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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.

The government has set up the State economic promotion fund with K400 billion with one more plan to set up the MSME economic development fund: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the meeting 2/2022 of the financial commission in Nay Pyi Taw on 24 November 2022.

IT is necessary to levy deserved taxes for the State and the people as local construction projects, agriculture and livestock businesses, CMP industries, manufacturing industries and tourism industries regain improvement, said Chairman of the Financial

Commission Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting 2/2022 of financial commission at SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

In his speech, the Senior General said that the financial

commission meeting 2/2022 must emphasize approving the demands of additional budgets by the Union and regions and states for 2022-23 FY and discussions for submitting the Union additional budget bill for 2022-23 FY with the recommendation of the financial commis-

sion to the State Administration Council.

The Ministry of Finance and Revenue first verified demands of additional budgets submitted by Union level departments and organizations as well as regions and states and the deputy prime minister checked them again.

The additional budgets must be efficiently spent on the tasks contributing to the economic development of the State and regional development tasks.

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22 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 24 November, total figure rises to 633,118

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **633,118** after **22** new cases were reported on 24 November 2022 according to the Ministry of Health.

The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **607,559** including **21** new recoveries.

The death toll from COVID-19 in the country remained unchanged at **19,488** on Thursday with no new deaths reported from the pandemic.

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

Thanbo Village with primate fossils in Kyaukpadaung Tsp to be implemented as 8th tour destination on Bagan trips

ARRANGEMENTS are under-way to create Thanbo Village in Kyaukpadaung Township of NyaungU District of Mandalay collect pieces of petrified wood the people in the village of near-by forest area are searching for petrified wood and other fossils, istrator U Maung Maung Soe elaborated.

The administrator has collected approxi-



Large petrified wood from sal trees is found in Thanbo Village of Kyaukpadaung Township.

Region as an eighth tour destination connected with Bagan trips for visitors, according to the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Bagan Branch).

Kyaukpadaung Township of Mandalay Region has high petrified wood and other fossils demand from China, and Thanbo village is one of the places to

said the residents.

The newly found petrified wood lies at 17 feet under the ground level and it is 74 feet in length and the digging has not finished yet, and the exact length cannot be estimated as the digging operation is still in progress. It is six feet and seven inches in girth, village admin-

mately 100 primate fossils and experts who arrived at Thanbo Village guessed that only seven pieces are genuine primate fossils.

Those animal fossils discovered are deer horn, elephant jawbone, tortoiseshell, the skeleton of cattle and unidentified primates that are assumed to



Pieces of primate fossils.

have existed for over 4,000 million years ago similar to the ones found in Myaing Township of Pakokku District.

The village located next to the Koekway forest reserve on Popa Road producing many kinds of petrified wood is likely to be home to thousands of mammals and aquatic animals,

U Maung Maung Soe explained.

There are still many iron furnaces that crafted weapons for Bagan Kings in the tamarind forest east of Thanbo Chaungphya Village. There is a Nat shrine of Thadoe Min Khaung in that tamarind forest and the local elderly people cannot explain it.

The villagers are producing traditional medicines using various herbs from the Popa regions and sell them to visitors to Mount Popa. People who want to study the fossils and students who are interested in the botany can make study tours to Thanbo village as there are pieces of petrified wood and iron smelting furnace in that village which will be designated as 8th tour destination, said U Myo Min Aung, Assistant Director of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Bagan Branch). — Ko Kyemon/GNLM



Face-to-face meeting needed for peace issues without external interference

ONLY when all ethnic national brethren hold a face-to-face meeting to solve the peace issues of our country without any interference from the external will it achieve success. Whenever those at home and abroad do not wish to benefit from Myanmar's peace process, our peace talks will not reach the goal we aspire to. Hence, all ethnic national brethren need to notice that they should never follow criticisms leading to destruction for peace.

(The excerpt from the speech made by Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Chairman of the National Solidarity and Peace-making Central Committee Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the 7th Anniversary of Signing the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) on 15 October 2022.

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one more plan to set up the MSME economic development fund.

The Vice-Chairman of the Financial Commission Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister reported on the verification of the additional budget for the 2022-23 financial year.

Secretary of the commission Union Minister U Win Shein reported on the additional budget for 2022-23 FY, the amended budget and the Union additional budget bill.

The chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council and chief ministers of regions and states participated in the discussions, and Auditor-General of the Union U Tin Oo and commission secretary Union Minister U Win Shein reported on the spending of the additional budgets beneficial for the people, and implementation of national projects from April to September 2022-23FY.

... it is necessary to levy deserved taxes for the State and the people as local construction projects, agriculture and livestock businesses, CMP industries, manufacturing industries and tourism industries regain improvement in resumption.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said projects must be implemented in line with the demands for additional budgets as amounts of local loans not actually spent are larger.

Encouragement must be given to manufacturing industries. Efforts must be made for manufacturing the products to meet the local demand and then to export the products to foreign markets. Whenever natural resources have been utilized, it

is necessary to systematically conduct the environment so as to carry out continuous manufacturing.

The Senior General stressed the need to efficiently use water in agriculture, minimize the consumption of electricity and reduce the use of fuel. If people in individual reduce the use of fuel of a daily basis, spending of foreign exchange and the State finance can be reduced.

In conclusion, the Senior

General said the Union's additional budget bill will be approved in time in accord with Section 419 of the Constitution. Whatever challenges the country is faced with, efforts will have to be made for realizing two national policies: the prosperity of the State and the sufficiency of food with the concept that the strength of the nation lies within. In 2022-23 and 2023-24 FY, plans are underway to encourage agriculture, livestock and rural development for the socioeconomy of the people. Moreover, it is necessary to encourage the development of MSME industries.

The Senior General stressed the need for Union ministries and regional and state governments to efficiently spend the allotted additional budget for 2022-23 FY. Relevant ministries and organizations have to efficiently spend the additional budgets, timely complete the projects, ensure the completion of projects and spending of the budget in harmony,

soonest hand over the budgets that cannot be spent till the end of the financial year; follow financial procedures and supervise the spending of the budget not to be wasted. Efforts must be made for earning income to meet the target and having a surplus income.

The Senior General continued to say that it is necessary to levy deserved taxes for the State and the people as local construction projects, agriculture and livestock businesses, CMP industries, manufacturing industries and tourism industries regain improvement. Officials need to raise the awareness of the people to dutifully pay taxes and make arrangements for them to have a smooth process of paying taxes.

The Senior General urged authorities of Union-level organizations and regions and states to efficiently spend the additional allotted budgets for the 2022-23 financial year to achieve success in their missions. —MNA

MoFA Union Minister receives Vice-President of Russia-Myanmar Association for Friendship and Cooperation

UNION Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs received the Russian delegation led by Mr Vitaly Solonetsky, Vice-President of the Russia-Myanmar Association for Friendship and Cooperation at 10:30 am on 24 November 2022 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

At the courtesy call, they cordially discussed and exchanged views on further strengthening friendly bilateral relations between the two countries and increasing people-to-people contacts, promoting cultural and educational cooperation, and expanding more scholarship opportunities from Russian universities like the People's Friendship University of Russia, Moscow State Institute of Inter-

national Relations and Pushkin State Russian Language Institute, closer collaboration with Myanmar think tanks and better understanding between Myanmar and Russia in the international arena.

Present at the courtesy call were U Kyaw Myo Htut, Deputy Minister and senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar. The vice-president of the Russia-Myanmar Association for Friendship and Cooperation was accompanied by Mr Bazavluk Sergey Viktorovich, Vice-Rector for Student Affairs of People's Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University), Mr Surovtsev Stanislav Igorevich, Vice-Rector for Youth Policy, Social Work and International Relations of the Moscow State



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs receives Vice-President of the Russia-Myanmar Association for Friendship and Cooperation.

