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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.

If agricultural measures can be reformed, State economy will skyrocket: Senior General

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views the agricultural products displayed by the Department of Agricultural Research in Nay Pyi Taw on 10 May 2023.

IF agricultural measures can be reformed, it is believed that the State economy will skyrocket. Hence, it is necessary to focus the discussion on boosting the agricultural capability to boom the State economy, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the agricultural capacity enhancement meeting at the Department of Agricultural Research in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday afternoon.

Need to openly report on requirements of agricultural development

In his opening speech, the Senior General urged all attendees to openly report on requirements in agricultural development tasks. Those attending the meeting are professionals in the relevant sectors. Hence, priority is given to the improvement of the agricultural sector to boost the State economy.

If agricultural tasks are successfully improved, the lives of rural people will remarkably develop

According to the 2019 census, some 45 per cent of the rural people are related to the agriculture and livestock businesses. Hence, if the farming industry develops, the lives of rural people will remarkably improve.

An increase of double cropping capacity will help raise the income of the State

The country places monsoon paddy on 15 million acres of farmlands. In 2022, there were 14.9 million acres of monsoon paddy, 13.175 million acres of which are farmlands, 600,000 acres of land are croplands and 190,000 acres are hillside farmlands.

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Announcement

10 May 2023

1. THOSE who want to establish a political party are applying to the Union Election Commission stating the name of the party they want to establish. Out of the 13 groups that applied for establishment, five political parties have been allowed to establish.
2. Among the remaining eight parties to be allowed to be established, it was found that Wunthanu Party does not comply with the provisions of Section 6 of the Political Parties Registration Law, according to the verification responses of the relevant ministries on that party. It is hereby announced that the Union Election Commission has today rejected that party's application for the establishment of a party in form (c) of the Political Parties Registration Rule and that the other groups that have applied for the establishment are also being scrutinized.

Union Election Commission

Public Notice for Submitting Objection

1. UNDER Section 5 of the Political Parties Registration Law, Federal Democratic Party, with its headquarters located at No 731, Padethayaza Street, Ywama (North) Ward, Gyobingauk Township, Bago Region, submitted to the Union Election Commission on 9-5-2023 that the party's name, flag and emblem will be used as described below.
2. Therefore, those who want to object to the mentioned party name, flag and emblem that will be used by the Federal Democratic Party can object to the Union Election Commission with valid evidence within seven days from the date of this announcement. It is announced to the public under Rule 14 (d) of the Registration of Political Parties.

Flag of Federal Democratic Party

Emblem of Federal Democratic Party

Union Election Commission

Those from organizations with various titles including PDFs in armed struggle line invited to return to legal fold

9 May 2023

1. The State Administration Council is discharging the State responsibilities under the Constitution (2008) of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar while implementing the Five-Point Road Map and 12 Objectives to build a Union based on genuine, disciplined democracy and federalism. Meanwhile, as those wishing to politically indoctrinate the people and make attempts to cause the utter devastation of the State unlawfully formed the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (CRPH), the National Unity Government (NUG) and their subordinate People's Defence Forces (PDFs) and committed armed terror acts, the government declared them as the terrorist groups under the Counter-Terrorism Law.
2. These terrorist groups persuaded innocent people to join the terror organizations with indoctrination based on frightening, sending them to the areas of ethnic armed organizations for attending the explosives courses and participate in the ethnic armed organizations to commit murders in terrorist acts and attacks. A large number of Buddhist monks, State service personnel and innocent people lost their lives in the terror attacks. These terror acts hindered the development of the nation.
3. As the strength of the nation lies within, the nation will reach its goal in a short time only when the development of the nation and construction of the Union based on genuine, disciplined democracy and federalism can be carried out with concerted efforts of the people through might and main. Hence, now is the time to make cooperative efforts to build the State by struggling free from the indoctrination of those who attempt to cause utter devastation to the country, and those involved in terrorist groups including PDF for various reasons and illegal organizations are invited to return to the legal fold for participation in the nation-building tasks. If those who returned to the legal fold committed crimes such as murder, rape and harming others, they would face trials at the court under the law and the government would ease any restrictions over them depending on their crimes under the law.
4. If they return to the legal fold, necessary assistance will go to them, and cash awards will be given to those who bring arms and ammunition as follows:-
   (a) K5 million per gun from the rifle types
   (b) K2 million per gun from pistol types
   (c) K3 million per shotgun
   (d) K7.5 million per mortar, launcher, RPG
   (e) K500,000 per homemade shotgun, homemade mortar, homemade gun
   (f) K300,000 per homemade mine and grenades
   (g) K200,000 per other equipment except for arms and munitions, (e.g., walkie-talkie)
   (h) K5 million per drone which can be used in bombing
5. As such, those wishing to return to the legal fold are invited and urged to contact district and township administration bodies, military camps and police stations.2

State Administration Council
Information Team

Notice on licence applications for illegally owned arms and munitions

9 May 2023

1. It is learnt that people illegally carry arms and munitions for their concerns about personal security due to the lethal attacks of terrorists on innocent people today. Although the original intention is for personal security, one's mind can change at any time when in possession of arms and munitions. Moreover, it can cause firearm misuse for possessing illegally and it is not in conformity with the law. Therefore, the State Administration Council will manage to grant licences systematically as per the policy of carrying arms and munitions.
2. In applying for the licence to carry arms and munitions, applicants will not be asked how they get the gun, but they must apply for it together with the arms that they want to carry. Upon the applications, it will review as per the policy of carrying arms and munitions and licences will be granted to those who meet the specific requirements. Action will be taken against those who do not apply for licences together with arms and munitions during the fixed period.

State Administration Council
Information Team

Tatmadaw—guardian of the nation

The Tatmadaw will always be the guardian to the nation in any era or any time of a government.

(Excerpts from the discussion by State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at a meeting with officers, other ranks and family members of Myitkyina Station held on 13 December 2022)

If agricultural measures can be reformed, State economy ...

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the capacity strengthening meeting of the Department of Agricultural Research in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

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Monsoon paddy is grown on rainfed farmlands while other crops are cultivated in other lands to raise the double cropping capacity. This year, summer paddy was grown on some 1.8 million acres of monsoon paddy fields. Various crops were cultivated on 7.473 million acres of farmlands among 13.175 acres of cultivable lands. So, the land on which monsoon paddy alone was cultivated is 5.73 million acres of land.

So far, more than 5.7 million acres of land are not placed under any crops in regions and states. Last year, monsoon paddy yielded 72.64 baskets of paddy per acre. If income from the agricultural sector increases, demand and supply will rise, benefiting the State.

Efforts to be made for an increase of cotton sown acreage to ensure the sufficiency of clothing

In 2022, the country cultivated 450,000 acres of cotton plantations and more than 800,000 acres in 2011. It is necessary to encourage the successful cultivation of cotton in order to ensure the sufficiency of clothing for the people. Textile factories and garment factories must be established for the production of quality threads.

Needs to meet the target for local sufficiency of cooking oil

If groundnut, sesame, sunflower and Niger can be grown to meet the target, oil sufficiency will exceed 200 per cent without palm oil. It is necessary to produce healthy oil for consumers. Hence, an emphasis must be placed on the cultivation of oil crops and the increase of per-acre yield.

A sufficient supply of agricultural water

River water can be efficiently utilized to feed the agricultural water to the farmlands through ways and means. If agricultural water is supplied to farmlands, agricultural tasks will have achievements. If agricultural tasks can be reformed, the State economy will skyrocket.

Reports in respective sectors

SAC member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister Admiral Tin Aung San reported on plans to sufficiently supply water to raise agricultural capacity in regions and states including Nay Pyi Taw. Other Union ministers also presented reports on efforts being made for enhancement of agricultural capacity with supply of electricity, and manufacturing of fertilizers.

