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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.

# The government allotted K3,146.149 billion for the ministries related to the education sector including the Ministry of Education in the 2023-24 financial year: Senior General

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing speaks on the opening occasion of the Myanmar National Education Conference 2023 in Nay Pyi Taw on 18 May 2023.

MOST of the students who dropped out of the learning showed their reasons based on poverty, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the Myanmar National Education Conference 2023 at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Council member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Defence General Mya Tun Oo, Council member Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, Union Minister for Education Dr Nyunt Pe and Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw launched the Myanmar National Education Conference 2023.

The Senior General unveiled the archway of the conference.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that multiple education enhances personal skills, critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, evaluation, analytical skills, collaboration, adaptability, social skills, emotional intelligence, justice, ethical behaviour and leadership for all.

The government is striving for the enhancement of the multiple education sector in order to turn out well-versed human resources. The interim census collected in 2019 showed that the majority of students dropped out of the school learning at the end of

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# Republic of the Union of Myanmar
# State Administration Council
# Order No 34/2023

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18 May 2023

## Duty assignment for rehabilitation processes

1. The State Administration Council has declared the regions, which suffered losses and damage triggered by impacts of the extremely severe cyclone Mocha which occurred on 14 May 2023 as natural disaster-affected regions under Section 11 of the Natural Disaster Management Law with Announcement No 1/2023 on 15 May and Announcement No 2/2023 on 16 May 2023. The following senior military officers are assigned duties for rehabilitation processes in the regions mentioned in these announcements: -

**(a) Chin State**

| | |
|---|---|
| (1) Lt-Gen Min Naing | Haka Township |
| (2) Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye | Matupi Township |
| (3) Brig-Gen Nay Win Aung | Paletwa Township |
| (4) Brig-Gen Win Ko Ko | Tiddim Township |

**(b) Rakhine State**

| | |
|---|---|
| (1) Lt-Gen Lu Aye | Kyaukpyu Township |
| (2) Lt-Gen Aye Win | Buthidaung Township |
| (3) Maj-Gen Thaung Htike Shwe | MraukU Township |
| (4) Maj-Gen Soe Naing Oo | Thandwe Township |
| (5) Maj-Gen Aung Myo Tun | Rathedaung Township |
| (6) Brig-Gen Aung Kyaw Moe | Sittway Township |
| (7) Brig-Gen Aung Thu Oo | Kyauktaw Township |
| (8) Brig-Gen Sunny Ohn | Pauktaw Township |
| (9) Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Oo | Manaung Township |
| (10) Brig-Gen Zaw Min Aye | Yanbye Township |
| (11) Brig-Gen Win Maung | Ponnagyun Township |
| (12) Brig-Gen Khin Zaw | Minbya Township |
| (13) Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Soe | Myebon Township |
| (14) Brig-Gen Tin Swe | Maungtaw Township |

2. State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San and Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung are assigned duties to closely supervise the rehabilitation works carried out by above mentioned senior military officers.

**By order,**

**Aung Lin Dwe**
**Lieutenant-General**
**Secretary**
**State Administration Council**

# Announcement for local and foreign well-wishers to donate cash to cyclonic storm Mocha victims

1. An announcement has been issued that well-wishers wishing to make donations for people who fell victim to the extremely severe cyclonic storm Mocha which hit Myanmar on 14-5-2023 can donate cash to Myanmar account OA-011834 and foreign account 1DA-0300086.

2. Myanmar account OA-011834 is opened at the Nay Pyi Taw Branch of Myanma Economic Bank and well-wishers can donate using the following procedures: -
   (a) They can donate cash using the Nay Pyi Taw Branch of Myanma Economic Bank through a direct process or via other branches of MEB and all branches of private banks.
   (b) They can make cash donations from the kyat accounts opened at domestic State-owned and private-run banks through the account transfer.
   (c) If they wish to make donations by KPay, they can transfer money to QR code number 70157401001 of the National Disaster Management Committee. If they wish to donate with the use of Wave Money, they can transfer money telephone numbers 09-255001542 and 09-255001543 of the committee.

3. Foreign account 1DA/0300086 is opened at Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank in Yangon, and well-wishers can donate using the following ways: —
   (a) They can directly donate US dollars, euros and Singaporean dollars to the Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank.
   (b) The foreign account owners at the MFTB can donate cash through the account transfer.
   (c) Those at home and abroad wishing to donate foreign currencies can make cash donations to
   - SWIFT CODE /BIC - MFTBMMMY
   - Beneficiary Name - Natural Disaster Management Fund
   - Beneficiary A/C No - 1DA-0300086

4. Moreover, as arrangements are underway to make cash donations with the use of other electronic payment systems and mobile payment systems, further announcements will be issued.

5. The well-wishers can contact the following persons for further information: —

| Nay Pyi Taw | Yangon | Mandalay |
|---|---|---|
| Daw Lei Lei Aye<br>Director-General<br>Department of Disaster Management<br>067-3404050<br>09-2021491 | U Than Soe<br>Director<br>Department of Disaster Management<br>Office of Yangon Region Department<br>09-250123885 | U Aye Min Thu<br>Director<br>Department of Disaster Management<br>Office of Mandalay Region Department<br>09-420708827 |
| **Nay Pyi Taw** | **Yangon** | **Mandalay** |
| U Win Shwe<br>Deputy Director-General<br>Department of Disaster Management<br>067-3404048<br>09-254170011 | Daw Than Than Win<br>Deputy Director<br>Department of Disaster Management<br>Office of Yangon Region Department<br>09-420740160 | |

*National Disaster Management Committee*

## Utmost efforts needed to cease internal armed conflicts

I would like to urge all stakeholders to make utmost efforts for ceasing the internal armed conflicts starting from this very Diamond Jubilee of Independence so that our next generation will inherit peace.

*(Excerpts from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing on 75th Anniversary (Diamond Jubilee) Independence Day ceremony on 4 January 2023)*

# The government allotted K3,146.149 billion for the ministries related to the education sector including the Ministry of Education in the 2023-24 financial year: Senior General

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primary school. The number of students from 12 years old starts to decline and the remarkable decline in student numbers could be seen at the end of middle school education.

Most of the students who dropped out of the learning showed their reasons based on poverty. Hence, the education conference should seek the best solution for increasing the number of students and the high rate of passing the school examination.

Political stability, maturity and economic development are directly proportionated to the number of educated persons. Hence, it is necessary to focus on increasing the number of educated persons for the development of the nation.

From the 2023-24 academic year, 50 districts will launch 51 technical, agriculture and livestock high schools where the students who have passed the KG+9 education can attend. It needs to open 75 similar schools in further districts in the 2024-25 academic year. Upon completion of opening these schools, each school will have 18,500 students at the basic education school level per year.

These schools have to teach vocational courses to the students for fulfilling the requirements of the State and private businesspersons. Hence, the government and private sector are to cooperate with each other through public-private partnership in teaching students to have training for practical work.

On the other hand, universities have to revise current subjects and extend new subjects based on market demands so as to modernize the curricula in conformity with the requirements of the State economy.

The Senior General and dignitaries pose for the documentary group photo at the conference yesterday.

The Senior General views round the booths displayed at the event yesterday.

The government allotted K3,146.149 billion for the ministries related to the education sector including the Ministry of Education in the 2023-24 financial year. The budget for education is equal to 9.48 per cent of the Union budget and 2.18 per cent of GDP.

In order to improve teaching and learning measures with an equal ratio of teachers to students, the Ministry of Education appointed 13,903 teachers at different levels in basic education and 5,899 tutors and demonstrator at universities and 333 at education degree colleges.

As the government increases the education budget year by year in order to enhance the education sector, education staff are to strive for serving the assigned duty with utmost effort. Moreover, the BEd (correspondence) course is conducted at 25 education degree colleges in two batches a year.

Schools, quality of curricula, qualification of teachers in relevant subjects, academic skills and attitudes of teachers on their professions are important for shaping the future of new generations.

Union Minister for Education Dr Nyunt Pe presented a commemorative gift to the Senior General.

After the ceremony, the Senior General, the Vice-Senior General and guests had documentary photos taken together with attendees and visited the booths of 11 ministries related to the education sector.

