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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.

Broadcasting programmes must be understandable for all the people including those from rural areas: Senior General

State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Tatmadaw members and staff serving at the Tatmadaw TV Broadcasting Unit (Hmawby) in Yangon Region on 9 June 2023.

TATMADAW members and staff serving the information duty for the people have to correctly understand political changes in the country, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in inspecting the Tatmadaw TV Broadcasting Unit in Hmawby station yesterday morning.

Director of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun and the commandant of the Tatmadaw TV Broadcasting Unit (Hmawby) reported on functions of the Tatmadaw TV broadcasting units and Tatmadaw radio broadcasting units, programming international news and knowledgeable features, running Thazin FM on a daily basis, general requirements and improvement of Myawady Entertainment Troupe and the mini-orchestra.

The Senior General stressed the need to timely broadcast daily news, special events and internal and external news. TV and radio programmes must catch the public interest and must be educative for all.

In the meeting with Tatmadaw members and staff serving at the Tatmadaw TV Broadcasting Unit (Hmawby), the Senior General said since its establishment, the Tatmadaw TV Broadcasting Unit has been achieving success and experiences within 33 years period.

TV broadcasting needs to benefit the State and the people

Informing, entertaining and educating in correct ways can be defined as conducting organizational tasks. Hence, it is necessary to broadcast programmes accurately and the broadcasting programmes must be understandable for all the people including those from rural areas.

Media personnel have to comprehensively know Myanmar and international affairs

Tatmadaw members and staff serving the information duty for the people have to correctly understand the political changes in the country. Tatmadaw is striving for holding a free and fair election. Those from the TV broadcasting unit have to thoroughly edit news and programmes to be attractive to the people. The Senior General stressed the need to specially take care of broadcasting actual educative programmes to the audience people.

Unity in the military unit

Being media personnel, they all have to be united. All workmates are to serve duties in unison. As they came from various regions for the unit, they have to culture family spirit and brotherly spirit to have greater success in tasks.

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Well Marked Low Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 18:00 hours M.S.T on 9-6-2023

ACCORDING to the observations at 16:30 hrs M.S.T today, the Low Pressure Area over the Northeast Bay of Bengal further intensified into a Well Marked Low Pressure Area.

Due to the Well Marked Low Pressure Area, occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach about 40-45 mph. Wave height will be about 9-13 feet off and along Rakhine Coasts from today evening to 11-6-2023.

Due to the Well Marked Low Pressure Area, rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions and Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavyfalls in some Regions and States with strong wind from today evening to 11-6-2023.

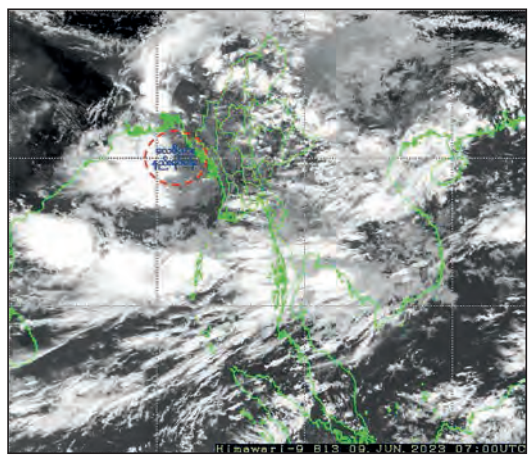
Advisory

Due to the Well Marked Low Pressure Area, people should be awared 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.

Low Pressure Area Condition

Issued at 14:00 hours M.S.T on 9-6-2023

According to the observations at 13:30 hrs M.S.T today, the low pressure cell over the Northest Bay of Bengal and further intensified into a Low Pressure Area. It may further intensify into a Well Marked Low Pressure Area during next 24 hrs. — DMH



MYANMAR Daily Weather Report

(ISSUED at 4:00 pm Friday 9 June 2023)

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at 15:30 hrs M.S.T today, the Low Pressure Area over the Northeast Bay of Bengal still persists. It may further intensify into a Well Marked Low Pressure Area during next 24 hrs. 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.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING ON 10 June, 2023: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Nay Pyi Taw and Kayah State, fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Regions and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of regionally heavyfalls in Taninthayi Region and isolated heavyfalls in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin, Northern Shan and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The Cumulonimbus clouds are developing in the Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and 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: 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. — DMH

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: -

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

Building Union based on democracy and federalism

DEMOCRACY is a system of government chosen by all the eligible members of the State, typically through elected representatives. The federal system is a concept of dividing up the authoritative power on concerted efforts of the ethnic groups from different regions and states and is also a system or living in unison and sharing equal opportunities.

(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)

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State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views round inside and outside of the Tatmadaw TV Broadcasting Unit (Hmawby) yesterday (above, below and far below photos).

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Emergence of skilful human resources in relevant professions

They have to enhance their capacity to be qualified human resources. It is necessary to continuously train personnel to be skilful human resources. They have to efficiently use the existing machinery in broadcasting measures and maintain them for long-term existence. As those currently serving at the unit are shaping the present era, if they successfully serve their duties, they can leave good historical

events.

The Senior General presented cash awards for Tatmadaw members and staff serving at the unit to the commandant and viewed the use of the OB Van (Outdoor Broadcasting Van) and the Uplink Vehicle and gave necessary guidance to officials.

The Senior General and party had lunch with Tatmadaw members and staff of the unit. During lunch, the Myawady entertainment troupe and the mini-orchestra performed entertainment.

The Senior General viewed round the studios, editing rooms and satellite control room of the unit and gave guidance on carrying out maintenance tasks in portions.

The Senior General and party viewed round the Tatmadaw TV Broadcasting Unit (Hmawby) by car.

The unit was commissioned into service on 1 April 1990, and it broadcast programmes through an analogue playout system on 11 June 1993. Myawady TV was launched on the Golden Jubilee Armed Forces Day which fell on 27 March 1995. It initiated a digital playout system in 2011 and managed seven digital TV channels in 2012. The unit extended news and programme broadcasting in the English section in 2015 and started the HD system for TV channels on 27 March 2020. Tatmadaw TV broadcasting unit (Myawady TV) is standing tall as a sharp and dynamic media for the State and the Tatmadaw. — MNA/TTA

Leaders shall be highly moral, righteous and goodwill over subordinates and control subordinates under the consideration: Senior General

State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the meeting with senior officer instructors, female cadets of the graduated female cadet course and female trainee officers from the female infantry platoon commander course at the Tatmadaw (Army) Officers Training School (Hmawby) yesterday.

THEY have to firmly grasp the conviction and concepts as a good soldier while facing difficulties in serving their assignments, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with senior officer instructors, female cadets of graduate female cadet course and female trainee officers from female infantry platoon commander course of Tatmadaw (Army) Officers Training School (Hmawby) yesterday morning.

Taking systematic training for ensuring physical and mental fitness

In his speech, the Senior General said that as they joined the Tatmadaw of their own accord, they all have firm concepts. They need to take systematic training for having physical and mental fitness during the training period. They have to build themselves up with training for the betterment of morale and take systematic training to have physical strength.