Officials also explained research for oil palm and rubber cultivation and production, construction of temporary dams and embankments, farmland reform process, and human resources for raising the agricultural capacity.

Supplementary instructions over reports

In his instructions, the Senior General called for implementing mechanized farming for the development of human resources to operate agricultural tasks. He stressed the need to supervise the prevention of the loss of farmlands and the use of farmlands in other ways. Policies must be adopted for underground water tapping. Water must be efficiently utilized through proper water supply systems.

The Senior General stressed the need to manufacture agricultural machinery at home in implementing mechanized farming.

In conclusion, the Senior General said that farmland preparation is crucial for the agricultural sector. Creeks and drains should be dammed to irrigate farmlands. As Myanmar is endowed with sound foundations, it can strive for gaining success in agricultural tasks. A larger volume of agricultural produce can earn income from export for a booming State economy.

Later, the Senior General viewed paddy, pulses and beans, maize, sunflower, edible crops, kitchen crops and honey produced by the Department of Agricultural Research through research works and gave necessary guidance. — MNA/TTA

254 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 10 May, total figure registers 636,642

MYANMAR'S COVID-19-positive cases rose to **636,642** after **254** new cases were reported on 9 May 2023 according to the Ministry of Health.

Therefore, a total of **10,473,313** laboratory samples were examined and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached **636,642**. The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **615,514** including **126** new recoveries. The death toll from COVID-19 in the country reached **19,493** on 10-5-2023 with **one casualty** reported from the pandemic. — GNLM

Saudi Arabian Ambassador calls on MoFA Union Minister

U Than Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr Saud bin Abdullah Al Subaie, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar yesterday at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the call, they cordially exchanged views on matters pertaining to the strengthening of existing friendly bilateral ties between Myanmar and Saudi Arabia, expanding mutually beneficial cooperation including investment and trade sectors as well as closer collaboration both in the regional and international arena. — MNA

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Saudi Arabian Ambassador calls on MoIC Union Minister

U Ko Ko Hlaing, Union Minister for International Cooperation of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr Saud bin Abdullah Al Subaie, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar yesterday at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on matters pertaining to further enhancement of the existing friendly relations between Myanmar and Saudi Arabia, and the expansion of bilateral cooperation including in the trade and investment sectors as well as on continued collaboration between the two countries in regional and multilateral fora on the basis of mutual understanding and support. — MNA

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee
Statement

9 May 2023

1. With regard to the Statement issued by the 17th KNU-Karen National Union Congress on 5 May 2023, Paragraph (2) stated "coup d'état of the military together with the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent challenges"; Paragraph (5) stipulated fighting against the chauvinism and military dictatorship, establishment of a federal democratic system, ensuring national equality Karen nationals deserve, and enjoying the rights of self-administration; and Paragraph (6) described "emergence of a federal democratic Union after fighting against chauvinism and military dictatorship, national equality and self-administration".
2. As the government signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA together with eight ethnic armed organizations on 15 October 2015 with the witnesses of the United Nations, the European Union, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of India, Japan and the Kingdom of Thailand in order to restore the durable and perpetual peace, KNU also signed the NCA.
3. The State Administration Council declared the State of Emergency in accord with the Constitution (2008) and unavoidably and temporarily controlled the State as voting frauds in the 2020 election were not solved and attempts were made to grab the State power. The Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council clearly mentions "Priority will be accorded to work aligned with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA in order to achieve enduring peace for the entire nation" and "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 the democratic standards". Moreover, it repeatedly mentioned that if the country is stable, the election will be held, and State power will be handed over to the winning civilian government.
4. The statement of KNU on the coup d'état of the military, the emergence of a federal democratic Union by fighting against chauvinism and military dictatorship, and its plan to cooperate with ethnic revolution forces, democratic forces and all strata of the people who pledged to enjoy democracy, national equality and self-administration does not show the constructive attitude, is against the provisions of the NCA and leads to the confrontation.
5. Current instabilities are conflicts triggered by instigation and external interference based on party attachment and personal cult. As Paragraph (1) (a) of the NCA shows agreements to build the Union based on democracy and federalism in accord with the results of political dialogues with full guarantees of democracy, national equality and rights of self-administration based on liberty, equality and justice, the armed struggle line based on the confrontation derails from the democratic system but leads to the terrorism. So, it causes hindrances to building the Union based on multiparty democratic and federal systems the entire ethnic national people aspire to as well as tremendous difficulties for the ethnics and the entire people who wish to enjoy internal peace, stability and development.
6. Currently, the government has talked about the peace process together with 10 ethnic armed organizations by inviting all ethnic armed organizations to seek solutions through dialogue. Good results and common agreements on peace and development have come out, and peace talks is open to all ethnic armed organizations up to now.
7. As such, the statement is hereby issued that the way of talks in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) only can help restore durable and perpetual peace, and it will be the correct way for the stability of the State, development, ethnic unity and national solidarity.

National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee

MoIC Union Minister holds talks with FCCJ ex-president

Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing receives Mr Khaldon Azhari, FCCJ ex-president, yesterday.

UNION Minister for International Cooperation U Ko Ko Hlaing received former president of Foreign Correspondent Club of Japan (FCCJ) Mr Khaldon Azhari at the Parlour of the Minister's office, Ministry of International Cooperation, yesterday evening.

At the call, they cordially discussed endeavours of the Myanmar's Government for ensuring peace and stability and development of the country and matters related to international media. — MNA

MoC Union Minister receives FCCJ ex-president

UNION Minister for Commerce U Aung Naing Oo received the delegation led by Mr Khaldon Azhari, former president of the Foreign Correspondent Club of Japan-FCCJ, yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

The Union minister explained to the guest the trading status of Myanmar, Middle-East marketing issues, matters on economy and investment, and areas of cooperation.

The meeting was attended by the permanent secretary of the Ministry of commerce, the director-general of the Department of Intellectual Property, the deputy permanent secretary, and responsible officials. — MNA/TS

Union Minister U Aung Naing Oo receives FCCJ former president Mr Khaldon Azhari yesterday.

NDMWC holds coordination meetings for swift, efficient storm response

Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine chairs the coordination meeting of the National Disaster Management Working Committee in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

IN order to ensure prompt and effective emergency response measures for the approaching storm, it is imperative that the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) and the Regional/State Disaster Management Teams establish timely communication and convene a coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement yesterday afternoon.

The Chair of National Disaster Management Working Committee Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the deputy minister, Nay Pyi Taw Council member 1, ministers for security and border affairs of region/state governments and officials from the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) attended the meeting.

First, Chair of the National Disaster Management Working Committee Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine said that, according to the official announcement made at 11:30 am yesterday, the current storm has intensified into a severe low-pressure system and is projected to develop into an extremely potent cyclone by the morning of 12 May. In light of this, an emergency meeting on the National Disaster Management Working Committee was convened on 6 May, during which emergency response measures were established.

Subsequently, the Union minister detailed the actions pertaining to the 19 resolutions adopted during the emergency meeting of the National Committee on 6 May, 15 resolutions on 8 May, and 17 resolutions on 9 May.

Then, Disaster Management Centre Secretary Colonel Soe Myint Aung from office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) explained the communication between DMC and regions/states and the format of information collection.

Afterwards, members of the National Disaster Management Working Committee such as Nay Pyi Taw Council member 1 and the ministers of the Region/State Security and Border Affairs explained the opening of disaster risk management organization offices in Nay Pyi Taw Council and in regions/states, holding emergency meetings, planning for search and rescue operations and ensuring security, as well as pre-stocking emergency food supplies. — MNA/KZW

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MoI Union Minister welcomes MRTV's new staff, honour staff who participate in academy event

THE Myanma Radio and Television-MRTV held a ceremony to welcome new staff and honour MRTV staff who participated in the Myanmar film academy awards ceremony at the Auditorium of MRTV in Tatkon of Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

First, the MRTV staff performed the "True Beauty of Diamond Jubilee, Forever MRTV" song.

