

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 pays homage to ancient pagodas in Bago, inspects maintenance of Kanbawzathadi Palace

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and officials, paid homage to ancient pagodas in Bago of Bago Region yesterday morning.

More than 1,000 years old historic Kyaikpyinnyaya Pagoda

The Senior General viewed the renovation of the more than 1,000 years old historic Kyaikpyinnyaya Pagoda located near Bago University in the new Oktha town of Bago Township and offered flowers, water and oil light to the pagoda. The Senior General and party made cash donations for the pagoda to the Bago Region chief minister.

Officials reported on the progress of renovation work at the pagoda and future tasks. The Senior General stressed the need to systematically calculate renovation tasks for long-term endurance. The Senior General called for the construction of upper, middle and lower terraces to accommodate pilgrims. As it is a pagoda built by Mon ethnics, the architectural works must comprise that of Mon ethnics.

The Senior General viewed



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views round the museum of the Kanbawzathadi Palace in Bago on 22 May 2023.

renovation tasks at the pagoda and gave necessary guidance to officials.

Sutaungpyae tooth relic Mahazedi Pagoda

The Senior General made a

cash donation for the Sutaungpyae tooth relic Mahazedi Pagoda built by Hanthawady Hsinbyum-

yarshin King Bayintnaung in Mazin Ward of Bago.

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4 special civil appeals passed judgements; 3 cases heard

A special appeal tribunal consisting of Chief Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union U Myo Tint, U Tin Hone, U Thein Ko Ko and Daw Thin Thin Nwet, was convened yesterday morning at the Supreme Court of the Union and passed the judgement of four special civil appeal cases — Nos 103/2019 (Mandalay), 20/2021 (Kachin), and 41/2022 (Bago) and, 42/2022 (Bago).

In addition, a total of three special civil appeal cases — Nos 51/2022 (Mandalay); 16/2022 (Mandalay) and 30/2022 (Mandalay) — were heard following the COVID-19 prevention and control guidelines. — MNA

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Announcement No 22/2023

4th Waxing of Nayon 1385 ME
22 May 2023

Allowing Karen National Democratic Party to register as political party

AS of 22 May 2023, Karen National Democratic Party with its headquarters located at Yard No 4/413, Thudanu Street, Ward 4, Hpa-an, Kayin State, has been allowed to register under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law. The registration number of the Karen National Democratic Party is 17.

Sd/Thein Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Announcement No 23/2023

4th Waxing of Nayon 1385 ME
22 May 2023

Allowing Kayin People's Party to register as political party

AS of 22 May 2023, Kayin People's Party with its headquarters located at No 28, Shwedagon Street, Mayangon Ward, Myaungmya, Ayeyawady Region, has been allowed to register under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law. The registration number of the Kayin People's Party is 18.

Sd/Thein Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

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. In this announcement, it is duly mentioned that our commitment to receiving donations extends to additional electronic payment systems and mobile payment systems. Further updates and notifications will be made in due course.

3. It has been announced that donations can be

made to the previously announced phone number and to the account that was opened, and since it can be confusing to donate with a phone number, we have already made it possible to donate with a QR code instead of the phone number.

4. Donations can be made through KBZ Pay or Wave Money. If you wish to donate, please scan the QR codes provided by both KBZ Pay and Wave Money. To contribute, enter the code included within the respective QR codes.

5. People make donations through CB Pay, AYA Pay and OK \$, which are widely

used to enhance convenience for donors. To donate, please scan the QR code and enter the code

provided within it.

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



Nay Pyi Taw	Yangon	Mandalay
Daw Lei Lei Aye Director-General Department of Disaster Management 067-3404050 09-2021491	U Than Soe Director Department of Disaster Management Office of Yangon Region Department 09-250123885	U Aye Min Thu Director Department of Disaster Management Office of Mandalay Region Department 09-420708827
U Win Shwe Deputy Director-General Department of Disaster Management 067-3404048 09-254170011	Daw Than Than Win Deputy Director Department of Disaster Management Office of Yangon Region Department 09-420740160	
Daw Phyu Phyu Win Director Department of Disaster Management 067-3404316 09-43054844		

National Disaster Management Committee

Seeds, soil, water and techniques key factors in agriculture

IN agriculture, seeds, soil, water and techniques are essential. To harvest quality seeds, it is important to treat land properly, to supply water sufficiently, to use correct techniques and to utilize inputs systematically.

(Excerpts from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at a meeting with district and township departmental officials, town elders, MSME businesspersons from Homalin District, Sagaing Region on 15 January 2023)

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pays ...

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After visiting the pagoda, the Senior General instructed officials to maintain the pagoda for its long-term existence.

Shwethalyaung reclining Buddha Image

The Senior General paid homage to Shwethalyaung's reclining Buddha image. The Senior General and his wife donated cash to the fund of the Buddha image for all-round renovation.

The Senior General urged officials to continuously maintain the pagoda for long-term



The Senior General and his wife pay homage to the Shwethalyaung Reclining Buddha Image yesterday.



The Premier gives guidance for the systematic maintenance of the Shwemawdaw Pagoda yesterday.



existence, cleanliness and magnificence.

The Senior General viewed round the religious utensil and traditional product shops in the prayer hall.

Shwemawdaw Pagoda

The Senior General made a cash donation for the renovation of Shwemawdaw Pagoda through officials. The Senior General and party paid homage to Sutaungpyae Bilu Yannaing Pagoda on the upper terrace.

After viewing round ancient Buddha images, ornaments and utensils displayed at the museum of the pagoda, the Senior General gave guidance that as ancient objects show history, it is necessary to systematically maintain them.

Kanbawzathadi Palace

On arrival at Kanbawzathadi Palace, the Senior Gen-

eral viewed round teak posts excavated from the place of the ground tier-roofed hall, maintenance of the palace, royal equipment used by ancient kings in the palace museum, ancient Buddha images and ancient objects displayed in Hantha-

wady archaeological museum, and display of Bhamayathana Throne hall.

After hearing the reports, the Senior General noted that it is necessary to promptly maintain the Kanbawzathadi Palace. Ancient objects must be

displayed for convenient observation by visitors. The chariot of King Bayintnaung must be renovated to its original size. The palace area must be beautified and officials need to strive for re-excavation of ancient Hanthawady Palace.

King Bayintnaung built 3,400 square metres of Kanbawzathadi Palace with 20 gates in Hanthawady region in 915 ME (1553 AD). The king passed away at the age of 66 in 943 ME (1581 AD). In the reign of his son King Nanda, Kanbawzathadi Palace was set on fire. The Department of Archaeology excavated the lost palace from early 1990 to 1997. The excavation started on 13 December 1993 for the ground tier-roofed hall and then the foundations of the ground tier-roofed hall, Sanu Hall, left-wing hall and right-wing hall were found. The remaining teak posts were also found there, and some teak posts were impressed with donor names. The buildings of the palace were rebuilt as a replica in line with the foundations and records. And, the palace is crowded with visitors. — MNA/TTA



The Premier views the display at the Hanthawady archaeological museum.



