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The Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council: Five-Point Road Map

1. Priority will be given to fully realizing peace, stability and rule of law throughout the Union to safeguard the socioeconomic life of the people.
2. People-centred development work that enhances socioeconomic well-being will be undertaken to ensure the country's prosperity and food security.
3. Processes will further continue to consolidate a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system and build a Union based on democracy and federalism.
4. Priority will be accorded to work aligned with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, in order to achieve enduring peace for the entire nation.
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.

SAC Vice-Chair DPM Vice-Senior General Soe Win attends opening of Inter-Technology and Computer University Football Tournament for 2022-23 Academic Year



State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win and party watch the opening match between the Technological University (Upper Myanmar) team A and team D at Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win attended the opening ceremony of the Inter-Technology and Computer University Football Tournament for the 2022-23 academic year at Nay Pyi Taw Wunna Theikdi Stadium yesterday afternoon.

Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw delivered a speech and

kicked off the ceremony. The sports teams took sports oaths.

The Vice-Senior General and party cordially greeted the contending teams and watched the opening match between Technological University (Upper Myanmar) team A and team D from Group 3.

In the first half, the A team scored the opening goal in the 37th minute. In the second half, both teams poured off their excellent skills to conquer each

other. In the 50th minute and seventh second, team A translated its chance into a goal for the second and the third in the 64th minute. Hence, the team A won over the team D with a 3-0 result.

The contending teams were divided into four groups. University of Computer Studies (Upper Myanmar) team A of Group 1 comprises players from Mandalay University of Computer Studies and Uni-

versities of Computer Studies (Panglong and Bhamo). Team B consists of footballers from the Universities of Computer Studies (Mandalay, Lashio and Taunggyi) and team C, students from the Universities of Computer Studies (Magway and Meiktila). University of Computer Studies (Lower Myanmar) team A of Group 2 is formed with players from Yangon University of Computer Studies, Information and Technology

University, and Universities of Computer Studies (Sittway and Myeik). Team B is constituted of players from the Universities of Computer Studies (Patheingyi, Maubin, Hinthada and Thantlatharyi). Team C is formed with players from Universities of Computer Studies (Toungtha, Pyaw, Hpa-an and Loileik). Technological University (Upper Myanmar) in Group 3 comprises Mandalay Technological University,

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Announcement regarding establishment, registration, and dissolution of political parties

1. In order to enable the formation of political parties in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the State Administration Council enacted the Political Parties Registration Law on 26 January 2023 with the State Administration Council Law No 15/2023 and the Union Election Commission also announced the rules for the registration of political parties on 31 January 2023 with Notification 10/2023.

2. Under Section 25 of the Political Parties Registration Law, if existing political parties wish to continue as political parties, they must re-apply for party registration to the Commission within 60 days from the date of the enactment of the law. If there is no such application, the political party is automatically void. Among the existing 90 political parties covered under Section 25 of the Political Parties Registration Law, the following 50 parties have applied for the right to continue to exist as the party until 28-3-2023, when the specified period of 60 days is over.

(A) Union Solidarity and Development Party
(B) Myanmar People's Democratic Party (MPD)
(C) Pa-O National Organization Party (PNO)
(D) New National Democracy Party (Kachin) (NDP(Kachin))
(E) Public Contribute Students Party
(F) New National Democracy Party
(G) Phalon-Sawaw Democratic Party
(H) National Unity Party
(I) Arakan Front Party (AFP)
(J) People's Power Party
(K) Kachin State People's Party (KSPP)
(L) Lisu National Development Party (LNDP)
(M) Tai-Leng Nationalities Development Party (TNDP)
(N) Shan-Ni Solidarity Party (SSP)
(O) The Party for People
(P) Khamsee National Development Party
(Q) United Nationalities Democracy Party
(R) Rakhine State National Force Party
(S) People's Pioneer Party
(T) Mon Unity Party
(U) Myanmar Farmers' Development Party
(V) Public Labour Party
(W) Akha National Development Party
(X) Democratic Party of National Politics (DNP)
(Y) Kachin National Congress (KNC)
(Z) Arakan National Party
(AA) New Society Party (NSP)
(BB) National Political Alliance League Party
(CC) Inn National League Party

(DD) Kokang Democracy and Unity Party (KKDUP)
(EE) National Democratic Force Party (NDF)
(FF) Karen National Democratic Party
(GG) Shan State Kokang Democratic Party
(XX) Naga National Party (NNP)
(II) The 88 Generation Students Youths (Union of Myanmar) Party
(JJ) Wa National Party
(KK) Danu National Organization Party (DNOP)
(LL) The Union of Myanmar Federation of National Politics Party
(MM) People's Party
(NN) People's Party of Myanmar Farmers and Workers
(OO) Women's Party (Mon)
(PP) Mro National Party
(QQ) Zomi Congress for Democracy Party
(RR) Danu National Democracy Party
(SS) Modern People Party
(TT) Kayin People's Party (KPP)
(UU) Democracy and Human Rights Party
(VV) Mro National Development Party
(WW) Union Farmer-Labour Force Party
(XX) Peace and Diversity Party

3. The following 40 political parties that did not apply within the specified period have been automatically cancelled as political parties, and as of 29-3-2023, these parties have been canceled from being registered as political parties and the parties have been dissolved.

(A) Lahu National Development Party
(B) Democratic Party (Myanmar)
(C) Kayen National Party
(D) Ta'ang (Palaung) National Party
(E) Party for Democracy and Peace
(F) Shan Nationalities Democratic Party
(G) Wunthanu Democratic Party
(H) National Democratic Party for Development
(I) Ethnic National Development Party (ENDP)
(J) Kaman National Development Party
(K) Bamar People's Party
(L) National League for Democracy
(M) Democratic Party for a New Society
(N) Myanmar National Congress Party
(O) Asho Chin National Party
(P) Shan National League for Democracy
(Q) United National Congress Party

(R) National Prosperity Party
(S) Dawei Nationalities Party
(T) Federal Union Party
(U) Union Pa-O National Organization
(V) Khumi (Khami) National Party
(W) Democratic Party for a New Society
(X) Karen National Party
(Y) Mro National Democracy Party
(Z) Guiding Star Party
(AA) 88 Generation Democracy Party
(BB) Lhaovo National Unity and Development Party
(CC) New Era Union Party
(DD) Zo National Region Development Party
(EE) National Development Party
(FF) Daingnet National Development Party
(GG) Arakan League for Democracy Party
(HH) Kayah State Democratic Party
(II) National United Democratic Party (NUDP)
(JJ) The Yeomanry Development Party (YDP)
(KK) Chin National League for Democracy Party
(LL) Chin National Party (CNP)
(MM) Kachin National Party
(NN) Alliance of Myanmar's Worker and Farmer Party (AMWFP)

4. According to Section 3 of the Political Parties Registration Law, the 13 parties that have applied to establish a party to date are as follows:—

(A) Federal Democratic Party
(B) Union Democracy Party
(C) Democratic Forces Labour Party
(D) Shan and Ethnic Democratic Party
(E) Wunthanu Party
(F) Democratic Party
(G) National Interest Development Party
(H) Union Peace and Unity Party
(I) National New Political Strength Party
(J) Democracy Party
(K) Khumi National Party
(L) Chin People's Party
(M) People's Life Development Party

5. It is announced that those who wish to establish a political party can continue to apply for the right to establish a party under Section 3 of the Political Parties Registration Law.

Sd/ Thein Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Application for party establishment, registration ongoing

UNDER Section 3 of the Political Parties Registration Law enacted with the State Administration Council Law No 15/2023, 13 parties applied for the establishment and registration of political parties and 50 parties applied for the right to continue to exist as political parties and registration under

Section 25 of the Political Parties Registration Law, totalling 63 parties.

Among these 63 parties, 12 parties will launch election campaigns across the nation and 51 parties only in one region or state. The Union Election Commission continues verifying the applications for party

establishment and registration.

The deadline for applications to continue to exist as political parties and registration processes for the parties existing under the Political Parties Registration Law (the State Peace and Development Council Law No 2/2010) has expired on 28 March 2023 under Section

25 of the Political Parties Registration Law (the State Peace and Development Council Law No 15/2023). As a total of 40 political parties failed to make such applications within the fixed period, their right to exist as a political party is automatically invalidated. These parties have been removed from party

registrations and dissolved under Notification 5/2023 of the Union Election Commission.

Those who want to establish a political party and make registration can apply to the Union Election Commission under Section 3 of the Political Parties Registration Law.

— MNA

MSMEs encouraged to substitute imported goods and increase exportation

- It is necessary to encourage rural businesses called agriculture and livestock farms.
- If rural people develop their socioeconomic lives, the demand for rural businesses will increase.
- If so, money circulation will improve, and the State economy will develop.
- As such, MSME businesses are being encouraged to substitute imported goods and increase the export volume.