Striving for becoming good leaders

As they have to serve as junior leaders, they have to understand leadership characteristics. Leaders shall be highly moral, righteous and goodwill over subordinates and control subordinates under consideration. They have to show their skills of good leadership with fair control. At a time when they take a leadership role, they must have the qualification and capacity to serve as good leaders. They have to apply experiences from the training to effectively apply the military leadership profession without derailment of leadership.

To make efforts for having high conviction and concept

Training schools have given training to them to become good Tatmadaw members. They have to firmly grasp the conviction and concepts of a good soldier while facing difficulties in serving their assignments. They have high conviction and concept for serving themselves, the Tatmadaw and the State.

The Senior General pays inspecting tours round the training school in Hmawby yesterday.

Continuous efforts for setting ambition

The Senior General recognized their vision and ambition as they join the life of female military personnel. The Senior General urged them to serve their duties without harming their ambitions and goals.

After the meeting, the Senior General viewed round the training hall and fulfilled the needs of officials.

The Senior General inspected training schools, local regiments and units in Hmawby Station in a motorcade. — MNA/TTA

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Allowing Democratic Party of National Politics (DNP) to register as political party

AS of 9 June 2023, the Democratic Party of National Politics (DNP), with its headquarters located at Sakya Dipa Residence, Corner of Zeyahtani Street and Pankhinn Street (Near Belgon Traffic Light), Pobbathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, has been allowed to register under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law. The registration number of the Democratic Party of National Politics (DNP) is 23.

Sd/Thein Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

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Union Election Commission
Announcement No 29/2023

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Allowing National Political Alliance League to register as political party

AS of 9 June 2023, National Political Alliance League, with its headquarters located at No 1010/B, Pyinya Street, Ward 4, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Region, has been allowed to register under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law. The registration number of the National Political Alliance League is 24.

Sd/Thein Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

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of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Announcement No 30/2023

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9 June 2023

Allowing Federal Democratic Party to register as political party

AS of 9 June 2023, Federal Democratic Party, with its headquarters located at No 731, Padetha Yaza Street, North Ywama Ward, Gyopingauk Township, Bago Region, has been allowed to register under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law. The registration number of the Federal Democratic Party is 25.

Sd/Thein Soe
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Awards presented to writers from nation's literary fields

Union Information Minister U Maung Maung Ohn speaks on the award-presentation occasion of the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Awards in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

THE 29th Pakokku U Ohn Pe Lifetime Literary Awards, Pakokku Literary Award, Scholarships and Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library Book Awards giving ceremony was held at Horizon Lake View Resort in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The event was attended by State Administration Council Member Mahn Nyein Maung, Union Ministers U Maung Maung Ohn, U Ko Ko, Dr Myo Thein Kyaw and Jeng Phang Naw Taung, Deputy Minister U Ye Tint, the Permanent Secretary and other relevant officials.

After opening the ceremony, a video clip on the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award which is invaluable for the literary field was screened.

Then, Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn said the development of Myanmar literature depends on the efforts of experts in Myanmar literature and the efforts of the government and founder of private literature awards are also crucial for it.

The Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award was established in 1994 and it is a long-standing private literary award.

Moreover, the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Lifetime Literary Award and four genres of literary awards are also presented aiming to develop useful literature and Myanmar literature for the readers in the country.

Currently, the lifetime literary award and five types of literary awards are being presented and a total of 35 authors have won the lifetime literary awards to date.

In the education sector, the winners of Pakokku Scholarships are serving supportive duties.

To develop library-related measures and provide good books to the readers, the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library Book Awards were also presented starting in 2013 and now, 41 books are introduced to the readers.

He also urged the winners to serve the state development programmes with pens (power of writing).

Chairman of the Myanmar Writers Association and Pakokku Literary Award Fund Supervisory Committee U Ohn Maung (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe) gave a remark.

Then, SAC Member Mahn Nyein Maung presented the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Lifetime Literary Awards to the winners while Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn to the prize winners of the novel genre, Union Minister U Ko Ko to the prize winners of selected short stories genre, Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Kyaw to the prize winners of treatise genre, Union Minister Jeng Phang Naw Taung to the prize winners of research literature genre, Deputy Minister U Ye Tint to the National University of Arts and Culture Pakokku U Ohn Pe scholarship award winners, Chairman of the Myanmar Writers Association U Ohn Maung (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe) to the prize winners of selected poems genre and Vice Chair of Pakokku Literary Award Fund Supervisory Committee U Thein Khaing Oo to the prize winners of Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library Book Award.

Afterwards, Pakokku Literary Award for Lifetime Achievements winner Daw Tin Yi (Tin Yi Ma-NyaungU) expressed thanks on behalf of the awardees.

The officials gave 17 prizes in five genres like selected poems, novels, selected short stories, treatises and research including lifetime awards for literary achievements, three Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library Book Awards and two scholarship awards for National University of Arts and Culture. — MNA/KTZH

Union Ministers inspect relief and rehabilitation activities

Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and party oversee the discharging of relief supplies from the vessel at Kaladan Port in Sittway yesterday.

UNION Ministers Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, U Myo Thant and Dr Thet Thet Khine and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin inspected the unloading of relief and rehabilitation materials on the cargo vessel which docked at the Kaladan Multipurpose Port and the reconstruction works along the strand road in Sittway.

First, Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and party inspected the loading of relief items such as CI sheets, lumbers, bricks and cement onto vehicles from MCL 3, MCl 5 and Charities vessels that docked at Sittway Multipurpose Port.

He called for measures to be taken for the safety of the ships in the coming monsoon period, constant monitoring of weather conditions and weather warnings, proper covering of non-water-proof materials with shelters and prioritizing the safety of workplaces.

Temporary sawmills produce timbers needed for reconstruction work in Sittway yesterday.

Clear-up measures are underway in Sittway yesterday.

Afterwards, Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and party inspected the restoration and reconstruction works along the Sittway Strand Road, and the situation of rising tides due to the seasonal weather conditions.

To repair Mocha-battered buildings in Rakhine State, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation is transporting timbers from the region and other regions to Sittway and using temporary sawmills to transport them to the areas in need. A total of 1,369 tonnes of timbers have arrived and 758 tonnes have been distributed. The remaining will continue to be distributed to the areas where needed.

Out of 904 mobile stations disconnected due to Cyclone Mocha, only 329 mobile stations resumed services. There are 1,233 mobile stations of four telecom operators in Rakhine State, and for the restoration of damaged mobile stations, the installation of microwave antennas, calibration, equipment inspection, and replacement work are underway. As of 9 June, a total of 882 mobile stations have been repaired, and 98.22 per cent of 1,211 mobile stations have been able to restore communication services. — MNA/TS

Planning Conference of ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Group on Counter-Terrorism co-chaired by Myanmar and the Russian Federation held

The Myanmar delegation attends the Planning Conference of ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Group on Counter-Terrorism on 6 and 7 June 2023 in the Russian Federation.

