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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.

Kengtung Airport must be improved to admit direct landing and taking off of aircraft which stretches aviation transport to Laos, China and Thailand: Senior General

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views the upgrading of Kengtung Airport in eastern Shan State on 11 May 2023.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspected the situation of upgrading Kengtung Airport and construction of Kengtung Saopha Palace Replica in Kengtung of Shan State (East) yesterday afternoon.

At the airport lounge, Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Kyaw Swa Lin and Director of Military Engineers Brig-Gen Zaw Naing Oo reported on the brief history of Kengtung Airport, situation to upgrade the runway and the airport and future plans.

After hearing the reports, the Senior General said Kengtung is blessed with a beautiful natural environment in addition to the Buddha Park in Pankwe Village and Loimwe hill station as well as various tourist destinations. Currently, jets are used in aviation transport to far distant areas of the country. Hence, the Senior General pointed out that airports must be upgraded for heavy aeroplanes. The Senior General stressed that Kengtung Airport must be improved to admit direct landing and taking off of aircraft which stretches aviation transport to Laos, China and Thailand.

The Senior General inspected the upgrading of the runway at Kengtung Airport and gave necessary instructions to officials.

The Senior General inspected the progress in the construction of the Kengtung Saopha Palace Replica in its area near Nawngtung Lake and attended to the needs.

In looking into the maintenance of Nawngtung Lake, the Senior General heard reports on water supply and drainage of the lake, pumping out of silt without harming the lake, least impact on the environment in the work process, and systematic dredging of silt through the sonic water level meter presented by the Director of Military Engineers and officials.

In response to the reports, the Senior General gave necessary guidance and inspected the work progress along the circular lake lane. —MNA/TTA

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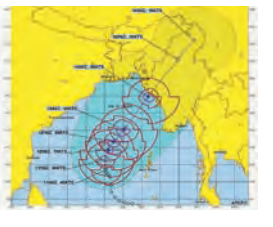

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Heads of Service Organizations confirmed and appointed

1. The State Administration Council has confirmed the appointment of U Soe Tun Naing, Director-General of the Department of Rural Road Development under the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development, after the one-year probationary period.
2. The State Administration Council has appointed Dr Yin Myo Thu, Deputy Director-General of the Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education, as Rector of Mawlamyine University on probation from the date she assumes charge of her duties.

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.

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.

Information Team
State Administration Council

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.

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168 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 11 May, total figure registers 636,810

MYANMAR'S COVID-19-positive cases rose to 636,810 after 168 new cases were reported on 11 May 2023 according to the Ministry of Health.

Therefore, a total of 10,483,406 laboratory samples were examined and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached 636,810. The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached 615,630 including 116 new recoveries. The death toll from COVID-19 in the country remained unchanged at 19,493 on 11-5-2023 with no new death reported from the pandemic.— GNLM

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The Senior General hears the report on the maintenance of the Nawngtung Lake in Shan State (East) yesterday.

The Senior General inspects the construction of the Kengtung Saopha Palace Replica in Shan State (East) yesterday.

DMC holds meeting on clarification of its work operation

The meeting of the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) in progress yesterday, chaired by SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister MoHA Union Minister Lt-Gen Soe Htut.

THE meeting on the clarification of the work operation by the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) was held at the centre yesterday.

First, National Disaster Management Committee (NDMC) Vice-Chair 1 State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Soe Htut said that, according to the weather forecast of Cyclone Mocha, it has already known about the regions where the storm is likely to hit closely and so it is in a certain situation to jointly conduct the measures for the period of emergency. The DMC should compile the data regarding the preparations in the townships of Rakhine and Chin states and complete evacuation processes and make the rehabilitation operations as quickly as possible with the minimum of losses.

Then, NDMC Vice-Chair 2 Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine reported on emergency response, distribution of 10,000 tonnes of reserve rice and cooperation work with region/state governments.

The officials of the working committee also discussed the current situation of Cyclone Mocha, its path, strength, security measures in townships of Rakhine and Chin states that the storm is likely to hit, emergency communication systems, manpower, vehicles and machines for emergency recuse work, Cyclone Shelter and evacuation of people and materials, installation of satellite phones, international cooperation, mobile water treatment transportation to Rakhine State, Rapid Response Team (RRT) for emergency healthcare services, distribution of medicines, water purification tablets, bailey bridge, relief items, shelters and other matters.

Then, the representative of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), a member of DMC, explained the situation after high tide.

Finally, NDMC Vice-Chair 1 and Vice-Chair 2 made proper instructions. — MNA/KTZH

Ensuring per acre high yields needed for regional rice sufficiency

IT is necessary to ensure per acre high yields for regional rice sufficiency. Local farmers need to grow high-yield paddy strains with high consuming quality.

(Excerpts from the speech by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at a meeting with departmental officials and town elders in PutaO Township on 13 December 2022)

MoFA Union Minister receives FCCJ former president

UNION Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe received former president of the Foreign Correspondent Club of Japan (FCCJ) Mr Khaldon Azhari at the Parlour of the Minister's office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, yesterday morning.

At the meeting, they frankly exchanged views on the latest developments of Myanmar and efforts to ensure peace and stability of the country, matters related to media development and international media. — MNA

The FCCJ ex-president calls on Union Minister U Than Swe in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

MoSYA Union Minister, XXXII SEA Games medallists come back home

MYANMAR sports contingent which participated in the XXXII Southeast Asian Games which is being held from 5 to 17 May returned to Yangon via chartered aircraft at 5:30 pm yesterday.

The sports team were welcomed back by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, Yangon Region ministers, officials from the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, presidents from the Myanmar sports federations, and the public at Yangon International Airport.

The Myanmar sports team was led by Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee U Min Thein Zan, Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs, team leader and Director-General U Tun Myint Oo of the Sports and Physical Education Department and 16 sports administration members.

The sports contingent includes 158 athletes and coaching staff from Vovinam Team which has won four gold, three silver, and 17 bronze medals, Chinlone Team which has secured one gold, two silver, and six bronze medals, Vovinam (Kun Bokator) Team which has earned one gold, Petanque Team which has won one gold medals, Lethwei Team which has collected one silver, and one bronze medals, Chess Team which has picked two bronze medals, and Track and Field Team, Volleyball Men's Team, Badminton Team, Sepak Takraw Team, and Boxing Team.

Gold medallists included in the team are Khine Wah Phoo and May Honey Aung Lwin from Vovinam Women's Double Event, Aung Khaing Lin, Hein Htet Aung, Kyaw Thu Soe Aung, Yar Zar Tun from Vovinam 4-Men's Performance Event, Mana Kui, and Tin Htoo Zaw from Vovinam Men's Double Event, Aik Soe Lin from Men's Sword Event, Paing Zeyar Phyo, Arnt Bwe Nyein, and Nilar Soe Oo from 1+2 Vovinam (Kun Bokator), Aye Aye Thant, Su Twetar, May Phyo San, Thel Thel, Tin Nilar Win, Yin Min Thwe, Khine Thazin Phyo, and Khine Khine from Women's Same Stroke Event of Chinlone, Lei Wati Zaw, Aung Myint Myat, Hnin Wutyi Bo, Aung Naing Phyo Han, Shun Lei Wai, Thaw Wai Zin, Nyein Ei Mon, and Sai Zaw Zaw from Chinlone Men's and Women's Linking Event-3, Lin Thitsar Aung, Khant Wai Hein, Wai Yan Phyo, Yawai Aung, Zaw Lin Maung, Kaung Myat Thiha, Min Khant Win, and Duwun Kyaw form Chinlone Men's Event-4 event, Aye Aye Thant, May Phoo Han, Thel Thel, Yin Min Thwe, Su Twetar, Khine Khine, Tin Nilar Win, and Hmon Natha from Chinlone Women's Event-4, and Khin Cherry Thet from Women's Single Shooting event of Petanque Sport.

