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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.

Magway region must be shaped as an area for producing the best cotton yarn products of the nation via cotton cultivation: Senior General

IF the people combine practical and theoretical experiences in their work process, they will have development of interests individually, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at a meeting with MSME businesspersons from Magway Region at the city hall in Magway yesterday morning.

The Magway Region chief minister reported on the operating of MSME businesses, preparation for the establishment of a small-scale industrial zone, manufacturing of MSMEs, paying back loans to COVID-19 funds, assistance for MSMEs and conducting of on-job training. Local businesspersons also submitted reports on the need for aid in operating their businesses.

Responses of Union ministers in respective sectors

Union ministers explained the measures being taken for the development of MSME businesses, formation of cooperative societies for the socioeconomic status of the rural people and for increasing incomes, and plans for improvement of MSMEs in Magway Region.

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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views round the exhibits at the meeting with MSME businesspeople in Magway Region on 28 November 2022.

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New postage stamp to be on sale in December

MYANMA Post under the Ministry of Transport and Communications will issue a new postage stamp with a picture of Jerdon's Minivet (Pericrocotus albifrons) bird in Myanmar. It is a species of bird endemic to Myanmar, according to the record of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

The new postage stamp worth K200 will be sold simultaneously at the Central Post Office in Nay Pyi Taw, the General Post offices in Yangon and Mandalay and post offices in other regions and states at 9:30 am on 2 December.

As a special programme, the date will be sealed on the postage stamps purchased at the Central Post Office in Nay Pyi Taw and General Post offices in Yangon and Mandalay on 2 December, it is reported. — MNA

Sample of the new stamp.

29 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 28 November, total figure rises to 633,196

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 633,196 after 29 new cases were reported on 28 November 2022 according to the Ministry of Health.

The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached 607,709 including 28 new recoveries.

The death toll from COVID-19 in the country remained unchanged at 19,488 on Monday 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.

Daily Laboratory examination showed decline of infection to less than 2 per cent for 37 days.

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

The people are urged to receive vaccination of Covid-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of Covid-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increasing of death rate based on the disease.

COVID-19 vaccine drive continues in various states, regions

VACCINATION is being carried out in full swing in various regions and states as the vaccination programmes are one of the most important activities in the prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19 disease.

Yesterday, doctors and nurses from public hospitals medical teams from the Tatmadaw, and relevant healthcare workers in collaboration with volunteers gave COVID-19 vaccines to 110 local people from Thakayta Township in Yangon Region, 765 people from twenty-six townships in Ayeyawady Region, and 1,264 people from seven districts in Mandalay Region, respectively.

A local in Thakayta Township, Yangon Region gets COVID-19 vaccine shot on 28 November.

Similarly, on that day healthcare officials gave the vaccines to 873 students from twenty-six townships in Ayeyawady Region, and 314 students from seven districts in Mandalay Region.

In addition, to assist in the control and prevention of the Covid-19 disease, medical teams from various regional commands in collaboration with district and township administrative officials, departmental personnel and members of civil society organizations (CSOs) conducted educational campaigns such as prevention of COVID-19, wearing of masks in public places and distribution of masks to the locals at schools, markets, streets, city entry points and crowded areas in 44 townships in Yangon Region, yesterday. — MNA

Students from Kyaunggon Township in Ayeyawady Region get jabbed against COVID-19 on 28 November.

Existing Constitution provides ethnic rights

OUR country is formed with eight major national races and more than 130 ethnic nationals. All ethnic nationals have an equal term of rights. The existing Constitution mentions the rights of ethnic affairs. Our government will continue efforts for enabling ethnic people to have deserved rights and entitlements.

(The excerpt from the speech made by Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Chairman of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking 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)

Magway region must be shaped as an area for producing ...

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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets MSME businesspersons from the Magway Region on 28 November 2022.

Advice for regional development

In his address, the Senior General said that hiking prices are based on unbalance of manufacturing and consumption as well as high manufacturing charges. As such, it is necessary to adjust consumption and manufacturing in an equal ratio. **Agriculture and livestock farming play a key role in manufacturing. Encouraging these farms is designed to uplift the rural economy. If the rural economy develops, demand will rise and socio-economic life will improve. As such, it is necessary to systematically operate agriculture and livestock farms.**

Encouraging domestic manufacturing

Only when domestic manufacturing is encouraged will the State economy develop. But, the country cannot have remarkable development due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and political changes. **The country could overcome various difficulties in cooperation with the people at a time when COVID-19 broke out in 2020. Unrest and terror acts were based on the instigation of political opportunists. As such, the Tatmadaw controlled the situation.** Manufacturing should rely on raw materials from domestic agricultural and livestock farms. If so, job opportunities can be created and more contributions can be supported for regional development. Hence, the region chief minister needs to lead the work process for uplifting the socioeconomic life of rural people. The country is endowed with trees, forests and bamboo resources. Whenever forest resources are utilized, it is necessary to grow trees in their place and carry out environmental conservation work without fail.

As Magway region is emphasizing the cultivation of cotton plants, efforts must be made for the successful cultivation of cotton plantations. The Senior General stressed that **Magway region must be shaped as an area for producing the best cotton yarn products of the nation via cotton cultivation.** Officials need to provide quality strains of crops, fertile soil, sufficient water for cultivation and good agricultural techniques to the farmers.

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More arrivals of local travellers to help develop the regional economy

The Senior General called for **maintenance and sanitation at pagodas and religious edifices to attract pilgrims and people to pay peaceful homage.** As MSME is included in the service sector, encouragement must be given to tourism services. The Senior General stressed the need to produce oil in a systematic manner in Magway Region.

People need to practise the thrift in consumption of electricity as much as possible. **As power generation projects were halted for various reasons, the electricity sector of the nation faces less development.**

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Needs to encourage education

As today is an education era, individual life depends on their educational qualifications. Encouraging education means uplifting the lives of people. As such, it is necessary to read literature. **If people combine practical and theoretical experiences in their work process, they will have development of interests individually.**

The Senior General viewed round products of foodstuffs, consumer products, industrial goods, traditional handiworks, clothes and traditional medicines displayed at the hall and discussed grasping market shares. — MNA

Tatmadaw members need to read literature and hand over good legacy to offspring: Senior General

State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Tatmadaw members and families from the Magway Station yesterday.

OFFICIALS need to encourage the mental strength of Tatmadaw members who perform operations and security duties, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at a meeting with Tatmadaw members and families from Magway Station of the Central Command at Thiha Thura Kyin San Hall of the local battalion yesterday afternoon.

Political progress

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General explained the declaration of the state of emergency based on the political trend for situations of the nation and serving the State responsibilities by the Tatmadaw, administrative systems in successive eras, paving the way for multiparty democratic system by the Tatmadaw and political changes of the nation.

Development of the State needs political, security and legal stability and peace

The Senior General stressed the need to ensure stability and peace based on political and security trends for the development of the nation. Taking responsibility for the peace and stability of the nation, the Tatmadaw holds meetings with ethnic armed organizations. Security forces are striving for minimizing terror acts.

Building military unity

It is necessary to encourage those who strive for carrying out systematic military building tasks as well as those on the frontlines to bravely and dutifully serve their assignments. Efforts must be made for having success in military-owned and manageable-scale agriculture and livestock farming tasks. Funfairs must be held, and awareness must be raised for the Tatmadaw members to exercise vertically mutual respect to develop attachments among them so as to strengthen military unity.

Encouraging education

Tatmadaw members need to read literature and hand over a good legacy to offspring. Reading and studying are endless. They have to try hard to have higher learning education. As the Tatmadaw encourages education promotion of children of the Tatmadaw members, those Tatmadaw members need to support their offspring. Tatmadaw members must uplift their qualifications for the improvement of their lives. Officials need to encourage the mental strength of Tatmadaw members who perform operations and security duties.

