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

- 1. Priority will be given to fully realizing peace, stability and rule of law throughout the Union to safeguard the socioeconomic life of the people.
- 2. People-centred development work that enhances socioeconomic well-being will be undertaken to ensure the country's prosperity and food security.
- 3. Processes will further continue to consolidate a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system and build a Union based on democracy and federalism.
- 4. Priority will be accorded to work aligned with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, in order to achieve enduring peace for the entire nation.
- 5. Upon accomplishing the provisions of the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held in line with the 2008 Constitution, and further work will be undertaken to hand over State duties to the winning party in accordance with democratic standards.

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepts Credentials of Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepted the Credentials of the Ambassador of Cambodia to Myanmar Mr Chum Angvichet at the Credentials Hall of the Office of SAC Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am yesterday.

They frankly discussed the standing of Cambodia with Myanmar; the belief of Cambodia in Myanmar's endeavours in restoring peace and stability, enhancement of diplomatic relations, friendly ties and cooperation between the two countries, assistance of Cambodia to Myanmar at a time when Covid-19 pandemic broke out, a plan of Cambodia to further provide Covid-19 vaccines, the issue to extend running of a direct flight between the two countries for the development of the tourism industry, and promotion of cooperation in religious, education and trade sectors.

After the meeting, the Senior General and the Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar had documentary photos taken. — MNA/TTA



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The Senior General receives the Cambodian Ambassador.



The Senior General poses for the documentary group photo.

Public Notice for Submitting Objection



Flag of Shan and Ethnic Democratic Party (White Tiger Party)



Emblem of Shan and Ethnic Democratic Party (White Tiger Party)

1. Under Section 5 of the Political Parties Registration Law, Shan and Ethnic Democratic Party

(White Tiger Party), with its headquarters located at No 43-44 (8-A), MMM Condo, Strand Road, Ahlon Township, Yangon Region, submitted an application to the Union Election Commission on 18-5-2023 that the party's name, flag and emblem will be used as described.

2. Therefore, those who want to object to the mentioned party name, flag and emblem that will be used by the Shan and Ethnic Democratic Party (White Tiger Party), can object to the Union Election Commission with valid evidence within seven days from the date of this announcement. It is announced to the public under Rule 14 (d) of the Registration of Political Parties.

Union Election Commission

Public Notice for Submitting Objection



Flag of Democratic Party.



Emblem of Democratic Party

1. Under Section 5 of the Political Parties Registration Law, the Democratic Party, with its headquarters located at No 42, Pyidaungsu Lane, Saya San North (Western Ward), Bahan Township, Yangon Region, submitted an application to the Union Election Commission on 18-5-2023 that the party's name, flag and emblem will be used as described.

2. Therefore, those who want

to object to the mentioned party name, flag and emblem that will be used by the Democratic Party can object to the Union Election Commission with valid evidence within seven days from the date of this announcement. It is announced to the public under Rule 14 (d) of the Registration of Political Parties.

Union Election Commission

Statement of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission on its activities of human rights promotion and education

Statement No 7/2023

1. In accordance with the Paris Principle relating to the Status of National Institutions, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law was enacted as the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No 21/2014 with the objectives to safeguard the fundamental rights of citizens enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, to create a society where human rights are respected and protected and to effectively promote and protect human rights. In Chapter V of the said law, promoting public awareness of human rights and efforts to combat all forms of discrimination through the provision of information and education is mentioned as one of the duties of the Commission.

2. In carrying out the two main functions of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, to achieve the goals of effective human rights education and awareness raising, inspiring greater public trust and confidence in MNHRC and fostering a human rights culture in Myanmar through education and awareness raising, annual operational plans have been developed and being implemented under the five-year Strategic Plan (2020-2024).

3. Since 2011 when the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission was established until now, as part of the human rights awareness-raising

activities, 275 human rights educative talks have been held in all regions and states, including self-administered zones. For state employees in regions, states and districts and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), 108 human rights workshops and training have been organized, and a total of 288 human rights lectures have been delivered at the training courses organized by Union Ministries and Civil Service Academies. Moreover, human rights education materials such as pamphlets, brochures, and posters have been printed and distributed.

4. The human rights awareness-raising activities of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission for the public may enhance the knowledge of human rights and basic human rights concepts, resulting in the adoption of human rights-based approaches to all situations and the ability to analyze human rights perspectives. This may contribute to the protection of human rights, reduce the tendencies to violate human rights and consequently may address the violations of human rights and thereby may create a society with a human rights culture where human rights are respected, protected and observed.

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission
Date: 18 May 2023

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 establish.

Among the five political parties allowed to be established, the Union Development Party applied to the Commission yesterday to register as a political party 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

Multiparty democratic system will be implemented under the political trend

THE multiparty democratic system will be implemented under the political trend whereas the administrative system will be a combined system of democratic administration and federal administration. It is an administration all ethnic people and citizens aspire to.

(Excerpts from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman, chief ministers of regions and states and chairpersons of self-administered zones and division on 6 January 2023)

Youths have to join hands in nation-building tasks based on the fraternity of young age in accord with the saying “Today’s youths will be adults in the future”: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets trainees from basic and advanced maritime youth course 1/2023 and basic senior and junior aviation youth course 1/2023 in Nay Pyi Taw on 19 May 2023.

THE government of the State Administration Council in its tenure has adopted a point of the social objectives: 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. The government is striving for strengthening the human resources of the State to secure achievement in all sectors so as to ensure high morality of youths, vitalize patriotic spirit and forge a cooperative spirit through the team spirit. If so, the future State will have continuous progress with utmost efforts of the human resources, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with trainees and instructors from basic and advanced maritime youth course 1/2023 and basic senior and junior aviation youth course 1/2023 at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

In his speech, the Senior General noted that the trainees will have a chance to accumulate knowledge during the training period as well as promote fraternity among them. Youths have to join hands in nation-building tasks based on the fraternity of young age in accord with the saying goes: “Today’s youths will be adults in the future”.

The Senior General urged all trainees to apply experiences



The Senior General and his wife pose for the documentary photo with trainees.

obtained from the training courses in the society. Trainees have known that the governments which possess coastal lines are conducting research on maritime and aviation subjects in order to enhance defence capacity as well as national interests. Strengthening the defence capacity contributes to the development of the nation on one hand.

If every country cannot shape its future despite plentiful natural resources, development momentum will delay. Only when the country has human resources to efficiently utilize the sound foundations will the State economy unprecedentedly boom.

