN MACDOUGALL / AFP

WORLD: TOP HEADLINES

Ex-PM Khan begins 'long march' for early Pakistan election

FORMER Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan launched a so-called "long march" Friday on the capital Islamabad to demand early elections, piling pressure on a government already in crisis.

The former international cricket star was booted from office in April by a no-confidence vote after defections by some of his coalition partners, but he retains mass public support in the South Asian country.

Thousands of people are expected to join a convoy that will travel around 380 kilometres (240 miles) from Lahore to Islamabad over the next week, stopping along the way to hold rallies and gather more protesters. "We need to rid the country of looters and thieves who are taking the country's money for their own interests," said Muhammad Mazhar, 36, who arrived in Lahore on Friday to take part.

Former Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan launched a so-called "long march" on the capital Islamabad to demand early elections.
PHOTO: ARIF ALI /AFP

"We need to save the country and change this system, so I am supporting Imran Khan."

Security has already been tightened in the capital, with hundreds of shipping containers positioned at key intersections, ready to block marchers should they try to storm the government enclave. Clashes erupted between Khan's supporters and police during a similar protest in May.—AFP

Japan 'studying' US Tomahawk cruise missile purchase

JAPAN is looking into buying US-developed Tomahawk cruise missiles as it seeks to counter growing regional threats, including from North Korea, the government said Friday.

The purchase would likely be controversial in a nation whose military is not officially recognized under its post-World War II constitution.

The Yomiuri Shimbun daily reported that Tokyo was in the final stages of discussions with the US government over purchasing the medium-range missiles, which are launched from the sea.

The Korean Peninsula would be within range of the missiles, depending on the launch area, the newspaper said, citing unidentified government sources.

Other Japanese media also said the government was considering the Tomahawk missile purchase.

Asked about the reports, top government spokesman Hirokazu Matsuno said ministers were "studying" the possibility but nothing had been decided.

Hours after Matsuno's comments, North Korea fired another "unspecified ballistic missile", Seoul's military said.— AFP

GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Bolsonaro, Lula on the attack in final debate for Brazil vote

After a bitterly divisive campaign and inconclusive first-round vote, Brazil will elect its next president on 30 October in a cliffhanger runoff between far-right incumbent Jair Bolsonaro and veteran leftist Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. **PHOTO: AFP**

FAR-RIGHT incumbent Jair Bolsonaro and leftist ex-president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva repeatedly slammed each other as liars in a final debate Friday night that touched on the economy, corruption and foreign policy only two days before Brazil's run-off elections.

"Brazilians know who the liar is," said Lula, as the two locked horns over minimum wages and the leftist's history of corruption allegations, sticking to the personal attacks and themes seen throughout the campaigns.

"Stop lying Lula, stop lying. It's getting ugly," said Bolsonaro.

The bitter rivals are taking part in their second head-to-head debate – the grand finale of a brutal campaign marked by months of mudslinging, negative ads and a flood of disinformation on social media.

Although Lula holds a small lead in the polls, pundits say the race could still go either way — making the debate a high-stakes final showdown as the rivals battle for every last vote.

"The only thing that could change (the situation) at this point is the debate," said political scientist Felipe Nunes, director of polling firm Quaest.

"Any slip-up, any tone-deaf remark, could end up being decisive in the final result," he told AFP ahead of the clash.

The debate is being broadcast live on TV Globo, Brazil's biggest network.

Lula, the popular but tarnished ex-president who led Brazil from 2003 to 2010, entered the debate leading the polarizing, hardline conservative Bolsonaro 53 per cent to 47 per cent, according to a poll published Thursday by the Datafolha institute.— AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Over 140 killed in Seoul Halloween crush: authorities

MORE than 140 people were killed and some 150 were injured in a stampede during Halloween festivities in central Seoul on Saturday, officials said.

"As of 04:00 am, 146 have been killed and 150 have been injured," fire official Choi Seong-beom told reporters at the scene. —AFP

Police walk past ambulances at Soon Chun Hyang University Hospital in Seoul on 30 October 2022, where some victims of the Halloween stampede were taken. More than 140 people were killed on 29 October and some 150 were injured in a horrific stampede in central Seoul when a large crowd celebrating Halloween crammed into a narrow street, officials said.
PHOTO: AFP

Netanyahu eyes return to power as Israel votes yet again

Two girls pose for a selfie photo before a vehicle showing Israel's former prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu, ahead of 1 November general elections. **PHOTO: MENAHEM KAHANA /AFP/FILE**

ISRAEL'S Benjamin Netanyahu is eyeing a return to power when the country holds its fifth election in four years Tuesday, his chances potentially boosted by the rise of the extreme-right.

The longest-serving leader in Israeli history, the 73-year-old right-winger and security hawk is for the first time in years campaigning from the opposition.

He is up against the centrist caretaker Prime Minister Yair Lapid, who last year manoeuvred a motley alliance of eight parties into a coalition that managed to oust Netanyahu from power.

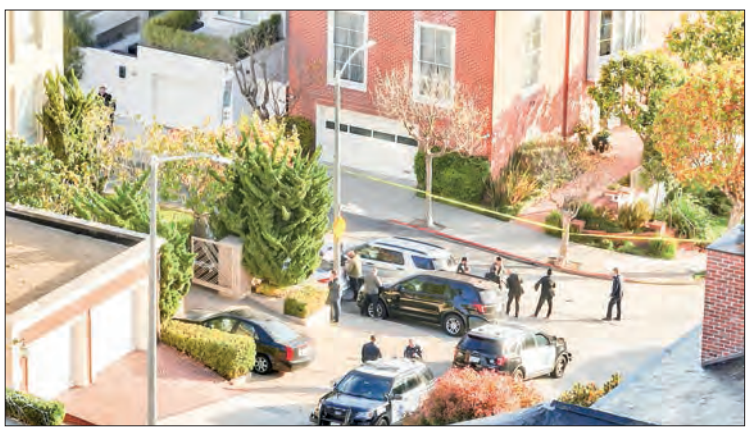
Lapid sails into the 1 November election just days after a diplomatic breakthrough — finalising a landmark maritime border deal with foe Lebanon that unlocks offshore gas riches for both sides.

