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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.

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing talks with Kuwaiti Prime Minister His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah through phone contact



CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing telephoned Kuwaiti Prime Minister His Highness Sheikh Ahmad Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah at 12:30 pm yesterday.

They frankly talked about friendly ties between the two countries, and promotion of cooperation and relations. — MNA/TTA



SPTT holds talks with NMSP delegation



Peace talk between State Peace Talks Team and New Mon State Party in progress in Nay Pyi Taw on 5 July.

A PEACE talk between the State Peace Talks Team-SPTT and the New Mon State Party-NMSP del-

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

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Appointment of an advisor

1. According to Article 419 of the Constitution, the State Administration Council has appointed Lt-Gen Nyo Saw as an advisor to the Chairman of the State Administration Council and assigned him at the rank of the Union Minister.
2. The Union Government Office shall manage entitlements of Advisor Lt-Gen Nyo Saw.

By order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Zawtikayon Pali Buddhist
Learning Centre in Pyay
to offer Waso robes

PARIYATTI Sasana Nuggaha Association of Zawtikayon Pali Buddhist Learning Centre in Pyay will organize the Waso robe offering ceremony in Buddhist Lent in 1385 ME at 4 pm on 2 August.

Waso robes will be donated to more than 200 members of the Sangha led by Presiding Patron of the centre Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sumangala.

Well-wishers may donate cash to the fund for purchasing the robes sets to executives and patron Sayadaws from the centre, dialing 09-420703374, 09-5312630, 09-423656441 and 09-250876480. — Maung Shwe Win (Pyay)/ TTA



Zawtikayon Pali Buddhist Learning Centre in Pyay.

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.

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		

Prompt implementation of NCA peace process needed

AS NCA was drawn by stakeholders in accord with the proposals of ethnic armed organizations, only when all walk on that way will the peaceful and tranquil State we all aspire to. Hence, it is necessary to leave a peaceful legacy for posterity and quickly implement the peace process.

(Excerpts from the message sent by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to the ceremony of 67th Anniversary of Kayin State Day which falls on 7 November 2022)

SAC to offer Waso robes to venerable members of the Sangha for Buddhist Lent

OFFICIALS from relevant committees were urged to arrange comfortable process for venerable members of the Sangha at the Waso robe offering ceremony, said Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win at the coordination meeting of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 2023 Waso robe offering ceremony of the SAC at the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Senior General, who is in the capacity of Patron of the Leading Committee, stressed the need to take special care of security for ushering members of the Sangha led by the Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committes, members of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, Sangha Nayaka Committee of Nay Pyi Taw Council, Ovadacariya Sayadaws of Uppatasanti Pagoda and chairmen of township Sangha Nayaka Committees into the Waso robe offering ceremony for 2023. Moreover,



SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win speaking at coordination for offering Waso robes to venerable monks for 2023 in Nay Pyi Taw on 5 July.

all measures for the ceremony must be in line with the Covid-19 protocols.

Significantly, the Vice-Senior General underscored that it is necessary to take security measures in all aspects related to allowing disciples in

paying homage to members of the Sangha and address weak points in the national level ceremonies.

The Vice-Senior General urged officials from relevant committees to arrange comfortable process for venerable

members of the Sangha at the Waso robe offering ceremony.

Chairman of the Leading Committee Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko and Deputy Minister Daw Nu Mra Zan reported on plans for successfully holding

the ceremony. Officials from relevant subcommittees presented measures related to their sectors.

The Vice-Senior General coordinated the suggestions and reports and gave a concluding remark. Then, the meeting came to a close. — MNA/TTA



Delegates of NMSP entering the meeting room.

SPTT holds talks with NMSP delegation

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Government Office Chairman of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee-NSPNC Peace Talks Team Leader Lt-Gen Yar Pyae warmly welcomed the peace delegation of the New Mon State Party-NMSP.

After that, both sides negotiated the topics to be discussed in the dialogue and the peace talks

continued.

The meeting was also attended by SAC member Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, NSPNC Secretary Lt-Gen Win Bo Shein and members, and Vice Chairman Nai Aung Min of the New Mon State Party-NMSP, members of the Central Executive Committee Nai Banyar Lei and Nai Aung Manage.

During the talks, NSPNC

Peace Talks Team Leader Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and Vice Chairman Nai Aung Min of the New Mon State Party-NMSP extended greetings.

Both sides mutually discussed implementation of the previously agreed points and the attitudes of the New Mon State Party (NMSP) Central Committee. The second day will continue on 6 July. — MNA/TS

Union Industry Minister joins China-ASEAN Sub-Forum on NEV Industry Cooperation

UNION Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than and Myanmar delegation members, who are joining the China-ASEAN Forum on Emerging Industry being held in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China, attended the China-ASEAN Sub-Forum on NEV Industry Cooperation yesterday morning. At the meeting, the China-ASEAN industry ministers discussed cooperation between themselves for creation of sound foundations for emerging industries in developing countries, sharing knowledge for the safe use of charging stations for EVs and provision of good services in the manufacture and sale of electric cars and the current management conditions for electric cars.



Union Minister for Industry Dr Charlie Than attends China-ASEAN Sub-Forum on NEV Industry Cooperation on 5 July.



Those participants from the forum widely observed the progress of developing long-term plans for electric vehicles (EV) in ASEAN countries, standing of the People's Republic of China in the first position of exporting EVs across the world, construction of the charging stations, and charging technologies. — MNA/KZW

Rehabilitation tasks in progress in Rakhine State

RAKHINE State Chief Minister U Htein Lin, in his capacity as Chairman of Rakhine State Disaster Management Committee, inspected ongoing repairs and completed maintenance of Cyclone Mocha-hit lecture halls and dormitories of Sittway University yesterday.

Then, the Chief Minister and party met with the rector, faculty members and officials of construction companies at the meeting hall of the University.

At noon, the Chief Minister attended the cash donation ceremony at Rakhine State government office. During the ceremony, the Chief Minister received K11 million donated by Rakhine State oil mill entrepreneurs.

At the coordination meeting on rehabilitation processes, the Chief Minister offers instructions regarding the completed work plans, ongoing working processes and progress in rehabilitation measures.

The Ministry of Electric Power is making efforts in repairing the Mocha-hit power grids and sub-stations in northern part of Rakhine State. Currently, the power is redistributed to some wards and villages of Sittway, Ponnagyun, Kyauktaw, MraukU, Minbya and Myebon townships starting 7, 18 and 23 June.

Moreover, the 66kV Ponnagyun-Rathedaung power cable and 33kV Minbya-Pauktaw power cable maintenance works are fully completed on 5 July. Therefore, the power distribution resumed for 2,097 users of four wards and one village using 2011/0.4kV transformers of 11kV (3) feeder of 66/11kV 5MVA Rathedaung sub-power station in the same afternoon and for 2,248 users of five wards using 22 11/0.4kV transformers of 11kV feeder (2) of 33/11kV 5MVA Pauktaw sub-power station in the same evening.