Institute of International Relations, Ms Victoria Karslieva, Deputy Executive Director of

the Alexander Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Fund and Mr Yuri Kapylov, Head of the International

Department of Pushkin State Russian Language Institute. — MNA

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attends literary talks held in commemoration of Sarsodaw Day



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing hears the literary talks to mark Sarsodaw Day (literary day) in Nay Pyi Taw on 24 November 2022.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the literary talks held in commemoration of the literary day at the Wunzin Min Yaza Hall of the National Library (Nay Pyi Taw) under the Department of Historical Research and National Library under the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture yesterday evening.

Also present at the ceremony were Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, the SAC Joint Secretary and members and their wives, Union Ministers, Union-level officials and guests.

On arrival at the National Library (Nay Pyi Taw), the Prime Minister and wife and party were welcomed by responsible personnel. First, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko explained the purpose of holding the literary talks to commemorate Sarsodaw (Literary) Day.

On the occasion, doyen writers Tekkatho Myat Thu, Ma Sanda and Myinmu Maung Naing Moe gave talks.

After the talks, SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing cordially greeted those doyen writers and offered gifts of honour to them. — MNA

Myanmar Cuisine & Culture Day celebrated in Myanmar Embassy, Tokyo

THE Myanmar Cuisine and Culture Day was celebrated on 18 November 2022 from 10 am to 1 pm at Myanmar Embassy, Tokyo with the purpose of raising knowledge about Myanmar traditions and Myanmar cuisines among Japanese people and diplomats who are residing in Japan.



Japanese people are seen having Myanmar's 'Mohingna' and traditional snacks at the event.

Mrs Haruko Komura, Chief Executive Officer of the Asia-Pacific Ladies Friendship Society (ALFS), executive directors, vice-presidents from the Tokyo Women's Club, spouses of ambassadors from foreign embassies to Japan, diplomats, secretary-general of the ASEAN-Japan Centre Dr Kunihiro Hirabayashi and spouse, Japanese entrepreneurs, members of the Friendship Association, professors from universities in Japan, students from Waseda University and Hosei University, Myanmar government scholars from respective ministries, Japanese and Myanmar guests totalling 150 attended the ceremony.

At the ceremony, Ambassador of Myanmar U Soe Han and his spouse Daw Lei Lei Wah delivered welcoming speeches. Afterwards, video clips regarding the cooking of Myanmar's traditional snack "Mohingna" and the "Friendly Myanmar" video from the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism were presented.

Then, ladies of the Myanmar Embassy performed the Myanmar dance with the song "Mingalaba", the Japanese dancer troupe, Manjushaka, also entertained the audience with their performance and the playing of Myanmar harp was also presented at the ceremony. Flower bouquets were gifted to performers by the Ambassador of Myanmar and spouse, spouse of Ambassador of San Marino who is, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Japan, Dr Kunihiro Hirabayashi, Secretary-General of the ASEAN-Japan Centre and spouse. Afterwards, the esteemed and honourable guests were served Mohingna, tea leaves salad, Myanmar traditional snacks and Myanmar coffee. Then, the ceremony successfully finished at 1 pm. — MNA

Arrangements underway for Diamond Jubilee Independence Day 2023

THE Variety Show for Diamond Jubilee Independence Day 2023 will be hosted at the open-air theatre of Nay Pyi Taw City Hall from 26 to 30 November.

Chairman of the Organizing Committee on Variety Show for Diamond Jubilee Independence Day 2023 Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn and Vice-Chairman of the Committee Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Tin Oo Lwin inspected preliminary arrangements for the celebration at the open-air theatre, yesterday.

During the inspection,



Union Information Minister U Maung Maung Ohn and party view the rehearsal show in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Chairman of the Working Committee Deputy Minister U Ye Tint and artistes of the film,

theatrical and music industries presented their measures for organizing the event.



The organizing committee chairman and the vice-chairman of the committee coordinated arrangements and viewed the rehearsal for the theatrical show. — MNA

MoE Union Minister meets delegation from universities of Russian Federation



Union Education Minister Dr Nyunt Pe holds talks with the delegation from universities of the Russian Federation yesterday.

UNION Minister for Education Dr Nyunt Pe met the delegation of higher education from universities of the Russian Federation at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Education in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon. The meeting was attended by the deputy ministers, the permanent secretary, the directors-general and the senior officials from the universities of the Russian Federation, deputy rectors and responsible person-

nel of the Alexander Gorchakov Public Diplomacy Fund and officials of the Russia-Myanmar Friendship and Cooperation Association. In the meeting, they friendly discussed the issues on the implementation of the promoting educational cooperation between the two countries during the Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister's visit to Russia, the signing of an agreement on the quality

of education and recognition of bachelor degrees between the two countries, cooperation on research and exchange of Myanmar language teachers and Russian language teachers, selection priorities of Myanmar university teachers who apply for the Russian Scholarship 2023 programme and enhancement of qualification of the teachers and students from the Naypyitaw State Academy. — MNA

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, consumer goods, electronics, industrial materials and vehicles confiscated

SUPERVISED by Customs Department, an on-duty team conducted inspections on 22 November. Officials confiscated K46,251,072 worth of industrial materials that exceeded the Import Declaration (ID) from a container at the Airport Warehouse of Yangon International Airport. The action was taken under Customs Procedures.

Similarly, a combined team nabbed a total of 1.0806 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K75,642 in Taungdwingyi township and the action was taken under the Forest Law.

In addition, a combined team led by Myanmar Police Force captured five unregistered motorbikes worth K1 million in Shwebo township on 22 November and two unregistered motorbikes worth K400,000 in Monywa township on 23 November. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

On 23 November, an on-duty team captured three goods including four old HP laptops worth K12.6 million without official documents that were hidden in luggage at the Yangon International Airport, K11,760,000 worth of steelwares that exceeded the Import Declaration (ID) at the Hteedan Container Checkpoint and K17,850,000

worth of fabric rolls at the Asia World Port Terminal Container Checkpoint. The action was taken under Customs Procedures. A total of 51.6188 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K2,009,756 was seized in Tatkon township. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

In addition, a total of 49.2134 tonnes of illegal sawn teak worth K32,480,844 was captured in Patheingyi township and a total of 6.0512 tonnes of illegal teaks and sawn hardwoods worth K3,756,832 was seized in Mingaladon township. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

On 24 November, a total of 6.9760 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K3,226,090 was captured in Taunggyi district and action was taken under the Forest Law. A combined inspection team confiscated 60 gas stoves worth K1.8 million from a vehicle heading from Myawady to Yangon at the Kawkaik (Tadakyoe) Combined Checkpoint and action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Therefore, 18 arrests (at an estimated value of K133,210,236) were made on three consecutive days from 22 to 24 November, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA

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Plans underway to supply electricity to Yangon's public rental housing units during construction period of sub-power station in project area



The picture shows the Public Rental Housing Project located between No 7 and No 2 highways in Dagon Myothit (South) Township of Yangon Region.

THE Yangon mayor met officials of YESC and Urban and Housing Development Department to supply electricity temporarily to the sub-power station during its construction period at the public rental housing project in Yangon Region on 23 November.

The first phase of the rental housing project in Dagon Myothit (South) Township will be completed soon and officials discussed cases regarding power needs.

"During the construction period of the sub-station, it should supply power to apartments via the temporary power

grid," said Mayor U Bo Htay.

