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SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing plants a Gangaw tree (Mesua ferrea) at monsoon tree-growing ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Tree growing aims to green urban and rural areas including Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

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EVERYBODY knows the government emphasizes growing of trees involved in the rehabilitation measures in 10 townships of Mocha-hit Rakhine State including Sittway in order to overcome natural disasters, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the third monsoon tree-growing ceremony in 2023 along both sides of the road leading to Maravijaya Buddha Image from 204/1 milepost of Yangon-Mandalay expressway in Yanaungmyin forest reserve

in Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. On the occasion, the Senior General planted a Gangaw sapling (Mesua ferrea) at the designated site. Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that an emphasis must be placed on steadfastly growing trees and natural landscape to green all urban and rural areas including Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. Forests and forestry ecosystem are to be conserved as a national duty for ensuring sustainable development of the nation, food security, **SEE PAGE-3**

The Global New Light of Myanmar and SPUTNIK Information Agency sign an agreement

THE English daily newspaper namely The Global New Light of Myanmar and SPUTNIK Information Agency, based in Russia, signed an agreement on Russia-Myanmar Information Cooperation to collaborate

in information sharing and media affairs. U Maung Maung Ohn, the Union Minister for Information, and invited guests presented the Signing Ceremony of the at Horizon Lake View

hotel, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday. On the occasion, Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn delivered an opening speech at the ceremony, saying that Russia-Myanmar diplomatic relations initiated on 18 February

1948, and now it reached its 75th anniversary on 18 February 2023. He also highlighted the fact that Russia-Myanmar relations have been establishing strategic multilateral relations that benefits both countries

based on mutual trust and beneficial cooperation. The Union minister cautioned the period that the relations between Russia and **SEE PAGE-2**

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Myanmar rejects the ASEAN Leaders’ Review and Decision on the Implementation of the five-point consensus

THE Ministry of Foreign Affairs notes “the ASEAN Leaders’ Review and Decision on the implementation of the five-point consensus” issued at the 43rd ASEAN Summit held today in Jakarta, Indonesia.

Myanmar was not represented at the 43rd ASEAN Summit as Myanmar’s rights for equal representation was denied contradicting Article 5 of the ASEAN Charter on “Rights and Obligations”.

Although the ASEAN Chair consulted Myanmar on the draft document, the views and voices of Myanmar are not taken into account.

Therefore, on behalf of the Government of Myanmar, the Ministry rejects the contents of “the ASEAN Leaders’ Review and Decision on the Implementation of the five-point consensus,” as the reviews are not objective and decisions are bias and one-sided.

The Ministry reiterates its call to the ASEAN Member States to strictly adhere to the provisions and fundamental principles of the ASEAN Charter, especially non-interference in the internal affairs of the member states.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
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Duty Assignment of Permanent Secretary

THE State Administration Council has assigned U Hlaing Oo, Director-General of the Minister’s Office of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, to the duties of Permanent Secretary of the same ministry.

COVID-19 report, 5 September 2023	NEW TESTS 4,112	NEW CASES 5	CASUALTIES 0
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Managing Director of the News and Periodicals Enterprise as well as BOD chairman of The Global New Light of Myanmar Co Ltd U Thet Swe and Mr Vasily Pushkov, the director of SPUTNIK Information Agency, sign the agreement on cooperation in exchange of information in the presence of Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn.

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Myanmar became more powerful in the 1990s and it was significantly added momentum in 2011. Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing’s visit to Russia brought next steps to be promoted in bilateral trade and investment, he added.

Through cooperation with the international news agency, Myanmar journalists will have a chance to study news writing,

editing and photography techniques. In addition, both sides can mutually exchange their views on the art of journalism, the Union minister remarked.

In conclusion, the Union minister wished for the signatories to be successful in the purposes of mutual understanding between peoples of the two countries, news flow in a rapidly manner, dissemination of news on culture, humanitarian, sports, business and political arenas and media development.

Mr Vasily Pushkov, the Director of International Cooperation, SPUTNIK Information Agency extended greetings.

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Also present at the ceremony were U Ye Tint, Deputy Minister for Information, U Myo Myint Maung, the permanent secretary of the ministry, Chief Editors and officials.

SPUTNIK Information Agency having its head-office in Moscow, Russia was established by Rossiya Segodnya (Russia Today), a State-owned news agency on 10 November 2014. SPUTNIK Information Agency which wins more than 66 million views per month on their website has bureau offices in Washington DC, Cairo, Beijing, Paris, Berlin, Madrid, Montevideo and Rio de Janeiro.

In the afternoon, the director of SPUTNIK Information Agency and party visited Maravijaya Buddha Image in the Buddha Park, Gandakuti chambers, Saddhahipati Bell, Aggadipati Sasana Beikman and stone plaque chamber pagodas. — MNA/TH

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reduction of climate change and prevention of natural disasters, he added.