(Excerpts from the discussion by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at a meeting with MSME businesspersons of Kachin State held on 13 December 2022)

SAC Vice-Chair DPM Vice-Senior General Soe Win attends ...

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Technological Universities (Myitkyina, Bhamo, Magway and Pakokku), the B team, Technological Universities (Kyaukse, Taunggyi, Lashio, Panglong and Kengtung), the C team, Technological Universities (Mandalay, Yadanabon Cyber City, Kalay, Monywa and Sagaing) and the D team, Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University, Nay Pyi Taw Technological University, Technological Universities (Meiktila and Yamethin). In Group 4, Pyay Technological University, Technological Universities (Hmawby and Toungoo) are included in the Technological University (Lower Myanmar)A team, Yangon Technological University, Technological Universities (Sittway, Patheingyi and Hinthada) in the B team, Technological Universities (Thanlyin, Mawlamyine



The Vice-Senior General cordially greets the contesting teams yesterday.

and Hpa-an) in the C team and University and Technological Universities (Mauhin, Dawei and Myeik) in the D team. Group matches will be held till 3 April, the semifinals on 5 April and the final on 7 April. — MNA/TTA



Press Statement

Notifications issued by the Union Supreme Court in relation to conferring the jurisdiction and authority of the Intellectual Property Court to adjudicate on the intellectual property matters under the Trademark Law and confer appellate jurisdiction and authority of the Intellectual Property Court to adjudicate appeal and revision cases against any judgements, orders and decisions of the Intellectual Property Court

UNION Supreme Court issues Notification Nos 235/2023, 236/2023, 237/2023, 238/2023 and 239/2023 dated 24 March 2023, to confer the jurisdiction and authority of the Intellectual Property Court to adjudicate on the intellectual property matters under the Trademark Law and to adjudicate appeal and revision cases against any judgements, orders and decisions of the Intellectual Property Court in accordance with the State Administration Council Notification No 82/2023 dated 10-3-2023 which mentioned the date 1 April 2023 as the set date of the Trademark Law to come effective.

1. **Notification No 235/2023** – According to Section 67 (c) and (e) of the Trademark Law, the High Court of the Yangon Region has conferred the jurisdiction and authority of the Intellectual Property Court to adjudicate the following matters: —

(a) Applications against the decision made by the Agency under Section 66 of the Trademark Law,

- (b) Applications for the review of the suspension order issued by the Director-General of the Customs Department under Section 72 of the Trademark Law.
2. **Notification No 236/2023** – According to Section 67 (c) of the Trademark Law, the following Courts are conferred criminal original jurisdiction and authority of Intellectual Property Court to adjudicate the criminal cases under the Trademark Law: —
- (a) Court of the Self-Administered Division
- (b) Courts of the Self-Administered Zones
- (c) District Courts
3. **Notification No 237/2023** – According to Section 67 (d) of the Trademark Law, High Courts of Region and State are conferred appellate jurisdiction and authority to adjudicate appeal and revision cases against any criminal judgements, orders

- and decisions made by the Courts of the Self-Administered Division, Self-Administered Zone and District Courts under the Trademark Law.
4. **Notification No 238/2023** - According to Section 67 (c) of the Trademark Law, the Kyauktada District Court has conferred civil original jurisdiction and authority of the Intellectual Property Court to adjudicate the following matters: —
- (a) Civil suits regarding Trademark infringements under the Trademark Law
- (b) Applications for provisional measures under Section 77 (a) of the Trademark Law
5. **Notification No 239/2023** - According to Section 67 (d) of the Trademark Law, the High Court of the Yangon Region is conferred appellate jurisdiction and authority to adjudicate appeal and revision on civil cases against any judgements, orders and decisions of Intellectual Property Court.

NSPNC holds talks with 7 NCA-signatory EAOs



The meeting between the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee and seven NCA-signatory ethnic armed organizations (EAOs) in progress.

AN informal meeting between the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee-NSPNC and seven NCA-signatory ethnic armed organizations (EAOs) was held yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

The meeting was attended by NSPNC Secretary Lt-Gen Win Bo Shein, working committee member Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo (retired), NSPNC members Lt-Gen Min Naing, Lt-Gen Aye Win, U Hla Maung Shwe, Col Wunna Aung, supporting member Col Aung Kyaw Tun, and NCA-Signatory EAOs Informal Discussion and Coordination Group Lead-

er Suk Sai Ning (RCSS), assistant leaders Saw Mra Yaza Lin (ALP) and Naing Aung Ma Ngay (NMSP), members Saw Kyaw Than Htay (DKBA), Saw Kyaw Nyunt (KNU/KNLA-PC), Kyaphu (LDU), Khun Min Thein (PNLO) and support representatives.

Both sides discussed matters related to creating a framework for peace talks that all are inclusive in the discussion. The first day of the talks was adjourned after frank discussions on the status of peace processes and federal principles. The talks will continue on 29 March. — MNA/TS

Novotel Yangon to host 6th International Plastic Trade Fair

THE 6th International Plastic Trade Fair, to be jointly conducted by the Myanmar Plastic Industries Association and Smart Expos Fairs India Private Ltd from India, will be held for three days from 29 to 31 March at Novotel Hotel Yangon on Pyay Road.

Entrepreneurs from India, China, Singapore and Myanmar will participate in the exhibition to show raw materials and equipment that are needed for plastic factories and the materials that are needed for printing houses and packaging.

The 6th International Plastic Trade Fair will provide technology, raw materials and equipment for those who want to start a plastic business and expand their business. The fair is open to the public.

— Myo Min Thura/MKKS

New summer paddy price climbs to K1.6 mln per 100 baskets



The picture shows a summer paddy field unharvested in Maubin District.

THE prices of some new summer paddy moved up to K1.6 million and above per 100 baskets in some delta regions on 28 March.

The prices stood at K1.6 million per 100 baskets of Thuka summer paddy, K1.65 million for summer paddy and Pakan paddy, K1.55 for paddy grown under the intercropping system, K1.56 for Nanka variety, K1.7 for Ayeya Padaytha, K1.93 for Pawsan and K1.68 million for Thuka monsoon paddy, according to a rice mill in Wakema Township.

Following the rise in paddy prices, the prices of rice also increased to K55,000 per bag of summer rice grown under the intercropping system, K58,000-67,000 for 90-day short matured rice, and K73,000-90,000 for Pawsan varieties. The summer paddy will be abundantly harvested in delta regions until end-April.

The summer paddy grown under irrigation systems in

Mandalay and Sagaing regions will be harvested during the July-August period. New monsoon paddy in delta regions will be yielded in September.

News about high prices of rice on low supply of paddy is circulating in the market. Paddy is constantly harvested every month. Some investors are storing commodities for great profit. The 2022 monsoon paddy and 2023 summer paddy growers are receiving a handsome income.

There are approximately 1.7 million acres of monsoon and summer paddy in the country. The 2022 monsoon paddy and 2023 summer paddy seasons did not see the damage caused by natural disasters. The consumers are calling for authorities concerned to govern the market to avoid an unnecessary price hike for rice varieties that are mainly consumed locally. — TWA/EM

Public Notice for Elimination of Violence

1. Declaring themselves to be “for the people”, the so-called CRPH, NUG and PDF terrorist groups are lawlessly killing Buddhist monks, civil servants including schoolteachers, and members of the general public, as well as looting and robbing.
2. Not encouraging, supporting, or assisting “CRPH”, “NUG”, and “PDF” terrorists, who are intimidating and killing people and committing destructive activities, is to protect the lives and property of the general public.
3. Giving information secretly to the authorities on terrorists and on the possession and transport of weapons/ammunition is tantamount to protecting the lives and property of innocent people.

1 new case of COVID-19 reported on 28 March, total figure records 634,076

MYANMAR’S COVID-19 positive cases recorded **634,076** after **one** new case was reported on 28 March 2023 according to the Ministry of Health.

The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **614,500**, including **four** new recoveries.

The death toll from COVID-19 in the country remained unchanged at **19,490** on 28-3-2023 with no new death reported from the pandemic. — GNLM

Illegal timbers, electronics, foodstuffs, consumer goods and vehicles confiscated

THE Lashio District Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force captured four kinds of frozen meat including 3 kilogrammes of frozen pickled pork worth K688,000 without official documents from a vehicle heading to Mongton from Tachilek on 25 March and Muse District Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force seized various kinds of consumer goods worth K48,739,950 without official documents and various kinds of foodstuffs (made in China) worth K43,971,000 without FDA approval from a

Faw truck (approximate value of K35 million) which was parked on the Pyidaungsu highway road in Muse township on 27 March. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

On 27 March an on-duty team at the Yepu permanent checkpoint confiscated a total of 200 electronic rice cookers worth K3,360,980 that exceeded the Import Declaration (ID) from a 22-wheel truck (approximately K50 million) heading to Mandalay from Muse and the action was taken under Customs

procedures.

