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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.

Assistance and cooperation of Russian is playing a key role in development of Myanmar: Senior General

THE Russian Ambassador made concerted efforts for defence, international affairs and bilateral relations as well as the best performance for development of Myanmar during his seven years term of service, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing at the ceremony to confer honorary title Wunna Kyaw Htin on Russian Ambassador to Myanmar Dr Nikolay Listopadov for his performances in firmly initiating friendly relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Russia at the Credentials Hall of the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

In his speech, the Senior General said during the period, the Russian ambassador served the wider range of service amid political changes. As he served more enhancement of diplomatic relations between the two countries, the honorary title was conferred on him. The Russian Ambassador made concerted efforts for defence, international affairs and bilateral relations as well as the best performance for development of Myanmar during his seven years term of service. On his arrival back in Russia, the Senior General requested the ambassador to perform further widening the cooperation arena of both countries and further improvement of friendly relations. Assistance and cooperation of Russian is playing a key role in development of Myanmar. Myanmar students



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing and Wunna Kyaw Htin title recipient Russian Ambassador Dr Nikolay Listopadov pose for documentary photos on 30 June.

attended the universities in Russian to turn out necessary human resources for Myanmar. With regard to conferring honorary title on foreign ambassador to

Myanmar, the Russian Ambassador was the first title recipient.

The Russian Ambassador expressed his thanks for coffering the honorary title

on him. The ambassador said that the Senior General openly discussed bilateral relations with Russian Federation

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Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

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AS it is necessary to continuously control infection of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), it is hereby announced that public requests, orders, notifications and directives (except for easing the restrictions) released by the Union-level organizations and Union ministries up to 30 June 2023 have been extended until 31 July 2023 for prevention, control and treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

26 new cases of COVID-19 reported on
30 June, total figure registers 640,443

MYANMAR’S COVID-19-positive cases rose to 640,443 after 26 new cases were reported on 30 June 2023 according to the Ministry of Health. Therefore, a total of 10,856,102 laboratory samples were examined to date and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached 640,443.

The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached 619,360 including 11 new recoveries.

The death toll from COVID-19 in the country registered 19,494 on 30-6-2023 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

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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
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

Continued efforts exerted to achieve nationwide peace

IN the political sector, multiparty democracy will be exercised and in the executive sector, a Union system will be adopted based on democracy and federalism. The NCA is a commitment made between the government and the EAOs with the international organizations acting as the witnesses. Positive results have been achieved in discussions with the EAOs. We will continue to make sustained efforts to achieve peace across the nation.

(Excerpts from the speech delivered by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the SAC meeting 2/2023 on 23 February 2023)

Assistance and cooperation of Russian is playing a key role in development of Myanmar: Senior General

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President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin during the 7th Eastern Economic Forum held in Vladivostok of Russia in last September. Due to mutual understanding, trust and respects and cooperation improved. Primarily, enhancement of cooperation is important in defence, politics, trade, economics and investment arenas. Education is of importance in turning out human resources. The ambassador pledged to further enhance bilateral relations and cooperation with concerted efforts. Russia will provide necessary assistance to Myanmar. The ambassador pledged to expedite efforts for friendly ties and cooperation between the two countries and expressed his delightedness for receiving the

honorary title. Afterwards, the Senior General and the Russian Ambassador discussed trade promotion between the two countries, economic cooperation, promotion of tourism industry, and promotion of cooperation in education, health, industry, science and technology, sports and cultural sectors. Later, the Senior General and the Russian Ambassador had documentary photos taken. — MNA/TTA

Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing presents certificate and regalia of Wunna Kyaw Htin title to Russian Ambassador Dr Nikolay Listopadov.



MoTC holds 2023 rainy season tree planting, fish releasing ceremonies



THE tree-planting and fish-releasing ceremony 2023 took place in the compound of Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station yesterday morning. At the ceremony, Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San said 90 per cent of people and all living creatures on the earth rely on trees and forests for habitation. It is also necessary to pay attention to

the growth of planted trees, and tree planting events were held every year to make the country green. At the ceremony, a total of 19,832 saplings were planted at the departments and organizations of the ministry. After that, the Admiral attended the ceremony to release 20,000 rohu fingerlings into the dam near the Ministry of Transport and Communications in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA/KZW

Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San releases fingerlings into the dam near the Ministry of Transport and Communications on 30 June.

Human resources are being turned out for operating manufacturing process which plays a key role in promotion of State economy: Senior General



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing delivers address at State economic promotion meeting at SAC Chairman office on 30 June.

State-owned factories must be operated with benefit, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the State economic promotion meeting at the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Myanmar embraced 3.2 per cent increase of State economy in 2022-23 financial year. The Senior General expressed his review that economic change of the country depended on trade and incomes as well as human resources. Myanmar stood seventh to eighth positions in GDP in ASEAN countries. Thai's GDP stood with US\$536.16 billion, Malaysian GDP US\$407.923 billion, Viet Nam's GDP US\$406.452 billion and Myanmar's GDP US\$60 billion. These countries' export position of agriculture and livestock farm is very different from Myanmar.

Lesser volume of Myanmar's agriculture sector participates in the GDP of the nation.

Myanmar cultivates 14.9 million acres of monsoon paddy this year, and more than 13 million acres of land are farmlands. Of them, 6.6 million acres of farmlands are placed under the double crops and 7.3 million acres under beans, sunflower, tapioca or other crops. If one acre of crop produces K1 million worth of products, the country will get products worth K7,300 billion. If so, participation of agricultural sector in the GDP will increase.

Oil crop cultivation was undertaken on 800,000 acres of land without oil palm in 2022-23 FY. It may yield 690,000 tonnes of oil. All oil crops can be produced for 126.2 per cent of oil sufficiency. If all cultivation of oil crops is undertaken, oil sufficiency of the nation will be 249.5 per cent.

The Senior General also highlighted cultivation of cotton, kitchen crops, coffee, tea and livestock breeding farming tasks.

The Senior General underscored that the country faced

more than \$12 billion of trade deficit from 2011 to 2016 and \$12.61 billion from 2016 to 2021. The government solved the spending of foreign currency from the international aid and loans.

The Senior General urged all to practise the thrift for spending the money except necessary spending without fail. Hence, people need to use locally made products instead of imported ones.

The Senior General noted that the government will import necessary volume of fertilizers for agriculture sector. Moreover, it is necessary to use natural fertilizers and bio-fertilizer for the agricultural farms.

The Senior General said that power generation projects were suspended and cancelled in the previous government terms. So, the country is not sufficient in electricity. Hence, it is necessary to generate electricity from small scale hydropower plants and solar power projects.

Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein reported on restrictions in promotion of State economy and solving ways, GDP increase from 2020 to 2023 in financial years, development of agriculture, industry and service sectors, disbursement from State economic promotion fund, inflation rate, and management for State owned enterprises.

The chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council and chief ministers of regions and states also presented reports on undertaking for development of MSME, local food sufficiency, expansion of agriculture and livestock farms, increase of export volume, incomes of foreign exchange, and opening of industrial, agriculture and livestock schools.