Currently, the power system has resumed in eight townships out of ten that were seriously hit by Mocha and the Ministry of Electric Power is also trying to maintain the destroyed power grid, sub-stations and related materials to supply power to the remaining two townships as quickly as possible. — MNA/KTZH



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin visits Lecture halls at Sittway University on 5 July.

Tatmadaw relief teams expedite rehabilitation efforts

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

The relief teams in Sittway are carrying cleaning tasks at the yechanbyin village, and mobile medical teams are providing healthcare services to the locals

in Pyalechaung village.

And, the relief teams in Rathedaung are cooperating with mobile medical teams to provide healthcare services to the locals at the Sasana Beikman monastery.

Similarly, relief teams in Buthidaung are working in cooperation with mobile medical teams, serving healthcare services to the locals in Tatminchaung village. — MNA/KZW



Mobile medical team giving health care service to locals in Buthidaung on 5 July.

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Kachin State CM comforts displaced people of Nansamyang at RC Cathedral in Waingmaw

KACHIN State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan comforted the locals who temporarily sheltered in RC Cathedral and Mongna AG Church in Waingmaw from Nansamyang region at RC Cathedral in Ward 12 of Waingmaw on 4 July.

The Chief Minister comforted a total of 285 people of 69 households who fled to RC Cathedral from Nansamyang region and 53 people of 13 households who fled to AG Camp of Mongna village-tract.

He then provided rice, instant noodle and eggs for the displaced people and the township administrator and township public health department head presented the mosquito nets treated with insecticide for the households.

Then, the Chief Minister met with farmers from Lapyawun



Ceremony to provide bags of rice and aid to IDPs in progress in Waingmaw on 4 July.

social welfare organization (Khakwan) office in Khakwan Village of Madain Village-tract. During the meeting, the Chief Minister stressed the efforts of

township authorities for the benefits of farmers, improvement of social economic status and food security of the state, provision of agrochemicals, good seedlings

and techniques, market condition and promotion of manufacturing sector based on agricultural produce. He also urged the local farmers to discuss frankly

regarding the productivity of monsoon paddy, winter crops and sunflower cultivation following the monsoon paddy.

The local farmers also reported on the needs of agrochemicals, manufacturing road, bridges, fertilizer and technology and other matters. The Chief Minister coordinated necessary measures.

The Chief Minister inspected the manufacturing road, irrigation and drainage system, plantation of green manures, monsoon paddy seedlings and arrangements for irrigation water in Madein Village.

Similarly, the Chief Minister also participated in collective cleanup activities of township municipal department and Pay Sat Thu social welfare organization at Sein Mya Ayeyar park in Myitkyina on 5 July. — State IPRD/KTZH

Temporary IDP camp in Sadon of Kachin State closed

A total of 16 households taking shelter at temporary IDP camp of Township General Administration Department in Ward 2 of Sadon of Myitkyina District of Kachin State moved to the low-cost housing under their plans on 30 June. The housing was constructed by Lisu Christian Church (Upper Myanmar) on 2.06 acres of land. The temporary IDP camp has been now closed, according to Township General Administration Department. — Zaw Win Tun/KTZH



Displaced people from Sadon IDP camp move to low-cost housing in Ward 2 of Sadon, Waingmaw Township.

Illegal timbers, industrial materials, foodstuffs, consumer goods and vehicles confiscated

AN on-duty team at the Myawady OSS trade zone captured 3,000 kilogrammes of LL-DPE Liner low density polyethylene worth K5 million, 8,000 kilogrammes of cement ceiling board worth K2 million, 2,400 pairs of shower sandal worth K302,400 and 600 motorcycle helmets worth K1.2 million without official documents on 1 July. The action was taken under Customs Procedures.

The combined teams under the management of the Bago Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force confiscated a total of 0.737 tonne of teak, 1.212 tonnes of hardwood and 1.616 tonnes of other timbers worth K1,215,834 in Bago and Pyay districts on 1 July, a total of 0.936 tonne of teak worth K617,760 in Nyaunglebin district on 2 July and 0.498 tonne of teak and 4.398 tonnes of other timbers worth K564,066 in Toungoo and Nattalin districts on 3 July. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

In addition, the on-duty teams nabbed 18,000 packages of Wai Wai instant noodles and instant vermicelli worth K6 million without official documents at the warehouse in Kawthoung township on 1 July and 25 kinds of goods worth K11.15 million including 17 bottles of Glenfiddich foreign liquor without

official documents at a store in Myeik township on 2 July. The effective action was taken under Customs Procedures.

An on-duty team at the 16th-Mile Kyaukchaw checkpoint impounded a Toyota Hilux (approximately K12 million) carrying 0.719 tonne of teak parquet pieces worth K800,000 without official documents heading to PyinOoLwin from Mandalay. The action was taken under Customs Procedures.

The on-duty teams captured a Nissan AD Van valued about K5.4 million carrying eight kinds of goods worth K5.4 million including 30 heads of platform scales made in China heading to Mandalay from Muse at the detour Tollgate checkpoint in Lashio township and four kinds of goods worth K6.26 million including 1,800 kilogrammes of foam floor sheet made in China without official documents from a Nissan con-

dor truck (approximate value of K25 million) and four kinds of goods worth K7.25 million including 1,900 kilogrammes of composite panel made in China without official documents from a Nissan condor (estimated value of K25 million) heading to Lashio from Chinshwehaw near Hopeik tollgate in Lashio on 3 July. The action was taken under Customs Procedures.

An on-duty team seized a Toyota Hilux (estimated value of K12 million) carrying three kinds of goods worth K7.835 million including 11,700 packages of Wai Wai instant rice vermicelli without official documents travelling from Hpa-an to Yangon on 3 July.

Therefore, 19 arrests (the estimated value of K139,595,060) were made on three consecutive days from 1 to 3 July, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS



Smuggle goods seized in Taninthayi Region.

61 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 5 July, total figure registers 640,613

MYANMAR'S COVID-19-positive cases rose to **640,613** after **61** new cases were reported on 5 July 2023 according to the Ministry of Health. Therefore, a total of **10,885,522** laboratory samples were examined to date and the confirmed COVID-19 cases reached **640,613**.

The total number of patients who have recovered from COVID-19 in the country reached **619,508** including **50** new recoveries.

The death toll from COVID-19 in the country registered **19,494** on 5-7-2023 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. — GNL

TOURISM

Travellers, pilgrims have chance to observe 11th century architectural works at Seinnyet Ama Temple in Bagan

WHENEVER they arrive in Bagan ancient cultural region in NyaungU Township of Mandalay Region, pilgrims and travellers can observe architectural works in



Seinnyet Ama Temple.