As they are born in the country, they have to understand the history of the motherland com-

prehensively. They have to know the histories of the country and the Tatmadaw are interrelated and they have to do continuous learning so as to wipe off pessi-

mistic attitudes of local and foreign destructionists.

The Senior General presented gifts to the trainees who respectfully returned the gifts.

Ma Kay Zin Thwe of the maritime youth course and Ma Nang Mo Kham of the aviation youth course recounted their experiences in the training courses.

The Senior General and party gave a tea party to the trainees and the Myawady entertainment troupe presented songs. The Senior General and party cordially greeted the trainees and instructors and posed for documentary photos.

Before the ceremony, the trainees viewed round arms produced by the Myanmar Tatmadaw, uniforms and communication devices used in Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air), scale models of naval vessels of the Tatmadaw (Navy), naval equipment, scale models of aircraft and helicopters used by the Tatmadaw (Air), pilot uniforms and equipment, and flying of planes with the use of simulators. — MNA/TTA



Trainees are keen on the scale models of navy ships.

SAC Vice-Chair Dy C-in-C of Defence Services C-in-C (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win meets, comforts locals, departmental staff, Tatmadaw members, families, provides foodstuffs in Kyauktaw, Rathedaung of Rakhine State

CHAIRMAN of National Disaster Management Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe yesterday morning inspected the damage in Cyclone Mocha-hit Kyauktaw and Rathedaung of Rakhine State, separately met and comforted the residents, departmental staff, Tatmadaw members and their families.

First, the Vice-Senior General and party observed the losses and damage, recuse works and rehabilitation processes in Kyauktaw and Rathedaung townships.

Then, the Vice-Senior General and party met and comforted the storm victims-local people and departmental staff at the respective locations.

During the meeting, the Vice-Senior General said he came to the disaster-affected areas to check the rehabilitation activities in person according to the directive of the Prime Minister. It is such as glad case as the residents conducted rehabilitation processes for their townships,



The Vice-Senior General meets Tatmadaw members and families of Kyauktaw station (above and below photos).



partments concerned should collect the correct data in respective townships to distribute the relief items systematically. The SAC released the announcements declaring disaster-hit regions according to Section 11 of the Natural Disaster Management Law. Moreover, the senior military officers were assigned duties in these areas to carry out the rehabilitation processes. The people of respective townships should work together to be better than the original situation.

Then, the attendees reported on the damages and losses and the Vice-Senior



An aerial view of Mocha-hit areas in Rakhine State.

ward and villages with a strong sense of self-reliance. The people and departments concerned also should participate in the rehabilitation processes of recuse teams.

The universities and basic education schools will be opened on 1 June and so it should conduct repairing works on the destroyed schools for the students to be able to study safely and peacefully. In doing so, it should prioritize the high schools that host the largest numbers of students and it should repair the township hospital (50-bed) as quickly as possible.

It needs to collect the data to launch rehabilitation processes quickly. The de-

General provided rice, cooking oil, beans and fish paste to the victims of Mocha and departmental staff.

The Vice-Senior General and party also provided cash assistance to the members of the Bago Region Myanmar Fire Brigade who served recuse and relief measures in Rathedaung township.

Moreover, the Vice-Senior General and party went to Kyauktaw and Rathedaung stations and separately comforted the officials, other ranks and families who faced the impacts of natural disasters. The Vice-Senior General then provided foodstuffs and cordially greeted them. — MNA/KTZH



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DPM MoTC Union Minister meets senior military officers who will manage rehabilitation work in Rakhine State

SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San met senior military officers who will manage rehabilitation tasks at storm-battered townships in Rakhine State yesterday and gave necessary instructions.

The meeting was attended by Union Border Affairs Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin and senior military officers.

Deputy Prime Minister Admiral Tin Aung San said that when they reach townships where they are responsible, they should prioritize collaborative efforts in clear-up of the damage caused by

the storm, restore the electricity and good communication, access to clean drinking water, school buildings to be repaired in time of school opening, reconstruction of hospitals, monasteries, provision of foodstuffs, medicines, medical supplies and construction materials sent by the government to be systematically and rapidly distributed to storm-affected people, supervision of correct statistics, and urgent matters to be submitted in a timely manner.

Senior military officers who will supervise and assist in the rehabilitation activities in storm-hit areas of Rakhine State were transported by helicopter yesterday afternoon. — MNA/TS



Deputy Prime Minister Admiral Tin Aung San meets senior Tatmadaw officers yesterday.

MoFA Union Minister receives Cambodian Ambassador



U Than Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr Chum Angvichet, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Cambodian Ambassador Mr Chum Angvichet calls on Union Minister U Than Swe yesterday.

During the courtesy call, the Union Minister congratulated the Ambassador on his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the Republic of the

Union of Myanmar.

They candidly exchanged views on matters on the further advancement of the existing friendly bilateral ties, and the intensification of mutually beneficial cooperation across areas of common interest including trade, tourism, education, religious and cultural affairs as well as closer collaboration in regional and multilateral arenas. — MNA

Union Commerce Minister meets Lincang Mayor of China

THE Myanmar delegation led by Union Commerce Minister U Aung Naing Oo received an explanation in detail on the construction of the logistics zone of the China-Myanmar-Indian Ocean New Waterway, new logistics zone and further projects with maps by Lincang Deputy Mayor Mr Zhao Zijie yesterday.

In addition, the Union minister and the delegation met CPC Lincang Municipal Committee Secretary Mr Zhang Zhizheng and Lincang Mayor Mr Du Jianhui together with officials and openly discussed matters on border trade development, increasing investment, promotion of the



Union Minister U Aung Naing Oo meets Lincang Mayor Mr Du Jianhui.

tourism sector and upgrading of borders.

Afterwards, the Union minister and the delegation visited the Linchan Urban

Planning Museum and the ceramic tile manufacturing factory in Wan Yeong village. — MNA/MKKS



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120 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 19 May, total figure registers 637,855

MYANMAR'S COVID-19-positive cases rose to **637,855** after **120** new cases were reported on 19 May 2023 according to the Ministry of Health. Therefore, a total of **10,556,815** laboratory samples were examined and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached **637,855**. The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **616,665** including **92** new recoveries.

The death toll from COVID-19 in the country registered **19,494** on 19-5-2023 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

National Economic Promotion Fund Management Committee Meeting 3/2023 held



Deputy Prime Minister U Win Shein chairs the third National Economic Promotion Fund Management Committee meeting yesterday.