The tender processes were conducted for 6.5 miles 11-kV overhead line, 47 11/0.4 kV 315 kVA, 200-kVA transformers, and 100-W LED lamp posts and the YESC is still reviewing the Technical Specification. The tender for 66/11 KV power grid and 30 MVA sub-station construction was invited. The construction period will take a long time and there will be electricity problems at the apartments, said Director Daw Aye Aye Mon of the Urban and Housing Development Department.

"It should arrange tempo-

rary power cable lines to provide power to the people during the construction period of the sub-station," said the Yangon mayor.

The public rental housing project containing 10,000 apartments is aimed at government staff, retired for government employees and low-income families, and is implemented in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay. Currently, the first phase with 313 buildings with 5,008 apartments – 28 buildings with 448 apartments in Nay Pyi Taw, 194 buildings with 3,104 apartments in Yangon and 91 buildings with 1,456 apartments in Mandalay is being implemented.

The project in Yangon Region is launched using Union Budget and the Regional budget is spent on the infrastructure. The construction is developed by Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Federation (MCEF) and Myanmar Licenced Contractors Association (MLCA) under the Public Finance Initiative (PFI) system. It is estimated to complete 100 buildings with 1,600 apartments in March 2023. — TWA/GNLM

Action to be taken against additional CSC and Household Census holders

CITIZENS who have extra citizenship scrutiny cards (CSC) and household census forms will be subjected to legal action if they continue to hold them, announced the Ministry of Immigration and Population on 22 November.

The Ministry has issued a notification that the extra CSC and household census form must be submitted to the respective township immigration offices not later than 25 November.

According to the statistics of the Ministry, there are more than 29 million CSC holders and 12 million people without CSC in Myanmar. Union Election Commission (UEC) Chairman U Thein Soe stated at the coordination meeting regarding the verification of voter lists that the number of citizens with more than one

CSC and Household Census list was reduced by a total of 115,961.

The changes in the population of those who already have a citizenship scrutiny card have been checked monthly by the township immigration offices and the township branch offices under the Union Election Commission since September 2022.

The ground check results of the changes at the time of the Pilot Project showed that the population was 61,069,008 and it increased to 61,214,099 in September. These results are a combination of the lists of the Ministry of Immigration and Population and the General Administration Department.

According to data available as of October, there is a total of 29,284,909 people who have CSCs and 12,163,723 people without CSCs. — TWA/GNLM



The CSC check is being made to passers-by at the relevant inspection stations.

Bayintnaung wholesale market sees supply of 6,000 visses of Shan potato, 102,000 visses of Chinese onion

ON 24 November 2022, 6,000 visses of potato from Shan State (Aungban area) and 102,000 visses of Chinese onions entered the Yangon markets, pushing the price to continue further decline, Ko Thein Myint, a trader on Yetama Street, told the Global New Light of Myanmar. (GNLM).

On 23 November, 114,000 visses of Chinese potatoes and 6,000 visses of Shan potatoes entered the market. Large volumes of Chinese potatoes are daily flowing into Yangon markets, while only small volumes of potatoes from Shan State are seen in the market. The opening price of Shan potatoes was not set on the two days (9 and 12 November). On 15 and 16 November, Chinese potatoes were priced at K2,500-2,550 per viss.



Bags of Shan potatoes and Chinese onions were supplied to the Bayintnaung Market on 24 November.

Both old and new Chinese potatoes are entering the Yangon market. On 18 November, new ones were supplied to the market at K1,900 per viss.

On 23 November, the market witnessed six truckloads of new Chinese potatoes, 13



truckloads of old Chinese potatoes on 23 November and nine truckloads of new ones and eight truckloads of old ones on 24 November, according to the entry data of the market.

The prices stood at K1,600 per viss of old Chinese potatoes,

K2,100 for new ones and K1,800-2,150 for Shan potatoes on 24 November.

New Chinese potatoes are less popular in the market due to their peel. The local potato prices increased from K1,400-1,700 on 4 November to K1,900-2,150 per viss on 15 November.

The prevailing price of Shan potatoes decline to K1,800-2,150 per viss on 24 November following the price decrease in Chinese potatoes and excess supply.

The potatoes from the Loikaw area are expected to enter the market in December and January. Those from the Sinphyukyun area are normally supplied to the markets between the beginning of the year and the second week of April. Although local potato output this

year dropped, the price did not reach a record high like onions owing to the excess supply of Chinese onions.

The local onions peaked at the end of 2022 on the back of strong demand. The price of onions from the Myingyan area touched a high of K4,800 per viss after 20 November 2022.

It broke a record price of K3,700. As potatoes are solely relying on the domestic market without foreign demand, the price rise is improbable.

Those traders who keep onion stocks in hand reaped a profit of K2,000 per viss and over K10 million for 10,000 visses. Nonetheless, there is a possibility that the local onions have to share the market with imported onions like potatoes, said a market observer. — TWA/GNLM

LOCAL BUSINESS

Myanmar sends corn to China via Chinshwehaw under China's opium crop substitution programme

MYANMAR has been increasingly delivering corn to China these days under China's opium crop substitution permit, according to the news released by the Ministry of Commerce online.

Between 1 and 20 November, 5,739.91 tonnes of corn worth US\$162,474.4 were shipped to China. In addition to corn, broken rice, and rubber (MSR 20, RSS 1, 2, 3) were primarily exported to China via Chinshwehaw. Furthermore, Myanmar also sends fresh konjac, dried konjac, concentrate latex 60 per cent DRC, apple, tangerine, pear, apple pear, persimmon, pomegranate and grape. The traders forecast export growth as the sugarcane season is approaching.

At present, 62 rice and broken rice companies, 112 corn exporting companies and 32 banana companies have already registered with GACC. Other companies are making efforts to register for pineapple, avocado, pomelo and soybeans.

The competent authorities of the Plant Protection Division under the Department of Agriculture are helping the exporting companies, organizations and individuals to register with GACC for agricultural products such as rice, broken rice, corn and banana.

Those agricultural products that have a government-to-government agreement grasp a strong market share.

The relevant authorities for the registration with GACC are the Agriculture Department, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the Fisheries Department and the Food and Drug Administration.

Only the goods from the registered businesses will be allowed for import to China starting from 1 Jan 2022, according to notifications 248 and 249 of the GACC.

As of 30 September, 1,022 companies and factories submitted 1,850 applications to the GACC, according to the GACC's statement.

Those individuals executing edible oil, oilseeds, stuffed pastry products, edible bird's nest and related products, edible grains, grains milling industrial products and malt, fresh and dehydrated vegetables, dried beans, plant species, nuts and seeds, dried fruits, unroasted coffee and cocoa bean, special dietary food excluding milk-based formula, functional foods, bee products, aquatic products including farm products, animal products and animal feed and livestock animals businesses need to apply for GACC licence to place their goods in China's market.

Myanmar has recorded exports worth \$57.74 million and imports valued at \$58.865 million with China through the Chinshwehaw cross-border post as of 11 November 2022, totalling \$116.6 million.

Myanmar has opened five border trade zones with China; Muse, Lweje, Kampaiti, Chinshwehaw and Kengtung. The majority of the trade is carried out through the Muse land border.

The value of Myanmar-China border trade in all five border areas amounted to \$1.496 billion between 1 April and 11 November in the current financial year 2022-2023, comprising exports worth \$1.247 billion and imports worth \$249 million, according to the Ministry of Commerce's statistics. – GNLM

Exploring new markets help watermelon export prosper amid challenges

ONLY when the new markets are explored can the watermelon exports grow despite the series of challenges, said Sai Khin Maung of Khwanyo Trading Depot.

At present, Myanmar's watermelons are mainly shipped to China. In a bid to contain the spread of coronavirus at the border, China imposed lockdowns in some areas, resulting in additional costs. Furthermore, the prices are lower than last year's rate, he continued.