According to the weather forecasts, he continued to say that Myanmar may face El Nino impacts from September 2023 to March 2024. As such, the Senior General stressed the need to make preparations based on previous experiences for resilience of dryness and shortage of water due to impacts of drought and dryness, he noted.

With regard to efforts of the government, the Senior General unveiled that the government is striving for greening ASEAN Highways, Yangon-Mandalay expressway and railways in collaboration of relevant ministries.

He underscored that a total of 24.629 million trees including State-owned forest plantations are being grown across the nation this monsoon, adding the plan of growing 2,520 trees of 15 species at the tree-growing ceremony.

In conclusion, he gave guidance on establishment of firewood plantations in rural areas,



Departmental personnel and students participate in growing saplings at third monsoon tree-growing ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

conservation of forests on hills and along rivers and creeks and setting up mangrove forests along coastal areas.

SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, officials,

departmental officials and students participated in the tree-growing ceremony.

The Senior General inspected thriving of Linlun (Buchanania latifolia), Lumbini sal and Gangaw saplings sapling

in the precinct of Maravijaya Buddha Park and instructed officials to systematically carry out greening of the precinct.

The tree-growing ceremony in 2023 comprised cultivation of Gangaw, star-flower, teak

and gum-kino plants, totalling 2,520 plants. This monsoon, the whole country has grown 24.629 million trees including State-owned forest plantations. — MNA/TTA

DPM MoD UM receives Indian Ambassador to Myanmar to talk about defence collaboration

MEMBER of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Defence Admiral Tin Aung San received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Vinay Kumar at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, both parties discussed improving defence collaborations between Myanmar and India, border security measures and military training between the two armed forces. — MNA/KZW



SAC member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Defence Admiral Tin Aung San receives Indian Ambassador Mr Vinay Kumar on 5 September.

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NATIONAL

Myanmar drafts e-Governance Master Plan 2030

E-Government is a must for the country in Digital Transformation



SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo speaking at the workshop on Myanmar e-Governance Master Plan 2030 (draft) on 5 September.

THE Ministry of Transport and Communications organized a “Consultative Workshop on Myanmar e-Governance Master Plan 2030 (draft)” in Nay Pyi Taw

yesterday.

Speaking at the event, State Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Com-

munications General Mya Tun Oo said that the countries all over the world emphasize the Digital Transformation in administration, education, health

and social sectors. Therefore, e-Government is a must for the country in Digital Transformation. The country also achieves E-Government Development Index (EGDI) values. It ranked 169 out of 193 member countries of the UN in 2016 and reached 134 in 2022. Therefore, it should maintain such prominent achievements.

In leading to Digital Government, it should set up the National Strategic Vision. The new Myanmar e-Governance Master Plan 2030 is drafted amending the former e-Governance Master Plan to keep abreast of the Digital World and New Digital trends.

In the draft, the goals, aims, strategies and frameworks have been developed and the action plans to be carried out in the

short and long-term period until 2030, technical infrastructure that should be built and ICT Law, policy, guideline and norms that should be drafted are fully added.

He continued that the systematic measures can support the implementation of nine objectives of SAC, and achieve progresses in Digital Economy that comprises of sustainable, innovative and all-inclusive chances including the integration of international/ASEAN community.

After that, the Director of e-Government Division of the Information Technology and Cyber Security Department reported on work programmes stated in the draft and the Chief Information Officers (CIO) of Government Organizations made proper recommendations. — MNA/KTZH

UEC points out advantages of Myanmar electronic voting machines

THE Union Election Commission met with political parties and held a demonstration and test voting ceremony regarding the Myanmar electronic voting machine at the Yangon Region Government Office yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, UEC Chairman U Thein Soe said that according to the four meetings with the political parties, the Union Election Commission has agreed to change and use the closed list proportional representation system (PR) in the future parliamentary elections, which is suitable and simple for Myanmar.

He stressed that preparations are made to issue relevant parliamentary election laws and regulations that will be consistent with the proportional representation system.

In order to become strong organizations, the new registration rules for political parties have been enacted and published. There are 50 parties that applied for re-registration as a political party and 14 parties that applied for the establishment as new parties in accordance with

the promulgated regulations, so there are a total of 64 parties. According to Section 25 of the Political Parties Registration Law, 40 political parties that did not apply for re-registration in accordance with the law have automatically become invalid as political parties, he highlighted.

He pointed out that 64 political parties submitted for re-registration and newly established registration are allowed to be registered in accordance with the law, and those who want to establish a new political party can apply under Section 3 of the Political Parties Registration Law.

He stressed that since the UEC will allow the representatives of political parties to participate in the compilation and verification of the voter lists, all should cooperate to ensure that the voter lists are complete and correct.

