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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.

Literature and fine arts are of national cultural heritage which is a basic factor to assess the cultural standard of a country and its nationals: Senior General

THE governments from Myanmar's monarchical epoch in successive eras honoured those scholars from the literary and fine arts arenas by conferring honorary titles and medals, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the awarding ceremony of National Lifetime Awards for Literary Achievement, National Literary Award and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Contest 2021 at Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Before the ceremony, the Senior General viewed round the biographies, photos, prize-winning books and publications displayed at the exhibition on the ground floor of MICC-II.

At the start of the ceremony, the Senior General and attendees enjoyed the video clip "marching forward through literary strength".

In his address, the Senior General said the government has been honouring the literati every Sarsodaw Day (literary day) for more than 70 years on a yearly basis by selecting the best

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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing warmly greets the literati and attendees at the presentation event of National Lifetime Awards for Literary Achievement, National Literary Award and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award in Nay Pyi Taw on 23 November 2022.

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21 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 23 November, total figure rises to 633,096

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **633,096** after **21** new cases were reported on 23 November 2022 according to the Ministry of Health.

The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **607,538**, including **43** new recoveries.

The death toll from COVID-19 in the country reached **19,488** on 23-11-2022 with one new death reported from the pandemic.

The country has vaccinated **30,756,885** people aged 18 and above for COVID-19 vaccines and **6,741,432** people aged under 18 years old till 22 November 2022.

Status of COVID-19 vaccination (as of 22 November 2022)

People aged 18 and above who received vaccines	30,756,885
People under 18 years old who received vaccines	6,741,432

According to the research, it is found that people who have been vaccinated do not suffer severely from the disease, need not to be hospitalized and unlikely to die. If they have received booster shot, the death rates can be reduced more.

As such, the people need to follow the new normal way in living with COVID. Hence, all the people above five have to fully receive COVID-19 vaccination inoculated by the Ministry of Health free of charge. Six months after the vaccination, they have to take booster jabs at relevant health centres and ward/village administration offices without fail.

Moreover, they have to wear masks while in closed chambers and public places. They need to often wash hands with soap and water or the hand gel containing alcohol (at least 60 per cent) for 20 seconds.

People need to follow the social distancing rule and avoid the crowds as much as possible. While not wearing masks, if they cough and sneeze, they need to cover mouth and noses with elbows in line with the personal hygienic ways.

COVID-19 information can be browsed on the internet page moh.gov.mm of the Ministry of Health.—MNA

18th ASEAN-PAC Heads' Meeting successfully concludes



The documentary group photo at the concluding event of the 18th ASEAN-PAC Heads' Meeting in Cambodia.

THE Myanmar delegation led by Chairman U Than Swe of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) on 22 November attended the 18th Heads' Meeting of the ASEAN Parties Against Corruption (ASEAN-PAC), which was founded by anti-corruption agencies in ASEAN region. At the meeting, the ACC Chairman signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with ASEAN-PAC and Cambodia respectively. Then, he joined the dinner hosted by the Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) of Cambodia.

The meeting continued yesterday and the attendees made a discussion on enhancing the organizational performance of countries in the ASEAN region and ASEAN-PAC, the ability to

promote the cooperation between ASEAN member countries and experiences in preventing and combatting corruption.

The closing ceremony was attended by ACC Chairman U Than Swe. Then the Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU) of Cambodia gave a word of thanks and concluded the ceremony. — MNA

MoH delegation to attend 4th meeting of regional collaborating committee on tuberculosis control and care among migrant populations

A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health Dr Tun Min departed for Thailand on 23 November to attend the fourth meeting of the regional collaborating committee on tuberculosis control and care among migrant populations in Bangkok, Thailand.

such as Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam, anti-tuberculosis activities among migrant groups are being implemented with the support of the Global Fund. At the meeting, matters relating to the effective provision of TB and immunodeficiency healthcare and the establishment of a regional health information system will be discussed. — MNA

In the countries in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region



NACF donates US\$10,000 to Central Cooperative Society

THE National Agricultural Co-operative Federation (NACF) in Korea with Non-ghyup Finance Myanmar held a donation event on 15 November for the development of the Central Cooperative Society (CCS) in Myanmar. The NACF

donated US\$10,000 to acquire computers, printers and laptops to support the digitalization of CCS.

To continue supporting CCS, the NACF plans to provide training opportunities in Korea to CCS employees in

the future.

The chairman of the NACF, Lee Sunghee said, "I hope that this event will serve as a cornerstone for the two companies representing cooperatives in Korea and Myanmar to develop together." —GNLM

Implementation of two national visions for prosperity and food sufficiency in the nation

THE government is implementing two national visions for prosperity of the nation and sufficiency of food. Some 70 per cent of the population are engaged in agriculture, and the country is striving for development of the State economy based on agriculture and livestock farms. Hence, the government prioritizes the food sufficiency, nutrition and food safety for all citizens.

(The excerpt from the speech made by Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the opening ceremony of Myanmar Rice Conference-2022 on 6 October 2022.

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literary works in the national level National Literary Award and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Contest with the aim of improving Myanmar literary arena.

The National Literary Award has been presented in various forms since 1948 and in 2021, winners of the National Literary Award were honoured in 19 genres. The National Lifetime Awards for Literary Achievement is presented to the doyen literati for their literary performances in their lifespan, as of 2001. Moreover, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Awards can be presented to winners in 14 genres.

Four winners in the National Lifetime Awards for Literary

Achievement have been creating literary works throughout their lives for the sake of the State and the people, contributing to the development of Myanmar's literary arena.

Literature and fine arts are of national cultural heritage which is a basic factor to assess the cultural standard of a nation and its people. As such, the governments from Myanmar's monarchical epoch in successive eras honoured those scholars from the literary and fine arts arenas by conferring honorary titles and medals.

The State Administration Council conferred the Alinka Kyawswa title on 25 outstanding persons from the literary and fine arts arena in March 2022, eight



The Senior General takes the group photo with the awardees of the National Literary Award and Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award.



The Senior General presents the National Lifetime Award for Literary Achievement to U Ohn Maung (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe).



The Senior General presents the souvenir photo to the daughter of Dr Daw Tin Win (Dr Ma Tin Win - University of Education), awardee of the National Lifetime Award for Literary Achievement.



The Vice-Senior General gives the National Literary Award to awardee Thet Swe.

in April 2022 and seven on 17 November 2022. As such, 64 Alinkar Kyawswa title winners including 19 National Lifetime Awards for Literary Achievement winners were honoured from the parliamentary era to date.

The government is building the Art Centres in Yangon and Mandalay for creating fine artworks to meet international standards and the Sarso Beikman building for the gathering of those from the literary arena.

The Senior General urged doyen literati and journalists to emphasize their literary cre-

ation, journalistic works and media functions for serving the interests of the entire national people and the State, not for a group of persons or an organization.

The Senior General also called for nurturing new generation writers to polish the image of the State by following the media ethics.

The Senior General presented National Lifetime Awards for Literary Achievement to U Kyaw Zin Nyunt (Tekkatho Myat Thu), U Ohn Maung (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe), Dr Myo Thant Tin

and the daughter of Dr Daw Tin Win (Dr Ma Tin Win-University of Education) respectively.

The SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister presented the national literary award to winners in selected short stories genre, belle-letter genre, Myanmar culture and fine arts genre, youth literature and translation (general knowledge) respectively.

SAC Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Council members General Mya Tun Oo, Admiral Tin Aung San, Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, Mahn Nyein Maung and Daw Aye Nu Sein and Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn presented awards to respective winners.

National Lifetime Awards for Literary Achievement winner Sayagyi U Kyaw Zin Nyunt (Tekkatho Myat Thu) spoke words of thanks.