UNDER a three-year working plan of the ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Group on Counter-Terrorism, the Planning Conference of ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Group on Counter-Terrorism co-chaired by Myanmar and the Russian Federation was held via the hybrid system at Khabarovsk on 6 and 7 June 2023.

Delegations from Myanmar, Russia, Cambodia, China, Thailand, Laos, Indonesia and India attended the meeting while representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat, Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines, and Viet Nam joined it through videoconferencing.

Myanmar and the Russian Federation, co-chairs of the conference, made opening remarks at the meeting. Next, participants frankly discussed measures pertaining to cooperation in counter-terrorism operations among the countries and future cooperation plans for regional counter-terrorism operations.

Myanmar delegation distributed publications on which the current political situation of Myanmar, terrorist attacks and evidence of acts of violence committed by the terrorists called NUG and PDF on civilian targets, factors to declare the NUG group as a terrorist group and counter-terrorism measures of the State Administration Council (SAC) are written in English, Russian and Chinese languages as well as memory sticks, that contain the said-content, to the attendees in order to convey the true stories in Myanmar, it is reported. — MNA

Union Education Minister attends "Shaping the Future" Education Forum

UNION Minister for Education Dr Nyunt Pe attended the opening ceremony of the "Shaping the Future" Education Forum held at the Kazan IT Park on 8 June in the Russian Federation.

Russian President Vladimir Putin addressed an inauguration speech virtually at the opening ceremony.

The Union minister attended the first and second parts of the plenary session.

In the evening, Union Minister Dr Nyunt Pe met Minister Mr Falkov Valeriy of Science and Higher Education of the Russian Federation, Deputy Minister Mr Mogilevskiy Konstantin, Rector Safin Lenar of the Kazan Federal University, Deputy Director Mr Terashkevich Sergey of the Department of International Cooperation of the Ministry of Education and Counsellor Mr Shumeykina Margarita of the Department of International Cooperation at the Federal University.

They frankly discussed issues related to the provision of scholarships and further cooperation in the basic education sector, the higher education sector and the teacher training education sector of Myanmar's Ministry of Education.

In the evening, the Union minister enjoyed the dinner hosted at the Kazan Palace Hotel. — MNA/TS

Union Minister Dr Nyunt Pe joins the opening event of the "Shaping the Future" Education Forum on 8 June in the Russian Federation.

Doyen literati pay homage to pagodas in Nay Pyi Taw

The literati are seen paying homage to the Maravijaya Buddha Image in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

DOYEN literati who attended the ceremony of the 29th Pakokku U Ohn Pe Lifetime Award for Literary Achievement, Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award, Pakokku U Ohn Pe Education Award and Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library Award paid homage to Uppatasanti Pagoda and the construction of Maravijaya Buddha Image in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

They made homage tours to Uppatasanti Pagoda and Maravijaya Buddha Image in Dekkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw. An official explained the aim of the construction of the image, the processes involved in its conveyance and the construction of the iron cranes to stabilize the image.

Doyen literati donated K210,000 to the construction of the Maravijaya Buddha Image and observed the ongoing construction of religious buildings. — MNA/KZW

76 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 9 June, total figure registers 639,551

MYANMAR'S COVID-19-positive cases rose to **639,551** after **76** new cases were reported on 9 June 2023 according to the Ministry of Health.

Therefore, a total of **10,719,065** laboratory samples were examined to date and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached **639,551**.

The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **618,460** including **62** new recoveries.

The death toll from COVID-19 in the country registered **19,494** on 9-6-2023 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

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, consumer goods, industrial materials, car parts and vehicles seized

Confiscated illegal commodities.

AN on-duty team at the Myanmar Industrial Port container checkpoint impounded 224,875 ceramic tiles (worth K76,502,475) from a container on 6 June. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

In addition, a combined team under the Mandalay Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force conducted unexpected inspections at the 19th Mile post on the PyinOoLwin-Mandalay Road on 7 June and nabbed three kinds of goods (worth K3.52 million), 10 kinds of goods (worth 10.18 million) including motorcycle headlights without official documents from a Win Myanmar bus (estimated value of K20 million). The action was taken under Customs procedures.

Similarly, the combined team captured a total of 2.144 tonnes of illegal teak and illegal timbers (worth K792,192) in Bago district and a Plantana car (approximately K3.52 million) without official documents in Nyaunglebin township on 7 June. The action was taken under the Forest Law and Export and Import Law.

Officials are seen measuring seized illegal timbers.

Therefore, six arrests (estimated value of K114,514,667) were made on 6 and 7 June, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS

OPINION

Shape the future State through a comprehensive education system

AS ALMOST all basic education schools including monastic education schools and private schools in regions and states comprising Nay Pyi Taw Council Area have been opened for the 2023-24 academic year, more than 6.5 million students are peacefully pursuing education at relevant grades.

The Ministry of Education provides school textbooks, notebooks, stationery and school uniforms to the students at basic primary, middle and high school levels free of charge. As students do not need to cost for any measures of learning, parents should encourage their children to try hard in pursuing education to become educated persons in the future.

Currently, an emphasis is being placed on the development of the country and comprehensive improvement of the education sector in order to produce human resources in building a Union based on democracy and federalism. As such, all students, parents and teachers make tripartite efforts for turning out outstanding students in learning basic education and pave the best way for them to further study higher education to have qualified degrees.

> The role of students, teachers and parents is of great importance in implementing the comprehensive education plan. In so doing, if they all strive for the creation of learning opportunities for all school-age children to complete the KG+9 education scheme at a minimum and ensure a better education system as a national duty. if so, they all will have the chance to enjoy the fruits of the plan.

The comprehensive education project is under implementation for turning out qualified educated persons reliable for the nation-building tasks. Such a project aims to raise the personal skills of students without focusing on just passing the examinations every year.

The comprehensive education plan is being initiated for the students to have critical thinking, problem-solving, creativity, evaluation, analytical skills, collaboration, adaptability, social skills, emotional intelligence, justice, ethical behaviour and leadership skills. Only when students possess their skills will they be qualified in harmony with the comprehensive education plan.