The use of electronic voting machines was carried out in order to reduce the cost of printing ballots. By using the Myanmar electronic voting machine, voters will be able to vote more clearly and easily, and the results of the



The demonstration on use of Myanmar electronic voting machine in progress.

vote will be counted accurately and quickly.

Thanks to the voting machine, voter fraud cannot occur and benefits such as reducing the cost of printing ballots and buying polling equipment will be achieved. Political parties are important organizations that represent the people and take the lead for the benefit of the nation.

The membership strength of the political parties that will lead the country must be firm in accordance with the requirements.

In the elections to be held with the proportional representation system, the political parties will receive proportional representatives depending on their ability to organize and the votes they will receive. Ethnic parties will be able to participate in the legislative and administrative sectors according to their regions for the benefit of their ethnic groups.

In accordance with the constitution, he emphasized that in implementing a true and disciplined multi-party democratic

system, he would like to make efforts to make political parties that can take a firm stand for the people and the State, the UEC chairman stated.

After that, U Nyi Nyi Lwin, Deputy Director General of the UEC Office, presented a detailed discussion with PowerPoint regarding the Myanmar Electronic Voting Machine (MEVM), and the representatives of the political parties cast a practical vote using the voting machine. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

DPM MoFA Union Minister separately receives Head of UNOCHA in Myanmar, Ambassador of Bangladesh

U Than Swe, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Mr Sajjad Mohammad Sajid, Head of Office of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA) in Myanmar, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. Mr Ramanathan Balakrishnan, United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator ad interim also participated in the meeting.

During the meeting, they discussed on ways and means of further cooperation between the Government of Myanmar and the United Nations and its related agencies, following the visit of Mr Martin Griffiths, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief



DPM Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe receives Dr Md Monwar Hossain, Ambassador-designate of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 5 September.

Coordinator, Office of the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in August 2023.

The Deputy Prime Minister also held talks with Dr Md Monwar Hossain, Ambassador-designate of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the same venue in the afternoon.

During the call, they cordially exchanged views on further consolidation of bilateral relations between the two countries, expansion of mutually beneficial cooperation in various areas including bilateral trade, investment and connectivity, successful implementation of repatriation of verified displaced persons from Rakhine State as well as regional and international matters of common interest. — MNA/TTA

Myanmar, Thailand to jointly combat online gaming at border

DURING the meeting between Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing and Thailand Ambassador Mr Mongkol Visittump, they discussed closer cooperation in immigration enforcement activities to ensure orderly entry and exit of their respective citizens and prevent illegal border crossings.

The meeting took place at the Ministry of Immigration and Population in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

They also discussed joint search and rescue measures for Thai citizens trafficked at the border regions through collaborative efforts of relevant ministries. The meeting focused on aid of Thailand for supply of medicines and

necessities during the COVID-19 outbreak in Myanmar, repatriation of displaced persons and reconstruction measures of Mocha-hit Rakhine State.

They also exchanged views on cooperation in bilateral immigration measures for effective prevention against online gaming-related issues. — MNA/KZW



Union Immigration and Population Minister U Myint Kyaing holds talks with Thai Ambassador Mr Mongkol Visittump on 5 September.

Myanmar, India to enhance engineering human resources



Union Minister for Construction U Myo Thant meets Indian Ambassador Mr Vinay Kumar on 5 September.

Union Minister for Construction U Myo Thant received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Vinay Kumar at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, both sides discussed strengthening friendship, development of border trade and tourism sectors, plans to improve transport sec-

tor for smooth and swift flow of commodities for development of socioeconomic life of the people, various areas of cooperation, including the development of border trade, and enhancement of human resources for sending engineering scholarship students for upgrading roads, bridges, urban and housing sector. — MNA/KZW

NATIONAL

MAI launches maiden flight of Yangon-Mandalay-Novosibirsk route to create aviation network between Myanmar and Russia



The launching ceremony of Yangon-Mandalay-Novosibirsk maiden flight in progress at Yangon International Airport on 5 September. **PHOTO: THAW GYI**

UNION Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Thet Thet Khine attended the launching of the maiden flight of Myanmar Airways International (MAI)'s Yangon-Mandalay-Novosibirsk route at Yangon International Airport yesterday morning.

At the opening ceremony, the deputy minister for Transport and Communications said that Myanmar and the Russian Federation signed an aviation transport agreement in 1970 in order to build a mutual aviation network. According to the agreement, Aeroflot Airlines from the Russian Federation operated direct flights between Yangon and Moscow from 1979

to 1992. Now, MAI revitalizes the aviation network by operating a direct flight between Yangon-Mandalay and Novosibirsk. The new flight can contribute to the tourism business, trade and investment activities between the two countries.

And then, the Union Minister visited the hotels and tourism information counter at the Yangon International Airport for domestic and foreign tourists to easily find out about Myanmar's destinations.

