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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.

State Peace Talks Team meets with five PPST member NCA signatories

A MEETING between the State Peace Talks Team (SPTT) and five Peace Process Steering Team-PPST members ALP, DKBA, KNU/KNLA-PC, LDU and PNLO which have signed the Nationwide Ceasefire

Agreement was held yesterday morning at the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Centre in Nay Pyi Taw.

Member of the State Administration Council Union Minister at the Union Government Office Chairman of the

National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee-NSPNC Peace Talks Team Leader Lt-Gen Yar Pyae warmly welcomed the peace delegations.

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Seized narcotic drugs incinerated at west Yangon cargo truck terminal in Hlinethaya (West) Township of Yangon Region on 26 June.

Seized narcotic drugs worth more than K1,200 billion set on fire in Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi

NARCOTIC drugs seized at home were incinerated in Yangon, Mandalay and Taunggyi on 26 June in commemoration of the 36th International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

Such a commemorative day was simultaneously marked in three major cities Yangon, Mandalay and Taunggyi on the morning of 26 June.

The message sent by Lt-Gen Soe

Htut, Chair of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control, to the commemorative day mentioned that the country's strategy reduces poppy cultivation and controls 39 precursor chemicals used in illicit manufacture of drugs in the country.

Twenty items of narcotic drugs and 16 chemicals worth more than K436 billion (equal to more than US\$207 million), seized in the previous year, were set on fire at the west Yangon cargo truck

terminal in Hlinethaya (West) Township of Yangon Region.

Narcotic drugs worth more than K1,120 billion in more than 6,700 cases were exposed across the nation in 2022, and more than K8.2 billion was confiscated as the State finance.

The message to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking stated that as part of

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THE Chairman of State Administration Council has conferred the Wunna Kyaw Htin title on the following person for his outstanding performance in establishing friendly cooperation between the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Russian Federation.

Wunna Kyaw Htin Honorary Title for excellent performance

1. Dr Nikolay Listopadov
- Ambassador of the Russian Federation
to Myanmar

Sd/ Min Aung Hlaing
Senior General
Chairman
State Administration Council

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THE State Administration Council has appointed and assigned Daw Thin Thin Cho to the duties of Judge of Magway Region High Court under the Section 419 of the Constitution.

By Order,
Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

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Bank Holiday

ALL Banks will be closed on 29th (Thursday) June 2023 "Eid day (Qurbani Eid)" being public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

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

Seeds, soil, water and techniques key factors in agriculture

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

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

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After that, they coordinated the meeting agenda and topics to be discussed.

The meeting was also attended by Member of the SAC Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, NSP-NC Secretary Lt-Gen Win Bo Shein and members, and Chair Saw Mra Raza Lin of Arakan Liberation Party-ALP, Saw Sein Win at the rank of Adjutant-General of Democratic Karen Benevolent Army-DK-BA, Vice Chair Dr Naw Kapaw Htoo of KNU/KNLA-Peace Council, Vice Chairman Kya Phoo of Lahu Democratic Union-LDU and Patron Phyar Tan Khun Okkar of Pa-O National Liberation Organization-PNLO and members of the delegations.

During the meeting, State Peace Talks Team Leader Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and Patron Phyar Tan Khun Okkar of PNLO extended greetings.

Then, both sides mutual-



State Peace Talks Team meets five NCA signatories at the peace talks in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 June.

ly discussed the points to be amended in the Constitution (2008), implementation of the points agreed upon in the previous discussions, the issues of holding a peace conference, regional stability and the annihilation of the narcotic drugs. The first-day meeting was adjourned and the second day meeting will continue on 27 June.—MNA/TS

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs receives IOM Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific



U Than Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Ms Sarah Lou Ysmael Arriola, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific of International Organization for Migration (IOM), at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the courtesy call, they shared their views on the matters pertaining to the support of the IOM to the people of Myanmar in the field of migration, the updates on progress of IOM current work programmes in Myanmar and the cooperation between two sides.

Also present at the meeting were the senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr Dragan Aleksoski, IOM Chief of Mission for Myanmar and Mr Chaoqian Xiong, Regional Migration Policy Support Officer.—MNA

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preventing the diversion of precursors and those chemicals through cooperation with the business industries of utilizing chemicals and relevant departments, efforts are being made to ensure proper use of chemicals and follow rules and regulations to carry out awareness-raising.

Enabling drug addicts to receive medical treatments and to reduce subsequent dangers, the Ministry of Health operates 29 major treatment centres, 56 minor drug treatment centres and 86 methadone maintenance clinics respectively. At the same time, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement runs rehabilitation centres to

make arrangements for ex-addicts to reintegrate into the society.

In addition to notifications on new precursors used in the production of narcotic and psychotropic substances into the controlled lists, test kits are provided to Drug Enforcement Division for effective enforcement in the field. The government will issue notifications to put new precursors used in the production of narcotic and psychotropic substances into the controlled lists under the law and strive for using test kits and technologies for ensuring effective enforcement in the field, mentioned in the message sent by Lt-Gen Soe Htut.—TWA/TTA



Seized narcotic drugs incinerated in Taunggyi.

World Refrigeration Day marked in Nay Pyi Taw



Union Minister for NREC U Khin Maung Yi poses for documentary photos with officials at the ceremony to mark World Refrigeration Day in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 June.

THE World Refrigeration Day for 2023 was held at the Environmental Conservation Department in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi said that this year's slogan "Next Generation Cooling: The future is in our hands" is to remind and call on people to meet the increasing demand for low-car-

bon cooling systems and to realize the gradual changes in the cooling technology, that the depletion of the ozone layer caused by the refrigerants used in cooling equipment is a challenge to be seriously addressed and that Myanmar is implementing the reduction of substances that can damage the ozone layer.

The Union minister added that development of technologies that can mitigate the glob-

al temperature and decrease the atmospheric humidity plays a vital role in reducing the use of energy and carbon emission, that 20 per cent of the total electricity used in buildings around the world is used in air conditioners and that it is important to import and distribute only energy-saving and efficient cooling equipment and alternative cooling agents that do not harm the ozone layer. — MNA/KZW

Wunna Kyaw Htin title conferred on Russian Ambassador to Myanmar for excellent performance

AMBASSADOR of the Russian Federation to Myanmar Dr Nikolay Listopadov served duty at the Russian Federation embassy to Myanmar from 1983 to 1986 and from 1990 to 1994. He presented his credentials as the ambassador to Myanmar in October 2016.

Dr Nikolay Listopadov can speak and write Myanmar language well. From the time he served his duties at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation until he became Russian Ambassador to Myanmar, he mainly carried out Myanmar-Russian bilateral relationship, established close

relations between two countries, developed friendship with successive governments of Myanmar, served the duties of Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Myanmar, wrote the Buddhism literature in Russian language and also set up the close Myanmar-Russia relationship and cooperation in the term of State Administration Council.

Therefore, the Chairman of State Administration Council has conferred Wunna Kyaw Htin title for excellent performances on Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Nikolay Listopadov.—MNA/KTZH

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.

66 kV Ponnagyun-Rathedaung power cable 56 per cent complete

CURRENTLY, the Ministry of Electric Power electrifies wards and some villages of Sittway, Ponnagyun, Kyauktaw, MraukU and Myebon townships.

The maintenance of the 66 kV Ponnagyun-Rathedaung power cable is 56 per cent complete while 54 per cent for the 66 kV power cable of the Rathedaung-Buthidaung section and 47 per cent of village power cable.