"There are a series of challenges to penetrate other foreign markets. Exploring into new markets is the best way to tackle this," Sai Khin Maung shared his opinion.

At the beginning of the season, around 40 truckloads of watermelons and muskmelons are conveyed to China. The prices moved in the range between 1,400 and 2,000 Yuan per tonne, while muskmelon fetched 2,009-4,800 Yuan per tonne.

Last year, the COVID-19 restrictions hindered Myanmar's watermelon and muskmelon exports to China. Chinese Customs Regulation increased delay. Long delays of trucks caused harm to watermelon quality and only one



In December 2020, the seedless watermelons were shipped to Dubai for the first time.

in five trucks heading to China remained undamaged with quality watermelons.

On 1 April, Nantaw and Sinphyu border posts were suspended in the wake of COVID-19 impacts. China has closed down the major border crossing Mang Wein from 30 March 2021 following the COVID-19 cases in Myanmar. On 8 July 2021, the two-remaining cross-border posts Kyinsankyawt and Panseng were suspended. As a result of this, the border trade between Myanmar and China was completely halted.

Among the Sino-Myanmar border, Kyinsankyawt border post resumed operations on 26 November on a trial run.

At present, Myanmar daily delivers rice, broken rice, rubber, various beans and pulses, fishery products, chilli pepper and other food commodities to China through Kyinsankyawt by 70 trucks and building materials, electrical appliances, household goods and industrial raw materials are imported into the country by 30 trucks.

The traders are observing delivery time, price and profit as they are perishable fruit, while they are trying to explore new markets in addition to China.

In December 2020, the seedless watermelons were shipped to Dubai for the first time. – NN/GNLM

Excess supply of areca nut causes price drop amid lack of foreign demand



Pieces of cut betel nuts are seen in the market.

ENTRY of new areca nuts drove the prices down when there is a lack of foreign demand, according to the area nut market in Mawlamyine city.

At the end of August, the prices of areca nuts climbed to K8,000 per viss. The current market price of old areca nuts significantly plummeted to K5,000 per viss, as per Hlaing depot in Mon State.

"The prices of areca nuts went up when the traders attempted to make inventory full

without demand at the end of August. Normally, the price was less than K6,000 per viss. The competitive buying of the dealers resulted in a volatile market and the price hit around K8,000 per viss. Then, it was on a gradual decline. Lack of foreign demand caused the price plunge," said an official of the Hlaing areca nut depot.

Additionally, the new areca nut is priced at K3,500 per viss. However, there is a low demand for new ones as well.

Normally, dried betel nuts were primarily exported to India. At the moment, betel nut exports to India have plummeted amid security concerns on the Kalay-Tamu trade route. Consequently, dried areca nuts are mainly relying on the domestic market, traders stressed.

The farm owners are keen on selling soft and moist areca nut fruits rather than dried ones. China primarily buys them.

Myanmar's areca nut fruit market has become widespread. The commodity depot of areca nut fruits emerged in the producing states and regions (Rakhine, Mon and Kayin states and Taninthayi and Ayeyawady regions).

As a result of this, the dried areca nut production is likely to drop in future and the prices are likely to go up on low inventory and possible foreign demand, traders forecast. – NN/GNLM

Help women free from violence in society

MYANMAR society prioritizes the rights of women in all aspects such as ceremonies, festivals, movements and so on. So also, the global society exercises a practice of “Lady First” in all things for women of all ages before something done by men on various occasions.

The United Nations has been marking the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women since 2008 aimed at preventing dangers and violence posed to women and girls in both home violence and other forms of violence in relations with female and male participants from the society.

Especially, authorities in relevant countries need to prevent and eliminate violence against women and girls, calling for an increase of awareness, promotion of advocacy and creation of opportunities for discussion on challenges and solutions.

In line with this year’s motto: UNITE! Activism to End Violence against Women & Girls, Violence against women and girls (VAWG)

is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating human rights violations throughout the world and remains largely unreported due to the impunity, silence, stigma and shame surrounding it.

Women and girls should notice various forms of violence which may be committed by crime offenders, such as intimate partner violence including psychological abuse, marital rape and femicide, sexual violence on rape, forced sexual acts and unwanted sexual advances and harassment, human trafficking on slavery and sexual exploitation, the female genital mutilation and the child marriage.

In Myanmar society, women’s interest-oriented organizations such as the Myanmar National Committee for Women’s Affairs and the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation focus on supporting women at all levels of age to be able to defy violent acts. Those organizations help women seek jobs and social security measures for the safety of their lives and their families.

The Myanmar National Human Right Commission, as well as the Anti-human Trafficking Police Force under the

Myanmar Police Force, is striving for protecting women from all forms of danger and violent acts including cases of trafficking in persons. They have saved the lives of a large number of human trafficked victims women.

Generally, as women are weaker than men in all aspects of society, Myanmar’s traditions have been teaching the people since their childhood to give a helping hand to women of all ages for doing everything. Reciprocally, women should support men in all work processes to improve Myanmar society to be free from dangers and violent acts posed to all humans.

The Burma Circle of the Geological Survey of India and their contributions to the Geology of Myanmar

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has six Regional offices located at Lucknow, Jaipur, Nagpur, Hyderabad, Shillong, and Kolkata and State Unit offices in almost all States of the country. Presently, the Geological Survey of India is an attached office to the Ministry of Mines (GSI).

After the annexation of India and Burma (Myanmar), the British Indian government appointed mostly European geologists and mining engineers for the exploration and exploitation of mineral resources in her colonial regions.

This is my compilation of the senior GSI geologists who contributed geology of Myanmar before its independence so as to inspire young Myanmar geologists and to know how former geologists were striving for exploration in their respective fields. All the information is mainly based on the record of the Geological Survey of India. In this account, permit me to use the original names as it is instead of Myanmar names in order to get the historic sense.

THOMAS OLDHAM (1816 - 1878)



Thomas Oldham: Source: GSI

Thomas Oldham (4 May 1816, Dublin-17 July 1878, Rugby) was an Anglo-Irish geologist. He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin, and studied civil engineering at the University of Edinburgh as well as geology under Robert Jameson.

When Thomas Oldham joined the post of Geological Surveyor as successor to Williams at the age of 35, he was already a Fellow of the Royal Society of London, Professor of Geology in

Dublin, and Local Director of the Geological Survey of Ireland, and President of the Geological Society, Dublin. His appointment was for five years in the first instance, the term is extended by five-yearly contracts till 1876 when he retired from India at the age of nearly 60 after serving for 25 years. Following McClelland, he assumed the designation Superintendent of the Geological Survey of India and was so addressed in official correspondence until his retirement.

Thomas Oldham had no permanent headquarters until 1855 when a house was fitted up as an office at 1 Hastings Street, Calcutta. Soon after his arrival in India, he began fieldwork in the Khasi hills and in the Damodar valley, areas that were either known or reported to be rich in mineral resources, particularly coal. Starting the work alone, Oldham gradually added to his department one or two officers a year until by 1855 he had on his staff: J. G. Medlicott, W. Theobald, H. B. Medlicott, W. T. Blanford, and H. F. Blanford. Of this initial team of geologists, Oldham and the two Medlicotts came from Trinity College, Dublin, and the two Blandfords from the Royal School of Mines, London. H. B. Medlicott and the two Blandfords were admitted as Fellows of the Royal Society, London subsequently.

Court of Ava

Accompanied by Theobald, Oldham visited the Tenasserim (Tanintharyi) province and the lower part of the Irrawaddy valley in Burma. He then accompanied Major Phayre on his celebrated visit to the court of Ava, between the second and the third Burmese wars. In the Yenangyaung oilfield which also he visited in 1855, he is said to have been the first to recognize the connection between anticlinal structures and the collection of oil.