The Yangon-Mandalay-Novosibirsk direct flight will be operated twice a week on Tuesday and Saturday. — MNA/TS

Entry and exit to China with a single-use card allowed in Muse

OFFICIALS at the Muse border confirmed that every citizen has been granted a 7-day temporary border pass (TBP) in China through the border gates of Muse town.

In the past, only people from Muse and Namkham townships were allowed to enter and leave China.

According to the residents of Muse, they have been allowed to visit China's border towns of Ruili and Mangshi for seven days and six nights.

Permission to travel is no longer limited as before and can be done from every state and region, and it must be done in person with original national registration card. It is said that the entry and exit card is being made at the Nandaw Gate, Sinbyu Gate and Mang Wain Gate.

Residents of Muse District are granted a Red Book of Residence Permit (BP) in China, and those with households outside of Muse District are granted a One-time Entry Card (TBP). — TPT

Rice, beans, onions and seafood must be exported via Sittway camp

IN Myanmar-Bangladesh border trade, rice, beans, sesame, peanuts, onions and aquatic products must be exported only from Sittway Trade Zone, the Ministry of Commerce recently announced.

It is stated that the specified types of goods to be delivered to Bangladesh must be exported as of 4 September 2023.

The agricultural produce to be exported from Sittway Trade Zone are rice, broken rice, pulses, sesame, peanuts, onions and

aquatic products are freshwater and saltwater fish.

It is stated that it is being done with the aim of carrying out trade activities in an orderly manner and developing trade with Bangladesh.

The Ministry said that the Sittway border trade zone was able to trade worth more than USD 106 million in the 2022-23 financial year and only more than USD 2.3 million in the four-month period of the 2023-24 financial year. — TPT

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, machines, foodstuffs, industrial materials, medications and vehicles confiscated

THE combined teams on 31 August seized 79.254 tonnes of illegal teak worth K52,308,102, three 22-wheel trucks with trailers, a crane and a motorboat (estimated value of K840 million) at the Wataya Port in Shwepyitha township and 172.008 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K113,598,078 in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) township. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

An on-duty team under the supervision of the Kachin State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force captured a Doosan excavator, a Komatsu excavator, a Volvo excavator and a cat-320C excavator (estimated value of K120 million) on 1 September and action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

The combined teams on 2 September confiscated a Yutong bus (approximately K20 million) carrying 3,960 litres of RBD palm Olein worth K10.78 million without official documents at the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) combined checkpoint and a Nissan diesel tractor head with



Timbers seized in Bago Region on 4 September.

a trailer (approximately K76 million), headed to Mandalay from Muse, carrying 900 kilograms of Hummer worth K37.897 million that were not declared in the Import Declaration (ID) at the Milepost 23/2 on Muse-Mandalay road. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

The combined on-duty teams impounded a Mitsubishi Fuso (estimated value of K30 million), headed to Yangon from Myawady, carrying five kinds of goods worth K13,325,242 including 1,100 boxes of Furosic 40 mg medicine and 768 kilogrammes

of envelop near the Famous fuel filling shop in Phayagyi and a total of 1.956 tonnes of illegal timbers in Toungoo district on 3 September and a total of 3.499 tonnes of illegal teak and 0.186 tonne of illegal hardwood worth K1,650,436 in Bago district. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

A total of 15 arrests were made on five consecutive days from 31 August to 4 September with an estimated value of K1,315,695,792, as reported by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS

Tunnel architecture of Bagan's Maha Hngetpyittaung Pagoda attracts visitors



VISITORS can enjoy the beauty of the tunnel architecture and sitting Buddha image of Maha Hngetpyittaung Pagoda, built by King Anawrahta under the advice of a monk named Shin Arahan in 402 Myanmar Era in NyaungU Township, Mandalay Region.

In the early Bagan period, Pyu Saw Htee conquered five enemies and became the king. He built the pagoda. King Anawrahta built Zetawun monastery called Shin Arahan brick monastery near the pagoda.

According to historical records, 899

tunnels were constructed and donated near the pagoda for the residence of 1,500 monks.

A stone inscription of Shin Arahan carved in both Myanmar and English, a sitting statue of the Shin Arahan, a bird statue, a bird's den, earthen tunnels, rocky drum and Hmyatha pagoda are situated in the precinct of the Maha Hngetpyittaung Temple.

Visitors can explore Pyanky Cave to the south of the temple and Setpataw Pagoda to the northwest. — Dipa Lin/KZL



900-year-old bronze lotus bud in Bagan attractive to travellers

OFFICIALS of the Department of Archaeology and National Museums (Bagan Branch) said that the 900-year-old bronze lotus bud is exhibited for public observation at the Bagan Archaeological Museum in NyaungU Township, Mandalay Region.

The bronze lotus bud displayed in the museum is an 11th-century work of Bagan period, which was recovered from the ruins of a temple near the Upali ordination hall during the 1975 earthquake.