The Senior General posed for documentary photos together with the winners. The Senior General and party had lunch together with the winners. After lunch, the Senior General presented group photos to four National Lifetime Awards for Literary Achievement winners and cordially greeted them. — MNA

SAC Chairman PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing feeds white elephants including four-month-old Rattha Nandaka, companion elephants

RATTHA Nandaka white elephant, born to female elephant Zar Nan Hla of the compound of Myanma Timber Enterprise in Taungup Township of Rakhine State at 6:30 am on 23 July 2022, turned four months yesterday.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, accompanied by the council secretary, the joint secretary, council members and senior military officers, fed white elephants including Rattha Nandaka white elephant and companion elephants at the white elephant shed in the precinct of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda yesterday morning.

The Senior General, wife and party were welcomed by Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi and party. The Senior General and wife gave feedstuffs to Rattha Nandaka white elephant (the precious white elephant beloved by the country which will bring prosperity and happiness to the nation, Yadana white elephants Baddawady, Nandawady, Ngwe Saddan, Haymawady, Zatakalya and Thirimalar and other companion elephants.

The Senior General asked about the health conditions of Rattha Nandaka white elephant



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla are pictured feeding Rattha Nandaka white elephant in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

and body growth and presented cash assistance for feeding the white elephants and companion elephants from the white elephant shed.

In its birth, Rattha Nandaka white elephant (the precious white elephant beloved by the country which will bring prosperity and happiness to the nation), the white elephant was two feet and five inches in height, three feet and one inch in girth, with the 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. Now the white elephant is four months old and it has two feet and 11 inches in height and four feet and five inches in girth with 288 pounds of weight. At present, the white elephant lives happily and healthily together with the mother elephant at the Yadana white elephant shed in the precinct of Nay Pyi Taw Uppatasanti Pagoda. — MNA



WHO Representative to Myanmar presents his Credentials to Union Minister for Foreign Affairs

DR Thushara Eraj Indranath Fernando, World Health Organization Representative to Myanmar, paid a courtesy call and presented his Credentials to Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw at 2 pm on 23 November 2022.

Also present at the meeting were senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA

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Service personnel need to faithfully discharge their duties as some illegal trade goods escaped from inspection of task forces: Vice-Senior General



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win chairs the coordination meeting 5/2022 of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee in Nay Pyi Taw on 23 November 2022.

SPECIAL task forces and departments concerned need to emphasize inspection of secret conveyance of illegal arms and ammunition, and explosives, said Chairman of Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win at the coordination meeting 5/2022 of the steering committee at the Ministry of Commerce in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Speaking at the meeting, the Vice-Senior General said it can be seen that special anti-illegal trade task force and One-stop service member departments could effectively service their assignments within more than nine months after the re-establishment of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee.

tee. To do so, collaborative efforts of participant organizations and departments concerned carry out quicker and more effective performances in anti-illegal trade tasks.

Those special task forces have to cooperate with each other from adjacent areas to inspect the illegal trade offenders along the illegal trade routes.

In meeting with the UMFC-CI and MSME businesspersons from Yangon Region, the Prime Minister heard reports on taking action against illegal goods importers for the development of domestic production. It was because local MSME businesspersons could not compete with illegally imported commodities which evaded custom duty, at the prices in the market and they are difficult to stand for their businesses. Hence, it is necessary to

effectively hinder and inspect the illegal import of commodities.

Within nine months from January to September 2022, the action was taken against 3,095 illegal trade cases at an estimated value of K45.6 billion, exceeding K38.974 billion in 1,537 cases for K6.626 billion worth of illegal trade goods in the corresponding period of the previous year. Among regions and states, the most seizures of cases happened in Mandalay Region in August and October and Kayin State in September.

Special task forces need to arrange no hindrance to the inflow of necessary agricultural inputs to the farmers in time while effectively inspecting illegally imported ammonium nitrate with security awareness. In suppressing the illegal trade, task forces seized not only illegal

commodities but narcotic drugs, explosives, arms and ammunition and related accessories. Hence, special task forces and departments concerned need to emphasize inspection for the secret conveyance of illegal arms and ammunition and explosives.

Special task forces are to effectively inspect illegal import of cooking oil as the government is systematically arranging the sufficiency of quality cooking oil and stability of prices. Service personnel need to faithfully discharge their duties as some illegal trade goods escaped from the inspection of task forces.

Myanmar enjoys tax exemption from other countries for only Myanmar's products. Hence, it is necessary to follow international rules and regulations, and pledges and not harm the trust of other countries in Myanmar.

Secretary of the steering committee Deputy Minister U Nyunt Aung reported on the accomplishments of the minutes of the 4/2022 meeting and the work process of the steering committee.

Leader of the office staff of the steering committee, departmental heads and chairmen of Bago Region and Kayin State special task forces participated in the discussions. Vice-Chairman of the steering committee Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein, member Union Minister for Commerce U Aung Naing Oo and the deputy minister for defence explained anti-illegal trade measures in respective sectors.

The Vice-Senior General coordinated the reports and clarification. — MNA

Public Notification

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

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

Auto telephone number - 067 409 883
Mobile phone - 09 404339969
Fax - 067 409 886
Email address - antiillegaltradeinfo@gmail.com

Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee

Public Notification

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

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Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee

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The photo shows the Vladivostok International Airport in the Russian Federation.

Direct flights from Yangon to three cities in Russia to be launched in early 2023

IT is reported that Myanmar and the Russian Federation have signed an agreement to operate bilateral flights from Yangon to three cities in Russia early next year.

Union Minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San signed the agreement for Yangon-Vladivostok, Yangon-Novosibirsk, and Yangon-Krasnoyarsk flights at the signing ceremony between civil aviation authorities of Myanmar and the Russian Federation, in the 16th International Forum and Transport Week 2022 exhibition. A proposal has been submitted by Myanmar Airways International (MAI) for the flights to start in early 2023 and the necessary steps are being taken in coordination.

The Transport Week Exhibition held between 15 and 18 November was attended by approximately 1,400 participants including around 160 representatives from 36 countries and officials, experts, business organizations and researchers from the Russian Federation. They discussed the subjects for increasing the cooperation in road transport, maritime and aviation sectors besides the aviation communication between Myanmar and Russia at the meeting. — TWA/GNLM

Myanmar registers trade worth US\$136.163 mln at Myawady, Tachilek in Oct

MYANMAR carried out trade worth US\$136.163 million with the neighbouring country Thailand via Myawady and Tachilek borders in October, according to the Ministry of Commerce's statistics.

The value of cross-border trade at Myanmar's Myawady border amounted to \$162.271 million in October, comprising exports worth \$40.701 million and imports valued at \$121.57 million.

Myanmar conducted trade valued at \$9.892 million via the Tachilek border, including \$1.166 million in exports and \$8.726 million in imports.

Myawady border post witnessed a decrease of \$41.622 million in trade compared to the corresponding period last year, with export value decreasing by \$45.052 million and import value increasing by \$3.430 million.

At the Tachilek border, an increase of \$1.908 million in trade was recorded against the year-ago period. The value of exports was up by \$0.579 million and the import value was up by \$2.487 million.

The Myawady trade zone saw a decrease in exports of agricultural products, minerals, livestock, fisheries, finished products and other goods, whereas imports of capital goods and consumer goods increased more than those of the same period last year.

Myanmar exported broken rice, black gram, green gram, peanut, white sesame, turmeric, dried and fresh kon-

jac, onion, rubber, chilli pepper, fish, shrimp, crab, squid, eel and other fishery products, minerals and finished textile clothes to Thailand via the Myawady border, whereas capital goods, intermediate goods and consumer goods were imported. The trade performance at the Myawady border registered at 129.413 per cent in October.