The Senior General and his wife present a cash donation for the Sutaungpyae Mahazedi Pagoda.

State responsibilities will be handed over to the elected government without fail after holding the election: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets MSME business people from Bago Region yesterday.

THE government will join hands with anyone if they can strive for the improvement of the State, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with MSME businesspersons at the city hall in Bago yesterday afternoon.

Individual reports on the progress of MSME businesses and requirements

The Bago Region chief minister and businesspersons reported on efforts for developing MSME industries and local and foreign investments, wish to seek capital and technical assistance for rice mill industries, development of the sculpture industry, the assistance of the State for sculptors to join internal and external handicraft shows, capital for the coffee industry and MSME businesses, turning out of human resources

and requirement for regional development.

Discussions of Union ministers in relevant sectors

Union ministers discussed systematic applications for loans, repayment of loans, connection with relevant departments for seeking assistance, emphasis on increasing forest coverage areas, and connection with MSME work committee for joining MSME shows and contests to seek the market of domestic products.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General disclosed that the State economy was on a downtrend from 2018. It plummeted more in 2020 due to the outbreak of Covid-19 and then the State economy faced a minus in 2021 because of Covid-19 and the political crisis.

Encouraging manufacturing industries based on agriculture and livestock



The Premier looks into the sculpture exhibition at the event yesterday.

The Senior General continued to say that the country has 15 million acres of monsoon and more than 13 million acres of paddy field. If crops are grown on these lands as double

cropping, crop capability will increase. If agriculture and livestock tasks increase with high per-acre yield, Bago Region will increase incomes.

Requirements of raw materials, electricity, inputs and human resources for the success of MSMEs

The government disburses loans to MSME industries under restrictions. Likewise, agriculture, livestock and technical high schools are opened for turning out necessary human resources for agriculture and livestock farms. Only when students have a school education, can they learn techniques.

Then, the Senior General highlighted the running of milk and dairy products, meat, fish and egg production, rubber, rice and oil crops production.

Need to create the chance for working

The Senior General

stressed the need to create the chance for people to work. The government emphasizes the creation of employment. The Senior General expressed his pledge that State responsibilities will be handed over to the elected government without fail after holding the election. Hence, priority is being given to ensuring the peace and stability of the State. He expressed his attitude that the government will join hands with anyone if they can strive for the improvement of the State. He expressed his belief that the government will achieve success as it focuses on the development of the nation.

The Senior General viewed round domestic products, food-stuffs, personal goods, industrial products, traditional products and clothes put on display and asked about market sharing of these products. — MNA/TTA



The Senior General views the MSME business displayed at the event yesterday.

DPM MoTC Union Minister inspects work processes in Rakhine State

STATE Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San made inspection tours in Sittway Township of Rakhine State together with Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin yesterday.

First, they inspected the cleanup processes conducted by members of the Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade, departmental staff and social welfare organizations along Thattahtana Road of Pyitawtha



Deputy Prime Minister Admiral Tin Aung San views the debris at the Technological University (Sittway) yesterday.



The Deputy Prime Minister looks round the BEHS No 4 in Sittway.

ward in Sittway.

In Sittway, a total of 2,188 people including 330 state, district and township-level departmental staff, 1,011 members of the Fire Brigade, and 469 members of the Tatmadaw (army and navy) conduct the cleanup activities daily.

Then, they went to No 4 BEHS, Sittway, and checked the damage to the main school

building and other buildings and gave advice to officials concerned to be able to do repair work speedily.

On arrival at U Ottama park, they gave necessary instructions and oversaw the cleaning up of fallen trees and repairs of lamp posts and cables along the Sittway ring road.

They also met with the faculties of Technological Univer-

sity (Sittway) and checked the destroyed three-storey main building.

Then, they went to the Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Sittway), the Shipyard of Rakhine Branch of Inland Water Transport and the Sittway Shipyard of the Department of Marine Administration. During the visit, the Deputy Prime Minister explained needs regarding the repairs and maintenance of destroyed buildings, reroofing, rebuilding of the retaining wall of the shipyard and cleanliness of department-owned ships.

At noon, they headed to the home for the aged in Sittway and inspected the damage and donated rice, cooking oil and K4 million cash assistance to the chairman of the Rakhine State Home Association.

The Deputy Prime Minister and Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung attended a coordination meeting for rehabilitation works held at the State Government Office.

During the meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister gave

instructions the need on effective use of machinery, the speedy arrival of relief items to the designated places and the duty performance of respective working committees with responsibility and accountability.

A total of eight Rapid Response Teams and two special medical units offer healthcare services in Pauktaw, Rath-

edaung, Kyauktaw, Minbya, Maungtaw, Buthidaung and Myebon townships.

Moreover, Tatmadaw members and departmental staff sell basic foodstuffs, including noodles, biscuits and canned food produced by Tatmadaw factories, at fairer prices at U Ottama Park for cyclone victims in Rakhine State. — MNA/KTZH



Deputy Prime Minister Admiral Tin Aung San provides foodstuffs to the elderly.



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82 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 22 May, total figure registers 638,116

MYANMAR'S COVID-19-positive cases rose to **638,116** after **82** new cases were reported on 22 May 2023 according to the Ministry of Health.

Therefore, a total of **10,577,994** laboratory samples were examined and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached **638,116**.

The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **616,991** including **87** new recoveries.

The death toll from COVID-19 in the country registered **19,494** on 22-5-2023 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

The people are urged to receive vaccination of Covid-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of Covid-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increasing of death rate based on the disease.

MoBA Union Minister inspects rehabilitation activities in Sittway



Union Border Affairs Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung is pictured inspecting rehabilitation measures in Sittway.

UNION Border Affairs Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, accompanied by officials, inspected the construction of a one-mile concrete road with K260.948 million granted by the Ministry of Border Affairs for the 2022-2023 financial year on the 5/7 Mile village-to-village road of Kankawkyun- Zawmatet- Chaungnwe in Sittway Township, the 150-foot bridge over the Zawmatet Creek, which was built with an approved amount of K294.778 million in the 2020-2021FY, and the concrete road that will be implemented with an approved amount of K307.875 million in the 2023-2024FY.

The Union minister also assigned duties to submit systematic field survey and calculation reports in order to upgrade the

road to an 18 feet wide concrete road.

The Union minister inspected the damaged staff housing and office buildings of the Border Region Development Supervision Office and coordinated the necessary matters.

Afterwards, Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung cordially greeted the staff and families and provided foodstuffs and cash assistance to them.

He next proceeded to the border area ethnic youth development training school and inspected the clear-up and repair of the damaged dormitories and mess hall so that the school can be opened in time, and provided foodstuffs and cash assistance.