Then, Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn said the ministry is running as state-owned media and the MRTV is on its way to a standard media level that broadcasts state-level ceremonies, provides MCs for events and entertainment programmes and it is better than before. The new staff are welcomed and a large number of staff is required to implement the missions of the country's media. The staff also should follow the rules and regulations and serve their duties with strenuous efforts.

Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn speaks on the fresher welcome occasion, honouring staff who participate in academy event, yesterday.

The Myanmar film academy awards ceremony was held successfully and it is a sign of the collective efforts of staff from the ministry.

The ministry tries hard to be an active and modern centre and the staff should be proud of working as staff of MRTV that has high dignity for being state-owned media. Therefore, individuals should make efforts to promote the dignity of the department and country with their skills.

Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn gave certificates of honour and cash prizes for those who took part in the Myanmar film academy awards ceremony to MRTV Director-General U Ye Naing and Deputy Director-General U Win Thu.

The MRTV staff then entertained with opera and dance.

The Union minister and party had a documentary photo taken and gave cash prizes to the performers.

The Union minister and party inspected the Training Room and had lunch with staff and new staff at the office canteen.

The Union minister then observed the news broadcasting programmes at News Channel Studio, Aircon Chiller installation and staff housing of MRTV.

The capacity building training for 132 new staff will be conducted from 8 to 12 May and they will be given tectures on organizational set-up, objectives and work processes of Ministry of Information, MRTV, broadcasting programmes, civil service law, rules and ethics to be trained by Union Civil Service Board. — MNA/KTZH

FSD performs preventive activities for storm disasters in various regions, states

THE Fire Services Department under the Ministry of Home Affairs is accelerating preventive activities for relief, rescue and first-aid operations in the event of a storm in various regions and states.

Preventive activities such as rehearsal exercises are being conducted at fire brigades in Paukkhaung, Paungde, Thaegon, and Shwedaung townships in Bago Region, Kyaikto, Kyaikmaraw, Chaungzon, Bilin, Mawlamyine, Mudon, Ye, and Thanbyuzayat in Mon State, Palaw, Bokpyin, Launglon, and Thayetchaung townships in Tanintharyi Region, Kyaukpyu and Sittway townships in Rakhine State, Dagon Myothit (East) and Shwepyitha townships in Yangon Region, and Myanaung and Ingapu townships in Ayeyawady Region. People in the respective townships, districts, regions, and states are being informed about the potential storm in order to be able to prevent damage that can be caused by it. — MNA/CT

Bago Region

Yangon Region

Yangon Region, South District

Illegal timbers, industrial materials, foodstuffs, consumer goods and vehicles seized

ON 8 May, the Myawady district Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force conducted a surprise check on a warehouse in Myawady township and seized 80 cartons of soyabean oil worth K4.48 million and 2,400 cans of C-Vit drink worth K960,000 without official documents and confiscated 35 Cannon G3010 colour printers worth K5.25 million without official documents from a Toyota Voxy car (approximately K10 million) near Myaynigon traffic light on Asia highway road in Myawady township. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

In addition, a mobile on-duty team captured four kinds of goods, including 1,100 kilogrammes of auto doors worth K20,092,255 that exceeded the Import Declaration (ID) from a Nissan Diesel tractor head and a trailer (estimated value of K50 million) heading to Yangon near the tollgate on Myawady-Hpa-an-Yangon Road in Phayagyi township. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

On 9 May, a combined team led by Pathein District Forest Department captured a total of 0.81 tonne of illegal wood worth K405,350 in Nyaungdon township. The action was taken under the Forest Law. Similarly, a total of 0.782 tonne of illegal teak, 0.816 tonne of illegal hardwood and 3.952 tonnes of other illegal timber worth K935,410 were seized in Thayawady district on 9 and 10 May. The action was taken under the Forest Law. Therefore, 10 arrests (estimated value of K92,123,015) were made on three consecutive days from 8 to 10 May, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS

Myanmar Navy Chief joins 17th ASEAN Navy Chiefs' Meeting online

THE delegation led by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Moe Aung joined the 17th ASEAN Navy Chiefs' Meeting (17th ANCM) hosted by the Philippine Navy via videoconferencing yesterday.

First, the Philippine Navy Vice-Admiral Toribio Dulinayan Adaci Jr made an opening speech. Then, the Navy chiefs approved the meeting minutes of the 16th ANCM and the permanent joint secretary of ANCM briefed the regional maritime security.

The 17th ASEAN Navy Chiefs' Meeting in progress, joined online by Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Moe Aung yesterday.

The ASEAN Navy Chiefs exchanged views on the topic of Synergy at Sea: Regional Cohesion for Peace and Stability.

Admiral Moe Aung discussed the chances and challenges of ASEAN as it is a strategic location of sea trade, the role of ASEAN Centrality, effective uses of different advantages of ASEAN navies, trust building through cooperation while overcoming challenges, ASEAN to implement activities without external interference standing at Driving Role and promote the maritime peace and stability through cooperation respecting the sovereignty of the countries.

Then, the Navy Chiefs focused on the 9th ASEAN Navy Young Officers' Interaction (ANYOI) hosted by Brunei Navy in 2022, the 18th ASEAN Defence Ministers Meeting (ADMM) Plus Experts Working Group on Maritime Security and Tabletop Exercises 2023 hosted by Thai Navy and ASEAN Cadet Seminar and AESAN Cadet Sail and 10th ANYOI 2023 hosted by Indonesia Navy.

The Indonesia Navy discussed ANCM Road Map 2024-2032 while Alternate Conduct of ASEAN Multilateral Naval Exercises (AMNEX) and ANCM Guidelines for Maritime Interaction (GMI) Workshop and Draft by the Philippine Navy. They also discussed joint naval exercises to be conducted in 2023.

Then, they discussed the estimated timetable and video clips to hold the 18th ASEAN Navy Chiefs' Meeting-18th ANCM in Myanmar. — MNA/KTZH

Authorities inspect natural disaster prevention training, storage of rescue and support equipment

THE low-pressure area that is forming in the southeast of the Bay of Bengal and the adjacent Andaman Sea is gradually strengthening and may become a cyclone, and according to the forecasts, it can enter Myanmar. Emergency management exercises on rescue and rehabilitation tasks are currently being carried out in various regions and states to prepare for the potential natural disaster and ensure effective relief efforts and cooperation.

Military personnel practise rehearsal with members of the police, fire brigades, red cross, social rescue groups and locals at the Township stadium of Namseng, Mongpan, Mongnaung and Mongshu in Shan State (South) and basic education middle school in Sittway Township in Rakhine State.

In addition, in the event of a natural disaster, disaster relief teams are preparing in advance to be able to provide assistance and rescue operations, preparing storm protection buildings (Cyclone Shelter), and arrangements are being made to ensure that five types of food and drinking water are sufficient in the respective areas.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Zaw Hein and officials inspected the preparation for the natural disaster at People's Square in Dagon Township.

Furthermore, the coordination meeting of the Natural Disaster Management group in Chin State was held at the meeting hall of the Chin State Government office. Chin State Chief Minister Dr Wong Hsun Htan gave an opening speech and then fulfilled the requirements presented by the attendees. — MNA /KZW

Preparedness measures against potential storm ongoing in Rakhine, Chin and Shan states and Yangon Region (top above right photos).