SAC members, Union ministers and senior military officers reported on reform for State owned enterprises and industries for having economic effectiveness, betterment of market economic system, assis-

stance for MSMEs, capital, quality seeds, inputs and techniques for boosting production of agriculture and livestock farms.

In his speech, the Senior General said if groundnut and sesame oils are produced at home, the country will have oil sufficiency. He urged region and state authorities to manufacture tyres and tubes in relevant states and regions. It is necessary to restrict illegal trade which can harm incomes of the State.

In his concluding remarks, the Senior General stressed that State-owned factories must be operated with benefit. Agriculture and livestock products are sure raw materials of MSME businesses. Human resources are being turned out for operating manufacturing process which plays a key role in promotion of State economy. The Senior General urged all region and state chief ministers to arrange learning of all school-age children to have school education and techniques. — MNA/TTA

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs receives Russian Ambassador

U Than Swe, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar received Dr Nikolay Listopadov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, who is leaving Myanmar upon completion of his tour of duty in Myanmar at 12:30 pm yesterday, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the farewell call, both sides cordially exchanged views on the matters pertaining to the further consolidation of longstanding friendly relations and multifaceted cooperation between Myanmar and Russia in the future.



Union Minister U Than Swe holds talks with Dr Nikolay Listopadov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 30 June.

The Union Minister also commended the Ambassador for his remarkable contribution to the advancement of Myanmar-Russia bilateral relations and cooperation during his tenure. — MNA

MoHT Union Minister receives Vice-President of Russia-Myanmar Association for Friendship and Cooperation

UNION Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Aung Thaw received Mr Solonetsky Vitaly, Vice-President of the Russia-Myanmar Association for Friendship and Cooperation, Mr Seferov Rusher, secretariat of the association, and officials from Aquarius IT company, Russia-based CMR Bank and Food Line Trading company at the ministry, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the courtesy call, they cordially exchanged views on implementation of Myanmar's tourism industry development, tourism cooperation between



Union Minister U Aung Thaw meets Mr Solonetsky Vitaly, Vice-President of the Russia-Myanmar Association for Friendship and Cooperation on 30 June.

two countries, launching of familiarization trip involving Russian travel agencies, media and tourism entrepreneurs, bilateral cooperation between Russia and Myanmar such as IT, trading, currency exchange, payments and banking sectors. — MNA/MKKS

MoST Union Minister receives Russian Ambassador to Myanmar

DR Myo Thein Kyaw, Union Minister for Science and Technology, received Dr Nikolay Listopadov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Myanmar, who is leaving Myanmar upon completion of his tour of duty in Myanmar, at 2 pm yesterday, at the Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the farewell call, they friendly discussed long-term strengthening of friendship

between two countries, implementation of human resource development, increasing cooperation and launching of nuclear technology for socio-economic development with peaceful purposes, bilateral cooperation of universities, cooperation for the development of science and technology sector between Myanmar and Russia.—MNA/MKKS



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Kyaw receives Dr Nikolay Listopadov, Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Myanmar on 30 June.

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.

Illegal foodstuffs, industrial materials, consumer goods and vehicles confiscated

A combined team led by a police officer from Tanai Myoma Police Station captured an unregistered 12-wheel truck (approximately K15 million) at the combined checkpoint in Tanai on 27 June. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

The on-duty teams under the management of the Mandalay Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force conducted inspections at the Latpanhla-Singu temporary checkpoint on 28 June and confiscated a total of 2,750 Kilogrammes of suspected Calcium Chloride bags worth K11 million from a Nissan Diesel Condor truck (approx-

mately K15 million) heading to Mandalay from Bhamo and 4,800 Kilogrammes of peanut worth K9.6 million, 2,250 Kilogrammes of suspected Calcium Chloride worth K9 million and 4,500 Kilogrammes of peanut worth K9 million from a Nissan Diesel Condor truck worth K15 million heading to Mandalay from Bhamo. The action was taken under Customs Procedures.

In addition, the on-duty teams nabbed four kinds of goods worth K9.25 million including 180 ceramic tiles that were not declared in the Import Declaration (ID) from a container at the Myanmar Industrial Port, eight



Photos show illegally imported vehicle and steel with basins.

kinds of goods worth K16 million including 822 porcelain tiles that were different from the ID from a container at the Asia World Port Terminal container checkpoint and five kinds of goods worth K17.49 million including 25 sets of



steel with basin, 11 kinds of goods worth K14.7 million including four gear pumps for motor and six kinds of goods worth K130.68 million including 44 Taiyu pumps that were not declared in the ID from three containers at the

Hteedan Port on 28 June. The effective action was taken under Customs Procedures.

An unregistered Honda CRV car (estimated value of K3.5 million) was captured by No 2 Traffic Police Force Branch near 100 Tollgate on Yangon-Pathein road in West Hlinethaya township on 28 June. The action was taken under the respective Procedures.

Therefore, 13 arrests (the estimated value of K275,220,000) were made on 27 and 28 June, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS

UEC examines three Shan State-based political parties as per Political Parties Registration Law and Rules

UNION Election Commission Chairman U Thein Soe met with Chairperson and members of Pa-O National Organization-PNO, Inn National League Party and Danu National Democracy Party at Shan State government office in Shan State (South) and inspected the party's work procedures in accordance with the Political Parties Registration Law and Rules yesterday.

These parties were permitted to register in May 2023 in accord with the Political Parties Registration Law and Rules.

During the meeting, the UEC Chairman highlighted the needs to follow the Political Parties Registration Law and Rules released by UEC, gather the numbers of party member as per the stipulation within 90 days, seek permission of respective General Administration Departments and township Municipal Committees to establish township party offices within 180



UEC Chairman U Thein Soe meets chairmen and members of PNO, Inn National League Party and Danu National Democracy Party at Shan State government office on 30 June.

days, conduct systematic set up for township party offices and duty assignment to members, change of national ID cards with

citizenship scrutiny cards and make preparations after opening party offices to be ready for the inspection tours of UEC, General Administration Department, Ministry of Planning and Finance and office of the auditors department.

The PNO headquarters based in Taunggyi Township of Shan State (South) is located at No 18 of west ring road in Zaypaing Ward in Taunggyi and allowed to register as political party as per Section 9 of Political Parties Registration Law with notification No 15/2023 of UEC, while the Inn National League Party headquarters located in Yongyi street, near Taiknan bridge of Kantha Ward of Nyaungshwe with notification No 20/2023 and Danu National Democracy Party at No 10/64 in Cherry street of No 10 ward of Kalaw with notification No 26/2023. — MNA/KTZH

Ways needed to seek international assistance for storm victims



Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing speaking at meeting of Working Committee for International Relations 3/2023 on 30 June.

THE meeting of the Working Committee for International Relations (2/2023) under the National Disaster Management Committee was held at the Ministry of International Cooperation yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, U Ko Ko Hlaing, the Union Minister for International Cooperation, in the capacity of the Chairman of the Working Committee for International Relations, highlighted exploring the ways of coordination among stakeholders for the effective provision of international assistance to the Cyclone Mocha affected people.