Similarly, a combined team led by Forest Department conducted inspections in the townships and captured a total of 68.3894 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K8,481,076 in Taungup, Thandwe, Pauktaw, Rathedaung and Maungdaw townships. The action was taken under the Forest Law. Therefore, 11 arrests (estimated value of K190,241,006) were made on 25 and 27 March, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS

A visit to a fine land – meeting a farmer who makes strenuous efforts

By Aye Aye Moe Hlaing (Myanma Alinn)

ALTHOUGH Twantay is situated in Yangon Region, the features are different. It is such a peaceful area with farmlands and creeks and so Twantay attracts the people to take a rest there leaving the colourful housing and heat of tar and concrete roads.

More beautiful and peaceful places are sunflower plantations and the paddy fields in Phaya Ngoketol village of Twantay District. The picturesque scenes can ease your anxiety. That place is called “Doh Lal Taw” (Our Farm). In other words, it is the name of the restaurant.

Therefore, we interviewed U Win Myint, the owner of “Doh Lal Taw”.

Q: Good Morning, Uncle.
A: Good Morning.

Q: My first question: Is the farmland owned by you or your ancestors? How many acres are in this field?
A: It is not ancestral farmland. It is my property bought under my name. There are 20.58 acres.



Q: Why did you buy this farmland?
A: I am not a farmer indeed. I grow plants according to my natural bent. I bought it just for production.

Q: I would like to know about the work processes which offer different feelings and unusual production.
A: I did not purchase the farmland with the expectation of profits. I intend to keep going to the stage of production. I do it for my country and people. For example, I think about being a farmer. I thought about whether there is a way to develop the status of farmers or on the other hand, to become rich.

There are two kinds of farmlands. One is the land where we

can cultivate, another is the hills and ponds where we cannot cultivate. The farmers live on the hills. There are ponds to drink. There are also other things such as cattle, cows, chickens and ducks which are related to farmers. This is the lifestyle of a farmer.

So, I think about what a farmer should do to make progresses in his own farmlands. Then, I grow monsoon paddy, summer paddy, sunflower and rubber. I initially faced failures in farming. I have less experience. The agrochemical usage is high and the production rate is low.

Then, I find other ways. I ask my friends how to find good seedlings, and when I should plant and cultivate them. I focused on the production and adopted effective measures. As the transport services become better, I always go there and cultivate systematically.

I have a different idea. If my plan A fails, I keep going with plan B. I find the solution depending on the production. Only then, I can say how is my

achievement. I grow without expecting the land prices, investment, duration and profits. Then, I can grab positive achievements.

Q: As you said you intend to go to the stage of production not only the production. Therefore, I would like to know the value and importance of production.
A: The farmlands bring benefits to a certain extent depending on the cultivation rate. It should try hard to get success. They will become production. The production can make the country rich. If there is no production, the country will become poor. If we do not expand the profitability and we spend them, all will run out. Therefore, production is a key role.



PHOTOS: TWANTAY MYO HLAING (IPRD)

Q: Please brief me about the cultivation of an edible oil crop – sunflower.
A: Sunflower is planted in I bought this field for production on my natural bent and repaired it. First, I dug the land and put the feed in it. I put three or four seeds and covered them with ash. If we grow for commercial purposes, we need some agricultural methods and seeders.

Q: How did you try hard to gain such an achievement?
A: Whatever I do, I do it with strenuous efforts. For example, if the water sprinkler gun does not work, I buy another one. It is my expenditure and so it becomes successful like that.

Q: Are you satisfied with your current situation and achievement?
A: It cannot be said that it is a successful situation in reality. It is just progressing as I made efforts. I have certain weaknesses and so it cannot be said I am satisfied with them.

Q: If so, what would you like to add for other people who want to grow in such farmlands?
A: Do your best no matter what businesses you run, and try hard. If so, you will be satisfied with the outcomes. The main point is the market. If it makes profits and the farmers or the production entrepreneurs create the market, there is no need to worry about the losing of farmlands and they can expand their farming acres.

Q: When I came here, I found Doh Lal Taw (Our Farm) restaurant and sunflower plantation. I would like to know about the



Interviewer talks to U Win Myint, owner of Doh Lal Taw.

relationship between this field and Doh Lal Taw restaurant.
A: I made a plantation at first. There is no Laltaw restaurant. It emerged later.

Q: Yes. Please tell me why you established the Laltaw restaurant.
A: We, the farmers have difficulties conserving the farmlands in the long run as we have to invest from the time of cultivation to the harvesting. Therefore, I think to start a work based on agriculture. At that time, there were lands for dams and ponds. Those who return from there come to our field in search of something.

Our field is a farm with a green plantation and it is also a place for a farmer to live in and so I've got an idea to open a shop with decoration. Since then, I can make extra income. I reinvest with that income and so it does not make any hardships to me. I get the capital from the customers. As the customers give such capital, I can buy further farmland in addition to my usual plantation.

A: I have read the poem “To a Fine Land” by Sayamagyi Ngwe-taryi. The last paragraph goes ...
Pondering how fine,
prosperous and peaceful my

garden is
Wanting to improve my yard
To be full of grace,
When the white and blue flowers lie in his land,
There must be red and yellow ones in my land,
Thinking about the changes to greening the garden,
Strenuous efforts are ever done.

I have responsibility for the greening of my garden. I cannot go abroad and I don't want to go there. We must work for our country. I will create a lifestyle that we want to live just in our country. I want to offer the received things to our people. The Thing I would like to highlight is that the farmer can make his compound or yard to become more pleasant when he receives extra income if he opens such a restaurant on his own land.

Q: As your answer, the way to make extra income by running another business on his own farmland will encourage the farmers and new generations to understand and value the lands of their country and make efforts to grab various results meeting the target, the production despite the profits.
A: Thank you.

TRANSLATED.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Three fishermen rescued in Myanmar waters

THREE workers who worked on a fishing bamboo raft, locally known as a “tiger raft”, were found floating in the sea approximately 40 miles southeast of Pyapon Township in Ayeyawady Region on 26 March. They were rescued by a support vessel of the Yadana oil rig.

Security forces transferred them to the military vessel and provided medical treatment and food and drink.

The three workers were washed into the water due to a strong wind while working about 10 miles away from the Pyapon River on 25 March. — TWA/KZW



Security forces are seen providing the necessary assistance to the rescued fishermen.

Inlay Floating Thingyan to resume this year



The Inlay Floating Thingyan Festival was held in 2019.



THE floating Thingyan festival of Inlay will be held again this year, according to the Union of Myanmar Travel Association-UMTA.

The floating Thingyan festival will take place on the water near Nan Pan Village of Inlay

Region in Nyaung Shwe Township, Shan State (South), where people splash water from boats and rafts. Programmes such as Myanmar traditional Thingyan dances and traditional ethnic dance competitions will also be included. The festival will last

from Thingyan Akyo Nay (the eve of Thingyan) to Myanmar New Year's Day.

The Inlay floating water festival was held for the first time in 2019, and many domestic and foreign tourists came to enjoy it. This year's festival will

be the first time to be held after the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Floating Thingyan Festival is held in Inlay to preserve and promote Inlay's traditional floating Thingyan tradition and to create an atmosphere of friendship among the local national races.

The inflow of domestic and foreign tourists to the Inlay area is low currently. The floating Thingyan may be crowded, but visitors may be lower than before, the UMTA predicted.

In addition to the floating Thingyan, the annual floating alms offering is also held from the eve of Thingyan to the first day of Myanmar New Year. — TWA/CT



The Inlay Floating Thingyan Festival in 2019.



Myanmar registers trade deficit of over \$754 mln over past 11 and half months

MYANMAR'S trade gap widened to over US\$754 million between 1 April and 17 March of the current financial year 2022-2023 compared to the year-ago period.

Higher exports and lower imports resulted in a trade surplus of \$524 million in the corresponding period of the 2021-2022 FY, according to data provided by the Ministry of Commerce.

While exports were estimated at \$15.95 billion, imports were valued relatively low at \$16.7 billion over the past 11 and half months. Compared to the FY 2021-2022, exports showed an in-

crease of over \$1.368 billion, while import value was up by \$2.647 billion. Myanmar aimed to achieve an export target of \$15.5 billion and an import target of \$14 billion for the 2022-2023 FY, totalling US\$29.5 billion, according to the 2022-2023 Financial Year Budget.

Myanmar's external trade this year amounted to \$32.659 billion as of 17 March this FY, which soared from \$28.642 billion. The figures indicated a sharp rise of over \$4 billion compared to the year-ago period.

Myanmar's maritime trade value edged up to \$24.48 billion

this FY from \$21.359 billion recorded in the same period last year. Similarly, the country witnessed an increase of \$894.75 million in border trade as the cross-border posts with the main trade partner China was reopened.

Myanmar exports agricultural products, animal products, minerals, forest products, and finished industrial goods, while it imports capital goods, raw industrial materials, and consumer goods.

