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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.

Naming ceremony, hall-accepting ceremony for Yadana white elephant which emerged in 2022 held

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing calls title of Yadana white elephant Rattha Nandaka three times at naming ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw on 30 October.

THE naming ceremony and the hall-accepting ceremony for Yadana white elephant born of female elephant Zar Nan Hla, 33, of Myanma Timber Enterprise in Taungup Township of Rakhine State at 6:30 am on 23 July 2022 took place at the Yadana white elephant hall in the precinct east of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Also present at the ceremonies were Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, SAC Vice Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Council members and their wives, the secretary and wife, the joint secretary and wife, Union ministers and their wives, Union level officials, the chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council, senior military officers and their wives, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and officials.

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Organization Registration Law

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Chapter 4
Registration of Domestic Organizations

7. A domestic organization shall, to obtain the registration certificate, apply for registration, providing the following particulars, assigning the application duties to either the chairman or the secretary or an executive committee member or an organization member, providing the latter two with a power of attorney:
   [a] name of the organization;
   [b] names of chair and secretary of the organization;
   [c] location and contact address of the organization;
   [d] date of foundation of the organization;
   [e] objective;
   [f] programme;
   [g] recommendation by the organization concerned with objective and programme;
   [h] number of executive committee members;
   [i] number of organization's members;
   [j] organization's cash and assets;
   [k] social activities carried out;
   [l] organization's article of association;
   [m] date of application; and
   [n] undertaking for abidance with the provisions enshrined in the existing laws.
8. The concerned registration board shall
   [a] issue the temporary registration certificate to the organization which has applied for registration under Section 7 within 21 days from submission of the application, excluding the gazetted holidays;
   [b] scrutinize the application to see if it is in accord with the prescribed rules after issuing the temporary certificate;
   [c] grant registration if it does not see any reason which will adversely affect the perpetuity of sovereign power, the rule of law, security and the national unity; and
   [d] issue the registration certificate within 30 days from the date of the decision to grant the registration.
9. [a] The domestic organization which has been granted registration shall
      [1] pay the registration fees at the concerned Myanma Economic Bank within the period prescribed by the concerned registration board and withdraw the registration certificate, producing the bank's acknowledgement receipt; and
      [2] return the temporary registration certificate issued upon withdrawal of the registration certificate.
   [b] in the event of failure to return the temporary registration certificate or to withdraw the registration certificate or to produce the evidence proving having paid the registration fees or in the event of the temporary certificate and the registration certificate issued beyond the prescribed period, it shall be deemed that registration has already been null and void.
10. If the concerned registration board decides not to grant the registration of a domestic organization, the board shall reply to the applicant, stating reasons fully within the prescribed periods as mentioned hereunder:

[a]	Union Registration Board	30 days
[b]	Region or State Registration Board	30 days
[c]	Union Territory Registration Board	30 days
[d]	Self-Administered Division or Self-Administered Zone Registration Board	15 days
[e]	District Registration Board	15 days
[f]	Township Registration Board	15 days

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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

91 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 30 October, total figure rises to 631,625

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **631,625** after **91** new cases were reported on 30 October 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **605,597** have recovered from disease. Death toll reaches **19,482** after one death.

Up to 29-10-2022, 30,707,837 people aged 18 and above and 6,688,624 people aged 18 and under were vaccinated. According to the study of people who had COVID-19 and people who died of COVID-19 from 28-1-2022 to 15-10-2022, it has been found that 90.4 per cent of Covid patients and 80.9 per cent of Covid deaths are not vaccinated at all or fully vaccinated, respectively.

Status of COVID-19 injection	COVID-19 Patient	Death with COVID-19
People have no vaccination and have not been fully inoculated.	90.4%	80.9%

According to the international study, it is found that people who have been vaccinated do not suffer severely from the disease, need not to be hospitalized and are unlikely to die. If they have received booster shots, the death rates can be reduced more. Therefore, it is a must for people aged five and above to be vaccinated against COVID-19.

The Ministry of Health is giving free vaccinations to all people aged five and above. Booster shots of vaccine are being given to students between the ages of 12 and 18 and people aged 18 and over. Therefore, people should contact local health centres and village/ward administration offices to receive vaccinations. The information about COVID-19 disease can be seen on the Ministry of Health official website www.moh.gov.mm. —MNA

Our country must now build a stronger Union system for ensuring its long-term existence

OUR country is a nation where ethnic people have been residing for many years. From before losing independence, the whole country was under the administrative system of centralization, although the types of administration were different in regions and areas. Thus, when we gained independence, the whole nation, the whole Union collectively gained independence.

Hence, our country, which had been formed through the Union system since historical times, must now build a stronger Union system for ensuring its long-term existence.

(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)

Naming ceremony, hall-accepting ceremony for Yadana ...

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla view characteristics of Yadana white elephant on 30 October.

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First, the white elephant went round the pagoda and the Senior General and the Vice-Senior General sprinkled scented water on the elephant. The alternate patron of the pagoda board of trustees scattered pop-corn on the white elephant.

Officials settled the white elephant into the building at the hall-accepting ceremony. The Senior General and wife and the Vice-Senior General and wife scented water on the white elephant and fed him.

Officials arranged the white elephant to pay homage to Uppatasanti Pagoda, and the master of ceremonies announced the title of the elephant.

Then, **Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Vice-Senior General Soe Win and General Mya Tun Oo called the title of the white elephant Rattha Nandaka three times. (Rattha in Pali is defined as Country and Nandaka, affectionation, prosperity and happiness). The title of the Yadana white elephant means the precious white elephant beloved by the country which will bring prosperity and happiness to the nation.** Offcials decorated the title on the head of the white elephant.

At the ceremony to present gifts to the white elephant, the Senior General presented gifts for the elephant to the attendant.

The master of ceremonies prayed to the Rattha Nandaka white elephant for ensuring physical and mental well-being, for staying away from diseases and for having longevity and to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for staying away from diseases and dangers and for enjoying prosperity, development and success.

After the ceremony, the Senior General and wife, the Vice-Senior General and wife and those present at the ceremony fed Rattha Nandaka Yadana white elephant, other Yadana white elephants and companian elephants in the white elephant shed.

The Rattha Nandaka white elephant was born of female elephant Zar Nan Hla at 6:30 am on 23 July 2022. In its birth, the white elephant was two feet and five inches in height, three feet and one inch in girth, with weight of about 180 pounds. The white elephants consist of seven out of eight unique features: pearl-coloured eyes, plantain branch-shaped back, white hair, a distinctive tail, auspicious plot signs on the skin, pinky skin, each limb having five claws and big ears.

The three month and seven day-old white elephant is two feet and 10 inches in height, four feet and two inches in girth and about 265 pounds. He arrived in Nay Pyi Taw together his mother elephant on 27 October. Now, the white elephant healthily and happily resides at Yadana white elephant hall in the precinct of Uppatasanti Pagoda. The Rattha Nandaka white elephant is the 10th white elephant of the country.—MNA

SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win sprinkles scented water on the Yadana white elephant at the naming ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw on 30 October.

Officials bring Yadana white elephant to precinct of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw to attend naming ceremony and hall-accepting ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw on 30 October.

Myanmar rejects reports and dialogues which failed its neutral and professional characters of the United Nations

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Similarly, the report of the Special Rapporteur, Thomas Andrews, on the situation of human rights in Myanmar also does not include any constructive indication. It is exaggerated with full description of invented negativity. Myanmar has consistently opposed country-specific resolutions and has never accepted the mandates which were created by country-specific resolutions. Against this backdrop, Myanmar has not recognized Thomas Andrews as the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar and has never permitted him to enter Myanmar.

Their reports and presentations are based on the narratives coming from misinformation of terrorist groups; so-called civil society organizations and armed organizations which are supporting those terrorist groups. Indeed, it is found that the afore-said groups and organizations have been receiving assistance by some external elements illegally. The so-called UN experts on Myanmar highlighted the incident in A Nan Pa, Kachin State on 23 October 2022 based on one sided distorted information and allegations. However, they had kept silence on deadly attacks against pilgrims in Kyaiktiyo Pagoda by the KNLA Brigade 1 and the so-called PDF terrorists under the instruction of NUG and CRPH on 12 October 2022 and causalities of innocent civilians due to the attacks against local residences in an attempt to raid a town namely Kawkareik by battalions under KNU/KNLA Brigade 6, KKO (Split) group and PDF terrorists under the instruction of NUG and CRPH on 21 October 2022. Moreover, they have neglected the terrorist attacks of the NUG and PDF terrorist groups which claimed the lives of 4,073 innocent civilians. Accordingly, the actions of the UN's so-called Special Envoy and Special Rapporteur are found to be biased and partial and in non-objective manner.