Myanmar has won 64 medals in total (14 gold medals, 13 silver medals, and 37 bronze medals) until the morning of 11 May.

Myanmar broke the previous XXXI SEA Games' record of 62 medals including (nine golds, 18 silvers, and 35 bronzes) this year.

The remaining Myanmar sports teams in Cambodia are still competing in the XXXII SEA Games. —MNA/KZL

Union Minister U Min Thein Zan and Myanmar sports contingent including gold, silver and bronze medallists are seen on their arrival at the Yangon International Airport yesterday.

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FCCJ ex-president calls on Union Information Minister

Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn receives Mr Khaldon Azhari, ex-president of the Foreign Correspondent Club of Japan-FCCJ yesterday.

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn received the delegation led by Mr Khaldon Azhari, former president of the Foreign Correspondent Club of Japan-FCCJ, yesterday morning in Nay Pyi Taw.

Both sides discussed cooperation in the media sector, the reformation and upgrading of The Global New Light of Myanmar English newspaper.

The meeting was attended by Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung and heads of departments.

In the afternoon, the FCCJ ex-president and party visited the Gems Museum and paid homage to the Maravijaya Buddha Image in the Buddha Park in Dekkhinathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA/TS

MoI Deputy Minister inspects storm preventive measures in Ayeyawady Region

Deputy Minister U Ye Tint meets evacuees in Ayeyawady Region yesterday.

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Ye Tint inspected the newly constructed the Community Centre and Library of Pantanaw IPRD in Pantanaw Township on 10 May.

At noon, he visited the Einme IPRD Office and Myaungmya District office and instructed the officials staff to conduct an awareness campaign and information release in a timely manner.

Then, he met with the Ayeyawady Region Ethnic Affairs Minister U Saw Lin Khel, Myaungmya District and Township administrators and members, staff, and village and ward administrators at the Myaungmya Township General Administration Department. During the meeting, he highlighted the storm preventive measures, support to storm evacuees from Laputta, educating programmes and covering of news in a timely manner.

He then paid homage to a member of the Central State Sangha Working Committee Agga Maha Pandita Alel Tawya Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pannasiha at Alel Tawya Monastery and comforted the students who attended the basic Buddhist ethics multiplier training launched by the General Administration Department under the Ministry of Home Affairs. The multiplier course will be conducted from 8 to 12 May and a total of 240 students joined it.

Then, the deputy minister and party went to a temporary shelter for storm evacuees on Myasein Hill and comforted 960 evacuees. He handed over K500,000 donated by the Ministry of Information for storm evacuees to the in charge of temporary shelter. — Myaungmya (IPRD)/KTZH

Myanmar Sports Team leaves for 32nd Southeast Asian Games

DEPUTY Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Myo Hlaing, who is also General Secretary of the Myanmar Olympic Committee, and the Myanmar Sports Team left Yangon by Myanmar National Airlines (chartered plane) yesterday afternoon at the invitation of the XXXII Southeast Asian Games in Cambodia. They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by the principal of the Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon), the director of the Sports and Physical Education Department, and responsible personnel.

One invited person, a member of the administration team, the president and two administrative members of the Myanmar Rowing & Canoeing Federation, five coaches, six male athletes, and seven female athletes (Judo sports), two coaches, two male athletes, and two female athletes (weightlifting sports), and five coaches, eight male athletes, and six female athletes (Vovinam sports) are reportedly included in the sports team. — MNA/CT

The Myanmar sports contingent are seen at the Yangon International Airport before leaving for Cambodia.

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Disaster preparedness rehearsals conducted in regions/states

THE low-pressure area over the southeastern Bay of Bengal and adjoining the south Andaman Sea persists. It is likely to intensify into a cyclonic storm and is likely to move towards Myanmar. Therefore, the rehearsal exercises for emergency management, response, recuse, cooperation, readiness and rehabilitation processes are being conducted in respective regions and states.

On 10 and 11 May, the Tatmadaw members, members of militia units, Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade, Myanmar Red Cross Society, social welfare teams and residents made rehearsals at No 1 BEHS in Myitkyina Township of Kachin State, Thayagon monastery in Paung Township of Mon State, local military unit in Mingaladon Township of Yangon Region, local battalions of Pathein Township of Ayeyawady Region.

The chief ministers of regions and states and commanders of respective commands inspected them and provided relief items and materials.

Moreover, officials make preparations like recuse teams prepared in advance, storing the relief items and materials, cyclone shelter construction and storage of five types of rations and drinking water.

Moreover, the coordination meeting of the Ayeyawady Region Disaster Management Committee was held on 10 May at the meeting hall of South-West Command HQ. Commander Brig-Gen Kyi Khine attended the meeting and made proper instructions. —MNA/KTZH

Precautionary measures are underway in Kachin State, Mon State, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions (top and above photos.)

Preparedness measures underway in various states, regions

Precautionary measures are underway in districts and townships in Taninthayi Region, Mon State and Ayeyawady Region (above and below photos.)

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

Preparedness activities such as rehearsal exercises are being conducted at fire brigades in Moegaung, Mohnyin PutaO townships and Mohnyin district in Kachin State; Kawthoung township, Pulaw township in Taninthayi Region, Kawa, Thanetpin townships in Bago Region and Yenangyoung township in Magway Region, Aungmyaythazan township in Mandalay Region, Mudon township in Mon State, Pauktaw, Rathedaung, Ponnagyun townships in Rakhine State, Dagon Myothit (North) township in Yangon Region and Pathein, Labutta townships in Ayeyawady Region. People are informed and notified of well-preparedness measures against any possible incoming storm. — MNA/TS

Precautionary measures underway in Rakhine State

RAKHINE State Chief Minister U Htein Lin, together with the state ministers and state-level departmental officials, closely supervised the arrangements for the movement of the residents in some areas of Sittway township where the storm is likely to hit.

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htin Lin and party first met the residents who live on Mizan Strand Road in Sittway township and discussed the situation of the storm and preventive activities, movement of the elderly, children and pregnant women to safe places.

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin and party view round the precautionary measures in Rakhine State yesterday.

Afterwards, the Rakhine State chief minister and party met with the vendors at the Sittway Myoma Market and called for the movement of foodstuffs and perishable goods to move to a safe place in the case of a storm.

The Rakhine State chief minister, accompanied by officials, also inspected the Government Technical High School in Basaya of West Sanpya ward in Sittway and the principal of the school and officials explained the arrangements being made to house the local people in the event of a storm. In addition, he met the residents of Basaya of West Sanpya ward and discussed the situation of the evacuation of people from the storm.

Next, the Rakhine State chief minister visited the Sittway University and inspected the arrangements being made for the relocation of the people who live in the Thechaung IDP camp. In the evening, he met the local people vendors near Yanpyay Manpyay Pagoda in Sittway and advised them to move to a safe place.