Despite an increase in export values of fishery products (\$0.909 million), mineral products (0.064 million), and other goods (\$0.003 million), Myanmar recorded a drop in exports of agricultural products (\$1.55 million) and manufacturing goods (\$0.006 million) at the Tachilek border. Although the country had a decline in imports of consumer goods (\$0.592 million) at the Tachilek border, the value of exports climbed in capital goods (\$1.857 million) and intermediate goods (\$1.222 million).

The trade value via two posts was down by \$0.636 million in exports and up by \$3.001 million in imports compared to those of September 2022. The figures indicated a decrease of \$2.365 million in trade.

Exports of Agricultural products (\$0.637 million), forest products (\$0.054 million), minerals (\$0.045 million) and other goods (\$0.009 million) plummeted, whereas the import values of capital goods (\$1.032 million) and intermediate goods (\$1.988 million) rose in October against September's. — TWA/GNLM



The picture shows trucks queuing in line on the Myawady border.

Rice export by sea accumulates US\$24.057 mln in Nov 2nd week

MYANMAR shipped 58,780 tonnes of rice and broken rice to foreign trade partners via maritime trade in the second week of November, generating an income of US\$24.057 million.

The country exported 3,661 tonnes of rice to European Union countries and about 35,290 tonnes to Asian countries.

The export volume stood at approximately 2,000 tonnes to Bangladesh, 10,230 to the Philippines, 3,550 to China, over 120 to Malaysia, about 1,280 to Poland, 50 to Lithuania and England, over 420 to Romania, 2,501 to Slovenia, 200 to Bulgaria, 200 to Germany, 250 to Greek and 110 to Croatia respectively. Meanwhile, Myanmar conveyed 520 tonnes to China via cross-border posts with an estimated value of \$1.96 million. Myanmar's rice export through sea trade channels totalled 13,630 tonnes and bagged \$4.941 million.

Furthermore, broken rice exports were estimated at over 13,130 tonnes to Belgium, over 370 tonnes to Poland, 75 tonnes to Singapore and 50 tonnes to the Czech Republic.

Additionally, broken rice exports were estimated at over 5,230 tonnes on the Sino-Myanmar border and over 450 tonnes on the Myanmar-Thailand border. Therefore, the export value of broken rice by sea or across borders amounted to over 5,680 tonnes worth \$2.033 million. — TWA/GNLM



Lorries loaded with export rice bags are seen on the Sino-Myanmar border.

Tax collection law of the Union amended

THE State Administration Council enacted the Union Tax Law 2022 (Amendment) as its law number 48/2022 on 17 November 2022 signed by Chairman of the State Administrations Council Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

The law mentioned that provisions in Sections 3 and 4 of this law shall be effective from 1 October 2022 to 31 March 2023. The provisions of Section 5 shall be effective from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023.

Tables 12 (a), (b) and (c) of Section 11 (a) shall use "except Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV)" instead of "except electric vehicles".

On 11 November, the Ministry of Commerce issued a decree specifying the terms to be followed for the import of electric vehicles from abroad under the pilot project. At the press conference of SAC information team held on 18 November, Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun said that 26 companies have applied to import electric cars, and none of them has been granted permission. — TWA/GNLM

LOCAL BUSINESS

Low demand for chilli pepper drives prices down

THE prices of dried chilli pepper are headed to fall in the last week of November owing to low demand in Yangon markets, said Ko Hla Han, an owner of chilli pepper depot on Seinpan Street, told the Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

On 22 November 2022, small numbers of bell peppers from the Sinphyukyun area entered the Bayintnaung Wholesale Market. The wholesale price was K28,000 per viss, according to bell pepper entrepreneurs from the Bayintnaung Wholesale Market.

Among bell peppers, those from the Sinphyukyun area which are processed in cold storage and ones from delta regions are priced at K31,000 per viss. Other bell peppers are worth K18,000-22,200 per viss without processing at

cold storage. The prices of long chilli peppers stood at around K17,000-22,000 per viss depending on varieties and Moehtaung chilli pepper fetched K15,000-16,000, the chilli pepper depots stated.

The new long chilli peppers (Panye and Hmyarni) are likely to arrive in the Yangon market in the upcoming months. Those buyers who send the chilli peppers to regions other than Yangon are observing the markets and speculating about the possible price decrease rather than processing one at cold storage facilities. Three types of chilli peppers are seen in Shan State.

The long chilli peppers produced by Shan State dipped to K17,000 from K17,500 per viss. Yet, the demand is pretty low. Similarly, the prices



of Moehtaung chilli peppers from Shan State dropped from K16,500-16,000 per viss. Those Moehtaung chilli peppers from various regions are priced at only K15,000 per viss. The newly harvested Moehtaung chilli peppers from the Pyawbwe area decreased from K16,200 to K15,000 per viss. The new bell peppers are valued at over



The picture shows dried chilli peppers placed at a warehouse in the Bayintnaung Wholesale Market.

K20,000-22,000 per viss.

The bell peppers from China are expected to enter the Yangon market. The prices of chilli peppers have moved onwards since mid-2022. The bell peppers are priced at the highest while the prices of monsoon chilli peppers are

the lowest. Those chilli peppers processed at cold storage receive a higher price due to their colour. The traders who keep the dried chilli pepper and onions in their hands are prospering on account of the record high prices, as per the market reports. – TWA/GNLM

Kyat-Dollar exchange rate slides to K2,800



Last August, the dollar hit K4,500 in the grey market. At present, the dollar was exchanged at K2,860 for buying and K2,880 for selling.

KYAT-US Dollar over the counter rate dipped to K2,800 in the local forex market, the money changers said.

Last August, the dollar hit K4,500 in the grey market. At present, the dollar was exchanged at K2,860 for buying and K2,880 for selling.

However, the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) set the reference exchange rate at K2,100.

To strengthen the domestic currency in the local forex market, the CBM set the currency trading band at 0.3 per cent for the Kyat to fluctuate between these two specified upper and lower exchange

rates for transactions, selling or buying, according to a directive issued by the CBM on 10 August 2022.

Therefore, financial institutions including banks and informal money changes are instructed to set a dollar value at K2,100 for buying and K2,106 for selling. Yet, trading with those specific rates is not seen in the market.

Last August, a dollar value hit a peak of over K4,500 in the black market, pushing pure gold up to a record high of K3.7 million per tical.

Consequently, the CBM sold dollars at its auction market for the sectors in need, to

control the soaring dollar.

A total of \$443.8 million were sold at an auction rate in 2021 as well.

At the end of September 2021, the dollar value hit a high of over K3,000, resulting in a record high of the pure gold price at K2.22 million per tical.

Under the guidance of the Central Committee on Ensuring Smooth Flow of Trade and Goods, the Monitoring and Steering Committee on Gold and Currency Market was formed on 17 December 2021 as gold and currency market stability play a crucial role in the trade facilitation.

The objectives of the committee are inspecting and prosecuting market manipulation, checking if there is compliance with payment rules in the domestic market, and proceeding against those unscrupulous traders who intend to interfere with the free and fair operation of the market under the existing laws, by-laws and regulations in line with the official directives, illegal foreign currency holding, illegal trade and taking legal actions against price manipulators. — NN/GNLM

Myanmar daily conveys seafood from Taninthayi Region to Thailand

MYANMAR daily delivers clam, mollusc, snail and scorpion prawns produced by the Taninthayi Region to Thailand, according to the Ministry of Commerce. Seafood is popular in Thailand and it plays a major role in Thai cuisine. Tourists visiting Thailand also enjoy seafood. Therefore, the demand for popular Myanmar Shak (aka) clam, mollusc, snail and scorpion prawns is on the rise.

Myanmar sends over ten four-wheel truckloads of clams from Taninthayi to Thailand through the Mawtaung border and it fetches 91.94 Thai Baht per kilogramme.