The afore-said interactive dialogues on 25 and 26 October 2022 at the Third Committee which are based on misinformation and exaggeration to draw the international attention are dishonorable acts to damage its own neutral and professional characters of the United Nations.

Myanmar wishes to express its appreciation to the countries which uphold the United Nations' principle of equality, and which is entrusted to the United Nations by all its members. Meanwhile, Myanmar strongly condemns and categorically rejects the above-mentioned flawed reports, their Interactive Dialogues without participation of lawful representatives of Myanmar and intrusive statements made by certain countries on the internal affairs of Myanmar.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw
30 October 2022

Myanmar delegation attends 37th ASEAN Capital Markets Forum-ACMF Chairs' Meeting, International Conference

THE 37th ASEAN Capital Markets Forum-ACMF Chairs' Meeting and International Conference took place in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 27 and 28 October.

The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance, Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Myanmar U Maung Maung Win attended the meeting and conference.

They discussed development activities of Myanmar's capital market according to relevant topics and exchanged views.

Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Cambodia Mr Sou Socheat provided the 37th ASEAN Capital Markets Forum-ACMF Chairs' Meeting and International Conference and Chief Executive Officer Mr Inarno Djajadi from Financial Agency of Indonesia acted as a Co-chair.

Delegates from Capital Market Supervisory Commission from ASEAN countries, ASEAN Secretariat, the Asian Development Bank and partner organizations attended the meeting.

Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win poses for documentary photo at 37th ASEAN Capital Markets Forum in Phnom Penh on 27 October.

In this meeting, officials discussed ability to open and hold workshops and trainings in cooperation with international organizations so as to improve the capacity of high-ranking officials of the capital market in the ASEAN region, exchange of trainees to business courses, cooperation among international organizations in establishment of disclosure standards that are the basis of international financial reporting standards, issues to prioritize ASEAN bond standards applied in the ASEAN capital market, participation of ASEAN member countries in the collective investment framework to make investment opportunities with more attraction, and awarding ceremony in the Philippines on 1 December, 2022 for the companies listed on the Stock Exchange in the ASEAN region based on the corporate governance evaluation.

The alternate chairmanship of the ASEAN Capital Markets Forum was handed over to Indonesia.

The ASEAN Sustainability-Linked Bond Standards, The ASEAN Sustainable and Responsible Fund Standards, and The ASEAN CIS Digital Repository and Legal Wrappers for the SDG Bond Toolkit agreed by the ACMF Chairs' Meeting and International Conference were opened by the heads of commissions from the 10 ASEAN countries.

The processes negotiated in this forum will be submitted to the ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting to be held in Indonesia next year.

The ASEAN Capital Markets Forum is a high-level meeting of capital market regulators from ASEAN countries on the development of regional capital markets.—MNA

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Myanmar directly ships 2,650 tonnes of rice to Bangladesh from Pathein Port

AS agriculture and livestock are the backbone of Myanmar's economy, it earns foreign currencies from rice exports beyond self-sufficiency. The State is supporting the stockholders including farmers and investors in order to bring about business opportunities. According to the Memorandum of Understanding between Myanmar and Bangladesh regarding rice trade, 200,000 tonnes of white rice from Myanmar will be exported to Bangladesh. A total of 2,650 tonnes of rice are to be directly shipped by the MV MCL-7 for the first time from the Ayeyawady International Industrial Port AIIP in Pathein Industrial City, Ayeyawady Region to Bangladesh.

Bags of rice are being loaded onto international cargo ship at international port in Pathein recently. **PHOTO: KANU**

Bangladesh and Myanmar officials signed a sales contract on 8 September in order for exporting 200,000 tonnes of Myanmar's white rice to Bangladesh. About 30,000-50,000 tonnes of rice are scheduled to be sent to Bangladesh from the Pathein Port. On 28 October, the loading of 2,650 tonnes of Emahta rice (5% broken) onto the ship heading for Bangladesh commenced.

"Rice exports generate foreign currencies as well as contribute to private sector development. It is the first step of the regional efforts with the first ever direct rice shipment from Pathein city to the external market, with an aim to spur the developments in public and private sectors harmoniously together. The next step is to facilitate the trade in the Pathein Industrial City as the government is looking forward to the city with good prospects. The exports of rice also cause the GDP growth in the region. In addition to rice, corn and sesame are also targeted to be directly exported to foreign markets through the Pathein City. Following the guidance of the ministry concerned and the regional government, the Department of Consumers Affairs will join hands to be in harmony with the rice associations," said U Tun Tun, deputy director of Ayeyawady Region Consumers Affairs Department.

The loading process of 2,650 tonnes of rice will be completed on 31 October and the MV MCL-7 will leave for Bangladesh through the AIIP. More ships will arrive and depart at the Port. It is the direct export of local products from Ayeyawady Region.

Myanmar's rice exports to the neighbouring countries can enhance the livelihood of the farmers and create business opportunities for the related businesses driven by rice exports. This achievement in Pathein city can also strengthen the tripartite relationship between the State, farmers and entrepreneurs for ensuring the sustainable market and export promotion.—Nyein Thu (MNA)/ GNLM

Myanmar's sesame exports to China slow amid forex rules

Sesame plants are kept in the sun for winnowing at the farming plain.

THE prices of various sesame seeds headed for the fourth-week fall amid the forex rules, said traders.

The directive released on 30 June said that transactions for the exports of agricultural products including corn, rice, beans and pulses are to be made in dollars instead of Yuan-Kyat/ Baht-Kyat direct payment for border trade settlement.

Therefore, export earnings of the beans and pulses have to be exchanged for the US dollar according to the reference rate of the Central Bank of Myanmar (K2,100). Nonetheless, there is a large gap between the regulated rate and unofficial rate of the US dollar.

At present, the exchange rate against the US dollar over-the-counter-market is around K2,900.

Additionally, the market is sluggish when the Tazaungdaing Festival is approaching.

The prices of black sesame seeds stood at K230,000-K285,000 per 45-viss bag depending on the varieties on 28 October 2022, while it was priced approximately K255,000-K320,000 per bag on 7 September.

On 28 October 2022, the black sesame fetched K3,875,470 per tonne, which declined from K4,558,903 per tonne last month, showing a sharp decline of K680,433 per tonne.

Similarly, the prices of white and brown sesame also dropped in the last week of October respectively.

Additionally, after Myanmar's export ban on oil crops reversed, the prices of peanut and sesame prices inflated in the mid-year, according to the commodity depots.

Myanmar's sesame was earlier exported to China, South Korea, Japan, Singapore and China Taipei (Taiwan). However, it is now relying solely on China and the shipments to other foreign countries have certain difficulties.

Sesame is cultivated in the country throughout the year. Magway Region, which has gained a reputation as the oil pot of Myanmar, is the main producer of sesame seeds. The seeds are also grown in Mandalay and Sagaing regions.

Of the cooking oil crops grown in Myanmar, the acreage under sesame seed is the highest, accounting for 51.3 per cent of the overall oil crop plantation. Approximately 600,000-800,000 tonnes of sesame seeds are produced yearly.—KK/GNLM

92 Octane prices rebound to K2,000 per litre in Yangon market

THE fuel oil prices show a steady increase recently, and it reaches K2,000 per litre of 92 Octane in Yangon market, according to the market.

The price was below K2,000 per litre of 92 Octane for over two weeks starting early October and the prices were increasing slowly to K2,000 per litre of 92 Octane, K2,090 per litre of 95 Octane, K2,690 per litre of diesel and K2,775 per litre of premium diesel on 29 October.

In August, the fuel prices reached its highest rate at K2,605 per litre of 92 Octane, K2,670 per litre of 95 Octane, K3,245 per litre of diesel and K3,330 per litre of premium diesel in Yangon market.

The Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil stated that domestic fuel prices are increasing as per the higher price index set by Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS).— NN/GNLM

Score board mentioning prices of fuel seen at fuel station on 29 October.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Prices of sugar and jaggery remain high

IN the rising price of most goods in the domestic kitchen goods market, sugar, jaggery and brown slab sugar have remained at high prices except for the tamarind, said sugar, jaggery and brown slab-sugar dealers.