The two Blandfords, with the aid of Theobald, surveyed the Talchir coalfield in Orissa, during the field season of 1855-56, the results being recorded in a paper “On the Geological Structure and Relations of the Talcheer Coalfield, in the District of Cuttack”. This memoir was thus the first systematic study of Indian geology to be published by the Geological Survey of India.

The two assistants, R. Trench and F. Fedden, who arrived in October 1860, represented an addition to the staff of two posts, to enable a geological survey of the British territories in Burma to be undertaken. W. T. Blanford was selected to commence this work, with one of the new Assistants, Fedden. The only district in the Pegu territory of which Revenue Survey maps were then ready was Henzada, and consequently work was begun there.

King and Foote discovered stone implements over a wide extent of the country to the west and north of Madras city. Similar finds were later made by Ball and Theobald in other parts of India and Burma. When discussing the stone implements of Burma, Theobald notes “...it would be difficult to say from shape or manufactured whether any particular implementation of palaeolithic type had been manufactured in Kent or Kuddapah, or if a particular neolithic belt of greenstone was from the neighbourhood of the Son or the banks of the Shannon”.

Due to Oldham’s earnest endeavours, an attempt was made to train Indian geologists through a system of apprenticeship, as geology was not taught in colleges in India at that time. Three students were recruited, Ram Singh in 1873 and Kishen Singh and Hira Lall in 1874. The two latter served with sufficient credit to be promoted as Sub-Assistants on the 1st of April 1879 and retired in 1903 and 1904 respectively.

Fossil-wood group

Theobald’s work in Burma from 1867 to 1872-73 laid the foundations of our knowledge of the geology of Burma from Cape Negrais up to latitude 19° 30’ North. Of the terms proposed by him to designate his Burmese formations, the well-known ones are the Fossil-wood group (later changed to Irrawaddy Formation), the Pegu group, the Negrais group, and the Axial group. He also gave an account of the petroleum occurrences and of brine springs.

Mergui Series

It was T. Oldham who first gave the name of Mergui Series to an unfossiliferous formation consisting of the great group of grits, crushed shales, agglomerates, limestones, and quartzites, which occur so widely in the Tenasserim division and occur stratigraphically below his Moulmein Series, which includes limestones that are known to be Carboniferous in age (H. L. Chhibber, 1934)

Ava Earthquake of 23 March 1839.

A very serious destructive earthquake within Burmese limits occurred on 23 March 1839, the details of which were collected by Dr T. Oldham the founder of the Geological Survey of India. The shock was felt throughout the whole Burman Empire from Bhamo to Rangoon and even as far as Siam. This earthquake caused such terrible destruction so much so that the Pagoda of Mingon, doubtless one of the largest masses of solid brickwork in the world, was utterly shattered. The following are some of the extracts from Mr Spear’s account given in response to Dr Oldham’s inquiries:

“On Saturday morning, 23 March 1839, at about 4.0 a.m., Amaraipoora was visited by an earthquake that surprised the oldest inhabitants with its violence. Burman’s history mentions nothing of the kind has taken place before. I did not even know it was an earthquake until it was finished. The shock may have taken up about thirty seconds. This earthquake was felt at Bhamo and Rangoon; in fact, all over Burmese territory. In Rangoon, the time observed was very nearly the same as here; it did no damage, but was strong enough to ring Pagoda and some house bells, and alarm the inhabitants. From all that I have been able to learn, I think Ava must have been about the centre”.

T. Oldham wrote “Notes on the Geological features of the Banks of the Irawadi, and of the country north of Amarapoora.” Yule’s Mission to Ava, 1858. On the eastern flanks of the Arakan range in Manipur hills, Oldham mapped a band of serpentine stretching for a distance of nearly forty miles with a breadth of about one mile. He found dark-coloured serpentine and gabbro.

Oldham resigned from his position in India in 1876 on the grounds of poor health and retired to Rugby in England. In recognition of his lifetime’s “long & important services in the science of geology”, including Palaeontographica Indica, he was awarded the Royal Society’s, Royal Medal. He died on 17 July 1878 at the age of 62.

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SCI/ENVIRON WORLD

Sweden's mean temperature up 1.9C since 1800s: report

SWEDEN'S average temperature has risen nearly two degrees Celsius since the late 1800s and while precipitation has increased the snow cover lasts two weeks less, a new report on the Nordic country's climate change said Tuesday. According the report from the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI) the average temperature in the country was 1.9 degrees Celsius (3.4 degrees Fahrenheit) higher in the period between 1991 to 2020 compared to the period between 1861 and 1890.

SMHI noted that the observed change was roughly double that of the change in global average temperatures for the same period. The weather agency said that it had not previously conducted an analysis as extensive, where it looked at as many different indicators of climate change, before. "The result of the analysis clearly show that Sweden's climate has changed," Semjon Schimanke, climatologist and project leader at SMHI, said in a statement. "The warmer climate with more precipitation in Sweden closely follows the observed global warming that is a result of



Text in Swedish with the reading "Save the Climate" is pictured on the frozen waterways in Stockholm, Sweden after someone has drawn out pro-Greta slogans on the ice at various locations around the city on 15 February, 2021. **PHOTO: JONATHAN NACKSTRAND / AFP**

human climate influence," Erik Kjellstrom, professor of climatology at SMHI, added.

Not all of the observation series covered the same time-frame, the weather agency said and noted that precipitation had increased since 1930, from about 600 millimetres to almost 700 millimetres from the year 2000 and forward. However, the snow cover during winter around the country had decreased by 16 days on average for the period between 1991 and 2020 compared to the period

between 1961 and 1990.

SMHI stressed that the observations were the averages over a year, and said the picture became more complex as when "investigating smaller regions or different seasons." "For instance, the increase of precipitation is mainly related to enhanced precipitation during autumn and winter whereas there are no obvious trends in spring and summer," SMHI said, adding that "changes in extremes are generally harder to identify".—AFP

European Space Agency to vote on record budget, name new astronauts



Main Control Room / Mission Control Room of ESA at the European Space Operations Centre (ESOC) in Darmstadt, Germany. **PHOTO: ESA**

THE European Space Agency will vote on Wednesday on whether to spend billions more euros to keep up with rising competition in space, as well as unveiling its much-anticipated new crop of

astronauts.

The ESA's 22 member states, whose ministers charged with space duties have been meeting in Paris since Tuesday, will decide on meeting the agency's request

for a record 18.7 billion euros for new programmes over the next three years.

The figure is more than 25 per cent higher than the 14.5 billion euros agreed at the ESA's last ministerial council in 2019.

ESA director-general Josef Aschbacher told AFP that Europe risks "falling out of the race" in space if it does not expand the budget. Europe faces an increasingly crowded market in space, with competition coming not just from the long-dominant United States but also from rising powers such as China and private companies like billionaire Elon Musk's SpaceX.

However the request for countries to open their purse strings comes as Europe struggles against high inflation and an energy crisis.—AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Barcelona to impose water restrictions due to drought

BARCELONA will impose water use restrictions such as banning swimming pools from being filled due to a drought affecting large parts of Spain, local officials said Tuesday.

The city and its surrounding area will as of Friday be put under a "drought alert", joining other parts of the northeastern region of Catalonia.

"Months of little rain has forced us to take new decisions in order to minimize the consequences of this drought," Patricia Plaja, the spokeswoman for the regional government of Catalonia, told reporters.

The alert imposes restrictions on water use for farmers, factories and livestock breeders, and bans using water to fill swimming pools.—AFP

Tehran school pupils told to stay home as air pollution spikes

SCHOOLCHILDREN in the Iranian capital Tehran were told to stay home on Wednesday because of a spike in air pollution levels in the metropolis of more than nine million people.