The clams are offered at a high price among the seafood. It is easy to digest. People en-

joy clams by boiling, cooking or roasting them.

Additionally, snails are also a popular food among seafood in the Myeik area, Taninthayi Region. People cook sea snails in different cuisines including one with coconut milk.

The snails are priced at 2.5 Thai Baht per kg. Approximately 300-500 kg of snails is daily delivered to Thailand through the Mawtaung border with three to five trucks.

Furthermore, king prawn is highly demanded. The prevailing price of king prawns is 1,121.85 Thai Baht per kg. About 500 to 1,000 kilogrammes of scorpion prawns are exported to Thailand with eight to 12 four-wheel trucks every day. —NN/GNLM



Workers are seen processing the seafood.

OPINION

Forge Union spirit for enjoying the future shared together

CONVEYANCE of the State flag of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar for spending a night each in relevant regions and states is one of the essences of the celebration to mark Union Day. It shows the images of fostering national unity and solidarity based on the Panglong Spirit.

Generally, the Union flag spends a year at the Yangon City Hall which is a focal point for the conveyance of the Union flag to respective regions and states in a rotation. Last year, the Union flag was conveyed from Yangon for spending a year in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. As a new plan, the Union flag will be conveyed to relevant regions and states in a rotation once every five years.

The other day, the Central Committee for Organizing the 76th Anniversary of Union Day for 2023 held its first coordination meeting, which focused on successfully holding the 76th Anniversary of Union Day for 2023 but this year's celebration would be similar to that of the 74th Anniversary of Union Day although the Diamond Jubilee Union Day was held on 12 February 2022 on a grander scale.

The celebration of Union Day is designed to stimulate the patriotic spirit and national spirit to love the Union and to defend the State with the sacrifice of life and limbs. It is because the Union is home to all ethnic national people. As such, all national brethren never accept the conspiracy of disintegrating the Union by overcoming the challenges of instigations wedged by internal and external destructionists.

In truth, Union Day was conceived during the Panglong Conference and the Panglong Agreement. As such, Union Day is concerned with all national brethren. On the other hand, Union Day proves the anticipation of all national brethren and stipulates that they do not forget national unity. That is why all the national brethren need to mark Union Day every year.

Day every year.

All the people need to successfully observe five national objectives of the 76th Anniversary of Union Day to be able to shape the perpetuity of unity among ethnic national brethren of the Union for enjoying the future shared together. They all need to forge the spirit of the perpetual existence of the Union in mind, to end armed conflicts among ethnics which emerged together with the independence and to ensure the perpetual existence of the Union with unity of all ethnics and to restore perpetual peace through unity.

Strengthening National Power and Security for National Development

By Dr Than Lwin Tun

NATIONAL power is of utmost importance in international relations. A powerful state is often in a position of wielding influence over international relations. Therefore, every country is trying to strengthen their national power. In that regard, it needs to know the definition of power. Power carries a variety of definitions. The most explicit definition of power is measuring the capability of an organization that could control the behaviour of other organizations.

National power is a combination of population, size of a nation, natural resources, territorial integrity, wealth, military strength and social stability. National power with a disadvantage or some disadvantages does not come with a guarantee. Similarly, just the lack of a disadvantage does not bring any impact on national power. For example, Organ ski divided national power into two categories; natural and social. The natural category includes geography, resources and population. The social category includes economic, political, military, psychological and information.

A state's geographic particularities, i.e., both its natural resources and geographic location, will have an impact on its national-security agenda.

National security means protecting and guarding against the state and its citizens, applying political power, diplomacy, economic power and military capability. National security encompasses safety, development and rule.

National security concepts have expanded in recent years, especially since the end of the Cold War. Most developed countries are no longer primarily occupied with securing their territorial integrity and political independence. Their state borders enjoy a high degree of international legitimacy, and the United Nations' legal framework, which includes nearly every country in the world, outlaws territorial conquest. Instead, so-called non-traditional threats have begun to play an

increasingly important role in national-security concepts around the world.

In an interconnected and interdependent world, security challenges are multidimensional. Our multi-sum security principle discusses that any comprehensive security concept today needs to include five security dimensions; human, environmental, national, transnational, and transcultural.

We can identify the following key challenges to national security in the 21st century:

Changing Global Power Structures, State Failure and Regional Conflicts: various factors affecting international power relationships and international stability, including the increased influence of multinational corporations, state failure, rogue states, and ethnic, tribal and religious warfare;

Security Implications of Population Growth, Illegal Migration and Refugee Flows: all three developments can lead to shortages of local resources, social tensions, and ethnic conflicts;

The Information Revolution and National Security: new communication and information technology can be used in harmful ways against states through information warfare and cyber-attacks, and as a tool to organize international terrorist or criminal activities;

Transcultural Interactions: the intensification of transcultural interactions due to globalization;

Growing Economic Cleavages and Energy Security: persistent poverty and continuously growing economic inequality among the world's population can lead to state instability, increased violence within and between states, national economic collapse and global economic instability; the uneven geographic distribution of finite energy resources may increasingly lead to struggles among energy-importing states over the control and influence of energy-rich territories;

Transnational Organized



The Information Revolution and National Security: new communication and information technology can be used in harmful ways against states through information warfare and cyber-attacks, and as a tool to organize international terrorist or criminal activities. ILLUSTRATION CREDIT: FREEPIK

Crime: transnational organized crime can undermine a state's economic development and internal political stability; it can also weaken a state's social fabric and promote violence;

Terrorism and Asymmetrical Warfare: threats to state stability posed by armed intrastate groups or international terrorists using unconventional means of warfare and often harsh brutality against civilians;

Proliferation: the horizontal proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and conventional small arms pose security threats to individual states and the international system;

The Privatization of Security: the increased use of private security companies by states lessens state accountability for military actions and may lower the threshold for states to engage in adventurous actions;

Health, Diseases and Biosecurity: the uncontrollable spread of diseases can be caused by, or result in, state instability; countries affected by epidemics may suffer an economic decline, social and political tensions, and conflicts;

Environmental Security: environmental degradation and pollution, droughts, and rising sea levels as a result of global warming may make entire areas

uninhabitable; food shortages and the loss of people's livelihoods can lead to many environmental refugees and increasing social conflicts.

Educational Security: Brain drain is the departure of different professionals, usually from one nation to another, in search of a better quality of life, a higher standard of living, better technologies, and more stable political conditions. The companies and industries that cannot keep up with the rapid changes in technology and society see an exodus of their brightest employees, resulting in organizational and industrial brain drain.

Myanmar faces many domestic and international security threats from all sides. Reconciliation with Ethnic Armed Organizations is also of great importance to Myanmar's peace and development. In order to achieve the functions and duties of the National Reconciliation and Peace Center, the Government, the public, the military, and Ethnic Armed Organizations must be implemented.

The foreign policy of Myanmar explores independent, active and non-aligned. Meanwhile, our traditional thinking must move beyond the zero-sum game and focus on a multi-sum game and symbiotic realistic interstate re-

lations in line with foreign policy. At the same time, we need to realize the concept of the balance of power and survival of the fittest theory. Myanmar has to safeguard three main national causes (non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty) as the national policy and Myanmar people always genetically value national characteristics. Hence, we need to preserve and promote these national characteristics.

The first line of defence of our country is diplomacy tool and the second line is national power so we need to strengthen national power including natural category (geography, resources, population) and social category (economic, political, military, foreign relations, psychological and information).

Understanding National workforce needs and the demographics of the current manpower supply enables a detailed assessment of the shortages and gaps. This is an essential first step in the development of actions to successfully retain, attract and develop the appropriate workforce for the nation. Currently, skill shortages exist in a range of critical professions. Demand for workers is increasing across all areas and there is a need to

recruit a wide variety of skilled and semi-skilled workforce to fully resource the requirements of the Nation. As such, it is time that government takes advantage of a range of training programs (like training of Civil Service Academy) to upskill and retain current staff and invests in ongoing training and professional development of staff to enable them to be more productive.