According to the Yangon Market on 29 October, the wholesale prices of sugar, jaggery of NyaungU added with chemicals, jaggery mixed with materials added with chemicals, jaggery from the Mahlaing area, raw jaggery from Pakokku, bleached jaggery from Yesagyo and brown sugar are K2,550 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kilogrammes), K3,700 per viss, K2,550 per viss, K3,200 per viss, K3,350 per viss, K3,850 per viss and K2,725 per viss, respectively.

Steamed sugar, clean sugar, the solution from the cleaning mill and the solution from the steamed mill are priced at K2,450 per viss, K2,150 per viss, K1,850 per viss and K1,150 per viss in the Mandalay Sugar Market respectively. The wholesale price of sugar in the Yangon market fell to between K2,480 and K2,500 per viss on 21 October from the previous price of K2,550 per viss. However, a rumour got out on the night of the same day leading to rising prices of goods and temporary sale closures on 22 October. Thus, the value of sugar had risen to K2,550 per viss again.

Sugar and jaggery are put on display for sale in the market.

"New sugar may enter the market at the end of the year as domestic sugar mills will start operating in December. Currently, sugar in the market contained a little moisture in it. Thus, buyers are choosing to buy bags of sugar with low moisture content," Ko Phyo, a sugar dealer, told the Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

Around 20 local sugar mills are concentrated in the eastern and western Bago and, Sagaing Regions, Shan State, Kachin State and Rakhine States. In the years before 2015, sugar produced by sugar mills in Bago Region sold well in the Yangon sugar market. From that time until now, sugar made by the sugar mill in Shan State has had the highest price in the market and is still popular in the market.

It is learnt that the price of sugar is still high despite near the sugar season, for massive sugar were being exported to Viet Nam and sugar mills with good reputation maintain their performance. In the domestic sugar market, the price of wholesale rose to K1,750 per viss in October 2010, which was the record sugar price until 2020.

In mid-2020, the sugar wholesale price dropped below K900 per viss. The price has risen again since 2021 and at the end of the year, the wholesale price reached over K2,000 per viss.

While the wholesale price of sugar was K2,550 per viss, the price of jaggery kicked off to around K4,000 per viss. The rate for brown slab sugar hit only below K3,000 per viss.

Meantime, in May 2020, the rate of sugar was K890 per viss and that of jaggery was at K1,600 per viss. The market price of sugar and jaggery was set at K2,020 per viss and K2,150 per viss respectively, according to record prices.

Therefore, it is reported that the price of jaggery is still higher than sugar in some markets. — TWA/GNLM

Govt to confiscate over 18,000 acres of vacant, fallow and virgin lands failing to implement projects

THE government will confiscate more than 18,000 acres of vacant, fallow and virgin lands and nationalize the Security Fees for failing to implement activities, according to the meeting of the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Central Committee.

Starting from February 2021 to date, the committee granted land ownership and land use permits for over 18,000 acres of lands comprising over 8,000 acres for agriculture, over 1,000 acres for livestock, over 953 acres for mining and over 8,000 acres for other businesses allowed by the government under the law.

After enacting 2012 Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law, the committee allowed more than 180,000 acres of lands for the respective agriculture, livestock and business enterprises. The Region, State and Union Territory Land Management Committees have allowed over 220,000 acres and over 410,000 acres of vacant, fallow and virgin lands across the nation. Under the provisions of the regulations, the specific times have arrived and those who have the rights to utilize the lands need to implement as per the rules and regulations.

According to Paragraph 52 of Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law, those who received a permit shall have to implement their operations at 15 per cent in the first year, 30 per cent in the second year, 30 per cent in the third year and 25 per cent in the fourth year during the four years from the date of commencement.

The operations on the permitted vacant, fallow and virgin lands for mining should be completed during a fixed time with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation. The land utilization permit will be revoked if they fail to complete the operations and the Security Fees will be nationalized. Moreover, the officials from respective levels need to systematically supervise following the provisions of the law not to mortgage, offer, sell, rent and hand over or make portion vacant, fallow and virgin lands without the permission of the Union Government and collecting land taxes within the set time, Chairman of Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Central Committee Union Minister U Tin Htut Oo in the central committee meeting.

A plot of vacant and fallow land is seen in the country.

The government enacted the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law on 30 March 2012 and also enacted Law Amending the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law (2018) on 11 September 2018 with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No 24.—TWA/GNLM

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Myanmar imports more than 40,000 tonnes of palm oil in October

A total of 41,478 tonnes of palm oil entered the Yangon Port in October 2022, according to the statistics of the cargo ships.

Two ships carrying 9,666 tonnes of palm oil on 5 October, one ship loading 4,200 tonnes on 11 October, three ships carrying 12,400 tonnes on 14 October, one loading 6,500 tonnes on 21 October and two ships loading 8,712 tonnes docked at the terminals of Thilawa Port in Yangon City.

The palm oil imports in October is estimated at 41,478 tonnes. The volume of palm oil imports increased this month compared with the previous months. More ships are expected to enter the terminals in November, said an edible oil dealer.

Myanmar imports approximately 800,000 tonnes of palm oil from foreign markets every year to ensure food security. However, it is an outflow of foreign currency. The individual demand for edible oil is growing. Therefore, awareness campaigns to reduce the consumption of the edible oil are being conducted. Moreover, Myanmar has been ramping up the production of oil crops such as peanuts, sesame and sunflower in order to reduce the imports of palm oil.

The wholesale reference prices for palm oil moved in the range between K3,500 and K5,800 per viss. However, the retail prices touched a high of K9,000-K10,000 per viss. In October, the demand is pretty low amid the supply of palm oil by ships and via border markets.

Those sellers who purchased the palm oil at high price faced losses. The wholesale price at the oil tanks is relatively similar to the advanced purchase price on 21 October at K6,000 per viss, Ko Thet, a dealer who sends edible oil to regions outside Yangon, told the Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

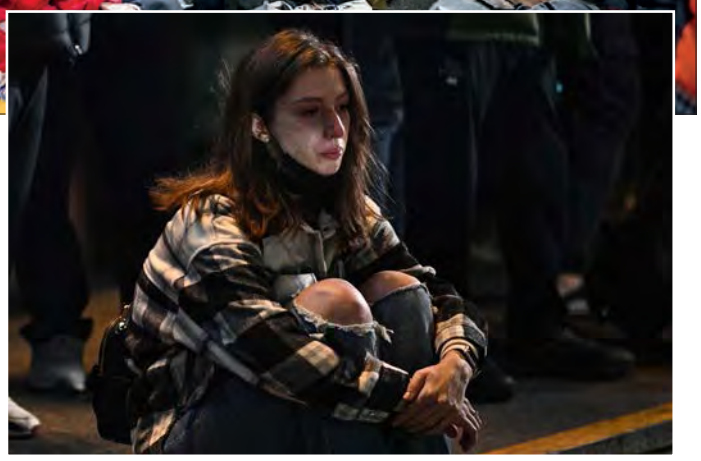
Nevertheless, a certain rumour in the financial market pushed up the wholesale price to K7,000 per viss in the morning of 22 October and above K7,500 in the afternoon and evening.

However, the demand has fallen after Deepavali, resulting in the price slide to K6,300 per viss from 26 October. On 29 October, the price extended the drop to K6,250 per viss, said a buyer Ko Maung who bought the palm oil at K6,300 per viss at a retail shop that day.

The FOB price is US$981 per tonne while the dollar. The reference price is set at K4,175 when it is calculated on the exchange rate at K2,403. Thus, the price is likely to dip below K6,000 per viss in early November, Ko Aung told the GNLM.—TWA/GNLM

Myanmar embassy in Seoul invites contact of Myanmar citizens hearing information on casualties in Halloween festival in Korea

Rescuing the injured persons being conducted at the scene.



A woman reacts outside the Itaewon subway station in the district of Itaewon in Seoul on 30 October 2022, the day after a Halloween stampede in the area. **PHOTO : AFP**

THERE were people killed and injured during the Halloween festival held in Itaewon ward, Yongsan of Seoul, South Korea on the night of 29 October according to the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul.

About 151 people were killed in the incident, including 19 foreigners, 11 of whom have not yet been identified. The Myanmar embassy said it is concerned about all Myanmar citizens. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea has inquired about whether or not Myanmar citizens have been affected.

Therefore, the Myanmar Embassy notified Myanmar citizens in South Korea of reporting the death and injuries of friends quickly if they receive information.