"Following a decision by the capital's pollution monitoring committee, all classes in Tehran province will be taught remotely on Wednesday, except in the towns of Pardis, Firouzkoh and Damavand," deputy governor Abed Maleki told the ISNA news agency.

"According to forecasts, the weather conditions will probably continue into Thursday," Maleki added.—AFP

Wildlife summit to vote on 'historic' shark protections

A summit on the international trade in endangered species will decide Thursday whether to ratify a "historic" proposal to protect sharks, a move that would drastically restrict the lucrative global shark fin trade.

The proposal would place dozens of species of the requiem shark and the hammerhead shark families on Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species

(CITES). That appendix lists species that may not yet be threatened with extinction but may become so unless their trade is closely controlled.

The initiative was one of the most discussed at this year's CITES summit in Panama, with the proposal co-sponsored by the European Union and 15 countries. The meeting began on 14 November, and ends on Friday.—AFP



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HEALTH/PANDEMIC WORLD

Canada faces shortage of children's medicines as respiratory viruses surge: report

CANADA has been facing a shortage of children's pain medicines amid a nationwide surge of respiratory viruses, the BBC has reported.

For months, Canada has failed to effectively tackle a shortage of children's ibuprofen and acetaminophen (Advil and

Tylenol), leaving parents desperate and without medication, said the report published recently.

Observers say the intense demand for painkillers has been triggered by an unusual rise in viral infections among children — primarily coronavirus, influenza and respiratory syncytial

virus (RSV), all three of which produce fevers in children, said the report. "Respiratory virus season is challenging anyway, and now it seems to be even worse," Kelly Grindrod, a pharmacist and professor at the University of Waterloo in Canada, was quoted as saying.—Xinhua



Observers say the intense demand for painkillers has been triggered by an unusual rise in viral infections among children. **PHOTO: ANDY BUCHANAN / POOL / AFP**

Top figures in Covid fight leaving in WHO shake-up



Indian paediatrician and clinical scientist Soumya Swaminathan is leaving her post as the WHO's chief scientist. **PHOTO: CGTN**

TWO of the World Health Organization's most senior figures in the fight against Covid-19 are quitting next week, according to a letter from the WHO chief seen by AFP on Tuesday.

Indian paediatrician and clinical scientist Soumya Swaminathan is leaving her post as the WHO's chief scientist, while Mariangela Simao of Brazil is departing as the UN health agency's assistant director-general for access to medicines and health products. The pair were among the top WHO officials leading global efforts to coordinate the response to the pandemic since Covid-19 was first detected in China in late 2019.

They have been part of the WHO's public-facing team in the search for vaccines, tests and treatments to combat the

pandemic.

The departures were announced in a letter to colleagues written by WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus as part of a shake-up of his top team following his re-election for a second five-year term in May.

"I would like to express my abiding appreciation and respect to members of my senior leadership team whose appointments with WHO are coming to an end on 30 November," Tedros said in the letter.

"These distinguished individuals have my deepest gratitude for their commitment and contribution to the organization over the last five years." Swaminathan and her team worked to keep up with and communicate the constantly-evolving science around Covid-19.—AFP

Shanghai Disneyland to reopen on Friday

SHANGHAI Disneyland theme park will reopen on Friday and tickets are available for purchase starting Thursday, according to an official announcement.

The reopening is with a controlled capacity. Some sites, performances, canteens and shops may continue to be temporarily closed or run with reduced capacity. Visitors can check all the information on the official app of the Shanghai Disney Resort.

All visitors should strictly follow COVID-19 control measures, including presenting their green Shanghai health QR codes, having their temperatures taken, wearing masks and keeping a safe distance, the Shanghai Disney Resort said.

Visitors to Shanghai Disneyland are required to present

negative nucleic acid test results falling within the previous 48 hours, while those visiting other parts of the resort should present negative test results falling within the preceding 72 hours.

Shanghai Disney Resort was temporarily closed on 31 Oct 2022 due to COVID-19 control needs. It reopened Disneytown, Wishing Star Park and theme hotels on 17 Nov.—Xinhua



Performers greet tourists at the entrance of the Shanghai Disneyland theme park in east China's Shanghai, 11 May 2020 **PHOTO: XINHUA**

HEALTH: TOP HEADLINES

Climate change will fuel diseases, warns Global Fund

CLIMATE change will end up killing people by fuelling infectious diseases, the head of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria said Tuesday.

Executive director Peter Sands said that in 2022, the fund had witnessed the "escalating impact" of climate change on health.

While upsurges in malaria had hitherto been seen due to the increasing frequency and devastation of tropical storms, "with the flooding in Pakistan it was taken to a completely different scale", he said.—AFP

Finland updates COVID-19 vaccination recommendations for children

THE Finnish Institute for Health and Welfare (THL) has updated its recommendations on the use of COVID-19 vaccines for children younger than 12 years.

In the future, it is no longer recommended to offer vaccinations to healthy children aged 5 to 11 because they have a very low risk of severe COVID-19 disease, Hanna Nohynek, chief physician at the THL, said.—Xinhua

ECONOMY

WORLD/AD

In US, inflation sparks tough Thanksgiving meal sacrifices

SANDRA White normally has turkey for Thanksgiving dinner. But on Thursday, due to soaring inflation, she's going to have fried chicken instead.

"It's too expensive, too expensive," the 70-year-old White, a resident of East Harlem, says of the traditional holiday bird.

She asked her guests to bring other parts of the meal.

It's the same story for fellow shopper Yeisha Swan, but she got lucky: one of her loved ones bought the family fowl, and she was able to cut costs on the side dishes, which for many are just as important as the main course.

"This is way less than what I would buy. I couldn't get my ham.... I'm using canned collard greens. It's different," Swan, 42, tells AFP outside a New York supermarket.

Inflation is red-hot in the United States, reaching the highest levels in decades this year. And while some prices have eased in recent months, consumers say they are straining to handle their grocery bills -- a tough blow at the holidays.—AFP

Russia unveils new icebreaker in push for energy markets



The vessels are designed to resist extreme weather conditions in the Far North. PHOTO:AFP

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin on Tuesday oversaw the launch of a new nuclear-powered icebreaker as Russia pushes to develop the Arctic and seeks new energy markets amid sanctions over Ukraine. Addressing a Saint Petersburg ceremony for the launch of the Yakutia icebreaker by video link,

Putin said such vessels were of "strategic" importance for Russia.

In addition to floating out the Yakutia, authorities also symbolically raised a flag on another nuclear-powered icebreaker, the Ural. The Ural and the Yakutia are part of a fleet of nuclear-powered icebreakers that are meant to ensure Moscow's dominance over the melting Arctic.

The Kremlin chief vowed to develop his country's nuclear fleet despite current difficulties in Russia's economy and production in an apparent reference to Western sanctions over Moscow's offensive in Ukraine.—AFP

UK public finances worsen, as OECD warns on outlook

UK state borrowing jumped last month, official data showed Tuesday, as the government cushions consumers from soaring energy bills which the OECD said could further push up inflation. Public sector net borrowing hit £13.5 billion (\$16 billion) in October, up from £9.2 billion a year earlier, the Office for National Statistics said in a statement. It came as the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development forecast the UK economy would contract more than any of the world's seven most advanced nations next year. The organization added that the government's cap on energy bills could have been better targeted, placing the focus on the poorest. "Better targeting of measures to cushion the impact of high energy prices would lower the budgetary cost, better preserve incentives to save energy, and reduce the pressure on demand at a time of high inflation," the OECD concluded.—AFP

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UK retailer Boohoo denies ‘slave’ labour claims



The online retail group has annual sales of almost £2.0 billion per year. PHOTO: AFP

BRITISH online fashion retailer Boohoo on Wednesday denied allegations that staff in a UK warehouse worked in harrowing and health-threatening conditions and regarded themselves as “slaves”.