— MNA/TS

MNHRC gives human rights lecture at Civil Service Academy (Lower Myanmar)

MYANMAR National Human Rights Commission is striving for promoting public awareness of human rights through the provision of information and education by all means as much as possible under Section 22 (a) of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Law and is also gearing itself up for the activities of the human rights promotion and education on the

75th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Dr Than Myint and Dr Tin Maung Maung Than, the Commissioners, gave lectures on human rights at the Management Course No 21 for Senior Level Officials held at the Civil Service Academy (Lower Myanmar) on 22 May 2023 from 8 am to 3:50 pm. In doing so, Commissioner Dr Than Myint gave the lectures

on Human Rights Concept, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and the Establishment of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and its activities. Commissioner Dr Tin Maung Maung Than also delivered lectures on State Obligation and Public Responsibilities, the United Nations Human Rights Mechanism and Universal Periodic



Review (UPR). Afterwards, the lecturers answered the questions asked by the trainees. A total of 48 directors from the de-

partments have been attending as trainees on the above-mentioned course.—MNHRC

True information about social media news on violations of law against factory workers

REGARDING the reports of violations of the law against factory workers spreading on social networks, the Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department has organized labour organizations and inspected whether the news is correct as per the regulations to ensure the rights of labours.

According to Myanmar Labour News on 4-5-2023, it stated that the salary of workers of Princess Power Garment Factory owned by Daw Lwin Lwin Than (Myanmar citizen) located at No 18/212 on Kanaung Minthagyi road in Shwepaukkan Industrial Zone of North Okkalapa Township of Yangon Region are cut as leave without pay if they take leave. The workers have to start to work five minutes before working hours and return home after 15 or 20 minutes of working time.

Regarding such information, the staff officers of Labour Department, Social Welfare Department, General Labour Law Inspection Department and Department of Labour Relations went to the factory and examined the 15 representatives of the labour affairs coordinating committee and two HR managers. The findings are as follows:

- (a) Regarding leave without pay leave when the workers take leave, the salaries are cut by if they do not submit leave forms officially, report leave via other employees, do not report on the telephone and do not have any remaining leave days.
- (b) The workers have to enter the factory within five minutes of working hours and go home after 15 or 20 minutes of working hours because they have to

clean the sewing machines before they start to work and after the working processes. Some workers keep working on after the working hours to meet the set target.

For these findings, the Factories and General Labour Law Inspection Department gave a warning to follow the undermentioned facts according to the regulations on 11-5-2023 and instructed to report not later than 19-5-2023.

- (a) under Section 62 of the Factories Law 1951, no worker shall be required or allowed to work in a factory for more than eight hours on any day.
- (b) according to Sections 4, 5 and 6 (a) of the 1951 Leave and Holidays Act, the employer must provide the workers who have completed a period of 12 months continuous service with respective average wages or with average salary or 10-day earned leaves, six-day causal leave and medical leave not exceeding 30 days in a year

Therefore, the department warned the Princess Power Garment Factory mentioned in Myanmar Labour News regarding the five minutes early entry and 15/20 minutes later working hours, to follow the 1951 Factories Law for the first time, and instructed it to report their work processes and the department keeps carrying out to ensure the rights of workers mentioned in the law.

Ministry of Labour

MoI Union Minister leaves for 18th Asia Media Summit

UNION Information Minister U Maung Maung Ohn left Yangon yesterday morning to attend the 18th Asia Media Summit that is to be held in Bali, Indonesia.

The meeting was organized by the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development-AIBD, an international broadcasting media development organization established in 1977 under the supervision and support of UNESCO, ITU and UNDP.

It aims at enhancing the roles and capacities of broadcasting media in modern-day nation-building and development, the development of local and regional TV broadcasting media, the preservation and protection of traditional cultures and customs among countries in the region, adherence to professional and ethical standards, promotion and protection of the role of public TV broadcasting media, and systematic and sup-

portive participation of social media in the sustainable media development. The annual summit will be held from 23 to 25 May.

AIBD has 43 broadcasting organizations, including MRTV, from 26 full-fledged member countries including Myanmar and 50 affiliated broadcasting members. A total of 93 broadcasting organizations from 46 countries and regions are members. AIBD is in partnership with more than 50 TV broadcasting media institutions from Asia-Pacific, Europe, Africa, Arab countries and North America.

At this meeting, AIBD's annual activities and projects will be reviewed. It will also discuss the needs of the member countries in the development of media and the future programmes for training and projects to be undertaken.

AIBD member countries and their TV broadcasting or-



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn and delegation are seen on the departure to attend the 18th Asia Media Summit in Bali, Indonesia.

ganizations, partner organizations, and other invitees in addition to ministers, deputy ministers, broadcast media personnel and CEOs from respective member countries will attend the summit.

Union Information Minister U Maung Maung Ohn was accompanied by MRTV Director-General U Ye Naing, Deputy Director-General U Zeya, Deputy Director U Han Win Aung and Myanmar Press Council Member U Aye Chan. — MNA/TS

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According to Myanmar Labour News on 4-5-2023, the Lucky Fortune Garment Factory owned by U Myat Swe (Myanmar citizen) located at No 90, Setsaya U Tun Street, Shwepyitha Industrial Zone 4 in Insein Township of Yangon Region lack transparency in salary payment and workers do not have rights to tell right or wrong regarding their salary, they (workers) have to arrive the worksite about 15 minutes before the working hours if they are late, they are scolded seriously. Although the break time for lunch is 30 minutes, they have to finish their meals within 10 minutes and have to continue their sewing processes. If they do not finish the meals within 10 minutes, the supervisor and all supervisors shout or scold them. Therefore, they want a full 30-minute break time. They (factory officials) set the target that the workers cannot meet and the workers do not have time to drink or go toilet. If they do not meet the target, they were scolded. The pregnant workers are also forced to work and asked for the same number of garments as other workers. There is no safe ferry transportation for pregnant workers. There is a shortage of drinking water in the factory, the water is dirty, there is no medicine in the clinic of the factory and the workers have to buy the medicines by saving their money together. The workers want them to prepare medicines at the clinic as per the law. The workers do not have rights mentioned in the law. If they take leave, they are not allowed to do so and a total of K15,200 (K5,200 daily wage, K10,000 for the regular working day from the salary) and they want rights mentioned in the law. In overtime sections, they are not asked for their desire and the employers and WCC jointly carries out to get permission for overtime by signing without informing labourers.

Regarding such information, the staff officers of Labour Department, Social Welfare Department, General Labour Law Inspection Department and Department of Labour Relations went to the factory on 11-5-2023 and examined the factory in charge, manager, HR manager, representatives of WCC members, the pregnant workers and other workers, totalling 21 people and the findings were as follows:

- (a) The wages of workers are paid five days after the end of the month, and the workers receive the salary in full and correctly.
- (b) The work starts at 8 am and the workers are not forced start before the working hours starts at 7:45 am.
- (c) The target asked by the factory is a target that the worker can meet and they are not scolded while asking for the set target.
- (d) The pregnant women are not asked for the target that they cannot meet and there is proper seat arrangement for the ferry.
- (e) There is no shortage of drinking water and the water is clean for the workers at the factory.
- (f) There is one clinic for medical treatment and nurse Daw Nan Kalaya Hlaing, a nursing certificate holder, is appointed and there are 27 medicine kits.
- (g) If the workers are absent without leave, they will be cut a K15,200- K5,200 daily wage, K10,000 of the regular working day.
- (h) In the overtime section, the workers have to do by signing with their own decision and the representatives of WCC are also selected in accordance with the wish of workers and the WCC members know about it.