The Senior General and party attended the dinner to mark the opening ceremony of the conference. The Myanmar National Education Conference 2023 jointly organized by all ministries will last from 18 to 20 May. — MNA/TTA

# Cyclone shelters must be built in towns and villages along the beach and both banks of rivers in Rakhine State: Vice-Senior General

VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win who is also in the capacity of Chairman of the National Disaster Management Committee, accompanied by his wife Daw Than Than Nwe and officials, yesterday afternoon arrived at Sittway Airport.

The Vice-Senior General inspected reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks in cyclone-hit Sittway by car.

At the office of the Rakhine State government, the Vice-Senior General gave instructions at the meeting on relief and rehabilitation for losses and damage caused by cyclonic storm Mocha in Rakhine State.

State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win addresses the meeting on relief and rehabilitation measures in Rakhine State yesterday.

SAC Vice-Chair Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win views the damage at Sittway Airport.

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin reported on stockpiling of relief supplies, efforts for communications in the aftermath of the storm, management for reconstruction and rehabilitation, arrivals of relief items and medicines by water and air, distribution of relief supplies, reconstruction of the storm hit houses, installation of power cable and formation of special health task forces.

Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San explained progress in relief, reconstruction and rehabilitation in Rakhine State in accord with the guidance of the Prime Minister, priority for the opening of schools and universities, repairing of damaged parts at hospitals, arrivals of relief supplies by naval ships, distribution of rice, oil, rations and medicines to storm-affected areas, repairing of towers for reconnection of communication stations, and supply of drinking water.

Union Ministers Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and U Ko Ko Hlaing reported on efforts for shaping the towns to normalcy, offers of neighbouring countries and the international community to provide relief aid and medicines to the storm victims, foreign companies in Rakhine State to provide technical assistance and repatriation and resettlement in the aftermath of the storm.

Union ministers U Thaung Han, Daw Thet Thet Khaing, U Myo Thant and Dr Thet Khaing Win presented the supply of electricity as quickly as possible, distribution of reserve rice and construction materials to necessary areas, repairs for roads, bridges and buildings in Rakhine State, priority for repairing hospitals, schools and religious buildings, regular healthcare services at the general hospitals, sending emergency health special task forces to necessary areas, and offers of neighbouring countries and international organizations to donate medicines.

In his speech, the Vice-Senior General stressed the need to prioritize repairing high schools and universities to be opened on 1 June. Data on the loss and death of animals must be sent to the National Disaster Management Committee via the state management committee.

The Vice-Senior General recounted that the Prime Minister has given guidance that if international organizations offer to provide assistance, local authorities can take CI sheets and nails for buildings, medicines and cyclone shelters. All need to cooperate in the soonest supply of electricity and clearing of debris in towns.

Data and accounts must be compiled soonest for systematically conducting the rehabilitation. In conclusion, the Vice-Senior General stressed the need for supplies of basic foodstuffs to each family, supplies of clean drinking water, proper communication measures and construction of more cyclone shelters in necessary regions. Cyclone shelters must be built in towns and villages along the beach and both banks of rivers in Rakhine State. The Vice-Senior General spoke of the need to carry out rehabilitation in the aftermath of the storm to have a better process and people were urged to participate in the rehabilitation of their towns and villages together with service personnel. — MNA/TTA

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# DPM MoTC Union Minister inspects transport of relief supplies to respective areas at Sittway Port

STATE Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San inspected the navy ship Mottama to transport relief supplies to the respective regions as quickly as at Sittway Port yesterday.

The Mottama vessel carried 930 tonnes of supplies including rice, palm oil, foodstuffs, drinking water, family kits, telecom towers, two 500 kVA generators, two water purification trucks, tarpaulin, CI sheets, construction materials, 20 chainsaws, two mobile communication vehicles and fuel oil and it will deliver to the respective areas. The vessel also carried 104 electricians and over 400 staff of the Ministry of Electric Power to Rakhine State.

Deputy Prime Minister Admiral Tin Aung San addresses the meeting with the state-level departmental personnel of the Rakhine State natural disaster management committee in Sittway yesterday.

Deputy Prime Minister Admiral Tin Aung San inspects the relief supplies at the Sittway Port.

The Deputy Prime Minister and party then went to U Ottama Park in Sittway Township to inspect the cleaning processes of fallen trees conducted by Tatmadaw and Myanmar Police Force.

They also headed to the speed boat jetty and encouraged 116 members of Fire Brigade from Ayeyawady Region who will carry out relief work and rehabilitation processes in Pauktaw Township and one company of Bago Region Fire Brigade which will do cleaning work in Rathedaung Township.

They also inspected the cleaning up in the compound of Lawkananda Pagoda and the transport of relief items in Tatmadaw aircraft at Sittway Airport.

The flight services resumed yesterday for locals as usual.

They then viewed round the city and comforted the people who removed the fallen trees, cleaning up and repairing works on lamp-posts and power cables.

On arrival at the 500-bed Sittway General Hospital, they checked the repair work at the hospital building and access to clean water.

They also went to Sittway strand road and inspected the damaged roads and Sittway Point beach ring road and instructed officials to repair the damage as quickly as possible.

At noon, the Deputy Prime Minister and party met the state-level departmental officials of the Rakhine State natural disaster management committee and attended the meeting on clarification on destructions after the cyclone and rehabilitation processes.

Speaking at the meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister talked about the arrival of his team in Rakhine State on 15 May and inspection tours to storm-affected areas and plans to transport the foodstuffs, medicines, medical supplies, shelters and rehabilitation items to the respective regions, to repair the hospitals, schools and monasteries as per the directives of the Prime Minister.

He then urged the local staff and residents to participate in these processes to complete them successfully.

Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin reported on the measures to repair damaged roads and communication systems as priorities in storm-hit areas including Sittway and cooperation work with departmental staff and residents in transporting supplies and rehabilitation processes.

The Deputy Prime Minister provided proper instructions and concluded the meeting. — Tin Tun (IPRD)/KTZH

## General health warnings for cyclone-affected areas

AFTER the cyclone, it can cause floods, lightning, landslides, injuries, electrocution, snake bites, cold, pneumonia, mosquito-borne diseases like dengue and malaria, diarrhoea, food poisoning and other health-related problems caused by contaminated water and food. Therefore, people should strictly act according to the following facts: —

1. Follow the notices released by regional administrative bodies in a timely manner without fail.
2. During a flood, there is a risk of drowning and injury after slipping into the ditches and potholes. Therefore, take care of the steps and warn the children.
3. Be aware of the danger of electrocution. Avoid going near the electric wires on the ground or in the water and remind the children.
4. Watch out for snakes.
5. Never enter seriously destroyed buildings.
6. Dirty water and food can cause communicable diseases including diarrhoea and so, drink the FDA-recognized drinking water or boiled water or water systematically disinfected with water purification tablets or chlorine. Don't drink river water, creek water and contaminated water.
7. To prevent food poisoning, don't eat floating food, cans, expired foodstuffs, decayed food, food with mould, overripe fruits and dirty food.
8. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds using soap before touching and eating the food and after using the bathroom.
9. Take care of personal hygiene, and use toilets.
10. Don't poop near drinking water tanks, wells and lakes.
11. Throw the garbage systematically, bury them, burn them and sprinkle quicklime powder on them.
12. Stay under the shelters to prevent from getting cold, and wear the proper clothes that go well with the weather – for instance, wear warm clothes and take special care of the children.
13. Participate in COVID-19 vaccination processes and healthcare services like regular vaccination programmes.
14. Be aware of the risk of mosquito bites. Use mosquito net, and participate in the fight against Aedes mosquitoes, mosquito larvae and mosquitoes.
15. If you sustain injuries or suffer from certain health problems, go to the nearest health department or clinic.

**Ministry of Health**
**May 2023**

# MoEP Union Minister inspects repairs of power cables in Sittway township

Union Electric Power Minister U Thaung Han inspects the repair work for the speedy distribution of electricity in Sittway Township yesterday.

UNION Minister for Electric Power U Thaung Han inspected repair work for the speedy distribution of electricity that has been damaged by Cyclone Mocha in Sittway Township yesterday.

A total of 104 electricians of Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation arrived at Sittway by naval ship Mottama yesterday morning.