In addition, the Rakhine State chief minister viewed the passenger vessels, trawlers and ferries as taking shelter at the risk of storms in the Myole Creek and the Satyoekya Creek. — Tin Tun (IPRD)/MKKS

Precautionary measures underway in villages of Gwa Township

UNDER the supervision of the Chairman of the Gwa Township National Disaster Management Committee, pre-evacuation activities and relief and rescue operations for villages that may be affected by storms are being carried out in a timely manner in Gwa Township, Rakhine State. Residents in Kywaychai village moved to the Dhamma Datkhina monastery for shelter yesterday afternoon.

Village administrators and social organizations in the village helped relocate 20 households and 30 residents from the Kywaychai village in the Kywaychai village-tract to the monastery, and the Rakhine State Government has stockpiled 500 rice bags, 1,500 visses of edible oil, 500 visses of salt, and 50 visses of fish paste for the displaced people to consume. The Township National Disaster Management Committee already stored 16 items for 18,117 households, and the township social associations are also working to provide support. — Shwe Yee Win Kyaw/CT

Evacuees are seen in Gwa Township in Rakhine State yesterday.

Precautionary awareness raised in Maungtaw Township

OFFICIALS in Maungtaw Township of Rakhine State reminded the residents about the natural disaster in downtown areas and village-tracts.

The Fire Services Department under the supervision of the District Natural Disaster Management Committee and relevant departmental officials issued the announcement for local people to protect themselves in the event of floods, and landslides caused by the storm.

Moreover, the local people are urged to listen to disaster news officially announced by the government. — Thet Lwin Soe and Aung Kyaw Sein (IPRD)/MKKS

Precautionary measures underway in Myebon Township

THE preventive activities and rescue activities are being implemented by the township-level departments and social rescue groups led by the Township Natural Disaster Management Committee to conduct operations in time and systematically in case of a natural disaster in Myebon Township, Rakhine State.

There are ten villages, nine village-tracts, 1,675 households and 6,640 residents that may be affected strongly by a natural disaster and they are being moved to safe places.

Rakhine State government stored basic foodstuffs including rice, and palm oil for evacuated residents and the Township Natural Disaster Management Committee stocked 16 kinds of goods for 1,675 households. — Myint Soe (IPRD)/MKKS

Precautionary measures underway in Buthidaung

THE preventive measures were being taken by the township-level departments and social rescue groups led by the Township Natural Disaster Management Committee in order to systematically launch rescue operations in time in case of a natural disaster in Buthidaung township, Rakhine State.

There are ten village-tracts, 128 households and 806 residents that may be affected severely by a natural disaster.

Rakhine State government stored up basic foodstuffs including rice, and palm oil for evacuated residents and the Township Natural Disaster Management Committee stocked up 16 kinds of goods for 200 households. — Township IPRD/MKKS

OPINION

Change mindsets before ageing in the vicious circle

EVERYBODY cannot see and know their future. In line with the preaching of the Lord Buddha, the sermon defines that everybody knowingly or unknowingly embraces infirmness and impermanence on a daily basis but it is sure that the nature of death is firm and permanent.

In the world, human is the most intelligent among other living beings. It is because humans can analyze everything whether it is good or bad. Hence, the Lord Buddha preached sermons to all living beings about the nature of a vicious circle because the future is unexpected.

> Everybody should set goals to thoroughly attain enlightenment on four noble truths preached by the Lord Buddha namely, the truth of Suffering, the truth of the Cause of Suffering, the truth of the End of Suffering and the truth of the Path leading to the End of Suffering with making relentless efforts from their young age. So, they have to understand now is the best time for making preparations for their lives.

Living beings are gradually getting older and older. So, their intelligence quotient is lesser and lesser. Generally, if so, their capacity is on the downtrend to analyze the impacts of the vicious circle and to accumulate the Dhamma knowledge so as to attain enlightenment of Dhamma leading to Nibbana. Based on unprecedented endeavours in past and present lives, some noble persons are able to overcome the challenges of the vicious circle and how to take meditation for attaining enlightenment for Nibbana.

Actually, everybody needs to take meditation from a young age with might and main. If so, they are able to overcome any difficulties in meditation and keep tolerance and patience along the days of taking meditation. As the future is unexpected for all, although it is unpredictable for all to attain enlightenment leading to Nibbana, persons with the capacity can endure any difficulties in meditation even if they cannot attain enlightenment yet.

Nibbana is intangible but actual. As such, everybody should not delay to prepare relevant vicious circle if they are not sure to spend their last lives. They all do not spend their lifetime facing ageing, encountering suffering and leading to death. Time is invaluable for all. Every second is very important. Only when everybody efficiently utilizes every second will they enjoy good results along their lifespans as well as vicious circles. If they understand it, they all need to start their meditation as part of accumulating property to be used in the life circle before having enlightenment.

Everybody should set goals to thoroughly attain enlightenment on four noble truths preached by the Lord Buddha namely, the truth of Suffering, the truth of the Cause of Suffering, the truth of the End of Suffering and the truth of the Path leading to the End of Suffering with making relentless efforts from their young age. So, they have to understand now is the best time for making preparations for their lives.

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Boiling The Water Systematically and Tasting Its Benefits

By Yin Nwe Ko

It is true that drinking hot water has benefits for your health.

ALMOST all of us have known that "Unless the teacher shows, the work is not methodical." Many people might think boiling the water is just a trifle. However, in practical work, a guide or a teacher is quite essential. Once, one of my intimate friends who is a senior engineer told me that he often said to his workers to do the work as he instructed because they could only be able to do the work but they did not know the theory. He had been a student at an engineering institute and so he had studied a lot of theories of engineering subjects. After he went back to his house, I thought his words were perfectly right, and in every work, a good guide or a good teacher is essential.

There are as many ideas about how to best boil water as there are about how to cure hiccups. Some people say you must use cold water, explaining that hot water sits in the pipes, daring bacteria to inoculate it; others say to use hot, arguing that only a fool wouldn't get a head start. Debates rage as to whether olive oil added to water serves any purpose (it only does if you are planning to serve the water as soup, which you may, but it makes sense to wait to add the oil until you decide).

Potatoes should be started in cold water, as should eggs. But sometimes I find myself distractedly adding them to water that's already boiling, and both turn out fine. Green and leafy vegetables should be dropped into a bubble as big as your fist at the last second. Pasta, similarly, should only be added when a pot is rollicking and stirred once or twice. Ecclesiastical writers on the subject point out that in the beginning there was water, all life proceeded from water, there was water in Eden, water when we fell, then the slate got cleaned with it. Water breaks, and out we come.

As far as I can tell, the point is that water has been at it, oblivious to our observations, for longer than we know. I recommend heating a great deal of it, covered if you're in a rush because it will boil faster that way, or uncovered if you need time to figure out what you want to boil. As long as it's a big pot and the water in it gets hot, whichever technique you choose and however you time your addition of ingredients, the world — which began with some assessments with a lot of water at a rolling boil — will not come to an end.

Julia Child, an American cooking teacher, author, and television personality, instructs tasting water periodically as it climbs toward 212 degrees to get used to its temperature at each stage. Her advice might be overzealous, but it teaches an invaluable lesson, not about boiling, but about learning to cook: if there is anything that you can learn from what is happening, learn it. You don't need to know how the properties of water differ at 100 degrees and at 180, but by tasting it at those temperatures you may learn something about your pot, your stove, or the spoon you like best for tasting.