The country's export sector relies more on the agricultur-

al and manufacturing sectors. The Ministry of Commerce is trying to reduce the trade deficit by screening luxury import items and boosting exports. The country mainly imports essential

goods, construction materials, capital goods, hygienic materials and supporting products for export promotion and import substitution. — TWA/KK



The photo shows containers piling up at the Asia World terminal in Yangon. PHOTO: XINHUA

LOCAL BUSINESS

Myanmar's watermelons exported to China fetch good price

THE price of Myanmar's watermelon placed on the China market remains on an upward trend, traders engaged in Muse border said.

The outright purchase of a truck is estimated at over 70,000 yuan for the 855 variety watermelons and over 40,000 yuan for the Donkyithe variety.

The prices stood at eight yuan per kilogramme of muskmelon and 5 yuan for Taiwan melon per kilo.

On 22 March, the price of a truck carrying 855 watermelons touched a high of 110,000 yuan, while muskmelon was priced at 9.2 yuan per kilo and Taiwan melon fetched 7.7 yuan.

Watermelon prices fluctuate depending on demand and quality. More than 90 truckloads of watermelon and muskmelon are daily conveyed to China.

Myanmar's watermelon and muskmelon are heavily reliant on the Chinese market. Traders struggled with China's strict policy sometimes.

In early February, tight inspections by Chinese Customs hindered truck transport. That being so, only 20-30 trucks were



The outright purchase of a truck is estimated at over 70,000 yuan for the 855 variety watermelons and over 40,000 yuan for the Donkyithe variety.

able to pass the checkpoint despite the delays amid the high price of watermelon and muskmelon.

Consequently, watermelon was sold out at the depots on the China side and more than 500 trucks queued in line on the Myanmar side.

In 2021, the COVID-19 restrictions hindered Myanmar's

watermelon and muskmelon exports to China. Chinese Customs Regulations increased delay. Long delays of trucks caused harm to watermelon quality and only one in five trucks heading to China remained undamaged with quality watermelons.

The traders are observing delivery time, price and profit-

ability as they are perishable fruit, while they are trying to explore new markets besides China.

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 of 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, the Kyinsankyawt crossing resumed operations on 26 November 2021.

Trade activity at the Muse-Mang Wein border, which performed the majority of trade between Myanmar and China, resumed on 14 January 2023. Additionally, other goods except for agricultural products (watermelon, muskmelon), minerals and fisheries products are allowed to be sent to China through that border point.

Additionally, Nantaw and Sinphyu, which are the major borders, were reopened on 25 January 2023.

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 over 100 trucks. — NN/EM

Rice prices rebound in domestic markets



Rice bags are stacked up at the warehouse.

THE prices of rice that are mainly consumed locally spiked, according to the Wahdan Rice Wholesale Centre.

On 17 March 2023, Pawsan rice prices moved in the range between K70,000 and K85,000 per bag depending on the producing areas (Shwebo, Myaungmya, Dedaye, Pyapon, Pathein). Meanwhile, the prices stood at K75,000 per bag for Kyapyan, K60,000

for Kunni, 50,000 for Ngasein, K58,000 for short matured rice (90 days), K53,500 for Aemahta, K62,000 for Pawkywe, K53,500 for rice grown under intercropping season.

The prices of Pawsan rice moved up to K72,000-90,000 per bag on 28 March. The prices of various rice varieties were up by K500-4,500 per bag within two weeks.

A decrease in old paddy stocks pushed up paddy and rice prices.

Starting from 3 August 2022, Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Rice Producers and Planters Association, Myanmar Rice Millers Association, and traders and brokers engaged in Wahdan Rice Wholesale Centre and Bayintnaung Rice Wholesale Centre have been working together to offer fair prices for Shwebo Pawsan from K75,000-77,000 per bag and other rice varieties to the consumers at the Wahdan Wholesale Centre.

The offer prices are K52,000-55,000 per bag of Pawsan from the Ayeyawady area, K55,000-60,000 per bag of Kyapyan, and K35,000-37,000 per bag of short-mature rice varieties (90 days) at the Wahdan Rice Wholesale Centre.

Each household can buy only one bag. Those traders and retailers are not entitled to buy them. — NN/EM

Prices of fuel oil, gold and dollar on 28 March 2023

Fuel Oil Price (Yangon)

Octane 92	K2,105
Octane 95	K2,195
Diesel	K2,055
Premium Diesel	K2,135

All of the prices are based on per litre.

Gold Price

The reference price of high-purity gold set by YGEA	K2,302,000 per tical
High-purity gold in the gold market	K2,913,000 per tical

US Dollar Vs Kyat

A US dollar set by the Central Bank of Myanmar	K2,100
A US dollar in the forex market	K2,855 to K2,870

The above prices may change from time to time.

Efficiently use water sources for long-term consumption

WATER utilization should be based on underground and aboveground water sources for the purpose of the agricultural sector as well as local consumption but all of the water volumes should be efficiently used without any waste.

Anyhow, utilizing water from relevant sources such as irrigation facilities or underground water needs some kind of energy. If one uses water with waste and loss, it means wasting the cost of water utilization or extra charge for consumption. If so, such waste never benefits anyone or any organization. Actually, it is an ungrateful act to the planet Earth.

On the other hand, wasting water may cause disadvantages to loss of water sources in any way. Hence, everybody needs to efficiently use water sources.

That is why all the people need to efficiently use freshwater as now is the time of summer in Myanmar, avoiding careless use of water. It is because rainfall was lesser in the previous year, so the inflow volume of water into the dams across the nation declined. In consequence, people from Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing regions will face a shortage of water in 2023.

Currently, global countries are facing climate change, so they all need to maintain and guard their water sources. Hence, relevant authorities and local people in Myanmar should improve the damming facilities and underground water sources so as to store a larger volume of water applying modern technologies for ensuring the long-term water supply process. Consequently, the systematic water supply process needs to be based on properly maintained water sources for benefiting from the increased productivity of the agricultural sector.

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Relevant authorities need to consider how to solve the problems of water shortages in dry regions of the country in the summer of 2023. Tube wells can pump out water to be supplied to the local people in the dry regions but it is a proper solution for the short-term period because of the high cost of fuel to operate the tube well.

Awareness should be raised for the people to widen their scope of knowledge to supply water to relevant regions. Damming facilities, systematic utilization of underground and aboveground water sources as well as growing trees to store water underground and maintain moisture aboveground will be the best for proper water consumption of all living beings.

ON 10 March, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and Islamic Republic of Iran agreed to normalize relations. A country that has claimed to be an ally of the United States and a country that has been hostile to the United States have decided to reopen their embassies within the next two months, overcoming their antagonism. China was the mediator.

In a resolution passed at the United Nations General Assembly on 23 February 2023, seven countries, namely Russia, Belarus, North Korea, Eritrea, Mali, Nicaragua, and Syria, opposed a resolution that condemned Russia's aggression against Ukraine and demanded its immediate withdrawal from Ukraine. 32 countries, including India, Iran and South Africa, abstained.

It was adopted because 141 countries supported it, but nearly 22 per cent of the total did not agree with the anti-Russian policy. They did not agree with US. The International Community realized the emergence of developing countries against the will of politically powerful countries. Let's call this "the rise of the Global South".

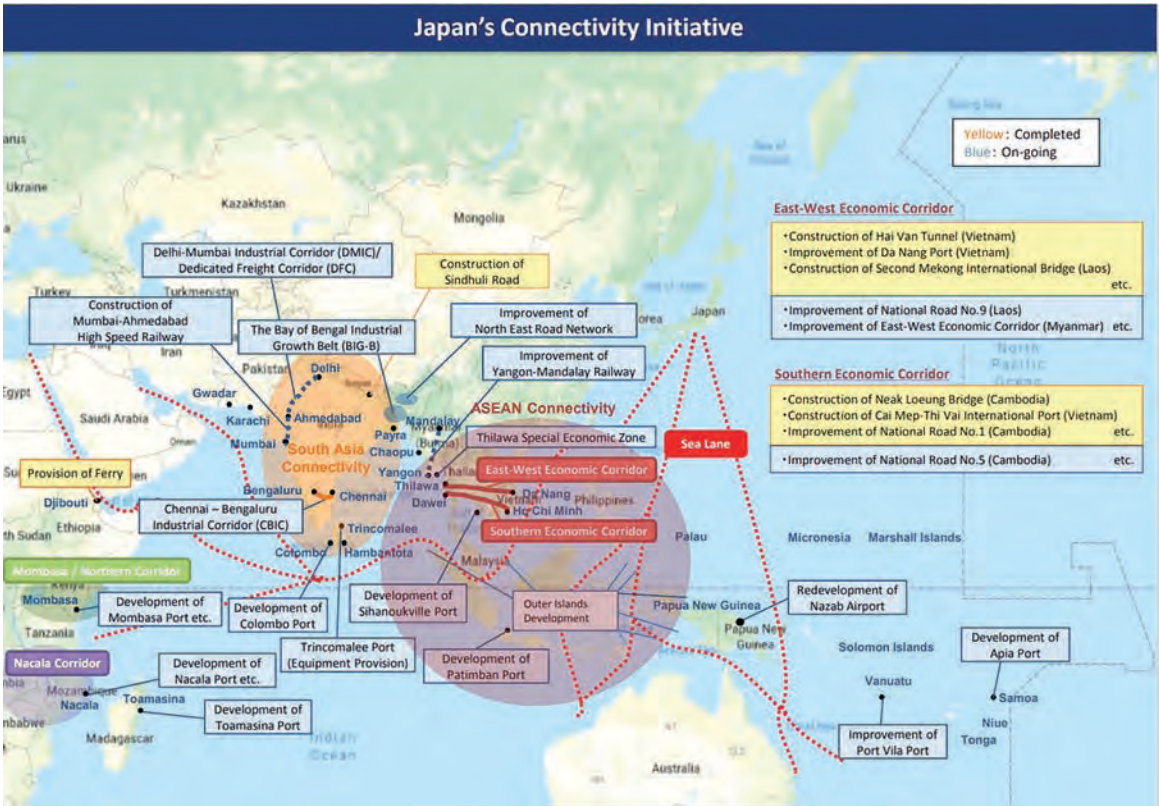
China and India Leading the International Community Beyond the OECD Framework