Union Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Hla Moe who is currently in Rakhine State to oversee the rehabilitation tasks, together with Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin, and officials inspected the cleaning of fallen trees in Nandawun park in Sittway yesterday and instructed to make greening activities.

During the inspection on damage of Kyauktan bridge



Union Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Hla Moe views learning of students at Basic Education Primary School in Sittway on 26 June.

at 190th milepost on Sittway-An-Yangon highway, he stressed the needs to conduct repair works ensuring sustain-

ability of the bridge.

On arrival at the basic education schools, the Union Minister checked progress of

maintenance, peaceful learning of students and activities to keep schools clean.

Then, the Union Minister

looked into 40-acre paddy plantation of the local station and called for growing high-yielding through double cropping system.

At noon, the Union Minister and party observed the soy milk feeding event to 375 students from BEHS No 2 in Baukthisu Ward in Sittway.

During the meeting with Board of Directors of Rakhine State Co-operative Union Ltd, the Union minister heard reports on the setup, work plan and activities for welfare of members and offered proper instructions regarding the promotion of agriculture, livestock and business being run under co-operative system that is suitable with the region.

Then, the Union Minister attended the coordination meeting on rehabilitation processes at Rakhine State government office. —MNA/KZTH

U Myat Thet Oo presents Credentials to President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic



U Myat Thet Oo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Lao People's Democratic Republic, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Thongloun Sisoulith, President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on 26 June 2023, President Palace in Vientiane.—MNA

Myanmar joins 23rd ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime and its related meetings

THE 23rd ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) and its Related Meetings were held in Yogyakarta of Indonesia from 20 to 23 June.

The 23rd preliminary meeting of SOMTC leaders on 20 and 21 June focused on violence, human trafficking, drug cases, money laundering, cybercrime and preventive measures in ASEAN region.

Deputy Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Maj-Gen Aung Aung, leader of Myanmar SOMTC, discussed the release of misinformation by terrorist groups, killing of innocent people, bomb attacks on schools, hospitals, governmental buildings, combating processes as per the law, measures to eradicate online frauds in border areas and human trafficking and cooperation work with neighbouring countries.

Moreover, the 20th SOMTC + China Consultation meeting was held on 22 June and implementation of the Memorandum of Understanding (2017-2023) and Action Plan (2019-2023) on Combating Non-Traditional Security Issues and plans to develop a new plan to be implement-

ed in 2024-2028 were discussed. The meeting also approved one work guideline and agreed upon five drafts to be approved at the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime in August.

The SOMTC leaders and dialogue partners China, Japan and Korea and Australia, Canada, European Union, India, New Zealand and the United States for cooperation in the fight against transnational crime in the region and approved four plans.

At the meeting, Myanmar presented violence, human trafficking, money laundering, com-

bating illegal entry into border area, online frauds in border areas and effective cooperation to fight online gambling.

Moreover, during the 23rd SMOTC and its related meetings, the leader of Myanmar delegation met with Director-General of Ministry of Public Security of China, Deputy National Police Chief of Thailand and Head of Criminal Investigation Board of Indonesia separately and discussed the measures to combat online frauds and gambling and capacity building of police force.—MNA/KTZH



The 23rd ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime and its related meetings in progress in Yogyakarta of Indonesia from 20 to 23 June.

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Union Minister for Labour receives IOM Asia-Pacific Regional Director

UNION Minister for Labour Dr Pwint San received Ms Sarah Lou Ysmael Arriola, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific of International Organization for Migration (IOM) at the Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Union Minister for Labour Dr Pwint San, Deputy Minister U Win Shein, the Permanent Secretary, the Director-General, IOM Asia-Pacific Regional Director Ms. Sarah Lou Ysmael Arriola and Chief of Mission Mr Dragan Aleksoski and officials were present on the occasion.

At the meeting, both sides friendly discussed the matters on the negotiations on the signing of a new MoU, points to be included in the MoU and matters on continued cooperation between the Ministry of Labour and the IOM and providing assistance to Myanmar migrant workers. — MNA/MKKS

Union Minister for Labour Dr Pwint San meets IOM Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific Ms Sarah Lou Ysmael Arriola.



Nammun Baptist IDP camp in Mohnyin Township closed



Families from Nammun Baptist IDP camp prepare to leave IDP camp of Mohnyin Township on 22 June.

THE Nammun Baptist IDP camp in Mohnyin Township, Kachin State, was closed on 22 June as the people there have moved to their original residences.

Out of 25 households from the Nammun IDP camp, seven households moved to their new

houses in Aungthapyay Ward of Mohnyin, five households to the houses of their relatives, one household to their own home in Nantpate Village in Indawgyi of Mohnyin Township, and 12 households to the houses of their relatives on their own arrangements. — Zaw Win Tun/CT

Indonesia provides humanitarian aid to storm victims

A ceremony to hand over humanitarian aid provided by the Indonesian government and people was held at Yangon International Airport for Mocha victims yesterday night.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein expressed thanks to Lt-Gen Suharyanto and members of the Indonesian

National Disaster Management Committee, and said that the donated items will be delivered quickly to all the people in areas affected by the natural disaster, including Rakhine State.

After that, Lt-Gen Suharyanto handed over the donated items to the Yangon Region chief minister and they

exchanged gifts.

Donated items include 1,000 rolls of tarpaulin, 15 sets of canvas tents, 150 sets of family tents, 15,000 packages of instant food, 1,500 sets of disease prevention accessories, 5,000 blankets, 200 mattresses and 100 2KVA generators. — MNA/KZW



Confiscation of illegal items: Timbers, foodstuffs, industrial materials, auto parts and vehicles

ON 24 June, Hlegu District Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force impounded a total of 0.646 tonne of illegal teak parquet worth K904,400 from a vehicle that was overturned on the Hlegu-Satalin road in Hlegu township and the No 2 Traffic Police branch captured an unregistered Toyota Caldina worth K3 million near Zawana traffic light on the Laydauntkan road in Thingangyun township. The action was taken in accordance with the Forest Law and respective procedures.

Additionally, Hpa-an District Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force made inspections on the five vehicles travelling from Myawady to Mawlamyine at the Eindu-Zathapyin junction on 24 June. Officials confiscated 170 two-shrimp brand jerry cans of oil worth K6.8 million without official documents from a Mitsubishi Canter worth K13 million, six kinds of goods worth K16.38 million including 160 two-shrimp brand cartons of oil without official documents from a Mitsubishi

Canter worth K20 million, seven kinds of goods worth K16.51 million including 300 cartons of instant noodle without official documents from a Mitsubishi Canter worth K15 million, three kinds of goods worth K840,000 including 200 plastic baskets, two kinds of goods worth K8.25 million including 150 two-shrimp brand cartons of oil and eight kinds of goods worth K1.658 million including 30 cartons of instant noodle without official documents from a Hino Ranger (approximate value of

K20 million) and 16 kinds of goods worth K 14.54 million including 70 cartons of motorbike rims, three kinds of goods worth K1.87 million including 120 kilogrammes of mats and 500 kilogrammes of fabrics worth K2.5 million without official documents from a Hino Ranger estimated value of K18 million.

Similarly, officials nabbed 300 pairs of Apple lady sandal worth K3 million from a vehicle at the Kawkareik (Tadakyoe) checkpoint. The action was tak-

en in accordance with Customs Procedures.