The Union minister met with 164 electricians from Magway, Bago (East/ West) and Ayeyawady Regions and instructed for speedy implementation of the work and worksite safety.

Then, the Union minister inspected the repair and maintenance of power distribution lines along Mayyu road of Sittway and went to Dhammacariya Tekkatho Monastery to check the accommodation where the staff of YESC will stay.

He also inspected the staff housing and warehouse of the township electric engineering office and 66/11kV sub-power station and comforted the staff and their families, and maintenance works at Satyoekya bridge and Sittway View Point.

At noon, the Union minister and party inspected maintenance at 66kV power line No 1 and along Mayyu road from the government guesthouse and Lawkananda pagoda and from the airport junction to the airport.

The Ministry of Electric Power assigned a total of 1,020 electricians in Sittway, MraukU and Ponnagyun townships to ensure the speedy supply of power and repair work in northern Rakhine State. It also sent 209 electricians from Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay Region, Shan, Mon and Kayin states to electrify the northern Rakhine State by the end of May. Moreover, the Tatmadaw vessels, ships and boats carry the needed materials for the maintenance works to complete in time. — MNA/KTZH

# Union Commerce Minister attends 5th Western China International Fair for Investment & Trade

THE Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Commerce U Aung Naing Oo attended the opening ceremony of the 5th Western China International Fair for Investment and Trade in Chongqing, China, yesterday.

The Union minister and party viewed round the international galleries including Myanmar at the fair. A total of 824 booths from 36 countries at the fair will be exhibited from 18 to 21 May with the aim of enhancing cooperation between western China and trading partner countries.

After the opening ceremony, the Myanmar delegation led by the Union minister attended a lunch hosted by Mr Li Mingqing, Deputy General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (Chongqing), and friendly discussed matters on enhancing trade and investment between the two countries and increasing the export of Myanmar agricultural produce. — MNA/MKKS

The documentary group photo of the fair, attended by Union Minister U Aung Naing Oo in Chongqing, China.

# MoH Union Minister inspects Nursing Training School, Traditional Medicine Hospital, Sittway General Hospital

Union Health Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win meets health staff for the provision of healthcare to disaster victims in Sittway yesterday.

UNION Health Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win together with Director-General Dr Myat Wunna Soe of the Department of Medical Services, Director Dr Kyi Lwin of the Public Health and Medical Services Department and officials inspected the cleaning of the garbage and reconstruction of damaged buildings in the campus of the Nursing School in Sittway, Rakhine State.

Afterwards, the Union minister met the principal and trainees to encourage them and fulfil their needs. They proceeded to the Traditional Medicine Hospital in Sittway and Head of Rakhine State Traditional Medicine Department Daw Thein Thein Oo reported on the damage and the Union minister fulfilled the necessary things.

In the afternoon, the Union minister and officials met specialists and rapid response team-RRT medical teams at the Sittway General Hospital. The Union minister highlighted that the government emphasizes the damaged health facilities as the first priority and the ministry is also fulfilling the needs of health workers. He gave necessary instructions to five RRT medical teams bound for Rathedaung and Pauktaw townships to provide healthcare to storm victims.

The Union minister and party met staff from the Public Health Department of Sittway and left proper instructions. — MNA/TS

# MoIP Union Minister receives UNHCR Resident Representative to Myanmar

UNION Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing received United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Resident Representative to Myanmar Ms Noriko Takagi in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by the Union minister, Deputy Minister U Htay Hlaing and officials. The ministry and UNHCR have been working together for the re-acceptance of displaced persons from Rakhine State for many years. Currently, the ministry and UNDP-UNHCR signed a tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), and the MoU needs to be extended in order to continue cooperation. Due to broadcasts and statements by some foreign organizations and some foreign media without knowing the actual situation on the ground, there were hindrances and delays. The Government has been making consistent efforts for the success of the repatriation of people who left their homes in Rakhine State. In addition to the resettlement of displaced persons, UNHCR will also provide assistance to areas affected by the recent cyclone.

The ministry and UNHCR cordially and frankly discussed and exchanged views regarding the possibility of finding solutions. — MNA/TS

UNHCR Resident Representative in Myanmar Ms Noriko Takagi calls on Union Minister U Myint Kyaing yesterday.

# Penal discussion held at Myanmar Education Conference 2023

The Myanmar Education Conference 2023 in progress yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

MYANMAR National Education Conference 2023 commenced on 18 May and is currently being held until 20 May at Myanmar International Convention Centre II (MICC-II) in Nay Pyi Taw.

In his keynote speech, Union Minister for Education Dr Nyunt Pe yesterday said the Myanmar National Education Conference 2023 is held as per the directive of the SAC Chairman Prime Minister to better the education sector of Myanmar in the future by cooperating with 11 education-related ministries. Promoting education is shaping the future of the community and the entire world in addition to the people who seek learning opportunities. One of the reasons for the conference is to find ways to promote education by exploring methods to recover the low education levels for the youths to become self-reliant. The Prime Minister laid down seven objectives of the conference. They are: to find ways to remedy the decreasing number of education level transition, to conduct the KG+9 education as the national task in all regions and states, to teach agricultural, livestock and technical subjects in KG+10, 11, 12 to ensure the basic vocational skills, to produce human resources to learn agricultural, livestock breeding and technical subjects that can be applied in workplaces, to teach higher education in a supportive atmosphere for the community in addition to the subjects related skills, to produce experts in arts, science and technology sectors and to uplift the nationalism and patriotism of young people.

The Union minister then talked about the efforts of the government in the education sector and called on the attendees to participate in implementing the measures for a better education system in the country.

Then, Penal Discussion 1 was organized under the topic "Finding ways to raise the number of students and complete KG+9 education at least", while Penal Discussion 2 discussed "Finding ways to produce intellectuals, intelligentsia and experts to support the development of a social community in addition to subject-specific skills in the higher education sector", and Penal Discussion 3 on "Exploring ways to ensure basic vocational skills with agriculture, livestock breeding and technology after KG+9 education".

The relevant officials from ministries, universities and organizations served as moderators and panellists for the penal discussions. — MNA/KTZH

# MoSWRR Union Minister inspects home for the aged, child nursery and relief supplies warehouse in Rakhine State

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Thet Thet Khine, arrived at Sittway township on 17 May, visited the home for the aged in Sittway viewed round the loss and damage caused by the storm and paid respects to the older persons who live in the home for the aged.

Afterwards, the Union minister met and encouraged the aged and handed over K10 million donated by the ministry.

In addition, she distributed snacks to the children and instructed officials to meet the needs of the children at the nursery.

In addition, the Union minister inspected the damaged vocational training school and the office of the Rakhine State Social Welfare Department and met the staff.

The Union minister inspected the damage to the Natural Disaster Management Department and the state warehouse and gave the necessary instructions. — MNA/MKKS

Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine presents a K10 million donation to the home for the aged in Sittway on 17 May.

# OPINION

## Avoid undisciplined disposing of foods as waste

GOVERNMENTS in successive eras have been striving for food security for the entire people as a basic need of society. While the governments are making utmost efforts to supply food to the people, nobody should waste valuable food for any reason.

Various kinds of foods all people including ethnicities consume on a daily basis are not easily obtained. Farmers in different types growing paddy, pulses and beans, oil crops and other crops as well as cattle and farming animals invest their endeavours and their youngness in farming works with might and main to be able to produce agricultural produce and livestock products for consumers.

> Indeed, preventive measures against the waste of food are based on personal attitude and social ethics. They have to minimize the waste of food in daily consumption. Only when every family and every society can reduce the waste of food will the whole country stop the unacceptable waste and loss of food as well as unnecessary spending of the State fund. So, let's stop the waste of food!

As such, everybody needs to pay attention to their efforts in agricultural and livestock breeding farming works which play a key role in the supply of food to the people in daily consumption. If everybody knows the difficulties and investment of efforts of farmers in chains of food production, they have to avoid unacceptable waste of food in all arenas.

It is because food is the most basic need among food, clothing and shelter along the life of humans. These foods consist of essential nutritious elements for humans such as protein, vitamins, carbon hydrate, fatty acids and minerals. As such, every kind of food is valuable.