Mural paintings of Seinnyet Ama Temple.

11th Century and mural paintings on the interior walls of Seinnyet Ama Temple as well as structures of double walls, according to the officials from the Bagan branch of Department of Archaeology and National Museum.

Seinnyet Ama Temple is located on old Bagan-Chauk road, south of Myinkaba Village, in Bagan ancient cultural region. Seinnyet Ama Temple takes position together with Seinnyet Nyima Temple in the same precinct of the double walls. These temples

were built by two Seinnyet princesses in the 11th Century. But, architectural works prove that the temples might be built in the 13th Century. It is because the foundations of the temples are in a square shape, and four archways can be seen at the temples which are facilitated with a prayer archway on the east. Corners of the walls on the upper terraces are filled with Cetis, the passage to celestial beings and tip structures. Both temples are located in the double walls, and visitors

can observe architectural works.

Seinnyet Nyima temple is situated east of Seinnyet Ama temple, Nagayon Pagoda, Apeyadana Pagoda and Manuha Pagoda in the north, Pyu Pagoda, East Phetleik, West Phetleik Pagoda in the south, and Kyaukmyethmaw, Soemingyi pagodas, Soemingyi brick monastery in the northwest. As such, pilgrims and travellers can observe 3,822 temples and stupas in different forms in the Bagan ancient cultural region.— Dipa Lin/TTA



Napya Temple in Bagan ancient cultural region.

Napya Temple with 13th century mural paintings in Bagan world heritage site attract visitors

THE visitors can study the mural paintings after paying homage Napya temple constructed in 13th Century AD and pagodas in Bagan ancient cultural zone in NyaungU Township of Mandalay Region.

The Napya Temple is two-terrace building. It faces west and consists of a prayer hall and Gandakuti chamber while there are two halls at the lower floor. There are four sitting-Buddha images facing four dimensions in the interior part of Gandakuti chamber. Moreover, the people can observe the mural paintings on the interior wall, according to the officials of

the Department of Archaeology and National Museum (Bagan Branch).

To the east of Napya Temple, there is Myinpya Temple built by King Sawlu while Meenyeingo Temple in the north, Bagan Archaeological Museum, Gatawpalin pagoda by King Alaung Sithu and Bagan Palace site in the northwest, Mingala Zedi, Manuha pagoda, Mya Zedi and Gupyaukngge pagoda in the south. The people can also observe the various structures of 3,822 stupas and temples in Bagan ancient cultural zone. — Dipa Lin/KTZH

LOCAL BUSINESS

YSX sees bull market in June

THE continuous and block trading of the seven listed companies on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) showed uptick in June 2023, according to the monthly report released by the exchange.

At present, shares of seven listed companies—First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co Ltd (TMH), the Ever Flow River Group Public Co Ltd (EFR) and Amata Holding Public Co Ltd (AMATA) were traded in the security market.

The equity trading volumes were recorded 11,450 shares of FMI worth K91.51 million, 42,496 shares of MTSH worth K122.07 million, 1,938 shares of MCB worth K14.03 million, 137,895 shares of FPB worth over

K202.42 million, 1,615 shares of TMH worth K3.91 million, 4,029 shares of EFR worth K9.98 million and 2,278 shares of AMATA worth K10.97 million respectively last month.

Continuous trading of 75,810 shares valued K310.99 million were recorded on the exchange in January 2023 and the trading volume rose to 122,859 shares in February, with an estimated value of K381.69 million. The equity market saw 95,517 shares with an estimated value of K278.1 million traded on the exchange in March. The trading value touched a low of K175.956 million with 69,365 shares in April. The value reached the highest of K438.319 million with 153,436 shares in May. Trading value of over K422.732 million from 179,521 shares were recorded in June.

The share prices per unit stood at K8,000 for FMI, K2,850 for MTSH, K7,200 for MCB, K1,500 for FPB, K2,450 for TMH, K2,400 for EFR and K5,000 for AMATA in June 2023.

Furthermore, block trading of YSX can be done with the minimum order quantity (10,000 stocks) or with the stocks of trading value of K30 million starting from 1 September 2022.

The Securities and Exchange Commission of Myanmar (SECM) has allowed foreigners to invest in the local equity market since 20 March 2020. Foreign participation would entail better capital inflows, long term and sustainable investment, encourage good corporate governance, and support market orientation, YSX stated.

Moreover, YSX stock investment virtual series 2022 launched in December through YSX YouTube channel and other social media platforms on every weekend of December 2022, including three sessions; Insights talk with listed companies, Investment presentations by securities companies and Panel discussion with market experts.

The YSX was launched in 2016 to improve the private business sector. It disseminates rules and regulations regarding the stock exchange and knowledge of share trading through stock investment webinars and training courses. — KK



Bags of rice being loaded onto vessel at the port.

Myanmar rice exports cross 62,000 tonnes in June

MYANMAR conveyed a total of 62,725 tonnes of rice and broken rice to foreign countries through maritime and border trade channels in June of the current financial year 2023-2024, comprising 27,569 tonnes of rice and 35,156 tonnes of broken rice, the Myanmar Rice Federation's statistics showed.

Myanmar sent 58,001 tonnes of rice and broken rice by sea and 4,724 tonnes via the border last month.

Myanmar shipped 261,079 tonnes of rice and broken rice worth US\$112 million in the Q1 of the current FY.

MRF aimed to achieve 2.5 million tonnes of robust rice export in the current FY, generating an income of US\$1 billion.

Myanmar exported 2,261,203 tonnes of rice and broken rice to foreign trade partners in the past 2022-2023 FY (April-March), bagging \$853.472 million.

Myanmar primarily sent rice and broken rice to China (over 775,000 tonnes), followed by Belgium (323,000 tonnes), Bangladesh (239,000 tonnes) and the Philippines (202,000 tonnes).

Myanmar has been exerting concerted efforts to grow 10 percent yearly in the rice export sector. To raise foreign income, it has been prioritizing exportation of high-grade rice and boosting export volume, MRF stated.

Myanmar swelled to over \$809.135 million from 2,164,681 tonnes of rice export in the 2021-2022 FY. — NN/EM



Board of YSX bearing data on share trading process.

Exports of value-added gold products available under Letter of Credit or Telegraphic Transfer payment system

INTERNATIONAL remittance for Myanmar's value-added gold exports can be made using either Letter of Credit (LC) or Telegraphic Transfer (TT) system, according to the news bulletin 12/2023 dated 3 July released by the Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce.

Exporters of the value-added gold products, jewellery, gold arts and accessories must comply with the Export/Import Standard Operating Procedure (SOP).