The combined team led by Nattalin district forest department seized a total of 0.968 tonne of illegal timbers worth about K319,440 in Thegon township on 25 June. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

As a result, a total of 18 arrests were made on 24 and 25 June, with an estimated value of K162,571,840, as reported by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS

TOURISM

King Nadaung’s Maha Bawdi Pagoda and Inwa era’s inscriptions in Bagan attract visitors

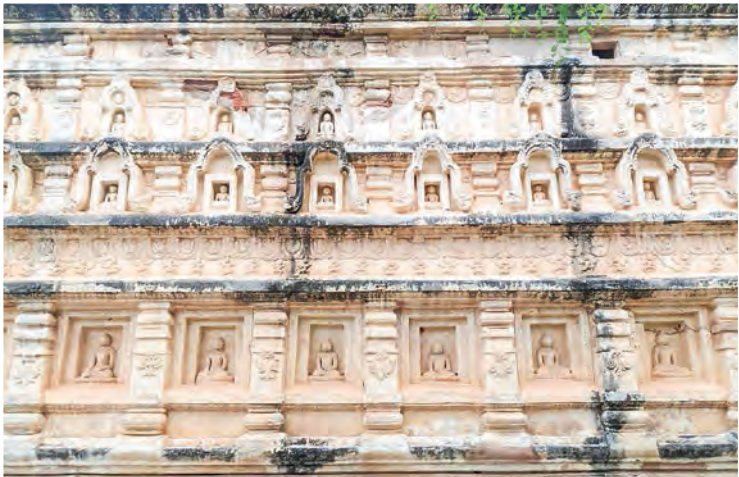
WHEN travellers visit the Bagan-NyaungU ancient cultural Zone, NyaungU Township, Mandalay Region, they can study the architecture of Maha Bawdi Pagoda, which was built by King Nadaung in 1215 AD.

The pagoda was built by King Nadaung in 1215 AD and is believed to have been built in the style of the Maha Bawdi Pagoda in Budh Gaya, where the Bodh was born. It can be seen that the lower part is built in the shape of an Indian temple, and the upper part is built in a pyramid shape.

The large statue inside the archway cave is a post-renovation work, and there is a small staircase to go up to the upper floor.



Maha Bawdi Pagoda in Bagan ancient cultural region.



On the east wall of the upper floor arch, visitors can study the inscriptions of the Inwa era.

Maha Bawdi Pagoda is a two-terrace building with a height of 140 feet.

There are small pagoda models in all four corners of the pagoda.

According to historical evidence, both the base and the upper part of the pagoda have

many small wall portals, and it can be observed that 465 Buddha images are placed in different postures.

To the north of the Maha Bawdi Pagoda are the Lacquerware College (Bagan) and the Ayeyawady River.

To the east of the pagoda is the Tharapa Gate.

To the south of the pagoda are Aung Myay Gone Palace

where the Kings Anawrahta and Kyansittha lived, Pittaka Building, and Taphatkya Pagoda.

To the west of the pagoda is Bu Pagoda.

According to officials of the Department of Archeology and National Museum (Bagan Branch), 3,822 pagodas with different construction styles in Bagan Ancient Cultural Zone can be studied.—Depar Lin/KZL

MoHT Union Minister participates in workshop exploring new potential destinations for Russian tourists

THE Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation held a round-table discussion on finding potential destinations for Russian tourists yesterday afternoon in Moscow and Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aung Thaw attended it online.

At the discussion, Minister of Economic Development Mr Maxim Reshetnikov gave opening speech via video message.

Then, the Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism said that the “Welcome Russia” programme in Myanmar is being implemented by related ministries, the Myanmar-Russia Friendship Association in collaboration with private associations to invite Russian tourists to visit Myanmar.

Next, a video clip about Myanmar’s destinations in the Russian language was shown, and Deputy Director General U Zayar Myo Aung and the Chairman of the Myanmar Tourism Entrepreneur Association talked about investment opportunities and destinations in the tourism sector. They explained the tour package plans.

After that, the joint-secretary of the Myanmar-Russia Friendship Association explained the “Welcome Russia” programme in Myanmar, and the participants from the two countries discussed matters related to airline operations and development of tourism between the two countries. — MNA/KZW



The workshop exploring new potential destinations for Russian tourists in progress on 26 June.

OPINION

Embracing accountability for a flourishing environment

FORESTS are of utmost importance in preserving the Earth's biodiversity. They serve as a habitat for over 60,000 tree species and support 80 per cent of the land-dwelling biodiversity, benefiting not only humans but also animals by providing resilience against climate change and other environmental challenges.

Countries worldwide are increasingly acknowledging the value of forests and striving to ensure their long-term preservation. Forests are essential for maintaining a healthy planet, as they stabilize ecosystems and promote societal well-being by mitigating the impacts of climate change and safeguarding biodiversity, soil quality, and water sources such as rivers and creeks.

In Myanmar, the months of June and July are dedicated to tree planting, taking advantage of the abundant rainfall during the monsoon season. The rainwater softens the soil, creating an optimal environment for cultivating trees and crops.

As forests are invaluable in maintaining the Earth's biodiversity and combating climate change, everybody needs to take responsibility for the thriving of trees. By acknowledging their significance and actively engaging in reforestation efforts, everybody needs to ensure a sustainable future for our planet and safeguard the diverse ecosystems that rely on forests for their survival.

sible, their impacts can be minimized through the promotion of reforestation efforts.

It is imperative for everyone to contribute to environmental greening by planting trees of various species. This collective effort helps mitigate the impacts of climate change and fosters social stability. Forests possess the ability to absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, thus reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Recognizing the indispensability of forest products to human society, individuals who understand the value of forests should actively participate in tree planting initiatives, regardless of their location.

Unfortunately, the planet experiences an estimated annual loss of 13 million hectares of forests, resulting in the loss of habitats for wildlife and biodiversity species. This, in turn, leads to the decline and potential extinction of various species.

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A Warrior of Solitude Who's Embracing Life's Serenade

YOU might have met someone who is passing his or her old age without a family member or companion. For everyone, the period of old age is very important because elderly people often need certain help. From morning to bedtime, elderly people cannot do everything about their daily routine such as washing their face, preparing breakfast, having breakfast, washing their clothes, having a bath, and even going to the toilet.

It is well known that as a society, we live much longer thanks to improved living conditions and health care. While being able to reach old age is something to be thankful for, in many ways, there are several challenges facing the elderly, which we all need to pay more attention to. Often it is not until we start to age ourselves or we see a loved one struggling that we sit up and take notice, but as a society, we can do more to make life easier for our ageing population. This article outlines the biggest challenges that elderly people face today and how we can support them and enable them to age with dignity.

There are lots of outdated stereotypes about elderly people, which can lead to isolation and marginalization in a lot of communities. By coming up with innovative

ways to involve older people in the community through social events, we can not only help them to maintain a sense of identity and self-esteem but also tap into the wealth of knowledge and experience they have, which is so vital for the development of society.

While we are living longer, unfortunately, the world of employment and retirement has not evolved at the same pace. Many elderly people are able and more than willing to work past the standard retirement age, but the opportunities are not there. In addition, managing day-to-day finances and planning for later life can be challenging for older generations as much is now done online or remotely. This can also leave them more vulnerable to fraud and scams.