The bronze work is very elegant, and the bronze lotus bud has eight petals. The lotus bud indicates advancement of bronze casting in Bagan era.

There is a small pagoda on the straight top of the lotus stalk, and eight episodes of Buddhology are beautifully illustrated inside the lotus.

Each petal of the lotus bud bears an image of the disciple of the Buddha, and the bronze lotus bud can be removed one at a time.

The bronze lotus bud is more than 900 years old, and it is an invaluable ancient Myanmar cultural heritage, as well as being proudly displayed in the Bagan Archaeological Museum.

There are 10 galleries on display at the museum featuring special exhibition gallery, Bagan period architectural gallery, Bagan Art Gallery, Bagan Dynasty City booth, Bagan literary gallery, Bagan lifestyle gallery, Bagan Buddhism Art Gallery, Gallery of Bagan Buddha statues such as the Bagan Period Pagoda Art Gallery and the Bagan Period Mural Painting Gallery.— Dipa Lin/KZL



Move forward to future society despite worse challenges

THE relentless onslaught of the Covid-19 pandemic has gripped the world since its emergence in 2019. It has spared no corner of our global society, and its virulent variants have crashed upon us like relentless tidal waves. Humanity and living creatures have grappled with natural disasters and pandemics, and while these trials have never been defied, they have shown us that careful planning and systematic management can mitigate their devastating impacts.

In Myanmar, a nation deeply influenced by the teachings of Lord Buddha, a profound sense of pessimism often guides the way people approach life's challenges. This mindset has allowed them to maintain a sense of calm in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic's harrowing toll. Families have tragically lost loved ones to

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severe Covid-19 illnesses, but the resilience of the Myanmar people has been unwavering. Myanmar has officially weathered four waves of Covid-19 outbreaks during this critical period, all while undergoing significant political changes. In the midst of this turmoil, they have not surrendered to despair. Instead, they have found ways to adapt and overcome, thanks in part to the systematic health management efforts of their government. These measures have helped them protect as many lives as possible.

Industries across the nation were forced to halt their operations, and countless institutions temporarily closed their doors. Remote work became the norm, and even the banking sector transformed with the rise of mobile banking. Food services pivoted to delivery models. Traditional print media saw declines, but online platforms such as social media and digital broadcasting thrived. The pandemic compelled Myanmar's people to explore new avenues, both suitable and unsuitable, to remain functional and contribute to society.

The pandemic has reshaped the mindset of the Myanmar people, shaking the foundations of their society. While it has brought about economic crises and scarcity of jobs for daily survival, it has also ignited a collective search for solutions. Amid their daily struggles, both individuals and the government are tirelessly seeking the best path forward, finding newfound strength and determination to leave the past behind and chart a course towards a brighter future.

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E J Jones

E J Jones of the Geological Survey of India visited various localities to investigate coal, lignite, and other mineral deposits in Burma in 1887. He contributed "Notes on Burma" in the Record of Geological Survey of India, volume XX in 1887, Notes on Kashmir earthquake of 30 May 1885 in volume XVIII, Report on the Kashmir earthquake of 30 May 1885 in volume XVIII, Examination of nodular stones obtained by trawling off Colombo in volume XXI and Note on a cobaltiferous matt from Nepal in volume XXII.

Due to limited space, I can extract the following significant accounts from Jones's comprehensive report 'Notes on Upper Burma' in the Record of Geological Survey of India in 1887.

THE CHINDWIN VALLEY

The strata exhibited in the Chindwin River at Monywa, the lowest point that I visited, consist of recent sand, resting on a ferruginous conglomerate containing fragments of the well-known fossil wood so widely distributed in Burma. I found this fossil wood at almost the highest point to which I travelled on the Chindwin (the neighbourhood of the mouth of the Kalé creek), and as far east as a short distance from the base of the Shan Hills; while according to Mr Theobald it is of very wide-spread occurrence in Lower Burma. At Alon, five miles up the river above Monywa, the same conglomerate is seen dipping slightly towards the east.

Tertiary

Above Alon the banks are low and sandy for some distance, but a few miles above the station, a ridge of sandstone, which, from the launch in which I was travelling, appeared horizontal, but which probably dips, as do the strata everywhere in this part of the country, to the east, is seen running across the river from east to west and forming a low cliff on each bank. Above this point, the right bank becomes less sandy and higher, while the left bank remains low and chiefly composed of sand. Another ridge of sandstone runs across just by Yathit.

Above Kani, the banks gradually become low again till, at about 17 miles below Maukdau, the river passes through a much higher

The Burma Circle of the Geological Survey of India and their Contributions to the Geology of Myanmar

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range of sandstone hills. Above Mingin soft sandstones are seen on the right bank dipping to the east under the river; the left bank is fairly flat with an occasional small outcrop of the sandstone.