The rise of the Global South has demonstrated the ability of countries traditionally viewed as subordinate beneficiaries to mediate dispute resolution. Traditionally, the Global South was referred to countries/communities that were economically unstable due

to the globalization of capitalism. There are many people in every country who live in poverty, but some countries in the world are far worse than the situation in the industrialized countries. "The Global South" is a word that has been used to encourage assistance. Due to this reason, a great deal of assistance was mobilized to China, which is a typical example, from OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development) countries including Japan. The view of the Global South solely as a recipient of aid is still expressed by the president of the World Bank. (For instance, see the World Bank press release, 22 December 2022).

Economic power, population, and geopolitics create voice

Until now, the Global South has been placed in the framework of donor countries and aid recipient countries, and they have been under implicit pressure to support resolutions proposed by the United States and other OECD countries when making decisions in the international community. To put it bluntly, there was a relationship of upper-and-lower; if I may say so. It can be said that the OECD countries are within the territory centred on the United States, but since a subordinate country that is not a member of



The map depicts the idea of passing through the Indochina Peninsula from the Indian Ocean to the Pacific Ocean by land. According to this diagram, cargo needs to be transshipped from Dawei to land. If a canal runs through the Indochina Peninsula, all nations/people can truly realize "Free and Open Indo-Pacific". Source: "Diplomacy that takes a panoramic perspective of the world map" made by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, p.4

The United States has emerged, the OECD member countries may have been a little flustered. In particular, China, which the United States sees as a rival, may have been frustrated because it demonstrated its diplomatic power in the Middle East, which the United States had relinquished. Originally, China's economic de-

velopment was one of the results of aid attracting trade and investment. It should be great that the Global South is transforming to a group of nations with independent agendas from nations that have suffered from economic instability such as the globalization of capitalism.

Connectivity on trade is needed, No military alliance

India and China, as leaders of the Global South, have formed a third pole in the international community, with the world's first and second largest populations and rapidly growing economic power. As a major consumer of oil, gas and daily necessities, and

a provider of labour, it can also exert influence in business between countries.

In particular, India is currently the world's most populous country, and this trend is expected to continue for the next 20 to 30 years. In addition, because India faces the Indian Ocean, which is the route of world trade and logistics, it is also a major power that can make effective use of its trade connectivity. Although they do not form military alliances, their geopolitical advantages add value.

However, not all countries in the Global South can be like China and India. There are differences in economic strength even within the Global South. Is it possible to grow by creating a group (economic partnership) only in the Global South? It's almost impossible. Reasons are follows;

- No other mechanism but China to provide first money for economic growth,
- Law purchasing power parity so far,
- Difficulty to make large investments,
- A similar trend of providing labor,

Therefore, they cannot form a complementary relationship. Countries of the Global South absolutely need to have connectiv-

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ity with the developed countries. Even if the United States requests the Global South to follow her confrontation approach to China and Russia, they cannot agree on economic or military power. No military alliance but connectivity on trade is needed for the Global South.

Myanmar can build its own "Free and Open Indo-Pacific"

Prime Minister Kishida visited Prime Minister of India Mr Modi and once again insisted on strengthening relations based on the "Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)" initiative. This initiative is a rare framework that was initiated by Japan and promoted together with the United States. Prime Minister Kishida announced that by 2030, more than \$75 billion will be invested by the public and private sectors to support infrastructure in the Indo-Pacific region. It is completely unclear whether Japan has such surplus funds, but you can feel the enthusiasm.

However, looking at the map of the Indochina Peninsula in the concept paper, you may have some ideas to compliment "Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)". What if a canal were built on the Indochina Peninsula, which separates the Indian and Pacific

oceans? There will be a major change in the National Defence and logistics next to the Suez Canal and the Panama Canal. The world's oceans will be connected in a straight line, enabling the smooth transport of trade goods that have reached the coast of the Indian Ocean to the Pacific Ocean.

Some people may think that such a big change will provoke China who is aiming to be an owner and leader of oceans.

If so, I would like to propose an idea to the Myanmar government. Myanmar can build canals in cooperation with countries of the Middle East having plenty investment money. The Myanmar government can contribute to build perfect "free and open Asia-Pacific". Myanmar will also become one of leaders of the Global South. You do not have to wait for Japanese fund any more.

Source: <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2022/12/06/debt-service-payments-put-biggest-squeeze-on-poor-countries-since-2000>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HnqjGNu6yZo> Free and Open Indo-Pacific (FOIP)
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The distorted Western narrative on China's epidemic response

Since 2020, the total number of COVID-19-related deaths has exceeded 1.1 million in the United States, with a population of about 333 million. In contrast, the figure is about 88,000 on the Chinese mainland, which has a population of 1.41 billion, according to calculations based on official data...

CHINA has pulled through the COVID-19 epidemic and people's lives have returned to normal, but several US media outlets and politicians have renewed their old rhetoric to distort the narrative on the country's anti-epidemic policy change.

According to their latest accounts, China's COVID-19 policy change was ill-prepared, while a "lab leak" in China may be the origin of the coronavirus. Rather

farcically, the United States is attempting to hold China accountable for US's own failures.

Unified narrative on China's anti-epidemic battle

How inconsistent with the truth! All this unified narrative on China's anti-epidemic battle disregards the facts and calls white black. Such reports are utterly untenable and irresponsible.

These stories fail to observe

China in a global context. The truth is self-evident if we look at what has happened in the United States and China.

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If the US media and politicians really care about people's lives, they would do better to figure out why the United States — the most developed nation in the world — failed catastrophically in handling the epidemic. They should also ask what lessons can be learned. China has dynamically adjusted its COVID-19 control policy in line with the epidemic situation. On 7 December, it announced 10 new measures to further optimize its

COVID-19 response, easing restrictions on travel and reducing mass nucleic acid testing. The adjustment was based precisely on its scientific assessment of the epidemic situation, prudent planning, as well as a timely response to the yearnings of the people. The country realized a smooth transition to the new epidemic prevention phase, and achieved a major decisive victory against the virus.

SOURCE: Xinhua



Tourists visit the Palace Museum, also known as the Forbidden City, in Beijing, capital of China, 19 March 2023. PHOTO: LI XIN/XINHUA

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Researchers discover possible new water reservoir on Moon



A visitor looks at lunar samples brought back by China's Chang'e-5 probe at the National Museum of China in Beijing, capital of China, 18 April 2021. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

PLANETARY scientists in China found hints of a new water reservoir on the Moon in Chang'e-5 samples that show the potential for in-situ resource utilization by future lunar and deep space exploration missions.

The team of researchers led by scientists from the Institute of Geology and Geophysics under the Chinese Academy of Sciences identified that glass beads in Chang'e-5 lunar soils, which were formed from the cooling of melted material ejected by impacts, contain a higher amount of solar wind-derived water than previously thought.

The Chang'e-5 probe, which returned to Earth on 17 December 2020, retrieved a total of 1,731 grammes of lunar samples,

consisting primarily of rocks and soil from the lunar surface.

WATER MYSTERY

Previous lunar missions have revealed the presence of water ice on the Moon. The surface water displays rise and fall within a lunar day and is being lost to space, indicating that there should be a hydrated layer or reservoir at depth in lunar soils to sustain the retention, release, and replenishment of lunar surface water, according to the study.

However, the water inventories of fine mineral grains in lunar soils, impact-produced agglutinates, volcanic rocks and glass beads formed in volcanic eruptions are unable to explain the very water cycle,

the researchers said.

Therefore, some lunar researchers inferred the existence of a yet-unidentified water reservoir in lunar soils that has the capacity to buffer that water cycle.