Once your water reaches a boil, salt it well. The best comparison I can make is too pleasant seawater. The water needs to be this salty whether it's going to have pasta cooked in it or the most tender spring peas. It must be salted until it tastes good because what you're doing isn't just boiling an ingredient but cooking one thing that tastes good in another, which requires that they both taste like something. All ingredients need salt. The noodle or tender spring pea would be narcissistic to imagine it already contained within its cell walls all the perfection it would ever need. We too seem to fear that we are failures at being tender and springy if we need to be seasoned. It's not so; it doesn't reflect badly on the pea or person that either needs help to be most itself.

Add salt by hand so that you start to get a feel for how much savouring takes, and as you do, taste the water repeatedly. This may at first feel ridiculous, and then it will start to seem so useful you'll stand by the pot feeling quite ingenious. Even though the water is boiling, you can test it with your finger. If it's well seasoned, just tapping the surface will leave enough on your skin for you to taste.

When you find yourself tasting your water, you are doing the most important thing you ever can as a cook: the only way to make anything you're cooking taste good, whether it's water or something more substantial, is to make sure all its parts taste good along the way. There are moments in cooking when common sense dictates not to taste — biting into a dirty beet or raw potato — but do taste anything else from a few minutes after you start cooking it until it's done. You don't need to know what it's supposed to taste like; what anything is supposed to taste like, at any point in its cooking, is good. This is as true for water as for other ingredients.

Almost all people get used to drinking normal (cold) water. Some people who own refrigerators can have colder water. Those people do not like the taste of normal water as the tastes of the two kinds of water; one is normal and the other is refrigerated; are rather different. We have to admit and accept that the taste of refrigerated water makes one good. In almost urban houses, people can afford to buy a refrigerator and put water and other foodstuffs in it. Therefore, those people have never heard that drinking hot water offers uncountable benefits to human beings. As for me, I was amazed when I first knew about it. However, when one of my friends who always drink hot water told me about his health status after practising the habit of drinking hot water for three months, I gradually realized it. The followings are the benefits that my friend has explained to me recently.

- Having Better Digestion
- Relieving Achalasia
- Breathing Better
- Making One Calm
- Reducing Pain
- Hydrating
- Helping In Losing Weight
- Preventing Premature Aging by Elimination of Toxins
- Decreasing Stress Levels

Be careful of one thing!

He recommends you start drinking a cup of hot water every morning in the beginning, when you start to get used to doing it and start also drinking one at night. If you don't like the taste of water, you can also drink it with tea and get all the benefits of polyphenols or coffee.

It is true that drinking hot water has benefits for your health, but you must be careful when drinking it. If the water is too hot it can lead to severe damage to the oesophagus and taste buds and scald the tongue. It is important to check the temperature before drinking.

Besides, if you live in a hot country or are going to exercise or go through intense physical effort you should not drink hot water since it makes you less thirsty although you need more water, leading to a bigger risk of dehydration.

If you are having any frequent medication talk to your doctor to be sure that drinking hot water will not interfere with the medication effects. May everyone grasp the health benefits as their own.

Reference: Reader's Digest Jan 2023

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ARTICLE
WEATHER REPORT

Severe Cyclonic Storm Warning, No.9, 2023

11th May, 2023 21:30 MST Today

Severe Cyclonic Storm Condition

According to the observations at (20:30) hrs MST today, the Cyclonic Storm "MOCHA" over Southeast Bay of Bengal has moved Northwards and intensified into a Severe Cyclonic Storm "MOCHA". It is centered at about (335) Nautical miles West-Southwest of CoCo Island, (435) Nautical miles West-Southwest of Hainggyigyun, (550) Nautical miles South- Southwest of Sittwe, (465) Nautical miles West-Northwest of Nicobar Islands (India), (285) Nautical miles West of Port Blair (India) and (590) Nautical miles South-Southwest of Cox's Bazar (Bangladesh).

It is moving towards Bangladesh-Myanmar Coasts, the present stage of the Cyclonic Storm "MOCHA" is coded orange stage.

Position of Severe Cyclonic Storm "MOCHA", center pressure and wind

Severe Cyclonic Storm "MOCHA" is located at Latitude (12.3) degree North and Longitude (87.9) degree East, centre pressure of Cyclonic Storm "MOCHA" is (992) hPa and maximum wind speed near the center is (60-70) miles per hour at (20:30) hrs MST today.

During next (4) days forecast

Severe Cyclonic Storm "MOCHA" is likely to move nearly Northerly during next (12) hours and intensify into a Very Severe Cyclonic Storm"MOCHA" over Central Bay of Bengal around (12.5.2023). Itrecurve gradually North-Northeastwards and forecast to cross Southeast Bangladesh and Northern Rakhine Coast between Cox's Bazar (Bangladesh) and Kyaukphyu (Myanmar) near Sittwe (Myanmar) around (14.5.2023).

General caution

1. Due to the Cyclonic Storm "MOCHA", rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Tanintharyi Regions and Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin, Mon States with regionally heavyfalls in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady Regions and Chin, Rakhine States and isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, Shan, Kayin States from tonight to (15.5.2023).
2. From tonight 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 (80-100) m.p.h and Wave height will be about (13-16) feet in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast and occassional squalls with rough seas will be experienced in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Tanintharyi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) m.p.h. Wave height will be about (9-12) feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.
3. Due to the Severe Cyclonic Storm "MOCHA", maximum wind speed may reach (35-40) mph in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyarwaddy Regions and Rakhine State around (13.5.2023).
4. Due to the Severe Cyclonic Storm "MOCHA", maximum wind speed may reach (100-105) mph in Rakhine State and (40-60) mph in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawaddy Regions and Chin State during (13.5.2023) to (15.5.2023).
5. When crossing the Cyclonic Storm, storm surge height will be (10)ft to (14)ft in Estuary and Tributaries at Sittwe District, Maungdaw District Rakhine State and (7)ft to (10)ft in Estuary and Tributaries at Kyaukpyu District, Rakhine State.

Advisory

Under the influence of the Cyclonic Storm "MOCHA", 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.

Basic, advanced maritime & aviation courses 2023 conducted in relevant townships

BASIC and advanced maritime training courses of the Tatmadaw (Navy) and the basic aviation youth course (senior level) and the basic aviation youth course (junior level) of the Tatmadaw (Air) started at the same time in the respective townships on 24 April to develop the knowledge of the young generation during the summer school holidays and to bring forth a future generation of young people with maritime and aviation expertise.

Yesterday, the Tatmadaw (Navy) organized basic and advanced maritime courses for 43 trainees from the Maritime Youth Camp in Myeik, Tanintharyi Region.

A total of 115 trainees from the Maritime Youth Camp in Kyunsu Township and, 50 trainees from the Maritime Youth Camp in Pathein, Ayeyawady Region are being trained by trainers from the respective areas, and 712 trainees are being trained at 11 Tatmadaw (Navy) Youth Training Camps in the respective townships.

Similarly, the Tatmadaw (Air) is conducting training in 17 training camps at the Flying Training Base and Ground Training Base in Meiktila.

A total of 680 trainees of the Basic Aviation Youth Course (Senior Level) and Basic Aviation Youth Course (Junior Level) studied at the Myanmar Air Force Aeromedical Centre at Flying Training Base yesterday morning.

Student trainees are pictured being trained practically (above and left below photos).

They practically piloted RC aircraft, helicopters and drones at the Ground Training Base.

They also conducted RC simulator driving and basic military training.

In the afternoon, six attendees who won first, second, and third prizes from two senior-level training camps, and 30 attendees who claimed first, and second prizes from 15 junior-level training camps used Grob 120TP, Flying in Y-12 IV aircraft and H-120 helicopters, conducted by instructors from the pilot school.