OPINION

Take care of body dehydration in hot summer

WATER is essential in the human body. As a Myanmar proverb goes: thirst in the morning may harm life, and everybody suffering from dehydration should notice the danger to life. Hence, everybody needs to take care of losing hydration in their bodies to be healthy in daily life.

Generally, hotness in summer may cause dehydration in the human body. It is because humans lose hydration in various ways as moisture, through exhalation, sweat through movements of the body and hotness of the seasons and urine in a daily routine round the clock.

If so, anyone should supply water and juices involved in daily meals to the body without fail. As a daily routine, everybody consumes meals comprising fruits and juices intentionally or unintentionally. If anybody cannot supply the necessary meals to timely meet the demand of the body dehydration, the body will face a loss of hydration less than normal with some symptoms such as dryness in the mouth, lesser spittle, some problems in pains in passing urine, and exhaustion.

If the dehydrated body cannot be rehydrated for various reasons, those who suffer from dehydration may feel less activeness, a decline of concentration, lesser visual power, exhaustion and tiredness as a consequence of the dehydration. If so, drinking an adequate volume of water is the best treatment. That is why everybody needs to take into consideration prevention against loss of hydration in their bodies in the hot summer. Hence, they have to always check their health conditions on hotter days and how to treat themselves to overcome the challenges of dehydration.

Actually, those who lose hydration may early face quick ageing, thirst or dryness on lips, dryness in the mouth, lesser urine, dizzying, constipation, dryness in the skin, headache, muscle cramping and so on. As soon as they know some problems in their bodies, everybody needs to improve rehydration for overcoming health problems.

Living beings may face loss of hydration in the hot summer season. Not to cause so, everybody needs to drink water more than usual. Regularly, everybody should drink two litres of water a day. They have to gradually drink an appropriate volume of water depending on the needs of their bodies for some hours more than taking a large volume of water once. Hotter weather may cause a loss of hydration in the body. In consequence, the hydration percentage in the blood may be down. If so, the coagulation of blood exactly affects exhaustion to the heart which hardly pumps blood to the whole body more than the normal conditions.

If the dehydrated body cannot be rehydrated for various reasons, those who suffer from dehydration may feel less activeness, a decline of concentration, lesser visual power, exhaustion and tiredness as a consequence of the dehydration. If so, drinking an adequate volume of water is the best treatment. That is why everybody needs to take into consideration prevention against loss of hydration in their bodies in the hot summer. Hence, they have to always check their health conditions on hotter days and how to treat themselves to overcome the challenges of dehydration. ■

ARTICLE
WEATHER REPORT

Exercise as a cancer treatment

By Saya Norm

CANCER refers to a group of diseases characterized by the uncontrolledgrowth and spread of abnormal cells in the body. Normal cells in the body grow, divide, and die in an orderly manner, but cancer cells continue to grow and divide uncontrollably, often forming a mass of tissue called a tumour. Cancer can occur in almost any part of the body and spread through the bloodstream or lymphatic system.

Cancer can be dangerous for several reasons. One of the main reasons is that cancer cells can grow and multiply uncontrollably, invading and damaging nearby tissues and organs. As the cancer cells continue to divide, they can form tumours, which can put pressure on surrounding tissues and organs, and interfere with their normal function. Another reason for the danger is that it can spread to other parts of the body, they can form new tumours and damage healthy tissues and organs, often leading to serious complications and a poorer prognosis.

Cancer can be difficult to detect in its early stages, when it may be more treatable. Some types of cancer may not cause any symptoms until they have advanced, making it harder to treat them effectively. And also traditional cancer treatments such as chemotherapy or radiation can have serious side effects and complications. While these treatments can be effective in killing cancer cells, they can also damage healthy cells and tissues in the body, leading to a range of adverse effects such as fatigue, nausea and hair loss.

Although there are various cancer treatments, cancer cells can mutate and adapt to their environment, making them resistant to traditional treatments such as chemotherapy and radiation thus they can continue to grow and spread even in the presence of treatments. Another challenge is that it can have multiple genetic mutations that make it difficult to target with a single therapy. Besides, cancer is difficult to detect in its early stages making them difficult to treat and reducing the chances of a positive outcome.

According to the World Health Organization, there was an estimated 19.3 million new cases of cancer worldwide in 2020 and 10 million cancer deaths. This figure includes all types of cancer and all age groups. The number of cancer cases has been increasing globally over the past few decades due to population growth, ageing and changes in lifestyles and environmental factors.

Ongoing research and advances in cancer treatment are helping to improve outcomes for patients with cancer.

The relationship between exercise and cancer treatment also is a result of ongoing research. In the past, people undergoing cancer treatment were advised to rest, as it was believed that vigorous activity could make the disease grow and spread more quickly. However, science is now showing that the opposite is true - exercise actually helps the body suppress the growth of cancer cells. Rob Newton and his team at Edith Cowan University in Western Australia, exposed this phenomenon when they were working with prostate cancer patients.

In 2016 his team identified exercise influences the physiology of cancer cells. His most recent study involved nine patients with incurable, advanced prostate cancer. They each performed 34 minutes of high-intensity exercise on a stationary bike and their blood serum was collected before and after exercise After a single dose of exercise was found to contain higher levels of myokines and suppressed the growth of prostate cancer cells. However, a single high-intensity exercise session has only a temporary effect. Continued exercise over six months changes the chemical environment of the body and has an ongoing anti-cancer action. Exercise is not only useful for cancer treatment but also for prevention.

The most important thing is to change the mindset. Start from where you can. If you do believe that you can, it is really you who can.

-Physical exercise reduces cancer risks

The effect of exercise in reducing cancer risk is different in different kinds of cancer. Although no causal relationship between exercise and the risk of cancer has been shown, research does show that improvement in lifestyle can reduce the incidence of cancer. For example, the risk of cancer can be reduced by exercising at least 3-5 hours per week. Women are also benefited from appropriate high-intensity activities, such as heavy housework and freehand exercises, which are considered to be effective in lowering the risk of breast cancer.

Research showed that people who exercise regularly experienced a decrease in breast cancer risk by 15-20 per cent, colorectal cancer risk by 24 per cent, gastric cancer risk by 19 per cent, oesophagal cancer risk by 21 per cent and kidney cancer risk by 23 per cent respectively. Obesity is one of the high-risk factors for endometrial cancer. Exercise reduces obesity and lessens the risk of endometrial cancer by 20 per cent in women with high levels of exercise. Even in smokers, regular exercise had a lower risk of lung cancer. Other cancers such as blood, pancreas, ovary, thyroid and liver have only limited evidence that exercise reduces cancer risk.

- Physical exercise is beneficial for cancer treatment

Cancer treatments such as chemotherapy and targeted therapy can produce fatigue, cognitive decline, depression, bone mass and muscle mass reduction, cardiac toxicity and other adverse reactions. Those reactions may lead to poor quality of life and poor treatment effects, which makes in adherence or intolerance of the treatment which also affects the survival period. However, maintenance of physical activity can prevent some treatment-related adverse reactions.

The effect is evident in Rob Newton's research. His work focused on the impact of the body's muscles. About 10 years ago, it was discovered that the muscular system is an endocrine organ. It is the largest endocrine organ in the body. Lots of chemicals come out of the muscles, and they are very powerful signalling molecules that control and regulate every other system in the body.

When exercise is taken, muscles produce proteins called myokines that are released into the bloodstream. These myokines are capable of both suppressing cancer tumour growth and leading the charge against cancer cells

- Exercise enhances the curative effects of cancer treatment.

Exercise not only reduces the toxic side effects of traditional cancer treatments such as surgery, radiotherapy, chemotherapy and targeted chemotherapy, but also improves the therapeutic effects of these treatments.