According to the researchers, the interaction of the solar wind with surface materials could produce water and sustain the water cycle, but the host of such a reservoir has yet to be found.

GLASS BEADS

The study published on Monday in *Nature Geoscience* showed that the impact glass beads are likely a new water reservoir on the Moon.

The group of Chinese researchers led by Hu Sen analyzed the water content within glass beads produced by impact events, extracted from Chang'e-5 lunar soil samples.

Hu's group analyzed the glass beads' appearance, element composition, water abundance and hydrogen isotope composition, and found that the water in them comes from solar winds, with a water abundance up to about 2,000 ppm.

They estimated that the water contributed by impact glass beads to lunar soils could amount to as much as 270 trillion kilogrammes, yet way less than in oceans of the Earth. — Xinhua

Microplastic pollution impairs seabird gut health

SCIENTISTS have long known that wild seabirds ingest bits of plastic pollution as they feed, but a study Monday shows the tiny particles don't just clog or transit the stomach but can subvert its complex mix of good and bad bacteria too.

Plastic-infested digestive tracts from two species of Atlantic seabirds, northern fulmars and Cory's shearwaters, showed a decrease of mostly beneficial "indigenous" bacteria and more potentially harmful pathogens.

There was also an increase in antibiotic-resistant and plastic-degrading microbes, researchers reported in the journal *Nature Ecology & Evolution*.

Certain types of microplastic, the findings suggested, may be leeching chemicals that disrupt the birds' so-called gut microbiome.

Microplastics — produced when plastic products break down in the environment — are directly and indirectly ingested across most animal food chains.

They can be found in every corner of the world, from the deepest oceans trenches to top of Mount Everest.

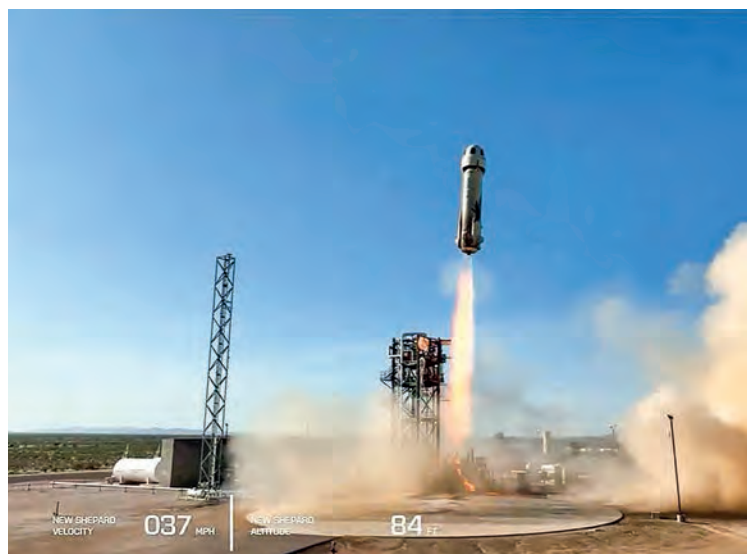
In humans, they have been detected in the blood, breast milk and placentas.

The new study supports previous findings that prolonged ingestion of microplastics causes an imbalance of healthy and unhealthy bacteria in the stomach, a condition known as gut dysbiosis.

The implications are far-reaching. Like humans, birds have evolved with a vast network of microbes, including bacteria, that live in our bodies in communities called microbiomes. — AFP



A photo taken on 8 December 2022 in Vaasa shows plastic pieces in frozen water. **PHOTO: AFP**



This screen grab taken from a Blue Origin broadcast shows the N-22 rocket blasting off from the Blue Origin base near Van Horn, Texas, 4 August 2022. Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin on 4 August launched six people to space, including the first from Egypt and Portugal, on the company's sixth crewed flight. Mission "N-22" saw the New Shepard suborbital rocket blast off around 8:58 am local time (1358 GMT) from Blue's base in the west Texas desert. **PHOTO: BLUE ORIGIN / AFP**

Blue Origin hopes to resume space flights 'soon' after 2022 accident

JEFF Bezos' space company Blue Origin said Friday it hopes to resume rocket flights "soon" following the conclusion of an investigation into a crash last year — but it must wait for US regulators to accept the findings.

The company's New Shepard suborbital rockets, which are intended for space tourism among other purposes, have been grounded following the September 2022 accident that occurred shortly after liftoff from Texas.

The incident marked a setback for the Amazon founder's

company, though observers were encouraged by the fact that had people been aboard, they would have likely survived.

The flight's rocket consisted of a single booster, with Blue Origin's NS-23 capsule on top carrying a scientific payload. During the mission, an anomaly occurred as the rocket was climbing, appearing to stall as it experienced a technical issue.

The capsule then initiated its escape sequence and outsped the booster, falling back to Earth, slowed by parachutes.

Blue Origin noted at the

time that the booster "impacted the ground" instead of landing upright as it normally does.

An investigation was subsequently conducted with oversight from the regulatory Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The FAA said Friday its probe remains open and that it was "currently reviewing the company's submission of its mishap report".

"FAA approval is required to close the investigation and for the New Shepard System to return to flight," it said in a statement. — AFP

Xi says China ready to contribute more to Middle East peace, development

CHINA is ready to work with Saudi Arabia to make all-out efforts to build a China-Arab community with a shared future in the new era and contribute more to peace, stability and development in the Middle East, Chinese President Xi Jinping said on Tuesday.

Xi made the remarks during his phone talks with Saudi Crown Prince and Prime Minister Mohammed bin Salman Al Saud.

Asking the Saudi crown prince to convey his best wishes and Ramadan greetings to King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud, Xi said that China-Saudi Arabia relations are currently at an all-time high.

Noting that he paid a successful state visit to Saudi Arabia at the end of last year, Xi



This handout picture released by the Saudi Press Agency SPA shows Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman (R) shaking hands with Chinese President Xi Jinping during a GCC-China Summit in the Saudi capital Riyadh on 9 December 2022. **PHOTO: AFP PHOTO/HO/SPA**

pointed out that the first China-Arab States Summit and the China-Gulf Cooperation Council

(GCC) Summit were also successfully held, which have boosted China-Saudi Arabia relations,

promoted China's relations with the GCC and Arab states, and positively impacted the Middle East situation.

China is ready to work with Saudi Arabia to implement the outcomes of his state visit to Saudi Arabia, the first China-Arab States Summit and the China-GCC Summit last year, and continue to firmly support each other on issues involving their respective core interests, Xi said.

The Chinese side also stands ready to expand practical cooperation and people-to-people exchanges with Saudi Arabia, and push for greater development of China-Saudi Arabia comprehensive strategic partnership, Xi said.

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with Saudi Arabia to make all-out efforts to build a China-Arab community with a shared future for the new era and make more contributions to promoting peace, stability and development in the Middle East, Xi said.

Xi pointed out that recently, with the joint efforts of China, Saudi Arabia and Iran, the talks between Saudi Arabia and Iran in Beijing were successfully held and achieved significant results, helping Saudi Arabia and Iran improve their relations, with a significant demonstration effect on enhancing the unity and cooperation of regional countries and easing regional tensions, and thus having been widely praised by the international community.

— Xinhua

UN chief calls for fighting slavery's legacy of racism through education

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday called for fighting slavery's legacy of racism through education, which he said is "the most powerful weapon".

"It is incumbent on us to fight slavery's legacy of racism," Guterres told a UN General Assembly event marking the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

He said the evil enterprise of enslavement lasted for over

400 years, noting that the history of slavery is one of "suffering, crime, violence, and exploitation".

"And yet, the legacy of the transatlantic slave trade haunts us to this day," Guterres said. "We can draw a straight line from the era of colonial exploitation to the social and economic inequalities of today."

He added that the scars of slavery are still visible in persistent disparities in wealth, income, health, education and opportunity. — Xinhua



UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres addresses a UN General Assembly event marking the International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade at the UN headquarters in New York on 27 March 2023. **PHOTO: ESKINDER DEBEBE/UN PHOTO/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA**

N Korea's Kim orders expansion of weapons-grade nuke material output

NORTH Korean leader Kim Jong Un has ordered an expansion of the country's production of weapons-grade nuclear materials to accelerate its output of powerful nuclear weapons, state-run media said Tuesday.

Kim gave the instructions on Monday as he inspected work being done for mounting nuclear warheads on ballistic missiles, according to the official Korean Central News Agency, which released pictures of objects believed to be warheads of different types. The leader's order came as the United States and South Korea conduct joint military exercises. On Tuesday, the US nuclear-powered aircraft carrier Nimitz arrived at a port in the southern South Korean city of Busan. North Korea has



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un (C) is pictured at an unspecified location as he inspects work for mounting nuclear warheads on ballistic missiles on 27 March 2023. **PHOTO: (PARTS OF PHOTO PIXELATED BY KCNA) KCNA/KYODO**

denounced such exercises as a rehearsal for invasion.