The United Nations Environmental Program-UNEP released a global waste of food report in 2021, saying that the whole world disposed of more than 1 billion tonnes of waste food, which comprises 13 per cent of waste foods from retailers, 26 per cent from food services and 61 per cent from households. It is very regrettable for agriculture and livestock farmers and food producers.

No matter what large volume the world produces, if there is some waste of foods, the whole world will face varieties of losses. Although millions of global people are under starvation, the waste volume of food is growing. In fact, everybody understands the important role of food in their daily routine but they cannot prevent the daily occurrence of millions of tonnes of waste. In Myanmar, yearly waste of foods weighs 4.6 million tonnes.

Indeed, preventive measures against the waste of food are based on personal attitude and social ethics. They have to minimize the waste of food in daily consumption. Only when every family and every society can reduce the waste of food will the whole country stop the unacceptable waste and loss of food as well as unnecessary spending of the State fund. So, let's stop the waste of food!

# ARTICLE

## The Strength Mocha Gives to Myanmar

By Kyaw Ye Aung

A natural disaster can break out any time anywhere. An event which occurs abruptly from a natural process in the world inhabited by human beings is called a natural disaster. Earthquakes, storms, torrential rains, floods, landslides, volcanic eruptions, tsunami tidal waves, drought, peculiar diseases, heatwaves and cold waves are natural disasters.

The Southeast Asia region which is included in Asia Continent has a southwest monsoon and the northeast monsoon, because of which there is enough rainfall, thereby contributing to agriculture. Myanmar faces the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea has enough southwest monsoon. With the rise in temperature in the dry summer, there are also rises in the temperature of the seawater in the Bay of Bengal. As a consequence, the atmosphere has become unstable with low-pressure areas, small storms and cyclones occurring, and they would enter the inner land only to weaken and cease. The Bay of Bengal is a place where the cyclones start. And monsoon ushers in along with the cyclones. The cyclones that commence from the Bay of Bengal will move west and northwestward in the beginning and then move north and northeastward. And sometimes, cyclones will encroach on Myanmar.

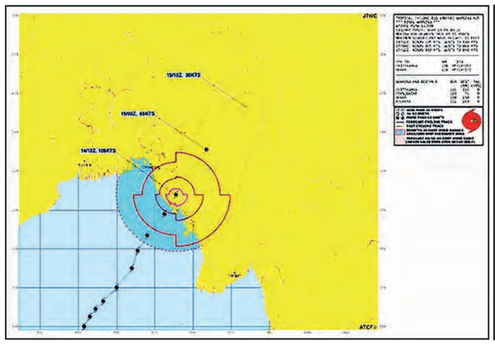
As the Rakhine Mountain Range is serving as a natural barrier, cyclones coming from the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea can rarely enter Myanmar. But if they happen to enter Myanmar from the Delta Area or the low land area in the Rakhine coastal area, Myanmar can suffer from dramatic damage.

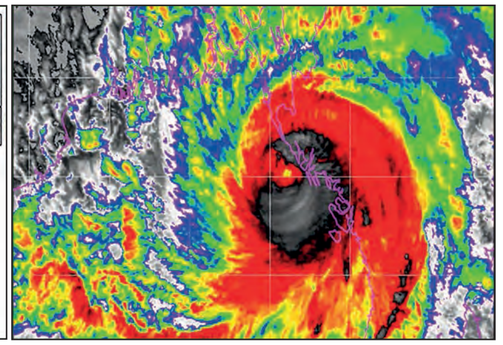
I come from Sittway, which is, therefore, my native town. Sittway is the main vein of Rakhine State. Additionally, this is a city where the culture of Rakhine has flourished since the foundation of Myanmar Proper. On the East, there flows the Kaladan River (Kissapanadi). On the South, there lies the Bay of Bengal whereas on the West, there flows the Mayyu River. And on the West, there are creeks that join the two river mouths. This is the one and only town in Rakhine State that has wide beaches with no mountains and hills.

Geographically, our town is vulnerable to torrential rains, storms and tidal waves. We have witnessed cyclones, namely Komen, Malar, Giri and Nargis and the one called Nargis hit us the worst in 2008. Cyclone Nargis was the most severe, causing the death of more than 130,000 people with the value of the damage amounting to over US$12.9 billion in toto.

This time, we met with a very severe cyclone called Mocha. There was news that there could arise a low-pressure area in the Bay of Bengal starting from the afternoon of 5th May 2023.

Meanwhile, there was a low-pressure area in the South China Sea. If these two areas are mutually enforced, there can arise the Fujiwhara Effect, which will cause greater damage. Fortunately, however, the low-pressure area in the South China Sea died down on 10 May.

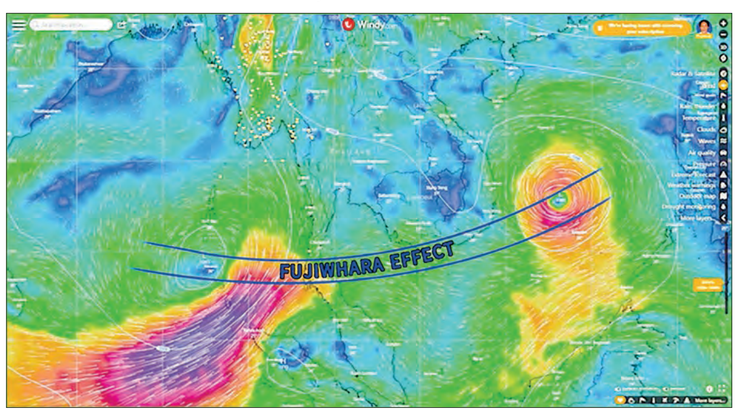




State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win addresses the emergency coordination meeting of the National Natural Disaster Management Committee on 6 May 2023.

No sooner did the Prime Minister hear the news of the Cyclone Mocha than he ordered the Deputy Prime Minister the Deputy Commnader-in-Chief of Defence Services to hold an emergency work coordination meeting of the Natural Disaster Management Committee. The latter obeyed the former's order, holding the emergency meeting with the union ministers and the senor military officers in personal attendance while the chief ministers from all regions and states including the chief minister of Rakhine State attended the video conferencing. The meeting has three agendas. The first agendum is concerned with preparation while the second and the third agenda are related to rescue and rehabilitation correspondingly. The Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services was heard on Myawady TV news to also emphasize the fact that the people are required on their part to join hands with the authorities concerned in making the preparations.

It is found that the ministries are concerned, the region/state governments and the departments involved have made all the necessary preparations nine days in advance, doing the rehearsal exercises and having the relief equipment and support materials ready, for example.




The State Administration Council Chairman on 9 May founded the Disaster Management Centre – DMC with representatives from the respective departments. The prompt action taken by the head of state and the State Administration Council has reflected their love for their country. The storm warnings were issued in the breaking news, reaching the ears of all people across the country. On 11 May, a special warning about the tidal waves was issued, indicating the possible areas of flooding. As a consequence, people from the flood-prone areas have been evacuated. This is the reason why only a very very few lost their lives. It is said only a handful of people were killed in the cyclone.

As directed by the Prime Minister, a red alert warning was issued at 8 pm on 12 May. The following seven townships were announced that they were dangerous – Sittway, Kyaukpyu, Maungtaw, Rathedaung, Manaung, Myebon and Pauktaw. The red alert warning was being issued continuously in the breaking news. The Disaster Management Centre-DMC is closely watching the cyclone round the clock, issuing detailed warnings that there can surge of 10 to 14 feet high tidal waves along the route of the cyclone – Sittway, Pauktaw, Maungtaw, Rathedaung, Myebon and Kyaukpyu, Manaung, Thandwe, Gwa and Hainggyi areas. The loudspeakers and the handheld speakers were used by the responsible personnel from the wards and villages from the townships concerned to alert the local people there.

In this regard, what I would like to point out is that the union government, the local authorities, the people and the Tatmadaw have been united in making systematic preparations with their minds focused on the danger of the storm from the very beginning. It would not be improper to go so far as to say that we have seen the Unity of Myanmar Spirit in this event.

Within an hour after the issuance of the red alert for seven townships in Rakhine State, the local authorities, responsible personnel and Tatmadaw started to take necessary measures to do the evacuation of the victims. They have been seen to have the victims moved to the designated shelters with the help of the storm relief teams formed township-wise. The township emergency relief teams have moved the elderly people living on the riverside, the sick, the children and the pregnant first. There are the relief teams, the chef teams and the medical cover teams at the shelters.