The Senior General presented foodstuff for Tatmadaw members and families to the station commander, and the wife of the Senior General gave cash awards for the station maternal and child welfare association to the wife of the local Light Infantry Division Commander.

After the ceremony, the Senior General fulfilled the needs of Tatmadaw members and families. — MNA

MoI Union Minister receives Japan-Myanmar Cultural Promotion Association

UNION Minister U Maung Maung Ohn of the Ministry of Information received Chairman Mr Fumio Usui of the Japan-Myanmar Cultural Promotion Association and party at the meeting room of the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed bilateral friendship and economic affairs and cooperation in the media sector. Deputy Minister U Ye Tint, Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung and heads of department were also present at the meeting. — MNA

MoI Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn meets Mr Fumio Usui of the Japan-Myanmar Cultural Promotion Association in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

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MoRAC Union Minister attends ceremonies of electric light offering to Shwezigon Pagoda, LED screen board installation at Zhou Enlai Prayer Hall

Union Minister U Ko Ko and Chinese Consul-General Mr Chen Chen press the button for the offering of electric light at Shwezigon Pagoda.

THE ceremonies of electric light offering to Shwezigon Pagoda and LED screen board installation at Zhou Enlai Prayer Hall, donated by Mandalay-based Consulate-General of China were held at the pagoda yesterday.

At the events, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko said Zhou Enlai Prayer Hall is a symbol of China-Myanmar Pauk-Phaw friendship. The tie between Myanmar and China became strengthened after Chinese Premier Zhou Enlai constructed that prayer hall in 1961. He also visited the country nine times and the anniversary day of his visit to the Bagan Cultural Heritage Zone was held there.

The Union minister then expressed thanks for donating LED board and LED light slides to enjoy Myanmar's artworks at the pagoda and picturesque scene of Bagan on behalf of the government.

Then, Mandalay-based Chinese Consul-General Mr Chen Chen said he was glad for the donation and the Chairman of the Shwezigon Pagoda Board of Trustees expressed words of thanks.

The Union minister also presented a certificate of honour to the Chinese Consul-General while the pagoda board of trustees to the Myanmar-Chinese Cooperation Relations Centre. — MNA

MoI Union Minister enjoys entertainment of Variety Show to mark Diamond Jubilee Independence Day 2023 on third day

THE Variety Show to mark Diamond Jubilee Independence Day 2023 continued for the third day at the open-air theatre of the Nay Pyi Taw City Hall yesterday.

The show was attended by Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, Deputy Ministers, departmental heads of Union-level organizations and their wives, officials, staff, families and people.

The variety show will continue until 30 November and the performance will be presented from 6:30 pm to 11 pm for enabling the people to enjoy pleasure and essence of the Independence.— MNA

Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn, dignitaries, staff and families watch the performances of the Variety Show yesterday.

Illegal timbers, foodstuffs and vehicles confiscated

A combined team led by the Forest Department under the supervision of the Nay Pyi Taw Council Territory Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force conducted inspections on 25 and 26 November.

Officials captured a total of 2.2326 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K156,282 in Lewe township.

Seized illegal goods and vehicles.

The action was taken under the forest law.

Similarly, on 26 November, a combined team under the management of the Mon State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force seized 40,086 litres of cooking oil (worth K121 million) without official documents in the Yadanahtun wholesale shops in Mawlamyine township. The action was taken under customs procedures.

In addition, a combined team, under the supervision of the Mandalay Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force, made inspections and captured 91,500 kilogrammes of white sesame (worth K292.8 million) without official documents from six vehicles between Kabyu village and Thantaung village on Shwesayan-Pyinsa road. The action was taken under customs procedures.

On 26 and 27 November, officials of the Kawkareik (Tadakyoe) combined checkpoint captured 45 cooking pots (red) worth K1,575,000 and 50 bags of feedstuff worth K1,250,000, which were not declared in the Import Declaration (ID), from two vehicles heading from Myawady to Yangon. The action was taken under customs procedures.

On 28 November, a combined team led by Myanmar Police Force seized two unregistered vehicles (estimated value of K2.4 million) near Milepost 122/2 on Pathein-Monywa road. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

Similarly, on the same day, a total of 4.1822 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K969,578 was captured in the Kyaukmasin forest reserve of Yedashe township and action was taken under the forest law.

Therefore, 27 arrests (estimated value of K600,153,860) were made on four consecutive days from 25 to 28 November, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA

CURRENT AFFAIRS

The 104th Cetiyaṅgaṇa Pariyatti Dhamma Nuggaha Examination was held on 19 November.

23 Sayadaws pass Cetiyaṅgaṇa Pariyatti Dhamma Nuggaha Examination

A total of 23 Sayadaws successfully passed the Cetiyaṅgaṇa Pariyatti Dhamma Nuggaha Examination, according to the Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees.

The Cetiyaṅgaṇa exam was held at the Chanthagyi prayer hall of Shwedagon pagoda for seven days from 19 to 25 November.

Among these 23 monks, five monks were from Yangon Region, 12 from Mandalay Region, five from Sagaing Region and one from Ayeyawady Region.

There were 219 candidates for the 104th Cetiyaṅgaṇa Examination.

The results of the Cetiyaṅgaṇa Examination were announced on 26 November. — TWA/GNLM

MoEP to take measures for time-limited power supply in coming summer

UNION Minister for Electric Power U Thaung Han stated, at the coordination meeting on 27 November, that measures will be taken to distribute electricity on a rotational basis in the coming summer since electricity cannot be supplied round the clock.

The Union minister mentioned that there is a need to implement measures to distribute electricity so that everyone can have an electricity supply in turn. It is also necessary to carry out maintenance and repair works in advance to prevent power outages at the time when the power is being provided, he added.

In addition, the Union minister stressed that it is necessary to carry out the advance maintenance and upgrading works, including the power line cleaning, to reduce power loss and improve the stability of the power, and prepare the backup power line to supply the electricity if and when any line fault occurs.

Electricity production decreased in 2020-2021FY though the production was high from 2016-2017FY to 2019-2020FY. It was due to the factories being closed in the COVID-19 outbreak, the maintenance of generators in some hydroelectric power plants and the control of the water level of the dams, said the Central Statistical Organization quoting the Electric Power Planning Department. — TWA/GNLM

The picture shows a power distribution sub-station.

YRIC nods seven domestic, foreign enterprises in Nov

THE Yangon Region Investment Committee (YRIC) endorsed one domestic and six foreign enterprises in the manufacturing sector, with an estimated capital of over K1.633 billion and US$7.148 million at a meeting 11/2022 held on 26 November at the YRIC office in Yankin Township.

Those seven projects will execute the manufacturing of footwear products and clothes on a Cutting, Making, and Packing (CMP) basis, the manufacturing of building materials and the manufacturing of structural metal products such as steel structure and colour steel tile. They will create 2,885 jobs for residents.

The manufacturing sector has attracted the most foreign investments in Yangon Region, with enterprises engaging in the production of pharmaceuticals, vehicles, container boxes, and garments on a cutting, making, and packing (CMP) basis.

To date, foreign investments from China, Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong, the Republic of Korea, Viet Nam, India, China Taipei, Malaysia, the British Virgin Islands and Seychelles are arriving in the region.

To simplify the verification of investment projects, the Myanmar Investment Law allows the region and state Investment Committees to grant permissions for local and foreign proposals, where the initial investment does not exceed K6 billion, or $5 million. Myanmar attracted foreign direct investments of $1.45 billion from 52 enterprises during the April-October period. Singapore is the top source of FDI in Myanmar so far. Fourteen Singapore-listed enterprises pumped in foreign investments of $1.154 billion into Myanmar in the past seven months. Hong Kong SAR stood as the second largest investor this FY with an estimated capital of over $163 million by 11 enterprises and the existing ones. China is ranked third in the investment line-up with more than $90 million from 22 businesses and the existing ones.