The commanders and officials from the relevant military headquarters visited the training courses and coordinated the necessary matters. — MNA/KZL

Illegal industrial materials, consumer goods, foodstuffs, auto parts and vehicles seized

ON 9 May, an on-duty combined team conducted inspections at the Kawkareik (Tadakyoe) combined checkpoint and confiscated 50 rolls of PVC flooring sheet worth K2.25 million from a vehicle heading to Yangon from Myawady and 76 Sailun tyres worth K12,141,988 from a Nissan diesel (approximately K30 million) near No 2 Highway Junction on Myawady-Hpa-an-Yangon Road. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

In addition, an on-duty team captured 7,390 pieces of window automotive glass worth K215 million that exceeded the 61 days of Valid for Prior Arrival-VPA from a container at the Hteedan container checkpoint. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

Similarly, a combined team led by officials from the Office of the Commander of the Dawei District Police Force captured 230 cartons of Thai-made palm oil worth 6.2 million without official documents from a Dyna truck (approximately K 25 million) near Bogyoke Street in Dawei township. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

Therefore, six arrests (estimated value of K290,591,988) were made on 9 May, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS

Confiscated illegal tyres in Kayin State.

Plans underway to prevent saltwater flows, drinking water shortage in Yangon Region

THE Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department of Yangon Region is working together with Yangon Region Development Committee to supply irrigation water, conduct flood preventive measures and distribute drinking water to Yangon. It also arranges to ensure drinking water stocks in urban cities and curb salt water flows into fields and wards in lower parts of the Yangon Region.

"Our department makes arrangements not to occur flows of seawater and drinking water shortage if the natural disaster occurs. The patrol units and essential materials are ready at the dams and dikes to stop the salt water. The heavy machines are also getting ready to preserve the dams due to the disasters. All the dams and dikes are in good condition," said Assistant Director U Nyan Soe of the regional department.

The region has nine dams, 49 flood prevention and saltwater prevention dikes, 160 sluice gates, and 22 river water pumping stations developed by the government and is benefitting 1,014,776 acres of farmlands of the region. The 27 saltwater prevention dikes – 292 miles in total in Thanlyin, Kyauktan, Thongwa, Kayan, Kungyangon, Kawhmu, Twantay and Dala prevent the inflow of seawater. The department makes proper plans to ensure drinking water stocks for Yangonites and prevent the entry of saltwater into the fields and wards. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH

LOCAL BUSINESS

Delay in China Customs clearance affects quality of mango

THE delay resulting from changes in China's Customs clearance system deteriorates the fruit quality and the price plummets, fruit traders engaged in the Muse trade zone stressed.

At present, China has commenced customs duty payment with a 2.0 system for fruit imports via normal trade, causing delays. Therefore, we need to closely observe whether it brings a negative influence on the quality of perishable fruits or not, Sai Khin Maung from the Khwanyo fruit Depot said.

"China's authorities are planning to go with the system exercised in border trade after they ran a system used for sea trade," Sai Khin Maung elaborated.

On 7 May, mango trucks were stuck at the checkpoint on China's side for two days, according to the Khwanyo Depot.

On 9 May, the trade channel was eased. However, it affects mango quality as they have been loaded on the trucks for five days. Consequently, poor quality brings down the prices. The ripe Seintalone mango was priced at 60-100 yuan per 16-kilogramme basket, while fresh ones fetched 100-130 yuan per basket.

Last early April, Seintalone touched the highest price of 120-180 yuan per basket.

The transportation and customs procedures play a pivotal role in mango exports to China, Sai Khin Maung continued.

The growers are battered by the high cost of cultivation input, harming the market reputation every year. Last year, low use of cultivation input brought down quality, causing postharvest diseases such as stem end rot and black spot in fruit.

Some traders did not even cover the cultivation cost due to the inferior quality of Seintalone mango.

Of about 200 mango varieties that originated in Myanmar, Seintalone, Shwehintha, Padamyar Ngamauk, Yinkwe, and Machitsu varieties are primarily grown. The foreign market prefers Seintalone varieties.

Ayeyawady Region possesses the largest mango plantation acres, having about 46,000 acres. Bago Region is the second-largest producer with 43,000 acres and Mandalay has 29,000 acres of mango. There are over 24,000 acres in Kayin State, over 20,400 acres in Shan State and over 20,000 acres in Sagaing Region, according to the association.— NN/EM

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200 companies fail to submit AR in April

A total of 200 companies failed to submit annual returns (AR) on the online registration system (MyCO) in April 2023, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The DICA has notified any registered company which fails to file its AR on MyCO is to be struck off the register from the date of the directive, under Section 430 (F) of the Myanmar Companies Law, according to the DICA's notification.

Five hundred companies in January and 400 each in February and March did not file the AR on the MyCO. Additionally, 5,000 companies failed to submit AR in 2022, the DICA stated.

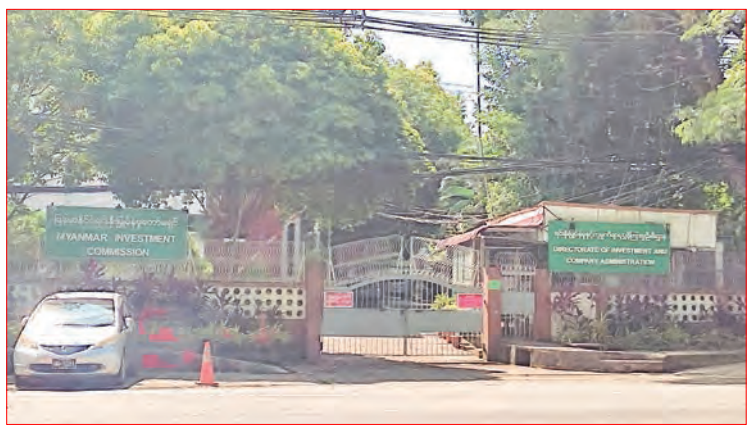
The registration and re-registration of companies on the MyCO website commenced on 1 August 2018 under the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

All registered companies need to submit AR on the MyCO registry system within two months of incorporation, and at least once every year (not later than one month after the anniversary of the incorporation) under Section 97 of the law.

Under Section 266 (A) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017, public companies must submit annual returns and financial statements (G-5) simultaneously. All overseas corporations must submit ARs in the prescribed format on MyCO within 28 days of the financial year ending, under Section 53 (A-1) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

As per DICA's report, thousands of companies were suspended for failing to submit AR forms before the due date. Newly established companies are required to submit ARs within two months of incorporation or face a fine of K100,000 for filing late returns.

The DICA has notified that any company which fails to submit its AR within 13 months will be notified of its suspension (I-9A). If it fails to submit the AR within 28 days of receiving the notice, the system will show the company's status as suspended. Companies can restore their status only after shelling out a fine of K50,000 for the AR fee, K100,000 for restoration of the company on the register, and K100,000 for late filing of documents, totalling K250,000. If a company fails to restore its status within six months of suspension, the registrar will strike its name off the register, according to the DICA notice. —NN/EM



The Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Prices of fuel oil, gold and dollar on 11 May 2023

Fuel Oil Price (Yangon)

Octane 92	K1,930
Octane 95	K2,020
Diesel	K1,890
Premium Diesel	K1,970

All of the prices are based on per litre.