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The creation of a learning opportunity closes the doors of the jail. It means paving the best way for posterity to learn advanced and modern technologies and knowledge, useful for modernizing the country. As such, teachers at both basic and higher education levels have to enhance their capacity without losing modern knowledge and skills related to academic measures whereas students have to carefully grasp the learning opportunities created by the State under the encouragement of parents so as to turn out qualified human resources for the future State. ■

ARTICLE

Literary Study on the Language

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

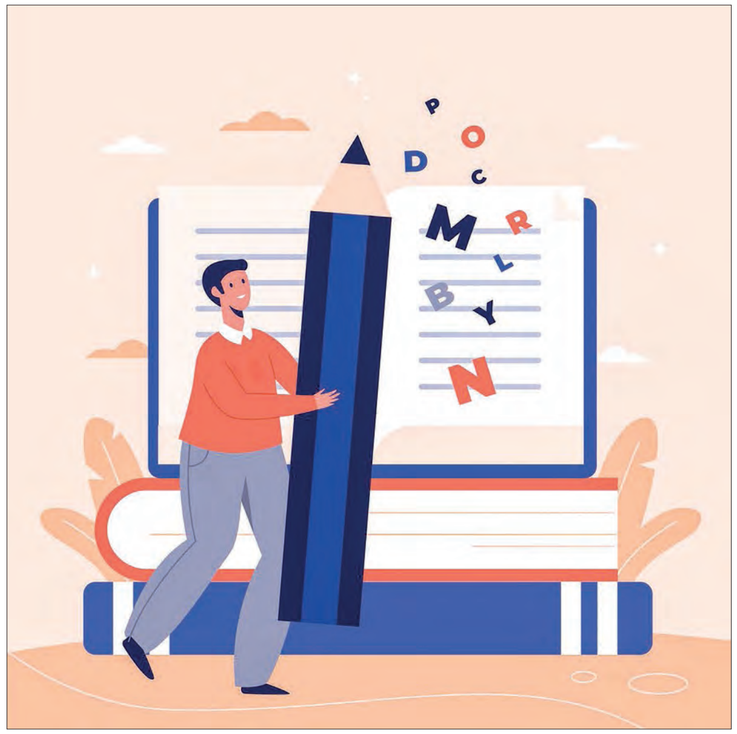
IT WILL be known that literature is the lifeblood of a nation, in which its ancient history, culture, and tradition had been described by virtue of language. To be said better, literature is the valid past soul of human beings as a whole. As mentioned earlier, so much will also have been known about the fact that literature and language always go hand in hand. Hence, literary study means the same as linguistic study. The literary study may comprise three big parts: literary history, literary forms, and literary criticism, which are closely interrelated with one another as well. Here, literary forms that are a collected study of thought descriptions, vocabulary expressions, and grammatical usages will be emphasized through partial extracts and sample explanations. This article, too, will be good for both young readers and amateur writers, the likes of me, I hope.

Firstly, the following paragraph is extracted from Treasure Island by R. L. Stevenson as a good example of the writer's thought description, which is also the most adventurous section of the story.

The ship began to turn as she was taken along the current. Suddenly I found that another rope was hanging over the side near me. I decided to have one look through the cabin window above me. I pulled myself up carefully by the rope, keeping a foot in a coracle. The ship was beginning to take me along as she moved, and I wondered why no watchman had given the alarm. But one glance into the cabin showed me why, and I dare not hold myself in the coracle any longer. I saw Israel Hands and a sailor with a red cup, locked together in a deadly fight, each with a hand on the other's throat. I dropped carefully down into the coracle again. I could see nothing for a moment but those two furious faces bent in that deadly struggle under the smoky lamp.

With a sense of adventure, the writer had written nearly all the sentences that are neither short nor long in length as in `I pulled myself up carefully by the rope, keeping a foot in a coracle´ except for `I dropped carefully down into the coracle again´, I think. The writings `The ship began to turn as she was taken along the current´, and `I wondered why no watchman had given the alarm. But one glance into the cabin showed me why´ suggest that the events in a story are of causes, effects, and sequences. Next, the expressions `Suddenly´, `pulled myself up carefully by the rope, keeping a foot in a coracle´, `dare not hold myself in the coracle any longer´, and `locked together in a deadly fight, each with a hand on the other's throat´ is expressing the thrills and spills of an adventure story. Then, the usages `hanging over the side near´, `with a red cap´, `in a deadly fight´, `two furious faces´ and `under the smoky lamp´ plays the living words in that distinctive story of a brave boy who took risks.

Secondly, the following paragraph is taken out from Wuthering Heights by Emily Bronte as a fine example of the writer's choice of vocabulary expressions, where a fatherless child's great endurance to others' bullying behaviour will be found while he is being brought up in his non-relative second family, to be sure.



Literature and language are closely intertwined and often go hand in hand. Language serves as the primary medium through which literature is created, expressed, and understood. **ILLUSTRATION: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/FREEPIK**

He seemed a sullen, patient child, hardened perhaps to ill-treatment. He would stand Hindley's blows without shedding a tear, and my pinches moved him only to draw a breath and open his eyes as if he had hurt himself by accidents, and nobody was to blame. This endurance made old Earnshaw furious when he discovered his son Hindley persecuting the poor, fatherless child, as he called him. Earnshaw took to Heathcliff strangely, believing all he said (for that matter, he said very little, and generally the truth) and petting him up far above Cathy, who was too mischievous for a favourite.

The expression `a sullen, patient child, hardened perhaps to ill-treatment´ has strengthened due to such these lettering as `stand Hindley's blows without shedding a tear´, and `my pinches moved him only to draw a breath and open his eyes as well as indicating the dead character trait of the protagonist Heathcliff. Plus, the writings `as if he had hurt himself by accidents´ and `nobody was to blame´ can manage to make readers' hearts go out to Heathcliff. In addition, the participle clauses `made old Earnshaw furious when he discovered his son Hindley persecuting the poor, fatherless child´, `believing all he said´, and `petting him up far above Cathy´ point out the living character trait of Earnshaw, a minor character in the story.

Thirdly, the following paragraph is from The Last Leaf by O. Henry, depicting the very artist's life of making the final sacrifice, as a nice example of the writer's grammatical usages.

Old Mr Behrman was a painter who lived on the first floor beneath them. He was more than sixty years old. Behrman was a failure in art. He had always wanted to paint a masterpiece, but he had never yet begun to paint it. For many years he had painted nothing, except now and then something in the line of commercial or advertising work. He earned a little money by serving as a model for those young artists who could not pay the price for regular models. He drank a lot of whisky and when he was drunk always talked about the great masterpiece he was going to paint. He was a fierce, intense little man who considered himself as a watchdog and protector for the two young artists living above him, of whom he was very fond.

Since the story is a past event, the tenses of the verbs used are all in the past, that is to say, `was´, `lived´, `had always wanted to paint´, `had never yet begun to paint´, `had painted´, `earned´, `could not pay´, `drank´, `talked about´, `was going to paint´, and `considered´. What is more, in the form `had always wanted to paint´, the frequency adverb `always´ means `for a long time´, not `at all times', for the adverb `always´ often refers to the meaning of `for ages´ if it goes with the perfect tenses. Also, care should be taken that in the form `had never yet begun to paint´, the adverb `yet´ can follow the negative word `never´ and the original sentence can be even rewritten as `he had never begun to paint it yet´ if we wish. The form `could not pay´ shows young artists' past general ability, but this form must not be written as `were not able to pay´ for the reason that the pattern `was/were able to´ is normally used for something in a specific situation. Besides, the form `was going to paint´ says the decisive arrangement of Behrman painting his masterpiece.