THE 3/2023 meeting of the National Economic Promotion Fund Management Committee was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Planning and Finance in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Committee Chairman, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Planning and

Finance U Win Shein said that the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation has been given a grant of K230 billion from the national economic promotion fund (K400 billion), and K10 billion each to Kayah, Chin and Rakhine States, K8 billion each to Kachin, Kayin, Mon, Shan States and Taninthayi Region and five

billion kyats each to six self-administered zones totalling K330 billion.

Of the remaining K70 billion of the national economic promotion funds, K50 billion were approved for the establishment of the oil industry development loan fund and K20 billion were approved for the development

of animal husbandry, he stated.

A total of K52 billion from the balance of the National Natural Disaster Management Fund was transferred to the National Economic Promotion Fund and K10 billion each was given to Sagaing Region and Magway Region.

K8 billion each has been given to Bago Region, Mandalay Region, Yangon Region and Ayeyawady Region. Therefore, the total disbursement from the National Economic Promotion Fund is K452 billion.

He focused on obtaining loan guarantees according to location, ensuring regular repayment of principal/interest during the term of the loan, and regular repayment of principal/interest after one year from the date the loan was started even though the loan has not yet reached maturity.

He continued to discuss issues related to state and regional loans and loan verification. A vir-

tual meeting will be held in the Chin State and Kayah State and loan issues will be checked, he commented.

At the meeting, he expressed that he would like to have a round discussion and make recommendations on the issue of being able to provide a special loan presented by Mon State and the issue of extending the term of the loan presented by Chin State.

Along with issuing funds for the agriculture sector, he focused on supervising and increasing the funds without losing them.

Next, members of the National Economic Promotion Fund Management Committee: Union Ministers U Min Naung, Dr Charlie Than, Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win, U Nyunt Aung and officials discussed findings and requirements according to the relevant sectors, and the chairman of the committee coordinated the presentations.

— MNA/KZL

MoH Union Minister discusses healthcare services for Mocha-hit areas



Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win chairs the coordination meeting on healthcare services for storm-hit areas in Nay Pyi Taw.

UNION Health Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win inspected the damage after Cyclone Mocha and repairing works at Food and Drugs Administration Department Office in Sittway Township together with relevant officials yesterday.

At noon, the Union minister attended the coordination meeting on healthcare services for storm-affected areas held in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, the Union minister highlighted the

preparations in the health sector in each township of Rakhine State that were hit by Cyclone Mocha, current and ongoing work plans to analyze the needs after the cyclone, adding chlorine to the lakes and wells, distribution of water purification tablets, medicines and medical supplies to prevent diarrhoea, quick response to communicable disease, sending of RRT (Rapid Response Team) and medical teams and other matters.

Then, officials of the Pub-

lic Health Department, Medical Services Department and FDA reported on the destroyed rural health centres and branches clinics, Sittway General Hospital, district and township hospitals and dispensaries and office buildings.

The Union minister then stressed the need to spend the fund effectively for maintenance under the current expenditure of 2023-2024FY and conduct long-term and short-term plans for repairing works. — MNA/KTZH

MoC Union Minister oversees progress on temporary Bailey bridge for damaged Thechaung bridge

UNION Construction Minister U Myo Thant met the director-general, the deputy directors-general and chief engineers of the Department of Buildings and staff in Rakhine State at the director's office of the Department of Highways in Rakhine State yesterday.

The Union minister emphasized the urgency of promptly repairing the roofs of both offices and residential buildings in townships. Pri-

oritizing the ministry's paramount duty of preserving road connectivity, he stressed ensuring the cleanliness of roads through efficient vehicle mechanisms.

Then, Director-General U Myo Myint of the Department of Buildings, the deputy directors-general, and chief engineers explained cooperation procedures and the Union Minister ordered officials to coordinate with the relevant

ministries and Rakhine state government.

Subsequently, the Union minister and party proceeded to the construction site, located at milepost No 2/4 along the Sittway-Palinpyin Road, where the construction of a 140-foot-long and 18-foot-wide temporary Bailey bridge was underway to replace the Thechaung bridge that had suffered damage in the storm. — MNA/KZW



Union Construction Minister U Myo Thant views the temporary Bailey bridge.

Paper-reading sessions, parallel discussions continue at Myanmar National Education Conference 2023

THE Myanmar National Education Conference 2023 continued at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning with parallel discussions for the second day.

Seven parallel discussions took place under seven titles, and resource persons read six papers in each group of panel discussions with the active participation of attendees.

Parallel discussion 1 submitted papers on regional administration, social organizations and cooperation, the creation of a healthy and happy learning society, assessment on the effectiveness of continuous assessment system, cooperation between monastic educations and private schools, and proper balance of students ratio to teachers.

Parallel discussion 2 comprised paper presentations on high enrolment rate, schooling and high transition of learning, fulfilling needs of students in learning, training teachers to enhance capacity, turning out good citizens with actual literate, patriotic and national spirits and teaching good

knowledge and behaviours in basic education curriculums, and completion of school-age children in KG+9 scheme including those from border regions.

Resource persons also read their papers on the enhancement of public awareness to know learning opportunities for technical vocation and training, the extended opening of training schools to give technical, vocational and training in post-KG+9 education, appointment of teachers for post-KG+9 education and enhancement of capacity, further strengthening of curriculums, assessment, qualification guarantee and management in the technical sector of the post-KG+9 education, further strengthening of curriculums, assessment, qualification guarantee and management in agriculture and livestock sector of the post-KG+9 education, and recognition certification for basic education high school by the Ministry of Education and creation of opportunities for those who completed technical, agriculture and livestock breeding high schools and vocational training schools to learn



The paper-reading session of the Myanmar National Education Conference 2023 in progress for the second day yesterday.

education for a lifetime in the parallel discussion 3.

Parallel discussion 4 staged the papers on the extension of learning opportunities for applying for technical vocational courses and turning out human resources, the extension of learning opportunities for applied agriculture and livestock breeding vocational courses and turning out human resources, exposing the plans for employment opportunities jointly organized by the government, private sector, partner

organizations and workplaces, betterment of curriculum on modern technical and vocational subjects, enhancement of vocational education to develop socioeconomic life, and creation of chances for implementing a durable vocational education system.

Parallel discussion 5 presented the papers on teaching higher education in the environment to contribute to society in addition to having subject-wise skills, technology applied pedagogical and man-

agement system implementation, education system based on outcomes which can improve learning result, betterment of university structures and beautification of the university campus, modernization of outcomes-based curriculums, and further turning out economists for the economic development of the State.