One enterprise each from Belize, China Taipei, the Republic of Korea and Japan also made investments in the past seven months respectively. The existing enterprises from China Taipei, China, Hong Kong SAR, the Republic of Korea, India, Bangladesh and Seychelles also increased their investments.— TWA/KK/GNLM

The picture shows workers of a garment factory running under a cutting-making-and-packaging system.

Myanmar's mineral exports top $199 million over seven and a half months this FY

MYANMAR generated an income of over US$199 million from mineral exports between 1 April and 18 November in the current financial year 2022-2023, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The figures showed a sharp drop of $248.419 million compared to $447.667 million recorded in the same corresponding period last FY2022-2023.

Myanmar targets to achieve exports worth $15.5 billion and imports worth $14 billion in the 2022-2023 FY.

The exploration and production of minerals are commonly found in Kayah state, Taninthayi, Mandalay and Sagaing regions. The export items are gems and jewellery, gold, jade, pearl, diamond, lead, tin, tungsten, silver, copper, zinc, coal and other minerals.

The Mining Department is endeavouring to boost exports and fulfil the needs for the raw materials for the manufacturing sector. It is focusing on ramping up the production of the necessary raw minerals to set up large enterprises for the economic development of the State in the long term and exploration of the important minerals. — TWA/GNLM

LOCAL BUSINESS

DISI to disburse loans to oil millers

The Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection (DISI) will pay out loans to oil millers to effectuate the development of the milling industry. Workers are seen at the edible oil mill.

THE Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection (DISI) will disburse loans to oil millers to effectuate the development of the milling industry.

This move is to secure local consumption, reduce the imports of edible oil from foreign markets, improve the efficiency of machines to boost the production of quality edible oil and put capital into setting up new machines. Myanmar citizen private entrepreneurs are entitled to this loan.

Those interested can download the loan proposal form through the official website of the DISI https://msmewebportal.gov.mm/latest-news/185 and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation https://www.moali.gov.mm/my/tender/2022-11-25t1011090630. The millers can send the proposal form and necessary documents in a sealed envelope to the office of DISI's loan management task force (addressing to the Director General) located at No.37, the Ministry of Industry in person or by mail by 27 December. They can make enquiries about it through the contact number 067-3408378 or the email address disidgoffice@gmail.com.

According to the SAC directive 118/2022, a loan management task force for oil mill development was formed to achieve the above mentioned goals.

The tasks of the task force is requesting funds to pay out necessary loans for the millers to enhance the efficiency of the machines, screening and giving approval, and setting loan criteria (amount, interest and loan terms) according to the agreement of the ministries concerned, building risk management frameworks and setting parameters, loan monitoring and evaluating the performance of the miller and compiling the reports of the performance of the task force.

The deputy minister for Planning and Finance will act as chairman of the task force and the officials of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, the Ministry of Industry, the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Planning and Finance, the Budget Department, Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Banks Association and Myanmar Oil Millers Association will join it as members of the task force. The managing director of the Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank will serve as the secretary and the managing director of the Myanma Economic Bank will act as joint secretary, according to the SAC's directive.— NN/GNLM

Palm oil wholesale reference price on steady rise

Residents line up to buy palm oil at the reference price.

THE wholesale reference price of palm oil in the Yangon market has been rising steadily, according to the Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution.

The price plunged to K3,880 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kilogrammes) in the second week of October. Then, the reference price has gradually risen to over K4,400 per viss in the last week of November.

The Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia including transportation cost, tariff and banking service, and issuing the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil on a weekly basis.

The reference prices of palm oil in the Yangon market were set at K4,425 per viss for this week from 28 November to 4 December.

In spite of the reference price, the current market price is too high.

If those edible oil retailers and wholesalers are found overcharging, storing inventory intentionally and attempting unscrupulous action to manipulate the market, they will face legal action under the Special Goods Tax Law, MoC released a statement.

The Ministry of Commerce is striving for consumers not to worry over the supply of edible oil. The ministry is also trying to secure edible oil sufficiency, supervise the market to offer reasonable prices to consumers and maintain price stability.

At present, mobile market trucks operated by oil importing companies, in coordination with Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association, were back to business in some townships on 17 July to offer palm oil at a subsidized rate. They sell palm oil at K4,600 per viss to consumers directly. However, there are limited sources of supply although they directly sell palm oil at a reference rate depending on the volume quota.

The domestic consumption of edible oil is estimated at 1 million tonnes per year. The local cooking oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. To meet the oil sufficiency in the domestic market, about 700,000 tonnes of cooking oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia. — NN/GNLM

OPINION

Serve assignments loyally for eradicating illegal trade

AS illegal trade is a hindrance to the development of manufacturing domestic products, it is necessary to eradicate the illegal import of commodities and deterrent action should be taken against the offenders in the illegal trade process.

Micro-, small- and medium-scale enterprises at home are difficult in the long run to compete with the inflow of imported commodities at prices as illegally imported goods do not pay customs duty. As such, the products of MSMEs need to have the chance to be introduced to consumers. On the other hand, it is necessary to effectively hinder and eradicate the illegally imported goods which are harmful to the economic development of the State.

> That is why the eradication of illegal trade must be a tool to improve the legal trade process for booming the micro-, small- and medium-scale enterprises the government is giving encouragement. Consequently, the development of the MSME sector will help the State economy develop in the future.

The government has formed the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee in order to wipe off the illegal trade process. Some businesspersons illegally import goods without paying any taxes and accepting the levying of their goods whether are shown in the import declaration forms or not.

The steering committee assigned the illegal trade eradication special task forces and one-stop service departments comprising officials from relevant departments such as the Forest Department, the Customs Department, the Myanmar Police Force, and so on to check illegally imported goods at the combined checkpoints on the route of illegal trades in regions and states.

Thanks to their efforts within the nine-month period, members from the task forces and relevant teams could show off their brilliant skills in eradicating the illegal trade worth more than K54.6 billion in 3,095 cases in regions and states, especially in Mandalay Region and Kayin State.

In the working process, the special task forces need to exchange information with nearby task forces in discharging the assigned duties to chase the illegal trade offenders who dodge the routes leading to the combined checkpoints in various ways and means not to accept inspection of the special task forces over their illegally imported goods.

Moreover, departmental personnel need to avoid the malpractice of ignoring the acts of illegal trade offenders. In some cases, conveying the illegally imported goods escaped from the checkpoint of special task forces as some service personnel does not dutifully serve their assignments by taking briberies from the illegal traders. It is one of the inappropriate acts for growing illegal trade measures. As such, service personnel should loyally serve their assignments.

That is why the eradication of illegal trade must be a tool to improve the legal trade process for booming the micro-, small- and medium-scale enterprises the government is giving encouragement. Consequently, the development of the MSME sector will help the State economy develop in the future.

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WEATHER REPORT

Study suggests how MRI shows brain changes in patina post-COVID

RESEARCHERS have discovered brain alterations in individuals up to six months after they recovered from COVID-19 using a particular kind of MRI.

The study being presented next week at the annual meeting of the Radiological Society of North America.

About one in five adults will develop long-term effects from COVID-19, according to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention. Neurological symptoms associated with long COVID include difficulty thinking or concentrating, headache, sleep problems, lightheadedness, pins-and-needles sensation, change in smell or taste, and depression or anxiety. However, studies have found that COVID-19 may be associated with changes to the heart, lungs or other organs even in asymptomatic patients.

Consequences of the disease

As more people become infected and recover from COVID-19, research has begun to emerge, focusing on the lasting consequences of the disease.

For this study, researchers used susceptibility-weighted imaging to analyze the effects that COVID-19 has on the brain. Magnetic susceptibility denotes how much certain materials, such as blood, iron and calcium, will become magnetized in an applied magnetic field. This ability aids in detecting and monitoring a host of neurologic conditions including microbleeds, vascular malformations, brain tumors and stroke.

"Group-level studies have not previously focused on COVID-19 changes in magnetic susceptibility of the brain despite several case reports signalling such abnormalities," said study co-author Sapna S. Mishra, a PhD candidate at the Indian Institute of Technology in Delhi. "Our study highlights this new aspect of the neurological effects of COVID-19 and reports significant abnormalities in COVID survivors."