Let me draw a conclusion for this article. Many readers and writers tend to think it boring or difficult to conduct a literary study, especially owing to outdated thoughts or archaisms, to my mind. Even some experienced authors, to my certain knowledge, like to advise little writers that just reading a daily newspaper is adequate to meet the basic needs of writing for a newcomer to the world of literature. That would be right to some extent for a person who has decided to earn a living as a journalist or so, as I see it. Even so, it is noticeable that every successful writer has got a mastery of both classic literature and modern literature, and they will be able to create a new way of literature or their own writing styles on condition that they have known classical ways of literature in their use in depth. When I said so, I do not mean that young writers must not read daily newspapers at all. Actually, the literary study will certainly become pleasant and enjoyable after readers have seen that universal theories from literature are still true until now, to say nothing of the writer's thoughts, or after they have studied enough literature, or after they have understood the literal meanings and connotations of archaisms. Above all, not only readers but also writers can perceive how on earth a writer's thought descriptions, vocabulary choices, and grammatical usages help his literature reach its respective subject matter and main theme. Only this perception is the essence of literary study, really. ■

World Oceans Day: Oceans warmer last month than any May on record

GLOBAL oceans were warmer last month than any other May in records stretching back to the 19th century, the European Union's climate monitoring unit reported Wednesday.

Sea temperatures at a depth of about 10 metres were a quarter of a degree Celsius higher than ice-free oceans in May averaged across 1991 to 2020, according to the Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S).

Year-round, long-term trends have added 0.6C to the ocean's surface waters in 40 years, said C3S deputy director Samantha Burgess, noting that April had also seen a new record for heat.

Temperatures over the ocean could be further boosted in coming months "as we are seeing the El Nino signal continuing to emerge in the equatorial Pacific," she said in a statement, referring to a periodic, natural shift in ocean winds that enhances warming globally.

Above water and over land, meanwhile, Earth's surface temperature last month tied as the second hottest for May, according to C3S.

The Copernicus finding are based on computer-generated models that draw on billions of measurements from satellites, ships, aircraft and weather stations worldwide.

Oceans, which cover 70 percent of Earth's surface, have kept the planet liveable as global warming caused by human activity -- mainly the burning of fossil fuels -- has accelerated. The surface of the planet is, on average, 1.2C hotter that pre-industrial levels, a level which has already unleashed devastating climate impacts.

Oceans absorb a quarter of the CO2 we spew into the atmosphere, and 90 per cent of the excess heat generated by climate change. But at a terrible price.

Widespread marine heatwaves are decimating coral reefs and the ecosystems that depend on them, including more than half-a-billion people.

The accelerated disintegration from below of giant ice sheets could lift oceans by a dozen metres, and ocean acidification is disrupting life cycles and food chains from the tropics to the poles.

Moreover, oceans -- along with forests and soil, which soak up an even larger percentage of human-generated greenhouse gases -- are showing signs of battle fatigue, and their capacity to soak up CO2 could diminish.

Copernicus also reported that temperatures in several parts of the world were higher than normal, including Canada, where wildfires over the last several weeks have so far decimated more than three million hectares (eight million acres). There are 413 wildfires are burning across the country from Pacific to Atlantic, including 249 deemed "out of control".

SOURCE: AFP

Volunteers from a Non-Governmental Organization hold hands after cleaning the Sao Conrado beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 8 June 2023 in the framework of the World Ocean Day. **PHOTO: JOAO LAET/AFP**

Tatmadaw (Air) transports relief materials to Mocha-hit regions

Relief goods are loaded aboard the Tatmadaw aircraft to transport them to Mocha-hit areas yesterday.

TATMADAW has sent a group of aid and relief teams to areas affected by natural disasters and is carrying out the necessary aid and relief operations.

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

The Tatmadaw aircraft transported 160 sacks of rice weighing eight tonnes donated by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement from Mandalay International Airport to Kalay Airport yesterday.

Relief materials are delivered in a timely manner by plane, and helicopter of the Tatmadaw (Air), and till yesterday, 491 tonnes of relief materials plus 3,260 military and departmental personnel who will assist in the rehabilitation work were successfully transported.

Relief materials arriving at the airports are being sent and distributed by helicopters to the storm-affected areas, and officials are receiving materials in a timely manner. — MNA/KZL

Tatmadaw senior officers assist in rehabilitation work in Rakhine State

THE State Administration Council has released announcements for Mocha-hit areas declaring natural disaster-affected regions under Section 11 of the Natural Disaster Management Law and assigned senior military officers to the respective regions to conduct rehabilitation processes.

Senior military officers oversee rehabilitation work in Sittway yesterday.

Lt-Gen Lu Aye of the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), currently in Kyaukpyu Township, together with officials, met departmental staff and their families at the Minpyin staff housing, inspected healthcare services and provided foodstuffs to them. He also oversaw the maintenance of departmental buildings and inlet channels of the water in Thanpanchaung Ward.

Similarly, Lt-Gen Aye Win of the Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army), who arrived in Buthidaung Township, along with officials, inspected the distribution of relief items to the storm victims from six village-tracts of the township. He then met with the departmental officials at Township General Administration Department and made proper instructions. He also paid homage to Presiding Sayadaw of Aungmingala Monastery and donated CI sheets, rice and cash donated by Disaster Management Department for six storm-affected monasteries.

Moreover, Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Soe, currently in Myebon Township, attended the meeting to distribute the six types of relief supplies that arrived by the Kaladan 5 ship as quickly as possible to the victims held at the Township General Administrative Office.

Meanwhile, Maj-Gen Thaung Htike Shwe, who arrived in MraukU Township, donated IC sheets and foodstuffs at three monasteries in MraukU Township on 8 June. — MNA/KTZH

Foodstuffs, commodities sold at fairer prices in Mocha-hit Sittway

MEMBERS of the local battalions under the Western Command and officials are selling essential foodstuffs at lower prices for the convenience of residents and departmental staff affected by Cyclone Mocha in Sittway to be able to buy foodstuffs at fairer prices.

Foodstuffs such as rice, edible oil, salt, meat, fish, egg, dairy products, vegetables, onions, garlic, and products of Tatmadaw factories and MEC such as instant noodles, biscuits, and canned food in addition to the foodstuffs, electronic devices and construction materials of private entrepreneurs were sold at lower prices than the market prices at U Ottama Park in Sittway yesterday.

The locals and the families of the departmental staff enjoyed buying foodstuffs and expressed thanks to officials for selling them at low prices during difficult times. — MNA /KTZH

Locals are pictured purchasing foodstuffs at lower prices in Sittway yesterday.

Tatmadaw relief teams make relief, rehabilitation efforts

Clear-up of fallen trees are carried out in Sittway yesterday.

TO facilitate necessary relief and rehabilitation activities in areas affected by natural disasters, Tatmadaw has deployed relief teams consisting of local security forces. In cooperation with social relief organizations, they are actively assisting in the affected areas.

Relief troops in Ponnagyun are cooperating with mobile medical teams to provide medical treatments to the locals in Letwe Sartaik village. Similarly, relief troops in Kyaukpyu provided medical treatments and foodstuffs to locals in the office of the township administrator.