The embassy is yet to receive information about the death and injury till the midday on 30 October, a Myanmar citizen in Korea close to the embassy told to GNLM.—TWA/GNLM

Newly harvested monsoon onions enter markets at K2,500 per viss

FOLLOWING the summer old onion supply of 10,000 viss to Pakokku Commodity Centre on 30 October 2022, the price hit K3,600 per viss. At present, newly harvested monsoon onions are entering the markets at K2,500 per viss, according to that centre.

The volume of onion inflow to Bayintnaung Wholesale Market was priced at around K60,000 per viss on 29 October. The wholesale prices were K3,000-K3,900 per viss of onions from Seikphyu area, K3,200-K4,100 from Monywa, K3,100-K3,900 from Myingyan and K2,700-K3,400 from Taungtha respectively.

Newly harvested monsoon onions to be sent to the markets are seen.

The Bayintnaung Wholesale market is open for 24 days in November and after that, there will be market competition between the summer onions and the newly harvested monsoon onions.

In October, 2.8 million visses of onions were supplied to the market in October (25 market opening days). In November, the demand from the border market is estimated at 3 million visses while the local consumption, at 2 million and the addition to the consumption and decayed onions, at K2 million. That begins so, there is less chance for the price increase.

Additionally, regardless of the onions affected by the rain, the harvest time in Vietnam, Thailand and Bangladesh will also come earlier as usual. So, the demand from border areas in November will decline. The prevailing price of onions is K3,500 per viss in the wholesale market, whereas it fetched only K2,000 per viss in Bangladesh. As a result of this, the record price in mid-2019 caused by Bangladesh's demand is improbable, said a warehouse operator.

The consumers reduce the consumption of onions when the price climbs. The Yangon market sees only regular demand from the border area. With the monsoon onions flooding the market, there is less chance for the price to go up as some traders who keep the stocks in hands expected, the GNLM quoted a market observer, as saying.—TWA/GNLM

OPINION

Prepare necessary accommodation for the public

The planet Earth called the globe is facing different changes under the globalization process. The most distinct changes are the emergence of major cities which mushroom throughout the world as well as in Myanmar.

Major cities are in accord with the city characteristics facilitated by both the government and the local people, and the environment. Those major cities inhabited by a large number of the population are gradually or rapidly developing in the countries. In their processes, the relevant governments encourage them to have quick development in all sectors in cooperation with the local people.

> Some cities in Myanmar will also be megacities in 2030. As such, all Myanmar citizens need to make necessary preparations for the emergence of major cities and megacities in the nation as appropriate residences for fulfilling the requirements of accommodations to the people.

On the other hand, most of the developing and developed major cities are free from natural disasters such as storms, earthquakes, flooding, landslides and others. If so, their development momentum does not face any hindrances. Consequently, development in all sectors without disturbances will contribute much to the improvement of the cities as well as city dwellers.

World Cities Day brings Urban October to an end on 31 October each year and was first celebrated in 2014. This year's global observance is planned in Shanghai, China under the theme "Act Local to Go Global." In fact, it means honouring and encouraging the world cities to have more development.

As such, everybody needs to bring different partners and diverse stakeholders together to share their experiences and approaches to the local action, what local action worked and what is needed to empower local and regional governments to create greener, more equitable and more sustainable cities.

The United Nations General Assembly designated 31 October as World Cities Day in 2013. The day is expected to greatly promote the international community's interest in global urbanization, push forward cooperation among countries in meeting opportunities addressing challenges of urbanization and contribute to sustainable urban development around the world. The day brings to light the inequalities within the biggest cities in the world and pushes for greater social inclusion, including equality and access to services and opportunities.

Cities have been centres of trade, religion, culture, and education throughout history. The UN has predicted that by 2030, there will be 41 megacities with a population of over 10 million people. At that time, many populous countries will have megacities. Some cities in Myanmar will also be megacities in 2030. As such, all Myanmar citizens need to make necessary preparations for the emergence of major cities and megacities in the nation as appropriate residences for fulfilling the requirements of accommodations to the people.

ARTICLE

Sharp Air Purifier with Plasmacluster technology found effective against coronavirus

SHARP Business Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd, a wholly owned Indian subsidiary of SHARP Corporation Japan, known worldwide for its unique technology products and solutions, announced that Sharp Air purifiers with Plasmacluster technology (PCI) has been found vastly effective against airborne novel Coronavirus.

The advanced study was conducted at the Columbia University Irving Medical Center, a world-renowned research institute in the United States.

In the form of an aerosol

In this airborne virus study, a highly concentrated solution of the Omicron BA.1 variant, a mutated strain of the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2), was sprayed into a 102L test box in the form of an aerosol followed by releasing Plasmacluster ions (ion density approximately 25,000 pcs/cm3) to verify the effectiveness of reducing airborne virus.

The results showed a drastic reduction of the virus infectious titer (99.3 per cent reduction after 15 minutes of exposure), indicating that Plasmacluster technology is vastly effective against mutated and highly infectious airborne Omicron variants.

Commenting on the development, Narita Osamu, Managing Director, SHARP Business Systems (India) Pvt. Ltd said, "Over the past years, Sharp has introduced multiple product solutions and partnered with academic institutions to better understand and address the challenges posed by the pandemic.

Plasmacluster technology

The latest study conducted by Columbia University Irving Medical Center is part of one such academic partnership where the results have reaffirmed the important contribution of Plasmacluster technology in addressing the impact of the pandemic.

With the growing numbers of mutations of novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) that have surfaced over the past two years, we believe that the study results provide a new direction to address the human safety concerns."

"Plasmacluster technology is useful to reduce the risk of infection in real spaces including office, home, medical facilities, and vehicles.

Our Plasmacluster devices have evolved in effectiveness with the capability to generate increasingly higher concentrations of ions and we're constantly working to further improve the products to effectively contribute to the fight against the Coronavirus" he added.

Sharp's revolutionary Plasmacluster technology has been proven to be effective against suspending viruses and microbes that contaminate our air, creating cleaner air and healthier living environment. **PHOTO: SHARP**

The scourge of humanity

Professor Moriya Tsuji, Columbia University Irving Medical Center said, "Since 2020, COVID-19 outbreak caused by SARS-CoV-2 virus has spread explosively around the world and become the scourge of humanity.

It still continues to spread while continuously mutating to evade our immune system, thus posing an unceasing threat to our society.

In addition to vaccination, it is desirable to employ multi-faceted protective measures to prevent wide-spread infection by SARS-CoV-2 virus.

It is our strong belief that the application of this Plasmacluster technology as a countermeasure against respiratory virus infections should hold great promise to our society in the future."

Since the introduction in the year 2000 of the first air purifiers equipped with Plasmacluster ion technology, Sharp's proprietary air purification technology has been found effective against virus, bacteria, mold and odor. Sharp has sold over 100 million products worldwide across 23 categories, equipped with Plasmacluster ion technology, including air purifiers, air conditioners, refrigerators, and additional product categories.

PCI technology has been tested

PCI technology has been tested and certified by over 35 global scientific institutions including IIT Delhi.

Using Plasmacluster technology, negatively charged oxygen and positively charged hydrogen ions are simultaneously discharged into the atmosphere, and the positive and negative ions instantly connect with airborne germs, fungus, viruses, and allergens. By degrading proteins on their surface through a chemical process, this air filtration method reduces bacterial activity.

More than 13 testing institutions outside of Japan have proven the effectiveness of Plasmacluster technology in suppressing the action of harmful substances such as airborne Serratia bacteria which is a source of hospital-acquired infections (Dr. Melvin W. First, US), airborne influenza viruses (Institute Pasteur, Vietnam), and clinical effectiveness in reducing the risk of tuberculosis infections in tuberculosis hospitals (National Center of Tuberculosis and Lung Diseases, Georgia).

SOURCE: ANI

Monkeypox risk higher in children 8 or younger: research

CHILDREN aged 8 or younger are thought of as a population at high risk for more serious monkeypox disease, according to The Pediatric Infectious Disease Journal, the official publication of The European Society for Paediatric Infectious Diseases.

According to the review by Petra Zimmermann, MD, Ph.D., of the University of Fribourg, Switzerland, and Nigel Curtis, Ph.D., of The University of Melbourne and Murdoch Children's Research Institute, Australia, young children would be a key target group for smallpox vaccination and other urgent measures if the outbreak widens.

They offer a professional viewpoint on "What doctors need to know" about childhood monkeypox.