Dr Thet Thet Khine, the Union Minister for Social Welfare,

Relief and Resettlement, in the capacity of the Vice Chair 2 of the National Disaster Management Committee, deliberated the ongoing collaboration among stakeholders as an important role for cyclone response.

U Kyaw Myo Htut, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, in the capacity of the Vice Chair of the Working Committee, briefed the meeting on the updates of international assistance and donation to cyclone affected population. Working Committee members suggested the possible ways for the effective cooperation in the international assistance to the cyclone-affected population. — MNA

Deputy FM receives Acting Undersecretary of Department of Foreign Affairs of RP

U Kyaw Myo Htut, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs received the Philippines delegation headed by Mr Eduardo Jose A De Vega, Acting Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Philippines at yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

They cordially exchanged views on enhancing the existing friendly bilateral relations and promoting cooperation between the two countries in the all arenas, as well as the matters pertaining to combatting cybercrime in regional and cooperating



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Myo Htut receives Mr Eduardo Jose A De Vega, Acting Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Philippines on 30 June.

fight against human trafficking, and strengthening closer collaboration in regional and multilateral contexts, and other matters of mutual interests. — MNA

DM of MoIP meets Acting of Undersecretary of Department of Foreign Affairs of RP

DEPUTY Minister of Immigration and Population U Htay Hlaing met Mr Eduardo Jose A De Vega, Acting Undersecretary for Migrant Workers' Affairs, Department of Foreign Affairs of the Government of Philippines at 2 pm yesterday at the Ministry

Office in Nay Pyi Taw. During the meeting, both sides cordially exchanged of views on the state of cooperation between Myanmar and the Philippines in immigration measures, visa approval for the two countries, the status of extending the visa

allowance of Philippine citizens in Myanmar, the status of the ministry's cooperation in preventing and combating transnational crimes and human trafficking and mutual assistance between the two countries for victims of human trafficking. — MNA/TS

MoI officers, staff recount experiences on oversea trips

AN experience sharing workshop of officers and staff who returned from oversea paper reading event, workshops and meetings was held at the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In his speech, Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn said the knowledge sharing event is conducted to improve the work processes based on the international experiences. Those made foreign trips for meetings, discussions, paper reading and excursion should apply such international experiences in their working environment effectively and make efforts to develop their departments and work plans.

Then, Deputy Director General of Media Development Department U Zeyar made a



video presentation for his experiences of attending 23rd ASEAN

Subcommittee Meeting on Information held in Hanoi of Viet

Nam, Director of MRTV Daw Moe Thuzar Aung about round-

table discussion of Asia Video Industry Association and Asia Video Summit held in Singapore, Director of Media Development Department U Aung Myo Thant about 7th media working group meeting held in Cambodia, Staff Officer of MRTV Daw Tin Tin Myat about paper reading session on ASEAN characteristic and enhancement of ASEAN-Korea cooperation held in Indonesia and Assistant Director of Media Development Department Daw Myat Kyay Mon about workshop on capacity building of TV broadcasters through documentary programme production on marine plastic waste held in Viet Nam.

Then, the Union Minister and participants raised questions for the facts that they wanted to know. — MNA/KTZH

Rainy season tree-planting ceremony held at Sittway University

CHAIRMAN of the Rakhine State Disaster Management Committee Chief Minister of Rakhine State U Htein Lin attended the rainy season of tree planting ceremony at the Sittway University yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the forest plantations must be established and cultivated either individually or in groups, and people must work together to prevent destruction of the ecosystem.

After that, Chief Minister U Htein Lin, Regional Control Command Commander Brig-Gen Hsan Htay Maung, and officials handed over the seed bags to officials.

The Ministry of Immigration and Population has issued 722 citizenship scrutiny cards



and 756 household registrations to the damaged ones in Mocha to the people in Sittway, Ponnagyun, Pauktaw, Rathedaung, Buthidaung and Kyauktaw town-

ships as from 12 June, and preparations are being made to issue 967 CSCs and 694 household registrations to the locals.—MNA/KZW

Myanmar delegation joins 17th ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction

A Myanmar delegation led by Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development U Khant Zaw attended the 17th ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction held in Beihai, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region from 26 to 29 June.

During the forum, the Permanent Secretary discussed the government's efforts in rural development and poverty reduction activities, measures to narrow the development gap across the region and cooper-

ation work ensuring sustainable development in respective sector.

The forum discussed sustainable goals for rural development and poverty reduction, future work plans with achievement and good experiences, market collaboration, poverty reduction through trade, food security and poverty reduction and other matters.

The delegations of ASEAN states also made study tours to unique places of Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region.— MNA/KTZH

Electric motorcycles arrive at Yangon Port



Electric motorcycles seen at Yangon Port.

WITH the permission from the National Electric Vehicle and Related Industries Development Steering Committee, NCX Myanmar Co Ltd imported 192 Wuyang Honda (U-GO) type electric motorcycles, which arrived at Yangon Port. These motorcycles were allowed to be taken out in accordance with the procedure on 30 June, and the import was exempted from customs duties. — MNA/KZW



ASEAN-China Village Leaders Exchange Programme in progress in China from 26 to 29 June.

OPINION

Create a happy society for older persons in Myanmar

MYANMAR stands apart from other nations due to its flourishing four cardinal virtues: affection, compassion, empathetic joy, and detachment. Regardless of racism, religion, doctrine, or localism, the people of Myanmar can associate with each other peacefully, intertwining these virtues. One noteworthy aspect of Myanmar society is its tradition of paying respect to elders and giving priority to senior citizens who have dedicated their lives to serving the community. These older individuals have carried the traditions and legacy of society, ensuring its longevity and strength.

In light of their contributions and long-lasting lives, it is essential for everyone in Myanmar society to extend loving-kindness towards older persons. During their sunset years, they deserve attention, priority, and empathy from the community in recognition of their past sacrifices and services. Offering a helping hand to the elderly enables them to spend this phase of their lives joyfully.

Moreover, the government provides social pensions to individuals above 85 years of age, offering financial assistance for their needs. Nevertheless, children should provide even greater support and compassion to their parents. Likewise, the wider Myanmar society should lend a helping hand to the elderly, allowing them to navigate the remaining paths of life with ease. Such acts of kindness serve as noble and meritorious deeds, fostering positive cycles within the community.

lend a helping hand to the elderly, allowing them to navigate the remaining paths of life with ease. Such acts of kindness serve as noble and meritorious deeds, fostering positive cycles within the community.

It is crucial for everyone to recognize that they too will grow older one day, provided they are fortunate enough to experience a long life. This is because people worldwide often lose their lives at different ages. Therefore, during the period when individuals can stand tall in their own lives, it is imperative that they exhibit warm kindness towards one another, free from any attachments. By doing so, they can shape a happy and pleasant society, establishing it as a cherished tradition for future generations.

That is why Myanmar society thrives on the values of affection, compassion, empathetic joy, and detachment. This society holds a deep respect for older persons, acknowledging their contributions and dedications. It is the responsibility of each individual to extend loving-kindness towards the elderly, both within their families and throughout society. By supporting and empathizing with older persons, Myanmar can foster a society that values and cherishes its elders, ultimately shaping a happy and fulfilling community for all.