Similarly, rescue teams that have arrived in Buthidaung are searching for fallen trees on both sides of the road in Kakyatbek village. Clean-up measures for branches and undergrowth are currently underway. And rescue teams in MraukU supported medical treatments and foodstuffs to locals in Baungduk village.

Next, relief teams arrived in Sittway are attending to a fallen tree along the road in Yechanpyin village. Clean-up measures for large branches are currently being carried out. And rescue teams are cooperating with mobile medical teams, Myanmar Police Force and locals to clear fallen trees in Padalate village and gave medical treatments to locals in Gonpyinthaung village.

Lastly, rescue teams that arrived in Maungtaw, in cooperation with mobile medical teams, provided healthcare services to the local people in the village of Ywathitkay. — MNA/KZW

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Containers laden with imported cargoes are seen being loaded onto lorries at the port.

Two licencing systems for importers activate on 22 June

FOR the convenience of importers, the activation of automatic licencing and non-automatic licencing systems will start on 22 June 2023 instead of 1 June, the Ministry of Commerce announced.

The Customs Department released a statement in May saying that importers can apply for import licences for 3,075 product lines by the automatic licencing system starting on 1 June.

A total of 3,075 product lines to be imported through automatic licencing and non-automatic licencing systems on Myanmar Tradenet 2.0 has been set as product lines that require import licences in MACCS (Myanmar Automated Cargo Clearance System). — TWA/CT

150 Myanmar workers despatched to S Korea under EPS

A total of 150 Myanmar workers — 121 manufacturing workers and 29 construction workers — were sent to the Republic of Korea through the Employment Permit System (EPS) on 7 June, the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul stated.

The labour attaché of the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul welcomed them at Incheon Airport and provided them with what they needed.

A total of 415 were despatched to the Republic of Korea during May — 149 on 9 May, 135 on 16 May and 131 on 30 May. — TWA/MKKS

Local entrepreneurs can register ASEAN Business Awards 2023 by 7 July: UMFCCI

LOCAL entities and entrepreneurs can make a registration for the ASEAN Business Awards 2023 by 7 July, the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry notified.

The "ASEAN Business Awards (ABA)2023" will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 4 September 2023 during the ASEAN-BAC event under Indonesian Chairmanship. Outstanding regional enterprises and individual entrepreneurs committed to promoting regional SMEs and regional development and contributing to regional economic growth through ASEAN Economic Community can register for the ABA 2023.

For further details of qualifications to be eligible for the awards, please visit https://aseanbacindonesia.id/event/aba-2023/how-to-apply. They can submit the registration by 7 July, the UMFCCI notified. – TWA/EM

An undated photo shows a representative explaining about ASEAN Business Awards (ABA) 2023 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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.

Over 80,000 foreign tourists visit Myanmar since early 2023

A foreign tourist is pictured riding a pony cart in Bagan.

MORE than 80,000 foreign tourists have entered Myanmar since the beginning of 2023, the statistics of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism indicate.

There were 32,992 foreign tourists with business visas, 12,402 with tourist visas, 34 with official visas, and 35,304 with other visas who entered the country.

The monthly foreign tourist inflows in 2023 showed that 75,401 foreign tourists arrived in January and February, 2,581 tourists in March, and 2,750 tourists in April, totalling 80,732.

Over 230,000 foreign tourists visited Myanmar in 2022. Most of them were business visa holders and there were only about 11,000 entering on tourist visas, according to the 17th Annual General Meeting of the Myanmar Tourism Entrepreneurs Association on 25 February.

The number of arrivals in the first four months of this year is almost the same as in the previous year of 2022, according to the statistics of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism. — TWA/CT

ECONOMY
WORLD/AD

Cambodia begins building second expressway with assistance from China

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen (C) attends a groundbreaking ceremony on 7 June 2023 in Kandal Province, near Phnom Penh, for the construction of the country's second expressway, linking the capital to the Viet Nam border. **PHOTO: KYODO**

CAMBODIA has begun building its second expressway, linking Phnom Penh to the Viet Nam border, with assistance from China, the country's largest investor.

The 135-kilometre-long highway is a joint project between Cambodia and China Road and Bridge Corp, a Chinese state-owned enterprise, according to the government.

The company also built Cambodia's first expressway, which connects Phnom Penh to the southern port city of Sihanoukville. Prime Minister Hun Sen attended the second highway's groundbreaking ceremony in Kandal Province, near the Cambodian capital Phnom Penh, on Wednesday and expressed his gratitude to China, adding the highway would bring "great advantages" to Cambodia and other countries in the region. — Kyodo

Swiss parliament to probe Credit Suisse takeover

SWITZERLAND'S parliament will probe the government-orchestrated takeover of the stricken Credit Suisse bank by larger rival UBS, in an extremely rare move, following a vote on Thursday.

A parliamentary commission of inquiry will be established to shed light on how the Swiss authorities rapidly stitched together the merger of the wealthy Alpine country's two biggest banks over a weekend in March. After the lower house of parliament voted unanimously Wednesday in favour of creating the rare commission of inquiry, the upper chamber, or Council of States, voted 37-5 for it on Thursday. — AFP

UK clamps down on cryptocurrency sector

BRITAIN'S financial regulator on Thursday tightened rules over the promotion and selling of cryptocurrency as it seeks to protect consumers.

The Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) unveiled a package of measures for the industry, which has long faced criticism over the lack of oversight -- and promises of high returns in a volatile marketplace.

\Under the new rules, companies promoting crypto products or services in Britain must from October give a "clear warning" that customers could lose money in "high risk" investments. Marketing firms must also introduce a cooling-off period for first-time crypto investors. And the watchdog will also ban "refer a friend" bonuses that are designed to incentivise crypto investing.

"Our rules give people the time and the right risk warnings to make an informed choice," said Sheldon Mills, head of consumers and competition at the FCA. — AFP

Virtual representation of a digital cryptocurrency such as Bitcoin. **PHOTO: AFP/ FILE**

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Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Type of pesticide	Registration No.
1.	Te Tri	Tebuconazole 50% + Trifloxystrobin 25% WG	Fungicide	P2021-5387

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AKA YARZAR CO.LTD 09-761844477

Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Type of pesticide	Registration No.
1.	Zole Ba Yin	Azoxystrobin 25% + Difenoconazole 15% SC	Fungicide	P2022-5713

Eurozone in recession at start of 2023

THE eurozone entered into a technical recession at the start of the year, shrinking by 0.1 per cent for a second consecutive quarter, figures from the EU's statistic agency showed Thursday.

Eurostat revised down an earlier forecast that had predicted slight growth, after economic powerhouse Germany said last month it had fallen into recession. The worse-than-expected figures come as inflation and higher interest rates have curbed demand in Europe's largest economy. Eurostat slashed its earlier prediction of 0.1 per cent growth in the final quarter of 2022 and 0.2 per cent in the first quarter of 2023 to 0.1 per cent contractions in both periods. Two consecutive quarters of shrinking gross domestic product is the threshold for a technical recession. The bad news comes after a painful year for European economies as surging energy prices sparked by Russia's war on Ukraine sent inflation spiralling.