A person's mobility and dexterity will naturally decline as they age, which makes completing everyday tasks more difficult. This can gradually cause people to care for themselves and prevents them from being social, pursuing interests, or taking part in activities they enjoy. More support is needed to enable elderly people not only to live independently through products and programs which focus on safety, balance, fitness, and mobility but also to ensure they can continue to thrive

as an individual.

When complete independence is no longer practical, many elderly people require additional care. Sometimes this care can be provided by family members, but this can place a lot of strain on the caregiver in terms of balancing this with work and other family responsibilities. These caregivers need to be given the training, resources, and emotional support necessary to help them deliver the best care for their loved ones and themselves.

In some cases, it is more appropriate for a professional caregiver to be employed regularly, e.g., when there are complex medical conditions and/or physical disabilities. With a comprehensive elder care service, the elderly person can remain in their own home.

Healthcare can be complicated and disjointed for elderly people, especially for those struggling with long-term conditions. The care requires lots of different medical professionals and clinics to coordinate the delivery of medication and other types of care.

We all need to prepare for the inevitable, but death is often a difficult topic for people to discuss or make plans for. Elderly individuals and their families need support when considering



the end-of-life options available, financial implications, and how to ensure that the individual's wishes are respected.

Among the much more socially complicated work mentioned above, I have an intimate friend who is one-year senior to me in the University but one-year junior in age. She is an ex-lecturer of an Education College. She is single and now in her late 60s. We were at the same University but we did not know in person each other at that moment as we took different majors. Unexpectedly, we became friends on Facebook

and she became a member of a group I established. I posted my articles in the group and she often made some comments about the respective articles. This is the beginning of our friendship.

Later, we exchanged our phone numbers and made phone contacts occasionally. Since then, I happened to take notice of her lonely life. She is in poor health and so am I. However, she is worse than I am because she has to take several medications for her kidney and liver. She is a stubborn lady who always refuses to have a companion to help her in her old age.

Some of her friends including me have urged her to raise a young girl many times but our advice is in vain.

She recently went to Yangon to take regular medical check-ups. In addition to her liver and kidney cases, she made some check-ups on her alimentary canal because she had some suspicions about it. The physicians managed her to take an endoscope through her anus with anaesthesia. On her trip to Yangon, she had no companion. She stayed at a monastery where she did there before. Therefore, she needed a companion while

By Yin Nwe Ko

taking anaesthesia. Fortunately, one of her intimate friends in Yangon helped her difficulty.

After the examination of her alimentary canal, the physician who made regular check-ups to her liver advised her to take other medical check-ups of her chest and lungs because she lost about 20 pounds during the recent period of about two months by noticing her coughs. Therefore, she would have to take an X-ray and check her phlegm. At that moment, she lost her appetite and could not eat well for days resulting in to become somewhat weak.

After coming out her X-ray and phlegm results, the physician decided that she had tuberculosis and made instructions to take medicine for TB which is very effective and powerful. When she came back from Yangon, she brought four groups of medicine – for the liver, kidney, alimentary canal, and TB. As she could not eat her meal well, she bought some fruits she likes from Yangon. Although she could not eat her lunch and dinner well, she had the fruits forced by herself as she was going to take the medicine. The fruits she ate could not support her enough energy as much as

rice and curry. Therefore, she got weak day after day.

Last night, I made a phone call to her to ask her about her health. Her voice was not heard immediately as usual. A little later, her voice came faint. She seemed to speak to me with force. I did not like her voice which was not active and strong. She said she could not stand up because she got dizzy when she did so. Therefore, she could move on her bed and an easy chair. I felt sorry for her a lot as I knew she was helpless. At this moment, there must be someone near her. In reality, someone should be near her long ago. There was no one to bring medicine or water. What is more, no one would cook and feed her what she liked. There was a queer thing. It was nothing but she has not imagined someone who would stay close to her and help her needs.

Will we regard her brave or stubborn? She has told me before that she liked her lonely life. It is not possible to allow anyone to enter her lonely life. Or is she a picky person? I am now closely 70. She includes the list of the people whom I have not understood up to now.

Plant-based meal packages associated with lower BMI in children: Study



The team found an association between increasing receipt of food packages and decreased BMI. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ANI

TAKING a “food is medicine” approach, according to a new study undertaken by experts at the Mass General Brigham hospital system, could increase nutrition security for families while simultaneously lowering children's body mass index (BMI). Researchers from Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston Children's Hospital explored if providing weekly plant-based snacks to families seeking food assistance during the epidemic affected children's weight.

The team found an association between increasing receipt

of food packages and decreased BMI. The findings, published in the journal Preventing Chronic Disease, add to a growing body of evidence that providing plant-based foods could be a useful strategy to prevent childhood obesity in children from food-insecure families.

“It's important to encourage healthy eating habits during childhood to help prevent co-morbidities associated with obesity later in life, but many families to do not have access to expensive healthy foods, such as produce,” said senior author Lauren Fiechtner, MD, MPH, Director of the Pediatric Nutrition Centre at Mass General for Children and Health and Research Advisor at The Greater Boston Food Bank. “Food pantries like MGH Revere that can provide families

with healthy foods are a huge help in making sure that kids have a long, healthy future and have the best cardiovascular and metabolic health possible from a young age.”

Food insecurity increased by 55% in the United States in 2020, affecting 42% of households with children. This increase was driven by a variety of factors, such as the economic impacts of the pandemic, the closure of schools, and disruption of food supply chains. As food insecurity increased, so did the prevalence of childhood obesity, rising from 19.3% to 22.4% between August 2019 and August 2020.

For families dealing with food insecurity, the challenge is usually one of food quality as much as food quantity.

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Low Pressure Area Condition

Issued at (12:00) hours M.S.T on 26-6-2023

ACCORDING to the observations at (10:30) hrs M.S.T today, the low pressure area over the Northwest Bay of Bengal and adjoining North Odisha - West Bengal Coasts (India) now lies over North Odisha. It is likely to across Jharkhand and north Chhattisgarh (India) and move toward north Madhya Pradesh and weaken gradually during next (48) hrs.

This is the last news for the low Pressure Area.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

Post-operative eye patients re-examined at Sitagu Cakkhudana Eye Hospital in Yangon

EYE specialists re-examined a total of 371 post-operative eye patients on 25 June at the Sitagu Cakkhudana Eye Hospital in Yangon.

The hospital examined a total of 522,730 eye patients and operated on 100,854 patients between January 1993 and December 2019.

There are 37 Sitagu-Ayudana, Arojadana and Cakkhudana hospitals opened by the Sitagu Sayadaw. New eye hospitals are being built in in Pale, Hkamti and Indaw townships in Sagaing region, Palaw and Myeik townships in Taninthayi



Follow-up medical checkup being performed on 371 eye patients at Sitagu Cakkhudana Hospital (Yangon).

Regional MSME agencies already established for development of MSME businesses

THE Ministry of Industry has already established regional MSME agencies to develop MSMEs in Myanmar, said the Union Minister for Industry on 25 June.

Regional MSME development agencies have been established in regions/states, including self-administrated zones and division in Shan State, and the respective agencies have to continue to work on MSME registration.

The Union Minister said that agencies must report their activities to the work committee, which has to report to the Central committee. MSMEs can apply for a member card via the MSME Web Portal and payment can be made by e-Payment. In addition, the SME temporary registration certificates will be issued together with the SME member card.