The researchers analyzed the susceptibility-weighted imaging data of 46 COVID-recovered patients and 30 healthy controls. Imaging was done within six months of recovery. Among patients with long COVID, the most commonly reported symptoms were fatigue, trouble sleeping, lack of attention and memory issues.

Brain regions

"Changes in susceptibility values of brain regions may be indicative of local compositional changes," Mishra said. "Susceptibilities may reflect the presence of abnormal quantities of paramagnetic compounds, whereas lower susceptibility could be caused by abnormalities like calcification or lack of paramagnetic molecules containing iron."

MRI results showed that patients who recovered from COVID-19 had significantly higher susceptibility values in the frontal lobe and brain stem compared to healthy controls. The clusters obtained in the frontal lobe primarily show differences in the white matter.

"These brain regions are linked with fatigue, insomnia, anxiety, depression, headaches and cognitive problems," Mishra said.

Portions of the left orbital-inferior frontal gyrus (a key region for language comprehension and production) and right orbital-inferior frontal gyrus (associated with various cognitive functions including attention, motor inhibition and imagery, as well as social cognitive processes) and the adjacent white matter areas made up the frontal lobe clusters.

The endocrine system

The researchers also found a significant difference in the right ventral diencephalon region of the brain stem. This region is associated with many crucial bodily functions, including coordinating with the endocrine system to release hormones, relaying sensory and motor signals to the cerebral cortex and regulating circadian rhythms (the sleep-wake cycle).

"This study points to serious long-term complications that may be caused by the coronavirus, even months after recovery from the infection," Mishra said. "The present findings are from the small temporal window. However, the longitudinal time points across a couple of years will elucidate if there exists any permanent change."

The researchers are conducting a longitudinal study on the same patient cohort to determine whether these brain abnormalities persist over a longer time frame.

SOURCE: ANI

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) is a medical imaging technique that uses a magnetic field and computer-generated radio waves to create detailed images of the organs and tissues in your body. **PHOTO: FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY/WAU.EDU**

Research: AI tailors artificial DNA for future drug development

Employees work at the assembly line of the manufacturing facility of pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca for biological medicines in Södertälje, south of Stockholm, Sweden on 8 February 2022. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE /JONATHAN NACKSTRAND/AFP**

WITH the help of AI, researchers at Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden, have succeeded in designing synthetic DNA that controls the cells' protein production. The technology can contribute to the development and production of vaccines, drugs for severe diseases, as well as alternative food proteins much faster and at significantly lower costs than today.

How our genes are expressed is a process that is fundamental to the functionality of cells in all living organisms. Simply put, the genetic code in DNA is transcribed to the molecule messenger RNA (mRNA), which tells the cell's factory which protein to produce and in which quantities.

Gene expression

Researchers have put a lot of effort into trying to control gene expression because it can, among other things, contribute to the development of protein-based drugs. A recent example is the mRNA vaccine against Covid-19, which instructed the body's cells to produce the same protein found on the surface of the coronavirus. The body's immune system could then learn to form antibodies against the virus. Likewise, it is possible to teach the body's immune system to defeat cancer cells or other complex diseases if one understands the genetic code behind the production of specific proteins.

Most of today's new drugs are protein-based, but the techniques for producing them are both expensive and slow, because it is difficult to control how the DNA is expressed. Last year, a research group at Chalmers, led by Aleksej Zelezniak, Associate Professor of Systems Biology, took an important step in understanding and controlling how much of a protein is made from a certain DNA sequence.

DNA molecule's instructions

"First it was about being able to fully 'read' the DNA molecule's instructions. Now we have succeeded in designing our own DNA that contains the exact instructions to control the quantity of a specific protein," says Aleksej Zelezniak about the research group's latest important breakthrough.

The principle behind the new method is similar to when an AI generates faces that look like real people. By learning what a large selection of faces looks like, the AI can then create completely new but natural-looking faces. It is then easy to modify a face by, for example, saying that it should look older, or have a different hairstyle. On the other hand, programming a believable face from scratch, without the use of AI, would have been much more difficult and time-consuming. Similarly, the researchers' AI has been taught the structure and regulatory code of DNA. The AI then designs synthetic DNA, where it is easy to modify its regulatory information in the desired direction of gene expression. Simply put, the AI is told how much of a gene is desired and then 'prints' the appropriate DNA sequence.

Long and complex molecule

"DNA is an incredibly long and complex molecule. It is thus experimentally extremely challenging to make changes to it by iteratively reading and changing it, then reading and changing it again. This way it takes years of research to find something that works. Instead, it is much more effective to let an AI learn the principles of navigating DNA. What otherwise takes years is now shortened to weeks or days," says first author Jan Zrimec, a research associate at the National Institute of Biology in Slovenia and past postdoc in Aleksej Zelezniak's group.

The researchers have developed their method in the yeast Saccharomyces cerevisiae, whose cells resemble mammalian cells. The next step is to use human cells. The researchers have hopes that their progress will have an impact on the development of new as well as existing drugs.

SOURCE: ANI

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Monday 28 November 2022)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is a few cloud over the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal and partly cloudy elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

SPECIAL FEATURES: According to the observations at (18:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure cell over the Eastcentral Bay of Bengal now lies over the Central Bay of Bengal still persists. It is likely to move West-Northwestwards.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 29 November 2022: Weather will be partly cloudy in Sagaing Region and Kachin and Northern Shan states. Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Ayeyawady Region, scattered in Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi regions and (Southern and Eastern)Shan, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon states and isolated in the remaining regions and states. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4-7) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi regions and (Southern and Eastern)Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29 November 2022: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29 November 2022: Isolated rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29 November 2022: Partly cloudy.

SCI/ENVIRON WORLD

UK start-up behind algae-based packaging bids for Earthshot glory

A British start-up founded by two ex-students from France and Spain, crafting biodegradable packaging from marine plants, is aiming to seal royal approval this week when Prince William unveils his latest Earthshot prizes.

Notpla — whose mantra is "we make packaging disappear" — is competing with 14 other firms for five prestigious awards, to be dished out by the prince and a star-studded cast at a ceremony in US city Boston on Friday.

In its second year, the initiative to reward innovative efforts to combat climate change will then be broadcast on UK and US television on Sunday and Monday, respectively, as well as online.

In this arranged photograph takeaway food packaging with "Notpla Coating" is pictured at Notpla in Hackney, east London, on 24 November 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

The five winners will each receive a £1 million ($1.2 million) grant.

The co-creator of Notpla, which rather than using environmentally damaging plastics makes various naturally degrading — and even edible — packaging from seaweed and other marine plants, says they have already felt the competition's benefits.

"Just being there is a massive boost to our visibility," French co-founder Pierre Paslier, 35, told AFP.

"So that's already a huge asset to be part of the finalists and I think that if we win, it's just going to be that on a much larger scale."

Together with fellow former Royal College of Art student and co-founder Rodrigo Garcia Gonzalez, 38, the duo began their eco-business adventure in a small London kitchen.

They were intent on finding natural alternatives to petrochemicals-based packaging, sampling a variety of materials from tapioca seeds to other starches.

Seaweed 'family'

"Eventually, we found seaweed," explained Paslier, a former packaging engineer at French cosmetics giant L'Oreal who created Notpla with Gonzalez in 2014.

"Now we have a flexible film, we make seaweed paper, we have rigid materials. So it's really the beginning of a family of seaweed-based technologies that hopefully can help us stop using so much plastic."—AFP

New Zealand biologist describes journey to ocean's deepest region as "incredible"

NEW Zealand Marine biologist Dr Kareen Schnabel from the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) on Sunday used "incredible" many times to describe her unique experience with her Chinese counterparts and Human Occupied Vehicle (HOV) Fendouzhe after their expedition to one of the deepest regions in the ocean on Sunday.