Netanyahu, meanwhile, is hoping his record 15 years in power can convince the electorate that only he has the necessary experience to lead the country, despite his ongoing corruption trial.

The polls have Netanyahu's Likud emerging as the largest party in parliament, the Knesset — but in a political system dominated by coalitions, his path to the premiership is far from certain.

Even while the ballots are still being counted, both leaders are likely to enter intense negotiations with smaller parties as they seek to reach the 61 seats needed for a parliamentary majority.

For Netanyahu that means rekindling his longstanding ties to the ultra-Orthodox, while he has also courted the extreme-right alliance of Itamar Ben-Gvir and Bezalel Smotrich.—AFP



San Francisco police officers and FBI. agents gather in front of the home of US Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi in San Francisco, California.
PHOTO: JUSTIN SULLIVAN /AFP

Intruder hunting US politician Pelosi attacks her husband with hammer

AN intruder attacked the husband of US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi with a hammer, fracturing his skull, after breaking into their California home on Friday in search of her.

Paul Pelosi was "attacked at home by an assailant who acted with force, and threatened his life while demanding to see the speaker," Pelosi spokesman Drew Hammill said.

Paul Pelosi, 82 — who underwent surgery and is recovering in hospital — was at home alone, as his wife was working in Washington.

San Francisco police said officers found the assailant at the couple's home just before 2:30 am (0930 GMT), where he and Paul Pelosi were scuffling over a hammer.

"The suspect pulled the hammer away from Mr Pelosi and violently assaulted him with it," San Francisco police chief Bill Scott told reporters.

He identified the assailant as 42-year-old David Depape but declined to take questions and offered little further detail.— Xinhua

SPORT

GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Russian Navy fleet thwarts drone attack in Crimea Bay: Official

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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.

Yadanabon goalkeeper Pyae Phyo Thu (No 1) tries to clear the ball amidst the opponents during the Week 18 match of the Myanmar National League at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon on 29 October 2022. **PHOTO: MNL**

ISPE defeat Yadanabon 2-1 in Myanmar National League Week 18

ISPE FC shaped a 2-1 victory over Yadanabon FC in the Week 18 match of the Myanmar National League played at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

If the Yadanabon team wins this match, they will be in a good position to be among the top five teams, but they could not hold the lead and lost the win again.

ISPE FC was able to make up for the loss of the first round and earned their victory.

ISPE FC lined up the team's best players including Thein Zaw Thiha, goalie Zin Nyi Nyi Aung, Kyi Soe, and Wai Lin Aung while Yadanabon FC used star players Myo Ko Tun, Hlaing Bo Bo, Hein Nay San and Ye Yint Aung.

In the 19th minute, Ye Yint Aung scored the first goal for the team Yadanabon, but two minutes later, Kyi Soe equalized for the ISPE.

After that, the game was back-to-back and even though it was tied at one goal after the first half, ISPE FC got their second or winning goal scored by Zarni at the beginning of the second half.

After conceding a goal, the Yadanabon team tried hard to equalize, but could not score a goal back, and the ISPE team grabbed their win.

After this match, ISPE FC bagged 24 points and Yadanabon FC collected 25 points from 16 games.

As the second day of Week 18, the Myawady team will play against the Ayeyawady FC today. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Man City go top, Brighton hammer Chelsea on Potter's return

MANCHESTER City moved to the top of the Premier League thanks to Kevin De Bruyne's stunning strike in a 1-0 win over Leicester, as Chelsea boss Graham Potter suffered a nightmare return to Brighton with a 4-1 defeat on Saturday.

Tottenham fought back from 2-0 down to beat Bournemouth 3-2 to remain in third ahead of Newcastle, who thrashed Aston Villa 4-0. City were without the free-scoring Erling Haaland for the trip to the King Power due to a foot injury and were blunted up front without the Norwegian's firepower. But one moment of magic from De Bruyne was enough as the Belgian's free-kick four minutes into the second half clipped the inside of the post on its way past Danny Ward.

Manchester City's Belgian midfielder Kevin De Bruyne (L) scores the opening goal from this freekick during the English Premier League football match between Leicester City and Manchester City at King Power Stadium in Leicester, central England on 29 October 2022. **PHOTO : GEOFF CADDICK / AFP**

City needed one brilliant save from Ederson to prevent another sensational strike from a Belgian international as he turned Youri Tielemans' volley onto the crossbar. "I want this Kevin and we need this Kevin. The goals and assists he can do blind. But we need this type of involvement in the game and today that was the case," said City boss Pep Guardiola.

With Arsenal not in action until Sunday when they host Nottingham Forest, the victory lifts City one point ahead of the Gunners at the top of the table.

Brighton's revenge on Potter

Potter had been unbeaten in his first nine games since leaving Brighton to take over at Chelsea last month.

By contrast, the Seagulls had not won in their first five games under new boss Roberto De Zerbi, but that all changed in a dominant first half by Brighton.

Thiago Silva twice cleared off the Chelsea goal line in the first five minutes before Leandro Trossard fired home the opener.—AFP