And the people on their part are mostly found to be actively cooperating in taking preparatory measures like tying things that can float, moving things that can be damaged, and moving the cattle, the valuable property and their personal belongings. The Tatmadawmen and the relief teams have also been found to have lent their helping hands to the people in the latter's movement of things. Thanks to the concerted effort exerted by the government, the Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force, the Fire Brigade, the Red Cross Society, the Social Assistance Associations and the people, evacuation to safer places in a short period has been made possible.

As expected, the extremely severe cyclone called Mocha started as Tropical Disturbances in the southwest of Nicobar Island in the southeast of the Bay of Bengal at 18 hours on 7 May. At 0030 hours the next day, it became a low-pressure area, which turned into a depression at 2130 hours on 9 May at about 340 miles south of Port Blair in India. And it turned into a deep depression at 1030 hours on 10 May, then into a severe cyclonic storm at 0630 hours on 11 May, then into a very severe cyclonic storm at 0930 hours on 12 May and finally into an extremely severe cyclonic storm at 0330 hours on 13 May. The cyclone started to touch the coastal area at about 1230 hours on 14 May. The cyclone went past Sittway from near Kyaukpantu in the northwest only to turn into an inland storm in the direction of the northeast. As Sittway falls in the dangerous semicircle, it has suffered the worst. The first track of the cyclone witnessed a storm blowing for one hour at a speed of 60 to 100 miles per hour (mph). Afterwards, it met with a gust of wind at a speed of 130 mph. Luckily, however, the tides were seen only at a height of 3 to 4 feet. Thanks to the united effort exerted by the government, local authorities, people and Tatmadaw, preparations are quite good, and this has made us lucky. The majority of the victims are in the shelters in time. And the storm fall coincides with the time of low water levelling. And the storm surge abated because of the low volume of water. The tides subsided gradually in the evening.

The experts from the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology and the Navy have issued timely warnings from the very beginning. And this has contributed a lot to the reduction of losses and damage as well as the casualties.

Just one day after the storm, the head of state issued an order to clear the aerodromes for the aircraft to be able to land as and where necessary. Only two hours after the issuance of this order, the Y-8 aircraft from the Tatmadaw (Air) landed at the Sittway Airport. On the same day, the aeroplane carrying the head of state on board landed at the Sittway Aerodrome followed by the arrival of other aeroplanes carrying the emergency relief supplies. We are encouraged by the directions given by the SAC Chair, who said, "No citizen is to be left behind in providing the relief."

*Translated.*

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# Political parties allowed to be established continue applying for registration

THOSE who want to establish a political party are applying to the Union Election Commission by stating the name of the party they want to establish.

To date, 13 groups have applied for the right to establish a party. Out of the groups that applied for this, five political parties have been allowed to established.

Among the five political parties allowed to be established, the Shan and Ethnic Democratic Party (White Tiger Party), and Democratic Party applied to the Commission yesterday to register as political parties under the Registration of Political Parties Rule 7 within 30 days from the date of approval for the establishment of the party.

The Union Election Commission is processing the verification. — MNA/KZL

## 113 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 18 May, total figure registers 637,735

MYANMAR'S COVID-19-positive cases rose to 637,735 after 113 new cases were reported on 18 May 2023 according to the Ministry of Health. Therefore, a total of 10,548,415 laboratory samples were examined and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached 637,735. The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached 616,573 including 131 new recoveries.

The death toll from COVID-19 in the country registered 19,494 on 18-5-2023 with no new death reported from the pandemic. COVID-19 information can be browsed on the internet page moh.gov.mm of the Ministry of Health. — GNLM

# Tatmadaw (Navy) transports relief supplies to people in Mocha-hit Rakhine State

Relief items are seen being loaded onto Tatmadaw naval landing craft to transport them to Rakhine State.

A 29-metre landing craft from the Tatmadaw (Navy) left for Rathedaung yesterday morning to deliver the necessary materials to the people affected by the extremely severe Cyclone Mocha in Sittway, Rakhine State.

The landing craft carried items donated by the National Disaster Management Committee including 60 rolls of tarpaulin from World Bank 50 (5.5 metres and six metres) tarpaulin sheets from WB, nine World Bank rain tents from WB, 30 Singapore rain tents, 1,000 pieces of men's longyi, 1,000 pieces of women's longyi, 2,000 pieces of T-shirt, 1,000 pieces of blankets, 1,000 pieces of towel, 1,000 pieces of mosquito net, 1,000 bars of soap, 1,000 pieces of boy school uniform, 1,000 pieces of girl school uniform, 20 barrels of diesel, five barrels of gasoline (a total of 10 tonnes) from the Supply and Transport Battalion near the Yaychanpyin Creek.

Similarly, one 29-metre landing craft transported one water purifier vehicle, 80 pieces of green Canopy roof, 25 rain shelters for 60 people, eight packs of rain shelter accessories, 25 packs of rows for rain shelters, two packs of rain shelter stakes (a total of 17.5 tonnes), and another 29-meter landing craft transported one water tanker, 80 pieces of green Canopy roof, 25 rain shelters for 60 people, seven packs of rain shelter accessories, 25 packs of rows for rain shelters, two packs of rain shelter stakes (a total of 15 tonnes).

These ships loaded at Sittway and they proceeded Rathedaung via Yaychanpyin along with one more 29-metre landing craft. — MNA/KZL

# Tatmadaw (Air) delivers relief supplies to people affected by Cyclone Mocha in Rakhine State

THE Tatmadaw has sent a group of relief teams to areas affected by Cyclone Mocha and is carrying out the necessary relief work.

Food and relief items donated by Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, and Air) families and voluntary donors as well as items provided by the National Disaster Management Committee, are being transported by the Tatmadaw plane, helicopter and ship.

Tatmadaw planes transported 28 people including health workers and relief teams from Yangon Region, commodes, toilet pipes, fried dried fish, instant noodles, potatoes, biscuits, canned chickens, canned fish, sausage packs, tarpaulin sheets, communication devices, medical equipment, MPT communication items, and relief items from Mingaladon Airport, Yangon, to Sittway Airport three times yesterday.

Officials received the items that arrived by the Tatmadaw planes and will continue to distribute them to the relevant departments. — MNA/KZL

Relief goods are loaded aboard the Tatmadaw aircraft to deliver them to storm-hit Rakhine State.

# Casualties, losses and damage registered across nation

THE casualties, losses and damage in Myanmar caused by the severe cyclonic storm Mocha in the Bay of Bengal on 14 May are being released in a timely manner.

According to the investigation until 18 May noon, 12 houses, three religious buildings, one monastery, three schools, one airport building, eight lamp posts, one transformer, one departmental building, one wall were damaged and destroyed in 44 wards and villages of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area while 129 houses, one religious building, two monasteries, one school, two hospital/clinic, four lamp posts, 30 departmental buildings and one football field in 24 wards and villages of Chin State, three houses, six telecom towers, two lamp posts, one transformer, 26 walls and three bridges in 23 wards and villages of Sagaing Region, 113 houses, two telecom towers and one lamp post in 72 wards and villages of Bago Region, four houses, 14 lamp posts, 67 walls, 156 seasonal crop cultivation fields and one bridge in 34 wards and villages of Magway Region, four religious building in one village of Mandalay Region, one house, one monastery, one school and 14 lamp posts in four wards and villages of Mon State, 182,598 houses, 300 offices, 1,352 schools, 220 hospitals and clinics, 1,701 religious buildings and 1,014 losses in 17 townships of Rakhine State, 31 houses, one religious building, one monastery, seven schools, two telecom towers, 60 lamp posts, two transformers, six departmental buildings, two football fields and 34 walls in 65 wards and villages of Yangon Region, two houses, one monastery and one school in one village of Shan State, 131 houses, one religious building, five monasteries, 32 schools, five hospital/clinic, nine lamp posts, three departmental buildings and four losses in 114 wards and villages of Ayeyawady Region.