Sports training improves postoperative weakness thus reducing complications and hospital stay days. Physical exercise together with traditional cancer treatment can play a role in inhibiting cancer cell growth by improving the cancer microenvironment, including increasing blood flow perfusion, promoting the formation of normal blood vessels and activating immune cells in the body.

- Exercise improves cancer prognosis

Survival rates for breast, prostate and colorectal cancers may be improved through moderate exercise but no strong positive correlation between exercise and survival rates for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, gastric and other cancers is not solid yet. It doesn't mean exercise is not beneficial for those cancers. Anybody with any cancer type should perform the exercise most days, if not every day, to maintain a chemical environment within the body that is more hostile to cancer cells.

There's been a huge emphasis on aerobic exercise, but research found combo exercises of aerobic and resistance are better. The muscular system is important and resistance training multiple times a week is essential to maintain health. For cancer patients undergoing gruelling treatments, vigorous exercise can be very difficult. That is why they should have a consultation with an accredited exercise physiologist or well-experienced personnel trainer to have their health and fitness assessed and get a tailored exercise prescription. For beginners who are difficult to see such an exercise guide professional, I'd like to advise chair yoga exercises first. Those are light, short-time exercises with deep breathing and suitable for any fitness state. You can find them online using the search word 'chair yoga '.

The most important thing is to change the mindset. Start from where you can. If you do believe that you can, it is really you who can. ■

Deep Depression Warning, No. 5, 2023

10th May, 2023 19:00 MST Today

Deep Depression Condition

According to the observations at (17:30)hrs M.S.T today, the deep depression over Southeast Bay of Bengal has moved North-Northwestwards and centred at about (395) Nautical miles Southwest of CoCo Island, (520) Nautical miles Southwest of Hainggyigyun, (695) Nautical miles South- Southwest of Sittway, (350) Nautical miles West-Northwest of Nicobar Islands (India), (290) Nautical miles Southwest of Port Blair (India) and (730) Nautical miles South-Southwest of Cox's Bazar (Bangladesh).

It is moving towards Bangladesh-Myanmar Coasts, the present stage of the deep depression is coded orange stage.

Position of deep depression, centre pressure and wind

Deep depression is located at Latitude (9.5) degree North and Longitude (88.3) degree East, centre pressure of deep depression is (1000) hPa and maximum wind speed near the centre is (35-40) miles per hour at (17:30)hrs MST today.

During next (4) days forecast

It is likely to move North- Northwestwards and intensify into a Cyclonic Storm during next (6) hours, a Severe Cyclonic Storm around (11.5.2023) morning and recurve gradually North-North-eastwards and intensify into a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm over Southeast Bay of Bengal and adjoining Central Bay of Bengal around (12.5.2023) morning. It is likely to weaken slightly around (13.5.2023) evening and it is forecast to cross Southeast Bangladesh and Northern Rakhine Coast between Cox's Bazar (Bangladesh) and Kyaukpyu (Myanmar) around (14.5.2023).

General caution

Due to the deep depression, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin, Mon States with regionally heavyfalls in Lower Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, and Taninthayi Regions and Rakhine, Kayin, and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay Regions and Kachin, Northern Shan States from (11.5.2023) to (15.5.2023).

Squalls with rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) m.p.h from tonight to (11.5.2023). From (12.5.2023) to (14.5.2023), frequently squalls with rough to very rough seas will be experienced in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (70-80) m.p.h and occassional squalls with rough seas will be experienced in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) m.p.h.

Advisory

Under the influence of the Cyclonic Storm, people should be awared of strong wind, heavy rain, flash flood and landslide in the hilly areas and near small rivers and also domestic flight, trawlers, vessels and ships off and along Myanmar Coasts. Therefore, people should watch the forecasts of The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology and make the necessary preparations.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

The Patthana recitation is being conducted in the area of NannOo Pagoda.

Patthana recitation conducted at Botahtaung Pagoda to be free from natural disasters

THE Patthana recitation ceremony was held in the area of the NannOo Pagoda on the square of the Botahtaung Kyaikdeatt Pagoda in Yangon at 9 am on 10 May.

The ceremony was opened with a three-time recitation of Namo Tassa, and the Sayadaw of the Padamyar Monastery and the Sayadaw of the Saytiyaparla Monastery in Botahtaung Township respectfully invited the celestial beings by reciting verses. The congregation received the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw of the Ponnya Thukha Monastery afterwards.

Then, the Sayadaw of the Datmee Monastery in Botahtaung Township, Yangon, recited a verse of exhortation to recite Patthana. Finally, the Sayadaw and the congregation recited Patthana to be free from natural disasters. — Htun Htun/CT

Over 140 Myanmar workers sent to S Korea under EPS

A total of 149 Myanmar workers were despatched to the Republic of Korea through the Employment Permit System (EPS), the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul stated on 9 May.

The labour attaché of the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul welcomed them at Incheon Airport when they arrived at Incheon Airport from Yangon International Airport and the labour attaché provided them with what they needed.

A total of 193 Myanmar workers were sent in January, 200 in February, 253 in March and 150 in April.

Those who want to work in Korea must be between the ages of 18 and 39, need to have a passport and attend a Korean language course for the language proficiency test. And they also need to pass the health test and must not be those who are banned from travelling abroad.

More than 210,000 workers have been despatched to foreign countries with OWIC cards within two years. — TWA/MKKS

Myanmar workers despatched to South Korea under EPS are seen at Incheon Airport.

MIC warns not to manipulate basic foodstuffs, medicine prices

MYANMAR Investment Commission (MIC) released a statement to investors and companies not to manipulate the prices of basic foodstuffs and medicines based on the weather forecast.

It also urged to make preparations to prevent shortage of products in the market and participate in public rescue work.

Investors and companies running with approvals or permissions of MIC or approvals of region/state investment committees should make disaster preventive measures and preparations to evacuate the staff, their families and office materials to safe places, the statement said.

According to observations at 5:30 pm on 10 May, the Deep Depression over southeast Bay of Bengal has moved northwestward. It is centred at about 395 nautical miles southwest of Cocokyun, 520 nautical miles southwest of Hainggyikyun, 695 nautical miles south-southwest of Sittway, 350 nautical miles west-northwest of Nicobar Islands (India), 290 nautical miles southwest of Port-Blair (India) and 730 nautical miles south-southwest of Cox's Bazaar (Bangladesh). The Deep Depression is moving towards Bangladesh-Myanmar Coasts, the present stage of the depression is coded orange stage. – TWA/KTZH

The office building of the Myanmar Investment Commission.

MoIP to hire international consultant to carry out census

Door-to-door collection for the census is seen being conducted in 2014.

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Immigration and Population (MoIP), an international consultant will be employed to take the census.

Designing software and a Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) system will be implemented to collect the data of the national census nationwide with a mobile tablet on 2 October 2024.

For these activities, the international consultant has to draw up a detailed plan to carry out the work, provide technical advice, provide training, develop programmes, and build systems.

Therefore, an international consultant experienced in census work will be evaluated and selected. Interested international consultants can obtain the business guidelines on the website www.dop.gov.mm from 5 to 31 May, and submit proposals to the Department of Population under MoIP, located at Office No 48 in Nay Pyi Taw, in person (or by email) via pop.dept.mm@gmail.com by 31 May.

To carry out the work of creating maps and enumeration plots by using Geographic Information System (GIS) technology, which is a current preparatory work of the census, the nationwide collection of location points of wards and villages has been 84 per cent completed, said Chairman of the Central Census Committee Deputy Minister U Htay Hlaing in early May. — TWA/CT

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.

LOCAL BUSINESS

Myanmar-Thailand border trade crosses US$390 mln in April 2023-2024

MYANMAR'S border trade with the neighbouring country, Thailand, totalled US$393.233 million in April during the current financial year 2023-2024.