If the SME Law is enacted with amendments, the registration certificates will be issued to micro-enterprises. Additionally, the fast and accurate methods will be employed to keep abreast of ASEAN countries, and the Central committee will provide support to enrich the digital technology of MSMEs and make the digital economy more efficient.

— TWA/MKKS



A Myanmar woman illustrates Patheingyi.

More than 3,000 defamation, fraud cases occur online over past eight years

THE Consumer Affairs Department has issued an announcement that there have been around 3,000 online defamation and fraud cases in Myanmar during the last eight years.

Among these cybercrime offenses are reward benefit fraud, call center scams, savings and loan swindles, online banking scams with the use of fake applications, communication fraud, financial fraud, trade fraud, and investment scams. In addition, online transaction scams with fake Facebook accounts, scams using the website, online gambling and so on. The most common cybercrime is the social engineering attack, which is a fraud through the internet.

The department also informed the public that the social engineering attack is obtaining

money after devising schemes to win public trust and then deleting accounts or pages and throwing away SIM cards.

From 2015 to 2023, there were 2,485 cases of online defamation, and there were 526 cases of online fraud from 2019 to 2023. The Cyber Crime Unit under

the Criminal Investigation Department of the Myanmar Police Force has detected up to 35 applications related to the online loan business, and they have informed the public about the possible consequences of downloading and accessing these applications. — TWA/CT



A diagram shows possible crime based on cyber crime.

PHOTO NEWS

Traffic accidents occurs at Zayetkwin junction in Hlegu Township



A traffic accident happened at Zayetkwin junction of No 2 Highway in Hlegu Township of Yangon Region at about 10 pm on 26 June. A Man (unserious) was saved from the vehicle at 10:40 pm and sent to Hlegu Township People's Hospital by Township Red Cross Brigade, according to Fire Services Department. **Photo: FSD**

LOCAL BUSINESS

Premium export quality mangoes fetch above 100 Yuan per basket

THE premium export quality mangoes delivered to China were offered above 100 Yuan per 16-kg basket yet inferior quality ones cannot even cover the freight charge, Sai Khin Maung from Khwa Nyo fruit trading depot pointed out.

This being so, quality of fruits plays a pivotal role in export. Poor quality might yield a loss. So, he highlighted that only premium quality fruits can grab a strong market share.

“Mango skin colour, quality and uniform size are crucial in exports rather than quantity. Other export potential for mango paste, dried mango is still required to be examined. We have a favourable climate and fertile soil for mango trees yet inferior quality that did not meet export standards can make less benefits. The most important thing to consider is quality control. If not, the traders can face a huge loss like the case this year. Mar-



Buyers sorting quality mangoes at the wholesale centre of mango farm.

ket share can be increased only when the suppliers can maintain quality,” he elaborated.

Delay caused by China’s Customs policy changes led to quality degradation of the man-

go in early May 2023, traders involved in Muse border stressed.

Therefore, Myanmar sellers must closely observe the market conditions and fruit quality.

The growers are battered by high cost of cultivation input and market reputational risks every year. Last year, low use of cultivation input brought down quality, causing post-harvest

diseases such as stem end rot and black spot in fruit.

Some traders did not even cover the cultivation cost due to inferior quality of Seintalone mango.

Out of about 200 mango varieties originated in Myanmar, Seintalone, Shwehintha, Padamyar Ngamauk, Yinkwe, Machitsu and other varieties are primarily grown. Foreign market prefers Seintalone varieties.

Ayeyawady Region possesses the largest mango plantation acres, having about 46,000 acres. Bago Region is the second largest producer with 43,000 acres and Mandalay has 29,000 acres of mango. There are over 24,000 acres in Kayin State, over 20,400 acres in Shan State and over 20,000 acres in Sagaing Region, according to Myanmar Mango Market and Technology Development Association. — NN/EM

Palm oil wholesale reference price in Yangon Region rebounds this week



A retailshop sells palm oil to consumer.

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil in the Yangon market was set higher above K4,000 per viss this week ending 2 July, according to the Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution.

The reference price was set

at K3,860 per viss from 19 to 25 June. For a week ending 2 July, the price was set higher a bit at K4,010 per viss. The figures showed an increase of K150 per viss compared to that of the previous week.

The Supervisory Commit-

tee on edible oil import and distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia including transportation cost, tariff and banking service, and issuing the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil on a weekly basis.

Sale of palm oil is offered at a fairer price to the consumers directly depending on the reference price. However, there are limited sources of supply although they directly sell the palm oil at reference rate depending on the volume quota.

To meet the oil sufficiency in the domestic market, about 700,000 tonnes of cooking oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia.—NN/EM

Ginger price rocketing in last week of June 2023

THE prices of ginger jumped to K4,500-K8,000 per viss in the last week of June 2023 on the back of strong demand.

The price was below K1,000 per viss in the domestic market last year and then, it rose to K1,500-K1,800 per viss in late 2022.

Myanmar’s ginger is of better quality than Japanese ginger.

New ginger supply enters the Yangon market from the Aungban area, while Japanese ginger inflow is still not found in the market.

As ginger is exported to the external market this year, the prices climbed. The growers are therefore expanding the cultivation.

There are 19,333 acres of

ginger plantations in Myanmar. Shan State is the main producer of ginger from 12,787 acres, followed by Chin State 2,427 acres and Mandalay Region 935 acres, according to the statistics provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

Price of garlic from Shan State peaked at K9,000 per viss in the wholesale market this year. The prices of ginger and garlic from Aungban area, Shan State, reached an unprecedented high this year, making growers receive a handsome profit.

Myanmar produces more than 82,000 tonnes of ginger per year. The surplus after local consumption is sent to foreign markets.—TWA/EM

24 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 26 June, total figure registers 640,326

MYANMAR’S COVID-19-positive cases rose to 640,326 after 24 new cases were reported on 26 June 2023 according to the Ministry of Health. Therefore, a total of 10,831,466 laboratory samples were examined to date and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached 640,326. The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached 619,198 including 35 new recoveries.

The death toll from COVID-19 in the country registered 19,494 on 26-6-2023 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

ECONOMY

WORLD/AD

Malaysia's domestic visitors rise 33.7% on year in Q1



Visitors walk on the Rainbow Skywalk platform on the top of Penang state's landmark Komtar tower in Georgetown on Penang island in Malaysia on 10 March 2023. PHOTO: AFP

MALAYSIA'S domestic tourists rose 33.7 per cent year-on-year to 48.6 million visitors in the first quarter of 2023, official data showed Monday.

The Department of Statistics Malaysia (DOSM) said in a statement that for quarter-on-quarter compari-

son, the domestic visitors increased 3.9 per cent as compared to the fourth quarter of 2022.

Meanwhile, domestic tourism expenditure for the first quarter stood at 19.2 billion ringgit (4.1 billion US dollars), jumped 47 per cent year-on-year, and rose 4.6 per cent quar-

ter-on-quarter.

DOSM data also showed that the domestic tourism performance in Malaysia experienced a notable recovery in 2022, with a total spending of 64.1 billion ringgit, soaring 248.1 per cent from 18.4 billion ringgit in 2021.

The number of domestic visitors in 2022 also surged 160.1 per cent to reach 171.6 million compared to the 66 million recorded in 2021.