Therefore, the news about the Lucky Fortune Garment factory covered by Myanmar Labour News is not correct according to the investigation made on employers and employees.

Ministry of Labour

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OPINION

Enrol school-age children to start learning

SCHOOL education is a door for school-age children to enter a wide society as well as introduce themselves to society. On the other hand, learning school education is the first step for children and youths entering the knowledge society.

Parents and school teachers are the first-ever trainers for the children to start the accumulation of general knowledge. Hence, schools, especially basic education schools are a drive for initiating learning techniques for children in all arenas. Based on the knowledge obtained from the schools, children will have the capacity to gradually wider their scope of knowledge and learning.

The school enrolment week was set from 23 to 31 May for the 2023-24 academic year. It is a chance for all school-age children to start their learning as well as continue their learning at different levels of the basic education schools. Hence, all school-age children must be enrolled as the government is implementing the KG+9 scheme (middle school level) for the learning process of all citizens.

Basic education schools will reopen in coming June for the 2023-24 academic year. In fact, basic education school is important for nurturing the next generation of youths to become highly-qualified human resources so as to shape a better future for the State. Hence, all parents are responsible for sending their offspring to the schools. On the other hand, students have to try hard to pass the relevant examinations year after year basis for completion of their learning grades. The government is taking responsibility for the appointment of more and more teachers at the basic education level and uplifting their capacity in academic measures. All teachers have a high capacity to apply linguistics and language pedagogy to polish the qualification of their students.

Parents and teachers need to clarify the important role of learning and school education to the students and that educated persons can improve their lives, and if so, they can benefit themselves, their families, and their State. Only when they learn education at schooling age will they have the capacity to serve the interests of the State.

Those who do not learn education will have the capacity to analyze what is right of what is wrong in their life. Consequently, they cannot seek the best way for their life. If so, mistakes unintentionally made in their life will push them into the misery of life. If they want to possess proper living standards, they need to carefully learn education since their childhood. It is because remorse does not have the way of a U-turn to regain a lifetime.

Post Disaster's Health Risks: Prevention, Control and Health Education

By Dr Than Lwin Tun



AFTER a disaster, there are several health risks that can arise due to various factors such as contaminated water, lack of sanitation, overcrowding and exposure to hazardous materials. These risks can include the followings,

◆ **Waterborne diseases:** floods and other natural disasters can contaminate water sources, leading to the spread of waterborne diseases like cholera, typhoid and diarrhoea.
◆ **Vector-borne diseases:** Standing water and increased humidity can create ideal breeding grounds for disease-carrying insects such as mosquitoes and flies, leading to the spread of diseases like malaria and dengue fever.
◆ **Respiratory illnesses:** Ex-

posure to dust mold and other airborne pollutants can cause respiratory problems like asthma and bronchitis.

◆ **Mental health issue:** Disasters can cause emotional distress, anxiety and depression, which can have long-term effects on mental health.

To Prevent and control these health risks, disaster response teams should prioritize the following measures: -

◆ **Provide safe drinking water:** Ensure that affected communities have access to clean and safe drinking water by providing water purification or setting up water treatment facilities.

◆ **Improve sanitation:** Install temporary toilets and hand washing stations to improve san-

itation and reduce the risk of disease transmission.

◆ **Control Vector-borne diseases:** Use insecticide-treated bed nets, spray insecticides and remove standing water to control the spread of disease-carrying insects.

◆ **Provide medical care:** Set up medical camps and provide medical supplies and personnel to treat those affected by injuries and illnesses.

◆ **Support mental health:** Provide counselling services and support groups to help individuals cope with the emotional trauma of the disaster.

Post-disaster health education is also an essential component of disaster response and recovery efforts. It is designed to provide individuals and commu-

nities with the information they need to stay safe, healthy, and resilient in the aftermath of a disaster. Post-disaster health education can take many forms, including the following: -

◆ **Community outreach and education:** This may involve community meetings, door-to-door visits and other forms of outreach to provide information on topics such as safe water and food sanitation, hygiene and disease prevention.

◆ **Training for Volunteer Health Care Providers:** They need specialized training to address the unique health needs of disaster survivors. This may include training on triage, emergency medical treatment and mental health support.

◆ **Health promotion cam-**

paings: These campaigns can focus on promoting healthy behaviours and practices, such as hand washing, safe food handling and proper disposal of waste.

◆ **Mental health support:** Disasters can have a significant impact on mental health. Post-disaster health education can provide information on how to identify and manage stress, anxiety and other mental health issues.

◆ **Disaster Preparedness Education:** Post-disaster health education can also include information on how to prepare for future disasters, such as creating emergency kits, developing evacuation plans and identifying safe shelters.

In addition, by taking the

Disasters can hurt people's bodies and their emotions. They can also make it harder for people to get the care they need to stay healthy. Humanitarian assistance is beneficial to disaster victims. **PHOTO: ILLUSTRATION: FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY/FREEPIK**

mentioned control measures, the health risks associated with a disaster can be minimized, and those affected can receive the

care and support they need to recover. Generally, post-disaster health education is essential for ensuring individuals and

communities can recover from disasters and build resilience for the future. ■

WHO chief hopes for 'historic' pandemic accord

"I hope the current negotiations on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response result in a strong multilateral approach that saves lives," UN chief Antonio Guterres said, speaking via video message.

A new pandemic accord under negotiation must be a "historic agreement" marking a dramatic shift in the approach to global health security after the Covid crisis, the WHO chief said Sunday.

"We cannot simply carry on as we did before," Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said as he opened the World Health Organization's annual assembly in Geneva.

WHO's member states have begun negotiations towards an international agreement aimed to ensure the world is better equipped to prevent or more effectively respond the next time a pandemic hits.

The process is still in the early stages, but the aim is for agreement to be reached in time for the next World Health Assembly, in May 2024.

"The pandemic accord that member states are now negotiating must be a historic agreement to make a paradigm shift in global health security, recognizing that our fates are



As the world faces ongoing health and humanitarian emergencies, the Seventy-sixth World Health Assembly (WHA), which will take place from 21-30 May, opened on 21 May at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. **PHOTO: PAHO/WHO**

interwoven," Tedros said at the start of the 10-day gathering.

That was also the message from a long line of other

high-level speakers Sunday.

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result in a strong multilateral approach that saves lives," UN chief Antonio Guterres said, speaking via video message.

Timor-Leste President Jose Manuel Ramos-Horta meanwhile pointed out that "every country, big or small, rich or poor, struggled to mount an adequate response to the pandemic".

"This reminds us that we must build our house before the storm, not during the storm."

'Remember the darkness'

The pandemic has wreaked global devastation and officially killed nearly seven million people, with the true figure believed to be closer to 20 million. Tedros earlier this month declared that the Covid crisis no longer constitutes a global health emergency.

But he stressed Sunday that "Covid-19 is still with us, it still kills, it's still changing and it still demands our attention".

We may have emerged from "a long, dark tunnel", he said, "but this is the moment to look behind us and remember the darkness of the tunnel, and then ... move forward in the light of

the many painful lessons it has taught us".

"Chief among those lessons is that we can only face shared threats with a shared response."

If agreed, the pandemic accord will mark only the second legally-binding health treaty since WHO was created 75 years ago.

Tedros highlighted the success of the first one — the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control adopted exactly 20 years ago.

Over that time, he pointed out, smoking prevalence has dropped by one third globally.

"The WHO FCTC is living proof of the power of global agreements to drive a paradigm shift in global health," he said, voicing hope a pandemic accord could do the same.

"This is the moment for us to write a new chapter in global health history, together."

SOURCE: AFP

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Monday 22 May 2023)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and a few cloud elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 23 May 2023: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region, fairly widespread in Kachin, Kayin, Mon States, scattered in Bago, Yangon Regions and Southern Shan, Kayah States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

THE Condition of Cumulonimbus Cloud: The Cumulonimbus clouds are developing over the Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Southern Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin, Mon States. The area along the Cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (5-8) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Scattered rain or thundershowers in Upper Sagaing, Taninthayi Regions and Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin, Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 23 May 2023: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 23 May 2023: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 23 May 2023: Partly cloudy.

Tatmadaw senior officer attends ceremony to donate relief supplies for Mocha-affected areas



LT-GEN Lu Aye and officials, accompanied by members of the district natural disaster management committee, attended the ceremony held at the office of Kyaukphyu District General Administration Department to donate relief supplies by CIT-IC Group (Myanmar) Co Ltd for Cyclone Mocha-affected areas yesterday afternoon.

In his opening speech, Lt-Gen Lu Aye expressed special thanks to CITIC Group (Myanmar) Co Ltd. He is in the Kyaukphyu region to carry out restoration work in areas damaged by natural disasters. The donated materials will be sent to the state-level disaster management committee.

After that, Mr Liang Chuan Xin, Managing Director of CIT-IC Group (Myanmar) Co Ltd, explained the purpose of the donation and presented K30 million worth of rehabilitation supplies for the areas damaged by Cyclone Mocha. Lt-Gen Lu Aye and officials accepted the donations and gave the certificate of honour to the donor: — Tin Tun Oo (IPRD)/KZW

Lt-Gen Lu Aye receives the donations from CITIC Group (Myanmar) yesterday.

Tatmadaw senior officer, officials provide cash assistance to storm victims in Thandwe

MAJ-GEN Soe Naing Oo, who was in Thandwe Township of Rakhine State to supervise the rehabilitation work in storm-damaged villages, provided foodstuffs and cash for building houses and inspected the damaged religious buildings and schools yesterday morning.

Next, Maj-Gen Soe Naing

Oo and party inspected the conditions of a landslide caused by the sea waves at Rakhinesu in Thandwe Township. They also visited Zigyun and Indinegyi monasteries and donated rice, edible oil and offerings. Then, they checked the damaged schools in Zigyun and Shwehlay villages.

Officials provided a total grant of K3,347,800 to the village administrator for 67 households in the Singaung village-tract. — District (IPRD)/KZW

Maj-Gen Soe Naing Oo provides cash assistance and foodstuffs to disaster victims.



Tatmadaw senior officer, officials inspect damaged schools in Manaung



BRIG-GEN Kyaw Kyaw Oo, who arrived in Manaung, Rakhine State to perform rehabilitation tasks on the damage caused by Cyclone Mocha, and officials inspected the schools damaged by the storm in the township at 9:30 am yesterday.

The Brig-Gen, accompanied by administration members and police officers, examined the ruins left by the storm at a post-primary schools in Maungmagan, Myaynipyin Primary School, and Doetan Post-Primary School. The party met with the town elders, school trustees, and teachers to discuss how to restore the schools as soon as possible before opening them and meeting their needs.

A total of 43 schools were damaged by the storm in Manaung Township. — Thein Pe(IPRD)/CT

Tatmadaw senior officer, officials inspect collective cleaning activities in Myebon

BRIG-GEN Kyaw Kyaw Soe, together with members of the Natural Disaster Management Committee, visited the Pinnya Beikman Yeiktha Monastery and the Basic Education High School (Myebon) which were used as shelters for people who fled from the storm and viewed the cleaning activities being carried out there.

Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Soe and party went to the Pinnya Beikman Yeiktha Monastery in Thedan ward in Myebon, donated rice, cooking oil and instant noodles and listened to the sermon given by Sayadaw U Pannabhoga.

In addition, Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Soe and party



met members of the Tatmadaw and the police force and departmental personnel doing the cleaning work at the Basic Education High School (Myebon) and urged them to work hard together so that basic education schools can be opened in time for the school season. — Tin Win (Township IPRD)/MKKS

Tatmadaw senior officer, officials encourage Mocha-affected residents in Minbya



BRIG-GEN Khin Zaw, who was in Minbya township to implement the rehabilitation work, together with the officials concerned, went to visit the residents of Minbya Myothit ward and encouraged them on 21 May.

Then, Brig-Gen Khin Zaw and party met with the responsible officials of the Rural Development Department and fulfilled their requirements to distribute purified drinking water to the local people who face shortage of drinking water: — Thaug Shwe (IPRD)/MKKS

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

TWO 29-metre landing craft from the Tatmadaw (Navy) left for Yathedaung yesterday morning to deliver the necessary relief materials and civilian employees to the areas affected by Cyclone Mocha in Sittway, Rakhine State yesterday.

The landing craft returned to Yaychanpyin to carry more relief supplies.

Next, the third landing craft transported foodstuffs such as

rice, bean, instant noodles, dried tea leaves, and condensed milk and donated them to a monastery and 965 people from 206 households from Latnyoengon Village, Thankaroe Village, Konbaung Village, Thetan Village, Thetan Village-Tract, Kyaukpyu Township in Rakhine State.

Similarly, another landing craft carrying 114.6022 tonnes of timber left for Sittway yesterday.

—MNA/KZL



Relief supplies are seen being loaded onto the Tatmadaw (Navy) landing craft to transport them to Rakhine State.

Tatmadaw senior officer, officials inspect rehabilitation work in MraukU



MAJ-GEN Thaung Htike Shwe and party inspected damaged buildings including schools in MraukU Township yesterday as officials were cleaning up fallen trees and branches.

During the tour, he asked officials to replace the broken lamp posts in the township as

Maj-Gen Thaung Htike Shwe and party inspect rehabilitation tasks in MraukU yesterday.

soon as possible.

Next, Maj-Gen Thaung Htike Shwe and officials coordinated the necessary measures to repair the schools in MraukU Township as soon as possible.

After meeting with the people in charge of the basic education schools in MraukU Township, he made an opening speech.

He told them that the school would be opening soon and that they should start renovations as soon as possible.

— Myint Soe/IPRD/KZL

Foodstuffs, vegetables sold at cheap prices for storm victims in Sittway

FOR the convenience of the residents in Sittway worst hit by Cyclone Mocha, rice, edible oil, salt, meat, fish, eggs, dairy products, onions, garlic, instant noodles, and biscuits produced by the military factories, canned beef, canned peas and bamboo shoots, canned chicken and potatoes were sold at prices lower than the market prices by the

military personnel and officials from Western Command at the U Ottama Park in Sittway yesterday.

It is reported that the residents and the families of the departmental staff bought them in a body, and they are very grateful to the officials for selling them at low prices in times of difficulty.

— MNA/CT



Residents are seen purchasing foodstuffs and vegetables in Sittway yesterday (above and below photos).



Tatmadaw (Air) continues transporting 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



Relief supplies are loaded onboard the Tatmadaw aircraft to transport them to Rakhine State.

National Disaster Management Committee for local communities affected by the natural disaster in Rakhine State are being transported by Tatmadaw

aircraft, helicopters and vessels. The employees of the ministries, departmental staff and military personnel who will assist in the rehabilitation tasks, and communications accessories, foodstuffs, tarpaulin and rescue equipment were also transported from Mingaladon Airport to Sittway Airport seven times by Tatmadaw plane. Officials in the respective areas received relief supplies and will continue to distribute them to storm victims. — MNA/KZW

ASEAN countries' humanitarian aid for Cyclone Mocha victims received

SINGAPORE Air Force's two C-130s, carrying a total of 15,550 kilogrammes of emergency supplies worth about US\$60,000, arrived at Yangon International Airport yesterday afternoon. The relief items were sent from ASEAN countries to assist those affected by Cyclone Mocha.

It was the second batch of relief supplies and they were handed over to officials of the natural disaster management committee of the Yangon Region Government.

Following the ASEAN's "One ASEAN, One



Humanitarian aid from ASEAN countries for Mocha victims are seen being unloaded from the plane at Yangon International Airport.

Response" principle, the humanitarian aid provided by ASEAN countries will be facilitated through the ASEAN Disaster Emergency Logistics System. The materials, stored in

warehouses in Subang of Malaysia and Chainat of Thailand, will be transported by military aircraft from Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia 19 times. —MNA/KZW

MoH medic teams provide healthcare services in Mocha-hit townships

THE Ministry of Health has been providing healthcare for the people in areas affected by Cyclone Mocha since 15 May. Emergency response teams and medical teams are working in real-time in rural and urban areas. In addition to the fieldwork, the mobile medical teams are treating out-patients in public hospitals, treating in-patients, and opening temporary operating rooms to treat patients who need surgery. Following the instructions of the head of state, health sector infrastructure reconstruction works are being carried out with special efforts before the rainy season starts.

Yathedaung Township, Rakhine State

To prevent the outbreak of

infectious diseases, the emergency medical teams provided clean water, health awareness, and medical treatment in the urban neighbourhoods of Yathedaung Township on 21 May. The medical team also opened a clinic under the roof of the Kutoung station hospital and provided health care to 123 people yesterday. Similarly, the roof of a four-unit staff housing which was damaged due to the storm in Zeytipyin Station Hospital in rathedaung Township was repaired yesterday.

Pauktaw Township, Rakhine State

Emergency medical teams led by Pauktaw Township Public Health Department visited Thawunchaung Village in Pauktaw Township, which has about 630 households and verified the cleanliness of water sources on 21 May.

They distributed 3,000 water purification tablets to 300 households and conducted health education activities for 67 villagers in a building in the centre of the village. Next, they went to Toungphoo Village in Pauktaw Township, which has about 315 houses, checked the cleanliness of water sources, distributed 1,000 water purification tablets to 100 houses, and conducted health awareness for 65 villagers in the village library.

Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State

Emergency medical teams conducted water purification work and distributed 700 water purifier tablets in Thayettapin, Saphothar, and Atwin Villages in Kyauktaw Township and conducted health awareness on 20 May.

Minbya Township, Rakhine State

Similarly, emergency medical teams conducted water purification work in Minbya Township on 21 May, chlorinated water storage tanks that used drinking water from large earthen lakes, and carried out disease prevention and health knowledge activities in Okkapyan Ward, where dengue fever cases have been reported.



A makeshift healthcare centre is opened at the Kutoung Station hospital in Yathedaung.

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Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State

Likewise, the emergency medical teams conducted water purification work and health knowledge activities in Maungtaw Township on 21 May. The teams went to Inn-din Village which has about 88 houses and Aungthukha Village which has about 225 houses in Maungtaw Township and carried out, food sanitation and health awareness activities. Medical services were provided to 642 people in Aungthukha Village, 634 people in Myoyu Village, 391 people in Inn-din Village,

573 people in Peyon Village, and 805 people in Aungthukha Village totalling 3,045.

Ponnagyun Township, Rakhine State

Emergency medical teams and maternal and child health teams went to Yoengu Village in Ponnagyun Township yesterday to provide medical treatment and health awareness, as well as distribute water purification tablets and educate people on the use of water pills. Similarly, the roofs of a two-room medical storage building and a two-unit staff housing at Ponnagyun Township Hospital, which were damaged by Mocha, were repaired on 21 May. — MNA/KZL



Health education activities are underway in Pauktaw Township.

Blooming tourism refreshes preservation of China’s ancient cities

DURING this year’s May Day holiday, Yemeni student Al-Sayaghi Waleed Mohammed Saleh Ahmed and his Chinese friends experienced the ancient way of transferring money in China’s earliest bank in the Pingyao ancient city, north China’s Shanxi Province.

“There are numerous cultural relics in China’s ancient cities which have intrigued me to learn more about the country’s past,” the Yemeni said.

China has dozens of well-preserved ancient cities. In recent years, these historical sites have become new darlings of curious tourists with thriving culture and tourism industries newly developed.

Xinzhou ancient city in Shanxi, with a history of more than 1,800



People visit the ancient city wall scenic spot in Xi'an, northwest China's Shaanxi Province, 30 April 2023. PHOTO: ZOU JINGYI/XINHUA

years, boasts over 500 stores, many of which are time-honoured, able to provide various services related to cultural relics, including catering, accom-

modation and sightseeing. During the five-day May Day holiday this year, Xinzhou ancient city received more than 400,000 visitors, raking in revenues

of approximately 15 million yuan (about two million US dollars). Nearly 40 per cent of the tourists were from other provincial-level regions. — Xinhua

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China-Africa expo to drive economic reform, promote industrialization in Ethiopia: official

THE upcoming China-Africa Economic and Trade Expo will be an impetus for strengthening Ethiopia-China economic ties and advance the East African country’s strive for industrialization, an Ethiopian official has said.

Deputy Commissioner of the Ethiopian Investment Commission (EIC) Daniel Teressa said Ethiopia envisaged taking the expo as an opportunity to promote cooperation with China on investment, economy and trade, promising representa-

tives from the Ethiopian government, business community leaders and representatives will use the opportunity to attract more Chinese investments.

The third edition of the expo, under the theme “Common Development for a Shared Future,” will run from 29 June to 2 July in central China’s Hunan Province. First launched in 2019, it is a major platform for strengthening economic and trade cooperation between China and African countries. — Xinhua

Ryanair flies back into annual profit of 1.4 bln euros

IRISH no-frills airline Ryanair rebounded back into bumper annual net profits, boosted by a “strong” post-Covid recovery despite spiking costs, it announced Monday.

Profit after taxation soared to 1.4 billion euros (\$1.5 billion) in the 12 months to the end of March, after a net loss of 355 million euros in its previous financial year, Ryanair said in a results

statement.

The Dublin-based carrier had narrowed losses in its prior 2021/2022 fiscal year, boosted by the lifting of coronavirus lockdowns.

“Over the last year we have seen a very strong post-Covid traffic recovery,” said chief executive Michael O’Leary in video remarks published alongside the earnings. —AFP



The Dublin-based carrier had narrowed losses in its prior 2021/2022 fiscal year, boosted by the lifting of coronavirus lockdowns. PHOTO: AFP

Brazil’s economic activity grows 2.41% in Q1

BRAZIL’S economic activity registered a growth of 2.41 per cent in the first quarter of this year, compared to the last three months of 2022, according to preliminary estimates released by the Central Bank of Brazil on Friday.

According to the economic activity index, a leading indicator of gross domestic product (GDP), it was Brazil’s highest

quarterly advance since the fourth quarter of 2020.

Compared to the same period in 2022, Brazil’s economic activity in this year’s first quarter advanced by 3.87 per cent.

In addition, in the past 12 months as of March, the indicator showed an increase of 3.31 per cent in the South American country. — Xinhua



Brazilian farm workers cut cocoa fruits at the Altamira farm in Itajuípe, Bahia, Brazil. PHOTO: RAFAEL MARTINS/AFP/FILE

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Russian diplomat fires back at Sullivan’s remarks regarding attack on Crimea

CRIMEA is part of Russia and US threats to strike at the peninsula are irresponsible, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergey Ryabkov said on Monday.

“Crimea is an integral part of Russia and attempts to present the matter differently, to threaten is another confirmation of the irresponsible escalation course of Washington,” Ryabkov told reporters.

Moscow will find a way to prevent the implementation of threats of possible strikes against Crimea, the diplomat added.

On 21 May, White House National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said Washington does not allow Kyiv to use Western weapons to strike at the territory of Russia, noting that he does not consider Crimea to be part of it.



Balaklava is a settlement on the Crimean Peninsula and part of the city of Sevastopol. It is an administrative center of Balaklava Raion that used to be part of the Crimean Oblast before it was transferred to Sevastopol Municipality. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

It is clear for Russian that an entire range of weapons will sooner or later end up in Ukraine, Ryabkov added, commenting on possible supplies of F-16s to Kyiv.

During the G7 summit in Japan, US President Joe Biden told his Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelenskyy that the US, along with its partners, was going to launch a training program for Ukraine’s military pilots on the fourth generation fighter aircraft including F-16s. White House National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said on Saturday that the time was yet not right for Kiev to have F-16s, adding that the US and its allies were going to decide which countries would supply these aircraft to Kyiv and in what number. —SPUTNIK

Fire destroys historic Philippine post office building

A huge fire destroyed a historic post office in the Philippine capital Manila, officials said Monday.

More than 80 fire trucks were sent to the decades-old landmark after the blaze broke out late Sunday, the Bureau of Fire Protection said.

Thick, black smoke billowed hundreds of metres into the sky as flames gutted the neo-classical Manila Central Post Office that overlooks the Pasig River.

It took firefighters more than seven hours to get the inferno under control.

“The whole building has burned down from the basement all the way to the fifth floor,” Postmaster General Luis Carlos told DZBB radio.

The cause of the blaze was being investigated, he said.

Fire brigades from across the capital deployed personnel to fight the blaze that left one volunteer firefighter with minor injuries.

Originally built in 1926, the post office was once considered the “grandest building” in Manila, according to its website. — AFP



This 22 May 2023 photo shows the Manila Central Post Office after the fire was declared under control. **PHOTO: K R DE ASIS, CHARLENE SANTIAGO, AND AJ ACOSTA / MANILA PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE/AFP**

India’s G20 tourism meet begins in Kashmir under tight security

A G20 tourism meeting began on Monday under tight security in Indian-administered Kashmir, as New Delhi seeks to project an image of normalcy in a region wracked for decades by violence.

Both China and Pakistan have condemned holding the event in the disputed Muslim-majority territory, which is split between New Delhi and Islamabad, both of whom claim it in full.

Over the decades an insurgency seeking independence or a merger with Pakistan has seen tens of thousands of civilians, soldiers and rebels killed.

But India wants to show that what officials call “normalcy and peace” are returning to the region after New Delhi revoked its limited autonomy and took direct control in 2019, imposing an extended lockdown.

Since then, the rebels have largely been crushed — although young men continue to take up arms — and the annual death toll, once in the thousands, has been on a downward trend, with 253 fatalities last year.

Now India is promoting



A Group of 20 (G20) tourism meeting is being held in Indian-administered Kashmir amid high security, with China and Pakistan condemning holding the event in the disputed region. India wants people to know that the region is peaceful. **PHOTO: ANI**

tourism in the region, with its spectacular mountain scenery and signs at the airport declaring it “paradise on earth”.

More than a million Indian citizens visited last year, to the delight of local tourism businesses.

But dissent has been criminalised, media freedoms curbed and public protests

limited, in what critics say is a drastic curtailment of civil liberties by New Delhi.

Police said last week that security had been beefed up “to avoid any chance of terrorist attack during the G20” meeting, and on Monday soldiers and armoured vehicles were deployed at multiple locations in Srinagar. — AFP

Macron makes first French presidential visit to Mongolia

EMMANUEL Macron on 21 May made a brief but symbolic visit to Mongolia, the first by a French president to the country nestled between China and Russia that is of growing strategic interest in the West.

The French head of state was greeted by a traditional Mongolian guard of honour after landing in the capital Ulaanbaatar following the G7 summit in Hiroshima, Japan.

Macron then attended a reception at Sukhbaatar Square, which contains a large statue of Mongolian revolutionary hero Damdin Sukhbaatar and a monument to Genghis Khan.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky was the star guest at the G7, where he addressed Western allies and leaders of

non-aligned nations like Brazil and India.

Since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, France has stepped up diplomacy with countries that have not explicitly condemned it -- of which Mongolia is one.

In Ulaanbaatar, Macron attended a state dinner at the museum of Genghis Khan, named for the 13th-century Mongol conqueror.

The institution will lend part of its collection to the Nantes History Museum in western France for an exhibition scheduled for October.

'Diversify'

"The fact that Mongolia will be on the route back allows us to make this historic first (visit)



It was in a traditional yurt that Emmanuel Macron was received on Sunday 21 May for the first visit of a French president to Mongolia. **PHOTO: LUDOVIC MARIN/AFP**

to be more robust and able to deal with its large Russian and Chinese neighbours," the source added.

Paris is seeking to "loosen the constraint exerted on Russia's neighbours" and open up their choice of options, the French presidency source explained.

Mongolia can also be part of European efforts to diversify supplies "to guarantee our energy sovereignty", the source added.

The vast north Asian country has been the subject of growing interest in recent years from the United States as part of a strategy to thwart the rise of China.

Eighty-six per cent of Mongolia's total exports go to China, half of which is coal. — AFP

and gives it a special meaning," an Elysee source said.

Mongolia was looking to "diversify its partnerships in order

Mitsotakis: the PM who steered Greece from brink to growth



Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis took to posting behind-the-scenes clips from his campaign on TikTok. **PHOTO: AFP**

KYRIAKOS Mitsotakis, whose party scored a thumping win at Sunday's election, is a conservative political dynasty scion credited with putting the debt-ridden

country back on the path of growth.

Mitsotakis has offered his country a rare respite from economic instability in the face of

unprecedented global upheavals like the coronavirus pandemic and war in Ukraine.

But a damaging wiretapping scandal and public anger arising from a deadly train crash in February blighted the record of Mitsotakis, whose family has dominated Greek politics for decades.

The former Harvard graduate who worked at US financial consultancy McKinsey will be tasked by Greece's head of state President Katerina Sakellaropoulou with forming a government. But he has signalled that he will seek a new election, likely in a month's time, in order to obtain an absolute majority to govern alone. — AFP

Catania airport reopens after closure for Etna activity

SICILY'S Catania airport reopened to flights on 22 May after a one-day closure due to smoke and ash from nearby Mount Etna, airport authorities said.

Operations resumed at 9:00 am local time (0700 GMT), the airport said in a statement, while cautioning there could be delays.

On Sunday, authorities said

"copious amounts of volcanic ash on airport surfaces" prompted the closure of the airport on Sicily's eastern coast.

A heavy cloud around Etna's summit made it impossible to see eruptions, but loud rumbles could be heard in the region, local media said.

At 3,324 metres (nearly

11,000 feet), Etna is the tallest active volcano in Europe and has erupted frequently in the past 500,000 years.

Around 10 million passengers last year transited through Catania International Airport, which services the eastern part of Sicily, one of Italy's most popular tourist destinations. — AFP

Iraqi, Syrian Kurds divided over Erdogan's election battle

TÜRKIYE presidential election is being anxiously watched by Kurds in Syria and Iraq as economic interests compete with fears of a regional military escalation against some Kurdish groups.

The long-running and deadly conflict between Ankara and militant groups from the ethnic Kurdish minority has spilled across the borders of both Iraq and Syria.

But Türkiye is also a major economic partner, especially for northern Iraq's autonomous Kurdish province which has long exported oil through a pipeline that runs through Türkiye and has trade ties worth billions.

"Economically, there are

mutual benefits," said Iraqi political scientist Mohamed Ezzedine.

Türkiye President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, having governed for 20 years, has fostered key strategic links with Iraqi Kurdistan's President Nechirvan Barzani who has been in power for three decades.

After the first round of elections, as votes were still being counted, Barzani called Erdogan, the Turkish "reis" (chief), to express "confidence and optimism" he would defeat challenger Kemal Kilicdaroglu.

But some Kurds in Iraq and across the border in Syria fear an Erdogan victory will see a military escalation in their home regions. — AFP



File photo shows people at a market in Arbil, the capital of the autonomous Kurdish region of northern Iraq. **PHOTO: AFP**

Russian diplomat
fires back at Sullivan's
remarks regarding
attack on Crimea



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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.

Team Myanmar to play two friendly matches in June

THE Myanmar men's national football team will play two international friendly matches during the June international week, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

The Myanmar squad will travel to China for friendly matches against China, and Macau at the invitation of the Chinese Football Federation.

Myanmar will take on China on 16 June and Macau on

19 June.

Myanmar and China are re-matching this year after playing friendlies in 2018 and 2019.

The Myanmar team and the Macau team have not played international friendly matches in recent years, and the last time they met was in the 2019 Asian Cup qualifiers held in 2018.

Myanmar national team

head coach Michael Feichtenbeiner will select a combination of footballers playing in local clubs and those playing in Malaysian and Thai clubs for this friendly match, the MFF stated.

Team Myanmar travelled to India in the international week of March to play friendly matches and lost to the Indian national team 1-0 and drew with the Kyrgyz national team 1-1. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Myanmar men's national football team is seen during an international competition. PHOTO: MFF

Koepka boosts LIV Golf and makes case for US Ryder Cup spot

BROOKS Koepka gave the Saudi-backed LIV Golf circuit a landmark triumph and sparked some questions for the US Ryder Cup team by winning the PGA

Championship on Sunday.

Koepka's fifth major title made him the first player to win a major since joining the break-away circuit and boosted him to second in the US Ryder Cup qualifying points table.

"I definitely think it helps LIV," Koepka said.

Koepka was among the array of stars who jumped from the PGA Tour to LIV, which lured talent with the promise of record \$25 million purses for 54-hole events, despite concern over Saudi Ara-

bia's human rights record.

The PGA banned LIV players from its events, with a legal fight between them due in court next May. Until then, the rival circuit's top talent only meets in majors.

When asked if he takes pride in representing LIV, Koepka said, "Yeah, I think so. To win a major is always a big deal no matter where you're playing. All it does I guess, validates it for myself... I'm back."

LIV events don't get world ranking points, causing concern that major qualifying will be difficult soon. Koepka's win helps make the case their players deserve consideration. — AFP



Brooks Koepka's victory at the PGA Championship made his case for the US Ryder Cup team and LIV Golf's case to be considered a top-flight golf league. PHOTO: DAVID CANNON COLLECTION/AFP

Messi and Argentina to play Australia in China friendly

LIONEL Messi will lead world champions Argentina in a friendly against Australia in Beijing, the country said on Monday, followed by another game in Indonesia.

The clash on 15 June at the Workers' Stadium in the Chinese capital is a rematch of Argentina and Australia's meeting in the last 16 of the Qatar World Cup.

Messi scored in a 2-1 win for Argentina and they went on to win the World Cup.

"On 15 June, Lionel Messi will lead the Argentinian national team in a friendly against Australia in Beijing," the South American country's embassy in China said on the Twitter-like Weibo.

Separately, the national team also announced another friendly, against Indonesia in Jakarta on 19 June, as part of a summer "Asia Tour". Football Australia chief executive James Johnson said playing in China will further boost ties between the two countries after years of troubled relations.

"Football is truly the global game and for Australia to be invited to play this match in China, and against the world number one, we hope this will open further opportunities for our two nations to work together both on and off the football field," Johnson said. — AFP