Gold Price

The reference price of high-purity gold set by YGEA	K2,385,700 per tical
High-purity gold in the gold market	K3,005,000 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	K2,850 to K2,865

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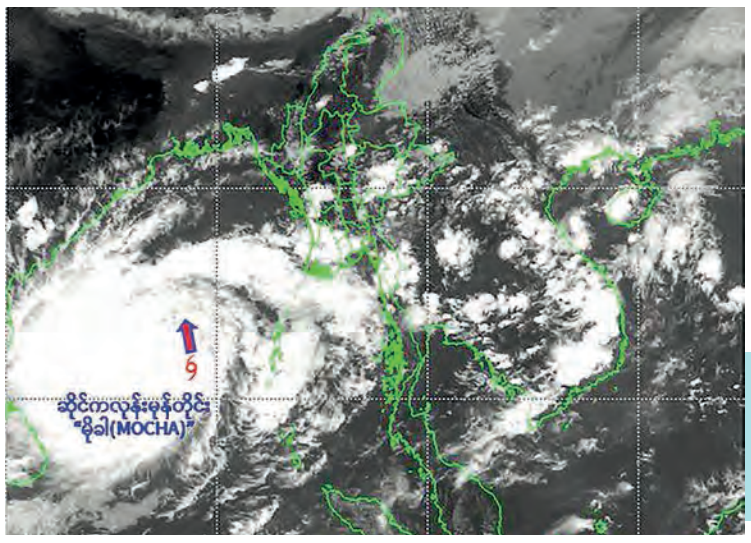
CURRENT AFFAIRS

YRTC readies 110 vehicles for emergency use as Cyclone Mocha brews



The picture shows the position of the cyclonic storm Mocha in the southeast of the Bay of Bengal.

THE Yangon Region Public Transport Committee (YRTC) makes 110 vehicles ready for emergency use in the event of a storm.

Fifty trucks, 10 Faw light trucks, and 50 mini buses are readied for emergency use by the committee to deliver food and goods to the areas affected by the storm.

According to the observations of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology at 4:00 pm MST today, the cyclonic storm Mocha over the southeast Bay of Bengal has moved to north-northwestwards. It is centred at about 345 nautical miles west-southwest of Cocogyun, 460 nautical miles west-southwest of Haingyikyun, 580 nautical miles south-southwest of Sittway, 445 nautical miles west-northwest of Nicobar Islands (India), 285 nautical miles west of Port Blair (India) and 630 nautical miles south-southwest of Cox's Bazar (Bangladesh).

The Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System has issued a red alert level warning that two million people will be affected by a cyclone with a maximum wind speed of 167 kilometres (103.7 miles per hour) in Myanmar. — TWA/CT

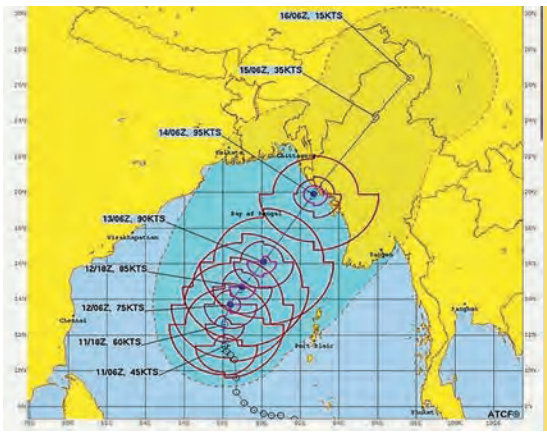
DMH urges domestic flights, vessels along Myanmar coasts to prepare, watch weather forecast

THE Department of Meteorology and Hydrology urged domestic flights, trawlers and ships off and along Myanmar coasts to make the necessary preparations by watching the weather forecast of the department during the period of Cyclone Mocha.

According to the observations at 6:30 am on 11 May, the deep depression over the southeast Bay of Bengal has moved north-northwestwards and intensified into Cyclone Mocha. It is likely to intensify into a very severe cyclonic storm (Cyclone Mocha) over the central Bay of Bengal around 12 May. Cyclone Mocha is forecast to cross southeast Bangladesh and the northern Rakhine coast between Cox's Bazar (Bangladesh) and Kyaukphyu (Myanmar) around 14 May, according to the department.

Weather watcher Su Su San also posted on her Facebook page that the storm can move into Sittway of Rakhine State at 12:30 pm on 14 May and the wind speed in squall may reach 109 miles per hour (95 knots) and 132 miles per hour (115 knots) and the wave height may reach 23 feet with the reference of JTWC Cyclone Mocha at 14:42 on 2 May.

Under the influence of Cyclone Mocha, people should be aware of strong winds, 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. – TWA/KTZH



The photo shows the development of Cyclone Mocha.

2023-2024 academic year info issued for all academic staff during enrolment

THE Ministry of Education announced on 10 May that all the teaching staff avoid collecting any fees or charges during enrolment for the 2023–2024 academic year.

It is mentioned in the statement that any fees or charges are not to be collected, any money or gifts are not to be accepted, and the class badge, the school badge, or any other things are not to be sold. Moreover, teachers are to collaborate with parents for students' cooperation skills, regular attendance and daily homework. Teachers are to evaluate according to the instructions and work in cooperation with parents to ensure that there are no school dropouts and students can continue studying up to the middle school and high school levels

In addition, parents and teachers have to work together to prevent the use of drugs, alcohol, beer, cigarettes and teach students how to live healthily and make sure that they are not addicted to playing games.

Finally, teachers are to cooperate with the relevant Public Health Department so that students who have passed the age of 12 can complete 100 per cent vaccination against the COVID-19 virus. — TWA/CT

The photo shows a ferry running for the delta region.

Delta region ferry operations to be temporarily suspended from 12 May

ACCORDING to the Cyclone Mocha warning issued by the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology on 11 May, services of ferries that run between Yangon and the delta region will be temporarily suspended on 11 May in the region and on 12 May in Yangon, the traders stated.

The Patheinthu ferry will make its last run from Yangon to Mawgyun on 11 May. Thus, people who wanted to deliver goods from Yangon to Mawgyun, including from the Nyaungpinlay market in Lanmadaw, were seen rushing to load their goods, a trader told the Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

Dealers in the Nyaungpinlay market and Thanzay market said that there will be almost no transactions due to the decrease in the number of purchases from shops in Yangon and the temporary suspension of shipments to the delta region until 14 May because there are no ferry services on 12 and 13 May.

Despite the temporary suspension of ferry services to the delta region, goods can still be exported by truck these days. However, the orders are decreasing due to fewer purchases and transactions from the delta region, according to some depots in the Bayintnaung market.

The neighbouring townships, including Mawgyun, Laputta, and Bogale townships, suffered the most casualties and damage to their residents as a result of the powerful Cyclone Nargis that hit on the night of 2 May 2008. — TWA/CT

Google to show off AI and Pixel gadget innovations

GOOGLE is expected to enrich its popular online services with more artificial intelligence on Wednesday as it scrambles to catch up with rival Microsoft despite fears that AI poses a threat to society.

Leaks ahead of the internet titan's annual developers conference have revealed that Google will also show off new gadgets, including a foldable smartphone, and reveal additions to its Pixel line of devices.

Most attention will focus on Google's expected release of a more muscular version of its Bard generative AI being put to work across the platform.

Microsoft upped the pressure last week by expanding public access to its generative AI programmes — including the Bing chatbot — that have put the company founded by Bill Gates back on the map as a big tech disruptor.

The services have been enhanced with the ability to work with images as well as text, and Microsoft intends to add video to the mix, according to executives.