MYANMAR society generally accepts that house chores must be done by the housewife. As a tradition of Myanmar society, Myanmar families exercise the division of labour that husbands must serve livelihoods for families to earn incomes to be spent on various expenses. On the other hand, the housewife has to serve the household chores.

Daily challenges

Currently, every family is facing financial problems monthly. Even though both husband and wife earn incomes but their incomes are not enough for monthly expenditures. Mostly, low-income families are suffering the severe impacts of the mundane world. Everybody can guess that if the family of husband and wife faces difficulties in daily routine, the families comprising offspring will be sure to suffer unprecedented plights and they have to try hard to overcome daily challenges. Hence, current Myanmar families have to work to earn incomes for families with the strength of all adult family members.

Those from low-income families are working one after another to earn income for their families. They do not have extra time for daily routine but they wish to extend hours of the day to do more work for securing surplus incomes. Only if, increased incomes will help their families be a smooth and convenient process. Generally, as most of the low-income family members had completed lesser middle school education, they are difficult having knowledge and experience of the vocational techniques. As a result, most of them are consoled with the status of labour workers with the least daily wages.

Another challenge in the society

At a time when low-income families are trying hard to overcome social and financial challenges on a monthly basis, middle-class and high-class families are also experiencing some social and family problems. As they are educated persons, they are able to work their jobs by applying their experiences and skills. So, their high salaries help their families happy and prosperous. However, as a nature of human beings, they have some greed to earn more and more income from their jobs. As such, they try hard to enhance

their capacity and qualification so as to apply for higher positions of the jobs. Depending on their skills and talents, bosses of jobs settle them in the appropriate positions and give deserved salaries as an encouragement to their efforts. As such, both husband and wife of those middle and high-class families are trying to march forward towards the goals they expected.

But, a common problem can be seen among these three classes of families in Myanmar society. It can be said that they do not have a spare time. Some persons are trying to earn incomes based on their lower education and knowledge so as to support their families. So they spend many hours at workplaces. Those from middle and high-class families are also seeking the best ways and means to earn more and more incomes for their wealthy lives. So, they do not have adequate spare time. Those people from three strata of the societies are currently facing challenges depending on their family problems and greedy acts for future prosperity.

The Role of Maids

Some female labours seek jobs abroad in legal and illegal ways. Some of them who went abroad through illegal routes faced varieties of problems and went back home. But, they try to go abroad to do jobs as maids illegally. It is because they do not have adequate knowledge to apply for a passport and other official documents. Some of them do not wait for a long time to go abroad for various reasons. Whatever it may be, a large number of female labour wish to go abroad to seek maid jobs depending on their education qualification. As every job has challenges, they face many challenges in their jobs. It is not a strange factor in the labour society.

The market for maids in urban areas

Some female labour seeks maid jobs in the country without eagerness to go abroad. Those maids contact brokers and official agencies at home. Some brokers

recruit female teenagers from rural areas and far-flung areas with lip promises that they will seek high-salary jobs for those teenagers in urban areas. Practically, some of those teenagers become victims of human traffickers. Let it be! When those teenagers arrive in urban areas or houses of maid agents, their challenges start. The promise given to them is not in conformity with the current situation. Some maid agents allot the new recruits to work maid jobs at some urban houses. But they have to sign at least a three-month agreement with house owners. On the other hand, the house owner needs to pay a brokerage charge as a one-month salary of the maid to the agent. It is an unmentioned rule.

Some middle and high-class families are difficult to do household chores on a daily basis. It is because they are working the whole day as well as many hours per day. So, they are absent from household chores. Hence, the role of a maid is very important in operating the household chores. So, they search and contact maid agents for hiring them to do their household chores. In this regard, some situations are different in managing maids. Jobs for maids may be different. Some maids are hired to serve as a nurse for older persons. Some maids have to do jobs as custodians of the property depending on their loyalty and long-time experience. Some of them have to do real household chores such as cooking, house cleaning, washing and so on.

Nature of maids

The article specifically mentions the nature of maids. In Myanmar, most of the housemaids are served by females. So, the article represents the nature of maids only. Actually, the arena of the maid is very complicated. Some maids secretly contact agents or brokers to manipulate the house owners through unscrupulous ways. For example, some maids sign a three-month agreement with the owners. In the first month, they do their jobs without any prob-

lems showing their innocent nature. But, they cannot cover their deceitful natures in the second month by secretly eating meals more than the quota allotted for them, stealing money from the owners in various ways, disturbing

complaints about their jobs. Some maids break the rules in the agreement in any way. Some maids promise that they are skillful in their jobs but actually, they are worse in serving jobs. Mostly, maids do not have the family



The picture illustrates a busy housemaid. PHOTO: FREEPIK

owners for disappointing them and so on. Some of the problems are committed for various reasons.

In signing the agreement for hiring the maid, the house owner has to pay a charge to the broker or agent. Some agreements mention that house owners shall pay three-month salaries for the maid to the agent in advance. So, the maid has to serve her job at the relevant house for three months. But, the maid does not serve it. So, she makes many problems the house owner does not prefer. They break the rules mentioned in the agreement several times. Finally, the house owner surrenders to accept the maid at the house and releases her without receiving any refund for the cost of the maid.

It is not enough for mentioning the wicked ways of the maid. Some maids bully the children of the house owners behind them. The maid threat children not to complain to their families about their sufferings based on bullying of maids. Some maids take meals and snacks for the children of house owners. Some maids do not strictly obey the orders of house owners and make many

spirit in doing their jobs. Although they are staying at their assigned houses, most of them do not consider the interests of the assigned houses but prioritize selfishness.

Some maids wish to graduate authorities in doing household chores. Although they are maids, they see themselves as house owners. So, some problems happen between maids and house owners. Some problems are based on the overconfident nature of the maid with their acts over the house owners. Some maids see themselves as the house owner, so they order the owners to do something. It is very bad. As a nature of human beings, all the maids are not clever but some maids have family spirit in conformity with relevant families of the house owners in serving their duties with genuine goodwill. If so, they can live along with the families of owners for a long time as well as along their lives without any disputes among them.

Sufferings of maids

On the other hand, some maids face inhumane acts of house owners. Some maids suffer bullying and torture by house

owners. Some owners slap maids whenever they are satisfied with the serving of maids. Some owners do not give adequate meals to maids. So, those maids buy some meals by spending their salaries.

Yangon Region. It is an example problem in the maid area.

Moreover, some house owners ask the maids to do household chores but they spoke rude words, and swear at the maids for

At a time when the maids suffer from fever, they miss the chance to receive medical treatments due to restrictions of house owners. Moreover, some owners cut the salaries of maids for some mistakes such as crush of ceramic plates or glass cups, unintentionally broken things, scorched meals and so on. As the worst event,

some forgettable mistakes. If some maids do not have tolerance, both sides maids and owners will face quarrels. If so, both sides' relations will not be good in the long run, and it will reach departure for the jobs.