The successful dive was undertaken together by Schnabel and submersible pilots Deng Yuqing and Yuan Xin from China's Institute of Deep-Sea Science and Engineering (IDSSE) of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

During the expedition, Schnabel and Deng become the first women to bottom down the Scholl Deep in the Kermadec Trench.

It was only the second crewed visit ever to explore the Scholl Deep of Kermadec Trench and was done as part of a two-month scientific voyage onboard the IDSSE's research vessel Tansuoyihao.

The Scholl Deep is the deepest known point of the Kermadec Trench, more than 1,000 kilometres to the northeast of New Zealand. The trench is over 1,000 km long and its deepest point is at a depth greater than the height of Mount Qomolangma.

Using the HOV Fendouzhe, scientists collected deep-sea water samples, sediments, rocks, biological samples, and environmental data.

Dr Schnabel and the submersible pilots spent six hours at the bottom of the sea exploring the Scholl Deep and the steep sides of the trench.

"Textbooks and images don't compare to experiencing the light disappearing as you leave the surface of the ocean or seeing the deep sea floor with your own eyes. The fine sediments were covered in tracks, and we saw lots of small animals on the sea floor and in the water. It was jarring that there was still rubbish such as fishing floats and nets, even though we were more than 10,000 metres below sea level," Schnabel said.

The first leg of the voyage was completed after HOV Fendouzhe undertook 16 dives between 5,747 m and 10,000 m in depth, in addition to the deployment of other independent samplers such as a lander, CTD (water sampler), and a gravity corer.—Xinhua

In drought-hit Iraq, a dam threatens to swallow farmland

JAMIL al-Juburi, 53, has never left his village in northern Iraq, where his family has worked the land for generations — but a dam will soon swallow his home, forcing them out.

Tens of thousands of Iraqis are threatened by the Makhoul dam, which the government hopes will be operational on the mighty Tigris in five years.

"I was born here and I grew up here," said Juburi, whose village of Al-Messahag is set in pasture land on the banks of the river.

"It's difficult to leave for somewhere else. It is a whole past that we leave behind us."

Once the dam is erected, Juburi's whole region will be under three billion cubic metres (105 billion cubic feet) of water.

In a country highly vulnerable to climate change — and buffeted by three consecutive years of drought — authorities have defended the project, which will boost water stores and help prevent shortages. —AFP

This picture taken on 1 November 2022, shows a view of the village of Messahag on the banks of the Tigris river in northern Iraq's Salaheddine province, one of the villages that will be submerged in water if the Iraqi government completes the project of building the Makhoul dam. **PHOTO: AFP**

Indonesia releases captured Sumatran tiger into national park

A female Sumatran tiger, captured in August, was returned to her original habitat in Mount Leuser National Park in Gayo Lues, Aceh, Indonesia's Environment and Forestry Ministry said Monday.

The tiger, named Bestie, was transported by helicopter from Blangkejeren Airport to be released in Keudah on Friday.

"Keudah is the habitat of the Sumatran tiger in Mount Leuser National Park which is inhabited by tiger prey such as deer, antelope and forest goats," a ministry spokesperson Nunu Anugrah said.

When villagers trapped her in Sei Sirah of Langkat Regency in August, Bestie weighed only 65 kilogrammes with a wound on her tail. After three months in care at the Sumatran Tiger Sanctuary in Barumun, she has grown to 80 kg and is in good health for release.—Xinhua

Monkeypox to be renamed mpox: WHO

MONKEYPOX is to be renamed mpox in English, the World Health Organization announced Monday, in a bid to avoid stigmatization stemming from the existing name.

Monkeypox received its name because the virus was originally identified in monkeys kept for research in Denmark in 1958, but the disease is found in a number of animals, and most frequently in rodents.

"Following a series of consultations with global experts, WHO will begin using a new preferred term 'mpox' as a synonym for monkeypox. Both names will be used simultaneously for one year while 'monkeypox' is phased out," the UN health agency said in a statement.

"WHO will adopt the term mpox in its communications, and encourages others to follow these recommendations, to minimize any ongoing negative impact of the current name and from adoption of the new name."

The disease was first discovered in humans in 1970 in the Democratic Republic of Congo, with the spread among humans since then mainly limited to certain West and Central African countries where it is endemic.

But in May, cases of the disease, which causes fever, muscular aches and large boil-like skin lesions, began spreading rapidly around the world, mainly among men who have sex with men.

Some 81,107 cases and 55 deaths have been reported to the WHO this year, from 110 countries.—AFP

People line up to receive the monkeypox vaccine in front of the Centre gratuit d'information, de depistage et de diagnostic (CeGIDD) in Lille, northern France, on 6 August 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

Heading restricted for Scottish clubs to minimize brain injury risk

Aberdeen's Ronald Hernandez (L) vies with Rangers' Ryan Kent during the Scottish Premier League football match between Aberdeen and Rangers at Pittodrie Stadium in Aberdeen, northeast Scotland, on 1 August 2020. **PHOTO: AFP**

HEADING for professional footballers in Scotland is to be restricted to one training session a week under new guidelines aimed at reducing the risk of long-term brain injuries.

Players will be banned from heading the day before and after a match, but there remains no restriction on heading during games.

The guidelines put in place by the Scottish Football Association (SFA) come after Glasgow University research that showed former footballers were three-and-a-half times more likely to die from brain disease.

"The historic University of Glasgow study (FIELD), which found an increased risk of neurodegenerative disease in retired professional footballers, compared to a matched population control group, has been a catalyst for a radical rethink of football guidance," said SFA chief executive Ian Maxwell.

Heading has already been banned in under-12s football in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The new guidelines have been introduced after consultation with Scotland's 50 clubs across the professional men's and women's game.

Clubs have also been instructed to monitor heading activity in training to reduce the overall burden on the brain.

"While the research continues to develop, what we already know about heading and its effects on the brain suggests that there is measurable memory impairment lasting 24-48 hours following a series of headers," said Dr John MacLean, the SFA's Chief Medical Consultant.—AFP

Philippines logs 1,083 new COVID-19 cases, 14 more deaths

THE Philippines reported 1,083 new COVID-19 infections on Monday, pushing the number of confirmed cases in the Southeast Asian country to 4,034,658.

The Department of Health (DOH) said the number of active cases rose to 18,507, while 14 more patients died from COVID-19 complications, pushing the country's death toll to 64,608.

Metro Manila, the capital region with over 13 million people, tallied 452 new cases.

The Philippines reported its highest COVID-19 single-day tally of 39,004 new cases on 15 January. The country, with a population of around 110 million, has fully vaccinated over 73.7 million people.—Xinhua

Chinese mainland reports 3,748 new local confirmed COVID-19 cases

THE Chinese mainland on Sunday reported 3,748 locally transmitted confirmed COVID-19 cases, the National Health Commission said Monday.

Altogether 36,304 local asymptomatic carriers were newly identified.

A total of 2,103 COVID-19 patients were discharged from hospitals after recovery on the mainland on Sunday, said the commission in its daily report.

Sunday saw no new deaths from COVID-19, with the total death toll at 5,233.—Xinhua

Viet Nam reports 333 new COVID-19 cases

VIET Nam recorded 333 new COVID-19 cases on Monday, down 25 from Sunday, according to the country's Ministry of Health.

All the new cases were locally transmitted, said the ministry.

The new infections brought the total tally to 11,514,865. The Southeast Asian country reported no new deaths from the pandemic on Monday, with the total fatalities staying at 43,170.

As of Monday, 64 severe cases were in need of assisted breathing nationwide, and 10,608,213 COVID-19 patients, or over 92 per cent of the total infections, have recovered, according to the ministry.

Over 264.1 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines have been administered in the country, including roughly 222.8 million shots to people aged 18 and above, said the ministry.