Google is expected to follow suit in AI announcements at its annual "I/O" software developers conference held a short walk from its headquarters in the Silicon Valley city of Mountain View.

A more powerful large language model built into the heart of Bard will likely be unveiled, along with expanded use of the AI powers in Gmail, work software, search and more, according to media reports.—AFP

An annual Google I/O gathering of software developers near the internet giant's headquarters in Silicon Valley should showcase AI and smartphone innovations aimed at keeping it competitive with rivals Apple and Microsoft. **PHOTO: AFP**

China's NEV sales surge 85.6% in April

RETAIL sales of new energy vehicles (NEVs) in China jumped 85.6 per cent year on year in April, data from the China Passenger Car Association (CPCA) showed Tuesday.

A total of 527,000 NEVs were sold in China last month, down 3.6 per cent from March, according to the CPCA.

NEV sales of major domestic brands accounted for 70.5 per cent of the total NEV sales in the country, the data revealed.

China exported 91,000 new energy passenger vehicles last month, jumping 1,028.5 per cent year on year and up 29.4 per cent from March. In the first four months of the year, retail sales of NEVs in China rose 36 per cent year on year to top 1.84 million units, the CPCA said.—Xinhua

A new energy vehicle on display at a department store in Yantai, Shandong province. **PHOTO: TANG KE/ CHINA DAILY**

Japan okays GPS tracking for bail after Ghosn case

JAPAN on Wednesday enacted a law authorizing courts to use GPS for tracking defendants on bail, a measure pushed for after the dramatic 2019 escape of former Nissan boss Carlos Ghosn.

The revised criminal proceedings law approved Wednesday will enable courts to order the placement of GPS devices on defendants to prevent them from fleeing Japan.—AFP

Greenpeace sues Italian energy giant ENI

GREENPEACE Italy is suing Italian energy giant ENI for its contribution to global warming, it said Tuesday, in the latest in a raft of climate lawsuits around the world.

The environmental organization and fellow green campaigner ReCommon filed the suit along with 12 citizens from areas of Italy severely affected by extreme weather events, Greenpeace said in a statement.

The suit was "for past and potential future damages resulting from its contribution to climate change, of which ENI was well aware but chose to ignore for decades", it said.—AFP

Greenpeace Italy is suing Italian energy giant ENI for its contribution to global warming. **PHOTO: AFP**

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Russia lifts visa regime, flight ban with Georgia

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin has lifted a flight ban and visa regime with Georgia, against which Russia fought a brief war in 2008, the Kremlin said on Wednesday.

According to a decree released on Wednesday, Putin has introduced a 90-day visa-free regime for Georgian citizens from 15 May.

Another decree resumed air travel between Russia and Georgia. In response to anti-Moscow rallies in Georgia, Russia had in 2019 banned air travel with Georgia.

The two nations share a complicated history, and Mikheil Saakashvili, Georgia's former president who is now in jail, is seen as one of Moscow's top enemies.

In 2008, after years of tensions over Saakashvili's efforts to forge closer ties with the West, Moscow fought a brief but bloody war with Georgia.

However, the current Georgian authorities have, in recent years, been accused by the opposition of forming close ties with the Kremlin.

Georgia's ruling party insists it is committed to Georgia's EU and NATO membership bid, enshrined in the constitution and supported — according to opinion polls — by 80 per cent of the population.

Georgia's pro-EU president immediately slammed Moscow's decision.

"Another Russian provocation!" the country's figurehead president, Salome Zourabichvili, said on Twitter. — AFP

Travellers at Tbilisi's Shota Rustaveli International Airport. **PHOTO: WIKIWAND**

Pakistan calls out army to quell riots over ex-PM Khan's arrest

Motorists ride past burnt vehicles in front of the Zaman Park, a day after protests by Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party activists and supporters of former Prime Minister Imran Khan, in Lahore on 10 May. **PHOTO: ARIF ALI/AFP**

PAKISTAN'S political turmoil intensified late Wednesday with violent nationwide protests swelling and the government deploying the military as former prime minister Imran Khan was remanded in custody for eight days on fresh corruption charges following his dramatic detention.

Khan was arrested Tuesday during a routine hearing in the capital Islamabad and whisked away to an unknown location overnight before appearing behind closed doors in a specially convened anti-graft court at police headquarters.

The upheaval, including mass arrests of protesters, follows months of political crisis during which Khan, who was ousted in April last year, has waged an unprecedented campaign against the country's powerful military.

"If they think that the arrest of Imran Khan will demoralize us, then they are hugely mistaken," said supporter Niaz Ali in Peshawar, where several monuments and government buildings have been torched.

"We stand with Imran Khan and will support him till death."

The cabinet Wednesday approved deployment of the army in two provinces and the capital to restore peace, a statement from Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's office said.

In Pakistan's largest city Karachi, security forces fired tear gas to disperse supporters of Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party, while PTI backers clashed violently with police in Islamabad and other cities.— AFP

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G7 finance ministers discuss crises from Ukraine to banking

SUPPORT for war-torn Ukraine will top the agenda as G7 finance talks start Thursday, but ministers and central bankers will also weigh concerns ranging from banking uncertainty to US debt default fears.

The three-day meeting of the Group of Seven developed nations comes with the global economy still unsteady after years of pandemic woes compounded by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

So the talks in the coastal city of Niigata in central Japan are a chance to set out a vision for financial stability before G7 leaders get together next weekend in Hiroshima.—AFP

Mauritanians vote in key test ahead of presidential contest

VOTERS in the conservative West African state of Mauritania head to the polls on Saturday for legislative and local elections that will serve as a key test ahead of presidential elections next year.

Twenty-five parties are vying for the backing of some 1.8 million voters in the first election since President Mohamed Ould Ghazouani in 2019 took over the vast, arid West African country, known as one of the few poles of stability in the troubled Sahel.

Mauritanians are due to elect 176 members of parliament, as well as 15 regional councils and 238 municipal councils.

A second round is scheduled for 27 May for half of the 176 seats in the National Assembly. —AFP

Russia seizes tugboats from Danish shipper Maersk unit

RUSSIA has seized four tugboats belonging to a subsidiary of Danish shipping giant Maersk in Russia's far east, according to the group, which ceased operations in the country after Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

"On 25 April we were informed a local court has ordered the tugboats cannot leave Russia and also transferred custody of the tugboats to a third party," Maersk said in a statement on Wednesday.

The four vessels, owned by Maersk unit Svitzer, were operating on a long-term contract for the Sakhalin-2 oil and gas project in Russia's far east.

Maersk tried unsuccessfully to divest the operation for a year before abandoning its efforts in mid-April and suspending its services.

But port authorities ordered the local crews and tugboats to continue to operate, before seizing the vessels, Maersk said.—AFP

The four vessels, owned by Maersk unit Svitzer, were operating on a long-term contract for the Sakhalin-2 oil and gas project in Russia's far east. **PHOTO: MAERSK SUPPLY SERVICE/AFP**

GLOBAL AFFAIRS

UK scraps deadline to ditch EU laws

Britain published plans to override some post-Brexit trade rules for Northern Ireland by scrapping checks. A file photo of the Stormont Parliament Buildings in Belfast, Northern Ireland 13 June 2022. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ P. FAITH/AFP/FILE**

THE UK government on Wednesday scrapped an end-of-year deadline to ditch remaining European Union-era laws from the statute book — angering Brexiteer Conservatives.