Investment in skills development to adapt to the changing situation should be increased. Research should be conducted on the impact analysis of changing Myanmar and the global situation. The inter-ministerial bodies on human resource development across the areas of education, training, industrial development, and governance should be strengthened. It is important to promote the development of innovative mechanisms that promote key human resources to promote the national economy which may include entrepreneurs, scientists and technologists, management personnel from both governmental and non-governmental sectors and highly skilled workers.

Myanmar's development policy is a public-centred development policy. Information on the development project compatible with Myanmar must be used among the development projects set for Myanmar. The National Comprehensive Development Plan (NCDP) and the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) are set up for Myanmar's development project. The development programs compatible with Myanmar's current situation must be used in conjunction with the NCDP, MSDP and Myanmar Economic Recovery Plan (MERP) programs for Myanmar's development.

In addition, we call for strengthening National power and security to the respective sector on a regular basis to assist with the implementation of the national development.

Reference; Lecture notes from Management Course for Executive Level Officials No 9, the Civil Service Academy (Upper Myanmar)

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Have contributed much to our society
In the history of Myanmar literature.
They become the main pillar of culture.

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Love for people and fine arts
Myanmar Literature has been standing tall
Thanks to the efforts exerted by all.

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Assist the development of our community
Literary figures create great literary works
For the sake of the nation and us.

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The pen is mightier than the sword
Freedom was regained due to both

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Writers guide readers in the right direction
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Union Ministers attend second day of XII International Forum ATOMEXPO 2022



A delegation led by Union Minister for Electric Power U Thaung Han and Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw currently in the Russian Federation, together with Myanmar Ambassador to the Russian Federation U Lwin Oo and officials, attended the second day of XII International Forum ATOMEXPO 2022 in the Russian Federation on 22 November.

together with the attendees, observed the construction of power plants related to nuclear power, nuclear medicine galleries, safety uniforms on display, and equipment manufacturing galleries for research reactors exhibited at the XII International Forum ATOMEXPO 2022.

Then, they signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Rosatom Company in the Russian Federation and the Ministry of Electric Power of Myanmar in order to conduct feasibility studies to build a power plant using nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

Next, Union Minister U Thaung Han attended the discussion titled "Nuclear Spring: creating sustainable future" at the Plenary Session held at Atom Hall in Sirius Park of Science and Art.

Afterwards, Deputy Director-General Mr Mikhail Chudakov of the International Atomic Energy Agency had an informal meeting with the Union Ministers and had a frank and friendly discussion.

Furthermore, the delegation led by Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Kyaw attended the Plenary Session: Floating Nuclear Power Plant and exchanged views on meeting the current global energy needs and analyzed the possibility.

The vice-president of the Russian Academy of Science met the delegation led by Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Kyaw at the 12th Nuclear Technology-Based Innovation Forum (2022).

It was reported that they discussed the possibility of cooperation for the development of Myanmar's human resources and the ability to quickly and practically implement the cooperation conditions for the cultivation of experts full of international-level skills. — MNA

MoEA Union Minister receives Chair of Gyeongbuk College

UNION Minister U Saw Tun Aung Myint of the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs received Chair of Gyeongbuk College of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Un Gik at the parlour of the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They discussed issues relating to the development of the socioeconomic life of ethnic peoples.

The deputy minister, the permanent secretary, the directors-general, deputy directors-general and officials attended the meeting. — MNA



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MoH Union Minister receives delegation led by WHO Resident Representative to Myanmar



UNION Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win of the Ministry of Health received the delegation led by Dr Thushara Fernando, recently appointed as WHO Resident Representative to Myanmar, at the Ministry's meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The Union minister welcomed the WHO resident representative with congratulatory words and mentioned the successful realization of cooperation between the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Ministry of Health. Then, they discussed matters relating to the continued execution of WHO's healthcare work in cooperation with Myanmar, issues to provide training in advanced medical sciences for the development of human resources in the health industry, immunization coverage, maternal and child healthcare services and emergency healthcare in Myanmar.

The deputy minister, directors-general of the office of the Union Minister, the Department of Public Health and the Department of Medical Services and officials participated in the meeting. —MNA

Illegal timbers, mobile phones, industrial materials and vehicles confiscated



Seized illegal mobile phones.

SUPERVISED by the Customs Department, an on-duty team conducted inspections on 21 November. Officials captured 6 mobile phones (worth K6 million) without official documents at the Yangon International Airport and

K14,348,250 worth of industrial materials that did not match with import declaration (ID) at the Airport Warehouse. The action was taken under Customs Procedures. Similarly, an on-duty team nabbed over K113 million worth

of construction materials without an import licence from two containers at the Hteedan container checkpoint and K7.5 million worth of industrial materials that were not mentioned in the import declaration (ID) from a container at the Myanmar Industrial Port container checkpoint. The action was taken under Customs Procedures.

A combined team under the management of the Sagaing Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force seized an unregistered Nissan AD van car (approximately K5 million) at the Mau Combined Checkpoint of Monywa township. The action was taken under the export and import law.



Officials check confiscated illegal timbers.

In addition, an unregistered Toyota Passo car (approximately K2.5 million) was captured at the entrance gate of Magway township and action was taken under the export and import law. On 23 November, a total of 8.5268 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K3,543,450 was seized in

Toungoo and Nyaunglebin districts and action was taken under the forest law. Therefore, a total of nine arrests (at an estimated value of K152,669,700) were made on 21 and 23 November, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA

Drugs seized in Patheingyi, Thingangyun, Tangyan townships

DRUGS were seized in Patheingyi, Thingangyun and Tangyan townships, according to Myanmar Police Force. A combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force on 22 November stopped and searched a motorbike driven by Kaung Kyaw accompanied by Aung Htun Min (aka) Aung Gyi and arrested Aung Htun Min (aka) Aung Gyi together with 20 kilogrammes of ketamine worth K600 million. Kaung Kyaw ran away while driving the motorbike. At 1:45 pm on the same day, Myanmar Police Force examined Chit Oo Maung (aka) Aung Naing near Laydauntkan street in Thingangyun township and seized 3,200 stimulant tablets. In addition, at 2:30 pm on the



An offender is seen along with seized drugs.

same day, Myanmar Police Force searched his house in Thingangyun township and seized 10,000 stimulant tablets. At 5:45 am on 21 November, Myanmar Police Force stopped and searched a motorbike driven by Sai Maung Lu accompanied by

Aung Htun on Tangyan-Pansang road in Tangyan township and captured 3,000 stimulant tablets. The offenders are prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, it is learnt. — MNA

Over K2.11 bln worth of drugs, arms and ammunition seized at drug-producing facility in Tachilek

OVER K2.11 billion worth of drugs and arms and ammunition were captured from a manufacturing factory of stimulant tablets in Tachilek township, according to Myanmar Police Force. A combined team consisting of members of the Security Force raided a manufacturing factory of stimulant tablets in Tachilek township of Shan State (East) at 6 am on 12 November. Police arrested eight persons including Kyaw Sein with over K2.11 billion worth of stimulant tablets, stimulant powders, raw opium, caffeine, arms and ammunition and related materials for stimulant tablet production.

According to interrogation results, at 2 pm on 14 November, Police examined the houses of Bawza (aka) Bawsa and Joseph (aka) Kaeba who are owners of a drug manufacturing factory in Yepusan village of Tachilek township and seized 41,360 stimulant tablets and a small machine used for drug production. In addition, Police impounded 7,392 stimulant tablets and 700 grammes of stimulant powder in the house of Kya Kawt again. Legal action is taken against the suspects and Myanmar Police Force is trying to expose those connected with them, it is learnt. — MNA



Eight arrestees are pictured along with seized drugs, ammunition and related items.