The Times newspaper, in an undercover investigation, reported that workers at Boohoo’s facility in Burnley, northwest England, complained of racism, sexual harassment, poor safety equipment, inadequate

training and “gruelling” targets.

However, a Boohoo spokesperson said that it “does not believe the picture painted is reflective of the working environment at our Burnley warehouse”.

Boohoo “is taking every claim very seriously”, the spokesperson said, adding that making sure workers are safe and comfortable is the company’s “highest priority”.

The Times, whose undercover reporter worked at the warehouse for one month, said each staff member walked the equivalent of a half-marathon (13 miles, 21 kilometres) per shift.—AFP

Shanghai aims to achieve 500 billion yuan output of future industries by 2030

SHANGHAI aims to achieve an output of about 500 billion yuan (about 70.14 billion US dollars) for its future industries by 2030, according to local authorities.

Wu Jincheng, director of the Shanghai Municipal Commission of Economy and Information Technology, said the city will focus on the development of future health, intelligence, energy, space, and materials industries, considering global technological and industrial changes and Shanghai’s advantages in industrial innovation and development.

An action plan for pro-



A man refuels a hydrogen fuel cell logistics vehicle in Chongqing. PHOTO: XINHUA

moting future industries was also released, which proposed building five future industrial clusters.

In the field of hydrogen energy, it is planned to build about 70 and three to five innovative R&D plat-

forms by 2025. The number of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles will exceed 10,000, and the industrial scale of the hydrogen energy industry chain will exceed 100 billion yuan, the action plan said.—Xinhua

HP to lay off up to 6,000 workers through 2025

US HP Inc. on Tuesday announced its layoff plan to eliminate between 4,000 and 6,000 jobs over the next three years.

For its fiscal fourth quarter of 2022, HP reported 14.8 billion US dollars in revenue, down 11 per cent from the year-ago quarter. Revenue was down eight per cent when adjusted for currency.

The Silicon Valley company said sales in its computing business were down 13 per cent last quarter and its printing revenue was down 7 per cent year over year.

“We think that at this point it’s prudent not to assume that the market will turn during 2023,” HP’s CEO Enrique Lores was quoted as saying in a report by The Wall Street Journal.

In October 2021, HP had around 51,000 employees. The company is said to have around 61,000 employees globally now.—Xinhua

Musk floats ‘general amnesty’ of suspended Twitter accounts

NEW Twitter owner Elon Musk on Wednesday polled users on whether the site should offer a general amnesty to suspended accounts, using the same method he used to handle the case of Donald Trump.

The move comes as Musk has faced pushback that his criteria for content moderation is subject to his personal whim, with reinstatements decided for certain accounts and not others.

“Should Twitter offer a general amnesty to suspended accounts, provided that they have not broken the law or engaged in egregious spam?” Musk asked in a tweet.

The poll was open until 17:46 GMT on Thursday and mimicked the strategy used just days ago for the former US president Trump.—AFP

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RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT



Ukraine's security service said Tuesday it had conducted raids at locations including the 11th century Pechersk Lavra monastery in the capital Kyiv. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE WAKIL KOHSAR**

Ukraine says seized ‘pro-Russian literature’ from monasteries

UKRAINE’S security service said Wednesday it had seized “pro-Russian literature”, cash and interrogated dozens during raids of several Orthodox monasteries that spurred a backlash from the Kremlin.

The Ukrainian security service (SBU) said Tuesday it had conducted raids at locations including the 11th century Pechersk Lavra monastery in the

capital Kyiv, a UNESCO Heritage site, over suspected links to Russian agents.

It is also the seat of a branch of the Ukraine Orthodox Church that was previously under Moscow’s jurisdiction but severed ties after Russia invaded Ukraine in February.

After searches in more than 350 church-linked facilities, the SBU said Wednesday it had

turned up “pro-Russian literature, which was being used in seminary and parish schools, including for ‘Russian world’ propaganda”.

This terminology has been used to promote Russia’s political influence in ex-Soviet countries and President Vladimir Putin launched the Ukraine invasion claiming to protect Russian speakers there.—AFP

Moldova denies Russian gas supplies diverted in Ukraine

MOLDOVA on Wednesday dismissed allegations from Gazprom that Ukraine was diverting supplies intended for Moldova, after the Russian energy giant accused Kyiv of withholding deliveries and threatened to cut supplies.

Ukraine is a key transit artery for Russian gas supplies to Europe and Gazprom’s threat to slash flows comes as Moldova, Ukraine and many other European countries face an energy crisis.

Moscow has dramatically re-

duced consignments to Europe in response to Western sanctions over the war in Ukraine.

Gazprom this week accused Ukraine of preventing around 52.52 million cubic metres from being delivered to Moldova and threatened to reduce volumes

starting next week if the “imbalance” was not corrected.

“To be clear, all the gas delivered to Moldova ends up in our country,” Moldova’s Prime Minister Andrei Spinu said on social media Wednesday.

“The volumes of gas that

Gazprom refers to as remaining in Ukraine are our savings and reserves stored in warehouses in Ukraine,” he added.

“Let it also be clear that these volumes were and will be fully paid for by our country.”—AFP

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UK-led police operation busts phone scammers who targeted millions

UK police on Thursday said their biggest ever counter-fraud operation had disrupted an international criminal network targeting hundreds of thousands of victims in millions of spam phone calls.

The Metropolitan Police spearheaded the 18-month global probe into the iSpooof.cc website, working with Europol, the FBI and other law enforcement agencies worldwide. A total of 142 people has been arrested, including one of its alleged London-based administrators. Suspects were nabbed in Australia, France, Ireland and the



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Netherlands, while servers were shuttered in the Netherlands and Ukraine. UK police believe

organized crime groups are linked to the website and its tens of thousands of users. —AFP

Ecuador: a new nerve centre for global drug trade

ECUADOR has become an unlikely hub for the global drug trade, flooding the world with Colombian cocaine while bloodshed rages between a complex tapestry of local gangs backed by Mexican and European mafia. “The cocaine that leaves Ecuador’s ports goes to the whole world, mainly the United States and Europe, but also Asia and Australia,” said Chris Dalby, an investigator with organized crime think tank Insight Crime. Ecuador is

not known to have large plantations of drug crops, laboratories for refining cocaine, or major drug cartels. Instead, it has become a staging ground for foreign mafia, upping the stakes for local gangs who are brutally killing each other as they jockey for valuable alliances and control of drug routes.

In September, the United States listed Ecuador among the top 22 drug-producing or transit countries in the world.—AFP



Ecuadoran soldiers guard the perimeter of the Guayas 1 prison amid disturbances there on 4 November 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

Justice Dept seeks to question Pence in Capitol attack probe

THE US Justice Department is seeking to question former vice-president Mike Pence about Donald Trump’s efforts to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election, media reports said

Wednesday. The New York Times and other outlets said that Pence was considering the request to appear as a witness in the department’s criminal investigation into the actions of the former

president. US Attorney-General Merrick Garland named a special counsel last week to oversee the two federal criminal probes into Trump, who has announced a new White House run in 2024.—AFP



Malaysia opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim (C) leaves after meeting with Malaysia's King at the National Palace in Kuala Lumpur on 22 November 2022. PHOTO: AFP / MOHD RASFAN

Opposition leader Anwar named next Malaysia PM

MALAYSIA'S perennial opposition leader Anwar Ibrahim was named prime minister on Thursday, ending a days-long political impasse after inconclusive election results.