Therefore, according to the data on 18 May noon, a total of 183,024 houses, 1,711 religious buildings, 59 monasteries, 1,397 schools, 227 hospitals and clinics, 11 telecom towers, 119 lamp posts, five transformers, one market, two airport buildings and 340 departmental buildings were destroyed in respective regions and states, and 54 locals were killed.

In the cyclone-affected areas, the rescue teams in respective regions and states are undertaking rescue and relief measures together with volunteer organizations, and officials concerned went to the sites and provided necessary assistance. — MNA/KTZH

Tatmadaw members join in the clear-up tasks in storm-battered Rakhine State.

# Yunnan Provincial International Friendship Association donates foodstuffs for storm victims in Myanmar

Officials receive donated foodstuffs for storm victims on the Sino-Myanmar border yesterday.

YUNNAN Provincial International Friendship Association donated relief equipment and foodstuffs for storm victims in Myanmar at the Consulate-General of Myanmar in Kunming on 12 May and responsible personnel received donations at the Mang Wein border in Muse township yesterday morning.

The equipment and relief supply worth 100,000 yuan included anti-itch medicine, Chinese energy pills, ointment, analgesics, fever medicine, emergency rescue bags, Nongfu mineral water cards, instant noodles, and emergency shelters. — MNA/MKKS

# MNA, MAI resume operating regular flights to disaster-battered Rakhine

HEADS of departments and responsible personnel were sent to Sittway on 15 May to do quick repair work at the Sittway airport damaged by Cyclone Mocha in order to be able to send relief supplies to Rakhine State and to facilitate rehabilitation work and public transport.

As all the repair work have been done now, Myanmar National Airlines and Myanmar Airways International are operating regular flights to Sittway, Thandwe, Kyaukpyu and An Airports. — MNA/MKKS

Passengers are seen lining up for boarding the plane to Rakhine State.

## Daily newspapers available online

FOR those who would like to read the Myanma Alinn, the Kyemon and the Global New Light of Myanmar, published daily by the Ministry of Information, please visit www.moi.gov.mm/mal, www.moi.gov.mm/km, www.moi.gov.mm/nlm and www.gnlm.com.mm/e-paper.

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# Magway Region Chief Minister inspects cleaning activities at Mann Shwesettaw pagoda, Yinshay Dam in Ngape Township

MAGWAY Region Chief Minister U Tint Lwin inspected the cleaning processes at Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda (lower Buddha footprint) in Minbu (Sagu) Township and water flows into Yinshay Dam in Ngape Township of Magway Region together with the relevant officials yesterday.

On arrival at Mann Shwesettaw Pagoda, the region chief minister and party inspected the water flows of the Mann Creek and cleaning activities at the platform of lower Buddha footprint. They also comforted the members of township administration body, Tatmadaw members, departmental staff, members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade, Myanmar Red Cross Society and pagoda board of trustees who carried out cleaning activities.

They also paid homage to Mann Shwesettaw pagoda (upper Buddha footprint) and donated flowers, oil light, water and gold foils.

Then, they went to Yinshay Dam in Ngape Township and the officials of Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department reported on the history of dam that opened in 2009, water distribution to 500 acres of farms, surging water level to danger mark after heavy rain on 13 and 14 May due to Cyclone Mocha, evacuation processes for locals by the relevant organizations and conservation for the strength of dam.

Departmental personnel, members of Tatmadaw, Police and Fire Brigade and Myanmar Red Cross Society volunteer the relief tasks.

Then, the region chief minister gave advice on ensuring the strength of dam, prevention and upgrading works. — Maung Maung (Minbu)/KTZH

## Relief measures underway across Rakhine State

## Cleaning speeds up in schools of Mocha-hit Buthidaung

THE cleaning work is ramping up ahead of the reopening of schools in Mocha-hit Buthidaung.

Officials removed broken branches inside the compounds of Basic Education High School (Letweldat Pazunchaung) and BEHS (Gandama Village), and BEHS No 1 yesterday morning.

Cleaning was carried out collaboratively and the garbage was disposed of systematically with garbage collection trucks.

Station Commander Col Tin Moe Aung and officials toured clearing of debris and instructed the school heads to take action to deal with the damage to schools in a timely manner. Afterwards, officials coordinated what was needed. — Township IPRD/KZL

## Officials remove trees, branches in Mocha-hit MraukU

CLEARING of debris are being carried out to prevent trees and branches from blocking roads due to the extremely strong cyclonic storm Mocha in MraukU, MraukU District, Rakhine State. Officials conducted the cleaning process mainly along Union Road and in high-traffic areas.

The MraukU District Disaster Management Committee Chairman, Tatmadaw members, and polices cut and cleared the broken branches from the trees on the roads.

Officials are also working on the restoration of basic education schools, hospitals, residential homes, and office buildings damaged by the storm as soon as possible. — Myint Soe (IPRD)/KZL

## MRCS delivers emergency assistance to cyclone victims in Rakhine State

MRCS officials oversee the loading of relief items for Rakhine State.

MYANMAR Red Cross Society delivered purified drinking water and medicines to Sittway for cyclone victims in Rakhine State starting from 15 May.

MRCS President Prof Dr Myo Nyunt, together with Vice-President Dr Tin Tin Lay and members supervised the loading of aid on the trucks.

Myanmar Red Cross Society is making arrangements to open mobile clinics and provide foodstuffs. — MRCS/MKKS

## Relief efforts underway to provide essential supplies to storm victims in Buthidaung

UNDER the leadership of Township Disaster Management Committee Chairman U Zaw Win, committee members and departmental officials and personnel from the township-level ICRC and social organizations supplied necessary items for the people in Ward 4 and 5 at U Uttama Hall on 14 May.

The chair and officials offered 31 rice bags, 37 visses and 50 ticals of edible oil, seven visses and 50 ticals of salt and 20 cartons of instant noodles to 487 households from nine villages in Buthidaung Township. — Township (IPRD)/KZW

## Large trees broken by Cyclone Mocha removed in Kyaukpyu

OFFICIALS cleared large trees that were broken by Cyclone Mocha in Kyaukpyu, Rakhine State on the morning of 17 May. A combined team of firemen, Tatmadaw members, and police members cooperated in clearing fallen trees in Asoeya Ward, Zeytiya Ward, and No 3 Basic Education High School, Kyaukpyu. Officials from the township's electricity supply enterprise repaired the pylons damaged by Cyclone Mocha in Kyaukpyu.

Officials from departments and charitable organizations have been working together to clear and remove fallen tree branches on the roads and inside the departmental offices, schools, and monasteries since the storm hit. —Tin Tun Oo (IPRD)/KZL

# UK airline EasyJet cuts losses on strong demand

Inflation-squeezed consumers are prioratizing holiday travel, which should help easyJet return to profit for its financial year. **PHOTO: AFP**

BRITISH airline EasyJet said Thursday it had slashed first-half net losses on strengthening demand from holidaymakers, as the aviation sector recovers from Covid.

The group faced a loss after taxation of £307 million ($382 million) in the six months to the end of March, a results statement said.

That compared with a loss of £431 million in the same period a year earlier, when the sector was hit by staff shortages as demand rebounded after the lifting of Covid restrictions.

The carrier, which is based in Luton north of London, added that revenues soared 80 per cent to £2.7 billion on higher ticket prices and increased capacity, and gave a bright summer outlook.

Costs, however, leapt 52 per cent to £3.1 billion on a "significantly" increased jet fuel bill and "industry-wide" inflationary pressures.—AFP

# China establishes national financial regulatory administration

THE National Administration of Financial Regulation (NAFR) was officially set up on Thursday as China's new financial regulator, marking an important step in the country's institutional reform on financial supervision.

The NAFR, directly under the State Council, is formed on the basis of the China Banking and Insurance Regulatory Commission.

The new administration is in charge of regulating the financial industry, with the exception of the securities sector. It will take over certain functions of the People's Bank of China and the China Securities Regulatory Commission. —Xinhua

Journalists work outside the National Administration of Financial Regulation (NAFR) in Beijing, capital of China, 18 May 2023. The NAFR was officially set up on Thursday as China's new financial regulator, marking an important step in the country's institutional reform on financial supervision. **PHOTO: LI XIN/XINHUA**

Eskom workers walk at the Lethabo Power Station near Sasolburg, South Africa, on 23 March 2023. **PHOTO: IHSAAN HAFFEJEE/AFP**

# Energy firm warns S Africa to brace for 'difficult winter'

SOUTH Africa's struggling state-owned power firm Eskom on Thursday forecast a "very tight winter" starting in weeks, with demand set to rise in the continent's most industrialized but energy-starved country.