Cretaceous

At the junction of the Kalé creek (or Myit-tha) a fine-grained greenish yellow sandstone, harder at and near the weathered surface than inside and containing courses of a harder sandstone, is exposed dipping to E.15°S. at 30°. The harder courses are due to infiltrated silica and ferruginous matter: This sandstone also contains in parts ferruginous nodules and bands of a somewhat coarser texture.

The Kalé Coal-field

This is only a small portion of what promises to be a much larger field. It owes its name to the fact that some coal has been found and worked to some extent in the so-called Kalé creek (the Myit-tha), which flows into the Chindwin at the village known as Kalewa (Lat. 23° 4'N., Long. 94° 25'E.), situated on the right bank of the Chindwin between Mingin and Kindat.

Other coal seams on the Chindwin: I was informed by

the left bank, as the ground is there much flatter, with a small plain between the river and the hills, whereas on the right bank, the hills come right down to the river. These preliminary trials should be put down by the government in order to see whether the coal extends to any distance.

Monywa Copper Mine: Opposite Monywa, at a distance of about three miles to the west of the river, there is a hill formed of petrosiliceous volcanic rocks. On this hill, which is known as the Letpadaung Taung, there are the remains of a copper mine, which was formerly worked by Oo Chaung, the younger brother of the Kinwoon Mingyi. Whether he ever obtained any large quantity of copper I was unable to find out, but I should think it very unlikely that the output was at all considerable, as the only traces of copper now extant consist of a few stains of green carbonate. The presence of the volcanic rocks is, however, interesting as it forms a further link in the volcanic chain running north through Narkondam and the extinct volcano of Popadaung, visited many years ago by Mr W T Blanford who pointed out that Popa was the continuation to the

Quality and age of the coal: The coal appears to be of a fair quality, the great drawback being its friable nature. It contains the numerous small veins and pockets of fossil resin noticed in some of the cretaceous coals of Assam, and the Lenya River coal of Tenasserim, which is a good sign

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those who had the opportunity of observing the neighbouring country that this is by no means the only tributary of the Chindwin in which coal occurs, but that it is to be found in almost, if not quite, all the streams flowing in on the right bank below the Kalé creek, and to the north of this point as far as Tamu. Coal was also reported by Captain Stevens through the Political Agent, Manipur, in 1886

as Cretaceous coal is more likely to extend to a distance than the uncertain seams of Tertiary age.

Position of the mine: In the borings, it must be remembered that, owing to the high dip of the seam, the coal will appear to be thicker than it really is. Should they give equally favourable results on both sides of the river, I should recommend the mining, at any rate at starting, to be carried on on



E. J. Jones, Source: GSI

right bank of the river, near its junction with the Myittha (which flows past Pyinyaung, the first post out of Hlaingdet, on the Shan Hill road). On the map of Upper Burma (1 inch = 16 miles), second edition, published by the Surveyor-General of India, the coal region is not marked as such, but it is situated in the neighbourhood of the spot marked Taungnga village (Lat. 21° 3'N., Long. 96° 24'E.), nearly opposite the village of Pachaung (or Petkyaung).

The coal is exposed in the beds of the streams running into the Panlaung on the right bank and in the hillsides to the east of the river: I was only able to visit the more accessible 11 groups of outcrops. The comprehensive report about 18 chief outcrops of coal has been mentioned in the report.

THE PANLAUNG COALFIELD

The Panlaung River takes its rise near Singulébyin and flows northwards by a tortuous course till it eventually joins the Myitgé River, just before its junction with the Irrawaddy near Ava. The Panlaung coal field is situated on the

left bank of the river, near its junction with the Myittha (which flows past Pyinyaung, the first post out of Hlaingdet, on the Shan Hill road). On the map of Upper Burma (1 inch = 16 miles), second edition, published by the Surveyor-General of India, the coal region is not marked as such, but it is situated in the neighbourhood of the spot marked Taungnga village (Lat. 21° 3'N., Long. 96° 24'E.), nearly opposite the village of Pachaung (or Petkyaung).

The coal is exposed in the beds of the streams running into the Panlaung on the right bank and in the hillsides to the east of the river: I was only able to visit the more accessible 11 groups of outcrops. The comprehensive report about 18 chief outcrops of coal has been mentioned in the report.

TWO COAL LOCALITIES IN

11 feet thick and dips to west 70°; it rests on clayey shale, contains a great deal of clayey matter and is very soft.

ON LIGNITE OCCURRING AT THIGYIT, NEAR NYAUNGWE

Having been informed that coal was reported by Mr Scott to exist at Thigyit, near Fort Stedman, and the coal of the Panlaung field not proving so good as was expected, I determined to take the opportunity of being in the neighbourhood to visit the locality. After much delay, I left Fort Stedman accompanied by the Myook of Thigyit. Thigyit is situated about 11 to 12 miles west of Indeinmyo, at the south end of the Nyaunggywe Lake. The rocks are of the usual character, exposed in this part of the country, namely, massive limestones with red and pink shaly clays and conglomerates.