Unmentioned ethics of maids

Maids have to share the fortune of relevant houses together

Hence, maids should completely ask what they can enjoy entitlements in jobs before signing agreements. If not, they have a chance to request to fulfil their needs in serving jobs before signing the contracts. If they are dissatisfied with the agreements, they have a chance not to sign them and wait for other jobs as they expected.

some male owners rape the maids without sympathy and empathy. And, at a time when the maids are pregnant, the owners give some compensation and expel those maids to avoid crime. It is a regrettable event in the maid arena. But, some maids dare to commit crimes by attacking their owners for various reasons. Recently, the social network pages mentioned two female maids killed the owner to take money in a township in

with house owners during their assignments. If they do everything in line with the provisions of the agreements, they can enjoy the entitlements given by the house owners. Actually, their faithfulness to their jobs and house owners is enough for their side. At this juncture, it should consider an important factor that the families which hire maids would not be surely wealthy. Hiring maids are based on various reasons. As such,

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maids should not seem that they would do house chores conveniently and they could do just light work on a daily basis. It is totally wrong. Most house owners hire maids for many reasons. Some of them recruit maids for prioritizing family issues without turning to household chores. Some families need to emphasize healthcare services for aged persons. Some businesspersons cannot do everything at home due to busy time for all.

Hence, maids should completely ask what they can enjoy entitlements in jobs before signing agreements. If not, they have a chance to request to fulfil their needs in serving jobs before signing the contracts. If they are dissatisfied with the agreements, they have a chance not to sign them and wait for other jobs as they expected. Even if they have signed the agreements, they should not mention their dissatisfaction.

Expectations in maid arena

As ordinary human beings, both house owners and maids wish to meet with generous persons in their jobs. But they do not notice that if they do not discard their characters to dominate each other, they never meet with generous people. They have to change their mindset at first. Both of them have to uphold sympathy and do jobs with goodwill. If so, both sides will build physical and mental well-being on a daily basis. In consequence, their agreements will be extended for a long time. Gradually, maids will be relatives of house owners whereas house owners will be close family members of maids. If so, their relevant houses will be peaceful and prosperous. Families of owners and maids will rely on each other in the long run and the faithfulness between them will initiate mutual trust.

Solving problems based on compassion and sympathy

For the best situations, both maids and owners need to uphold patience, tolerance and forgiveness for some minor cases and to solve win-win solutions in face-to-face discussions over some problems. Both sides need to understand the patience and tolerance of others and consider the welfare and interests of others. Both sides need to avoid wicked ways in daily routines and do everything based on compassion and sympathy for long-term good relations.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Over 300 Myanmar workers leave for ROK on 29 June



A photo shows some Myanmar workers sent to South Korea under the Employment Permit System.

A total of 331 Myanmar workers were legally sent to the Republic of Korea through the Employment Permit System (EPS) on 29 June 2023, according to a statement from Myanmar's Embassy in Seoul.

Those Myanmar workers are to be engaged in manufacturing industry and agriculture and livestock businesses, including 249 new workers and 82 experienced workers with re-entry permits.

This month, 150 Myanmar workers in the first batch, 146 in the second batch, 145 in the third batch and 147 in the fourth batch have been recruited in ROK.

Sending workers to the ROK resumed in August 2022 in the post-Covid-19 pandemic. At present, the government of South Korea is continuously recruiting new workers and experienced workers to increase the labour force.

South Korea will employ 110,000 migrant workers officially sent under the EPS from 16 countries in 2023, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the ROK stated.

Korea's Ministry of Employment and Labour will also monitor the workers to prevent illegal stays which can affect the quota of labour demand sent under the EPS, the MOFA's statement citing the remark of the Minister for Employment and Labour. — TWA/EM

Prize of K200 mln added in Aung Bar Lay lottery starting July

THE Aung Bar Lay Lottery Directorate of the Internal Revenue Department issued a statement on 30 June that a special prize of K200 million will be awarded at the opening ceremony of the Aung Bar Lay Lottery to be held on 1 July due to the increase in Aung Bar Lay lottery sales in June.

For the month of June, both Aung Bar Lay lottery and the Aung Bar Lay online lottery sold tickets worth K5,176.703 million, so K3,623.692 million will be allocated as lottery prizes.



The special prize winner is awarded the prize money of K500 million in the 51st Aung Bar Lay lottery.

The sales increased by more than K100 million compared to the sales in May.

Due to the increase in lottery sales, at the opening of the Aung Bar Lay lottery to be held on 1 July, prizes of K500 million, K100 million and K200 million will be added as a special prize. In addition, K250 million will be rewarded from the confiscated prizes. — TWA/CT

Dead body found in Kyaytawpikeseik River, Sittway

A drowned body, believed to be the body of a sailor, was discovered in the Kyaytawpikeseik River in Sittway, Rakhine State around 8 am yesterday.

The Myitta Yaungchi Foundation was asked for help in this matter, and it made contact with the Sittway funeral service to seek help.

Three sailors from Dala

Township, Yangon Region, drowned while shopping groceries for the ship at the Sittway port two days ago. The body found is believed to be the body of one of the sailors, and the Myitta Yaungchi Foundation said that they requested contact with the relevant families. — TWA/CT



The retrieval process of the body found in the Kyaytawpikeseik River in Sittway is shown in the photo.

Thukha Dagon Housing to accept rental applications by 31 July



The completed apartments of Thukha Dagon Housing in Dagon Myothit (South) Township.

THE Thukha Dagon Public Rental Housing Leasing and Disciplinary Committee announced that retired employees, civil servants, and people who have difficulty living in Yangon Region can apply for a residence permit in the Thukha Dagon housing apartments built in the Dagon Myothit (South) Township.

The housing is being built near the junction of No 2 Highway and No 7 Outer Ring Road

in Dagon Myothit (South) Township, and the completed apartments of the housing are starting to be rented. Those who wish to apply can purchase residence permit forms at the respective township administrator offices for K3,000 per copy, fill in the prescribed forms, and submit them back to the relevant township administrator offices by 31 July.

The area of the rental apartment is 588 square feet, and the

lease term is five years. The rental charge must be paid without fail every month, and the monthly rent for the first floor will be K67,000, the second floor K60,000, the third floor K55,000, and the fourth floor K46,000.

The housing project is being implemented on 171 acres of land near the intersection of No 2 Highway and No 7 Outer Ring Road, and 194 buildings with 3,104 apartments are under construction for the first phase. The Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Federation (MCEF) and the Myanmar Licensed Contractors Association (MLCA) have allocated 97 buildings each for construction.

Interested persons can visit the Yangon Region Government website at www.yangon.gov.mm and the DUHD-Ygn Facebook Page regarding the matter of applying for an apartment. For more information, dial 09-699998814 and 01-8379061 during office hours. — TWA/CT

LOCAL BUSINESS

Pigeon pea price rebounds to above K3 mln per tonne

THE price of pigeon pea bounced back to above K3.015 million per tonne on 30 June after dropping to K2.9 million per tonne on 28 June, showing a sharp increase of K100,000 per tonne within two days, according to the Yangon Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Bayintnaung).