Parallel discussion 6 mentioned the papers on inserting the graduation research project plans for undergraduate courses, the important role of higher education in the existence of natural resources and environment, food security based on technologies, the connection between university and workplace, enhancement of applied research for MSME businesses, and adoption of a framework for the development of research.

Parallel discussion 7 emphasized the papers on the insertion of plans for the adequate number of teachers in the education sector, reduction of teacher depletion and convenience in workplaces, attendance to pre-job training and on-job training, and enhancement of the capacity of teachers in technical, vocational and training sectors. In the afternoon, the paper on teacher competency standards framework and IQA to enhance the qualification of teachers, and continuous training for qualification of teachers.

Attendees participated in discussions and gave suggestions.

Students, teachers and people as well as trainees from maritime and aviation youth courses visited the education booths of the conference.

— MNA/TTA



Trainees are seen paying observation tours round the exhibition booths at the conference (above and below photos).



OPINION

Clean the planet Earth without dangerous wastes

SAVE the planet Earth which is home to all including you. Bearing humans is a must for the planet Earth. The world does not have a chance to refuse all humans not to bear them. But bearing the waste is an unacceptable duty for the planet Earth.

Actually, the volume and weight of waste are larger and larger in the world. Hence, the world is now very tired of bearing the waste. So, everybody needs to save the world from the situation of bearing waste. Such a process of saving the planet Earth is not difficult. All the global people unanimously avoid undisciplined disposal of waste on the ground.

Currently, the planet Earth is still bearing the waste. Some wastes are visible as these can be seen on the ground due to undisciplined disposal. Some wastes cannot be seen in the environment. It is because people unnecessarily store some kinds of waste at home. Actually, they do not need this waste but they still store them. Consequently, the planet Earth unavoidably bears these wastes.

Whatever it may be, any kind of waste can destroy the world and the environment. In consequence, the deterioration of the environment can affect the daily life of the global people. Hence, it can be said that undisciplined disposal of waste can be harmful to the life of living beings and the environment. Environmental degradation triggered by waste causes hazards to living beings, especially human beings.

On the other hand, undisciplined emission of gas and smoke leaves dangerous wastes which are harmful to the planet Earth. Such an emission of smoke causes air pollution in the atmosphere. Hence, waste from the ground and smoke from the atmosphere

is silent killers to living beings. Only when all global people restrict themselves not to commit undisciplined acts of disposing of waste not only into the water but on the ground as well as emitting dangerous gases and smoke into the atmosphere will the planet Earth be healthy without treatments of any physicians.

Every living being or human being is the offspring of the world. It is because the world nurtures all living beings to have the capacity for standing tall in society. Everybody should not forget the gratitude of the world and they should have to try hard so as to pay back the debt of gratitude to the world before ending their lives. If living beings clean the world, it will reflect them. A clean world will create a better society for global people to be free from dangerous waste.

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ARTICLE

The Strength Mocha Gives to Myanmar

By Kyaw Ye Aung

(CONTINUED FROM YESTERDAY)

REGARDLESS of nation or region, such a very severe storm with over the speed of 100 miles per hour will cause the torrential rains and the tidal waves, thereby destroying the roofs of the buildings, flooding the storm hit areas and causing the collapse of the buildings. In the face of the danger posed by the storm, the government, the Tatmadaw and the people were united in making all the necessary preparations thanks to which the valuable lives of the people could have been saved and the losses and damages mitigated. Obviously, the effective protection against the storm and mitigation of casualties and damages must be attributed to the united strength of the government, the Tatmadaw and the people. The ability to overcome such a very severe cyclone is exemplary.

The State Administration Council Chairman is found to have the satellite communication system installed in the places along the western coastal areas as well as in the Coco Island so that there is no communication breakdown before, during and after the storm. Additionally, he has ordered the departments concerned to get necessary things ready for taking relief measures and evacuating the storm hit areas of the people.

Concerning news and information about the cyclone Mocha, the departments concerned are found not only to have released the storm news but also issued the real-time storm warnings, mentioning the detailed information about Mocha. And the storm warnings are area specific with the colour description mentioned. If it is orange, the storm is heading for the coastal areas in Myanmar; and if it is red, the storm will arrive in 12 hours. At 12:30 pm on 13 May, the DMC issued a warning, strictly prohibiting the vessels from going out to the sea. As the warning could have been enforced and as the fishery workers, the people and the vessel owners have all been well prepared, being well aware of the danger; the casualties and damages could have been mitigated.

And on 13 May, which was just one day ahead of the outbreak of



the cyclone, a ceremony to hoist the sacred golden umbrella atop Thatta Thattaha Maha Bodhi Pagoda in Kengtung in Shan State (East) was held in conjunction with the consecration ceremony of that Pagoda. When signing the guest record book, the head of state writes, "May Theravada Buddha Sasana flourish and perpetuate. May the country of Myanmar be peaceful and prosperous. May Myanmar abound in food supplies. And may all citizens earn their livelihood with peace of mind."

The head of state has made such a noble wish. Such an action of the head of state is demonstrating that whatever he does is dedicated to his country. And I am of the belief as a pious Buddhist that the piety of the head of the state and his performance of the meritorious deeds have saved his country from Mocha cyclone. Thanks to his meritorious deeds, the casualties and the damages were mitigated dramatically.

And when the buildings, the telecommunication towers and the electric lamp posts were damaged by Cyclone Mocha, the Prime Minister told the authorities concerned to rehabilitate Rakhine State in such a way that Rakhine State will be in a better situation than previously when they carry out rehabilitation. I can imagine how Sittway will look like with the newly built roads and bridges as well as the human dwellings. I will also be



able to see the newly grown trees. And the Glorious Lawkananda Pagoda will be thronged again with the pilgrims. It is wonderful that Lawkananda Pagoda was not affected by the cyclone despite the strong winds blowing at a speed of more than 130 mph. Accord-

ing to the estimation of Global Disaster Alert and Coordination System-GDACS, the Extremely Severe Cyclonic Storm Mocha can kill up to about 1.75 million people. And the international media were writing that people by millions can suffer from the cyclone. Quite



all the necessary preparations. In addition, the authorities have been providing relief assistance and rehabilitation. This reminds me of the speech made by the prime minister who said, "The strength of a nation lies only within."