The figures surged from $329.046 million recorded in the year-ago period, showing a significant increase of $64.187 million.

Myanmar carries out cross-border trade with Thailand via Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Hteekhee and Mawtaung borders. Among them, the Hteekhee border performed the largest trade worth $273.366 million last month.

The trade values stood at $97.113 million at Myawady border post, $12.986 million at Tachilek, $7.189 million at Myeik, $2.491 million at Kawthoung and $0.088 million at Mawtaung.

Myanmar conducts border trade with the neighbouring countries China, Thailand, Bangladesh and India. It exports agricultural products, livestock products, fisheries, minerals, forest products, finished industrial goods and other goods, while it brings in capital goods, intermediate goods, consumer goods and raw materials by the CMP enterprises.

Thailand's demand for Myanmar's kitchen groceries (onion, rice powder, chilli pepper) has risen as it resumed the tourism businesses in the post-COVID period and the restaurants and food businesses widely used them.

Fishery products are directly sent to Bangkok, Thailand through Maesot. The fast and fresh delivery service is the priority. There is a timely transport arrangement for perishable green items like onions, chilli pepper and cabbage at the border.

The Myanmar-Thailand border is seen being crowded with vehicles and people.

The cloth roll, construction materials, industrial raw materials, pharmaceuticals, motorcycle parts, footwear, clothes, fruits, food products, cosmetics, gas, lubricants, household goods, feedstuff, bicycles, stationery, auto parts, tiles, feedstuff, fertilizer and electronic devices are imported. — NN/EM

MIC calls on investors to join in rescue operations for emergency

MYANMAR Investment Commission asked the investors to coordinate disaster preparedness and response, and rescue operations, following the cyclone Mocha warning.

As per the weather forecast of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology in the evening of 7 May, a low-pressure area was likely to form over the southeast Bay of Bengal on 8 May and then, it might intensify into a Cyclonic Storm over the Central Bay of Bengal and adjoining North Andaman Sea on 10 May. It may trigger isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers in Rakhine State, Yangon Region and Ayeyawady Region between 13 and 15 May.

Those investors of the enterprises permitted by the Myanmar Investment Commission or endorsed by the respective region and state investment committees are encouraged to draw disaster management action plans for the staff and their families and prepare industrial buildings for the cyclone hazards to mitigate the damage to property and equipment, the MIC notified.

Furthermore, the investors are urged to control the possible price increase in staple food and pharmaceuticals and ensure effective management to avoid a shortage of supplies in the market as the negative consequences of the cyclone, MIC requested. — NN/EM

Prices of fuel oil, gold and dollar on 10 May 2023

Fuel Oil Price (Yangon)

Octane 92	K1,900
Octane 95	K1,995
Diesel	K1,880
Premium Diesel	K1,960

All of the prices are based on per litre.

Gold Price

The reference price of high-purity gold set by YGEA	K2,392,700 per tical
High-purity gold in the gold market	K3,007,000 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

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ECONOMY
WORLD

Chinese chipmaker plans Shanghai listing after swerving US export curbs: report

A top Chinese chipmaker is moving forward with a stock listing in Shanghai after receiving assurances that its suppliers in the United States will not be affected by export curbs imposed on Beijing, a report said Wednesday.

American manufacturers of tools for making semiconductors have informed ChangXin Memory Technologies (CXMT) that they will be able to supply the firm's new production lines, according to the Financial Times, citing three people with direct knowledge of the matter.

Washington last year brought in new export controls in an effort to limit the ability of Chinese entities to purchase and manufacture high-end chips with possible military applications.

China has sought self-reliance in the semiconductor industry in recent years and has criticised the restrictions as a bid to maintain American technological supremacy and contain Beijing's rise.

Many suppliers of chipmaking equipment severed ties with Chinese partners after the controls were introduced.

Established in 2016, CXMT is based in the eastern city of Hefei and is one of China's leading manufacturers of so-called DRAM memory chips.

The firm plans to steer clear of US curbs by using equipment that churns out more rudimentary chips, helping to shore up plans for a listing in Shanghai that will fund a "major expansion", the FT reported. —AFP

ChangXin Memory Technologies is one of China's leading manufacturers of DRAM memory chips. **PHOTO: CXMT**

Japan's March real wages fall for 12th month amid inflation

JAPAN'S real wages fell 2.9 percent in March from a year earlier, declining for the 12th straight month, affected by rising inflation that led to households tightening their purse strings, government data showed Tuesday.

The drop in inflation-adjusted wages comes as higher food, energy and other prices impacted by Russia's war in Ukraine have outpaced pay hikes. The government of Prime Minister Fumio Kishida has called on businesses to raise wages in line with inflation and help sustain the economy.

Nominal wages, or the average total cash earnings per worker including base and overtime pay, rose 0.8 per cent to 291,081 yen ($2,100), up for the 15th consecutive month, but with the pace of rise limited to less than one per cent for the third month in a row, according to the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

"We will see how wage hikes (recently agreed) in annual negotiations (between management and labor unions) will be reflected in data after April," a ministry official said.—Kyodo

Households grapple with intensifying cost-of-living pressures amid elevated inflation for items such as energy and food. **PHOTO: KYODO/ FILE**

Sri Lanka's creditors agree to coordinate over debt restructuring

JAPAN and other major creditors to Sri Lanka agreed Tuesday to coordinate over the South Asian nation's debt restructuring in their first talks under a new framework.

While China, Sri Lanka's biggest lender, was invited to join the framework, it took part as an observer, Masato Kanda, Japan's vice finance minister for international affairs, said after the meeting.

The meeting, co-chaired by Japan, India and France, came after the three announced the framework's launch in April after Sri Lanka defaulted last year.

At the inaugural meeting of senior officials from 27 nations, which include 19 creditors, Sri Lanka reaffirmed its commitment to ensuring debt transparency, Kanda said.—Kyodo

Zimbabwe's wildlife-rich UN heritage site eyed for oil

A pristine wildlife habitat in Zimbabwe designated as a World Heritage Site by the UN is being eyed for oil and gas exploration by a mining firm, official documents released Tuesday show.

Local company Shalom Mining has applied for a prospecting licence in the northern Mana Pools National Park, a tourist magnet near the Zambian border, according to a notice published in the government gazette.

"The applicant intends to prospect for petroleum oil and natural gas within the area," the notice says.

Mana Pools, a 6,766-square kilometre reserve famed for breath-taking landscape and rich fauna, is listed as a World Heritage Site by the United Nations' cultural agency (UNESCO).

The agency describes "great cliffs" that overhang the Zambezi River, and a reserve home to "a remarkable concentration of wild animals", including elephants, buffalo, leopards, cheetahs and Nile crocodiles.

Prospecting activities risk scaring away tourists and pushing wild animals into nearby villages, leading environmentalist Farai Maguwu told AFP. —AFP

Mana Pools National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage site which includes adjacent Sapi Reserve and and Chewore Parks Estate. **PHOTO: GLOBAL CONSERVATION/AFP**

LinkedIn closes China service, cuts over 700 jobs

SOCIAL networking firm LinkedIn announced Tuesday that it will close down its last service available in China, citing "fierce competition and a challenging macroeconomic climate".

Microsoft-owned LinkedIn was one of the few US technology companies to successfully operate a social media site in China, where the internet is heavily regulated and censored. The company had introduced a unique domestic version of the career networking platform operated locally in order to comply.