THE METALLIFEROUS MINES IN THE SHAN HILLS

Silver-lead Mines of Kyautat and Bawzain: Bawzain is a small village in the neighbourhood of Kyauktat, near Pwehla. About 1.5 miles to the north-east of the village there is a valley among the hills, the bottom of which is filled with red clay, the rocks of the surrounding hills consisting of limestone. In clefts in the limestone and below the red clay, a yellow, somewhat calcareous clay, occurs containing the argentiferous galena. The ore is said to occur in blocks and fragments, varying in size from three feet across to the size of a pea. I was unable to enter the mines, most of them having been closed for three years, owing to the disturbances in the country; and of the two that had been recently worked, one had been recently abandoned on account of its unsafe condition, while the other, being only worked during the dry weather, had been closed for the rains.

The large lumps, which are of too great a size to be readily carried out of the mine, are broken up and brought out with the smaller

lumps and the clay in which they occur; and the whole is washed by means of water, which, while removing the clay, leaves the heavier fragments of ore behind. The ore is then collected in baskets and removed to one of the smelting houses in the neighbourhood. The ore is said always to occur in his manner; embedded in the yellow clay; and when it occurs in a cleft or fissure of the rock the walls of the cavity are frequently lined with crystalline calcite.

Where the ore occurs below the red clay in the bottom of the valley, square shafts, inclined at about 70°, are dug through the red clay, steps being cut till the yellow clay is reached, which is said to be at a depth varying from 50 to 150 cubits. Chambers, as large as the fear of subsidence of the roof will allow, are then excavated in the ore-bearing clay which is removed and carried to the surface.

Two baskets full of the ore are smelted at a time, the first operation being carried out in a small blast furnace heated with a charcoal fire. The lumps of ore without previous calcination are put into the furnace with charcoal, and ore and charcoal are added from time to time; and the molten lead drops down into a hollow below, from which it is ladled out into moulds. A large proportion of lead remains in the dark-coloured glassy slag, that is produced, while the only use that is made of the slag is as glass for the manufacture of ornaments. The silver is not refined any more, but sold in buttons, the price being, according to my informant, 8 annas per tola of rough silver.

Galena at Bwélon: Bwélon is a village about four miles from Bawzain in the direction of Kyauktat. The argentiferous galena occurs here in the same manner as at Bawzain, in yellow clay in fissures of the limestone rocks. The ore here is, however, richer in silver than that of Bawzain; it is said to give eight tolas of silver to two baskets of ore.

Argentiferous galena at Dwinzu: Dwinzu is about halfway from Bwélon to Kyauktat. The ore occurs here in the riverbed in the form of pebbles and in a fissure close to the stream. It is said to give 25 to 30 tolas of silver to two baskets of ore but is not so plentiful as at the other two localities.

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CURRENT AFFAIRS

MAI launches Myanmar-Russia direct flights on 5 September

MYANMAR Airways International (MAI) launched its first direct flight connecting Myanmar and Russia on 5 September.

The launching ceremony of the flight from Yangon and Mandalay in Myanmar to Novosibirsk of Russia was held on that day at the Yangon International Airport.

The MAI resumed the direct flight service between the two countries after a thirty-year break.

The flight to Novosibirsk will first leave to Mandalay Tada-U airport from Yangon and then to Novosibirsk of Russia.

The new flight will fly twice

a week on every Tuesday and Saturday. The travellers can visit the territory of Russian Federation including its city Moscow from Novosibirsk with Russia's S7 airlines.

The departmental officials of two governments, hotel and tourism industries and travel agencies launched the direct flight to strengthen the friendship associations between the two countries providing the existing traditional culture and heritage, picturesque nature and beaches and to ensure the communication between the people of two countries. — TWA/KTZH



Launching ceremony of Myanmar-Russia direct flight in progress.

Laos takes over ASEAN-BAC chairmanship for next term



The photo shows celebration of ASEAN-BAC Summit 2023, held in Jakarta in Indonesia.

ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ASEAN-BAC) Chairman Mr M Arsjad Rasjid P M (ASEAN-BAC Indonesia) handed over the chairmanship to Mr Oudet Souvannavong, the president of the Lao National Chambers of Commerce and Industry, on the second day of the ASEAN-BAC Summit 2023 held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on the evening of 4 September.

The participants in the

meeting of ASEAN Summit before the handover ceremony discussed the efforts to support the private sector, the importance of ASEAN on the Global economy, the ways to overcome the challenges and difficulties, and the policies to maintain ASEAN-centred and ensure stability.