When the cyclone was over, the government and the responsible officials started to calculate the damages, and provided emergency aid in no time. The naval vessels and the military aircrafts are being seen carrying the relief aids with the help of the relief and rescue teams formed already. These teams are being seen to remove the damages and carry out the rescue measures without any delay whatsoever.

On the morning of 15 May, the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief ordered the holding of a ceremony to receive the donations for the people stricken by the storm in Rakhine State.



Within two hours after the verbal issuance of this order, the donations amounting to Kyats 13,181 million were received to the surprise of everybody. Nevertheless, it is not surprising if we look at the two following facts – the first being the economic recovery while the second, the benevolence and kind-heartedness of Myanmar people. Blood is thicker than water, it is said. The people living on the same land, partaking the same water are always united in times of disaster. It is heartening to see that donations are flooding in cash and in kind across the nation. The Tatmadaw aircrafts and the naval vessels are being seen carrying to the storm hit Rakhine State, Chin State and Sagaing Region the foodstuff, the medicines, the personal goods, the household goods, the telecommunication supplies, the electric lamp posts and their repairing apparatuses and the fuel oil etc. Besides the Tatmadaw, the experts and the technicians from the departments concerned, the Fire Brigade members, the relief teams from the volunteer associations, the engineering corps and the medical cover teams are also being seen actively participating in relief, rescue and rehabilitation activities. As directed by the SAC Chair, the Deputy Prime Ministers and the Union Ministers have all arrived in Rakhine State to oversee the relief and rehabilitation activities being carried out. The success achieved will be attributed to the farsightedness, the

foresightedness, close supervision and goodwill. I am strongly confident that we can overcome whatsoever danger and difficulty with the spirit we have shown in the face of Cyclone Mocha.

It cannot be denied that just because the Prime Minister has provided close supervision and proper guidance based in Sittway the casualties and the damages could have been mitigated significantly. The effort of all concerned cannot be neglected, too. Thanks should go particularly to those who have been issuing storm warnings in real time. They have been watching the direction of the storm round the clock. The goodwill, the diligence and the devotion to the people the Tatmadaw and the authorities concerned have shown must be appreciated, giving recognition and credit. In rehabilitation, the strength of the people plays a vital role.

To sum up, the Union Government, the region/state governments concerned, the Tatmadaw and the people have been united in overcoming the Cyclone Mocha. We have all to maintain this spirit to overcome whatever difficulty in future. May I conclude my article by quoting the prime minister as saying, "Nothing is more important than the life of the human beings." "Unity is strength; when there is team work and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved".

Translated

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MoI Deputy Minister inspects information activities in Sittway



DEPUTY Minister for Information U Ye Tint arrived at the MRTV retransmission station in Sittway yesterday morning and assigned the station manager and engineers on the duty of clearing up the 100-metre tower that collapsed in the storm to cover the equipment so that it would not be damaged.

Afterwards, the deputy minister inspected the construction of the 30-metre tower and the selection of the site for the temporary replacement. He called for quick construction to resume retransmission.

Then, the deputy minister viewed the sub-printing house and warehouses of the News And Periodicals Enterprise (Sittway) and gave the necessary instructions. The deputy minister also inspected the cleanup measures at the Sittway District Office of the Department of Information and Public Relations and left the proper instructions. — MNA/TS

Deputy Minister U Ye Tint views round the damage of the Sittway District IPRD Office.

Tatmadaw (Air) transports foodstuffs, relief items to Rakhine State

THE relief materials and food items contributed by families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and well-wishers and relief supplies provided by the National Disaster Management Committee for local communities affected by the natural disaster in Rakhine State are being transported by Tatmadaw aircraft, helicopters and vessels.

A contingent of 25 personnel, comprising health workers and relief teams from the Yangon Region, was deployed to offer essential relief and healthcare services in the affected area. The relief materials, including donated items such as biscuits, 500 cartons of duck eggs, 19 cartons of solar equipment, 97 cartons of medical supplies, 300 cartons of instant noodles, five cartons of sardine cans, 10 cartons of porridge, 8 packages of electrolyte salt, and 267 CI sheets donated by India, were transported nine times by Tatmadaw plane from Mingaladon Airport in Yangon to Sittway Airport. In a similar, in the Sagaing Region, a total of 358 personnel from the Myanmar Police Force, from the Police Training Depot in Sagaing, were mobilized to assist in the ongoing relief operations. These dedicated individuals were transported five times via Tatmadaw planes, facilitating their swift deployment from TadaU Airport to Sittway Airport. Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko Oo and officials gave cash awards and foodstuffs to the rescue members.

In addition, the training depot will continue to send up to 600 members of the Myanmar Police Force.

Officials in the respective areas received relief supplies and will continue to distribute them to storm victims. — MNA/KZWH



Relief goods are loaded onto the Tatmadaw aircraft.

4th Indian navy ship carrying relief materials reaches Yangon



Tatmadaw Navy's senior officers receive relief items from the Indian navy ship yesterday.

THE navy ship INS Gharial of India Navy carrying the relief items for Mocha victims in Myanmar arrived at Thilawa Port in Yangon Region yesterday.

It was welcomed by Tatmadaw Navy's senior officers, the Indian Navy Attaché to Myanmar and other officials.

Then, the relief items and foodstuffs were handed over to the relevant officers. The supplies will be distributed to the storm-hit areas.

The Indian navy ships INS-Shivalik, INS-Kamorta and INS-Savitri carrying relief supplies arrived in Yangon on 18 May and left for Yangon yesterday at noon. — MNA/KTZH

Naval vessels transport relief items to Rakhine State

A 29-metre landing craft of Tatmadaw (Navy) carrying relief supplies left for Rathedaung Township in Rakhine State from Yaychanpyin estuary and arrived at its destination on the morning of 19 May.

Moreover, another two 29-metre landing crafts loading with relief items also arrived at Rathedaung Township via Yaychanpyin from Sittway Township on the same morning.

The relief supplies included tents, clothes, towels, soaps, school uniforms for children, diesel, petroleum, water purification



Relife items are loaded onto the naval landing craft.

trucks, water trucks, tent-related items and other materials. These supplies were provided by the National Disaster Management Committee, Supply and Transport Battalion and Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army).

Plans are underway to distribute the items to cyclone victims as quickly as possible. — MNA/KTZH

Ministries despatch aid, relief materials to Rakhine State



Various kinds of relief and rehabilitation materials and equipment are seen being loaded onto the vessels to transport them to Rakhine State (above and below photos).