The procedures for SOP activities include registration for exporters/importers, applying for value appraisal, seeking export/

import licence, tax payment and customs clearance procedures.

Those criteria bearing in the news bulletin were effective from 3 July. The news bulletin 10/2020 was cancelled with this one incorporated.

Myanmar is placed on the Grey List by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the inter-governmental body that sets anti-money laundering standards. Therefore, the country needs to monitor the gold and jewellery exports and imports in order to ensure there is no illegal income.

As per the news bulletin 10/2020 released by the Ministry



Gold ornaments seen at goldsmith.

of Commerce on 12 August 2020, payment method was changed to LC only.

With the use of LC, payment

can take about two months, cost banking service charges by two sides, increase the charges for security matters in transportation and suspend trading amid volatile prices in the spot gold market.

From 30 December 2021, TT system has been allowed for gold exports worth below US\$50,000 and LC system needs to be used for exports worth above \$50,000.

Gold and other jewellery items are primarily purchased by Japan and the Republic of Korea, and other tourists also buy them, the Yangon Gold Entrepreneurs Association stated. — NN/EM

CURRENT AFFAIRS

MoH appoints more than 600 interns to serve in public hospitals

THE Ministry of Health has appointed a total of 604 apprentices from medical universities under the Department of Human Resources for Health to teaching hospitals in various states and regions for one year, starting from July.

Upon completion of the internship period, these apprentices must continue to serve the country as assistant surgeons. Besides, they are also allowed to attend 11 post-graduate courses for which service term is not limited.



Chairman of the Myanmar Medical Council Professor Dr Khin Maung Aye explains medical ethics to intern doctors.

The Union Civil Service Board started accepting applications on 21 May for recruiting 1,106 doctors in the Medical Services Department and the Human Resources for Health Department under MoH.

Currently, there are 47,337 medical doctors, 5,437 dentists, 4,222 pharmacists, 4,529 medical technicians, 9,496 nursing science graduates, and 2,366 community health professionals working under the Ministry of Health.

In addition, 140 post-graduate courses, such as diploma, master's, and doctorate courses, are also being conducted, according to the ministry. — TWA/CT

Wholesale price of Chinese potatoes peaked at K2,650 per viss

ONLY the price of Chinese potatoes was set in the Yangon potato market on 4 July 2023 as there was a lack of supply of Shan potatoes in the market, resulting in their unavailability for sale or pricing.

A total of 60,000 visses of Chinese potatoes entered the market on the same day, with a wholesale price of K2,650 per viss. Although the wholesale price in Yangon was less than K2,000 per viss in May, it started to rise to over K2,500 in early July.

Domestic garlic and potatoes share the market with imported ones because of the insufficiency in domestic production. There were some days in late 2022 when only Chinese potatoes were available the Yangon potato market.

While a viss of large-sized Shan garlic was wholesaled

at around K9,000, the price of Kyukok garlic was valued at K7,200 per viss. Similarly, Chinese potatoes also reached the highest price in first half of 2023, ranging between K2,600 and 2,650 per viss.

In 2022 and 2023, the prices of onions and garlic increased, but potatoes have not yet exceeded K3,000 per

viss in the Yangon market.

Although Chinese potato prices rose significantly, there were days when Shan potatoes were not available in the market. As a result, the potato market did not experience the same price hikes as seen in the onion, garlic and chilli pepper market, said a dealer to the GNL.M. — TWA/CT



Potatoes imported from China are seen in the domestic market.



Authorities are inspecting the trucks at Tachilek border checkpoint.

Trade value via Tachilek border estimated at over \$4 mln in third week of June

MYANMAR'S border trade with neighbouring country Thailand via the Tachilek border amounted to US\$4.058 million in the third week of June 2023, the Ministry of Commerce's statistics indicated.

Export via the Tachilek border was worth \$2.456 million while import was valued at \$1.602 million between 17 and 23 June 2023.

The figures showed an increase of \$0.268 million in exports and \$0.078 million in imports compared to that of the previous week.

Exports of garlic, dried tea leaf and empty used plastic

bottles declined, whereas the exports of corn, coffee bean, minerals and used cardboards increased.

Meanwhile, imports of auto parts, cement, agricultural machinery, air-conditioners, machines and accessories, glass as building materials, iron and steel products, mineral raw materials, zinc, tyre and tube and furniture decreased. Yet, the Tachilek border saw higher imports of electrical appliances, petroleum products, chemicals, paint and polish, construction materials, raw plastic materials and kitchen wares. — TWA/EM

Plan to launch pilot census on 1 October

THE pilot census for population and household data, which focuses on specific regions and states, is scheduled for 1 October. This will be carried out as preliminary step before the national census takes place in 2024, according to the Ministry of Immigration and Population.

In addition, a preliminary census was conducted nationwide from 9 to 31 January 2023. The statistical data and information collected during this period were cross-checked with the data in the township offices of various regions and states before being entered into the e-ID server at the headquarters in Nay Pyi Taw. Currently, the process of making amendments, supplements, resolving discrepancies, cancellations, and conducting verifications is under.

Initially, e-ID cards are being issued to civil servants and their family members. — TWA/KZW



RTAD office in Nay Pyi Taw.

Vehicle inspection waived until 30 September

NAY Pyi Taw Road Transport Administration Department announced an extension until 30 September, exempting all vehicles and motorcycles, except passenger buses, from mandatory vehicle inspections.

Currently, vehicle licence renewals are being processed without inspecting vehicles, as implemented since the outbreak of Covid-19, and licence renewals continue to be extended without vehicle

inspections.

Therefore, it is notified that vehicles and motorcycles have to come up for renewal within the specified date. — TWA/KZW

LIFESTYLE/WELLNESS: WORLD

In east Ukraine, people turn to Telegram for war news

MAKING coffee for a soldier outside a shopping centre in eastern Ukraine, 24-year-old Nina said she gets news on the war with Russia that has rocked her country from social media. She lives in Kramatorsk, a city about 30 kilometres (20 miles) from the frontline that has been regularly hit by Moscow's forces. The local Telegram channels she reads — called "Typical Kramatorsk" and "I love (heart) Kramatorsk" — have 107,000 and 57,000 followers respectively. She is not alone in swiping through posts to stay up to date. People living in the industrial city said they mostly get updates on the war from social media and personal contacts. The frontline hub, where many speak primarily Russian, has been hit by missile attacks in recent weeks. Its supermarkets and cafes are busy with soldiers resting from the front line. — AFP



Telegram is a cloud-based instant messaging app that allows users to send messages, make voice and video calls, share media files, and create groups or channels. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ AFP**