Viet Nam has already recorded COVID-19 infections with Omicron BA.4, BA.5, BA.2.12.1 and BA.2.74 sub-variants and is accelerating the inoculation of its people with a fourth vaccine dose.—Xinhua

A student between the age of 12 to 17 receives a dose of the Pfizer/BioNTech Covid-19 coronavirus vaccine in Hanoi on 23 November 2021. **PHOTO: AFP**

ECONOMY
WORLD/ AD

Veganism on the rise among health-conscious in Japan

Photo taken in November 2022 shows vegan sweet donuts sold by the Aoyama branch of Natural House, an organic supermarket in Tokyo. **PHOTO: KYODO**

VEGANS in Japan are finding life much easier with a wide variety of foods to choose from, including specialty items such as "pork bone" ramen and even "cheesecake."

Behind the trend is a growing health awareness among people who want to avoid high-fat foods and advances in veganism technology in producing meat alternatives.

"There isn't a food that can't be reproduced," said an official of the Japan Vegan Society.

In the strictest sense, a vegan does not eat any foods derived from animals, such as meat, eggs, dairy products or even honey. Vegans also typically avoid the use of animal products.

At its outlet in the Lumine Est Shinjuku shopping centre in Tokyo, Ippudo, a nationwide Hakata ramen chain, offers a plant-based "tonkotsu" ramen — a "pork bone-style ramen." The broth of the conventional noodle dish, an original from Fukuoka, southwestern Japan, has a pork bone base.

The ramen served exclusively at the Ippudo restaurant in Shinjuku looks and smells like the genuine article but uses no ingredients derived from animals.

Instead, the broth is made from soybean milk mixed with a special oil, while the "chashu" braised pork combines soybean meat, lotus root and other ingredients.

The restaurant also offers other vegan items such as "gyoza" dumplings using freeze-dried tofu soybean curd, soybean meat and shimeji mushrooms, among other plant-based ingredients.The shop's tonkotsu-style ramen "is not only free of animal meat but also delivers taste" and is "popular with people irrespective of age and gender," said Hidenobu Tomita, in charge at Chikaranomoto Holdings Ltd., which operates the nationwide ramen restaurant chain.

Upbeet! Tokyo produces gluten free donuts, cheesecakes and other sweets using no eggs or butter. Vegan food is attractive because "people of different values can enjoy it together," said the company head Nozomi Jinguji.

In her previous occupation as an airline flight attendant, Jinguji experienced a variety of dietary cultures around the world. With a desire to "convey the joy of food," she quit her job in search of food that everyone can enjoy, regardless of their religious and cultural backgrounds. She settled on vegan cuisine.

In 2018, she founded Upbeet! Tokyo, which now supplies vegan sweets to department stores, supermarkets, convenience stores and other retailers. The company uses fermented soybeans as a cheese alternative for its cheesecake, which is in popular demand. While some vegans do not eat meat for religious reasons, veganism is becoming popular as a part of people's diets in some countries.

The selection of Tokyo in 2013 to host the 2020 Summer Olympics and Paralympics and the anticipation of visitors from abroad with various dietary practices is one reason veganism spread in Japan.

Many people who eat meat have partially adopted veganism in their diet, enjoying it in a relaxed way. They also hope to avoid lifestyle-related diseases and are concerned that increasing meat consumption contributes to global warming.

Likewise, the practice is getting a boost from advances in plant-based food technology.

For example, it is already possible to produce meat alternatives from soybeans or wheat, among other ingredients, and butter substitutes from soymilk or coconut oil.

It is unclear how many vegan restaurants exist in Japan. But Mayumi Muroya, a model and actress who heads the Tokyo-based Japan Vegan Society, said she has visited some 3,500 restaurants with vegan menus, mainly in Japan. "Vegan meals are good for your health and the environment. I recommend people have fun and try them," Muroya said. — Kyodo

S Korean financiers see possibility for financial crisis in near future: poll

SIX out of 10 South Korean financiers saw a high possibility for a financial crisis to occur in the country in the near future, central bank poll showed Monday.

According to the Bank of Korea (BOK) survey of economic and financial experts at home and abroad, 58.3 per cent said the possibility is high for the financial system crisis to be caused by a certain shock within a year.

It more than doubled 26.9 per cent tallied in the previous survey in May. The November poll was conducted between 2 and 9 November.

The percentage of respondents who saw a high possibility for a certain shock to affect the financial system stability in the next 1-3 years was 40.3 per cent in the November survey, up from 32.9 per cent in the previous poll.

The percentage of those who held high credibility on the South Korean financial system slipped from 53.2 per cent to 36.1 per cent in the cited period.—Xinhua

INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER NO.2/2022-2023

(1) Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, No.(1) Mining Enterprise invites to submit the tender quotation sale open tender with United State Dollars (USD) (or) Myanmar Kyats which is the equivalent of United State Dollars (USD) -

Cathode Copper (1500)M/T
(1)Lot (100) Tonnes each, 5 Lot Monywa, Mine Site
(1)Lot (200) Tonnes each, 5 Lot Monywa, Mine Site
Base price of Cathode Copper shall be based on the London Metal Exchange Copper price on the date of tender opening. The highest proposal amount (Premium amount added to the L.M.E price and deduction of transportation and handling expenses) shall be winning tender.

(2) Tender Closing Date and Time is 14th December, 2022 (13:00) hrs and Opening Tender (15:00)PM.

(3) Tender documents are available from the Procurement Department, No.(1) Mining Enterprise, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Office Building No.(19), Nay Pyi Taw and details can be asked to +95-(0)67-3409162 and +95-(0)67-3409012 within the office hours.

Tender Committee
No.(1) Mining Enterprise

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Myanma Port Authority

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S INTER ASIA LINES

Celebrated Greek cheesemakers brought low by inflation

ON his bougainvillaea-covered farm on the Greek island of Naxos, Yannis Karganis milks his sheep, wondering anxiously how he will cope with soaring costs and keep his cheesemaking business afloat.

After the war in Ukraine sparked an inflationary spiral in the price of cereals, fuel and other goods, farmers on Naxos and across the country have been left fearing for their survival.

"I earn nothing from my cheeses," says the septuagenarian, who makes Naxos graviera, a hard yellow cheese popular throughout Greece and beyond.

"I work day and night and despite this, I still cannot live."

Inflation in Greece rose to 12 per cent in September before dropping to 9.1 per cent in October.

Even though the government announced nearly 280 million euros ($291 million) in support benefits for young farmers earlier this year, there is still heavy pressure on the country's agricultural sector which employs 11 per cent of the workforce.

"Last year, a bag of feed cost 14 euros. This year it's 21 euros. Gasoline has skyrocketed to 2.30 euros per litre at the moment," the greying Karganis sighs, stirring a large cauldron to make cheese in his small kitchen.

Social stress

Throughout the country, social pressure is rising in the face of soaring energy prices.

In November, a general strike on the issue paralyzed Greece.

Dimitris Kapounis, head of the union of Naxos agricultural cooperatives, warns that if nothing changes "in the medium term, there will be no more milk on the Greek market, no meat, potatoes, or anything else."—AFP

Employees work to produce Graviera cheese in a cheese factory at the Aegean island of Naxos on 11 November 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

Summons for Refusal
(Order 5, Rule 20 Civil Procedure Code)
Kyauktada District Court
Civil Suit No. 330/2022

U Aung Kyi Soe on behalf of Myanmar Liquified Petroleum Gas Group Co., Ltd.	Vs	U Pyae Wa Tun, Director Parami Energy Service Co., Ltd.
Plaintiff		**Defendant**

U Pyae Wa Tun, (Now unknown address) Director, on behalf of Parami Energy Service Co., Ltd. residing at No.(794/B), Mya Theingar Street, Ward (26), West of South Dagon Park, South Dagon Industrial Zone Compound, Pyi Htaung Su Street, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon Region must have to know here under mentioned.