FOR use in Rakhine state disaster relief operations, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the Ministry of Cooperatives and

Rural Development, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, the Ministry of Electric Power, the Ministry of Energy, and

the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement are loading aid and relief materials, including concrete lamp posts, towers, iron rods, electrical wires, timbers, tents, tarpaulin sheets, corrugated sheets, nails, communication fibre cables, rice bags, and dried noodles, on the MV Aquarius, MV Sun Shine, and MV Fortune starting 16 May, under the supervision of the Myanma Port Authority, as planned by the Disaster Management Centre (DMC).

The MV Aquarius left the port for Sittway yesterday afternoon, and the two remaining vessels are being loaded with aid and relief goods and equipment to expedite their departure to Sittway. — MNA/CT



MPF members leave for Sittway to undertake rehabilitation work

MYANMAR Police Force members who were sent to storm-affected Sittway township to launch relief and rehabilitation measures were seen off by Mandalay Region Chief Minister U Myo Aung, Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko Oo and officials at the Mandalay International Airport yesterday.

The chief minister and the

commander encouraged them and provided cash assistance of K15 million and foodstuffs to a total of 600 Myanmar Police Force members from Sagaing Police Training Depot, who will go to Sittway township.

Afterwards, they were reportedly transported to Sittway Airport by military aircraft. — MNA/MKKS



MPF members are pictured lining up for boarding the Tatmadaw plane.

ECONOMY
WORLD/AD

Japanese media raise AI copyright concerns, call for measures

AN association run by Japanese mass media on Wednesday warned against recent developments in artificial intelligence, noting that it may lead to the unauthorized use of copyrighted work and hinder news organizations from producing quality content.

The Japan Newspaper Publishers & Editors Association in a written opinion piece called on the government to implement legal measures to counteract the potential negative effects of AI, and said “the public’s right to know may be hampered” if the quality of news content falls.

Media organizations hold copyrights and other legal rights to its articles,



Acting chief Masakado Kunisawa checking copies of Cyberpunk: Peach John, Japan’s first fully AI-drawn manga, at the office of comic book publisher Shinchosha in Tokyo, 2 March 2023. PHOTO: AFP

photographs and videos, but concerns have been raised over the unauthorized use of the works, the association wrote.

The association is an independent organization funded and operated by

daily newspapers, news agencies and broadcasters.

Japan amended its copyright law in 2018 to allow, in principle, AI to collect and utilize copyrighted works without permission.

But the law did not anticipate the negative effects of advanced or generative AI, it added.

Furthermore, generative AI occasionally produced erroneous information, raising the risks of countless users believing what it says.

“The ability of AI to generate a large number of articles in a short time can be exploited to spread disinformation...to mislead public opinion,” the association said. Generative AI may also lead to the unauthorized collection of large amounts of personal data, such as a person’s race, religion or medical history, and its potential misuse, the association said. — Kyodo

China ends import ban on Australian timber

CHINA has lifted an import ban on Australian timber, Beijing’s ambassador said Thursday, as once-frosty ties between the two countries thaw.

Xiao Qian told reporters in Canberra that China would resume imports of Australian timber as of Thursday after Beijing

clamped down on the trade in 2020.

“Yesterday, the Chinese Customs have formally notified the Australian Minister of Agriculture that starting from today, China will resume import of Australian timber,” Xiao said at a press conference in Canberra. — AFP



The timber industry in Australia is an important sector that supports both domestic consumption and international trade. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/AFP

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(6/2023-2024)

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats / US\$.

Sr No.	Tender No.	Description	Remarks
(1)	DMP/L-125(23-24)CAP	Desktop Computer, Laptop Computer & UPS (13) Items	Ks
(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
(4)	DMP/L-128(23-24)CAP	Air Conditioner (6) Items	Ks
(5)	DMP/L-129(23-24)CAP	Office Furniture (18) Items & Office Materials (4) Items	Ks
(6)	DMP/L-130(23-24)CAP	သဘာဝတကင်းလွန်ရေနံအခြေစိုက်စခန်းတွင် ၂၀၀' x ၁၀၀' x ၂၆' ၃" Store Godown (Steel Structure) တစ်လုံးတည်ဆောက်ခြင်းလုပ်ငန်း	Ks
(7)	IFB-001(23-24)	Cement Additives (6) Items	US\$

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qty 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

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ph No. + 95 67 – 411206

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

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SEALAND MAERSK ASIA PTE LTD

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S LAND AND SEA INTERMODAL LOGISTICS
SDN BHD LINE

Centuries-old Hungarian winery's new journey in China

THE fungus acts as a natural climate control system, if it is too dry, the fungus gives back humidity, but if it is too moist, it absorbs it, Laszlo Babits, the owner of Babits Winery's family wine cellar, told visitors about Hungarian wine.

With a centuries-old legacy in viticulture and wine-making in Hungary's Tokaj-Hegyalja region, the Babits family's winery spans 30 hectares of first-class vineyards, producing a diverse range of wines, from the dry Furmint to the esteemed Aszu, known as the finest of their collection.

While the Babits wine cellar has a rich history in Hungary, it has also established a foothold in the Chinese market. — Xinhua

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Twitter says Microsoft broke its rules for developers

TWITTER on Thursday accused Microsoft of breaking the social network's rules for developers who access the platform's data, according to a copy of a letter seen by AFP. "Microsoft may have been in violation of multiple provisions of the



Twitter on Thursday accused Microsoft of breaking the social network's rules for developers who access the platform's data. PHOTO: AFP

Agreement for an extended period of time," read the letter signed by Musk attorney Alex Spiro and sent to Microsoft chief executive Satya Nadella.

Microsoft did not immediately reply to a request for comment.

Microsoft stopped accessing Twitter data in April, opting not to pay fees Musk demanded developers pay for APIs (application programming interfaces) that engage with the platform, according to the letter. — AFP

325 enterprises to attend expo in China's big data hub

A total of 325 enterprises from home and abroad have confirmed that they will attend the China International Big Data Industry Expo 2023 from 26 to 28 May in Guiyang, capital of southwest China's Guizhou Province. Chinese tech and internet giants including Huawei, Alibaba, Tencent and Baidu, and foreign firms like Microsoft and Fujifilm will participate in the three-day event, said the expo organizer.