The current price has not reached a record high of K3.33 million per tonne recorded on 5 June. The price rise is attributed to the foreign demand and low stock.

As a result of this, the Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association notified on 12 May 2023 that growers should primarily cultivate green gram and pigeon pea this year's pulses season.

There is a strong market share of black gram and pigeon pea in India. Most of the growers also select them as main crops.

India notified that the free import policy of black gram (urad) and pigeon pea (tur) extended up to 31 March 2024, bringing more benefits to the stockholders in the supply chain including growers and exporters. That being so, they should



Pigeon pea plants bearing fruits in the farm.

be selected as the main crops this year, the association mentioned.

Myanmar bagged over US\$1.4 billion from over 1.9 million tonnes of various pulses exports in the past financial year 2022-2023, the Ministry of Commerce's statistics indicated.

Myanmar primarily exports

black gram, green gram and pigeon peas to foreign markets. Of them, black gram and pigeon peas are mostly conveyed to India while green grams are shipped to China and Europe.

India has growing demand and consumption requirements on black gram and pigeon peas. According to a Memorandum of Understanding between

five consecutive years from 2021-2022 financial year to 2025-2026 FY. This G to G pact will not affect the pulses annual quota set by India. Myanmar's exporters are also entitled to deliver the pulses to India under that annual quota.

Myanmar yearly produces approximately 400,000 tonnes of black gram and about 50,000 tonnes of pigeon peas.

Black gram that India primarily purchases is commonly found only in Myanmar, whereas pigeon pea, green gram and



Myanmar and India signed on 18 June 2021, India will import 250,000 tonnes of black gram and 100,000 tonnes of pigeon peas (tur) from Myanmar for

chickpeas are grown in African countries and Australia, Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association stated. — NN/EM

Trade Dept to ease advanced telegraphic transfer system for exports from 1 July



Cargo trucks seen at border trade post terminal.

THE Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce notified on 28 June that exporters no longer need to pay export revenue in advance from 1 July

2023, according to a news bulletin 11/2023.

According to the meeting outcome 32/2022 of the Foreign Exchange Supervisory

Committee, the Advanced Telegraphic Transfer (TT) system was exercised in exports of pulses and beans, sesame and peanut to neighbouring coun-

tries via border from July 2022.

In order to facilitate the export procedures, the department is to ease this system from 1 July 2023.

Those companies with more than three years of establishment need to pay 20 per cent deposit of the total export value to the department in seeking licence from 1 July 2023. After receiving export declaration, export earnings must be deposited to the company's account within seven working days. After that, they can claim their 20-per-cent deposit return.

Those companies with less than three years of establishment must pay a 35 per cent deposit to the department from 1 July. They will also get their deposit returned after the in-

flow of export earnings into the company's account.

The exporters must show Payment Order (PO Cheque) at the respective border points as they have paid the set deposit amount. If the companies fail to deposit export earnings within the set period, the deposit will be seized. The exporters will get their licence revoked. The deposit can be paid in three foreign currencies (Chinese Yuan, Thai Baht and Kyat) at an over-the-counter market rate at the border.

For further details, please make enquiry through the contact numbers 067-3408414, 3408439, 3408251 and email dot-trade policy1@gmail.com, dgoffice.01@gmail.com within office hours, the Trade Department notified.—NN/EM

TOURISM



Manuha Temple of King Manuha in Bagan ancient cultural zone

WHEN travellers visit the Bagan-NyaungU ancient cultural zone in NyaungU Township of Mandalay Region, they can pay homage to Manuha Buddha image of King Manuha and study other 37 pagodas depicting 37 Bodhi Pakkhiya in Myinkabar village.

King Manuha, ruler of Thaton, constructed the Manuha Buddha temple in Bagan ancient cultural zone in 1059 AD while he was in imprisoned as prisoner of war of King Anawrahta. The temple was constructed with the inspiration of Hindu temple and there are 37 small pagodas on that temple.



There is a large sitting-Buddha image in the centre of the temple



Shinpin Thalyaung reclining Buddha image, is at the back.

The rooms are barely large enough to contain the four images. It is believed that King Manuha wanted to express his frustration about his captivity.

To the north of the Manuha Temple is Mingalar Cedi while Mya Zedi, Gupyaugyi pagoda, Shwe Zedi in northeast, Apeyadana pagoda, Nagayon pagoda, Kyaukmyathmaw pagoda, Sein Nyet Ama pagoda and Pyu Phayathonsu pagodas in the south and the pilgrims can see other various 3,822 temples and stupas in Bagan ancient cultural zone. — Dipa Lin/KTZH



Pilgrims can explore Ngakywe Nataung stupa with green glaze coated brick in Bagan ancient cultural zone

NGAKYWE Nataung stupa with brick coated with green glaze in Bagan ancient cultural zone is one of the must-visit for tangible and intangible heritage, according to the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Bagan Branch).

The stupa was considered to be built by King Taungthugyi in 10th century AD and some assumed that it was built in 12th century AD. The name of stupa was derived from the famous Bagan Ngakywe.

The archaeological works are similar to those of Bawbawgyi, Phayagyi and Phayamar stupas. The Ngakywe Nataung stupa was originally built with

glazed works. Yet, the glaze works in the lower terrace and upper structure of the ancient edifice have disappeared.

The visitors can find rich archaeological heritage at Thatbyinnyu Temple and Nathlaungkyaung Temple in the east, Shwegugyi, Thantawkyia, Tabatkya and Ananda temples and Buddhist library with Dhamma Archives in the north, Pahtohtamya Temple in the west, Bagan moat and ancient edifices in the south and a total of 3,822 temples, pagodas and stupas in the Bagan Ancient Cultural Zone boasted the heritage artifacts. — Dipa Lin/EM

Brazil’s specialty coffee industry eyes Chinese market



A staff member prepares coffee during the Sao Paulo Coffee Festival in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 23 June 2023. PHOTO: WANG TIANCONG/XINHUA

COFFEE industry insiders at the Sao Paulo Coffee Festival, held here from 23 to 25 June, were optimistic about the prospect of the Chinese specialty coffee market. The three-day festival attracted coffee lovers and companies from Brazil and abroad to enjoy the feast, bringing consumers abundant experiences related to coffee, including music, art and gastronomy. Noting “specialty coffees are very people-oriented,” Caio Fontes, director of the Sao Paulo Coffee Festival, told Xinhua that coffee is in Brazil’s culture and has a “very emotional and social connection in Brazil.” The event aimed at spreading the information and knowledge of specialty coffee to more people, as Brazil is the world’s largest coffee exporter and one of the best coffee producers, Fontes added. Helcio Junior, the co-founder of Brazilian specialty coffee producer Unique Cafes, which has been established 15 years ago and already entered the Chinese market with continuous export growth, said the cooperation between China and Brazil is “fundamental.” — Xinhua