During economic downturns, countries within the Eurozone, including Germany, can be affected by the broader economic trends in the region. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

The European Central Bank has responded by hiking its key rates by 3.75 percentage points since embarking on an unprecedented campaign of monetary tightening in July last year. — AFP

US banks look to cut ties with UK hedge fund after sex assault claims

JPMORGAN Chase and Morgan Stanley are mulling cutting ties with British hedge fund boss Crispin Odey after allegations of sexual assault, sources familiar with the matter told AFP on Thursday. JPMorgan Chase is "reviewing our relationship with Odey Asset Management in light of the allegations in the Financial Times", said a source close to the US bank. A source close to Morgan Stanley confirmed media speculation that it wanted to sever ties. The Financial Times on Thursday published claims from eight women alleging they had been sexually assaulted by 64-year-old Odey, a vocal Brexit supporter and Conservative party donor. A further five women alleged they had been abused or harassed by Odey, according to an FT investigation. Odey, well known for making huge sums from betting heavily against the British pound and UK government bonds in recent years, has described the allegations reported by the FT as "rubbish" and has strenuously denied them.—AFP

Govt to request Tokyo area to save power again this summer

THE Japanese government decided Friday to request households and businesses in the Tokyo area to save electricity in July and August, with the supply-demand balance forecast to become tight in the area this summer.

The reserve power capacity ratio in the metropolitan area in July could drop to 3.1 percent, slightly above the lowest level for maintaining a stable supply, if a once-in-a-decade level of extreme heat grips the region served by Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings Inc., the industry ministry said. Since electricity demand could swing about three per cent from the anticipated level, it is necessary to secure at least a three-per-cent reserve, according to the industry ministry. The government issued a nationwide power saving request from July to September last year, but the latest request only targets the area served by TEPCO.

People walk by a huge monitor airing a news programme which calls for power saving, in Tokyo Tuesday, 22 March 2022. **PHOTO: KYODO/FILE**

The reserve capacity rate is projected to improve to 4.8 per cent in the Tokyo area in August while the rate in other regions is expected to stay above five per cent in July and August, a ministry official said. Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Yasutoshi Nishimura told a press conference that the government will ask for power saving efforts, such as turning off lights in unused rooms and hallways, while also calling on the public to avoid extreme measures hazardous to their health. — Kyodo

Apple, defying the times, stays quiet on AI

RESISTING the hype, Apple defied most predictions this week and made no mention of artificial intelligence when it unveiled its latest slate of new products, including its Vision Pro mixed reality headset. Resisting the hype, Apple defied most predictions this week and made no mention of artificial intelligence when it unveiled its latest slate of new products, including its Vision Pro mixed reality headset.

Generative AI has become the tech world's biggest buzzword ever since Microsoft-backed OpenAI released ChatGPT late last year, revealing the capabilities of the emerging technology. ChatGPT opened the world's eyes to the idea that computers can churn out complex, human-level content using simple prompts, giving amateurs the talents of tech geeks, artists or speechwriters.

Apple has laid low as Microsoft and Google raced out announcements on how generative AI will revolutionize its products, from online search to word processing and retouching images.—AFP

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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.

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AKA YARZAR CO.LTD 09-761844477

Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Type of pesticide	Registration No.
1.	Hmoe Yarzar	Tebuconazole 50% + Trifloxystrobin 25% WG	Fungicide	P2021-5450

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MARGA MIN CO.LTD 09-455557861

Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Type of pesticide	Registration No.
1.	Lupro Phos	Lufenuron 5% + Profenofos 50% EC	Insecticide	P 2022-5728

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OMO FAMILY CO.LTD 09-5300865

Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Type of pesticide	Registration No.
1.	Marga Amine	2,4-D dimethyo amine salt 720g/l SL	Herbicide	P 2022-5933

GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Palestinian president to visit China next week

PALESTINIAN president Mahmud Abbas will make a state visit to China next week, Beijing said on 9 June, after China expressed readiness to help facilitate Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Beijing has positioned itself as a mediator in the Middle East, brokering the restoration of ties in March between Iran and Saudi Arabia — rivals in a region where the United States has for decades been the main powerbroker.

"At the invitation of President Xi Jinping, president of the state of Palestine, Mahmud Abbas will pay a state visit to China from 13 to 16 June," foreign ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said on Friday. "He is the first Arab head of state received by China this year, fully embodying the high level of China-Palestine good relations, which have traditionally been friendly," ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin told a regular briefing later.

Abbas is an "old and good friend of the Chinese people", he added. "China has always firmly supported the just cause of the Palestinian people to restore their legitimate national rights." Beijing has sought to boost its ties to the Middle East, challenging long-standing US influence there — efforts that have drawn rebukes from Washington. — AFP

Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas will make a state visit to China next week. **PHOTO: AFP**

First self-driving urban ferry sets sail in Stockholm

A captain oversees the autonomous craft but doesn't need to touch the controls. **PHOTO: AFP**

A self-driving electric ferry set sail in Stockholm on Thursday, making the Swedish capital the world's first city to put the technology to use, the company behind it said.

A captain oversees the autonomous craft but doesn't need to touch the controls, and from Monday, the MF Estelle will begin plying short routes between islands in Stockholm.

Torghatten CEO Stein Andre Herigstad-Olsen said that eventually, the idea is to make the vessel "fully autonomous", with no need for an onboard supervisor.

The system already "sees like a captain", he said.

The boat is fitted with radar, cameras, lidar laser and ultrasonic systems, compiling the data to steer its course, the Norwegian company's operative chief Erik Nilsson said. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Indonesia's Anak Krakatoa volcano erupts, spews huge ash column

INDONESIA'S Anak Krakatoa volcano erupted on Friday, belching a column of ash more than three kilometres into the sky, officials said. The volcanic island emerged from the sea at the beginning of the last century from the crater formed after the 1883 eruption of Mount Krakatoa — one of the deadliest and most destructive in history. Anak Krakatoa, which means "Child of Krakatoa", spewed thick ash over the strait that separates the islands of Java and Sumatra. There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties after the eruption at 8:46 am (0146 GMT).

"The height of the eruption column was observed to be 3,000 metres (nearly 10,000 feet) above the summit," Deny Mardiono, an official from the Krakatoa monitoring station, said in a press release. — AFP

Sudan declares UN envoy Volker Perthes 'persona non grata'

THE Sudanese government has declared United Nations envoy Volker Perthes "persona non grata", two weeks after the army chief accused him of stoking the country's civil conflict and sought to have him removed from his post. Since late last year, Perthes and the UN mission he heads in war-torn Sudan have been targeted by military and Islamist-backed protests denouncing perceived foreign interference.

In a letter to the UN last month, Sudan's de facto leader General Abdel Fattah al-Burhan blamed the envoy for exacerbating fighting between his army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) led by commander Mohamed Hamdan Daglo. — AFP

'Active combat' in southern Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia region

FIGHTING raged between Ukrainian and Russian troops on Friday in the southern Zaporizhzhia region, according to Russian sources.