Netherlands to ban mobile phones from classrooms

THE Netherlands said Tuesday it will ban mobile phones from classrooms in a bid to stop tech disrupting lessons. Mobiles, tablets and smartwatches are getting in the way of students' learning and will not be allowed in class from next year, the Dutch government said. "There is increasing evidence that mobile phones have a harmful effect during lessons", it said. "Pupils are less able to concentrate and their performance suffers." "For this reason, mobile phones, as well as tablets and smartwatches, will no longer be allowed in classrooms from 1 January 2024." The government is asking school authorities to agree internal rules with teachers, parents and pupils by October. — AFP

Medical, but hold the marijuana: new CBD source found in Brazil

IN a laboratory tucked away on a sprawling university campus in Rio de Janeiro, Brazilian molecular biologist Rodrigo Moura Neto is running tests on a seemingly ordinary plant with a potent secret. The fast-growing, homely plant, *Trema micrantha blume*, is native to the Americas, where it is widespread and often considered a weed. But Moura Neto recently discovered its fruits and flowers contain one of the active ingredients in marijuana: cannabidiol, or CBD, which has shown promise as a treatment for conditions including epilepsy, autism, anxiety and chronic pain. Crucially, he also found it does not contain the other main ingredient in pot, tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC — the psychoactive substance that makes people high. That opens the possibility of an abundant new source of CBD, without the complications of cannabis, which remains illegal in many places. The discovery has made



Brazilian molecular biologist Rodrigo Moura Neto inspects a plant that contains CBD, which can be used to treat epilepsy and chronic pain, at his laboratory at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in June 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

something of an overnight academic star of Dr Moura Neto, an affable, silver-haired 66-year-old who now has a packed schedule of meetings with patent experts and companies keen to tap the multi-billion-dollar CBD market. "It was wonderful to find a plant (with CBD but) without THC, because you avoid all the mess around psychotropic substances," says Moura Neto, who has spent the better part of five decades researching in this small lab at Rio de Janeiro Federal University. "That means the potential is enormous," he tells AFP. His 10-member team recently won a 500,000-real (\$104,000) public grant to expand his project, which will now identify the best methods to extract CBD from "Trema," then study its effectiveness as a substitute for medical marijuana. Many of CBD's touted medical uses are still under research. — AFP

Older adults who remain more active have better quality of life: Study

RESEARCHERS have discovered that when persons are over sixty, there is a correlation between less physical activity and a lower quality of life. The study was published in the journal, Health and Quality of Life Outcomes. The same held true for increases in sedentary activities like TV watching and reading. This, according to the researchers, emphasises the necessity of motivating older persons to keep active. Physical activity is known to lower your chance of developing a number of diseases, including heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and cancer, especially when it is moderately intense and increases your heart rate. Adults should engage in at least 150 minutes of moderate-intensity exercise or 75 minutes of vigorous-intensity exercise each week, according to the NHS. Additionally, it is advised that older persons alternate extended stretches of inactivity with brief moments of light movement, or at the very least, standing, as this has clear advantages for their health. A team led by researchers at the University of Cambridge examined activity levels among 1,433 participants aged 60 and above using accelerometers. The participants had been recruited to the EPIC (European Prospective Investigation into Cancer)-Norfolk study. Alongside this, the team also looked at health-related quality of life, a measure of health and well-being that includes pain, ability to care for yourself and anxiety/mood. Participants were given a score between 0 (worst quality of life) and 1 (best) based on their responses to a questionnaire. — ANI



These findings highlight the importance of motivating older individuals to stay physically active for the sake of their overall well-being. **PHOTO: AFP**

Argentina, Brazil take aim at EU’s environmental trade deal conditions



Argentine President Alberto Fernandez (L) and his Brazilian counterpart Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva have spoken out against new conditions for an EU-Mercosur free trade deal. PHOTO: AFP

ARGENTINA and Brazil, South America’s largest economies, took aim Tuesday at an “unacceptable” EU stance in negotiations with the Mercosur bloc for a free trade deal long delayed due to stated European environmental concerns.

Mercosur countries Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay reached an agreement in principle with the 27-member European Union in 2019 after two decades of tough negotiations.

The EU has since proposed a “side letter” to the agreement with extra environmental requirements, ranking South

American leaders who suspect protectionism was at work.

At a two-day summit in Puerto Iguazu, Argentina, Tuesday, Mercosur leaders hit back.

The latest proposal, said Brazil’s Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, “is unacceptable.”

“Strategic partners do not negotiate on the basis of distrust and the threat of sanctions,” he told the meeting.

“We are not interested in agreements that condemn us to forever be exporters of raw materials, mineral products and oil.”

Argentine president Alber-

to Fernandez echoed this point, saying: “No one can condemn us to be suppliers of the raw materials that others industrialize and then sell to us at exorbitant prices.”

Fernandez added the EU “presents us with a partial vision of sustainable development, focused excessively on the environmental” aspect.

Tuesday’s heads of state meeting, following a gathering of ministers Monday, was also attended by the presidents of Uruguay and Paraguay Luis Lacalle Pou and Mario Abdo Benitez. — AFP

Oil prices momentarily lifted from output cuts, equities wobble

OIL prices rose on Monday after key producers Saudi Arabia and Russia further cut crude output in a bid to protect their precious revenues, but quickly gave up their gains.

Asian stock markets meanwhile advanced as easing inflation data fuelled hopes that central banks could be nearing the end of their interest rate hiking cycle.

European stocks ended mostly lower and Wall Street stocks edged up to end a shortened trading session, with investor sentiment subdued on the eve of the Independence Day holiday in the United States.

Data showing that the slump in US manufacturing continued for an eighth straight month in June, on the back of weak demand and slowing production, also dampened senti-

ment.

Brent crude, the international benchmark, and US counterpart WTI jumped after Riyadh extended a voluntary oil production cut of one million barrels per day (bpd), while Moscow — whose invasion of Ukraine last year sparked oil market turmoil — said it was slashing exports by 500,000 bpd.

But the gains evaporated as traders continued to digest the news from the two biggest members of the OPEC+ producers’ alliance.

“It’s the usual knee-jerk reaction to reports of production cuts,” IG analyst Chris Beauchamp told AFP.

“But given... it’s not a coordinated move from all (OPEC+) members it seems hard to imagine there’s much more upside in this.” — AFP

Singapore central bank sees record net loss on inflation fight



People walk out during lunchtime at Raffles Place financial business district in Singapore on 26 June. PHOTO: AFP

SINGAPORE’S central bank said Wednesday it suffered a record annual net loss of US\$23 billion in the most recent financial year as it tightened monetary policy to battle soaring inflation, and it warned the city-state’s economy still faced headwinds.

Central banks worldwide have embarked on a campaign to cushion the effects of rising

prices following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine last year that hammered oil and gas supplies.