Pyongyang has launched a series of ballistic missiles re-

cently, with fears mounting that the country may be preparing to conduct its seventh nuclear test. — Kyodo

Assailant kills six at Nashville school in latest US mass shooting

A heavily armed former student killed three young children and three staff in what appeared to be a carefully planned attack at a private elementary school in Nashville on Monday, before being shot dead by police. Chief of Police John Drake named the suspect

as Audrey Hale, 28, who left behind a manifesto and had maps of the school detailing surveillance and entry-exit points. The suspect was "prepared for a confrontation with law enforcement," the police chief told reporters following the latest outburst of gun violence

in the United States. In an interview with NBC News, Drake said the suspect was likely plotting a broader attack, as the manifesto "indicates that there was going to be shootings at multiple locations, and the school was one of them." — AFP

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exhausts and exhaust fittings; exhausts for motors and engines; power transmission systems; power transmissions [except for land vehicles]; compressors (superchargers); ignition devices, fuelling devices and controlling devices for internal combustion engines; hydraulic and pneumatic controls for internal combustion engines; lubricating apparatus and cooling apparatus (radiators) all included in this class; filters [parts of machines or engines]; filters for cleaning cooling air, for engines; bearings [parts of machines]; cylinders for motors and engines; cylinder heads for engines; camshafts for vehicle engines; connecting rods for machines, motors and engines; crank shafts; gaskets for internal combustion engines; sealing joints [parts of engines]; gears, other than for land vehicles; gears for machines; automotive engine blocks; exhaust manifold for engines; pistons [parts of machines or engines]; pistons for engines; piston rings; rocker arms for engines; pumps [parts of machines, engines or motors]; 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bits; construction equipment; mining equipment; farming equipment; material handling equipment and generators; digging machines; demolition; gripping and lifting apparatus and instruments; hydraulic components; hydraulic components including hydraulic pumps, hydraulic motors, hydraulic valves and hydraulic cylinders; ground engaging machines and tools, including bucket tips and adapters (for machine tools), cutting edges and segments, cutting edges and segments for buckets, motor graders, blades and scrapers, wear protection products for machines and machine tools, namely chocky bars, heat shrouds, side bar protectors and wear plates, ripper shanks and tips for machines and machine tools; parts, fittings and components for all the aforesaid goods; diesel engines for all purposes; parts and fittings for engines of all types." in **Class 7**; "Scientific, research, navigation, nautical, surveying, photographic, cinematographic, audiovisual, optical, weighing, measuring, signalling, detecting, testing, inspecting, life-saving and teaching apparatus and instruments; apparatus and instruments for conducting, switching, transforming, accumulating, regulating or controlling the distribution or use of electricity; apparatus and instruments for recording, transmitting, reproducing or processing sound, images or data; recorded and downloadable media, computer software, blank digital or analogue recording and storage media; mechanisms for coin-operated apparatus; computer peripheral devices; diving suits, divers' masks, ear plugs for divers, nose clips for divers and swimmers, gloves for divers, breathing apparatus for underwater swimming; fire-extinguishing apparatus; magnetic data carriers, recording discs, compact discs, DVDs and other digital recording media; cash registers, calculating machines, data processing equipment, computers; downloadable and recorded computer software for testing, monitoring, and operating engines; electrical and electronic apparatus and instruments, namely, electrical adaptors, electrical amplifiers, electrical connectors, electrical couplings, electrical fuses and electrical locks; measuring and testing apparatus and instruments; cable and wire; electricity conduits; switches; switches being pressure switches for monitoring, controlling, and switching hydraulic or pneumatic systems, temperature switches; pressure switches; pressure switches for monitoring, controlling, and switching hydraulic or pneumatic systems; connectors; connectors being electrical connectors, wire connectors; jump leads; fuses; circuit testers; voltage testers; fuse holders; transformers; battery testing apparatus for sale in kit form; thermostats; gauges; levelling apparatus and instruments; tape measures and rulers; microscopes; tachometers; diagnostic apparatus and instruments; meters; thermometers; alarms; horns for signalling; flasher units; optical reflectors; scientific and technical apparatus, namely, optical mirrors; aerials; battery chargers; weighing apparatus and instruments; computers and computer programmes; computers and downloadable and recorded computer programmes for testing, monitoring, and operating engines; calculating machines; laser pointers; protective clothing; protective headgear; audio visual teaching apparatus; video tapes; vehicle warning triangles; audio tapes; compact discs; holders for compact discs; holders for discs cards bearing magnetic strips; calculators; electric couplings; levels; electric locks; radios; vehicle radios; batteries; battery jump starters; speed checking apparatus and instruments; battery cables; electricity connectors for sale in kit form; electrical terminals; water temperature regulators; probes; ammeters; battery testers; terminals; electrical terminal blocks and battery terminals; gas detectors; flow meters; ohmmeters; pressure measurement tools; battery ground strap connectors; battery tie down connectors; conduit and wire protectors; emergency jump start apparatus; emergency jump start receptacle assemblies; voltage converters; mobile application software; downloadable and recorded mobile application software for testing, monitoring, and operating engines; downloadable mobile applications; downloadable and recorded mobile applications for testing, monitoring, and operating engines; mobile apps; telematic apparatus; global positioning systems (GPS); sensors for engines; starter cables for motors; electronic control systems for machines; electronic control systems for engines; parts, fittings and components for all the aforesaid goods." in **Class 9**; "Vehicles; apparatus for locomotion by land, air or water; parts for vehicles; utility vehicles; boats; tractors; engines and motors; diesel engines for land vehicles; starting devices for engines and motors; power transmission systems; power transmissions for land vehicles; transmissions for land vehicles; gear boxes for land vehicles; gears for land vehicles; propulsion mechanisms for land vehicles; sun-blinds adapted for automobiles and windscreens (including tinted windscreens); transmissions and axles; transmissions and axles for construction trucks; axles for land vehicles; brakes for land vehicles; cardan shafts for vehicles; clutches for land vehicles; couplings for land vehicles; drive shafts for land vehicles; shaft couplings for land vehicles; steering units for land vehicles; suspension systems for land vehicles; universal joints for land vehicles; earthmoving vehicles and off-highway vehicles; replacement parts for off-highway trucks for loading and hauling; attachments for vehicles for earth and material hauling and handling including trucks and tractors; land vehicles; construction vehicles; mining vehicles; farming vehicles and material handling vehicles; undercarriage components and tracks for tractors and other track-type vehicles; tyres, inner tube and wheels for vehicles; skidders; undercarriage structural parts; undercarriage components; parts, fittings and components for all the aforesaid goods; engines of all types." in **Class 12**; "Advertising; business management; business administration; office functions; retail, wholesale and online retail store services featuring vehicles, equipment and machines for use in agriculture, compaction, construction, demolition, earth conditioning, earth contouring, earth moving, forestry, landscaping, lawn care, lifting, marine propulsion, material handling, mining, mulching, oil and gas distribution, oil and gas exploration, oil and gas production, paving, pipelaying, power generation, road building and repair, site preparation and remediation, tunnel boring, and vegetation management, engines and motors, generators, machine tools, and parts therefor; retail, wholesale and online retail store services featuring machines and vehicles for use in agriculture, compaction, construction, demolition, earth conditioning, earth contouring, earth moving, forestry, landscaping, lawn care, lifting, marine propulsion, material handling, mining, mulching, oil and gas distribution, oil and gas exploration, oil and gas production, paving, pipelaying, power generation, road building and repair, site preparation and remediation, tunnel boring, and vegetation management; retail, wholesale and online retail store services featuring diesel engines, gas engines, electrical engines, internal combustion engines, marine engines, generators of electricity, current generators, alternators and parts, fittings and components therefor; retail, wholesale and online retail store services featuring industrial oil and greases, lubricants and engine oils; wholesale distributorship services featuring parts for the service, maintenance, and general overhaul of vehicles, engines, generators and motors." in **Class 35**; and "Construction services; installation and repair services; mining extraction, oil and gas drilling; building construction; repair services for vehicles, power generation equipment, agricultural and construction machines, diesel engines, gas engines, electrical engines, internal combustion engines, marine engines, hybrid engines, diesel motors, gas motors, electrical motors, internal combustion motors, marine motors, generators, machine tools, and parts therefor; installation services for vehicles, power generation equipment, agricultural and construction machines, diesel engines, gas engines, electrical engines, internal combustion engines, marine engines, hybrid engines, diesel motors, gas motors, electrical motors, internal combustion motors, marine motors, generators, machine tools, and parts therefor; repair, installation, maintenance, reconditioning and servicing of vehicles, power generation equipment, agricultural and construction machines, diesel engines, gas engines, electrical engines, internal combustion engines, marine engines, hybrid engines, diesel motors, gas motors, electrical motors, internal combustion motors, marine motors, generators; repair, installation, maintenance and servicing of parts, fittings or components for vehicles, power generation equipment, agricultural and construction machines, diesel engines, gas engines, electrical engines, internal combustion engines, marine engines, hybrid engines, diesel motors, gas motors, electrical motors, internal combustion motors, marine motors, generators; rental of construction machinery and engines therefor; reconditioning of industrial machinery and engines; machinery retrofit and conversion services; overhaul of diesel, gas, electrical, internal combustion, marine, and hybrid engines; tuning of diesel, gas, electrical, internal combustion, marine, and hybrid engines; remanufacturing being replacement and refurbishment of diesel, gas, electrical, internal combustion, marine, and hybrid engines; rebuilding of diesel, gas, electrical, internal combustion, marine, and