The 75-year-old was scheduled to be sworn in at 5 pm (0900 GMT), becoming the country's fourth leader in as many years.

His ascension will cap a turbulent political life for Anwar, during which he has sat near the apex of power, as well as serving jail time on corruption and sod-

omy charges. "After taking into consideration the views of Their Royal Highnesses the Malay Rulers, His Majesty has given consent to appoint Anwar Ibrahim as the 10th Prime Minister of Malaysia," read a statement from the palace of the king, Sultan Abdullah Ahmad Shah. Anwar's multi-ethnic Pakatan Harapan coalition won the most seats in the weekend's election, on an anti-graft message.—AFP

Türkiye to establish security zone in N. Syria: Erdogan

TÜRKIYE will launch a ground operation into northern Syria "at the most convenient time" to build a security strip, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Wednesday. "Our determination to secure all our southern borders

- from (provinces of) Hatay to Hakkari - with a security strip is stronger today than ever before. We have already formed part of this strip with cross-border operations," Erdogan told lawmakers at the parliament. The Turkish president

vowed to get rid of the Kurdish People's Protection Units (YPG) elements at the Tell Rifaat, Manbij and Ayn al-Arab regions in northern Syria in order to complete the rest of the safe zone. The Turkish armed forces is determined to carry out "necessary activities to implement" this strategy of eliminating threats across Türkiye's borders, he added. "While we continue our aerial operations without interruption, we will ride on top of the terrorists on the ground at the most convenient time for us," Erdogan said. The Iraqi and Syrian governments should not be disturbed by the Turkish operations in those places, he emphasized, adding Türkiye will ensure the protection of territorial integrity of Iraq and Syria.—Xinhua



A Syrian fighter fires a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) during military drills by a Turkish-backed division in northern Syria. PHOTO: AFP

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

World's largest blue sapphire cluster to be moved to Dubai

THE world's largest blue star sapphire cluster will be moved to Dubai after it failed to find a buyer since it was shifted to Switzerland in October 2021, local media quoted a Sri Lankan official as saying here Tuesday. The star sapphire cluster weighs 503.2 kilogrammes, and was found in Sri Lanka's south-central city of Ratnapura last year, said Sri Lanka's National Gem and Jewellery Authority Chairman Viraj de Silva. According to official documents, it was listed in the Guinness World Records as the world's largest sapphire aggregate in 2022. Viraj said after being shifted to Switzerland in October last year, they were yet to find a buyer for the star sapphire, and therefore they decided to bring the cluster to Dubai.—Xinhua

US police identify Walmart shooter as gun violence casts shadow over Thanksgiving

POLICE identified Wednesday the shooter who opened fire at a Walmart in Chesapeake, Virginia late Tuesday night, killing six people and injuring four others. The shooter was 31-year-old Andre Bing of Chesapeake, who died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound and was dead upon police arrival on the scene.—Xinhua

Taliban confirm first floggings since supreme leader's edict

THREE women and 11 men were flogged Wednesday on the orders of an Afghan court after they were found guilty of theft and "moral crimes", a provincial official said. The lashings are the first to be confirmed since the Taliban's supreme leader ordered judges this month to fully enforce Islam-

ic law, or sharia, saying corporal punishment was obligatory for certain crimes. Qazi Rafiullah Samim, head of information and culture for Logar province, told AFP the lashings were not administered publicly. "Fourteen people were given discretionary punishment, of which 11 were men and three

were women," he said, "The maximum number of lashes for anyone was 39." Supreme leader Hibatullah Akhundzada ordered judges this month to fully enforce aspects of Islamic law that include public executions, stonings and floggings, and the amputation of limbs for thieves.—AFP



Taliban fighters celebrate the first anniversary of the withdrawal of US-led troops from Afghanistan in Kabul on 31 August this year. PHOTO: AFP/FILE



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.

Fans at World Cup pay homage to Maradona with shirts and chants



IN this file photo taken on 29 June, 1986, Diego Maradona brandishes the World Soccer Cup after Argentina beat West Germany in Mexico City. PHOTO: AFP

JAVIER Maluf will quietly put on a shirt worn by Diego Maradona against England, but other fans at the World Cup have more noisy plans for Friday's second anniversary of the death of the flawed genius.

Argentina's legion of supporters may also be praying to the sporting gods that the late football great can still inspire his country to victory over Mexico on Saturday to keep their hopes in Qatar alive.

Maluf is like many Argen-

tina fans who have never fully recovered from Maradona's death from a heart attack at the age of 60.

The shirt that Maradona wore during a game against England at Wembley in 1980 is the prized item in Maluf's collection of 1,000 game-worn football jerseys that he estimates is worth \$1 million. "I will put it on for a while as a sign of respect," he told AFP at his Doha home, where the shirts and other souvenirs are kept. — AFP

25 players of Myanmar national team selected for Thailand friendly tour

MYANMAR national team's head coach Antoine Hey has selected 25 players for the friendly tour to Thailand ahead of the 2022 AFF Cup.

The Myanmar team's authorities have selected more than 40 players who showed their skills in the domestic league in the preliminary stage and let them play in friendly matches.

On 24 November, 25 players were selected.

These players will be taken on a friendly tour to Thailand and will be combined with those playing at overseas clubs to prepare

for the 2022 AFF Cup.

The head coach of the Myanmar national team has not released the list of players selected for the national team who are currently playing in foreign clubs.

The Myanmar national team will travel Thailand for two-year training and will play a friendly match against the Thai national team on 11 December.

Goalkeepers Kyaw Zin Phyoo (Shan United), San Satt Naing (Yangon), and Tun Nanda Oo (Myawady), defenders Kyaw Zin Lwin, Nanda Kyaw, Ye Min

Thu (Shan United), David Htan, Thiha Htet Aung, Hein Zeyar Lin (Yangon), Win Moe Kyaw (Hanthawady), Zaw Ye Tun (Yadana-bon), Wai Yan Oo, Thet Wai Moe (Myawady), midfielders Kyaw Min Oo, Yan Naing Oo (Yangon), Myat Kaung Khant (Shan United), Hlaing Bo Bo, Ye Yint Aung (Yadanabon), Aung Naing Win (Ayeyawady), Lin Htet Soe, Wai Lin Aung (ISPE), strikers Win Naing Tun (Yangon), Naing Zin Htet (Myawady), Yan Kyaw Htwe (Ayeyawady) and Aesoe were selected for a team of 25 players.

— Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Embolo lifts Swiss to win over Cameroon at World Cup

BREEL Embolo scored against the country of his birth as Switzerland defeated Cameroon 1-0 to make a winning start to their World Cup campaign on Thursday. Embolo struck three minutes into the second half at Al Janoub Stadium as Switzerland secured a vital three points in a group that includes tournament favourites Brazil and Serbia.

Cameroon have now lost their last eight World Cup matches going back to 2002.

Roger Milla was presented with an award before kick-off as the oldest goalscorer in World Cup history, a reminder of past glories for Cameroon who have won just one game since reach-



Cameroon-born Breel Embolo scored the winner for Switzerland against the country of his birth. PHOTO: ISSOUF SANOGO/AFP

ing the quarter-finals 32 years ago.

Cameroon coach Rigobert Song, who played at four World Cups including with a

42-year-old Milla in 1994, opted for the in-form Eric Maxim Choupo-Moting to lead the attack in place of usual captain Vincent Aboubakar. —AFP

World Cup 2022 Results

Switzerland	1 - 0	Cameroon
Uruguay	0 - 0	South Korea
Portugal	3 - 2	Ghana