The reports come amid expectations of a major Ukrainian offensive, with some analysts saying it had already begun. "At the moment, active combat is ongoing in the region between Orekhovo and Tokmak," Vladimir Rogov, an official with Russian occupation authorities, wrote on the Telegram messaging service, referring to a locality known in Ukrainian as Orikhiv.

Alexander Sladkov, a Russian conflict correspondent, wrote on Telegram of "intense fighting" in the area. —AFP

Ukrainian firefighters put out a fire after a strike in Zaporizhzhia on 6 October 2022. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ MARINA MOISEYENKO/AFP/FILE**

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Havana denies report of plans for Chinese spy base in Cuba

THE Havana government on Thursday denied US news reports that it has reached a deal for China to set up a spying base in Cuba, just off American shores.

Cuba's deputy foreign minister said the reports by The Wall Street Journal and CNN were "mendacious and unfounded". The White House called them inaccurate.

The reports said Beijing and Havana have entered into a secret agreement for a Chinese electronic eavesdropping facility to be set up on the Caribbean island that could monitor communications across the southeastern United States.

The region includes the US Southern and Central Command headquarters, both in Florida.

An old car with the Cuban flag painted on its trunk is seen near the Capitol of Havana. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ AFP/FILE**

China will pay Cuba "several billion dollars" to be able to construct the facility, the Journal said, citing unnamed US officials.

But Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Carlos Fernandez de Cossio, reading a statement to journalists, called the reports "totally mendacious and unfounded".

He said Cuba rejects all foreign military presence in Latin America, "including the many US bases and troops."

"Slander of this kind is often fabricated by US officials," the official said.

White House national security spokesman John Kirby characterized the Journal story as inaccurate. — AFP

New Madrid museum showcases Spain's royal treasures

A new museum packed with hundreds of treasures collected by Spain's monarchs over the past five centuries is set to open in Madrid this month.

Located just across from the Royal Palace, the Royal Collections Gallery, which opens on 29 June, will showcase paintings, tapestries, furniture and elaborately decorated carriages.

Most of the 650 works that will go on display have not previously been accessible to the public or were sitting in quiet corners of historic sites across Spain. "There are works that come from palaces or monasteries and here we promote another way of looking at them," the museum's director Leticia Ruiz Gomez said.

Among the highlights is a painting by one of Spain's most emblematic historical masters, Diego Velazquez, depicting a horse rearing up without a rider.

"White Horse" was last shown to the public in 2015 during a temporary exhibition in Paris.

The rest of the time "it sat in a corner of a room in the Royal Palace," said Ruiz Gomez.

Nearby is a massive 16th-century tapestry once owned by Spain's Queen Isabella which the culture ministry bought in February for one million euros ($1.1 million). — AFP

A carriage is among the items on display at a new Madrid museum showcasing treasures from Spain's monarchs. **PHOTO: THOMAS COEX/AFP**

EU refugee reform deal 'unacceptable': Hungary PM

HUNGARIAN Prime Minister Viktor Orban on Friday slammed as "unacceptable" a European Union agreement to revise the bloc's rules on member states hosting asylum seekers and migrants.

"Brussels is abusing its power. They want to relocate migrants to Hungary with force. This is unacceptable, they want to forcefully turn Hungary into a migrant country," Orban wrote on Facebook.

The agreement reached by EU interior ministers in Luxembourg on Thursday revised the bloc's rules on sharing the hosting of asylum seekers and migrants more equitably.

The deal — which needed approval from a majority of countries representing at least 65 per cent of the bloc's population — comes after years of wrangling over asylum policy.

The proposal introduced at the meeting on Thursday called for compulsory help between EU countries, but with an option of doing that in one of two ways.

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Japan revises law to ease deportation of failed asylum seekers

JAPAN enacted an immigration law on Friday allowing the government to deport failed asylum seekers, despite pushback from opposition parties and rights groups.

Until the revised legislation was passed, applicants could stay in Japan during the decision process, regardless of the number of attempts they made to secure refugee status.

Now they can be deported after three rejections. The revised law will "protect those who must be protected while strictly dealing with people who have violated rules", Justice Minister Ken Saito has said. "There are many people who misuse the application system to avoid deportation," even if they are not fleeing danger or persecution, according to Saito.—AFP

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The VUC FC players celebrate the victory after winning the MFF Rhino Futsal League. **PHOTO: MFF**

VUC claim MFF Rhino Futsal League trophy with 2-0 win over MIU

VUC FC won the championship trophy of the MFF RHINO Futsal League as they beat MIU FC 2-0 in the Champion Play-Off Match Grand Final played at the Myanmar Football Federation Futsal Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

The VUC won the championship trophy as they finished first in the points table.

Initially, VUC lost to the MIU in the first match of the Champion Play-Off Match, but won back in the second match and the Grand Final played at the same venue to win the trophy.

An awarding ceremony was held after the Grand Final match.

The Myanmar Football Federation General Secretary U Ko Ko Thein presented K10 million awards to the first-runners-up MIU FC, and MFF Futsal and Beach Soccer Association Chairman Dr Ye Mon Htut presented K15 million to the winner VUC FC.

The trophy for the MFF RHINO Futsal League was given to the VUC FC by Myanmar Football Federation President U Zaw Zaw. — KZL

Bayern Munich sign Austria midfielder Konrad Laimer

AUSTRIA international Konrad Laimer has joined Bayern Munich on a free transfer from RB Leipzig, the Bavarian club announced on Friday.

The midfielder's deal at the German champions will run until 2027.

"I'm in the right place here," Laimer said in a statement Bayern released on Friday.

"It's a dream come true for me. FC Bayern is one of the biggest clubs in the world."

Bayern CEO Jan-Christian Dreesen said: "We are delighted to have signed Konrad Laimer... together we will hopefully now celebrate many more great victories and titles."

Laimer's deal with the German Cup holders expired in the summer and the midfielder had been allowed to negotiate with other clubs since January 1.

Known for his relentless pressing, Laimer played 190 games for Leipzig, scoring 15 goals and assisting 19 more. He won the German Cup in 2022 and 2023 with Leipzig.—AFP

Leipzig midfielder Konrad Laimer (L) has signed with Bayern Munich on a deal which runs until 2027. **PHOTO: 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.

Fans face wait for Messi in Miami shirt

LIONEL Messi is unlikely to make his debut for Inter Miami before late July and fans will have to wait some time even for the formal presentation of the player.

Messi announced on Wednesday that he had made his mind up over his next destination after letting his contract with Paris Saint Germain expire.

His words that "I've taken the decision that I am going to Miami" set off a wave of excitement among fans in the United States.

But Messi followed up that bombshell by stating "I don't have (the deal) 100 percent sealed" and that caveat, along with existing commitments to the Argentine national team, is why his fans in the States will have to be patient.

While ticket prices for upcoming games that could involve Messi are already rocketing and the player's global fan base flocks to the social media accounts of Inter Miami, plenty of work remains to be done on the deal, a person familiar with the negotiations told AFP.—AFP