But while others have hiked interest rates in their battle, Singapore, which imports most of its needs, has strengthened the local dollar to make imported goods cheaper.

However, that has translated into huge losses in its

official foreign reserves, Monetary Authority of Singapore managing director Ravi Menon announced.

The MAS booked a “net loss of Sg\$30.8 billion (for the financial year ended March), reflecting the effects of monetary policy tightening to bring down inflation”, he said at the release of its annual report. — AFP



Recent efforts by OPEC+ to bolster prices by reducing output have not succeeded. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

German cabinet approves belt-tightening draft budget

GERMANY’S coalition government approved a draft of next year’s budget Wednesday after fractious negotiations, aiming to impose deep cuts after years of big spending while giving defence a boost.

Following months of feuding after Finance Minister Christian Lindner, from the business-friendly FDP party, demanded severe cutbacks, Chancellor Olaf Scholz’s cabinet signed off on the proposed

2024 budget. Lindner sees it as a turning point after several years of massive outlays to tackle first the coronavirus pandemic and then an energy crisis triggered by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. — AFP

Economists expect
Chinese tourists to boost
Malaysia’s tourism

MALAYSIAN economists have foreseen the potential growth of Chinese tourists to boost the Southeast Asian country’s tourism industry.

PublicInvest Research said in its recent report that it expects China to contribute to the recovery of the global tourism industry, including Malaysia.

According to the research house, the resurgence of Chinese tourists will serve as a significant positive factor for the ASEAN region, albeit with a gradual recovery trajectory.

It is noteworthy that the total number of tourists visiting ASEAN countries has yet to surpass pre-pandemic levels.

While the Chinese government itself has actively encouraged tourism, the research house noted that the backlog of passport and visa renewals is substantial, necessitating a considerable amount of time to be cleared. — Xinhua



Tourists cruise on Malacca river in Malacca, Malaysia, 19 September 2020. PHOTO: ZHU WEI/XINHUA

Hackers target Japan’s top port
handling Toyota trade

A hacker group based in Russia has attacked the Port of Nagoya, Japan’s largest port by total cargo throughput and responsible for handling some of Toyota Motor Corp.’s exports and imports, the operator of the port’s computer system said Wednesday.

The group, LockBit 3.0, has made a ransom demand in exchange for the system’s recovery, Nagoya Harbor Transportation Association said, while police have launched an investigation.

The port in the central



Photo taken on 5 July 2023, shows container terminal of Port of Nagoya in Aichi Prefecture. PHOTO: KYODO

Japan prefecture of Aichi has remained unable to load and unload containers from trailers, its operator Nagoya Port Authority said, adding it intends to resume operations Thursday morning. The system failure occurred at around 6:30 a.m. Tuesday when an employee

was unable to start a computer, according to the port authority.

A message indicating that the computer system had been infected with ransomware was somehow sent to a printer, a source familiar with the case said.

Ransomware is malware that encrypts data and demands payment in exchange for restoring access. The port is a hub of Toyota’s exports and imports. The carmaker said that it cannot load or unload auto parts due to the glitch.— Kyodo

Japan firms offer over 3% pay rise, 1st time in 29 yrs

JAPANESE companies offered to raise wages by an average 3.58 per cent in this year’s spring wage talks, marking a more than 3 per cent increase for the first time in 29 years, to cope with historically high inflation, the country’s largest labor union said Wednesday.

The Japanese Trade Union Confederation, also known as Rengo, said the average wage increase was equivalent to 10,560 yen (\$73) per month, in response to its demand for about a 5 per cent pay hike in the “shunto” pay negotiations. The offer was a result of tireless labor-management negotiations and “may be a turning point for the future,” the union said.

Major automakers, including Toyota Motor Corp. and Honda Motor Co., and some electronics manufacturers have granted the union demands in full. — Kyodo

Transferring Registered Pesticide

Registered pesticide distributing by **Green Island Trading Co.,Ltd** in the territory of Myanmar for the product as following are transferring from **Shandong Shengpeng Technology Co.,Ltd** former producer to **Shandong Lvqiao Biological Technology Co.,Ltd** as per mutual consent from both parties. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board within (14) days.

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V HINASE VOY. NO. (202301)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **7-7-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT-5** 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.

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ROLLING UPDATES

ASIA

Japanese delegation meets with Chinese Premier Li to stabilize ties

A Japanese delegation led by former House of Representatives Speaker Yohei Kono met Wednesday with Chinese Premier Li Qiang in Beijing, with their talks aimed at helping stabilize bilateral relations, which remain precarious.

The meeting between Li and the group of some 80 members including Okinawa Gov. Denny Tamaki comes as bilateral ties have been strained over China's detention of a Japanese businessman in March and Tokyo's plan to shortly begin releasing treated radioactive water into the sea from the crippled Fukushima nuclear power plant.

Li welcomed the Japanese Association for the Promotion of International Trade mission at the Great Hall of the People



Yohei Kono (L), leader of the Japanese Association for the Promotion of International Trade delegation meets with Chinese Premier Li Qiang at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on 5 July 2023. **PHOTO: KYODO**

and expressed gratitude to the group for promoting economic and trade cooperation between the two countries. "In my daily exchanges with my Japanese friends, everyone holds a common view that China and Japan must get along with and support each other so as to achieve greater win-win results in cooperation," Li said. The delegation, consisting of many business representatives, is on its first visit to China since April 2019. Tamaki is separately scheduled Thursday to visit southeastern China's Fujian Province, which maintains friendly ties with Okinawa Prefecture based on the history of exchanges spanning more than 600 years, including the period of the Ryukyu Kingdom, which lasted until the 19th century. — Kyodo

Thai parliament to vote on new prime minister on 13 July

THAILAND'S parliament will vote on whether to appoint progressive party leader Pita Limjaroenrat prime minister on 13

July, the new House speaker announced Wednesday. Pita's pro-democracy Move Forward Party netted the most seats at the

May 14 election but there are no guarantees it will be able to form government or that he will lead the country.

MFP has cobbled together an eight-party alliance, which also includes election runners-up Pheu Thai, with a total of 312 seats but remains well short of the 376 votes needed across both houses of parliament to endorse Pita for the top job. Veteran lawmaker Wan Muhamad Noor Matha, who was appointed as a compromise candidate to the all-powerful House speaker role on Tuesday, has scheduled a joint sitting of parliament on 13 July to choose a prime minister. Asked what would happen if Pita doesn't have enough support, Wan Noor said: "The parliament will vote until we have a PM". — AFP



Move Forward Party leader Pita Limjaroenrat (center) talks to reporters after accompanying his party's newly elected House of Representatives members to report to the Parliament in Bangkok, 27 June 2023.