In 2021, new sign-ups for the LinkedIn app in mainland China were suspended by the firm, which referenced a "significantly more challenging operating environment and greater compliance requirements in China". Microsoft then replaced it with a simplified version called InCareer, which allowed local professionals to continue to find and apply for jobs as well as stay connected with their network. "After careful consideration, we've made the decision to discontinue InCareer effective 9 August 2023," the platform said in a statement on Tuesday.—AFP

Toyota logs 1st net profit fall in 4 yrs on higher material costs

Operating profit for the year ended March slid 9.0 per cent to 2.73 trillion yen, although the Japanese carmaker posted record sales of 37.15 trillion yen on robust vehicle sales and a weaker yen that bloats its overseas sales when repatriated. **PHOTO: KYODO**

TOYOTA Motor Corp said Wednesday its net profit fell 14.0 per cent in fiscal 2022 from the previous year to 2.45 trillion yen ($18 billion), the first decline in four years due to rising material costs. Operating profit for the year ended March slid 9.0 per cent to 2.73 trillion yen, although the Japanese carmaker posted record sales of 37.15 trillion yen on robust vehicle sales and a weaker yen that bloats its overseas sales when repatriated.

For the current business year through next March, Toyota expects net profit to increase 5.2 per cent to 2.58 trillion yen as it expects growth in production capacity. Operating profit is projected to rise 10.1 per cent to a record three trillion yen on sales of a record 38 trillion yen, up 2.3 per cent.—Kyodo

Boeing confident it will fulfil huge Ryanair order

BOEING'S CEO is "confident" the company will fulfil Ryanair's giant 737 MAX-10 order announced Tuesday despite lingering supply chain and regulatory questions, a view shared by the Irish carrier.

The two companies unveiled a massive agreement of 150 new planes, plus options of 150 more to be delivered between 2027 and 2033 in a deal worth more than $40 billion at list prices, which are customarily rebated for large orders.

In a joint interview with AFP, the leaders of the two companies described the financial terms as "win-win" following a complex negotiation.

When Boeing presented its longterm outlook last November, the American manufacturer anticipated the logistics difficulties that have dogged the industry during the pandemic "would improve themselves over the next two calendar years, 2023 and 24," said Boeing Chief Executive Officer Dave Calhoun.

"And that is what's been happening," he said.—AFP

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Saudi Arabia, Syria agree to restore diplomatic ties

A combination of pictures of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad (L) and Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. **PHOTO: AFP**

SYRIA'S President Bashar al-Assad cemented his return to the Arab fold Tuesday when leading Sunni power Saudi Arabia, which long supported Syria's opposition, said its diplomats would resume work in the country.

The restoration of diplomatic ties, later confirmed by Damascus, came more than a decade after Riyadh withdrew its representatives during Syria's civil war, and two days after the Arab League bloc ended Syria's years-long suspension.

The kingdom "has decided to resume the work of its diplomatic mission in Syria", Riyadh's foreign ministry said in a statement carried by the official Saudi Press Agency, saying it would seek to "develop joint Arab action".

Syria's SANA news agency also said "the Syrian Arab Republic has decided to resume the work of its diplomatic mission in Saudi Arabia," quoting a foreign ministry source.

Saudi Arabia will host the pan-Arab bloc's next summit on 19 May.

Assad had been politically isolated in the region since Syria's war began, but a flurry of diplomatic activity has been underway in past weeks after a decision by Saudi Arabia and Iran, a close ally of Damascus, to resume ties shifted the political landscape.

Three weeks ago Assad met in Damascus with Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan, the first such visit since the war broke out in 2011.

At that time, Assad and Prince Faisal discussed steps to "achieve a comprehensive political settlement that... contributes to Syria's return to the Arab fold," the Saudi foreign ministry said.

Saudi Arabia severed ties with Assad's government in 2012 and Riyadh had long openly championed Assad's ouster, backing Syrian rebels in earlier stages of the war.—AFP

Screen icons headed for blockbuster Cannes festival

HEROES and villains! Screen legends and scandal! Indiana Jones, Martin Scorsese and Johnny Depp! The script for the 76th Cannes Film Festival, which opens next Tuesday, suggests it will be a blockbuster.

Hollywood is descending en masse on the French Riviera for the world's leading film shindig, which runs from 16 to 27 May.

But it is striking that most of its big stars are icons who made their names in the 20th century.

Harrison Ford will receive a special homage when the 80-year-old's final outing as the whip-cracking archaeologist in "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny" gets its world premiere.

Martin Scorsese, also 80, will launch his epic "Killers of the Flower Moon" alongside stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert De Niro. Michael Douglas will receive an honorary Palme d'Or at the opening ceremony, Natalie Portman and Julianne Moore team up for "May December" from celebrated indie director Todd Haynes, and Jude Law dons the crown of Henry VIII in "Firebrand". The king of quirky, Wes Anderson, will premiere "Asteroid City" and bring a typically star-packed cast to the red carpet, this time including Tom Hanks, Margot Robbie and Scarlett Johansson.—AFP

This handout image provided on 20 April 2023 by the Cannes Film Festival Press Office shows the 76th Festival de Cannes official poster created by graphic design studio Hartland Villa, featuring a rendering of a photo taken on 1 June 1968 by Jack Garofalo, and depicting French actress Catherine Deneuve on the Pampelonne Beach near Saint-Tropez, southeastern France, during the footage of the movie "La Chamade" by Alain Cavalier. **PHOTO: JACK GAROFALO/PARIS MATCH/SCOOP / CANNES FILM FESTIVAL PRESS OFFICE / AFP**

China warns against EU sanctions on companies over Russia

CHINA on Tuesday warned the European Union against imposing sanctions on Chinese companies over Russia, saying it would take action to protect their interests.

Referring to discussions within the EU over possible restrictions on eight Chinese companies, Foreign Minister Qin Gang said that if punitive action was taken, "China will also take the necessary response to firmly protect the legitimate interests of Chinese companies".

Chinese and Russian companies enjoy "normal exchanges and cooperation" which "should not be affected", Qin said, following talks in Berlin with German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock.

China was "firmly against" other countries imposing their own regulations or taking unilateral action against it, he added. EU ambassadors are meeting on Wednesday to begin discussions on an 11th round of sanctions over Russia's war on Ukraine.

As part of the package, the EU's executive has recommended halting exports of sensitive technologies to eight Chinese companies over suspicions they were selling them on to Russia, according to a document seen by AFP.—AFP

State Councillor and Foreign Minister Qin Gang held talks with German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock in Berlin on 9 May. **PHOTO: POOL/AFP**

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Former Pakistan PM Khan faces court after shock arrest prompts riots

FORMER Pakistan prime minister Imran Khan will appear Wednesday in a special court at the capital's police headquarters to answer graft charges, a day after his shock arrest prompted violent nationwide protests.

Khan's detention follows months of political crisis and came hours after the powerful military rebuked the former international cricketer for alleging that a senior officer had been involved in a plot to kill him.

Some protesters took out their wrath on the military, torching the residence of the corps commander in Lahore and laying siege to the army's general headquarters in the garrison city of Rawalpindi.

In Peshawar, a mob razed the Chaghi monument – a mountain-shaped sculpture honouring the location of Pakistan's first nuclear test.

Police fought pitched battles with supporters of Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party in cities across the country for hours on Tuesday night.—AFP

GLOBAL AFFAIRS

US returns two stolen 7th-century antiquities to China

The United States has returned to China two stolen 7th-century antiquities that had been loaned to the Metropolitan Museum of Art by a private art collector. **PHOTO: ANGELA WEISS/AFP/FILE**

THE United States returned two looted antiquities to China, the latest in a wave of repatriations of artefacts stolen from more than a dozen countries, New York authorities announced Tuesday.

The two 7th-century stone carvings, currently valued at $3.5 million, had been sawn off a tomb by thieves in the early 1990s and smuggled out of China, Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg said in a statement.

The carvings were among 89 antiquities from 10 different countries purchased by Shelby White, a private art collector in New York.