London had promised a post-Brexit "bonfire" of Brussels legislation when it left the bloc, after a 2016 referendum on whether to remain a member.

"Take back control" of British sovereignty was a campaigning slogan for Brexiteers, and right-wing Conservatives viewed the U-turn with dismay.

"Regrettably the prime minister (Rishi Sunak) has shredded his own promise rather than EU laws," tweeted senior Tory MP Jacob Rees-Mogg, a leading ally of Sunak's predecessor Boris Johnson.

Business Secretary Kemi Badenoch said the government had already "revoked or reformed" more than 1,000 EU laws since the UK's EU departure took full effect in 2020.

But she said in a written statement to parliament that government departments had identified a "growing volume" of retained EU law still in force.

Rather than meeting its pledge to scrap 4,000 items of EU legislation, the government will only revoke around 600 laws, Badenoch said, insisting the plan is "about more than a race to a deadline".

There are "risks of legal uncertainty" by proceeding with wholesale change so soon, she said, after UK business groups had expressed alarm at more Brexit-related upheaval. —AFP

Australian minister heads to China seeking 'unimpeded' trade

Australian Trade Minister Don Farrell is aiming secure "unimpeded" commerce with China, Australia's largest trade partner. **PHOTO: AFP**

AUSTRALIA'S trade minister flew to Beijing on Thursday on a mission to demolish Chinese import barriers after years of punishing sanctions and unofficial bans.

Trade Minister Don Farrell said he aimed to secure unrestricted commerce with China, Australia's largest trade partner with a healthy appetite for iron ore and coal resources.

"During my visit, I will be advocating strongly for the full resumption of unimpeded Australian exports to China -- for all sectors," he said in a statement on the eve of Friday's meeting.

Farrell, who is to meet with China's commerce minister, Wang Wentao, said fully reopening trade would benefit both countries.

The meeting represents a "significant breakthrough" in rebuilding the relationship, said Australia China Business Council president David Olsson, who is with the delegation.—AFP

Chile's far right re-emerges after presidential defeat

CHILE'S far right may have received a bloody nose in a deeply divisive presidential race in 2021, but elections Sunday for a body that will rewrite the country's dictatorship-era constitution have shown it to be an enduring force.

Led by conservative lawyer Jose Antonio Kast, an apologist for deceased military dictator Augusto Pinochet, Chile's Republican Party took 23 of 51 seats on the council that will design a new framework for the country's future.

The outcome of Sunday's vote does not alter the balance of power in the Chilean parliament, where the far right is a minority.

But it does give the Republican Party Kast founded in 2019 overwhelming sway in drafting the document that will shape Chile's new identity.

"The most likely is that something very similar to the 1980 (constitution) will come" from the drafting process, said Claudia Heiss of the University of Chile.

This would, in effect, maintain the status quo in the South American country which had appeared to be on a leftward trajectory ever since anti-government protests broke out in 2019 against deep social inequality. The protests led to a referendum in 2020 in which 80 per cent voted for replacing the Pinochet-era constitution.—AFP

People pass a poster for Chilean presidential candidate José Antonio Kast in Santiago on 9 November 2021. **PHOTO: MARTIN BERNETTI/AFP/FILE**

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Viet Nam to demand social media users verify identities

VIET NAM plans to ask all social media users on platforms such as Facebook, YouTube and TikTok to verify their identities, citing the need to combat online scams.

The Southeast Asian nation has one of the highest online fraud rates in Asia, with financial, identity and romantic scams particularly common, according to the Global Anti Scam Alliance.

"Unidentified social network accounts will be dealt with," said Nguyen Thanh Lam, deputy minister of information and communications, without elaborating.

A new government decree on online information scheduled to be issued later this year will make the measure mandatory, Lam said, according to a report published Monday on the ministry's website.

Lam added that there were times authorities could not track down social media users who violated the law because they used cross-border platforms.—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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XXXII SEA Games: Myanmar grabs two golds for Sepak Takraw, one for Billiards

MYANMAR teams won more gold medals as SEA Games sports events were continued in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 10, and 11 May.

Sepak Takraw competitions were held at Basketball Hall NSTC, and the Myanmar men's Hoop Takraw team won a gold medal with 680 points by passing silver medalist the Philippines, and the bronze winner Cambodia.

In the Women's Hoop Takraw event, team Myanmar secured one more gold with 750 points by beating the silver medalist the Philippines and bronze medalist Cambodia.

Next, Billiard competitions were continued at Aeon Hall, Aeon Mall Sen Sok and Maung Maung (alias) Bhone Myint Kyaw secured one more goal for Myanmar as he beat Singapore (silver medalist), and Viet Nam (bronze medalist) in the Men's Single – 9-ball Pool Event.

In turn, Wushu events were held at Chroy Changvar Convention Centre, Hall A and Sandi Oo and Aye Thitsar Myint picked one silver medal for Myanmar with 9.403 points after competing with Cambodia, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia in the Women's Taolu (Duilian) Event of Wushu.

Next, Myanmar's Aye Thitsa Myint earned the bronze medal with 9.143 points during the Women's Nanquan event against Indonesia, Malaysia, Cambodia, and Viet Nam.

A Myanmar Billiards player is seen enjoying victory.

Similarly, Kun Khmer events were held at Morodok Elephant Hall 1, and Myanmar's May Thazin Htoo won the silver at the Women's 40-kg event and Hein Thu Aung garnered the bronze at Men's 54-kg event.

Likewise, Badminton events were held at Morodok Techo Badminton Hall, Myanmar team won the silver medal at the Men's and Women's Mixed Badminton Events.

Myanmar Cricket Women's Team also picked the bronze with 24 points at the Six a Side Cricket Event held at AZ Group Cricket Oval, Hun Sen Boulevard.

On the same day, Myanmar men's football team also beat the Philippines team 1-0 at the Smart RSN Stadium.

On 10 May, Myanmar competed in Petanque, Sepak Takraw, Badminton, Tennis, Billiard, Lehwei, Kun Khmer, Volleyball, Football, Track and Field, and Cricket and won three golds, three silvers, and three bronzes.

On 11 May, Myanmar teams also participated in Wushu, e-Sports, Volleyball, Kun Khmer, Cricket, Sepak Takraw, Track and Field, and Billiard.

In the XXXII SEA Games, Myanmar collected 56 medals so far (14 golds, 11 silvers, and 31 bronzes) to date. — MNA/KZL

Women's Football Semifinal: Myanmar to play Thailand today

Myanmar women's team players sing the national anthem during the SEA Games Group A match against Malaysia on 9 May. **PHOTO: MFF**

MYANMAR women's football team will take on Thailand women's team in the semifinal match of the XXXII SEA Games Women's Football Event at RSN Stadium, Phnom Penh, Cambodia today.

A pre-match press conference was held yesterday afternoon at Hotel Phnom Phen in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and the head coach and captains of the Myanmar and Thailand teams were present.

During the press conference, Myanmar head coach Uki Tetsuro said, "I am happy that my team made it to the semi-finals. In the group stage, they competed against good opponents and reached this level. Thailand is a good team, and very strong. We will compete with respect and have prepared the best for this match."

Next, the Myanmar team's Captain Khin Mar Lar Tun said, "The Thai team is powerful in ASEAN. We watched their matches. Together with our team members and the coaching staff, we will compete for the best in the semifinal match."

The Team Myanmar match will begin at (6:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time), and Cambodian Media will broadcast the match live on social media, the Myanmar Football Federation stated. — KZL