Past outbreaks

Past outbreaks raise concerns about monkeypox risks in young children. About 77,000 monkeypox cases with laboratory confirmation had been reported globally, from 47,000 of August 2022.

Only 211 of these were in children and adolescents under the age of 18. The monkeypox virus appears to have been transmitted most widely in the present outbreak through close contact. It is still unknown how other transmission pathways, such as droplets and contaminated surfaces and objects, play a part.

Smallpox and monkeypox viruses are both orthopoxviruses, and the epidemic is a reflection of inadequate population immunity as a result of low rates of smallpox immunization. The majority of monkeypox cases are "self-limiting," with the rash developing and going away in 2 to 4 weeks. However, the absence or mildness of the symptoms might lead to missed diagnoses and the possibility of future spread.

Complications

Despite the low reported rates in children so far, there are special concerns about complications and other serious outcomes of monkeypox in children.

"Children are reported to have an increased hospitalization rate and increased mortality, even in high-income countries," Drs. Zimmermann and Curtis write.

Based mainly on data from low-income countries, children under 8 are particularly at higher risk of complications, including potentially serious bacterial infections. Young children may also be at increased risk of complications related to scratching and spreading the infection to other parts of the body, including the eyes.

With supportive care, the majority of monkeypox patients will recover. For severe cases and high-risk groups, such as children under 8 years old and people with underlying skin disorders, more specialized care is required.

Pregnant individuals, immunocompromised patients, those with eczema, and those who have monkeypox rash around the mouth, eyes, or genitalia are additional risk populations.

Antivirals

Antiviral drugs such as tecovirimat, which is effective against orthopoxviruses, and vaccinia immune globulin (VIG), which is used to treat side effects of smallpox vaccination, are therapy choices in these high-risk situations. However, "None of these treatments have been proven to be effective against monkeypox virus in humans in clinical trials, and they are currently only recommended after consultation with national health authorities," the reviewers write.

Monkeypox can be asymptomatic, thus the outbreak could get out of hand and affect vulnerable populations like young children. **PHOTO: AFP**

Although the length of protection is unknown, the smallpox vaccine is effective in preventing monkeypox. Many people have never received a smallpox vaccination because the practice was abandoned when the disease was declared eliminated, which occurred in the United States in 1972.

New monkeypox vaccine

The FDA has approved a new vaccine (MVA-BN) for the protection of monkeypox, although children have not been "licensed or carefully studied" with it.

Again, there is "very limited data" to support the use of drugs or vaccines to prevent monkeypox in children who have been exposed to the virus. The reviewers also go through certain unique issues for expectant mothers, nursing mothers, and babies born to infected mothers.

Monkeypox can be asymptomatic, thus the outbreak could get out of hand and affect vulnerable populations like young children. The smallpox vaccine would be essential, and "extra urgent steps" would be required in that situation.

Drs. Zimmermann and Curtis conclude that smallpox vaccination provides protection against monkeypox. Authorities should be ready to rapidly adopt immunisation of this age group if the present outbreak expand to youngsters.

SOURCE: ANI

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timber, edible oil, consumer goods and vehicles seized

Bottle of cooking oil and vehicle carrying cartons of cooking oil bottles seized in Kayin State on 29 October.

UNDER the supervision of the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee, effective action is being taken to prevent illegal trade in accordance with the law.

An on-duty team, under the management of the Customs Department investigated at Mayanchaung checkpoint in Mon State on 29 October. The officials found 110 rice cookers estimated at K2,035,000 and 65 cartons of door lock estimated at K2,047,500 which were not declared in Import Declaration (ID). And two vehicles and two trailers which are carrying the goods estimated at K23 million. Total worth of seizures amounted to K234,082,500 and the action was taken under the Customs procedure.

Similarly, under the supervision of the Anti-Illegal Trade Task force of Kayin State, an on-duty combine team investigates a vehicle which is parked at near the Chitkyiyay petrol station in Thingan-Nyinaung village. The team seized 960 litres of Two Prawns brand edible oil and four kinds of goods estimated at K17,048,000 and a vehicle which is carrying the goods estimated at K1.2 million. The total seizure of amounted to K29,048,000 and the action was taken under the Customs procedure.

Furthermore, under the supervision of the Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force of Shan State, an investigation team from Customs Department of Kengtung Township investigated near Nant-aww village in Kengtung Township. They found 382 bags of Padonmar detergent powder estimated at K4,584,000 and the action was taken under the Customs procedure.

Then, under the supervision of the Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force of Sagaing Region, on 30 October an investigation team led by Myanmar Police Force investigated at Inndaw. The team found a Toyota Crown without licence estimated at K2.5 million and the action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

And then, under the supervision of the Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force of Bago Region, an investigation team led by Forest Department investigated at Toungoo and Nyaunglebin Districts. They found 2.9902 tonnes of illegal timbers estimated at K1,627,420 and the action was taken under the Forest Law.

Thus, a total number of arrests was 12 cases and its estimated value is K271,841,920 on 29 and 30 October, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee.—MNA

Bags of detergent powder seized in Shan State on 29 October.

Vehicle accident occurred on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway

A vehicle overturns on Yangon-Mandalay Expressway on 29 October.

A vehicle accident occurred in the area of Bawni Expressway fire station on Yangon-Mandalay expressway. The authorities are investigating the fact that no one was found in the vehicle when the relevant authorities went to rescue them.

A Toyota Succeed (Grey colour) hit the guard rail in the middle of the road and overturned on the Yangon-Mandalay expressway between milepost No 54/0 and No 54/1 at 2:50 pm on 29 October. According to the news, troops from Bawni expressway fire station and Bawni expressway police station went to help and rescue.

Only an overturned Toyota Succeed (Grey colour) vehicle was found at the scene, and no occupants including the driver were found in the vehicle or in the surrounding area, according to the Expressway Fire Brigade.

Regarding the incident, relevant authorities continue investigation in order to take action against the driver under the law.—TWA/GNLM

Drugs seized in Hpa-an, Yephyu townships

A combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Narcotics Police Task Force searched a motorbike driven by Maung Maung Htwe (aka) Maung Htwe on Nawnglon-Paingyan village road near Paingyan village of Hpa-an township at 5.50 pm on 28 October and seized 10,000 stimulant tablets.

In addition, at 1:30 pm on the same day, a combined team including the Anti-Narcotics Police Task Force examined a motorbike driven by Saw Palar Wah at the Mahlwetaung Checkpoint in Yephyu township and captured 9,600 stimulant tablets.

The suspects are prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, according to the Myanmar Police Force. — MNA

Maung Maung Htwe (aka) Maung Htwe nabbed with stimulant tablets in Hpa-an Township on 28 October.

HEALTH/PANDEMIC WORLD

Sanofi improves outlook on strength of bestseller Dupixent

FRENCH drug maker Sanofi has revised its outlook for 2022 upwards after reporting strong sales growth in the third quarter on Friday.

While Sanofi faced struggles in producing a jab against Covid, its Dupixent drug, which treats conditions including asthma and eczema, has been a huge success.

In Q3, sales of Dupixent exceeded the two billion euros mark for the first time, Sanofi said in a statement.

The pharmaceutical giant was also boosted by nearly two billion euros of sales for its flu vaccines, as many countries prepare for the peak winter flu season.

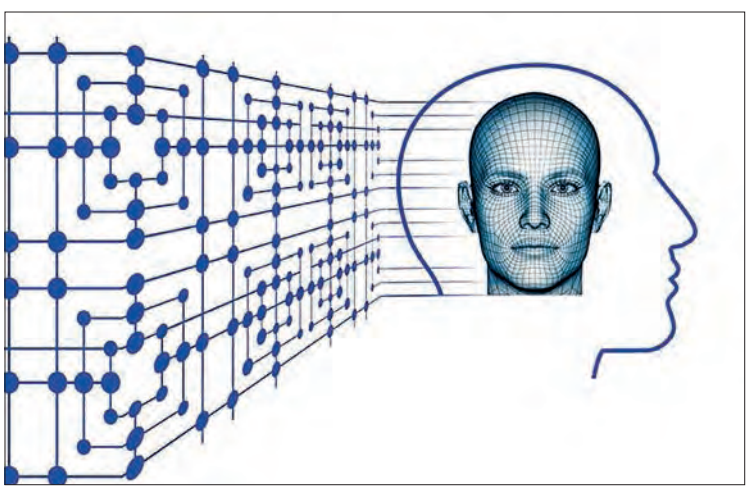
Sanofi said between July and the end of September, net profit fell 10 per cent to two billion euros ($2 billion) due to impairments.