As it was instituted by **Plaintiff** to get the residue amount of Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) Sale Value (MMK) Kyat (285314410.7) against you claiment as in plaint, you are hereby summoned you yourself or any authorized Lawyer –

Who can explain for that case on your behalf, or anyone who can able to answer all material questions relating to that suit, accompanying with that lawyer, shall appear in this court to explain the accusation done by above name person on 12th December, 2022 (wanning day of Nattaw, 1384) before noon at 10:00 O'clock. Besides, it shall you know that refusal shall be done behind you, if you failed to appear on that day. Furthermore (1) the deeds and documents that plaintiff wanted to see and the evidences you wanted to defend on explanation (Plea), shall be carried with you or shall give them to your lawyer on your behalf. If you wish to submit your explanation, you shall do it four days ahead before appearing in the court.

Given under my hands with the seal of this court on 24th November, 2022.

Sd/
Min Thant
Additional District Judge (1)
Kyauktada District Court

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SUNTORY BEVERAGE & FOOD LIMITED, a company incorporated in Japan and having its registered office at 3-1-1 Kyobashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 104-0031 Japan, is the owner and proprietor of the following Design in the title of "**Packaging Container**":

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Japan holds interceptor drill near nuke plant amid N Korea threats

A launcher for Patriot Advanced Capability-3 ballistic missile interceptors is seen 28 November 2022, in Oi, Fukui Prefecture in central Japan as the Air Self-Defence Force conducted a drill. **PHOTO: KYODO**

JAPAN'S Air Self-Defence Force on Monday conducted a missile interceptor drill near a nuclear plant on the Sea of Japan coast, amid caution over North Korea's repeated ballistic missile test-firings.

The non-live fire exercise involving the ASDF's Patriot Advanced Capability-3 system was held in the central prefecture of Fukui, which hosts a number of nuclear plants.

During the exercise, trucks carrying two interceptor launch pads were set up on a beach 7 kilometres south of Kansai Electric Power Co's Oi nuclear plant by 35 personnel, who finished their preparations in about 20 minutes.

"We need to deploy (the PAC-3 system) smoothly and anywhere," Lt Col Takashi Chikama, who commanded the drill, told reporters. "North Korea has launched missiles at an unprecedented pace in recent years." Since the beginning of this year, North Korea has fired a spate of ballistic missiles, including intercontinental ballistic missiles, in violation of UN resolutions.

The PAC-3 is designed to shoot down approaching missiles that evade sea-based interceptors fired from the Maritime Self-Defence Force's Aegis destroyers. —Kyodo

Türkiye says to discuss NATO bids with Swedish, Finnish FMs in Bucharest

TURKISH Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said on Monday that he would meet with his Swedish and Finnish counterparts to discuss their bid to join NATO on the margins of the alliance's meeting in Bucharest on Tuesday.

"We will come together with Swedish and Finnish foreign ministers tomorrow in Bucharest under a trilateral format," Cavusoglu was quoted as saying by the private NTV broadcaster.

Ankara has accused the two Nordic nations of providing a safe haven for outlawed Kurdish militants it deems "terrorists" and held back on ratifying their NATO membership despite an agreement in June.

"The process is progressing positively, but there are still steps to be taken," Cavusoglu said.

"In fact, Sweden is the country that needs to take more steps."

Finland and Sweden dropped decades of military non-alignment and scrambled to become NATO members in May, after Russia invaded Ukraine.

New Swedish Prime Minister Ulf Kristersson visited Ankara early this month to meet with President Recep Tayyip Erdogan as Stockholm hoped to secure Türkiye's approval.

Ahead of that trip, NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg, who met with Cavusoglu and Erdogan in Istanbul, said both countries were committed to working with Türkiye to address its concerns, adding it is time to welcome them.

Among all NATO members, only Hungary and Türkiye are left to green-light their application.

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban said last week parliament would approve Finland and Sweden's accession to NATO next year.—AFP

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Indonesia relaunches multiple entry visa

INDONESIA relaunched the multiple entry visa which was deactivated amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

The high transmission of the virus has hit the country's economy, said Acting Director-General of Immigration Widodo Ekatjahjana on Monday in Batam, Riau Islands province.

"With this visa, business people and foreign tourists are allowed to travel to Indonesia many times a year without re-applying for a visa," Ekatjahjana said.

Every time they visit Indonesia, they can stay for a maximum of 60 days, added Ekatjahjana.

Holders of this visa are allowed to enter and leave Indonesia in Riau Islands province and they are free to visit other areas in this Southeast Asian country during the stay. —Xinhua

At least 1 killed in police's helicopter crashes in western Indonesia

AT least one crew was killed after a helicopter operated by the Indonesian police went down in the waters of Indonesia's western province of Bangka Belitung Islands, officials said on Monday.

The chopper carrying four crews, all of them police personnel, crashed in the Manggar waters of East Belitung district on Sunday, said Aswind, head of the emergency unit and logistics of the province.

"One body of the crew was found by our personnel in the Manggar waters this (Monday) morning," Spokesman of National Search and Rescue Office Yusuf Latief told Xinhua by phone.

The search operation for the helicopter started on Sunday evening, as three other crews remain missing, the spokesman said.—Xinhua

Sri Lanka to establish data protection authority in 2023

SRI Lanka will establish a data protection authority in 2023 to regulate the negative effects of digitization, an official said here on Monday.

State Minister of Technology Kanaka Herath told the media that the data protection authority will take swift action to protect the privacy of the citizens from the adverse effects of digitization.

Herath said 43 institutions maintain 124 critical national information technology systems that affect the country's national security, public welfare, economy, and health.—Xinhua

China recruits new reserve astronauts

CHINA is projected to recruit 12 to 14 new reserve astronauts, and the selection, which started in September, is open, for the first time, to payload experts from Hong Kong and Macao, according to the China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) on Monday.

It will be the fourth batch of the country's reserve astronauts. The preliminary selection is currently in progress. The reexamination and confirmation processes will be followed.

Researchers and teachers from sci-tech institutions, universities, and colleges in Hong Kong and Macao in the field of biomedical engineering, machinery, electronics, material, chemistry, and astronomy enthusiastically applied for the selection, said Ji Qiming, assistant to the CMSA director, at a press conference on Monday.

The selection work in the two regions is running smoothly, as the basic qualifications screening has been completed and the clinical examination is underway, according to the CMSA.

China had selected 18 reserve astronauts as its third batch by October 2020, including seven spacecraft pilots, seven flight engineers, and four payloads experts, among them one female.

The 18 reserve astronauts are required to complete training with more than 400 courses in eight categories. They have now finished all courses and the majority of professional skill training, and some have started targeted drills designed for following space missions, said Ji.

Also, China is carrying out relevant preparations for training international astronauts, Ji added.—Xinhua

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Kudus double for Ghana sinks South Korea in World Cup thriller

MOHAMMED Kudus scored twice as Ghana beat South Korea 3-2 in a pulsating World Cup encounter on Monday to keep their World Cup hopes alive and leave Paulo Bento's side facing an early exit.

Mohammed Salisu opened the scoring against the run of play midway through the first half at Education City Stadium and Ajax midfielder Kudus doubled the Black Stars' lead.

But the Asian side, who looked toothless in the first half, roared back after the break, pulling level through a quickfire double from forward Cho Gue-sung either side of the hour mark.

Ghana looked shell-shocked as the Korean fans celebrated wildly but they were back in front in the 68th minute when Kudus finished calmly at the back post after Inaki Williams failed to connect with a cross from the left.

The result takes Ghana into second in Group H on three points.

Cristiano Ronaldo's Portugal will have six points and secure qualification for the last 16 if they beat Uruguay in the later kick-off in Qatar.