PHOTO: LILLIAN SUWANRUMPHA/AFP

N Korea spy satellite has "no military utility": S Korea

THE South Korean military on Wednesday said it has retrieved the wreckage of a North Korean spy satellite that was launched in May but fell into the Yellow Sea, concluding it has "no military

utility." South Korean and US experts conducted an analysis of the wreckage and found that the satellite was not capable of being used for military reconnaissance, according to South Korea's Joint

Chiefs of Staff.

North Korea tried unsuccessfully to put what it called a military reconnaissance satellite into space orbit on 31 May. — Kyodo

'Love letters' from death row: Singapore's pre-execution photo shoots

DEATH row inmate Nazeri Lajim beams at the camera, fingers raised in a "V" sign, wearing a shirt emblazoned with large motifs and showing no signs of his impending hanging. Taken days before his execution at Singapore's Changi prison, the picture is among the last mementoes Lajim's family has of the 64-year-old, who was executed on charges of drug trafficking.

In the city-state, prison officials offer a photo shoot shortly before an inmate's hanging, providing simple props like chairs and other items. "When I see his photograph he's (a) very healthy man, he's very good looking man... his face shines," Nazira Lajim Hertslet, his sister, told AFP. "I was very upset... that he was taken away just like that."

Singapore imposes the death penalty for a litany of crimes, including murder and some forms of kidnapping. It also has some of the world's toughest anti-drug laws: trafficking more than 500 grams of cannabis can result in the death penalty. Thirteen people have been hanged since the government resumed executions following a two-year hia-

tus in place during the Covid-19 pandemic. In a programme first introduced in the 1990s, they were offered the option to pose for photographs before their death.

Usually taken against a pale-green flowery backdrop, the photos offer a glimpse into the last days of the condemned. The Singapore Prison Service says participation in the programme is voluntary, and that the photo shoots "allow family members to have recent photographs of their loved one". Relatives, however, say they have mixed feelings about the practice. — AFP



This photo taken on 1 May 2023 shows Nazira Lajim Hertslet's phone displaying an official prison "photo shoot" image of her late brother Nazeri Lajim, who was executed for drugs trafficking, as she visits his grave at a Muslim cemetery in Singapore. **PHOTO: ROSLAN RAHMAN / AFP**

Disinformation
researchers lament
'chilling' US legal campaign

THE study of disinformation has emerged as a political lightning rod in the United States, with conservative advocates launching a sweeping legal offensive that researchers fighting falsehoods denounce as an intimidation campaign ahead of the 2024 election.

As next year's vote approaches, many US academics and think-tanks focused on disinformation research are facing lawsuits by right-wing groups and inquiries from a Republican-led congressional panel.

The researchers — including from the Stanford Internet Observatory and the University of Washington — have worked on contentious subjects, including false claims

that the 2020 election was stolen from Donald Trump and conspiracy theories about Covid-19 vaccines.

They are accused of colluding with the government to censor conservative speech online under the guise of fighting disinformation.

But the researchers deny those claims and say the bitter wrangle is seriously impacting their work, including efforts to raise funding.

Some researchers face subpoenas from the Republican-controlled House Judiciary Committee, demanding records including emails with government officials and social media platforms dating back to 2015, according to letters seen by AFP. — AFP



Disinformation researchers are facing subpoenas from the US House Judiciary Committee, demanding records including emails with government officials and social media platforms dating back years. PHOTO: MANDEL NGAN/AFP

Britain's Afghan probe investigating
UK special forces: minister



The inquiry is looking at alleged unlawful killings by British troops in Afghanistan. PHOTO: AFP

BRITAIN'S defence minister on Wednesday said allegations of unlawful killings in Afghanistan being examined by an independent inquiry relate to UK special forces.

The inquiry which opened in March was "now reaching the stage of substantive hearings, and I can confirm that the allegations relate to the conduct of UK Special Forces", Ben Wallace told parliament in a written state-

ment. The inquiry is looking at a number of detention operations between 2010 and 2013 and how allegations of wrongdoing were investigated by military police, in particular whether there were any cover-ups.

It is being led by senior judge Charles Haddon-Cave, who has said it is important wrongdoing be "referred to the relevant authorities for investigation" while "those who have done nothing

wrong should rightly have the cloud of suspicion lifted from them".

Haddon-Cave said on Wednesday that he had recently visited the office of the prosecutor at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, although he did not elaborate.

Other countries' special forces have also faced allegations of unlawful killings in Afghanistan. — AFP

Billion-euro bill for business as France
hopes riots over

JOSEPH Guret surveyed the charred remains of his tobacco shop outside Paris, one of the hundreds of businesses ransacked in riots that have caused an estimated one billion euros across France.

"They've taken my whole life away, now I have nothing left," Guret said, his voice shaking.

The 30-year-old shop owner said his tobacconist in Neuilly-sur-Marne was attacked by 10 people on Thursday night who "took everything they could" and then "burned everything".

The government had counted on Saturday attacks on 10 shopping malls, 200 supermarkets, 250 tobacconists and 250 bank branches following four nights of mayhem. No updated figures have been released.

Inching through the space cut off from electricity by the light of his phone, Guret wondered "why they did this, they've burned their own neighbourhood."

With some shop owners talking about going out of business in the wake of attacks, Economy Minister Bruno Le Maire has vowed government aid and pushed insurers and banks to help out. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Selling lottery tickets, postage stamps and often coffee and snacks as well as tobacco products, French "tabacs" can be a rare meeting spot in remote or deprived communities. — AFP

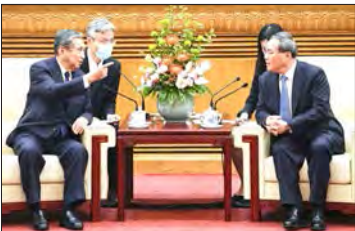


NEWS IN BRIEF

Russia says drone attacks near Moscow
'not possible' without US, NATO help

MOSCOW said Ukrainian drone attacks on Russian territory would "not be possible" without US and NATO help, ratcheting up its rhetoric after reporting it had downed five drones near the capital on Tuesday. Moscow said Ukrainian drone attacks on Russian territory would "not be possible" without US and NATO help, ratcheting up its rhetoric after reporting it had downed five drones near the capital on Tuesday. Ukraine meanwhile said 43 people, including 12 children, were injured in a Russian strike on the town of Pervomaisky in the eastern Kharkiv region.

Moscow accused the West of enabling Ukraine to carry out the drone attacks, after earlier condemning what it called a "terrorist act". "These attacks would not be possible without the help provided to the Kyiv regime by the US and its NATO allies," the Russian foreign ministry said, claiming the West was "training drone operators and providing the necessary intelligence to commit such crimes." — AFP



SPORT

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.