"After enduring nearly two years of the devastating COVID-19, the resumption of domestic tourism brings a sense of relief to the people of Malaysia and its economy," said DOSM. (1 ringgit equals 0.21 US dollars) — Xinhua

OPEC secretary general urges realism in energy transition

THE transition toward new energy must be done in a realistic manner that takes into account the critical need for energy supply stability and the ever-growing energy demands of the world economy, Haitham Al Ghais, secretary general of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), said here on Monday.

The transition toward new energy must take on

a holistic approach that includes the utilization of all energy production resources while also ensuring energy access to billions of people who lack modern energy services, Al Ghais said during his leadership address at the Energy Asia 2023 conference.

"The importance of market stability is not only important for the short term, it is critical for the longer term too.

In OPEC's world oil outlook, we see global energy demand increasing by 23 per cent through 2045 and I see no credible way to address this without using all available energy sources and with energy market stability as a guiding light," he explained.

"Gas, hydro, nuclear, hydrogen and biomass will expand but it is clear that oil will remain an integral part of the mix," he said. — Xinhua

Sri Lanka, Thailand start 5th round of FTA negotiations

THE fifth round of negotiations on the proposed Sri Lanka-Thailand Free Trade Agreement (FTA) commenced in Colombo on Monday, said the President's Media Division (PMD).

The PMD said it is done in keeping with Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe's vision of strengthening economic

ties with major and emerging economies, with a particular focus on ASEAN countries.

The next round of negotiations is scheduled to take place in Thailand from 21 to 23 August, and three additional rounds are planned to conclude the agreement by February 2024, with the signing expected to occur in March

2024, said the PMD.

The fourth round of negotiations on the trade agreement was held in March this year.

Sri Lanka is Thailand's fourth-largest trading partner in South Asia, and Sri Lanka's main exports to Thailand include gems, jewellery, tea, spices, fiber, and metal products. — Xinhua

Ministry of Transport and Communications

Myanma Port Authority

Invitation for Open Tender (MPA-PortEDI/1/2023)

1. Open tenders from experienced IT enterprises are invited (in foreign currency – USD) for Hardware Refreshment Project (1 Lot: Hardware Procurement including Warranty, Installation & Configuration, and Migration) of the Data Centre of Port EDI System operating by the Myanma Port Authority, the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

2. Tender Application Selling Date - 26-6-2023 to 14-7-2023
(Office Hours: 0930-1600)
and Place - International Relations and Human Resource Development Department, 1st Floor, Myanma Port Authority, No. 10, Pansodan Road, Kyauktada, Yangon

3. Tender Security Deadline - 14-7-2023 (Friday), 16:00 Hrs

4. Tender Submission Deadline - 20-7-2023 (Thursday), 13:00 Hrs
(Submission Deadline)
and Place - Tender Room, 1st Floor, Myanma Port Authority, No. 10, Pansodan Road, Kyauktada, Yangon

5. Contact details - 095146637, 095068979, 01-8383582 (within Office Hours)

Tender Acceptance and Evaluation Committee

German business morale worsens in June

GERMAN business sentiment fell more than expected in June, a key survey showed Monday, as the clouds gathered over Europe's largest economy.

The Ifo institute's confidence barometer, based on a survey of 9,000 companies, fell for the second month in a row to 88.5 points from 91.7 points in May.

Analysts surveyed by financial data company

FactSet had expected a reading of 90.8 points.

The weak score is the latest in a series of concerning data out of Germany, after the economy slipped into recession around the turn of the year.

The country's leading economic institutes, including Ifo, now expect the economy to shrink by 0.2 per cent over the course of 2023, as the outlook darkens. — AFP

Notice for Change of Distributor

We, **GuangDong ZhenGe Biotechnology Co.,Ltd.** would like to change the Distributor of the following products, which registered under Pesticide Registration Board, Myanmar, from **Myanmar Golden Byter Co.,Ltd.** to **Seinn Lae Thwin Co.,Ltd.**, If any objection or enquiry, please contact to Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Department of Agriculture, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon from here to next (2) weeks.

Sr.	The Old Distributor	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration Type	Registration No.	The New Distributor
1	Myanmar Golden Byter Co.,Ltd.	Royal Star	Chlorbenzuron 19% + Indoxacarb 1% SC	Provisional	P2022-4865	Seinn Lae Thwin Co.,Ltd.
2	Myanmar Golden Byter Co.,Ltd.	Dimebin	Dimethomorph 12% + Pyraclostrobin 6.7% WDG	Provisional	P2022-4760	Seinn Lae Thwin Co.,Ltd.

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Australia plans huge fines if big tech fails to tackle disinformation

TECH giants could face billions of dollars in fines for failing to tackle disinformation under proposed Australian laws, which a watchdog on Monday said would bring “mandatory” standards to the little-regulated sector.

Under the proposed legislation, the owners of platforms like Facebook, Google, Twitter, TikTok and podcasting services would face penalties worth up to five per cent of annual global turnover — some of the highest proposed anywhere in the world.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority, a government watchdog, would be granted a range of powers



A photo taken on 21 October 2020 shows the logo of the multinational American Internet technology and services company, Google (centre), the American online social media and social networking service, Facebook (Top R), Snapchat (Bottom R), Twitter (top L) and Instagram (bottom L) on a computer screen in Lille. PHOTO:AFP

to force companies to prevent misinformation

or disinformation from spreading and stop it

from being monetised. “The legislation, if

passed, would provide the ACMA with a range of new powers to compel information from digital platforms, register and enforce mandatory industry codes as well as make industry standards,” a spokesperson told AFP.

The watchdog would not have the power to take down or sanction individual posts.

But it could instead punish platforms for failing to monitor and combat intentionally “false, misleading and deceptive” content that could cause “serious harm”.

The rules would echo legislation expected to come into force in the European Union, where tech giants could face fines as high as six per

cent of annual turnover and outright bans on operating inside the bloc.

Australia has also been at the forefront of efforts to regulate digital platforms, prompting tech firms to make mostly unfulfilled threats to withdraw from the Australian market.

The proposed bill seeks to strengthen the current voluntary Australian Code of Practice on Disinformation and Misinformation that launched in 2021, but which has had only limited impact.

Tech giants including Adobe, Apple, Facebook, Google, Microsoft, Redbubble, TikTok and Twitter are signatories of the current code. — AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SINAR BANDA VOY.NO. (288N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SINAR BANDA VOY.NO. (288N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **27-6-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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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M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LNES

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V YANTRA BHUM VOY.NO. (1115W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **27-6-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S BEN LINE AGENCIES (S'PORE) PTE LTD

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
HOLIDAY NOTICE

AS the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the **29th JUNE 2023 (Qurbani Eid)**, Loading, Unloading and delivery for Goods will be received on Payment as Holiday Fees.