EU to lift post-Fukushima import restrictions on Japan food products

THE European Union is poised to lift its remaining import restrictions on Japanese food products imposed in the wake of the 2011 Fukushima nuclear power plant disaster, a diplomatic source said Thursday. An announcement is expected possibly at the end of July, paving the way for the removal of a requirement for radiation test certificates for seafood and mushrooms from 10 prefectures, including Fukushima. Japanese farm minister Tetsuro Nomura said Friday in Tokyo that he is “aware that there are positive moves” on the issue and will meet with EU Commissioner for Agriculture Janusz Wojciechowski



Fish are seen at Onahama port in Iwaki, Fukushima. The European Union is poised to lift its remaining import restrictions on Japanese food products imposed in the wake of the 2011 Fukushima nuclear power plant disaster. PHOTO: KYODO

next Monday. Nomura is expected to reiterate Japan’s call for the measures to be dropped. The EU has apparently decided that the restrictions are no longer necessary based on radiation monitoring. The issue is also likely to be discussed when Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida travels to Brussels in July for a Japan-EU summit. — Kyodo

Pokemon Go firm Niantic slashes staff

THE maker of mobile game Pokemon Go has said it will slash 230 jobs, almost one-third of its staff, in another blow to the tech industry. Niantic boss John Hanke said in an email to staff posted online late on Thursday that the San Francisco-based firm needed to cut costs because of a post-pandemic slump in business. Hundreds of thousands of people have lost their jobs in the tech sector over the past year, with firms often blaming over-hiring during the pandemic. Gaming firms from Electronic Arts to Ubisoft



Pokemon Go has been downloaded more than one billion times and has brought roughly \$1 billion in revenues each year since its release in 2016, according to analysis firm Sensor Tower. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

have all announced cuts to staff despite continuing to make profits. Niantic has been

struggling to match the success of Pokemon Go, where players are guided by their mobile phones to real-world locations to collect magical creatures. The game has been downloaded more than one billion times and has brought roughly \$1 billion in revenues each year since its release in 2016, according to analysis firm Sensor Tower. But Niantic has shelved several other projects recently and Hanke announced on Thursday that its latest effort, basketball game “NBA All-World”, would be discontinued just months after being released. — AFP

Australia inquiry urges online gambling ad ban

ADVERTISING for online gambling should be banned in Australia within three years, a parliamentary inquiry recommended Wednesday, citing serious harm caused by an inescapable “torrent” that is “grooming children”. The inquiry said that

partial bans do not work and called for a “phased, comprehensive” ban that “leaves no room for circumvention”. Australians spend more on online gambling than citizens of any other country, the report said, adding that almost half of

those surveyed last year had placed a bet on sports or racing. “Online gambling has been deliberately and strategically marketed alongside sport, which has normalised it as a fun, harmless, and sociable activity,” parliamentary committee chair Peta Murphy said. “Gambling advertising is grooming children and young people to gamble and encourages riskier behaviour,” she added. “The torrent of advertising is inescapable.” — AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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GLOBAL
AFFAIRS

State of emergency mulled by French govt over protest violence

FRENCH Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne said Friday that the government was considering “all options” to restore order, including declaring a state of emergency, after a third night of rioting over a police officer’s killing of a youth.

Asked by reporters if a state of emergency was a possibility, as some right-wing opposition parties have demanded, Borne replied: “I won’t tell you now, but we are looking at all options, with one priority: restoring order throughout the country”.

The prime minister, who was visiting a police station in Evry-Courcouronnes south of Paris, is to attend a crisis security meeting chaired by President Emmanuel Macron at 1:00 pm (1100 GMT).

A state of emergency would give authorities increased powers



Prime Minister Elisabeth Borne, left, is attending a crisis meeting with President Emmanuel Macron. **PHOTO: POOL/AFP**

to declare localized curfews, ban demonstrations, and give police

more freedom in restraining suspected rioters and searching

homes. Macron cut short a trip to Brussels for an EU summit on

Friday and was said by an aide to be prepared to adopt new measures “without taboos”, though some ministers in the cabinet are known to be opposed to a state of emergency.

During the nationwide urban riots in 2005, the right-wing government at the time declared a state of emergency after around two weeks of clashes, the first time the measure had been used in mainland France since the 1950s.

“We are calling for a curfew initially, then the imposition of a full state of emergency and the mobilisation of all the forces of law and order in the country,” spokesman for the far-right National Rally Sebastien Chenu told LCI television Friday.

“Right now we’re at the bottom of a cliff and we need to be extremely tough,” he said. — AFP

64 flights cancelled at Geneva airport over strike



Dozens of flights were cancelled at Geneva airport on Friday due a strike by staff. **PHOTO: AFP**

SOME 64 flights were cancelled at Geneva’s international airport on Friday, it said, after opera-

tions were halted for four hours because of a strike by workers at the start of the busy summer

travel season.

“Because of the social action... the direction decided a temporary halt of operations from 6:00 am to 10:00 am (0400 GMT and 0800 GMT),” the airport said in a tweet early on Friday. “64 flights — arrivals and departures — cancelled.”

An airport spokesman said on Thursday that some 8,000 passengers were estimated to be affected by the cancellations at Switzerland’s second airport, a key hub for the EasyJet budget carrier.

Numerous international flights from North America and the Middle East were affected. — AFP

Task force recommends major reparations for Black Californians

CALIFORNIA should pay substantial financial reparations to African-Americans to compensate for the legacy of US slavery and systemic racism, a committee report published Thursday said.

The state, known for being one of the nation’s most liberal, became the first to create a task force dedicated to the issue of reparations in the wake of George Floyd’s death in 2020 and amid the “Black Lives Matter” movement.

After three years, the committee’s final 1,100-page report recommends that California’s

legislature “make a substantial initial down payment on reparations” and organize a public apology. Although it did not directly suggest an amount of compensation, the text proposed a methodology for quantifying the harm experienced by California’s African-Americans.

Black Californians, the report said, had experienced harm in a number of ways, whether to their health or via “housing discrimination,” “unjust property takings,” “mass incarceration and over-policing,” and devaluation of their businesses. — AFP

‘No future’: Egyptians risk lives at sea to reach Europe

HOPING to escape a dire economy and bleak prospects, Egyptians are increasingly attempting the perilous sea crossing to Europe that this month claimed dozens of lives in a shipwreck off Greece. “I spoke to my son for the last time on the evening of 7 June. He told me they were taking off”

two days later, said the father of a 14-year-old who had disappeared in the Mediterranean.

The crowded fishing boat his son boarded along with hundreds of other migrants set sail from Libya. It capsized in the Ionian Sea near Greece’s Peloponnese peninsula on the night of 13

June before reaching European shores. At least 82 people died in what has been called one of the deadliest migrant drownings in recent years. “Young men regularly leave our village without telling their families,” the father told AFP, requesting anonymity to protect his privacy. — AFP



Anthony Bruce, pictured in Manhattan Beach, California on 20 July 2022, holds the official Bruce’s Beach property deed at a ceremony returning ownership to descendants of a Black family that had the land stripped from them nearly a century ago. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Online police patrol the Internet in Denmark

AT Denmark’s police headquarters, officers have been glued to their computers playing the popular video game Counter-Strike. But they weren’t kicking back on a break — they were tracking crimes on the internet.