But without exceptional items net profit jumped 32 per cent to 3.6 billion euros, higher than expected by analysts.

And in the first nine months of the year, revenue reached 32.3 billion euros — an increase of more than 16 per cent. —AFP

In the first nine months of the year, revenue reached 32.3 billion euros. **PHOTO: THOMAS SAMSON /AFP**

Study finds how words and face recognition can be adequately supported with half a brain



Considering the volume of removed brain tissue, the surprising accuracy highlights the brain's capacity and its limitations to rewire itself and adapt to dramatic surgery or traumatic injury. **PHOTO: ILLUSTRATION CREDIT OF THE PUBLIC DOMAIN/ANI**

AN unprecedented study of ybrain plasticit and visual perception found that people who, as children, had undergone surgery removing half of their brain correctly recognized differences between pairs of words or faces more than 80% of the time.

Considering the volume of removed brain tissue, the surprising accuracy highlights the brain's capacity and its limitations to rewire itself and adapt to dramatic surgery or traumatic injury.

The findings, published by University of Pittsburgh researchers on Saturday in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS), is the first-ever attempt to characterize neuroplasticity in humans and understand whether a single brain hemisphere can perform functions typically split between the two sides of the brain.—AFP

Research: Cancer drug could be used against malaria

A cancer treatment presently in clinical testing has the potential to guard against, cure, and prevent malaria transmission. The groundbreaking discovery by a multinational team led by Penn State researchers gives new hope against a disease that kills over 500,000 people each year, disproportionately impacting children under the age of five, pregnant women, and HIV patients.

The research team, led by experts from the University of Cape Town (UCT), published their findings in the journal Science Translational Medicine.

"Disruptions to malaria vaccinations, treatment, and care during the COVID-19 pandemic, combined with increasing reports of resistance to first-line artemisinin-based combination therapies have led to an increase of malaria cases and deaths worldwide," said Manuel Llinas, distinguished professor of biochemistry and molecular biology and of chemistry at Penn State.—ANI

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Over one million deaths in Africa linked to air pollution exposure: Report

ACCORDING to a new report published by the US-based research organization Health Effects Institute, nearly the entire African continent faces some of the most severe health impacts in the world due to air pollution, with several countries experiencing some of the highest levels of air pollution in the world (HEI).

The new report, The State of Air Quality and Health Impacts in Africa, provides a comprehensive analysis of major air pollution sources and related health impacts in Africa's 1.2 billion-person population.

The report, released just before the United Nations' upcoming COP27 Climate Change Conference in Egypt, discovered that air pollution is the continent's second leading cause of death.

Africa has five of the top ten most polluted countries in the world in terms of outdoor fine particulate matter (PM2.5).

In studies of long-term air pollution exposure, outdoor PM2.5 is the most consistent predictor of deaths from cardiovascular, respiratory, and other diseases. In 2019, air pollution was responsible for an estimated 1.1 million deaths in Africa, with 63% of those deaths being linked to exposure to household air pollution (HAP).

Access to clean energy is not evenly distributed across Africa, resulting in higher disease burdens in some areas.—ANI

UNICEF calls for funding to support conflict, drought-affected children in Ethiopia

THE United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on Saturday called the donor community for funding to provide lifesaving support to conflict and drought affected children in Ethiopia.

The UN Children's Fund, in its latest Ethiopia Humanitarian Situation Report issued Saturday, said its Humanitarian Action for Children (HAC) 2022 currently requires 532.3 million US dollars to meet the critical humanitarian needs of children, adolescents, women, and men in Ethiopia.

It said the requirements represents an increase of over 281 million US dollars from 2021, primarily due to the expanding conflict in northern Ethiopia, increased needs due to climatic shocks including severe drought, failed harvests, public health emergencies, and deepening food insecurity across the country.

To date, 201.6 million US dollars has been received towards the appeal, representing, with the carry forward from 2021, only 38 per cent of the required needs to reach children and their families with critical lifesaving support, it said.

Within the appeal, funding dedicated to the Northern Ethiopia Response Plan is budgeted at 223.1 million US dollars and fully incorporated in the HAC.—Xinhua

ECONOMY
WORLD/AD

Chinese e-vehicle manufacturer sees potential in European market

XPENG X2, the latest version in the XPENG Flying Car family. **PHOTO: VCG/CHINA DAILY**

A showcase for the latest plug-in and electric vehicles opened in Denmark on Friday, with Chinese e-automakers Xpeng, SAIC's MG, BYD, and Aiways among those displaying the latest cutting-edge cars.

Denmark's eCarExpo 2022, which takes place from Friday to Sunday at the Bella Center in Copenhagen, is twice the size of its debut in 2021, and the largest electric vehicle trade show in the Nordic region. Xpeng, a newcomer among intelligent electric vehicle manufacturers on the Danish market, hopes to use the exhibition to strengthen its foothold in the highly lucrative European market.

"We opened our first store in the city center of Copenhagen, opposite the world-famous Tivoli gardens, a very prime location. It's an experience store, the first of hopefully many where customers can come and see our technologies, our products and test our cars," Jens Olesen, managing director of Xpeng Denmark, told Xinhua.

The next step in Denmark was to develop the company's service strategy and network by opening a new location north of Copenhagen, Olesen said.

According to Danish e-Mobility, an e-vehicle industry alliance, sales of electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles accounted for 33.6 per cent of total vehicle sales in the country in the first half of 2022. This represents a slight increase compared to the first half of 2021, when electric and plug-in hybrid vehicle sales accounted for 26.8 per cent of total vehicle sales.—Xinhua

US retailers battle high costs clearing Christmas stockpiles

US retailers are hustling to sell their stockpiles of Christmas decorations as the festive season approaches, after tangled supply chains caused many shipments to arrive only after the holidays last year.

As major economies bounced back from the pandemic, companies had struggled to keep up with soaring demand, with manufacturing hit by factory shutdowns during virus outbreaks.

The situation was worsened by a shortage of shipping containers, along with delays at ports from a lack of workers to unload products and transport them to retailers.—AFP

A worker inflates a Santa Claus decoration a Christmas decorations showroom of the National Tree Company in New Jersey on 26 October 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

Yangon-Mandalay Expressway Announcement

1. All expressway users of passenger cars, trucks, and private cars should be aware and precautionary of the following traffic rules and regulations for traffic safety.
   (1) **Speed Limit Warning**: Private Cars: 100 Km/h, Passengers (Express cars): 90 Km/h, Truck Cars: 60 Km/h
   (2) Wear and fasten seat belt all the time when driving
   (3) Drive in the Right side (Lane) of road
   (4) Stop or Rest only at the designated Rest Camps
   (5) All motorcycles and tractors (trolley) are not allowed
2. If the expressway users violate to comply the above rules, penalty will be taken according to the expressway law, traffic law and other existing laws.

Yangon-Mandalay Expressway Maintenance Unit,
Department Of Highways, NPT

MYANMA Port Authority "NOTICE of High Tide"

EXCEPTIONALLY high spring from 20.00 feet to 20.05 feet high above the chart datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period of November 8th to November 9th, 2022. Please be noted that it is not serious level of tide because the highest tide level have reached up to 22 feet above the chart datum in year 2014 and 2015, and this notice is normally issued whenever high tide of Yangon River is expected to reach over 20 feet high above the chart datum in order to take precautionary measures to the public living near river foreshore area of Yangon City.

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

AS the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 6th November 2022, 7th November 2022 (Tazaung Taing Public Holiday) and 17th November 2022 (National Day), Loading, Unloading and delivery for Goods will be received on Payment as Holiday Fees.

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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**.

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China's gold output up 14.04 pct in Jan-Sept

Employees sort gold ornaments at a jewelry shop in Huzhou, Zhejiang province. **PHOTO: NI LIFANG/FOR CHINA DAILY**

CHINA produced 269.987 tonnes of gold in the first nine months of this year, an increase of 33.235 tonnes or 14.04 per cent from the same period last year, industry data showed on Friday.

During the first three quarters, gold consumption in the Chinese market declined by 4.36 per cent year on year to 778.09 tonnes, data from the China Gold Association showed.

According to the association, the consumption of gold jewelry in China stood at 522.15 tonnes, down 1.31 per cent year on year, while that of gold coins and bars shrank by 10.46 per cent to 191.73 tonnes in the first three quarters.