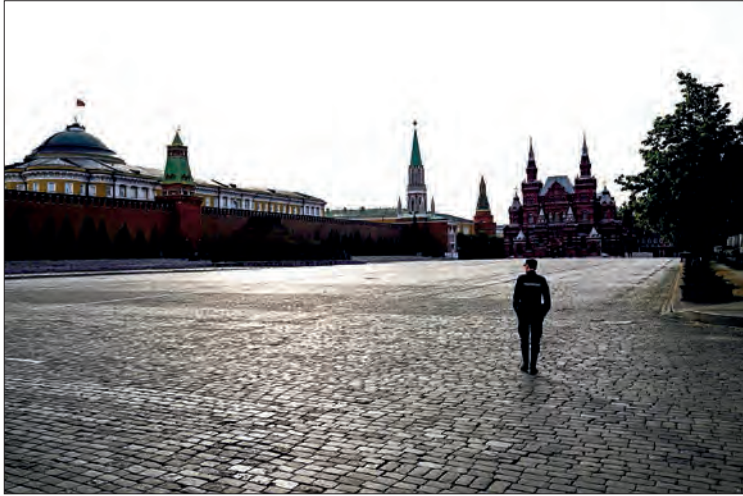
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Russia lifts counter-terrorist operation regime in Moscow



A policeman patrols an empty Red Square in Moscow, on 25 June 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

THE legal regime of the counter-terrorist operation against the Wagner private military group has been cancelled in Moscow and the Moscow region due to the normalization of the current situation, said the Russian government.

“Due to the absence of threats to life, health, property and other legally protected interests of people, the head of the counter-terrorist operation, the head of the Federal Security Service of Russia for the city of Moscow and the Mos-

cow region decided to cancel the counter-terrorist operation legal regime in Moscow and the Moscow region from 09:00 am local time (1200 GMT) on Monday,” said Russia’s National Anti-terrorism Committee in a statement.

Meanwhile, the temporary restrictions in Moscow and the Moscow region have also been lifted, said the statement, adding that the situation in the Moscow region remains stable currently.

Russia’s National Anti-terrorism Committee announced on Saturday that a counter-terrorist operation regime was introduced in Moscow city, the Moscow region and the Voronezh region to prevent possible terrorist acts after the Wagner private military group was accused of trying to organize an armed rebellion. — Xinhua

Chinese FM spokesperson makes remarks on Wagner Group incident

CHINA supports Russia in maintaining national stability and achieving development and prosperity, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said on Sunday.

According to reports, Yevgeny Prigozhin, founder of the Wagner Group, and all Wagner forces have withdrawn from the headquarters of the Russian southern army military com-

mand centre.

Prigozhin has accepted Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko’s suggestion for the group to halt its operation in Russia and take further steps to ease tensions. Russian President Vladimir Putin has given his assurance that Prigozhin can go to Belarus and Russia will drop the criminal case against him, according to reports.

In response to a media query, the spokesperson said that the Wagner Group incident is Russia’s internal affair.

As Russia’s friendly neighbour and comprehensive strategic partner of coordination for the new era, China supports Russia in maintaining national stability and achieving development and prosperity, said the spokesperson. — Xinhua

Mitsotakis back as Greek premier after election landslide

CONSERVATIVE leader Kyriakos Mitsotakis embarked Monday on his second term as Greece’s prime minister with a vow to accelerate institutional and economic reforms, after voters handed him a huge election victory for the second time in five weeks.

Crediting Mitsotakis and his New Democracy party for bringing economic stability to the erstwhile EU debt laggard, voters gave the conservatives their widest winning margin in almost 50 years on Sunday.

“No adversary, absolute dominance of Mitsotakis,” headlined centrist newspaper Ta Nea.

Hailing the “strong mandate”, Mitsotakis said that

“major reforms will proceed rapidly”, adding that he had “ambitious” targets for his next four years in power that could “transform” Greece.

Among his pledges is pouring money into the country’s public health system — which was stretched to its limits by the Covid-19 pandemic — and improving railway safety after the deaths of 57 people in a February train collision that was Greece’s worst rail disaster.

Congratulations poured in from world leaders swiftly after Mitsotakis’s victory.

“I look forward to continuing our close cooperation on shared priorities to foster prosperity and regional security,” said US President Joe Biden in a statement. — AFP



Greek Prime Minister and leader of the New Democracy conservative party, Kyriakos Mitsotakis (C) arrives at the Presidential Palace to receive the government mandate from Greek President Katerina Sakellariopoulou, on 26 June 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

Sudan civilians killed in battle for Khartoum police HQ

AT least 14 civilians have been killed in war-torn Sudan’s capital as rival forces are locked in a key battle over control of the Khartoum police headquarters, activists said Monday.

The paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF), which since mid-April has been fighting Sudan’s regular army, announced late Sunday a “victory in the battle for the police HQ”.

“The headquarters is under out complete control... and we have seized a large number of vehicles, arms and munitions,” the RSF said in a



In this picture taken on 20 June 2023, wounded people receive treatment at the al-Bashayer hospital in northern Khartoum. **PHOTO: AFP**

statement, noting the capture of pick-up trucks, armoured vehicles and tanks.

If the RSF, led by Mohamed Hamdan Daglo, maintain their hold on the strategic site, it “would have a major impact on the battle of Khartoum”, a former army officer told AFP, requesting anonymity.

Nearly 2,800 people have been killed across Sudan since a power struggle between army chief Abdel Fattah al-Burhan and his former deputy Daglo spilled into war more than two months ago, according to the

Armed Conflict Location and Event Data Project.

The actual death toll is expected to be much higher, with both forces failing to report casualties and many bodies left lying in the streets of Khartoum and in the western region of Darfur, where most of the violence has occurred.

The Khartoum police headquarters, on the southern edge of the city, gives the RSF “control of the southern entrance to the capital”, the former officer said. — AFP

Indian clock tells story of most populous nation

INDIA'S first population clock, made up of 10 white numbered cards on a large green metal board, attracts curious passersby who watch it record the story of the world's most populous nation.

The clock — manually updated every day according to projected estimates and akin to a cricket scoreboard in appearance — was first erected in 1982 when India was home to more than 684 million people, according to the 1981 government census.

That figure more than doubled in the following decades.

India grew rapidly to overtake China at the top of the pop-

ulation ranks with more than 1.42 billion people, according to a United Nations projection in April.

"An extra slot had already been made in the clock, expecting that we were going to cross one billion," said Professor Chander Shekhar at the International Institute for Population Sciences in Mumbai, where the clock is located.

Overpopulation has long been a concern, with the government establishing a nationwide family planning programme in 1952.

But it was a controversial

enforced-sterilization push in the 1970s that sparked public debates and spurred the institute to create the clock, Shekhar said.

Every day, security guards change the numbers using projections of the natural growth rate — the difference between the number of births and the number of deaths per 1,000 a year — derived from government and UN estimates.

"We feel good when we update the board, as passersby can also see the growing population numbers," 56-year-old security supervisor Salunkhe VV told AFP. — AFP



A pedestrian walks past a population clock board displayed outside the International Institute for Population Sciences (IIPS) in Mumbai on 2 June 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

UN report sounds alarm on surging global drug use

A United Nations (UN) report published on Monday warned of a sharp rise in the number of drug users globally and ever-expanding illicit drug markets fuelled by the easily accessible synthetic drugs.

The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) said in its annual report that 13.2 million people worldwide injected drugs in 2021, 18 per cent higher than its previous estimate, and over 296 million people worldwide used drugs in 2021, an increase of 23 per cent over the previous decade.

The number of people suffering from drug use disorders has skyrocketed to 39.5 million globally, a surge of 45 per cent over the decade, according to

the report.

The report noted that the cheap, easy and fast production of synthetic drugs, including fentanyl, has "radically transformed" illicit drug markets around the world with "lethal results."

"Fentanyl has drastically altered the opioid market in North America with dire consequences," the report said.

In 2021 alone, the majority of the nearly 90,000 opioid-related overdose deaths in North America involved illegally manufactured fentanyl.