Despite their efforts, South Korea look likely to crash out of the tournament at the group stage for the third straight World Cup.—AFP

South Korea's forward #09 Cho Gue-sung (C) heads the ball and scores his team's second goal during the Qatar 2022 World Cup Group H football match between South Korea and Ghana at the Education City Stadium in Al-Rayyan, west of Doha, on 28 November 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

Wales must give everything to beat England after 'heartbreak': Bale

Wales' forward Gareth Bale addresses a press conference at the Qatar National Convention Centre (QNCC) in Doha on 28 November 2022, on the eve of the Qatar 2022 World Cup football match between Wales and England. **PHOTO: AFP**

WALES forward Gareth Bale said his team needed to give everything they had to beat England in the World Cup on Tuesday, having been "devastated and heartbroken" after their defeat by Iran.

Rob Page's team fell 2-0 against Iran last Friday, while Bale netted a penalty in their opener, a 1-1 draw against the United States, leaving the team bottom of Group B on one point.

To qualify for the last 16 Wales must beat England and hope the US and Iran draw. If there is a winner in the other Group B match, Wales will need to beat England by an unlikely four goals to progress.

"At this current moment we're not in the greatest of positions, we've not had an amazing tournament," Bale told a press conference Monday.

"The main thing is that we've stuck together as a group, like we've always done and we will fight again. We'll give everything.—AFP

Senegal won't 'overthink' must-win World Cup clash with Ecuador

SENEGAL coach Aliou Cisse on Monday urged his players "not to overthink" their World Cup showdown with Ecuador, knowing they likely must win their final group game to reach the last 16.

Senegal bounced back from an opening loss to the Netherlands by beating hosts Qatar, but the African champions are a point behind the Dutch and Ecuador going into the last round of Group A matches.

"We understand that winning will allow us to continue the adventure and that's what we want to do," Cisse said, praising Tuesday's opponents Ecuador as "a beautiful team".

Senegal were eliminated in the group stage in 2018 on fair play rules after finishing level on points with Japan.

Cisse said his side was keeping a "cool head" and promised "not to overthink the game tomorrow" despite the weight on their shoulders.

"We are OK, we are dealing with pressure and stress. For me it is good stress.

"We are working day in, day out. I have been working with my players and we have been working for years to get to the World Cup."

The former Paris Saint-Germain and Birmingham City player, who took over as Senegal coach in 2015, said his team needed to keep perspective despite the importance of the occasion. —AFP

Casemiro goal downs Switzerland to take Brazil into World Cup last 16

A Brazil side lacking spark without the injured Neymar needed a late strike from Casemiro to edge out Switzerland 1-0 on Monday as the five-time winners secured their place in the World Cup last 16 with one game to spare.

The Brazilians had been frustrated by an obdurate Swiss side at Doha's Stadium 974 and it looked as if they would have to settle for a point after a Vinicius Junior strike in the second half was disallowed for offside following a VAR check.

But then, with seven minutes remaining, Bruno Guimaraes flicked the ball on to Casemiro just inside the box and the Manchester United midfielder's volley flew into the net with the help of a slight but significant deflection off Manuel Akanji.

Tite's side are just the second team to qualify for the last 16 after France and the only side apart from the holders to have won both group matches so far in Qatar.

With six points they will be tempted to rest players for their final Group G game against Cameroon on Friday, when a draw will secure them top spot.

Switzerland, meanwhile, failed to muster a shot on target but remain on course to qualify too, with the 3-3 draw between Serbia and Cameroon earlier meaning a win against the Serbians will take Murat Yakin's side through and a draw may also suffice.

Brazil's midfielder #05 Casemiro celebrates his team's win after the Qatar 2022 World Cup Group G football match between Brazil and Switzerland at Stadium 974 in Doha on 28 November 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

They have made a habit of making at least the first knockout round at major tournaments, while Brazil are in Qatar to win a sixth World Cup and nothing less will do.

The Selecao were always going to miss Neymar, although coach Tite has said he is confident the Paris Saint-Germain superstar will recover from his ankle injury to play a part again at the finals.—AFP

Japan holds interceptor drill near nuke plant amid N Korea threats

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Tial Thang's ONE 164 fight to feature 11 bouts

Myanmar MMA fighter Tial Thang. **PHOTO: TIAL THANG'S FB**

THE ONE 164 tournament, which will feature Myanmar MMA fighter Thial Thang, will feature 11 events. The tournament will be held on 3 December at the Mall of Asia Arena in Manila, the Philippines. The ONE Championship organization will hold the tournament in two parts, with five bouts in Part 1, and Part 2 will consist of six fights.

Part 2 will feature the main bouts, with Tial Thang taking on Filipino Jeremy Pacatiw. The match between Tial Thang and Pacatiw will be held as the second match of Part 2.

Pacio from the Philippines and Brooks from the United States will face each other in the main pairing of the Strawweight World Championship. The second main event will be the Flyweight Muay Thai World Grand Prix Final between two Thais, Superlek and Panpayak.

Tial Thang has won three of his five challenge bouts after working with the ONE Championship organization. He lost one match and was stopped before the end of the match as he hit a forbidden spot in the last bout.

This is Tial Thang's second match at the end of the year after losing a challenge match in February this year. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine Objectives

1. Political affairs

(a) To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, through a disciplined and genuine multiparty democratic system that is fair and just.

(b) To emphasize the achievement of enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).

(c) To continue implementing the principle of peaceful co-existence among countries through an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy.

2. Economic affairs

(a) To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.

(b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.

(c) To promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.

3. Social affairs

(a) To ensure a strong and dynamic Union spirit, the genuine spirit of patriotism.

(b) To respect and promote the customs and traditions of all National peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics.

(c) To enhance the health, fitness and education quality of the entire nation.

MEF to hold Equestrian Games in marking Diamond Jubilee Independence Day

IT is reported that the Federation Cup Equestrian Games will be held in Yangon to commemorate Diamond Jubilee Independence Day, which will be organized by the Myanmar Equestrian Federation.

The horse riding competition includes Myanmar's traditional category and the international category. In the Myanmar traditional category, traditional don, traditional style, traditional jumping and traditional horse competitions.

In the international category, show jumping, eventing (horse trial) and horse ball competitions will be included.

Equestrian athletes in Myanmar, elites from the Myanmar Equestrian Association, the equestrian club, and horse-loving organizations will compete in the competition.

The Equestrian Games will be held at the Myanmar Equestrian Federation Stadium in Dagon Myothit (North) Township in Yangon Region from 2 to 4 January 2023. — Bala Soe/GNLM

World Cup 2022 Results

Cameroon	3-3	Serbia
Korea Republic	2-3	Ghana
Brazil	1-0	Switzerland

Myanmar wins 9 silvers, 3 bronzes in 14th ASIAN Dragon Boat Championship and earns 2 silvers, 2 bronzes in Thailand Traditional Boat and International Swan Boat Race 2022

THE Myanmar Rowing Team competed in the 14th ASIAN Dragon Boat Championship and Thailand Traditional Boat and International Swan Boat Race 2022 and won a total of 11 silvers, and five bronzes and ranked 4th at the national level.

The 14th ASIAN Dragon Boat Championship was held in Pattaya, Thailand from 16 to 22 November, and Myanmar Rowing Team won nine silver and three bronze.

Thailand Traditional Boat and International Swan Boat Race 2022 was held on the Chao Phraya River in Bangkok from 22 to 26 November, and team Myanmar won two bronze medals and two silver medals.

A total of 12 teams including, the host Thai team, Australian team, Cambodian team, Chinese Taipei team, Hong Kong team, Chinese team, Indian team, Indonesian team, Malaysian team, Myanmar team, Nepalese team, and Singaporean team participated in the competition.

The Philippines team and the Laos team also competed in the traditional Thai rowing competition.

The Indonesia team won the first while the Thai team grabbed the second. The Chinese team won the third and the Myanmar team won the fourth during the traditional tourney.

When the Myanmar Sports Team returned to Yangon by air on 27 November, the Advocate-General of the Yangon Region Government, the Yangon Region Sports and Physical Education Committee Chairman and officials, and Myanmar Rowing Federation officials welcomed them back at Yangon International Airport. —MNA

The Myanmar Rowing Team are seen at the Yangon International Airport after arriving back from Thailand.