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ECONOMY WORLD

No return to 'business as usual': Europe development bank

THE world will not return to "business as usual" following the pandemic alongside rocketing gas prices and forced migration in the wake of the Ukraine war, Europe's development bank forecast Tuesday.

Such a coming together of events — including also supply-chain disruptions and extreme weather — "would be challenging enough for governments and firms if it was spread over a decade or more", noted Beata Javorcik, chief economist at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD).

"And yet, all of this has happened in the space of just three years, with the prospect of more turbulence to come. It is clear that there will be no going back to the 'business as usual' of the pre-pandemic period."

Her forecast was contained in the 2022-23 EBRD Transition Report, titled "Business Unusual", which also highlighted firms



Nearly three in ten Ukrainian refugees in Europe are already employed in their current host country. People coming from Ukraine descend from a ferry boat to enter Romania after crossing the Danube river at the Isaccea-Orlivka border crossing between Romania and Ukraine on 26 February 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

hit by record levels of debt.

It said that "zombie firms", owing to artificial financial life support, were in fact dragging down healthier rivals.

Founded in 1991 to help former Soviet bloc countries switch to free-market economies, the London-headquar-

tered bank has since extended its reach to include nations in the Middle East and North Africa.

The EBRD said Russia's invasion of Ukraine had resulted in "the largest forcible displacement of people in Europe since the 1940s".—AFP

Italy's draft budget centres on energy aid, growth



A pipeline in Tunisia supplies natural gas from Algeria to Italy. **PHOTO: FETHI BELAID/AFP**

ITALY'S new far-right government unveiled its first budget on Tuesday, with most of the nearly 35 billion euros in spending for 2023 going on the energy crisis rather than flashy electoral promises.

More than 21 billion euros (\$21.5 billion) will go towards supporting households and businesses with sky-high gas and electricity bills, a major cause of the soaring inflation which

risks tipping the eurozone's third largest economy into recession next year.

"There are two big priorities, growth... and social justice, meaning a particular focus on families, those on the lowest incomes and the most fragile groups," Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni told a press conference after her cabinet approved the budget in the early hours.

Meloni's far-right Brothers

of Italy party swept to power in elections in September, forming a coalition government with the anti-immigration League and Silvio Berlusconi's right-wing Forza Italia.

They had promised sweeping tax cuts and more funds for pensioners and for families, sparking concerns about the impact on Italy's already colossal debt.

But Meloni, whose party once called for Italy to abandon the euro single currency, has sought to present herself as a responsible leader at a time of global economic uncertainty.

Notably, the coalition's flagship measure — extending a 15-per-cent flat tax for the self-employed — did not go as far as initially expected. "It's a prudent and responsible budget, in continuity" with the previous government under Mario Draghi, said Giuliano Noci, professor at Milan's Politecnico school of management.—AFP

Spain's high-speed rail competition heats up with new entrant

SPAIN'S high-speed rail market is heating up with a new operator starting passenger services on Friday, making the country the first in Europe with three players in the sector.

The newcomers have pushed down prices and increased traffic on the high-speed network, which at around 4,000 kilometres (2,500 miles) is the world's second longest after China's.

Spain, a nation of around 47 million people, is the world's second most popular tourist destination after France.

Private operator Iryo, which is 45 per cent owned by Italy's Trenitalia, made an inaugural trip on Monday from Madrid to Valencia on Spain's Mediterranean coast.

It will begin passenger services on Friday with 16 daily return trips between Madrid

and Barcelona, Spain's two largest cities, 500 kilometres (300 miles) apart.

Iryo will compete with French railway company SNCF's firm in the country, Ouigo, which has been operating since May 2021 and Spanish state-owned rail operator Renfe, which opened its first high-speed service in 1992.

The arrival of a third operator is a "historical step" and "novel" in Europe, said Carlos Llerida, a rail transport expert at the Autonomous University of Madrid.

"Until now no high-speed rail network has operated with three competitors. Spain could serve as a model," he told AFP.

Iryo, which is kicking off its operations in Spain with 20 trains, will in mid-December expand its services to include a Madrid-Valencia route.—AFP



A Talgo 350 high-speed train (AVE: "Alta Velocidad Española" meaning Spanish high-speed) pictured at the train station of Atocha of Madrid. **PHOTO: AFP/ DOMINIQUE FAGET/FILE**

Brazil's economic growth revised up to 2.8%: central bank

BRAZIL'S financial market expected the country's economy to grow 2.8 per cent in 2022, up from 2.77 per cent in the previous forecast, a survey of the central bank showed Monday.

Its economic growth forecast for 2023 remains steady at 0.7 per cent, according to the weekly survey of leading financial institutions in Brazil.

The Central Bank of Brazil also found that 2022 inflation forecast slightly increased to

5.88 per cent from 5.82 per cent. And for 2023, it expected the inflation to reach 5.01 per cent.

The government set target inflation at 3.5 per cent for 2022 and 3.25 per cent for next year, in both cases with a margin of error of 1.5 percentage points.

The benchmark interest rate, which is currently at 13.75 per cent, is expected to remain unchanged until the end of the year and gradually drop in 2023.—Xinhua

Tesla recalls 321,000 vehicles in the US for tail light problem

TESLA has recalled more than 321,000 vehicles in the United States because of a tail light issue, in the latest trouble to hit the electric vehicle giant led by controversial billionaire Elon Musk.

It is the latest of multiple Tesla recalls in the United States in recent months, including one for just over 40,000 vehicles for a possible problem in the electric power steering system.

“In rare instances,” the rear lights on affected cars light up intermittently because of a software problem, the company said in a document to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) dated 15 November but made public this week-end. —AFP



Tesla plans a free remote software update to fix the problem on the affected Model 3 and Model Y 2020-2023 cars. **PHOTO: AFP**

Luxury hotel chain to open in Japan’s highest building in 2028

BRITISH ultra-luxury hotel chain Dorchester Collection plans to open in what will soon be Japan’s highest building, currently under construction in Tokyo, with the company making its first inroads into Asia slated for 2028, developer Mitsubishi Estate Co said.

Favoured among royalty and celebrities, the hotel will open its doors within the 390-metre-high “Torch Tower”, which will be built near JR Tokyo Station, with construction expected to be completed in fiscal 2027.

Under the current plan, the hotel will occupy the 53rd



Image of the main lobby of a hotel to be opened by Dorchester Collection within Torch Tower in Tokyo. **PHOTO: DORCHESTER COLLECTION / KYODO**

through 58th floors of the building. It is expected to include 110 guest rooms, as well as restaurants and a pool, according to a press release jointly announced by Mitsubishi, Tokyo Century Corp and Dorchester Collection.—Kyodo

Credit Suisse expects Q4 pre-tax loss of \$1.6 bln

CREDIT Suisse stocks tumbled again Wednesday after announcing it expects a surprise fourth-quarter pre-tax loss of up to \$1.6 billion as it launches into a radical overhaul of its operations.

Shaken by repeated scandals, Switzerland’s second largest bank unveiled a rejig in late October but accepted its accounts would take a hit of up to 1.5 billion Swiss francs (\$1.6 billion) in the final three months of the year. —AFP

UK probes Apple, Google over cloud gaming, browsers

BRITAIN launched Tuesday an in-depth competition probe into the domination of US tech giants Apple and Google of cloud gaming and mobile internet browsers. The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) regulator will investigate whether consumer choice is limited by the behaviour of the Silicon Valley pair; it said in a statement after an initial study earlier this year. Apple and Google “have an effective duopoly on mobile ecosystems that allows them to exercise a stranglehold over

operating systems, app stores and web browsers on mobile devices” to the detriment of competition, it said. An overwhelming 97 per cent of all mobile internet browsing in Britain took place using Apple or Google technology in 2021, the CMA added.—AFP

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Singapore warns slower economic growth in 2023

SINGAPORE warned on Wednesday that economic growth could slow to a trickle next year owing to weakness in key export markets including the United States, Europe and China, as rising interest rates and the Ukraine war cause headwinds.