Eskom warned that it may ramp up crippling power outages to prevent a national grid collapse.

"It's going to be a difficult winter," Calib Cassim, the company's interim CEO told a news briefing in Johannesburg.

A total "blackout is unlikely", he said, allaying fears of South Africans as the southern hemisphere winter which start in June, sends energy demands soaring. Winter demand for power is expected to surge to around 33,000 megawatts but Eskom is only able to produce 26,000 megawatts. "This is going to be a very, very tight winter in terms of supply and demand," said Segomoco Scheppers, who is the Eskom executive responsible for transmission. — AFP

# Deutsche Bank to pay $75 mln in Epstein victim settlement: report

DEUTSCHE Bank will pay $75 million to settle litigation alleging the German lender financially benefited from supporting Jeffrey Epstein's sex trafficking scheme, according to a report Wednesday.

The settlement concerns an unnamed defendant who launched a proposed class-action suit in November 2022, alleging Deutsche Bank did business with Epstein while knowing he used funds in the account to support sex-trafficking activity, the Wall Street Journal said Wednesday. – AFP

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| (2) | DMP/L–126(23–24)CAP | Printer, Colour Printer, Fax Machine, Scanner, Projector (24) Items | Ks |
| (3) | DMP/L–127(23–24)CAP | Copier & Colour Copier (6) Items | Ks |
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2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qtty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from **19 May, 2023** at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the **Technical Specifications and Commercial Quotation with Original Bid Bond in each separate sealed envelopes** on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than **13:00 pm** on **2, June 2023**.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time – **2–6–2023, 13:00 pm**

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# GLOBAL AFFAIRS

## WORLD: TOP HEADLINES

### Papua New Guinea to sign security pact with US, PM says

PAPUA New Guinea will sign a security pact with the United States that gives American troops access to the Pacific nation's ports and airports, its leader said Thursday, as Washington jostles for influence in the region with Beijing. US President Joe Biden has placed more importance on the Pacific over concerns about an increasingly assertive China, which is trying to woo nations with an array of diplomatic and financial incentives in return for strategic support. Prime Minister James Marape said two agreements focusing on defence cooperation and maritime surveillance had been agreed with Washington and would be formally signed at the earliest opportunity after parliamentary approval.

"We are elevating to a specific defence cooperation agreement, something that is falling short of a treaty," he told a press conference.

"We are moving ahead, we are signing with the best military on the face of planet Earth." — AFP

### Moldova wants to join EU 'as soon as possible'

MOLDOVA wants EU membership "as soon as possible" as protection against a threat from Russia and hopes for a decision to start negotiations "in the next months", President Maia Sandu told AFP in an interview. The small nation of 2.6 million people, nestled between EU neighbour Romania and war-ravaged Ukraine, will on 1 June hold its first major summit of wider Europe.

That gathering of the European Political Community — a forum created last year that brings together leaders of all 27 EU countries with 20 neighbours of the bloc — will be an occasion for Moldova to burnish its candidate credentials. — AFP

# Thai opposition leader confident of forming govt

Move Forward Party leader Pita Limjaroenrat (second from right) leads a victory parade on Monday. **PHOTO: LILLIAN SUWANRUMPHA/AFP**

THE head of Thailand's progressive Move Forward Party said Thursday he was confident of becoming prime minister despite junta-appointed senators saying they will block his appointment.

MFP stunned observers by emerging as the largest party at Sunday's election, which saw a record turnout deliver a thumping defeat for army-linked parties who had run the kingdom for nearly a decade. Two more small parties joined the new coalition formed by MFP leader Pita Limjaroenrat, giving it 313 out of 500 seats in the lower house.

"We have a lot of momentum, my coalition is taking shape," the Harvard-educated, 42-year-old Pita told reporters in Bangkok on Thursday.

"All parties support me, as the Move Forward Party leader, to become the 30th prime minister of Thailand," he said.

While the coalition has a large enough majority to govern, to secure the PM's job it has to muster a majority across both houses — including the Senate, whose 250 members were handpicked by the last junta.

MFP's determination to amend Thailand's tough laws against insulting King Maha Vajiralongkorn has spooked the royalist-military conservative establishment. — AFP

# UK aircraft carrier returning to Pacific in 2025: Sunak

BRITAIN will send an aircraft carrier back to the Pacific as part of a Carrier Strike Group in 2025, Downing Street said Thursday as Prime Minister Rishi Sunak visits Japan.

The HMS Queen Elizabeth passed through Asia in 2021, making port calls in Japan, as Western allies push back against China's growing military power in the region.

Sunak, who is in Japan for the G7 summit in Hiroshima, stopped first in Tokyo to visit a naval base, where he announced Britain will double the number of UK troops in upcoming joint exercises.

London and Tokyo will also agree a formal "consult clause", committing them to discuss regional and global security issues and measures in response. — AFP

HMS Queen Elizabeth is a Royal Navy aircraft carrier and the lead ship of the Queen Elizabeth class of aircraft carriers. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/MOD/AFP**

# Tunisian president evokes 'tolerance' after synagogue attack

TUNISIAN President Kais Saied has hosted Jewish, Muslim and Christian leaders following a deadly mass shooting outside a local synagogue, telling them Tunisia was a country of "tolerance and coexistence".

The 9 May attack on the resort island of Djerba killed five people and sparked panic during an annual Jewish pilgrimage at the historic Ghriba synagogue, Africa's oldest. The interfaith meeting on Wednesday "attests to the tolerance and coexistence that have characterized Tunisia for centuries", Saied said, according to a video released by the presidency. It included Tunisia's Grand Rabbi Haim Bittan, Mufti Hichem ben Mahmoud and Archbishop Ilario Antoniazzi. The gunman, a police officer, killed three other officers and two worshippers, a French-Tunisian and an Israeli-Tunisian man, before being shot dead himself by police.

Soldiers watch near Ghriba synagogue in Djerba, Tunisia, 10 May 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

During the meeting, Saied said a probe was underway to determine whether the shooter had any accomplices.

Four people linked to the gunman and suspected of involvement in the attack have so far been arrested, the private Mosaique FM radio reported late Wednesday. Tunisian officials have denounced the attack as "criminal" but refrained from referring to it as a "terrorist" operation which would imply anti-Semitic motives. — AFP

GLOBAL AFFAIRS

# Chinese, Kyrgyz presidents hold talks, elevate bilateral relationship

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Thursday held talks with visiting Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov in Xi'an, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, where the two presidents announced the elevation of the bilateral relationship to a comprehensive strategic partnership for a new era.

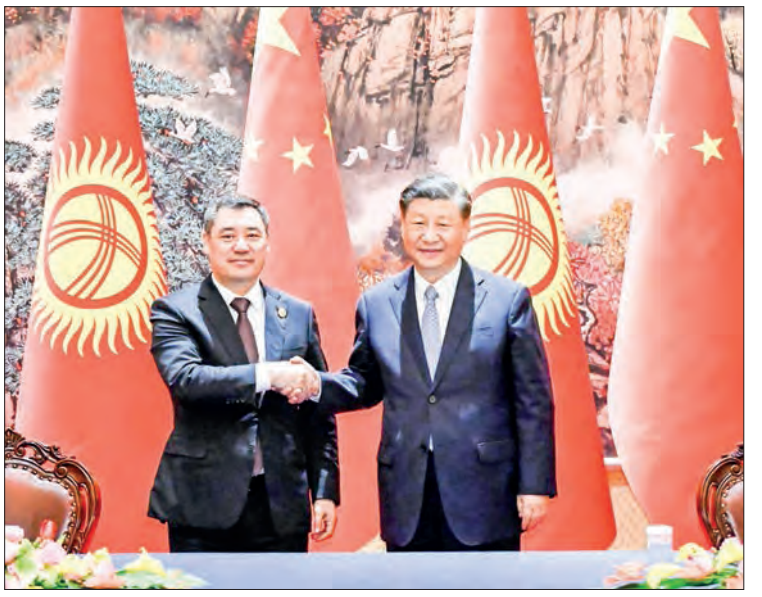
Japarov is in China for the China-Central Asia Summit and a state visit.