Tough group for Myanmar says U-19 women's head coach



Myanmar U-19 Women's Team head coach Daw Thet Thet Win (Centre) is seen delivering her team's message during the pre-press conference for AFF U-19 Women's Championship 2023. **PHOTO:MFF**

MYANMAR U-19 Women's Football Team head coach Daw Thet Thet Win said that Myanmar team is falling in a tight group against ASEAN powerhouses in the AFF U-19 Women's Championship 2023.

“It will be a difficult group. However, there is one lucky thing for team Myanmar. Myanmar squad is having a super chance to observe the match between Thailand and the Philippines at first and prepare

according to the conditions of the match. In order to pass the group stage, we will seriously compete with every opponent," she highlighted.

Thailand will take on the Philippines in the opening match of the tourney's Group C at 7 pm Myanmar standard time on 6 July.

Team Myanmar will face the Philippines at 7 pm MST on 8 July and Thailand on 10 July.

The tourney is divided into

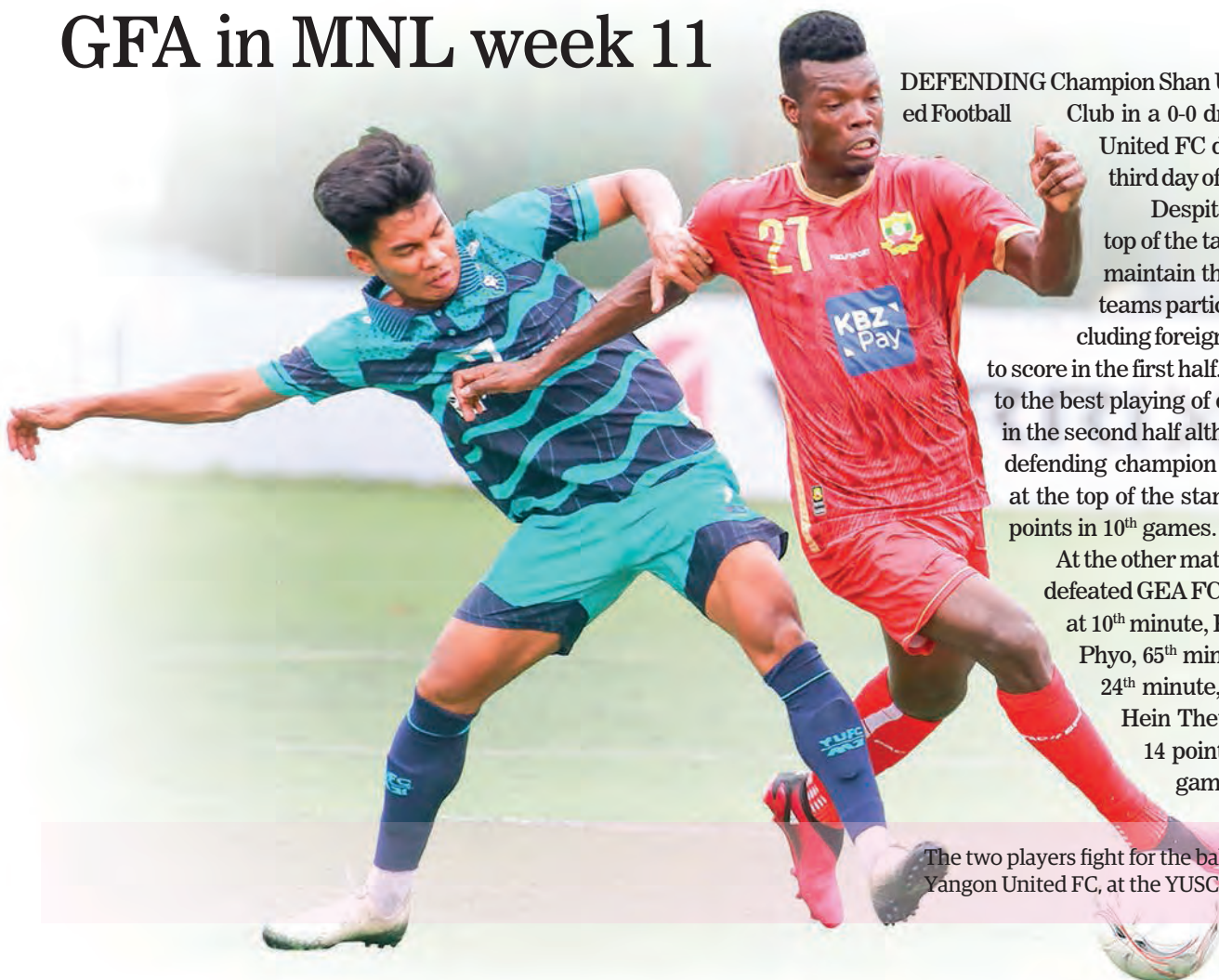
three groups.

The first three teams from each group and one best second-placed team totalling four will advance to the semi-finals.

Host Indonesia is placed in the Group A with Cambodia, Laos and Timor-Leste while Viet Nam is in the Group B against Malaysia and Singapore.

The semifinals will be played on 13 July and the third and final matches will be convened on 15 July. — KZL

Shan United held by Yangon United, Maha beats GFA in MNL week 11



DEFENDING Champion Shan United Football Club was held by second-placed Yangon United Football Club in a 0-0 draw at the Yangon United Sports Complex whereas Maha

United FC defeated GFA FC with 5-3 at the Thuwunna Stadium on the third day of 11th match in Myanmar National League 2023 on 5 July 2023.

Despite drawing with the Yangon FC, the Shan FC stands at the top of the table at the first half of MNL season. The Shan FC are able to maintain their undefeated record due to a result of this draw. The two teams participated in the competition with their strongest first lineup including foreign players and played with attacking. Both teams had chances to score in the first half. Strikers of both teams could not grab the opportunities due to the best playing of defensive players and goalkeepers. And neither could they in the second half although they were changing the players. After this match, the defending champion Shan FC accumulated 29 points in 11th games and stand at the top of the standing table whereas the Yangon FC managed to secure 25 points in 10th games.

At the other match playing at Thuwunna Stadium on 5 July, Maha United FC defeated GEA FC with 5-3 goals. Maha United got their goals from Akar Kyaw at 10th minute, Kyaw Swa Min, 38th minute, Patrick, 45+2 minutes, Myo Min Phyto, 65th minute and Nay Lin Tun, 88th minute. GFA team got their goal 24th minute, 55th minute and 90+2 minute by Chan Nyein, Joseph and Hein Thet Phyto. After this match, the Maha FC managed to secure 14 points in 11th games whereas the GEA got seven points in 11th games. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

The two players fight for the ball during the MNL football match between Shan United FC and Yangon United FC, at the YUSC, Yangon, on 5 July 2023. **PHOTO: MNL**