The city-state's economic performance is often seen as a useful barometer of the global environment because of its reliance on trade with the rest of the world.

The trade ministry said it expected growth to come in at 3.5 per cent this year — inside its forecasts for 3-4 per cent —

but then drop sharply in 2023 to just 0.5-2.5 per cent as weaker global demand offsets a strong recovery in air travel after the pandemic.

Officials warned that “significant uncertainties and downside risks in the global economy remain” including the war in Ukraine and central bank moves to fight decades-high inflation with multiple interest rate hikes.

“Singapore’s external demand outlook has softened further due to the weaker outlook for the eurozone economy amidst an energy crunch, as well as for China as it continues to grapple with recurring Covid-19

outbreaks and a property market downturn,” the ministry said.

China is the only major economy still attempting to stamp out the domestic spread of the virus, and a fresh outbreak has seen authorities impose strict containment measures such as shutting down parts of cities and placing contacts of infected patients into strict quarantine.

New rules announced by Beijing earlier this month appeared to signal a shift away from its controversial zero-Covid strategy but the latest flare-up and the first deaths in months have sparked fears of another harsh clampdown.—AFP



This picture taken from Marina Barrage shows water fountains with the city skyline in the background in Singapore on 10 October 2022. **PHOTO: ROSLAN RAHMAN / AFP**

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Nearly 80% of Japanese firms in Europe affected by Ukraine war

SOME 77 per cent of Japanese companies in Europe see their operations affected by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine primarily through a rise in energy and food prices and disruptions in logistics, a survey showed.

Manufacturers feel the heftier impact, with 83.7 per cent in the sector saying their business has suffered due to the war in Ukraine, according to the online survey of 1,445 companies conducted between 1 and 26 September by the Japan External Trade Organization with valid responses from 799.

Among 605 companies that responded to a multiple choice question about the negative factors, 65.1 per cent cited rising energy prices, 55.9 per cent said

higher prices of raw materials and resources such as plastic and rubber products, while 54.0 per cent raised disruptions and bottlenecks in logistics.

“The survey demonstrates the severity of the impact of the Ukraine war on business operations,” said Akiko Ueda, an official at JETRO.

“The fact that nearly 80 per cent of the companies said they feel negatives from the Ukraine war underlines the situation where they cannot escape from suffering damages even if they expedite efforts such as passing on prices to customers,” Ueda said, adding the resolution to the conflict is “crucial” for improving business environment.—Kyodo

US excludes oil for Japan from Russia’s Sakhalin 2 from price cap



File photo taken in February 2009 shows a liquefied natural gas processing facility at the Sakhalin 2 project in Sakhalin, Russia.

PHOTO: KYODO

OIL from Russia’s Sakhalin 2 energy project bound for Japan will be excluded from facing a price cap the United States will roll out as part of efforts to squeeze Moscow’s revenues for

its war in Ukraine, the Treasury Department said in its guidance released Tuesday.

The price cap, which other members of the Group of Seven and Australia have also agreed

to introduce, will take effect 5 December for crude oil. Japanese trading firms maintain stakes in the Sakhalin 2 project, which the government sees as an important energy supply source for the resource-poor country.

As for the price cap level, a senior Treasury official said discussions are taking place among members of the European Union before the entire international “Price Cap Coalition” can announce it. Under the Treasury’s guidance, U.S. persons will be allowed to provide a range of services, including finance, insurance and shipping, for sea-borne transportation of Russian oil only if the oil is purchased at or below the price cap.—Kyodo



A patrol boat at the Black Sea port of Mariupol, Ukraine, on 11 February 2022. **PHOTO: ALEXEY FILIPPOV / AFP**

‘Dangerous rhetoric’ stoking nuclear tensions: UN chief

UNITED Nations chief Antonio Guterres warned on Tuesday against “dangerous rhetoric” stoking tensions among nuclear-armed rivals.

“Growing divisions are threatening global peace and security, provoking new confrontations and making it all the more difficult to resolve old conflicts,” Guterres told a

conference in Morocco.

“Dangerous rhetoric is raising nuclear tensions,” he warned.

“At the same time, we are dangerously close to the edge on the climate, while hate speech and disinformation are proliferating.” He was talking as Russia’s war in Ukraine neared its tenth month with

no end in sight, fanning nuclear fears.

Guterres said “forces of discord” were waking up “old demons” including anti-semitism and Islamophobia.

“In this troubled world, we must ease tensions, foster inclusion and social cohesion, and bring about more united and resilient societies,” he said.—AFP

UK top court to rule on legality of Scottish independence vote plans



Thousands of people have descended on central Glasgow to demand Scotland's independence from Britain on 11 February 2019. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

THE UK's top court will on Wednesday rule whether it is legal for Scotland to hold an independence referendum next year without the consent of London.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon's devolved government in Edinburgh wants to hold a vote in October next year on the question: "Should Scotland be an independent country?" The UK government, which over-

sees constitutional affairs for the whole country, has repeatedly refused to give Edinburgh the power to hold a referendum.

It considers that the last one — in 2014, when 55 per cent of Scots rejected independence — settled the question for a generation.

But Sturgeon and her ruling Scottish National Party (SNP) say there is now an "indisputable

mandate" for another independence referendum, particularly in light of the UK's departure from the European Union.

Most voters in Scotland opposed Brexit.

Scotland's last parliamentary election returned a majority of pro-independence lawmakers for the first time.

At a hearing in the UK Supreme Court last month, lawyers for the government in London argued that the Scottish government could not decide to hold a referendum on its own.

Permission had to be granted because the constitutional make-up of the four nations of the United Kingdom was a "reserved" matter for the government in London.

Lawyers for the Scottish government want a ruling on the rights of the devolved parliament in Edinburgh if London continues to block an independence referendum.— AFP

UN official calls for long-term approach to eliminate threat of piracy in Gulf of Guinea

A "holistic and long-term approach" is needed to address the root causes of and therefore effectively eliminate the threat posed by piracy and armed robbery at sea in the Gulf of Guinea, a United Nations official said on Tuesday.

The instances of piracy and armed robbery in the Gulf of Guinea have continued to decrease, UN Assistant Secretary-General Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee told a Security Council meeting, while introducing a report by the UN secretary-general on the situation of piracy in the region. The report found positive developments as the number of cases of piracy and armed robbery in the Gulf of Guinea decreased from 123 in 2020 to 45 in 2021. The trend has continued in 2022, with a total of 16 incidents of maritime crime reported between January and June.

However, Pobee pointed out



The EU Naval Force in Somalia is active in locating and arresting pirate groups. **PHOTO: EU NAVAL FORCE MEDIA AND PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE LICENCIA**

that it is still too early to draw definitive conclusions with regard to this decline.

Attributing the steady decline, which began around April 2021, to concerted efforts by national authorities with the support of regional and international partners, Pobee noted that piracy in the Gulf of Guinea has morphed over the last decade.

Pirate groups are adapting to changing dynamics both at sea and in coastal areas. The recent decrease in instances of piracy may in part be attributable to the shift by criminal networks to other forms of maritime and riverine crime, such as oil bunkering and theft, which they likely view as both less risky and more profitable, she said.— Xinhua

Paris Olympic organisers raise cost estimate 10%

THE organizing committee's (Cojo) budget for the 2024 Paris Olympics needs to rise by about 10 per cent, or 400 million euros (411 million dollars), half of that due to inflation, the body said on Tuesday.