The expo has been



A visitor checks out a promotional video of the Global Big Data Exchange, China's first such facility, during a high-tech expo in Shanghai. PHOTO: CHINA DAILY/FILE

held in Guiyang since 2015 and is the first of its kind in China, serving as a communication platform for vital achievements in the big data industry. — Xinhua

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We, **OMO Family Co.Ltd** would like to change distributor of the following products, (registered by **Agro Icon Cropscience Pte.,Ltd** to Pesticide Registration Board, Myanmar), from former distributor **Marga Min Co.Ltd**. If any objection or enquiry, please contact to Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayint Naung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon, from here to next 14 days.

OMO FAMILY CO.LTD 09-5300865

Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Type of pesticide	Registration No.
1.	Hmoe Yar Zar	Tebuconazole 50% + Trifloxystrobin 25% WG	Fungicide	P2021-5450
2.	Hexa-Goal	Hexaconazole 5% SC	Fungicide	P2022-5715
3.	Super Fighter	Lufenuron 5% + Profenofos 50% EC	Insecticide	P2022-5899
4.	Poe Kinn	Thiamethoxam 35% SC	Insecticide	P2022-5834
5.	Myat Thee Star	Bensulfuron-methyl 6% + Quinclorac 34% WP	Herbicide	P2022-5745
6.	Marga Amine	2,4-D dimethyl amine salt 720g/l SL	Herbicide	P2022-5933

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Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Type of pesticide	Registration No.
1.	Poe Bayin 15	Emamectin Benzoate 2% + Thiamethoxam 13% WDG	Insecticide	P2022-4409
2	Daung Yar Zar	Fenoxaprop-P-ethyl 7.5 % EC	Herbicide	P2022-5535

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Sr.	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	Active Ingredients	Registration No.
1.	Bit	Shel King	Bifenthrin 10% EW	P2018-4141
2.	Tribu	Hmo Shel Naing	Tebuconazole 50% + Trifloxystrobin 25% WG	P2020-5120

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Myanma Port Authority

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Collective cleanup, rehabilitation activities performed on main roads, urban areas of Sittway

REHABILITATION activities are being carried out in Rakhine State, which was hit by a storm on 14 May. Members of the Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force, Fire Services Department, departmental staff, and residents conducted cleanup and rehabilitation tasks yesterday morning for the regular improvement of traffic and communication routes in Sittway's main roads and neighbourhoods.

In repairing damaged buildings in Sittway, schools and universities are being restored as a high priority before the opening of schools on 1 June. The 500-bed general hospital and religious buildings have also been re-



Collective cleanup is underway on roads in Sittway.

communication towers.

Military personnel, members of the Myanmar Police Force, and the Fire Services Department cooperated in clearing up fallen trees, cutting down dangerous trees, clearing bushes, and conducting collective cleaning activities in the precinct of the Lawkananda Pagoda (Sittway).

In addition, foodstuffs, medicines, medical supplies, rescue equipment, and construction equipment needed by storm victims in Sittway are delivered daily by military aircraft, vessels, and vehicles. To facilitate the travel of the local people, passenger flights have been running regularly since 18 May.

Members of the Fire Services Department, departmental staff, and residents are working together daily to perform debris clearance and rehabilitation measures in Rathedaung, Kyauktaw, Ponnagyun, and Pauktaw townships that were severely affected by the storm.

— MNA/CT



stored by departmental officials.

Likewise, to ensure that the urban population has enough clean drinking water, the Department of Rural Development is distributing drinking water with mobile water purifiers that can supply 660 gallons of water per hour.

To get electricity in the city as soon as possible, the employees of the relevant ministries replaced and erected the lamp posts that had fallen due to the storm using large machines, performed transmission of electric cables, cleared dangerous power lines, replaced and installed new communication cables to restore communication and re-installed



Drinking water is distributed to residents in Sittway.



Communication cables are re-installed.

Causalities, losses and damage across nation after Cyclone Mocha

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 19 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 145 locals of Rakhine State 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

MPBMSMA donates K50 mln, corrugated sheets, and nails for Mocha-affected areas

THE Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association (MPBMSMA) donated K50 million, corrugated sheets, and nails for areas affected by Mocha.

In addition to donating K50 million to the people in the affected areas due to Mocha, 21,000 corrugated iron sheets and 775 visses of nails were donated by the MPBMSMA, which is the associated organization of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), to the We Love Rakhine organization.

A total of 20,000 CI sheets and nails were also provided on 19 May to the people in Sittway, Rakhine, and other areas hit by the storm from the donations made by the central executives, executives, and related associations of the UMFCCI.

The UMFCCI reportedly donated K200 million for the damage caused by Mocha on 15 May.

The UMFCCI constituted the UMFCCI Task Force for effective assistance to the areas affected by Mocha, and the central executives, executives, related associations, and members of the UMFCCI are also contributing towards donations. — NN/CT

G-7 leaders visit World Heritage shrine, dine at traditional inn

THE leaders of the Group of Seven industrialized nations visited a small island in Hiroshima Bay containing a world heritage shrine and sat down to a working dinner at a traditional hot-spring inn there at the end of the first day of their summit Friday.

Prime Minister Fumio Kishida and other leaders arrived at Miyajima Island, a popular tourist destination in the Seto Inland Sea, on a cruiser, while US President Joe Biden arrived separately in a helicopter.

The leaders posed for the traditional summit family photo before the large “torii” gate of the Itsukushima Shrine. “Gagaku” music traditionally performed there was played as they listened to a briefing on the history of the shrine, which, according to its website, was established on the site in 593.



Photo taken from a helicopter on 19 May 2023, shows the World Heritage-listed Itsukushima Shrine on Hiroshima Prefecture’s Miyajima Island. **PHOTO: POOL PHOTO /KYODO**

Their working dinner was held at Iwaso, an inn that dates back to 1854. Earlier in the day before they sat down for talks in the afternoon they made a historic joint visit to the Hiroshima

Peace Park that commemorates the lives lost to the atomic bomb attack on the city by the United States on 6 August 1945.

Itsukushima Shrine was registered by the UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization as a World Cultural Heritage site in 1996.