During the same period, gold consumption for industrial and other uses came in at 64.21 tonnes, down 8.79 per cent from last year.

Friday's data also showed that holdings of gold-backed exchange-traded funds (ETFs) in China decreased 17.32 tonnes in the first nine months. By the end of September, total holdings of gold ETFs in the Chinese market were about 57.97 tonnes. —Xinhua

ExxonMobil Q3 profits surge to $19.7 bn on high oil, natural gas prices

EXXONMOBIL reported a surge in third-quarter earnings Friday, fueled by much higher oil and natural gas prices and robust profit margins for gasoline and other refined products.

The US oil giant became the latest petroleum heavyweight to report stunning third-quarter figures, with year-on-year profits nearly tripling to $19.7 billion and revenues rising 52 per cent to $112.07 billion.

The results show how the surge in crude prices in the aftermath of Russia's invasion of Ukraine has boosted oil company profits. Also crucial, ExxonMobil cited a 22 per cent jump from natural gas sales in the period due to "European supply concerns and efforts to build inventory ahead of winter." —AFP

US dollar strengthens amid economic data

THE US dollar climbed in late trading on Friday as traders reacted to newly-released economic data.

The dollar index, which measures the greenback against six major peers, increased 0.15 per cent to 110.7520.

In late New York trading, the euro decreased to 0.9958 US dollars from 0.9965 dollars in the previous session, and the British pound increased to 1.1611 US dollars from 1.1561 dollars in the previous session. The US dollar bought 147.51 Japanese yen, higher than 146.25 Japanese yen of the previous session. The US dollar rose to 0.9961 Swiss francs from 0.9916 Swiss francs, and it rose to 1.3609 Canadian dollars from 1.3559 Canadian dollars. The US dollar increased to 10.9606 Swedish Kronor from 10.9569 Swedish Kronor. On the data front, the US Commerce Department reported Friday that the US personal consumption expenditures (PCE) price index rose 0.3 per cent in September, for a 6.2 per cent year-on-year increase. The core PCE inflation, which excludes food and energy, rose 0.5 per cent for a 5.1 per cent year-on-year increase.— Xinhua

Elon Musk takes control of Twitter

ELON Musk completed his deal to buy Twitter at 44 billion U.S. dollars Thursday, gaining control of the social network company, CNN reported, citing sources familiar with the deal.

Twitter CEO Parag Agrawal and finance chief Ned Segal have left the company's San Francisco headquarters and will not be returning, said the sources.

Musk lugged a sink into Twitter headquarters on Wednesday. "Entering Twitter HQ – let that sink in!" he captioned the video, which he posted on Twitter. He also renamed himself "Chief Twit" on the social network.

Musk had until Friday to complete his acquisition of Twitter or face a court battle with the company.

In April, Elon Musk announced the 44-billion-dollar acquisition of Twitter. Later in May, he said the deal was temporarily on hold as he asked for details on the number of the social platform's spam and fake accounts. Musk decided to terminate his deal to buy Twitter in July. Twitter then sued him, alleging he "refuses to honor his obligations to Twitter and its stockholders because the deal he signed no longer serves his personal interests."

On 4 October Musk proposed to proceed with the deal at the original price, just ahead of a trial scheduled at the Delaware Chancery Court on 17 October in which Twitter was set to seek an order directing Musk to close the deal for 44 billion dollars. —Xinhua

Elon Musk completed his deal to buy Twitter at 44 billion U.S. dollars Thursday, gaining control of the social network company, CNN reported, citing sources familiar with the deal. **PHOTO: LIONEL BONAVENTURE / AFP**

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V PANJA BHUM VOY.NO. (208W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V PANJA BHUM VOY.NO. (208W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **31-10-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V AS SOPHIA VOY.NO. (241W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V AS SOPHIA VOY.NO. (241W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **31-10-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SEALAND MAERSK ASIA PTE LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V UNI ACCORD VOY.NO. (0278-733N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V UNI ACCORD VOY.NO. (0278-733N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **31-10-2022** 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.

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S EVERGREEN MARINE (S'PORE) PTE., LTD.

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RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Russia suspends participation in Ukraine grain deal

RUSSIA on Saturday suspended its participation in a landmark agreement that allowed vital grain exports from Ukraine, blaming drone attacks on Russian ships in Crimea.

Russia made the announcement after its army accused Kyiv earlier Saturday of a "massive" drone attack on its Black Sea fleet, which Ukraine labelled a "false pretext" and the UN urged the deal's preservation.

The Türkiye and UN-brokered deal to unlock grain exports signed between Russia and Ukraine in July is critical to easing the global food crisis caused by the conflict.

The agreement already allowed more than nine million tonnes of Ukrainian grain to be exported and was due to be renewed on 19 November.

A Turkish security source told AFP that Ankara had not been "officially notified" of Russia's suspension, while Ukraine and the UN pushed for the agreement to remain in force.

"I call on all states to demand that Russia stop its hunger games and recommit to fulfilling its obligations," Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said on Twitter.

Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for the UN secretary-general, said: "It is vital that all parties refrain from any action that would imperil the Black Sea Grain Initiative which is a critical humanitarian effort."

'Peddling false claims'

Sevastopol in Moscow-annexed Crimea has been targeted several times in recent months and serves as the headquarters for the Black Sea fleet and a logistical hub for operations in Ukraine.

The Russian army claimed to have "destroyed" nine aerial drones and seven maritime ones, in an attack in the port early Saturday. — AFP

In this file photo taken on 14 August 2022, the first UN-chartered vessel MV Brave Commander loads more than 23,000 tonnes of grain to export to Ethiopia, in Yuzhne, east of Odessa on the Black Sea coast. **PHOTO: OLEKSANDR GIMANOV / AFP**

Tech sector unwittingly aiding Russia: Dutch official

Netherlands is home to top companies in the semiconductor and microchip sectors, such as NXP and ASML. An employees make his way in a laboratory at ASML. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ EMMANUEL DUNAND/AFP/FILE**

THE Dutch military intelligence service has warned companies that Moscow is trying to obtain high-tech assets for its war in Ukraine through front companies, local media reported Friday.

Jan Swillens, head of the military intelligence service of the Netherlands (MIVD) said that Russian secret services have set up dozens of "front companies" in the Netherlands to evade Western sanctions.

These companies buy technology in the Netherlands and then import it into Russia for military purposes, he told the Financieele Dagblad (FD) daily.

His comments were confirmed by the Dutch defence ministry according to the Dutch news agency ANP and NOS public television.

Such practices have existed since the Russian annexation of Crimea in 2014, "but with the war in Ukraine it is increasing significantly", Swillens told the FD.

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Czechs rally to voice concerns on inflation, Ukraine conflict

PEOPLE gathered in major Czech cities on Friday to voice concerns about inflation and the government's position on the conflict in Ukraine.

In the country's capital, tens of thousands gathered at Wenceslas Square in downtown Prague, according to a police estimate.

This is the third such protest, labeled "Czechia First," since September. Rally-goers were upset about their government's position on the conflict in Ukraine, with speakers lambasting what they deem unending aid to Kiev while the cost of living in the Czech Republic rises exponentially.

Organizers also drew attention to the ensuing sanctions against Russia, which they say are inadvertently hurting the Czech economy and threatening businesses and workers. In Brno, the country's second-largest city, there were some 2,000 people at a similar demonstration, according to local media.

"I understand that many citizens are worried about the future. The last few years have not been easy for anyone," Czech Prime Minister Petr Fiala tweeted on Friday, adding that his government has been doing its best to allay these concerns. Inflation in the Czech Republic rose by 18 per cent year-on-year in September. It was the highest year-on-year rate since December 1993, according to local media.— Xinhua

WORLD: TOP HEADLINE

UK navy probes into claims of sexual harassment on submarines

THE head of the British Royal Navy has announced a probe after several whistle-blowers made allegations of widespread sexual harassment of female staff on submarines.

The Daily Mail on Sunday published a story based on an interview with Sophie Brook, a former naval lieutenant, who described a "constant campaign of sexual bullying" including male crew members putting the names of female colleagues on a "rape list".

The article also quoted two unnamed whistle-blowers who backed her account.

First Sea Lord Ben Key, the professional head of the navy, said in a statement to the newspaper that he had called for an investigation to be carried out by his senior team and was "deeply disturbed" by the "abhorrent" allegations.