From 1998, they were "loaned" to the Metropolitan Museum of Art until they were seized this year by the DA's office following a criminal investigation.

"It is a shame that these two incredible antiquities were stolen and at least one remained largely hidden from the public view for nearly three decades," Bragg said.

"While their total value is more than $3 million, the incredible detail and beauty of these pieces can never be truly captured by a price tag."

Collectively valued at nearly $69 million, they were part of a criminal investigation by the city's Antiquities Trafficking Unit that tracks and repatriates looted artefacts.

One of the funerary carvings was kept in the museum's storage room and never displayed, according to the statement by Bragg's office. — AFP

Trudeau slams Facebook for threatening to block Canadian news

PRIME Minister Justin Trudeau on Tuesday slammed Meta after executives said it would block news for Canadian Facebook and Instagram users in response to a proposed law that would require digital giants to pay for local journalism content.

In February, Google announced it also tested restricting Canadians' access to news in preparation for the passing of the Online News Act, which is currently before the Senate.

The two tech giants have criticized as overbroad the bill meant to help a news sector a government official has said "is in crisis" after hundreds of news publications closed in the last decade.

Their position and news blocking plans were outlined again by a Meta Canada executive in testimony this week at a Commons committee.

Trudeau said their arguments against the proposals are "not just flawed, it's dangerous to our democracy, to our economy".

"Woodward and Bernstein weren't influencers," he commented, in reference to the pair of Washington Post journalists who led reporting on the Watergate scandal that saw President Richard Nixon resign in 1974.

"Someone reporting on the horrors in Bucha (in Ukraine) is not trying to get likes on their Facebook page," he said.—AFP

A representative for Meta says it has a team that is working towards blocking news for its Canadian users on Facebook and Instagram. **PHOTO: AFP**

Trump found liable for sexually abusing writer

Writer E. Jean Carroll leaves a Manhattan court house after a jury found former President Donald Trump liable for sexually abusing her in a Manhattan department store in the 1990s. **PHOTO: SPENCER PLATT/ AFP**

A New York jury found Donald Trump liable Tuesday for sexually abusing and defaming an American former magazine columnist and ordered the ex-president to pay her $5 million in damages.

The nine jurors rejected E. Jean Carroll's accusation of rape but unanimously upheld her other complaints in the closely watched civil trial, following less than three hours of deliberations.

It marks the first time Trump has faced legal consequences over a string of sexual assault allegations dating back decades — and the former leader immediately rejected the verdict as a "disgrace." —AFP

WORLD: TOP HEADLINE

Texas mall shooter embraced Nazi ideology

THE man accused of killing eight people at a Texas shopping mall recently obtained large Nazi tattoos, praised other mass shooters and wrote just ahead of his attack that he would "fight hate with more hate."

Mauricio Garcia, the 33-year-old who police say opened fire with an assault rifle on shoppers at the Allen Premium Outlets mall on Saturday, posted his diaries, photographs of his tattoos, and cryptic warnings of his coming attack on the Russian social media site OK.RU.

His diaries expressed hate for women, Jews, and "diversity," rarely commenting on his own Hispanic ethnicity.

He also posted pictures of his guns, body armor, and patches of skulls and the initials for "Right Wing Death Squad" popular with far-right militias.

But there was no indication that Garcia was a part of any group or had the support of anyone else in his Saturday attack.—AFP

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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.

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Men's Football: Myanmar seals semifinal spot with 1-0 victory over Philippines

THE final Group A match of the XXXII SEA Games Men's Football Event continued yesterday in Phom Penh, where the Myanmar team beat Cambodia 1-0 and advanced to the semi-finals.

Meanwhile, Indonesia won over Cambodia by 2-1 in the other match of the same group.

Thanks to the goal scored by Thet Hein Soe in the second half, team Myanmar secured the semifinal spot.

Since the Myanmar team needed a win to enter the semifinal, they played an opening attack from the start, but the Philippines played tough, without any defensive mistakes, thus team Myanmar struggled to produce a goal.

The Myanmar squad, which did not score in the first half, increased their attack in the second half and scored the only winning goal in the 55 minutes.

Hein Htet Aung kicked the foul ball at the top of the penalty area and bounced off the bar but Thet Hein Soe closed the shot.

In the 82-minute mark, Myanmar defender Lat Wai Bhone was sent off with a red card, but they played with one less player to maintain the winning result.

After the group (A) matches, the Indonesian team won all four games and took first place in the group with 12 points, while the Myanmar team finished second with three wins and one loss, garnering nine points and entering the semi-finals.

Cambodia, which earned four points, Timor, which garnered three points, and the Philippines, which collected one point, were eliminated from the group. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

The Myanmar team is seen celebrating the victory after securing the semifinal spot of the XXXII SEA Games Men's Football Event. **PHOTO: MFF**

XXXII SEA Games: Myanmar wins one gold for Billiard, two golds for Chinlone

MYANMAR'S Pauk Sa won one gold medal for the English Billiards Single event of the XXXII SEA Games held at Aeon Hall, Aeon Mall Sen Sok, Cambodia on 9 May.

He beat Singaporean Peter Gil Christ who has won six gold medals at the World Billiard Championship and another six golds at the Southeast Asian Games by 3-0 and grabbed the gold medal for Myanmar.

With the loss to Pauk Sa, Peter Gil Christ garnered the silver medal while Praprut Chaithanasakun and Yuttapop Pakpoj from Thailand jointly secured the bronze medal.

In the Men's 6 Red Snooker Singles, Myanmar's Hein Lwin Moe claimed the bronze medal.

Next, Chinlone competitions were held at Basketball Hall NSTC, Phnom Penh on the same day.

In the Men's Event-4 of Chinlone, team Myanmar grabbed the gold medal with 93 points while Lao secured the silver and Cambodia and Thailand jointly claimed the bronze.

In the Women's Event-4 of Chinlone, the Myanmar squad won the gold medal with 101 points while Thailand got silver, and host Cambodia the bronze.

After the Chinlone events, the Myanmar Chinlone Team played a demonstration and accepted the awards.

Similarly, Men's and Women's Vovinam events were continued at Chroy Changvar Convention Centre, Hall (F).

In the Women's 50 kg Event, Myanmar's Hnin Thet Wai secured the silver medal after competing with Thailand, the Philippines, Laos, and Cambodia.

In the Women's Pair Knife Form Event, Myanmar's Eaindray Phoo and May Honey Aung Lwin grabbed the bronze medal after competing against Thailand, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Cambodia.

In the Women's Pair Sword Form Event, Myanmar's Su Wati Htay and Eaindray Phoo claimed the bronze medal after competing with Viet Nam, the Philippines, Indonesia, and Cambodia.

In the Women's Dual Knife Form Event, Myanmar's Khine Wah Phoo picked the bronze after competing with Viet Nam, the Philippines, Indonesia and Cambodia.

In the Four Men's Performance Event, Mana Kui, Aik Soe Lin, Myo Htet Zaw, and Tun Win Naing won another bronze for Myanmar after competing against Viet Nam, Lao, Indonesia, and Cambodia.

On the same day, team Myanmar trounced Malaysia 5-1 during the Women's Football Event held at Army Stadium, Phnom Penh. On 9 May, Myanmar teams competed in Chess, Vovinam, Tennis, Chinlone, Badminton, Billiard, Volleyball, Kun Khmer, Cricket, Football, boxing, and Athletics and secured three gold, one silver and five bronze medals.

On 10 May, Myanmar participated in Pétanque, Wushu, Sepak takraw, Badminton, Tennis, Billiard, boxing, Kun Khmer, Volleyball, Football, Athletics, and Cricket. At the XXXII SEA Games, Myanmar won 47 medals (11 golds, eight silvers, and 28 bronzes) to date. — MNA/KZL