In 2016, then-Foreign Minister Kishida similarly brought his G-7 counterparts to the island during their meeting in Hiroshima, and they enjoyed a traditional music performance at the shrine. Following attacks on Kishida and a former Japanese leader in the last year, security has been tight at the annual summit. As part of the measures, Miyajima Island has been closed off to all but residents and authorized personnel, with its reopening set for Saturday afternoon. — Kyodo

WORLD: TOP HEADLINES

Xi, Central Asian leaders announce inauguration of summit mechanism

CHINESE President Xi Jinping and leaders of five Central Asian countries announced on Friday a decision to officially inaugurate the China-Central Asia Summit Mechanism. The two sides – China and Central Asian countries – will take turns to host the biennial summit. The announcement was made in Xi’an, northwest China’s Shaanxi Province, where the first China-Central Asia Summit was held on Thursday and Friday. — Xinhua

UK, Norway, ink undersea infrastructure protection tie-up

BRITAIN and Norway’s defence ministers on Thursday agreed to develop a strategic partnership to protect critical energy undersea infrastructure amid fears of possible Russian sabotage.

The EU last year said leaks in two major gas pipelines from Russia to Europe had been caused by sabotage but stopped short of explicitly accusing the Kremlin. — AFP

Countdown begins for G20 meet in Kashmir

THE stage is all set for the third G20 tourism working group meeting scheduled to take place in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir from 22-24 May 2023 under India’s presidency. According to a report, there has been a resurgence of confidence among the youth that foreign tourists would soon start travelling to Kashmir in great numbers. Tourism, the backbone of Jammu and Kashmir’s economy absorbs the labour force from unskilled to the unorganized sector, which gives impetus to educational unemployment.

Kirmani Aafaq, a recent pass-out graduate from Government Degree College, in north Kashmir’s Baramulla district expressed his optimism that the



Srinagar is the largest city in the Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir, and it is a popular tourist destination. The city is known for its beautiful lakes, gardens, and houseboats. **PHOTO: ANI**

summit would give the tourism sector a much-needed boost and help youth to earn their livelihood. — ANI



Thousands of Israeli nationalists took part in the annual flag march. **PHOTO: AFP**

Tensions high as Israel nationalists march into east Jerusalem

TENS of thousands of Israeli nationalists marched to Jerusalem’s Old City on Thursday in an annual flag-waving march commemorating Israel’s capture of it, as tensions on the Gaza border remained high.

Palestinians in annexed east Jerusalem closed their shops and were banned from the Damascus Gate entrance to the Old

City, a social hub, to make way for the marchers, some of whom attacked journalists with rocks and bottles, an AFP reporter said.

Police said they made two arrests over the attack, one of an adult and one of a minor.

The United States, Israel’s main ally, on Thursday condemned demonstrators’ “racist” chants against Arabs, with AFP

reporters saying that many of the marchers had shouted anti-Arab slogans.

“The United States unequivocally opposes racist language of any form. We condemn the hateful chants such as ‘Death to Arabs’ during today’s marches in Jerusalem,” State Department spokesman Matthew Miller wrote on Twitter. — AFP



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

1. Political affairs

- (a) To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, through a disciplined and genuine multiparty democratic system that is fair and just.
- (b) To prioritize the achievement of enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).
- (c) To continue implementing the principle of peaceful co-existence among countries through an independent, active, and non-aligned foreign policy.
- (d) To ensure peace, stability, rule of law, and the safe and smooth functioning of transport networks across the Union.

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance development based on agriculture and livestock using modern production techniques and to strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.
- (b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.

- (c) To assure support for the sustainability of Micro-, Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) that prioritize import substitution, export production, and the use of domestically produced raw materials, in order to increase domestic production and generate employment opportunities.
- (d) To advance the socioeconomic life of the people, in order to ensure the country's prosperity and food security.

3. Social affairs

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

Myanmar Women's U-20 team to take training in Japan ahead of Asian qualifiers



The Myanmar U-20 Women's Football squad is seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for Japan. PHOTO: MFF

THE Myanmar Women's U-20 team will travel to Japan for 10 days of training with the support of AYA Bank to prepare for the second-round qualifiers of the 2024 Asian Women's U-20 Championship, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

Team Myanmar will make

their special training at J Village National Training Centre in Fukushima from 19 to 27 May.

During the training period, it is also planned to play two friendly matches with the connection of Uki Tetsuro, the technical adviser of the Myanmar national women's teams.

The Myanmar girls' squad is resuming training programmes starting from the last week of March for the second round qualifiers after the first round of qualifications in March. The second round of Asian qualifiers will be hosted by Myanmar in June.

Team Myanmar is falling in

the same group as China, Nepal, and China Taipei. Myanmar will take on Nepal on 6 June, China Taipei on 8 June, and China on 10 June during the second-round qualifiers. All team Myanmar matches will start at 6:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time, the MFF stated. — KZL

West Ham boss Moyes reveals family concern after violence at AZ Alkmaar

WEST Ham manager David Moyes admitted he was concerned for the safety of his family after AZ Alkmaar hooligans attacked Hammers fans following Thursday's Europa Conference League semi-final in the Netherlands. Pablo Fornals' stoppage-time goal sealed a 1-0 victory that booked West Ham's first European final appearance for 47 years.

But the semi-final second leg was marred by ugly scenes when

a gang of black-shirted, hooded AZ fans attempted to storm into the area reserved for friends and family of the West Ham players and management.

West Ham stars including Michail Antonio, Said Benrahma, Aaron Cresswell and Flynn Downes climbed over the advertising hoardings in a bid to stop the trouble. Moyes, whose 87-year-old father was at the match, said: "I can't explain what happened and why it happened.



Supporters of Dutch club AZ Alkmaar clashed with riot police and West Ham fans. PHOTO: ANP/AFP

"I can only say the players were involved because it was the family section and most of their

family and friends were in there. That was probably the reason for the reaction. — AFP

Howe ready for Euro challenge as Newcastle eye Champions League

EDDIE Howe says Newcastle will need more quality and depth in their squad next season if they are to cope with the demands of a potential Champions League campaign.

Howe's side are guaranteed to at least reach the Europa League after thrashing Brighton 4-1 on Thursday.

But the third placed Magpies have a lucrative Champions League berth within their grasp. They will be certain of qualifying if they win one of their last two games against Leicester on Monday or Chelsea on 28 May. Newcastle boss Howe has spent over £250 million (\$310 million) to revitalize his squad since taking charge in 2021 and he knows further investment in new signings will be required to compete in the Premier League and Europe next term.

"We need to figure that out. If you have a strong squad, rotation will be important. Rotation is going to be important, utilising the whole squad is going to be important," he told reporters on Friday.

"We haven't felt the necessity to necessarily do that on a consistent basis because we've been in one competition - of course, we had the League Cup run. We have rotated to a degree, but maybe not in the numbers that we might need to next year". — AFP