"Sexual assault and harassment has no place in the Royal Navy and will not be tolerated," Key said, and anyone found culpable would "be held accountable" regardless of rank.

Brook, 30, had been tipped to become a submarine commander but became suicidal and self-harmed as a result of the culture on board and was ultimately dismissed by the navy.

The Royal Navy's submarine service only began admitting women in 2011.

Male superiors would routinely address her using a sexual obscenity and put their penises in her pocket, Brook said.

She learnt she was number six on a list of which female crew members would be raped first in the event of a catastrophe.

A married colleague exposed himself to her and another climbed into her bed when she was asleep and started kissing her, she said.—AFP

GLOBAL AFFAIRS

In an unconfirmed report, The Mail cited unnamed security sources as saying that ex-prime minister Liz Truss' personal mobile phone had been hacked 'by agents suspected of working for the Kremlin'. **PHOTO: LIZ TRUSS FACEBOOK /AFP**

Calls for UK to probe into reported hacking of Liz Truss' phone

UNITED Kingdom opposition politicians called for an investigation on Saturday after a newspaper reported that suspected Kremlin agents had hacked ex-prime minister Liz Truss' cell phone when she was foreign minister.

In an unconfirmed report, The Mail today cited unnamed security sources as saying that Truss' personal mobile phone had been hacked "by agents suspected of working for the Kremlin".

They are believed to have gained access to "top-secret exchanges with international partners". A government spokesman said: "We do not comment on individuals' security arrangements but there are robust systems in place to protect against cyber threats."

The hackers also gained access to Truss' conversations with her ally Kwasi Kwarteng criticising then-prime minister Boris Johnson, the report claimed. Labour's Yvette Cooper, who focuses on homeland security, said the report raises "immensely important national security issues" including why and how the information was leaked.—AFP

US Supreme Court to consider race-conscious university admissions

AFTER abortion and guns, the US Supreme Court tackles another controversial and sensitive issue on Monday — the use of race in deciding who gets admitted to some of America's top universities.

And the conservative-dominated court may be poised to make another historic U-turn, like it did in June when it overturned the landmark 1973 "Roe v. Wade" decision guaranteeing a woman's right to abortion.

The court is to hear two hours of oral arguments on the use of race in admissions to Harvard and the University of North Carolina (UNC) — respectively the oldest private and public institutions of higher education in the country.

Harvard and UNC, like a number of other competitive schools, use race as a factor in trying to ensure representation of minorities, historically African Americans, in the student body.

The policy known as "affirmative action" emerged from the Civil Rights Movement in the late 1960s to "help address our country's long history of discrimination and systemic inequality in higher education," said Yasmin Cader, deputy legal director at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).

It has been controversial from the start, drawing fire mostly from the right, and a number of white students have mounted legal challenges over the years, claiming "reverse discrimination."—AFP

Death toll from Somalia twin bombings climbs to 100

THE number of people killed in an attack on Saturday at a busy intersection in the Somali capital Mogadishu has risen to 100, President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud said on Sunday.

"So far, people who died have reached 100 and 300 are wounded, and the number for both the death and wounded continues to increase," he said after visiting the bombing location.

Two cars packed with explosives were detonated minutes apart near the busy Zobe junction, followed by gunfire in an attack targeting Somalia's education ministry.

The afternoon explosions shattered windows of nearby buildings, sending shrapnel flying and plumes of smoke and dust into the air.

The attack took place at the same busy junction where a truck packed with explosives blew up on 14 October 2017, killing 512 people and injuring more than 290.

Somalia's international partners have repeatedly warned that the election delays — caused by political infighting — were a dangerous distraction from the fight against Al-Shabaab. **PHOTO: LOUAI BESHARA/AFP**

Mohamud described the incident as "history", saying "it is the same place, and the same innocent people involved."—AFP

'There were bodies everywhere': US soldiers survive S Korea crush

THREE off-duty American soldiers stationed in South Korea told AFP how they found themselves caught up in the crowd surge and crush that killed 151 people and injured scores more, describing scenes of chaos, suffering and death as they struggled to help.

For hours, they pulled body after body out of the crushed tangles of limbs that filled the narrow Itaewon alleyway at the epicentre of South Korea's worst ever stampede. But it was often too late.

Shoes are seen on top of plastic bags on a street near where a stampede took place at a packed Halloween event in the popular Itaewon district of Seoul, early on 30 October 2022. **PHOTO: ANTHONY WALLACE / AFP**

An estimated 100,000 people attended the event, which local vendors said was "unprecedented", but the overstretched police force, also dealing with a protest across town, only planned to deploy some 200 officers.

The three US soldiers told AFP they were part of the crowd coming down the narrow, steep alleyway that became a death trap, but they were able to escape onto a ledge-like area at the side.

But just after they managed to leap out of the crowd "it started happening — everybody just fell on top of each other like dominoes," Jarmil Taylor, 40, told AFP.

People at the top of the alleyway were trying to force their way down, even though the street was already rammed full — and then people began to fall.

"There were people on top of people — it was layers of people. They didn't have enough people there to help them at once," Taylor, visibly dazed and tired, told AFP Sunday at the scene.

"People in the pile were panicking which made the situation worse. There were sounds everywhere that made it impossible — screaming people just drowned out all the sounds," he added.

He and his friends would try to pull victims out of the crush and carry them to safety so that emergency responders could perform CPR, he said.—AFP

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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.

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Announcement of Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

7th Waxing of Tazaungmone 1384 ME
30 October 2022

AS it is necessary to continuously control the infection of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), it is hereby announced that public requests, orders, notifications and directives (except for easing the restrictions) released by the Union-level organizations and Union ministries up to 31 October 2022 have been extended until 30 November 2022 for prevention, control and treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Myanmar rejects reports and dialogues which failed its neutral and professional characters of the United Nations

THE Interactive Dialogues with Noeleen Heyzer, Special Envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations on Myanmar and with Thomas Andrews, Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in Myanmar were organized at the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Affairs Committee) of the 77th United Nations General Assembly on 25 and 26 October 2022 respectively.

The whole content of the report of the Special Envoy, Noeleen Heyzer, reflects the sweeping allegations made by other mandate holders for human rights in Myanmar under the name of the United Nations.

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All World Cup football matches to be broadcast live on SKY NET

Sky Net officials clarify at the press conference for 2022 FIFA World Cup live broadcast.

A SKY NET official said at a press conference held on 29 October that all matches of the 2022 World Cup, which will be hosted by Qatar, will be broadcast live on SKY NET.

As an Exclusive Official Broadcaster, SKY NET has been able to broadcast the 2014 World Cup and the 2018 World Cup as Myanmar's sole official broadcaster, and will be able to broadcast the 2022 World Cup for the third time.

In the broadcast of the World Cup, all matches will be shown live in addition to replays, live discussions and reviews. Skynet Sports Channel General Manager U Pyae Phyo Tun said that special programmes related to the World Cup that will draw the public's attention will be presented.

He continued that all 64 matches will be shown live by SKY NET TV channel from the opening day of the 2022 World Cup to the closing day, and arrangements will be made to be shown by Free to Air TV channel.

The 2022 World Cup will be held from 20 November to 18 December. In the opening match, the host Qatar will play an opening match against Ecuador. — TWA/GNLM

Three teams run on champion track of MNL-2

THERE are only three games left to finish the Myanmar National League-2 for 2022 season, and three teams are competing in the championship title.

The Dagon Star United, which has scored 19 points in nine plays for the championship, the University, 18 points in nine plays, and the Junior Lions, 16 points in eight plays, are hopeful.

The Junior Lions will have to play a postponed match before the final match against the Young Boys on 31 October.

If the Junior Lions win this match, they will have the same score as the top Dagon Star United, and they will be able to take the top spot by goal difference.

The last week of the tournament will be played on 5 November in two stadiums at the same time.

Dagon Star United will take on Junior Lions at Thuwunna Stadium while the Young Boys will play against the University team at the Thuwunna training ground-1.

If the Junior Lions win the remaining game today, they will secure the top spot and have better hopes for the championship, and if there is another result, they will be able to hope for the final game for the championship. The Junior Lions is made up of Myanmar U-19 youth team players, and because the youths are allowed to participate in the competition to gain experience, they will have the opportunity to become the champion in the competition, but they will not be allowed to advance to the Myanmar National League-1.

According to the rules of the competition, the two teams with the most points will be allowed to advance to the MNL, so Dagon Star United and the University have equal access.— Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM