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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.

People will have easy access to buying lottery tickets and sending payments for lottery tickets through the Aungbarlay online lottery application: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing speaks on the unveiling occasion of the Aungbarlay online lottery system on 8 June 2023 in Nay Pyi Taw.

PEOPLE can easily buy the Aungbarlay lottery through an online lottery application by using their mobile phones at any time anywhere, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the launching ceremony of the Aungbarlay online lottery system at Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

In his speech, the Senior General said that people criticize the weakness of the Aungbarlay lottery ticket system, especially requesting to solve the problem of higher prices of lottery tickets than the set price. In addition to the sale of current Aungbarlay lottery tickets, the Aungbarlay online lottery system was arranged for people to buy them at a set price. People can easily buy the Aungbarlay lottery through an online

lottery application by using their mobile phones at any time anywhere. People will have easy access to buying lottery tickets and sending payments for lottery tickets through the Aungbarlay online lottery application. SMS will be sent to the mobile phones of winners in the lottery. Small prizes for winning the lottery will be sent to winners online or to the banking accounts of winners through electronic techniques.

The Senior General said that the digital lottery platform linking digital technology and mobile payment system was introduced to the people for launching the Aungbarlay online lottery application. It aims to increase the revenue of the State, develop the digital economic infrastructure and initiate a cashless society. The Aungbarlay online lottery system was jointly implemented by relevant minis-

tries and departments under the leadership of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue and Telecom International Myanmar Co Ltd. The documentary video of the Aungbarlay lottery and its online system was introduced to the attendees. Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister U Win Shein, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations

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Heavy Rainfall Warning No 1/2023

Issued at 11:00 hours M.S.T on 8-6-2023

1. According to the observations at 09:30hrs M.S.T today, due to the strong to vigorous monsoon over the Andaman Sea, South Bay, East central Bay and Northeast Bay of Bengal, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavyfalls in some Regions and States with strong wind from this morning to 13 June.

2. Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach 40 mph. Wave height will be about 9-12 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

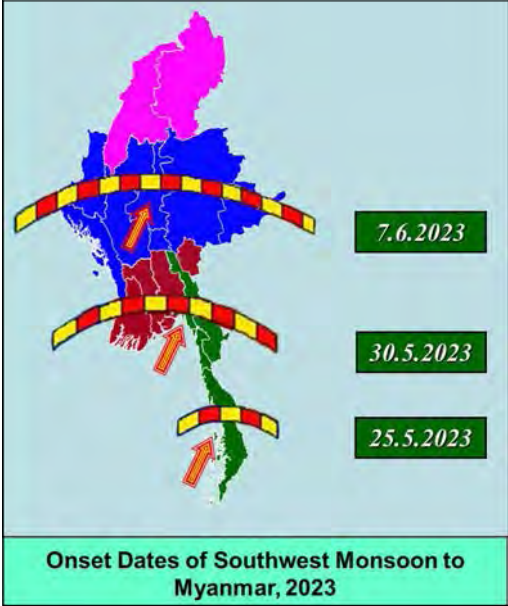
Advisory

Due to the strong to vigorous monsoon, people should be aware of heavy rain with strong wind, flash flood and landslide in the hilly areas and near small rivers and also domestic flight, trawlers, vessels and ships off and along Myanmar Coasts.

Condition of Southwest Monsoon

Issued on 8 June 2023

During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon has advanced into the Central Myanmar areas, Eastcentral Bay and Northeast Bay of Bengal.



Onset Dates of Southwest Monsoon to Myanmar, 2023

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Thursday 8 June 2023)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is vigorous over the Andaman Sea, South Bay, Eastcentral Bay and Northeast Bay of Bengal. Weather is cloudy elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

SPECIAL Feature Condition: According to the observations at 17:30 hrs M.S.T today, a low pressure cell over Northeast and adjoining Eastcentral Bay of Bengal still persists.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 9 June 2023: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of regionally heavyfalls in Taninthayi Region and Rakhine, Mon States and isolated heavyfalls in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon, Ayeyawady Regions and Chin State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The Cumulonimbus clouds are developing in over the whole country. 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: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 mph. Wave height will be about 9-12 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

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, OK \$, UAB pay and Citizens Pay 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: -



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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

Tatmadaw’s responsibility to safeguard Constitution, Our Three Main National Causes and genuine disciplined democratic system

ACCORDING to the 2008 Constitution, Tatmadaw is mainly responsible for safeguarding the Constitution, Our Three Main National Causes, and the genuine and disciplined multiparty democratic system. Therefore, Tatmadaw’s preventive measures in law against all misconducts leading to failing the constitution being referred to as the soul of the country and multiparty democratic system are the shouldering or obligatory responsibility.

(Excerpts from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing at the Passing Out Parade of the 64th Intake of Defence Services Academy on 2 December 2022)

People will have easy access to buying lottery tickets ...

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Dr Kan Zaw, Chairman of Myanmar Economic Corporation Lt-Gen Nyo Saw and (Mytel) CEO Nguyen Tien Dung of Viettel Group simultaneously put gold coins into the savings bank in commemoration of the launching the Aungbarlay on-line lottery system. The Senior General also put an Aungmingala gold coin into the bank in launching the new lottery system.

Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister U Win Shein presented the logo of the on-line lottery system to the Senior General.

External Relations Chief Officer Dr Nilar Aye of Mytel



The Senior General views applying the mobile application for the Aungbarlay online lottery system yesterday.



The Senior General receives the logo of the Aungbarlay online lottery system.



The vice-president of Viettel Group presents the certificate of honour to Mytel officials.

clarified the procedures and advantages of applying Mobile Application Download and drawing the lottery awards of the Aungbarlay online lottery system.

A five-year documentary video clip of Telecom International Myanmar Co Ltd (Mytel) which is the partner of the online lottery system was presented.

On behalf of the Ministry of Defence of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, Vice-President Maj-Gen Nguyen Thanh Nam of Viettel Group spoke words of thanks and presented a certificate of honour to officials of Mytel.

The Senior General viewed applying the mobile application for the Aungbarlay online lottery system. — MNA/TTA

96 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 8 June, total figure registers 639,475

MYANMAR’S COVID-19-positive cases rose to 639,475 after 96 new cases were reported on 8 June 2023 according to the Ministry of Health. Therefore, a total of 10,711,639 laboratory samples were examined to date and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached 639,475. The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached 618,398 including 35 new recoveries. The death toll from COVID-19 in the country registered 19,494 on 8-6-2023 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

Perennial trees cannot immediately benefit the people but give shade and safety to posterity

FAMILIES of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) and those from relevant military commands have been holding the monsoon tree-growing ceremonies since 2011, aimed at conserving the environment, contributing to easing the impacts of climate change, giving shade and supporting the State economy on one hand.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing grew a teak tree at the first monsoon tree-growing ceremony of families of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) near Yezin Dam in Zeyathiri Township of Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Monsoon tree-growing ceremonies are held as serving a national duty

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that Tatmadaw has been holding the monsoon tree-growing cer-

emonies for over a decade on a yearly basis starting from 2011. Such ceremonies aim to sustain the forest resources of the State and conserve the environment and valuable ecosystems as a national duty.

Since 2011, families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) have been planting more than 180,000 trees in order to conserve the environs of Yezin Dam and the ecosystem by holding monsoon-tree growing ceremonies, more than 100,000 trees of which are thriving now. The whole Tatmadaw grew more than 21 million saplings from 2011 to 2022, more than 15 million of which are thriving, accounting for more than 70 per cent.

Perennial trees cannot immediately benefit the people but give shade and safety to posterity.

The establishment of a forest needs to take more than 10 years. It cannot immediately benefit the people but give shade and safety to new generations. If a town and then the whole country can be greened, Myanmar will conform to the environment and will have the capacity to overcome natural disasters. Spending a large sum of money, time and labour on growing trees aims to green the State as a natural duty, so all people have to understand it and strive for the successful growing of trees.

The Senior General and his wife plant a teak tree

The Senior General and his wife grew a teak tree. The SAC



SAC Chair Defence Services C-in-C Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pours the water onto the teak tree.



SAC Vice-Chair Defence Services Dy C-in-C Vice-Senior General Soe Win grows and throws the water onto the sappling.



An aerial view of the monsoon tree-growing ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife, the Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) and wife, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and wife, the Commander-in-Chief (Air)

and wife, as well as Tatmadaw members and families, planted saplings at the designated places. The Senior General and his wife viewed round participation of Tatmadaw members and families in the tree-growing ceremony.

A total of 189,189 precious plants, perennial trees, and windbreakshavebeengrown around Yezin Dam from 2011 to the first tree-growing ceremony in 2023

At the first tree-growing ceremony held yesterday, families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) planted 1,764 teak plants, 882 Manjansha plants and 882 gum-kino plants, totalling 3,528. Tatmadaw held 36 tree-growing ceremonies to plant 189,189 precious plants, perennial trees and windbreaks from 2011 to the first tree-growing ceremony in 2023.

The whole Tatmadaw grows 210,398 trees on the same day

Likewise, the monsoon tree-growing ceremonies were held in respective military commands yesterday with the participation of the commanders and officials who grew 210,398 plants.

—MNA/TTA

MSME businesses must be encouraged with the guarantee for the long run to enhance the State economy: Vice-Senior General



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win addresses the coordination meeting of the MSME Development Work Committee in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

MSME businesses in regions and states will be provided with monetary capital and technologies for operating their manufacturing through cooperative and private systems, said Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win at the meeting 1/2023 of the work-committee at the Ministry of Industry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

On the occasion, the Vice-Senior General, who is also Chairman of the MSME Development Work Committee, delivered an address, saying that the Senior General has given guidance on the implementation of MSME businesses with primary factors such as encouraging domestic products, the substitution of import goods and increase

of export volume. Region and state agencies need to follow the aforesaid factors in supervising the MSME businesses.

In line with the guidance of the Senior General, efforts will be made for initiating the scheme on the one region-one product. MSME businesses have to set relevant items of products with the export purpose in addition to domestic products depending on the availability of domestic raw materials. Region and state authorities need to implement plans for the potential of products.

MSME businesses in regions and states will be provided with monetary capital and technologies for operating their manufacturing through cooperative and private systems. It is necessary to help smooth

the circulation of money in the investment sector as the work process may face challenges.

The Vice-Senior General stressed the need to disseminate information to MSME businesspersons and the people in real-time and develop human resources for MSME business. MSME businesses must be encouraged with a guarantee for the long run to enhance the State economy, and these MSME businesses have to manufacture many products for economic development. As MSME businesses are still facing difficulties in manufacturing, market promotion, dissemination of information and transfer of money in trading through digital technology, it is necessary to seek the best ways and means for them.

Secretary of the work com-

mittee Deputy Minister U Yin Maung Nyunt reported on the accomplishment of the minutes of the meeting 1/2022 and the work progress of the work committee.

Deputy ministers, the Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council and the Chief Minister of Shan State reported on letters to be submitted to the MSME Development Work Committee.

Vice-Chairman of the work committee Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein discussed monetary affairs for the disbursement of loans to MSME businesses and loan rules and regulations.

The joint secretary of the work committee director-general of the Industrial Supervision and Inspection Department reported on approval for the letters.

Work Committee Vice-Chair-

man Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than explained the amendment of the MSME development law, assignment for regions and states to prioritize the production of import-substitute goods and value-added products, trademark measures, expression of commodity facts and export information for MSME businesses into the State-owned media, the establishment of an information mechanism to disseminate MSME information and data on the report of ASEAN SME policy index.

Then, Union ministers and officials discussed functions for the development of MSME businesses.

The Vice-Senior General coordinated the discussions and gave a concluding remark. — MNA/TTA

MoFA Union Minister receives Chinese Ambassador

U Than Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr Chen Hai, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar, yesterday at the MGallery Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters per-

taining to further consolidation of the existing Pauk-Phaw relations and expansion of cooperation between Myanmar and China, the successful signing of Agreements of Cooperation Projects between Myanmar and China in commemorating the 73rd Anniversary of Myanmar-China diplomatic re-

lations on 8 June 2023, continued implementation of Myanmar-China bilateral projects, smooth flow of border trade, maintenance of peace and stability along the border areas between Myanmar and China as well as a closer collaboration under regional and multi-lateral frameworks. — MNA



Chinese Ambassador Mr Chen Hai calls on Union Minister U Than Swe yesterday.

Workshop on governors' role in Indian federal system held

A workshop on the role of governors in India's federalism was held yesterday morning at the headquarters of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee (NSPNC) in Nay Pyi Taw.

SAC Member Minister of the Union Government Office National Unity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee Chairman Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and committee members, retired military officers, departmental staff, Ambassador of India to Myanmar Mr Vinay Kumar and embassy officials, and representatives from seven NCA-Signatory EAOs (ALP, DKBA, KNU/KNLA-PC, LDU, NMSP, PNLO, RCSS) led by Dr Naw Ka Por Htoo attended the workshop.

In the workshop, NSPNC Chair Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Indian Ambassador Mr Vinay Kumar and KNU/KNLA-PC Vice-Chairperson Dr Naw Ka Por Htoo,



The workshop on the role of governors in the Indian federal system in progress yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

on behalf of the seven ethnic armed organizations that signed NCA, gave welcoming speeches.

Afterwards, Professor Sudarshan Ramaswamy from India led the discussions and explained the role of governors in India's federal system. Participants shared experiences of India and the roles and responsibilities of governors. Questions were raised on international experiences and views exchanged before the documentary group photo was taken. — MNA/TS

Signing ceremony held in Nay Pyi Taw commemorating 73rd Anniversary of Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China

IN commemoration of the 73rd Anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China, a signing ceremony for the cooperation agreements between Myanmar and China was held at the M-Gallery Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the ceremony U Than Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, delivered the commemorative

speech. Mr Chen Hai, Ambassador of People's Republic of China, also delivered the commemorative remarks. Union Minister for International Cooperation U Ko Ko Hlaing, Union Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win, Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aung Thaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Myo Htut, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Gyi, Deputy Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Myo Hlaing and senior officials from the ministries concerned were also present at the ceremony. Four Agreements were signed and exchanged at the ceremony.

The Handover and Acceptance Certificate for China aided

COVID-19 Vaccine between the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the People's Republic of China was signed by Dr Thet Khaing Win, Union Minister for Health and Mr Chen Hai, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China in which China provides three million doses of vaccine and syringes, worth of US\$6.9 million, for the peoples of Myanmar.

Dr Myo Thein Kyaw, Union Minister of the Ministry of Science and Technology and Mr Chen Hai, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar exchanged the Letters on the project to provide equipment and online service to the Government Technological College (Mandalay). This project is worth RMB 717,200.

U Min Thein Zan, Union Minister of the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs and Mr Chen Hai, Ambassador of Peoples' Republic of China to Myanmar also exchanged the Letters on the project to conduct a feasibility study on the reconstruction of Aung San Stadium. As per the

agreement, China will provide a grant of RMB2,000,000 to Myanmar.

The Agreement on the Transfer of Fund for Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund (2023) Projects was signed by U Kyaw Myo Htut, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Mr Chen Hai, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar. In accordance with the agreement, China will transfer over US\$3.8 million to Myanmar for 14 Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund projects to be implemented in Myanmar by seven line Ministries in the fields of agriculture, livestock research, electricity supply, environmental conservation, capacity building, science and technology, trade, and tourism. The total number of MLC Special Fund projects received by Myanmar since 2017 to date has reached to 106. Myanmar has received assistance worth US\$31.4 million through the MLC Special Fund supported by China.

Refreshments were served at the ceremony. — MNA



The documentary group photo of the commemorative signing ceremony for the 73rd Anniversary of the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between Myanmar and China held yesterday.

Union Ministers attend awarding ceremony of victorious athletes in 32nd SEA Games, oversee rehabilitation work in Rakhine State

THE awarding ceremony of victorious athletes who grabbed medals in the 32nd SEA Games was held at the Rakhine State government office yesterday.

During the event, Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, Union Minister U Myo Thant, Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine, and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin presented cash awards and certificates of honour to the athletes who won silver and bronze medals.

Then, the members of Myanmar Sepak Takraw and coaches donated K2 million to Mocha victims and the Rakhine State chief minister received the cash donation.

Then, the team led by Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung attended the coordination meeting on relief and rehabilitation processes together with members of the Rakhine State disaster management committee and Tatmadaw senior officers.



The awarding event for triumphant athletes from Rakhine State who won medals in the XXXII SEA Games in progress yesterday in Sittway.

During the meeting, Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung highlighted the intention of the meeting to approve the number of losses and inventory lists of Mocha-hit townships, timely distribution of relief items by sea routes or air, systematic distribution to the people who really need the items in prioritized

groups and completed work procedures and ongoing work plans for rescue and rehabilitation processes.

Then, the military senior officers who are closely supervising the rehabilitation processes in Buthidaung, Rathedaung, Kyauktaw, MraukU, Thandwe, Pauktaw, Manaung, Yanbye,

Ponnagyun, Minbya, Myebon, Maungtaw and Sittway townships explained the current work plans and deputy ministers and officials of respective committees coordinated the discussion.

The Rakhine State chief minister also reported on the effective use of allotted funds, separate inventory of affected MSMEs and distribution of relief and rehabilitation materials.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung made proper instructions and concluded the meeting.

He also attended the regular coordination meeting held at the Rakhine State government office in the evening and gave certain directives.

Special medics and rapid response teams were sent to Rakhine State to offer healthcare services after Cyclone Mocha and there were 13,881 outpatients

and 26,850 inpatients at the general hospitals and 68,750 patients at the rural health centres and branches between 16 May and 8 June. Rapid response teams also added water purification tablets 4,572 times and conducted 7,996 health awareness campaigns.

Special medical units offered healthcare services and a total of 5,748 patients—318 in Rathedaung, 746 in Sittway, 1,150 in Minbya, 961 in Kyauktaw, 275 in Ponnagyun, 727 in Pauktaw, 848 in Manaung, 190 in Buthidaung and 533 in Maungtaw township—received medical treatment.

Health workers in Rakhine State also conduct preventive measures and health awareness programmes to prevent diarrhoeal disease and other communicable diseases after the storm. — MNA/KTZH



An operation is underway in Pauktaw yesterday.



Eye treatment is provided in Sittway General Hospital yesterday.

Reception held to commemorate National Day of Russian Federation

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw attended the reception to commemorate the National Day of the Russian Federation yesterday evening at Lotte Hotel in Yangon.

First, the ceremony was opened with the National Anthem of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the National Anthem of the Russian Federation.

Then, Ambassador Mr Nikolay Listopadov of the Russian Federation gave his greetings and consequently, the cultural troupe of the Russian Federation performed traditional cultural songs and dances.

Next, Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw and Russian Ambassador Mr Nikolay Listopadov cut

the celebratory cake marking the National Day of the Russian Federation.

Afterwards, the Union minister and the ambassador posed for the commemorative photo together with those who attended the reception and enjoyed the dinner.

The ceremony was attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye and wife, Lt-Gen Thet Pone from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and wife, Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Zaw Hein and wife, senior military officers, ambassadors from foreign embassies in Yangon, charges d'affaires, military attachés and invitees. — MNA/TS



Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw poses for the documentary group photo of the National Day of the Russian Federation in Yangon yesterday.

Shape failures to be victories for future lives

AS A nature of human beings, everybody wishes to possess the victory in all things but they delay to accept the failure as a starting point leading to victory if necessary. As they are in fear of embracing failure due to missing relevant chances, whenever they see the failure, they physically and mentally suffer a tremble of excitement.

In fact, those who secured the victory actually miss the chance how to prepare to face failure and how they can overcome challenges in accepting failure. So, it can be said that the winners actually lose the chance to know ways and means to encounter failure despite securing just a win.

Those who embraced failure have to overcome the challenges of life with the aim of not facing failure again. Hence, they seek the best ways and means how to secure victory as well as how to leave failure behind them. As a result, those losers try to accept the concept that they must try hard to avoid failure and must never do the same moves to face failure. Such a valuable decision will push them to the victory of their goal.

Practically, everybody needs to change their mindsets to accept a concept that they have to deeply desire to win the victory in order to secure an important thing. If so, the powerful keenness in their minds will help them overcome any challenges. If not, any of their moves will lead to failure.

Moreover, everybody needs to seek the best lessons from their failures. They have to dare to verify the rights and wrongs in the lessons. And, they must choose the rights to be applied in their lives as well as must analyze the root causes of wrongs. If so, they will have to choose the benefit from the failures. These will be good moves leading to victory. Hence, everybody needs to take care of past events that the famous persons in global history unintentionally made mistakes in their immature lives but they improved themselves by taking lessons from the bitter past events.

Everybody needs teachers to give ways for them throughout their lives. But, school teachers cannot go along with them. Actually, mistakes and failures in all events of life are the best teachers for all. But, those wishing to secure victory must enhance their capacity to analyze failures and to know how to overcome failures so as to lead to victory.

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A STROKE occurs when blood circulation is cut off in the brain—causing a medical emergency that warrants immediate attention. When blood doesn't reach brain cells, they don't get the oxygen and nutrients they need and begin to die within minutes.

As a result, you can experience facial drooping, weakness in the limbs, confusion, slurred speech, and severe headache, among other symptoms. Knowing the symptoms of stroke and seeking medical care quickly is critical to prevent serious complications or death from occurring.

Common Symptoms

There are two main types of strokes: ischemic and hemorrhagic. Generally, symptoms of stroke tend to be similar despite the type of stroke you or someone else is having. However, symptoms can range in severity depending on the artery (blood vessel) in the brain that is affected.

Strokes can be very dangerous—and not only can they lead to permanent disability, but they're also the fifth leading cause of death in the US. That's why it's important to look out for the following symptoms:

- **Numbness:** Feeling numb, having a droopy face, or experiencing paralysis on one side of the body is common. You may feel weak or unable to move during this time.
- **Cognitive (brain-related) symptoms:** Cognitive symptoms of a stroke can set on quickly. These include sudden bouts of confusion, slurred or abnormal speech, difficulty understanding what others are saying, and problems with memory.
- **Visual symptoms:** A stroke can also disrupt your eyes, causing symptoms such as temporary loss of vision in one or both eyes, blurriness, and difficulty seeing and focusing on objects.
- **Motor symptoms:** It's also common to experience difficulties with movement, such as a loss of balance, difficulty walking, dizziness, and loss of motor control.
- **Other symptoms:** Some people might have a severe headache that suddenly arises with no other known cause, nausea, and vomiting.

While these symptoms are most common, regardless of the

type of stroke you or someone else is having, symptoms can slightly vary depending on the artery in your brain that becomes blocked.

Transient Ischemic Attack Symptoms

In some cases, people experience a transient ischemic attack, which is a warning sign and precursor of stroke. Though an ischemic attack is not viewed as serious as a stroke, this is still a medical emergency.

Symptoms of an ischemic attack typically lasting only 10 to 20 minutes—rarely over an hour—and often mimic the symptoms of a stroke. You may likely experience numbness or weakness, speech difficulties, and blurring or loss of vision in one eye.

Medial Cerebral Artery Stroke Symptoms

When strokes affect the medial cerebral artery (MCA)—a major artery that separates the frontal and temporal lobes of the brain—you might experience the following symptoms:

- Weakness in one arm or limb
- Drooping on one side of the face
- Speech problems
- Difficulties with comprehension
- **Frontal lobe:** Controls your executive functioning, such as problem-solving, decision-making, memory, and learning
- **Temporal lobe:** Gives you the ability to understand language and controls your hearing
- **Parietal lobe:** Helps your process sensory information and manages your senses, including touch, temperature, pressure, and pain
- **Occipital lobe:** Manages your visual perception and eyesight, including recognizing shapes and colours, seeing objects, and recognizing visual stimuli

Anterior Cerebral Artery Stroke Symptoms

If a stroke affects your anterior cerebral artery—a blood vessel that supplies the frontal and parietal lobes of the brain—becomes blocked, you might experience:

- Impaired judgment
- Loss of sight or blurry vision on one side

Fascinating Insights and Life-Saving Information

By Yin Nwe Ko



Stroke, a medical emergency, occurs when blood flow to a part of the brain is interrupted or reduced, resulting in the deprivation of oxygen and nutrients to brain cells. ILLUSTRATION: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ VECTORSTOCK

- **Time (T):** Time to seek immediate help if you're noticing any of the above symptoms
- As mentioned above, a stroke occurs when something restricts blood flow to your brain, causing a variety of symptoms including weakness or paralysis in the face or limbs, vision problems, speech difficulties, and loss of balance, among others. A stroke is a medical emergency and can be fatal or lead to permanent disability. If you notice signs of someone having a stroke, it's critical to seek medical care immediately.

Summary

Occurs when the supply of blood to the brain is reduced or blocked completely, which prevents brain tissue from getting oxygen and nutrients.

Causes:

It is caused by the interrupted blood supply to the brain.

Symptoms:

Symptoms include weakness of the face, and limbs, confusion, and trouble speaking.

Diagnosis:

To determine the most appropriate stroke treatment, an emer-

gency team needs to evaluate the type of stroke a person is having and the areas of the brain affected.

Facts

Treatable by a medical professional
Diagnosed by a medical professional
Often requires lab tests or imaging
Can last several years or be lifelong
Common for ages 60 and older
May be dangerous or life-threatening
Urgent medical attention recommended

Types of strokes:

Ischemic stroke:

It refers to the neurological symptoms and signs that occur due to sudden interruption or reduction in the blood supply to a part of the brain.

Haemorrhagic stroke:

It may arise from coup and contrecoup injury during brain deceleration following head trauma, chronic hypertension which results in bleeding from small vessels, the transformation of prior ischemic infarction, metastatic brain tumours like choriocarci-

noma, malignant melanoma, renal cell carcinoma and bronchogenic carcinoma, blood coagulopathies, angiopathy following degenerative disease of intracranial vessels, or intake of sympathomimetic drugs like cocaine and amphetamine, especially in younger individuals.

Haemorrhagic stroke is of two types – intracerebral haemorrhage, which occurs within the brain tissue, and subarachnoid haemorrhage, where the leaked blood occupies the subarachnoid space. The bleed may be small or large. Transient ischemic attack: A transient ischemic attack (TIA) refers to transient neurological symptoms that occur due to temporary ischemia to a part of the brain.

Symptoms

As different parts of the brain control different parts of the body, symptoms will depend on the part of the brain affected and the extent of the damage.

The main symptoms are:

Paralysis or numbness or inability to move parts of the face, arm, or leg - particularly on one side of the body.

Confusion- including trouble with speaking

- Headache with vomiting
- Trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Metallic taste in the mouth
- Difficulty in swallowing
- Trouble in walking (impaired coordination)
- Dystonia
- Alexia
- Agnosia

The risk factors include:

- Overweight
- Sedentary life
- Binge Drinking
- Diabetes
- Smoking
- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Family history of stroke
- Cardiovascular diseases
- Age - people above age 55 are at higher risk
- Gender - men are at high risk of stroke than women

Diagnosis

To determine the most appropriate stroke treatment, an emergency team needs to evaluate the type of stroke a person is having

and the areas of the brain affected.

Physical examination

The patient's symptoms, medical history, blood pressure, and blood vessels at the back of the eyes are checked.

Blood test

To find out the time taken for clotting of blood.

CT scan

Images of the brain can show a haemorrhage, tumour, stroke, or other medical conditions.

Ultrasound

To check the blood flow in the carotid arteries and to check for plaque, if any.

Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

MRI of brain tissue to diagnose an ischemic stroke or brain haemorrhages.

Cerebral angiogram

Dyes are injected to get a detailed view of brain and neck blood vessels visible under X-ray.

Echocardiogram

To check for any sources of clots that could have travelled to the brain and led to a stroke.

Treatments

Treatment is based on the type of stroke. For ischemic stroke or transient ischemic attack, medication or surgery or both can be recommended and for hemorrhagic stroke, surgery is recommended.

Complications

Stroke may lead to severe complications:

- Paralysis or loss of muscle movement: The patient may become paralyzed on one side of the body, or lose control of certain muscles, such as those on one side of the face or one arm
- Difficulty in talking or swallowing
- Memory loss or thinking difficulties: It also affects thinking, making judgments, reasoning, and understanding concepts
- Emotional problems: stroke survivors may develop depression
- Changes in behaviour and self-

care ability: Stroke survivors may become more withdrawn and less social or more impulsive. They may need help with grooming and daily chores

Prevention

Many stroke prevention strategies are the same as the strategies to prevent heart disease. In general, some preventive tips for stroke patients are as follows:

- Diet and healthy eating: Following a proper diet may avoid the risk of a second stroke.
- Decreasing the amount of cholesterol and saturated fat in your diet.
- Controlling Diabetes
- Monitoring blood pressure: As high blood pressure exerts continuous pressure on the walls of the arteries it may lead to an arterial block.
- Avoiding illicit drugs
- Exercising: Consult your doctor before starting an exercise program.
- Quit smoking and alcohol.

Questions To Ask Your Doctor

- How long should I continue the medication?
- Can I stop the medication once the symptoms subside?
- How frequently should I do the follow-up check?
- What are the foods to avoid?
- When can I start going to work?

Nutrition

Foods to eat:

Fruits and vegetables: eat plenty of fruit and vegetables; between 5-7 servings per day

Whole grain bread and cereals containing fibre and vitamins: May reduce the risk of stroke

Lean protein: Limiting the amount of cholesterol is another important step in reducing the risk of another stroke

Choose low-fat meats or other protein

Limit salt:

Eating too much salt/sodium may cause you to retain water and raise your blood pressure

Foods to avoid:

Heavy cholesterol foods
foods rich in salt and sugar
Alcohol

Now, I assume that my reader might have understood somewhat knowledge about stroke and some dos and don'ts. May all of us escape from the bad effect of stroke forever.

Reference: Reader's Digest Jan 2023.



MoE Union Minister visits Innopolis University, remarkable places in Kazan

UNION Minister for Education Dr Nyunt Pe, who is currently in Kazan, the Russian Federation, visited Innopolis University in Innopolis yesterday morning and viewed round the undergraduate and postgraduate courses conducted by the university, dormito-

ries, canteens and business centres on the university campus. Afterwards, the Union minister observed the Kazan Kremlin and the Mother of God church which are UNESCO World Heritage sites in Kazan and other historic places.

In the evening, a dinner was held in honour of the Union minister and guests at the Milli Restaurant of Mirage Hotel. — MNA/MKKS

Union Education Minister Dr Nyunt Pe is pictured(c) during his observation tours in Kazan.

Illegal timbers, consumer goods, foodstuffs and vehicles seized

COMBINED teams under the management of the Taninthayi Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force confiscated a Honda Fit car (estimated value of K1.7 million) without official documents near Zaha village in Dawei township, a Hijet car (estimated value of K3 million) without official documents at the 10th-Mile checkpoint in Kawthoung township, a Toyota Probox car (approximately K2.5 million) without official documents near the 7th Junction traffic light in Dawei township, a Honda Fit car (estimated value of K2.5 million) without official documents near the market in Dawei township, 1,920 bottles of Chang beer (worth K3.52 million), 720 bottles of Leo beer (worth K372,000), 36 bottles of Black and White whisky (worth K1.11 million) and 12 bottles of Bland 285 (worth K480,000) at the Manyadana bus stand in the highway bus terminal compound in Dawei township on 5 June. The action was taken under relevant procedures.

In addition, a combined

team captured 450 packages of illegal second-hand clothing (worth K112.5 million) at the H-220 warehouse in Chanmyathazi township, Mandalay Region, on 5 June. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

Similarly, a combined team seized a Honda Fit car (estimated value of K8.5 million) without official documents at the combined checkpoint in Maubin township on 6 June. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

A total of 0.2686 tonnes of illegal teak and 1.1066 tonnes of other timbers (worth K266,426) were impounded in Nyaunglebin and Pyay districts and a Honda Fit car (approximately K3.5 million) without official documents was also captured at the Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin) combined checkpoint on the Yangon-Mawlamyine Road on 6 June. The action was taken under the Forest Law and Export and Import Law.

The Customs team on duty at the Mayanchaung per-

manent checkpoint captured two kinds of goods (worth K3.75 million) including 1,200 Lady Wear without official documents from a Hyundai bus (estimated value of K30 million) heading to Yangon from Myawady on 6 June. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

The combined team seized a Noah auto (estimated value of K9.5 million) without official documents at the Kyweye combined checkpoint in Monywa township, a Nissan AD van auto (estimated value of K6 million) without official documents at the Sakhata (8) combined checkpoint in Shwebo township and a total of 0.884 tonne of illegal teak and 133.318 tonnes of other timbers near Myitnakine village in Monywa township. The action was taken under Export and Import Law and Forest Law.

Therefore, 14 arrests (estimated value of K198,901,176) were made on three consecutive days from 5 to 7 June, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS



Confiscated illegal teak logs in Sagaing Region.

Foodstuffs, utensils sold at fair prices in Mocha-hit Sittway



Sittway residents and departmental staff are seen buying foodstuffs at fairer prices yesterday.

MEMBERS of the local battalions under the Western Command and officials are selling essential foodstuffs plus utensils at lower prices for the convenience of residents and departmental staff affected by Cyclone Mocha in Sittway in order to buy the food at a fair price.

Foodstuffs including rice, edible oil, salt, meat, fish, egg, dairy products, vegetables, onions, garlic, and products of Tatmadaw Factories and Myanmar

Economic Corporation including instant noodles, biscuits, canned food and electrical goods and building materials of private entrepreneurs were sold at lower prices than the ordinary market yesterday.

The local people and the families of the departmental staff enjoyed buying foodstuffs and are very grateful to officials for selling them at low prices during difficult times. — MNA /KZL

Public Notice for Elimination of Violence

1. Declaring themselves to be “for the people”, the so-called CRPH, NUG and PDF terrorist groups are lawlessly killing Buddhist monks, civil servants including school-teachers, and members of the general public, as well as looting and robbing.
2. Not encouraging, supporting, or assisting “CRPH”, “NUG”, and “PDF” terrorists, who are intimidating and killing people and committing destructive activities, is to protect the lives and property of the general public.
3. Giving information secretly to the authorities on terrorists and on the possession and transport of weapons/ammunition is tantamount to protecting the lives and property of innocent people.

Timely repair to power lines damaged by Mocha in Rakhine State

DUE to the Mocha storm, 11 kV power lines, 11/0.4 kV sub-stations, and 400-volt power lines were damaged, including 230 kV An-MraukU-Ponnagyun power line, 66 kV power lines and 33 kV power lines were damaged in Sittway District in northern Rakhine State, including Sittway, Maungta w, and MraukU Districts.

As a result of the damage to these power lines, electricity was cut off in the towns of Sittway, Kyauktaw, Minbya, Rathedaung, Buthidaung, Maungta w, Myebon, and Pauktaw.

The Ministry of Electric Power has sent teams to repair power lines to ensure the fastest access to electricity in Sittway and the northern townships of Rakhine State.

Since all the preparation works of the 230 kV An-Mrau-



MoEP staff are pictured repairing power grids and cables in Sittway, Maungta w District and MraukU District yesterday.



kU-Ponnagyun power line were completed on 7 June, the power was sent from the Ponnagyun substation to the main transformer, and from that transformer, the Ponnagyun-Sittway No 1 power line was able to start distributing power to Sit-

ttway and Ponnagyun.

In addition, along Main Road, and the roads of bus terminal-Meesatgyi roundabout, Meesatgyi roundabout-clock tower, clock tower-Biluma Bridge, Biluma Bridge-Saty-oekya Bridge in Sittway, the

lamp-posts were lit using 500 kVA generators from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm starting from 25 May.

Additional charging points have been arranged at bus terminal, Meesatgyi roundabout, in front of the Lawkananda Pagoda, in front of the Township

Revenue Office, and Government Office, Cultural Museum, Junction of the Airport and starting point of the Biluma Bridge so that locals can use phones, electric lamps, and other battery-charged electronic devices. — MNA/KZL

Tatmadaw (Air) continues transporting relief supplies to Mocha-hit regions



Relief goods are seen aboard the Tatmadaw aircraft to deliver them to Mocha-hit areas yesterday.

FOODSTUFFS and relief items contributed by families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and well-wishers, and supplies provided by the National Disaster Management Committee for regions affected by Cyclone Mocha are being transported by Tatmadaw aircraft and helicopters.

A total of 3.3 tonnes of foodstuffs, household appliances, and relief supplies donated by 10 artistes of the Rakhine ethnic group and donors were delivered from Yangon Airport

to Sittway Airport by an aircraft of Tatmadaw (Air) yesterday.

Relief materials are being delivered in time by planes and helicopters of Tatmadaw (Air), and as of yesterday, 483 tonnes of relief materials plus 3,254 military and departmental personnel who will assist in the rehabilitation work were transported.

Helicopters are distributing relief supplies to cyclone-affected areas, and officials receive and distribute them as soon as possible. — MNA/CT

Tatmadaw relief teams oversee rehabilitation work in Mocha-affected areas

TO assist in the necessary relief and rehabilitation activities in the areas hit by the natural disaster, the relief teams sent by Tatmadaw in advance, in cooperation with the local security forces and social relief groups, are actively assisting in relevant areas.

The aid and rescue teams that arrived in Ponnagyun cooperated with mobile medical teams to provide healthcare services to the local people in Thasi village and donated rice to the Ywama Monastery Sayadaw.

They cleaned up the ru-

ined buildings at the monastery in the town and donated rice to the local people from Sanpya Ward and Ywahaung Ward at the monastery.

Similarly, the rescue teams arriving in Kyaukpyu, in cooperation with the departments, are working together to clear fallen trees, branches and bushes on the left and right sides of the highway entering the town.

Also, the rescue teams arriving in Buthidaung are clearing the fallen trees, branches and trunks on the side of the road in the town.

Similarly, the rescue teams arriving in Kyauktaw handed over purified drinking water and provided medical treatment to the people and student volunteers and teachers in the vicinity of Maha Kangyishin Pagoda.

They also donated essential foodstuffs to the Sayadaw of the pagoda.

Also, the relief teams arriving in Sittway are clearing fallen trees and big branches along Yaychanpyin Village, Sittway, and providing healthcare to the local people in Mezaligon Village.

Similarly, relief teams arriving in Maungta w Township are giving health care services to residents in Indin Village.

In cooperation with the local health organizations, the Tatmadaw special medical team including medical staff under the command of the Directorate of Medical Services of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), is based in the local medical battalion in Sittway, and are providing the necessary healthcare services to the local people of Kyamathauk village. —MNA/KZL



Healthcare services are provided to schoolchildren yesterday.

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 increase of death rate due to the disease.

ECONOMY WORLD

675 million people worldwide without electricity: report

A full 675 million people worldwide still lack access to electricity, mainly in sub-Saharan Africa, according to a report published Tuesday by several international organizations. Despite significant efforts and some progress, the world continues to face a dramatic energy access gap, according to the report by the International Energy Agency (IEA), the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), the United Nations Statistics Division, the World Bank and the World Health Organization.

The report cautioned that the world remained off track to ensure clean and affordable energy access for all by 2030 — one of the so-called Sustainable Development Goals set by all UN countries in 2015.

The world has seen “a recent slowdown in the global pace of electrification,” World Bank vice president for infrastructure



Public financial flows supporting clean energy in poorer countries had been decreasing even before the Covid pandemic hit. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ IRENA/AFP**

Guangzhe Chen said in a joint statement.

While the number of peo-

ple living without electricity has been cut in half in the past decade, from 1.1 billion in 2010, 675

million people were still doing without in 2021, the report said. Around 80 per cent of them

live in sub-Saharan Africa, where the electricity access deficit has remained basically unchanged since 2010, the report said.

It highlighted progress elsewhere though, in particular the increased rate of using renewables in the power sector, but warned this progress was “insufficient” to reach the UN-set targets.

“While the clean energy transition is moving faster than many think, there is still a great deal of work needed to deliver sustainable, secure and affordable access to modern energy services for the billions of people who live without it,” Fatih Birol, IEA executive director, said in the statement.

Citing IRENA data, the report also cautioned that public financial flows supporting clean energy in poorer countries had been decreasing even before the Covid pandemic hit.—AFP

Italy counts on 1.2% GDP growth in 2023



People walk past tourist information in various languages including Chinese near the Colosseum in Rome, Italy, on 26 March 2023. **PHOTO: JIN MAMENGNI/XINHUA**

THE growth outlook for Italy's economy continues to improve, although major challenges, including unusually high prices, are

expected to last through the end of this year, the country's main statistical entity said on Tuesday. The country's National Institute

of Statistics (ISTAT) said in its “Prospects for the Italian Economy in 2023-2024” report that gross domestic product (GDP) is projected to grow by 1.2 per cent this year and by 1.1 per cent in 2024.

Both figures are well below the 3.7 per cent growth rate registered in 2022, but above ISTAT's earlier estimates for both years.

The estimate also shows that the economy is expected to continue its recovery from its 0.1 per cent contraction in the final quarter of 2022. ISTAT data released last week showed that the economy grew by 0.6 per cent in the first quarter of 2023, meaning that the country has avoided a technical recession, which is defined as two consecutive quarters of negative growth. Combined with the projection for the full year, economic growth should speed up.—AFP

US steps up crypto crackdown with Coinbase suit

IN their second major action against a big crypto player in two days, US regulators sued Coinbase on Tuesday, alleging its failure to register as a securities exchange venue exposed investors to risk.

The Securities and Ex-

change Commission charged that the largest digital currency trading platform in the United States had made billions of dollars by “unlawfully facilitating the buying and selling of crypto asset securities.”

Shares of Coinbase tumbled

on news of the lawsuit, which comes on the heels of charges unveiled Monday against cryptocurrency exchange Binance and founder Changpeng Zhao for numerous alleged securities law violations.—AFP

Hackers issue ‘ultimatum’ over payroll data breach

A cybercrime gang reportedly based in Russia has issued “an ultimatum” to British and other companies targeted in a recent large-scale hack of payroll data, the BBC reported on Wednesday.

The Clop group has been blamed by cybersecurity experts for the breach announced last week, which saw payroll data of more than 100,000 staff stolen at firms including the BBC, British Airways and high street pharmacy Boots.

The hacking gang is now said to have posted a notice on

the dark web in broken English warning those affected to email them before June 14 or face the private data being published, the BBC said.

“This is announcement to educate companies who use Progress MOVEit product that chance is that we download a lot of your data as part of exceptional exploit,” a blog post purportedly by Clop stated, according to the broadcaster.

It went on to urge victim organisations to send an email to the gang to begin a negotiation on its dark web portal, it added.—AFP



The gang urged the victim organisations to send them an e-mail to begin a negotiation on its dark web portal. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ SHUTTERSTOCK/AFP**

Pullback in exports widens US trade gap in April

THE US trade deficit grew in April on a pullback in exports, bringing the gap to its widest since October 2022, according to government data released on Wednesday.

Although the country's imports have been boosted by resilient consumer spending, analysts expect this trend to weaken as well going forward, while tighter lending conditions weigh on investments.

The anticipation is that trade could bring negative growth to gross domestic product in the second quarter of the year.

In April, the overall trade deficit was \$74.6 billion, expanding slightly less than expected by \$14 billion, according to Commerce Department data.

Exports fell by \$9.2 billion to \$249 billion in the month, while imports edged up by \$4.8 billion to \$323.6 billion.

"Net foreign trade often is sidelined in discussions of headline GDP growth, but it has been a huge swing factor since Covid," said Pantheon Macroeconomics economists Ian Shepherdson and Kieran Clancy in a recent report.

They added that weakening in foreign trade will likely be "accompanied by a further drag from the inventory component, and a steep drop in investment in business equipment, making an outright drop in headline GDP more likely."

The slide in exports came on the back of a decrease in value of goods shipments, such as crude oil and fuel oil, along with some consumer goods.

Imports of goods picked up with support from auto vehicles and parts, as well as some industrial supplies and materials. — AFP



Although US imports have been helped by resilient consumer spending, analysts expect this to weaken. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Rights group sues Ethiopian Airlines for 'discriminating' against Tigrayans



Ethiopian Airlines has rejected the claims in the lawsuit. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

NATIONAL flag carrier Ethiopian Airlines has been summoned for a court hearing Friday over claims by a human rights

group that it discriminated against travellers from Tigray, according to court documents seen by AFP. The airline, which has

a monopoly on domestic flights, resumed air links between the capital Addis Ababa and the Tigray region after a peace deal was signed in November 2022 ending two years of conflict in northern Ethiopia.

But according to Ethiopian organization Human Rights First, the airline banned the sale of tickets for flights from two working airports in Tigray -- in the capital Mekele and the city of Shire -- to Tigrayans aged between 15 and 60. The "only exceptions" were for mothers travelling with

children, or people with a medical letter, according to a member of Human Rights First, who spoke to AFP on condition of anonymity.

According to the group's lawsuit, Ethiopian Airlines also systematically applied the maximum fare for flights from Tigray to the Ethiopian capital.

Ethiopian Airlines, which is wholly state-owned, has rejected the claims in a written response to the civil court, and called for them to be dismissed. — AFP

Japan dumps seawater into tunnel built for Fukushima nuke wastewater discharge

JAPAN has started dumping seawater into an underwater tunnel built to release nuclear-contaminated water into the ocean from the crippled Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant, local media reported on Tuesday.

Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO), the plant's operator, said the process started on Monday afternoon, according to the national broadcaster NHK.

While Japan's plan to discharge radioactive

water into the ocean has been facing raging opposition from home and abroad, Monday's move was conducted without any early announcement.

According to TEPCO, the tunnel, the structure of which was completed in April, is expected to be filled with about 6,000 tonnes of seawater by around Tuesday noon. Once filled with water, it will guide nuclear-contaminated water from the plant to a point about one kilometre offshore. — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

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EU countries try to thrash out refugee burden-sharing

EU interior ministers meeting Thursday will seek agreement on a long-stalled revision of the bloc's asylum and migration rules that is aimed at making burden-sharing fairer.

But diplomats cautioned the odds of a deal were still "50-50", with increasing numbers of European Union members adopting hardline policies on the issue.

The proposal on the table at the meeting in Luxembourg calls for compulsory solidarity among EU countries, but with an option of showing that in one of two ways.

Its priority is for EU countries to share the hosting of asylum-seekers, taking in many that arrive in nations on the bloc's outer rim, mainly Greece and Italy.

Those refusing would in-



Syrian migrants walk past Greek and European flags as they head towards the town of Mithimna on Lesbos island, after arriving in an inflatable boat from Türkiye. **PHOTO: ACHILLEAS ZAVALLIS/FILE**

stead be required to pay a sum — not yet revealed, but which various diplomats put at between 10,000 (\$11,000) and 30,000 euros per asylum-seeker — to the countries doing the hosting.

A preliminary agreement of the EU's 27 countries on that basis would open the way to negotiations with the European Parliament for legislation that could be adopted before European elections in June next year.

The difficult reform has jumped up the bloc's agenda as the number of asylum-seekers rises, after a pause caused by travel restrictions during the Covid pandemic.

'Well-balanced' compromise

The European Commission put forward its suggestion for a new migration and asylum pact in 2020 based on a quota system for taking in asylum-seekers.

But that plan quickly hit the buffers after refusals from Hungary, Poland and other countries that objected to any requirement to take in migrants. — AFP

Sunak announces first AI summit, pitching UK role from US

BRITISH Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on Wednesday announced a world-first summit on artificial intelligence, seeking a leading role for the UK in limiting potential doomsday risks as he visited Washington.

Sunak will meet President Joe Biden at the White House on Thursday for talks during which he will also voice unstinting support for Ukraine, as the young

Conservative leader wages an often uphill battle to show the UK's post-Brexit relevance.

Opening his two-day trip, the prime minister announced that Britain would hold the world's first summit on artificial intelligence in the second half of the year. "AI has an incredible potential to transform our lives for the better. But we need to make sure it is developed and

used in a way that is safe and secure," Sunak said.

"Time and time again throughout history we have invented paradigm-shifting new technologies and we have harnessed them for the good of humanity. That is what we must do again," he added.

The Group of Seven called for action on AI during a summit in Japan last month. — AFP



British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak is visiting the United States for two days. **PHOTO: AFP**

Ukraine dam's destruction increases mines threat: Red Cross



This general view shows a partially flooded area of Kherson on 6 June 2023 following the collapse of the Kakhovka hydroelectric dam. **PHOTO: AFP**

THE destruction of the Kakhovka dam in Ukraine will have a catastrophic effect on locating

landmines in the affected region, the Red Cross warned Wednesday.

"We knew where the hazards were," said Erik Tollefsen, head of the Weapon Contamination Unit at the International Committee of the Red Cross. "Now we don't know."

"All we know is that they are somewhere downstream."

"This is a major concern because it will affect not just the population, but also all of those that are coming in to help," he added. Tollefsen was speaking as the ICRC presented a new drone that uses artificial intelligence to locate mines and other explosive remnants of war from the heat they emit.—AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Russia accuses Ukraine of blowing up key ammonia pipeline

MOSCOW said Wednesday that a Ukrainian "sabotage" group had blown up a section of the Togliatti-Odesa pipeline that Russia used to export ammonia before the start of the offensive.

The 2,500-kilometre (1,534 mile) pipeline is part of the international talks on allowing grain exports from Ukraine amid the conflict with Russia.

Ukrainian officials have accused Russian forces of firing at the ammonia pipeline near Masyutivka, as the village is known in Ukrainian. "A Ukrainian sabotage and reconnaissance group blew up the Togliatti-Odesa ammonia pipeline" near the village of Masyutovka in the northeastern Kharkiv region on Monday evening, Russia's defence ministry said.

The ministry said that some civilians had been wounded, adding that "they received the necessary medical care". —AFP

Sovereignty fears delay Pacific-Australia security pacts

AUSTRALIA'S bid to lock in security pacts with two Pacific neighbours and curb China's growing regional clout has hit a stumbling block, with island leaders voicing sovereignty concerns.

Leaders in Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu have raised issues with the proposed security agreements, which had appeared all but finalized, putting their approval in question. Both pacts are aimed at shoring up Australia's position as a first-choice security partner for Pacific neighbours, who are also being courted by China. Vanuatu Prime Minister Ishmael Kalsakau on Tuesday said some in his nation believed a pact agreed last year, but not yet ratified, could give the Australian military too much power.

"We must remove the stigma that the agreement is one-sided and does not reflect Vanuatu's sovereignty," he said. "Thinking that some troops from Australia will enter the country without visas and access our sovereign data will not happen, unless we agree and give our informed consent." His comments came after Papua New Guinea rejected a draft defence treaty, with Prime Minister James Marape saying that certain, unspecified provisions encroached on his country's "sovereign rights". — AFP



Port Vila is the capital and largest city of Vanuatu, an island nation located in the South Pacific Ocean. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ FACEBOOK@WANDERLUSTPRINCE**

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China, India expelling each other's journalists amid tense ties

CHINA and India have been kicking out each other's accredited journalists recently, according to the Chinese Foreign Ministry, amid tense bilateral relations that could affect their cooperation as members of the BRICS grouping that also includes Brazil, Russia and South Africa.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said last week that New Delhi has refused to review and approve visa applications for Chinese journalists since 2020 and there is only one Chinese reporter in India, for whom the visa has not been renewed.

With the number of Chinese journalists stationed in India about to drop to zero, Beijing has "no choice but to take appropriate countermeasures to safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of Chinese media organizations," Mao said at a press conference on 31 May. The Wall Street Journal reported on 30 May that Indian media outlets had four remaining journalists based in China at the beginning of the year, but at least two of them had not been granted visas to return to the country, citing a Chinese official. — Kyodo

Prosecutors tell Trump lawyers he is target of classified docs probe: reports



A redacted FBI photograph of documents and classified cover sheets recovered from a container stored in Trump's Florida estate. **PHOTO: US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/AFP**

US prosecutors have told Donald Trump's lawyers that he is the target of a probe into his handling of classified documents after leaving the presidency, in a sign he might be indicted, US

media reported Wednesday night.

The notice came from the office of special counsel Jack Smith, The New York Times, CNN and other new outlets said, and gives the clearest sign yet that prosecutors are moving closer to charging the former president, who is seeking a return to the White House in 2024. The Times, citing "two people familiar with the matter", said it was not clear when Trump's team had been told he was subject in the investigation.

Special counsel Smith, named by Attorney-General Merrick Garland, has been looking into a cache of classified documents that Trump had stored at his Mar-a-Lago residence after leaving the White House. — AFP



French police personnel maintain a secure cordon in Annecy, south-eastern France on 8 June 2023 following a mass stabbing in the French Alpine town. **PHOTO: OLIVIER CHASSIGNOLE / AFP**

Several children injured in mass stabbing in French Alps

A man armed with a knife attacked a group of preschool children playing by a lake in the French Alps Thursday, wounding four as well as an adult and sending shock waves through the country.

The suspect is a Syrian in his early 30s who was granted refugee status in Sweden in April, a police source said.

Witnesses described the suspected knifeman running around in a frenzy, apparently attacking people at random, before he was shot by police near the banks of Lake Annecy. "He wanted to attack everyone. I moved away and he lunged at an old man and woman and stabbed the old man,"

former professional footballer Anthony Le Tallec, who was running in the park, told the local Dauphine Libere newspaper.

Another witness, named Malo, told the BFM television channel that the culprit attacked the children before the old man and was "shouting, but it wasn't really comprehensible". — 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.

Disqualified Japanese player Kato becomes French Open champion

JAPAN'S Miyu Kato became a French Open champion on Thursday, four days after she was controversially disqualified from the women's doubles for accidentally hitting a ball girl.

Kato and her German partner Tim Puetz defeated Bianca Andreescu and Michael Venus 4-6, 6-4, 10-6 in the mixed doubles final at Roland Garros.

"It has been challenging mentally in the last few days after my unjust disqualification from the women's doubles," Kato told the Court Philippe Chatrier crowd, reading from a prepared statement. "Thanks to all the players for their heartfelt

messages of support. I used that positive energy on court here today.

"I am now looking for a positive result to my appeal so I can reclaim my prize money, points and my reputation."

Puetz said he hoped the title would help Kato after the drama of the default. "I hope this is redemption for you after what happened. The support you received was well deserved." The 28-year-old Kato and her Indonesian teammate Aldila Sutjiadi were defaulted on Sunday after a gentle lob from the Japanese player left a ballgirl in tears and shaking.—AFP

Liverpool sign Argentine World Cup winner Mac Allister



Argentine midfielder Alexis Mac Allister has joined Liverpool from Brighton. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

LIVERPOOL signed Argentine World Cup winner Alexis Mac Allister from Brighton on Thursday for a fee that could rise to a reported £55 million (\$69 million).

The 24-year-old is the first piece in a midfield rebuild for Liverpool, who finished a dis-

appointing fifth in the Premier League.

"It feels amazing," said Mac Allister, who is understood to have signed a five-year deal at Anfield. "It's a dream come true. It's amazing to be here and I can't wait to get started."

"I wanted to be in from the first day of pre-season, so it's good that everything is done. I'm looking forward to meeting my teammates. "It was a fantastic year for me — World Cup, what we achieved with Brighton — but now it's time to think about Liverpool and try to be a better player and a better human being every day."

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp is seeking to bolster his midfield options after the departures of James Milner, Naby Keita and Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain.

The club were priced out of a move for England teenage star Jude Bellingham, who is set to join Real Madrid after the clubs agreed a fee of 103 million euros (\$110 million).

Liverpool, who struggled last term after nearly completing an unprecedented quadruple in 2021/22, have been criticized for failing to reinforce their ageing midfield over recent transfer windows.

Klopp is excited about the arrival of Mac Allister, who reportedly cost an initial fee of £35 million.—AFP

Rice set to leave West Ham, says club chairman

WEST Ham chairman David Sullivan has confirmed captain Declan Rice will be sold during the summer transfer window, just hours after the club ended their decades-long trophy drought.

The England midfielder became only the third Hammers skipper to lift silverware after a 2-1 victory over Fiorentina in the Europa Conference League final on Wednesday.

However, Sullivan admitted a gentleman's agreement means they will allow the 24-year-old, who has been strongly linked with a move to Arsenal, to leave.

Asked whether lifting the trophy in Prague was Rice's last action as a West Ham player, Sullivan told Talksport: "I think it has to be. We promised him he could go.

"He set his heart on going and in due course he has to get on and we have

to get a replacement.

"It is not something we wanted to happen. We offered him £200,000 (\$249,000) a week 18 months ago and he turned it down. You can't keep a player who doesn't want to be there.

"I think the offers will start to come today. Three or four clubs have shown interest but out of respect to West Ham, while we're still playing, you don't make offers for players."

West Ham's win in Prague ended a 43-year wait to win a major trophy.—AFP



West Ham midfielder Declan Rice celebrates after winning the Europa Conference League trophy. PHOTO: AFP