"Continued record illicit drug supply and increasingly agile trafficking networks are compounding intersecting global crises and challenging health

services and law enforcement responses," the UNODC noted in the report.

The report also pointed out the lack of access to treatments for drug-related disorders and the wide disparities in access to such treatments across regions.

"Only one in five people suffering from drug-related disorders were in treatment for drug use in 2021," it said.

The UNODC called for prioritizing public health, prevention and access to treatment services worldwide and improving law enforcement responses to tackle the proliferation of synthetic drugs and the increasingly agile criminal business models. — Xinhua

Version 3.0 China-ASEAN FTA holds 3rd round negotiations

THE opening ceremony of the third round of negotiations on Version 3.0 China-ASEAN Free Trade Area (FTA) was held Sunday in Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, said the Ministry of Commerce.

About 370 officials from relevant authorities of China and the Association of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries, as well as the ASEAN Secretariat, attended the negotiations, which last from 24 June to 27 June.

The Version 3.0 China-ASEAN FTA will further upgrade the comprehensive strategic partnership between China and ASEAN countries, said

Vice Commerce Minister Wang Shouwen at the opening ceremony.

Efforts will be made to enhance China-ASEAN cooperation in the digital and green economy, as well as the supply and industrial chains, in a bid to boost the high-quality development of bilateral economic and trade relations and the regional economic integration, Wang added.

China is ready to work with ASEAN countries to jointly improve the level of open cooperation in Version 3.0 China-ASEAN FTA, and build an inclusive, modern, comprehensive, and mutually beneficial agreement, said Wang. — Xinhua

Prince William to launch new UK homelessness initiative

BRITAIN'S Prince William will launch Monday a new UK-wide initiative aiming to show that it is possible to end homelessness and make it "rare, brief, and un-repeated", Kensington Palace announced.

William, 41, the heir to the throne, and his charitable Royal Foundation will help give six flagship locations across Britain "space, tools, and relationships" to work on preventing homelessness locally.

Promising a "transformative approach" to the issue, the



Britain's Prince William, Prince of Wales (C) attends the opening of Centrepoint's Reuben House in London on 13 June 2023. **PHOTO: VICTORIA JONES / POOL / AFP**

five-year initiative — dubbed Homewards — will try to create a "tried and tested model that can be scaled across the UK and beyond".

It aims to unlock "unprecedented partnerships" and boost understanding of homelessness, with the programme launching alongside new research suggesting that one in five people in Britain have some experience of homelessness.

"In a modern and progressive society, everyone should have a safe and secure home,

be treated with dignity and given the support they need," William said in a statement. "Through Homewards, I want to make this a reality and over the next five years, give people across the UK hope that homelessness can be prevented when we collaborate."

"It's a big task, but I firmly believe that by working together it is possible to make homelessness rare, brief, and un-repeated and I am very much looking forward to working with our six locations to make our ambition a reality." — AFP

Indian clock tells story of most populous nation

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

1. Political affairs

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

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance development based on agriculture and livestock using modern production techniques and to strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.
- (b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.
- (c) To assure support for the sustainability of Micro-, Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises (MSMEs) that prioritize import substitution, export production, and the use of domestically produced raw materials, in order to increase domestic production and generate employment opportunities.
- (d) To advance the socioeconomic life of the people, in order to ensure the country's prosperity and food security.

3. Social affairs

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

Top women hurdlers ready to go under 12 seconds

REIGNING Olympic champion Jasmine Camacho-Quinn and world record holder Tobi Amusan said Monday they were ready to run the 100m hurdles in under 12 seconds if the bars remained at their present height.

Amusan set the current world record of 12.12 seconds at last year's World Championships.

She even managed 12.06 seconds in the final, but the time was not recognised as a new record because of tailwind.

"I'm a big believer in the Bible, nothing is impossible and 11 seconds? Most definitely," Amusan told reporters ahead of Tuesday's Golden Spike meet in the eastern Czech city of Ostrava.

"I do think it's possible and I hope it happens during our time," added Camacho-Quinn, who won gold at the Covid-delayed 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

She added the world record "should be faster than what it really is".

"You can be super fast on the 100 and you can be super fast on the 200 but sometimes that speed is too much for hurdles and it all becomes about rhythm at that point and technique."



Puerto Rico's Jasmine Camacho-Quinn looks on during a press conference in Ostrava, Czech Republic on 26 June 2023, on the eve of the IAAF 61st Golden Spike 2023 Athletics Meeting on 27 June. **PHOTO: AFP**

"It's just about piecing it together," added the 26-year-old Puerto Rican.

Both Camacho-Quinn and Amusan said hurdles should stay at 84 centimetres (33 inches) of height, despite an ongoing debate on raising them to give priority to technique over speed.

"I'm basically 5'9 (174 centimetres) and I still do clip a hurdle," said Camacho-Quinn.

"I obviously don't see the point of raising them. What do people expect from that? Be-

cause the times are going to change. You're just going to see us jumping up the whole time," she added.

Amusan, who is 5'1 (156 centimetres) tall, had even less sympathy, laughing the idea off.

"I feel like we have a lot of hurdlers that are really short," said the Nigerian.

"That's not what people will see. They just see us on TV and they're like, 'Oh, she's so tall, she's so bulky.' I'm not bulky, I'm not tall." — AFP

Modric extends Real Madrid contract until 2024

VETERAN Real Madrid midfielder Luka Modric will stay at the club for another season after renewing his deal until

June 2024, the Spanish side said Monday. Modric, 37, remains a key player for Madrid and decided to

stay despite strong interest from Saudi Arabia, looking to recruit him at the end of his previous contract, which expires this month.

The Croatian follows Toni Kroos, Dani Ceballos and Nacho Fernandez in extending his time at Madrid this summer.

"In his 11 seasons defending our shirt, he has played 488 games and won 23 trophies," said Real Madrid in a statement.

Modric has lifted the Champions League five times with Madrid since joining in 2012 from Tottenham, as well as La Liga on three occasions and two Copas del Rey.

Turning 38 in September, 2018 Ballon d'Or winner Modric faces stiff competition next season at the Santiago Bernabeu. — AFP



Croatia's midfielder Luka Modric reacts as he walks past the UEFA Nations League cup after losing against Spain at the end of the UEFA Nations League final football match between Croatia and Spain at the De Kuip Stadium in Rotterdam on 18 June 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

Barcelona confirm Gundogan signing from Man City

ILKAY Gundogan has signed for Barcelona on a free transfer at the end of his Manchester City contract, the Catalan club said Monday.

The German midfielder, 32, has agreed a two-year deal with the option for a year's extension and a release clause of 400 million euros (\$436 million).

"He is bringing his presence, nose for goal and reading of the game which has made him one of the best midfielders of the past decade," said Barcelona in a statement.

Gundogan has been an influential presence for Pep Guardiola's City side since joining in 2016, captaining the team to a stunning treble this season.

The midfielder netted twice in the FA Cup final win over rivals Manchester United and Guardiola admitted City were trying to renew his deal.

Manchester City are poised to seal the arrival of Mateo Kovacic from Chelsea to help replace Gundogan, who won five Premier League titles during his time at the club, as well as helping them earn their first ever Champions League win this season.

"This club made me realize all my dreams and I will forever be thankful for this opportunity," Gundogan told Manchester City's club website.

"I will carry City always in my heart. Once a blue, always a blue." — AFP