In addition to getting paid to game, the online patrol unit is on Twitch, Discord, Instagram, Facebook and TikTok, openly letting their presence be known with the aim of making the internet a safer place for both children and adults.

Dressed in uniform when on online patrol, their primary targets are sexual predators and economic criminals.

The 10-strong unit was established last year amid a rise in online crime during the Covid pandemic lockdowns.

“The same way you see a police car driving around in the



Denmark’s police headquarters have implemented a unique approach to combatting online crime. **PHOTO: AFP**

streets, you can see a police officer with an official name in

the online universe,” the head of the patrol, Sisse Birkebaek,

explained to AFP. Miriam Michaelsen, a law-

yer and founder of the Digital Responsibility association, has long called for police to monitor the internet.

“When you talk to young people, they don’t see a difference between the physical world and the digital world, with one exception: they see police all the time on the streets,” she said.

“When you see police drive by, it can have an effect both for victims but also for criminals... it’s the same online.”

Neighbourhood patrol

Since its creation in April 2022, “Politiets Online Patrulje” has opened more than 65 cases.

“We see a lot of grooming and attempts to harass youngsters, trying to take money from them, and stealing schemes in the gaming community as well,” said Birkebaek. — AFP

WORLD: TOP HEADLINES

Chinese vice president to attend 11th World Peace Forum

CHINESE Vice President Han Zheng will attend the opening ceremony of the 11th World Peace Forum and deliver a keynote speech to the forum in Beijing on 2 July, foreign ministry spokesperson Mao Ning announced here on Friday.

The forum will be held at Tsinghua University with this year’s theme being “Stabilizing an Unstable World through Consensus and Cooperation,” Mao said. — Xinhua

S Africa’s graft watchdog clears Ramaphosa in farm cash scandal

SOUTH Africa’s corruption watchdog on Friday absolved President Cyril Ramaphosa of allegations that he breached executive ethics in a farm cash scandal that spawned into one of the biggest storms of his career. The scandal erupted in June last year when the country’s former spy boss filed a complaint with the police alleging that Ramaphosa had concealed the 2020 theft of a huge haul of foreign currency from his Phala Phala farm. — AFP

Iran vows to further expand range of Its radar, missiles, drones

IRAN has amassed thousands of domestically developed ballistic and cruise missiles in recent decades.

Tehran adheres to the principle of asymmetric warfare to try to deter potential aggression. Earlier this month, the country launched its first hypersonic missile, the Fattah.

“The regional security challenges facing Iran make it imperative for the Islamic Republic to continuously increase the development and production of long-range radar, drone and missile systems,” said Alireza Sabahi-Fard, commander of the Iranian Ground Forces Air Defense Forces.

“According to the poten-



Tehran adheres to the principle of asymmetric warfare to try to deter potential aggression. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

tial threats and possible challenges we face, the production of advanced long-range radar, missile and drone equipment is definitely on the agenda of the Ground Forces Air Defense

Forces this year,” Sabahi-Fard said during an unannounced visit to an air defense base outside Tehran on Thursday (29/6/2023) for a quick readiness check. — SPUTNIK



The United Kingdom is implementing a novel strategy to address re-offending and expand prison capacity. Inmates will now be involved in constructing new prisons. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

Inmates in UK to be involved in construction of prisons - Justice Secretary

INMATES in the United Kingdom will start building prisons as part of the government plan to curb re-offending and increase the number of places of imprisonment across the country, UK Secretary of State for Justice Alex Chalk said on Friday.

“For example, there are

prisoners who are literally going to be building the concrete foundations for other prison house blocks ... We think that there is a certain justice about that.

Those people who have offended against society should be building the foundations of the custodial estate,” Chalk was quoted by UK media as saying.

Inmates at HMP Fosse Way, a newly opened jail in the county of Leicestershire, will learn to drive construction vehicles using a simulator, the newspaper reported, adding that the offenders would be paid from 12.5 to 15 pounds (\$15.7- \$19) per week for their work at construction sites. — SPUTNIK



SPORT

Shan United beat Maha United to lead MNL table

DEFENDING champion Shan United Football Club continued its winning streak on the last day of Match-10 in the Myanmar National League 2023, after winning over Maha United with a 1-0 result at Thuwunna Stadium, yesterday.

The Shan United won by a narrow margin, but the current champion managed to stay at the top of the standing table in the first half of this season while also maintaining their unbeaten record. The two teams participated in the competition with their strongest first lineup including foreign players.

At the beginning of the match, the Maha United FC was unable to score the goal although they had some chances. After 20 minutes, the Shan United team was able to press back to the Maha team. However, they didn't change the chances into goal, and as a result, the first half ended in a goalless draw.

In the second half, the Shan United launched more attacks on goal, and at the 55th minutes, they got a winning goal through Myat Kaung Khant's header from Mark Sekyi's cross ball. During the remaining time, the Shan United maintained their winning result and earned three points more from this match.

Myat Kaung Khant of Shan United's midfielder won the best player of the match. After this match, the Shan United accumulated 28 points in 10 games, securing the top position on the table. They were followed by Yangon United FC with 24 points in nine games. The ISPE team stands at third place with 17 points in nine games. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



The two players fight for the ball during the MNL football match between Shan United FC and Maha United FC, at the Thuwunna Stadium, Yangon, on 30 June 2023. **PHOTO: MNL**

PSG coach arrested in discrimination probe

PARIS Saint-Germain coach Christophe Galtier was held for questioning along with his son as part of a probe into alleged discrimination, the Nice prosecutor told AFP on Friday.

The move follows an investigation launched in April, following claims he made racist and Islamophobic remarks about players when he coached Nice in the 2021/22 season.

The prosecutor said they would provide more information on the arrests of 56-year-old Galtier and his son John Valovic-Galtier — a player's agent — via a statement later on Friday.

Galtier, guided PSG to their 11th league title last season, but was told at the beginning of June by the club's Qatari owners he would be fired after a largely underwhelming season in which PSG suffered 10 defeats in 2023, exiting the Champions League, the team's main objective, in the last 16. — AFP

Mexico into Gold Cup knockout stage after win over Haiti



Henry Martín of Mexico celebrates after scoring the opening goal in a 3-1 win over Haiti in the CONCACAF Gold Cup Group B clash on Thursday. **PHOTO: AFP**

MEXICO secured their spot in the CONCACAF Gold Cup knockout stage with a game to spare, after beating Haiti 3-1 in Glendale, Arizona, on Thursday.

The win, with all the goals coming in the second half, means Mexico lead Group B with six points from two games, with Haiti three points behind.

Qatar and Honduras both have a point each, drawing 1-1 earlier on

Thursday after a stoppage-time leveler from the Central Americans. Mexico dominated the opening 45 minutes but were unable to find a way past Haiti keeper Alexandre Pierre.

Pierre almost gifted El Tri an opener in the fourth minute when he fumbled a low cross but Edison Alvarez, with the goal at his mercy, struck the post. — 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.