Xi welcomed Japarov to China for the summit and the state visit. He recalled their two meetings last year, which produced important common understandings on China-Kyrgyzstan relations and cooperation in various areas. These common understandings are being implemented effectively, providing strong momentum for bilateral relations, Xi said.

Xi said Japarov has been working tirelessly to develop the economy, improve people's well-being, and promote reconciliation between different political forces since assuming office, which won him the support of the Kyrgyz people.

Xi expressed confidence that under the leadership of Japarov, Kyrgyzstan is bound to achieve new progress in all undertakings.

Noting that the China-Kyrgyzstan relationship has travelled a 31-year journey, Xi said China is ready to work with Kyrgyzstan to build a China-Kyrgyzstan community with a shared future of good neighborliness and shared prosperity, carry out cooperation in all dimensions, and contribute to the development and vitalization of both countries. — Xinhua



Chinese President Xi Jinping holds talks with Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov, who is in China for the China-Central Asia Summit and a state visit, in Xi'an, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, 18 May 2023. **PHOTO: SHEN HONG/XINHUA**

# Sweden democrats seek to review EU strategy, set stage for 'Swexit'

ACCORDING to Sweden's largest right-wing party, the country's numerous concessions to Brussels erode the core of national democracy and lack popular support. The strategy they propose aims to stop ceding further power and maximize Stockholm's influence.

Sweden Democrat leader Jimmie Akesson and MEP Charlie Weimers have penned an opinion piece calling for a review of Sweden's relationship with the European Union. The national-conservative party seeks to prevent the further transfer of power to the EU and maximize Sweden's influence to achieve better negotiation results.

According to the top Sweden Democrats, their country has become so malleable and loses so many negotiations in Brussels that it has given rise to the saying "compromising like a Swede".

Sweden Democrat leader Jimmie Akesson and MEP Charlie Weimers have penned an opinion piece calling for a review of Sweden's relationship with the European Union. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

The duo ventured that 60 per cent of the Swedish municipalities' decisions originate within the EU, which "erodes the core" of Swedish democracy as it forces the parliament to make decisions that lack popular support. — SPUTNIK

## WORLD: TOP HEADLINES

### Colombia says four kids found alive in Amazon after plane crash

FOUR Indigenous children, including an 11-month-old baby, have been found alive in the dense Colombian Amazon after a plane crash more than two weeks ago, President Gustavo Petro said Wednesday, declaring "joy for the country".

Petro said on Twitter the children were found after "arduous search efforts" by the military, which has yet to confirm the rescue.

More than 100 soldiers had been deployed with sniffer dogs to search for the minors who were travelling in an airplane that crashed on 1 May, leaving three adults including the pilot and the children's mother dead. – AFP

### Migrant girl, 8, dies in US custody at Texas border

An eight-year-old migrant girl died in US custody in Texas on Wednesday, a tragedy that tempered news of a sharp drop in attempted illegal crossings of the southern US border.

The girl died in Harlingen, a Texas border city near the Gulf of Mexico. "The child and her family were in custody at the Harlingen Station where she experienced a medical emergency," US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) said in a statement.–AFP

# Rival claims over Prince Harry, Meghan NY 'car chase'

COMPETING claims surfaced Thursday over Prince Harry and his wife Meghan's purported involvement in a "near catastrophic car chase" with paparazzi in New York.

A spokesperson for the couple drew global attention by announcing Wednesday that they had endured a "relentless" two-hour pursuit that resulted in "multiple near collisions involving other drivers".

The account of Tuesday's incident prompted comparisons to the circumstances around the Paris car crash in 1997 that killed Harry's mother, Princess Diana, which the prince blames on paparazzi pursuing her.

However, New York police, the city's mayor and a taxi driver who briefly transported the couple have played down the danger and duration of the reported pursuit.

In an interview aired Thursday on Britain's ITV, one of the photographers involved in the drama alleged the couple's vehicle entourage were to blame for any danger.

"It was very tense trying to keep up with the vehicles," said the photographer, who asked to remain anonymous. — AFP

Prince Harry photographed with his wife Meghan and her mother Doria Ragland. **PHOTO: POOL/AFP/FILE**

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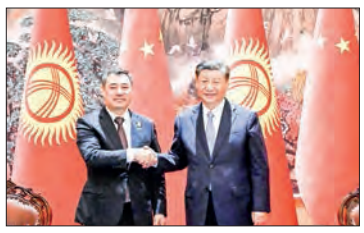

## The Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council: Twelve Objectives

**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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The Myanmar sports contingent is seen being warmly welcomed on their arrival at the Yangon International Airport yesterday.

# Athletes who deserve to be honoured in SEA Games come back home

THE Myanmar sports team, which competed in the XXXII SEA Games, returned from Cambodia to Yangon International Airport yesterday evening on a Myanmar National Airlines chartered flight.

The honourable athletes 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 the airport.

The sports team led by Deputy Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Myo Hlaing who is also the general secretary of the Myanmar Olympic Committee includes two gold medalists, two silver medallists and one bronze medallist from Sepak Takraw Team, one gold medallist, five silver medallists, and two bronze medallists from Traditional Boat Race Team, two gold medallists, two silver medallists and eight bronze medallists from Vovinam Team, one gold medallist and two bronze medallists from Weightlifting Team, one gold medallist and four bronze medallists from Taekwondo Team, one silver medallist and three bronze medallists from Judo Team, one silver medallist from Badminton Team, one bronze medallist from Cricket Team, athletes from Chess Team, and coaching teams totalling 155.

The gold medallists from the sports team are Than Zaw Oo, Thein Zaw Min, Aung Kyaw Moe, Aung Zaw, Kyaw Zeyar Win, and Zin Ko Ko from Men's Sepak Takraw Event, Phyu Phyu Than, Khin Hnin Wai, Kyu Kyu Thinn, Naing Naing Win, Nwe Nwe Htwe, and Su Tinza Naing from Women's HoopTakraw Event, Khant Zaw Aung, Pyae Sone Aung, Thet Paing Phyo, Saw Naing Lin Kyaw, and Tin Ko Ko from Men's 5-oar (U-24) 250 m Event, Si Thu Maung from Men's 55-60 kg Event of Vovinam, Aung Zaw Thet, Ye Zaw Moe, and Myo Tun Arnt from Men's Team (Open) Event of Vovinam, Zin May Oo from Women's 45 kg Weightlifting Event, and Kyaw Min Naing from Men's +87 kg Taekwondo Event.

The Myanmar sports team won 21 gold medals, 25 silver medals, and 68 bronze medals totalling 114 in the XXXII SEA Games. — MNA/KZL

# World Cup 2026 teams to be based in 'clusters': Infantino

TEAMS at the expanded 2026 World Cup in the United States, Canada and Mexico will be based in regional clusters during the early rounds to ease travel, FIFA president Gianni Infantino said on Wednesday. Speaking in Los Angeles to unveil the official logo and branding for the tournament, Infantino said the move was prompted by the scale of the 2026 finals.

For the first time the next World Cup will include 48 teams — up from 32 — and will be co-hosted by three countries, another first. "The challenges will be the whole logistics around it," Infantino said. "It's a continent — three countries and not three small countries either — three big countries. "The distances, the time zones, the climatic differences too — altitude in Mexico, sea level in other parts.—AFP

# Sydney strikes deal to host three top UFC events

Australian featherweight champion Alexander Volkanovski (L) is hoping to fight in Sydney with the city to host three UFC events. **PHOTO: AFP**

SYDNEY will host three Ultimate Fighting Championship events over the next four years in a major new deal, starting with UFC 293 in September. A venue is yet to be announced for the first show on 10 September and the headline act depends on the results of upcoming fights. Sydney last hosted a UFC fight in 2017. "We just did a deal with the NSW government that will bring three pay-per-view events to Sydney over the next four years," UFC president Dana White said. "The first will be happening on 10 September this year for UFC 293." Australia's top mixed martial arts fighter, featherweight king Alexander Volkanovski, will defend his belt at UFC 290 in July in Las Vegas against Mexico's Yair Rodriguez.—AFP