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M.V SINAR SOLO VOY.NO. (992N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SINAR SOLO VOY.NO. (992N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **28-3-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINE

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V CHERRY VOY.NO. (201N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V CHERRY VOY. NO. (201N/S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **29-3-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINE

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V BIEN DONG STAR VOY.NO. (23008N)

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
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POND'S PURE BRIGHT

The above Trademark is used in respect of "Soaps; perfumery, toilet water, aftershave, cologne; essential oils; preparations for the care of the scalp and hair; shampoos and conditioners; hair colourants; hair styling products; toothpaste; preparations for the care of the mouth and teeth; non-medicated toilet preparations; bath and shower preparations; skin care preparations; oils, creams and lotions for the skin; shaving preparations; pre-shave and aftershave preparations; depilatory preparations; sun-tanning and sun protection preparations; cosmetics; make-up and make-up removing preparations; petroleum jelly; lip care preparations; talcum powder; pre-moistened or impregnated cleansing pads, tissues or wipes; beauty masks, facial packs." in **Class 3**.

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The above Trademark is used in respect of "Soaps; detergents; bleaching preparations, cleaning preparations; perfumery, toilet water, aftershave, cologne; essential oils; deodorants and antiperspirants; preparations for the care of the scalp and hair; shampoos and conditioners; hair colourants; hair styling products; toothpaste; mouthwash, not for medical use; preparations for the care of the mouth and teeth; non-medicated toilet preparations; bath and shower preparations; skin care preparations; oils, creams and lotions for the skin; shaving preparations; pre-shave and aftershave preparations; depilatory preparations; sun-tanning and sun protection preparations; cosmetics; make-up and make-up removing preparations; petroleum jelly; lip care preparations; talcum powder; cotton wool, cotton sticks; cosmetic pads, tissues or wipes; pre-moistened or impregnated cleansing pads, tissues or wipes; beauty masks, facial packs." in **Class 3**.

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The above Trademark is used in respect of "Soaps; cleaning preparations; perfumery; essential oils; aromatherapy products, not for medical use; massage preparations, not for medical use; deodorants and antiperspirants; hair care preparations; non-medicated toilet preparations; bath and shower preparations; skin care preparations; oils, creams and lotions for the skin; shaving preparations; pre-shave and after-shave preparations; depilatory preparations; sun-tanning and sun protection preparations; cosmetics; make-up and make-up removing preparations; petroleum jelly; lip care preparations; talcum powder; cotton wool, cotton sticks; cosmetic pads, tissues or wipes; pre-moistened or impregnated cleansing pads, tissues or wipes; beauty masks, facial packs." in **Class 3**.



The above Trademark is used in respect of "Soaps; cleaning preparations; perfumery; essential oils; deodorants and antiperspirants; hair care preparations; non-medicated toilet preparations; bath and shower preparations; skin care preparations; oils, creams and lotions for the skin; shaving preparations; pre-shave and aftershave preparations; depilatory preparations; sun-tanning and sun protection preparations; cosmetics; make-up and make-up removing preparations; petroleum jelly; lip care preparations; talcum powder; cotton wool, cotton sticks; cosmetic pads, tissues or wipes; pre-moistened or impregnated cleansing pads, tissues or wipes; beauty masks, facial packs, medicated soap." in **Class 3**.

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Geneva watch show opens in throes of banking turmoil

The Geneva watch fair opened Monday buoyed by booming growth in the watchmaking industry, but insiders warily	eyed the banking sector turmoil, evoking painful memories of the 2008 financial crisis. Industry profession-	als were upbeat on the first day of the Watches and Wonders annual fair, where 48 prestigious brands including Rolex,	Patek Philippe and Cartier were showing off their new creations. The fair, which runs until Sunday with the	weekend open to the public, kicked off after two years of record gains for Swiss watchmakers. Exports soared by	31.2 per cent in 2021, after a strong rebound in sales in the United States and the Middle East. — AFP
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Former Olympic, world champion Murata confirms retirement



Ryota Murata, the first Japanese boxer to win both an Olympic and professional world championship, smiles at a press conference in Tokyo on 28 March 2023 in which he announced his retirement. **PHOTO: KYODO**

RYOTA Murata, the first Japanese boxer to win both Olympic gold and a professional world championship, confirmed Tuesday

that he was hanging up his gloves “with no regrets”.

“It took me a long time to make the decision, but I couldn’t find anything more I wanted out of boxing,” the 37-year-old said at a press conference in Tokyo.

Murata signalled his retirement following his ninth-round technical knockout loss to Kazakh star Gennadiy Golovkin in their April 2022 middleweight title unification bout.

“I think that’s the last time for me,” Murata said following that bout at Saitama Super Arena.

Murata won Japan’s first Olympic boxing gold in 48 years when he was crowned men’s middleweight champion at the 2012 London Games. — Kyodo

Rybakina, Sabalenka march on in Miami, Pegula progresses

ELENA Rybakina extended her winning streak to 11 matches as she booked her place in the Miami Open quarter-finals with a 6-4, 6-3 win over Belgium’s Elise Mertens on Monday while world number two Aryna Sabalenka powered past Barbora Krejčíková in straight sets.

But there was agony for Canadian former US Open winner

Bianca Andreescu, who had to be wheelchaired off court after suffering a left ankle injury and retiring against Ekaterina Alexandrova. Rybakina is looking to complete the “Sunshine Double” after her triumph in Indian Wells, but she was far from euphoric after her victory. “Physically I’m not the freshest, but I’m happy that I’m managing and finding

my way. To be in a quarter-final is great and hopefully I’m going to play better,” she said.

The Kazakh allowed Mertens to break in the sixth game of the first set but then two double faults from the Belgian allowed Rybakina to swiftly break back and then she struck again to take the opening set. — AFP

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council: Twelve 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 prioritize 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.
- (d) To ensure peace, stability, rule of law, and the safe and smooth functioning of transport networks across the Union.

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance development based on agriculture and livestock using modern production techniques and to 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 assure support for the sustainability of Micro-, Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) that prioritize import substitution, export production, and the use of domestically produced raw materials, in order to increase domestic production and generate employment opportunities.
- (d) To advance the socioeconomic life of the people, in order to ensure the country’s prosperity and food security.

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 people and preserve and safeguard their faiths, beliefs, culture, and characteristics of patriotic nationalism.
- (c) To strengthen basic health care in order to achieve the emergence of a health system that enhances the longevity and health of the entire nation.
- (d) To comprehensively promote the education sector to make it capable of producing the human resources necessary for building a modern, developed, and progressive democratic nation.

Mbappe relaxed over topping Platini’s France goal total

KYLIAN Mbappe will try to put thoughts of surpassing France great Michel Platini’s international goal-scoring tally to one side when he faces the Republic of Ireland in a Euro 2024 qualifier.

The 24-year-old Paris Saint-Germain star is set to captain Didier Deschamps’ men in Dublin on Monday, having scored two goals in Friday’s comprehensive 4-0 defeat of the Netherlands.

Those goals followed Mbappe’s hat-trick in an agonizing World Cup final loss to Argentina in December.

Mbappe has now scored 38 international goals, just three fewer than playmaker Platini, but still some way short of Olivier Giroud’s all-time France record of 53 goals. “For me, it’s an honour to be at this stage,” Mbappe told a pre-match press conference on Sunday. “That’s my next target and I’ll keep going. It might be tomorrow, it might not.

“Obviously Michel Platini is a legend of French football, but I’ll get past that mark at some point.”

France coach Deschamps, who appointed

Mbappe captain in succession to the long-serving Hugo Lloris, was confident, however, his new skipper would put the team’s needs ahead of any personal aims.

“That’s Kylian, he’s full of ambitions, always setting himself new objectives, new goals,” said Deschamps. “But the group, the collective, comes first. He’s gone past people quickly, but his motivation is to keep going.” — AFP

France’s striker Kylian Mbappe (2L), France’s striker Moussa Diaby (L), France’s striker Antoine Griezmann (2R) and France’s defender Ibrahima Konate (R) applaud fans on the final whistle in the UEFA Euro 2024 group B qualification football match between Republic of Ireland and France at Aviva Stadium in Dublin, Ireland on 27 March 2023. France won the game 1-0. **PHOTO: AFP**