Cojo are due to finalize the budget at a board meeting on 12 December.

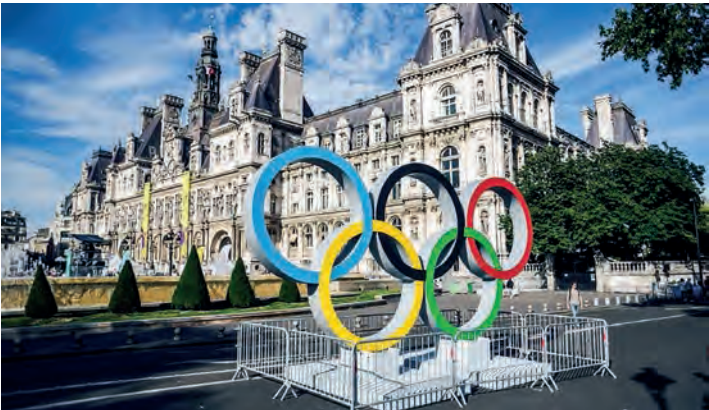
The estimated cost of the Paris Olympics and Paralympics has risen from an initial 6.6 billion euros, after the city was awarded the Games in 2017. That total was split equally

between Cojo and Solideo, the public company in charge of building projects.

By this summer, the total had risen to eight billion, with Cojo's share at four billion.

Cojo does not receive money from the French government, which makes its contribution through Solideo.

"We are in the final stages of this budgetary closure," Fabrice Lacroix, Cojo's chief finance officer, told a press briefing at the end of an executive committee meeting.—AFP



Olympics rings are installed in front of the Paris City Hall during 'Olympics Day' to celebrate the upcoming of the 2024 Paris Olympics Games. **PHOTO: LUCAS BARIOULET / AFP**

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

One dead in twin Jerusalem bus stop attacks: medics

AT least one person was killed and 14 wounded in two separate explosions targeting bus stops in Jerusalem Wednesday, security and medical officials said, with Israel's public security minister calling them "attacks".

An explosion at a bus stop at the western exit from Jerusalem killed a man and wounded 11. A separate blast at another stop a short distance away damaged a bus and wounded three people, the hospitals treating the casualties said. The twin blasts struck half an hour apart, police said, noting that explosives experts were at the scene with police and forensic scientists "collecting evidence and scanning the area for suspects".—AFP

At least 22 injured in earthquake in northwest Türkiye

AT least 22 people were injured, including one seriously, in a magnitude-5.9 earthquake hitting Türkiye's northwestern province of Duzce early Wednesday, Health Minister Fahrettin Koca said.

The earthquake happened at 4:08 am local time (0108 GMT) and was centred in the Golyaka district, the Turkish Disaster and Emergency Management Authority said.

The tremor was felt in Istanbul, Türkiye's largest city, and other surrounding areas.

There has been a widespread panic in Golyaka, where the power has gone off, the NTV broadcaster reported.— Xinhua

Singapore warns slower economic growth in 2023



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Thitsa Arman beat ISPE 3-2 in Myanmar Women's League 2022



An ISPE player (yellow) attempts to get football amidst the Thitsa Arman players during their Week 13 match of Myanmar Women's League at Thuwunna Training Ground in Yangon on 23 November 2022. **PHOTO: MWL**

THITSA Arman shaped a narrow 3-2 win over ISPE FC in the Week 13 match of the Myanmar Women's League 2022 played at Thuwunna Training Ground in Yangon yesterday.

Both teams launched a

heavy attack with back-to-back goals.

ISPE FC got a leading goal even at the 5-minute mark and the goal was scored by Khin Malar Tun.

After conceding a goal, the

Thitsa Arman team was able to press harder, and Nilar Win scored an equalizer at 18 minutes.

Again, Khin Mar Tun scored a second or leading goal for Thitsa Arman at 25 minutes.

Thitsa Arman led the first half 2-1.

In the second half, the Thitsa Arman team played significantly better and the strikers were able to play with more understanding.

Amidst the massive defence of Thitsa Arman, ISPE found their equalizer at 69 minutes and the goal was scored by Shwe Yi Tun.

After 2-2, Nilar Win scored a winning goal for Thitsa Arman at 81 minutes.

The game looked good with back-and-forth goals, and Thitsa Arman's late single goal changed the outcome of the match.— GNLM

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine Objectives

- 1. Political affairs**
 - (a) To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, through a disciplined and genuine multiparty democratic system that is fair and just.
 - (b) To emphasize the achievement of enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).
 - (c) To continue implementing the principle of peaceful co-existence among countries through an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy.
- 2. Economic affairs**
 - (a) To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.
 - (b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.
 - (c) To promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.
- 3. Social affairs**
 - (a) To ensure a strong and dynamic Union spirit, the genuine spirit of patriotism.
 - (b) To respect and promote the customs and traditions of all National peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics.
 - (c) To enhance the health, fitness and education quality of the entire nation.

Son fit enough to play in South Korea's World Cup opener, says coach

SON Heung-min will be able to play in South Korea's opening World Cup match against Uruguay on Thursday despite wearing a mask after facial surgery, coach Paulo Bento said.

The Spurs attacker and South Korean skipper had surgery earlier this month after suffering a fracture around his left eye in a collision during a Champions League game.

"Son can play and will be able to play," Bento said on Wednesday.

It remains to be seen to what extent the South Korean talisman features, with the Portuguese boss cautioning: "He knows and we know that after this injury we cannot take

any risks."

The 30-year-old Son has been training in Qatar in a mask and South Korean fans have been eagerly awaiting updates on his fitness.

At one training session in Doha the mask appeared to be troubling Son as he went through fitness drills with the rest of the squad.

Bento insisted the mask was "natural" for the player, who has scored 35 times in more than 100 internationals and shared the Premier League Golden Boot last season with Liverpool's Mo Salah.

"The fact he will be wearing a mask is not inconvenient for him," said Bento.—AFP

Japan stun wasteful Germany in dramatic World Cup comeback

JAPAN stunned Germany 2-1 in their World Cup opener on Wednesday, punishing the four-time champions for not taking their chances after they dominated the first half.

The German team covered their mouths for the team photo before the match in a powerful protest against FIFA's decision to ban rainbow-themed arm-bands.

Germany came to Qatar under huge pressure to avoid the disaster of 2018, when they failed to make it out of the group stage in Russia as World Cup holders.

Hansi Flick's side took the lead through a first-half penalty from Ilkay Gundogan and should have been out of sight after creating a host of chances.

But Japan hung on and equalised through substitute Ritsu Doan in the 75th minute.

Takuma Asano then completed a remarkable turnaround eight minutes later, smashing the ball home to send the Japanese bench and their boisterous fans wild.

To add to the storyline, both Doan and Asano play in the German Bundesliga.

"The players came together as one team, we prepared well and we stuck in there, and that's what led to the win," said Japan manager Hajime Moriyasu.

"Lots of our fans have come to Doha and they were behind us pushing us on. I want us to keep a level head after this and look at

what we could have done better and look to win the next match."

Germany's World Cup future is now once again on the line, with games to come in Group E against Spain and Costa Rica. "We made it too easy for Japan. I don't know if an easier goal has ever been scored at a World Cup," Gundogan told Germany's ARD TV network. —AFP



Japan's midfielder #08 Ritsu Doan (L) scores his team's first goal during the Qatar 2022 World Cup Group E football match between Germany and Japan at the Khalifa International Stadium in Doha on 23 November 2022. **PHOTO: ANNE-CHRISTINE POUJOULAT / AFP**

World Cup 2022 Results

Morocco	0 - 0	Croatia
Germany	1 - 2	Japan
Spain	7 - 0	Costa Rica