Additionally, they discussed the cooperation of regional countries to achieve successful implementation in

priority sectors, the transformation of digitalization, sustainable development, trade and investment, food security and health insurance.

Afterwards, the speakers exchanged views on the ASEAN Industrial 4.0, the reforms up to date, the ASEAN's strategic value and the acceleration of public-private cooperation to achieve a sustainable and resilient ASEAN. — TWA/MKKS

Palm oil to be sold at reference price in the rest rural towns

IT has a plan to continue distribution and sale in the rest rural towns while offering palm oil at reference prices not only in Yangon but also in 25 townships where the edible oil dealers' associations are affiliated, according to the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association — MEODA dated 4 September.

In such sales, the statement notified that it has to sell at a price adding two per cent of net profit and general expenses on the wholesale reference price and does not sell to consumers at a price exceeding 10 per cent of the total profit on the reference price even when step-by-step selling and



The photo shows a mobile market arranged by Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association to offer fairer prices for palm oil.

purchasing.

Phone numbers are also provided to contact to complain when selling at the exceeding price.

The reference price was set at K4,160 per viss from 4 to 10 September. The CIF prices stood at US\$935 per tonne of palm oil. The original price of palm oil was K4,081 per viss when it was calculated at an exchange rate of K2,513.

Additionally, 9,000 tonnes of palm oil on 2 September and 3,400 tonnes on 4 September, totalling 12,000 tonnes which are equal to some seven million visses were imported. — TWA/MKKS

LOCAL BUSINESS

Traders can complain about overcharging of palm oil to task force

THE Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association (MEODA) released a notification on 4 September that complaints can be sent to a task force for edible oil price stability in buying palm oil at reference price.

The association formed a task force for edible oil price stability on 28 August with 29 members including representatives from oil importing companies.

The task force aims to have a widespread distribution of palm oil in the market, offer fairer price to the consumers, control price hike, make the shops get easy access to reference price and ensure transparency, as per the



Cooking oil sale centre of MEODA seen in Nay Pyi Taw (above) and people queuing at the sale centre (left).

fairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce endeavouring to reduce the palm oil prices, consumers can make a complaint about overcharging by dialing the Call Centre, according to a notification released in August.

The Department is making concerted efforts to steer the high volatility in palm oil prices in the retail market and offer fairer prices to the consumers, in coordination with the association and oil importing companies.

The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over Hot Line: 1535 of the Call Centre of the Consumers Affairs Department or sent to the Facebook Page of the Department and the pages of the region and state departments concerned.

notification.

Moreover, the task force notified the large traders and big shops to set the wholesale price not higher than two per cent of net profit margin over the reference price and retail price not higher than 10 per cent margin.

At present, beyond Bayintnaung and Nyaungpinlay markets in Yangon, palm oil is distributed to the townships where MEODA's branches are located

at, including Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Pyay, Taunggyi, Myingyan, Shwebo, Pakokku, Aunglan, Kyaukpadaung, Meiktila, Kawthoung, Lashio, Hpa-an, Sittway and Myitkyina areas.

If the shops in those townships cannot buy the palm oil at reference price, they can lodge a complaint for overcharging to the task force by dialing 09 757482912 and 09 756575216, the MEODA stated. With the Consumers Af-

The wholesale reference rate of palm oil for the Yangon market was set at K4,160 per viss this week ending 10 September.

The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. To meet the domestic demands, about 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia. — NN/EM

YSX sees bear market in August

THE continuous and block trading of the eight listed companies on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) showed trading decline with 509,827 shares worth K1.3 billion in August 2023 compared to those of July, according to the monthly report released by the exchange.

The equity market showed an upward trajectory with the total trading value of K2.068 billion from 958,368 shares traded in July.

At present, shares of eight 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), Amata Holding Public Co, Ltd. (AMATA) and Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Co, Ltd (MAEX) — were traded in the security market.

The total trading volumes were recorded 20,197 shares of FMI worth K180.78 million, 175,331 shares of MTSH worth K546.82 million, 1,834 shares of MCB worth K13.96 million, 192,843 shares of FPB worth over K309.34 million, 1,001 shares of TMH worth K2.4 million, 34,160 shares of EFR worth K78.67 million, 957 shares of AMATA worth K4.67 million and 83,504 shares of MAEX worth K160.2 billion respectively last month.

The share prices per unit stood at K9,500 for FMI, K3,250 for MTSH, K8,100 for MCB, K1,700

for FPB, K2,450 for TMH, K2,300 for EFR and K4,900 for AMATA and K1,900 for MAEX on the last day of August 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.

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

“Most of the people like to keep emergency savings and



Businesspersons checking board of share prices at Yangon Stock Exchange.

purchase the safe haven asset like gold rather than make investment in the equity market as they do not know clearly how the stocks work,” a market observer pointed out.

The YSX disseminates rules and regulations regarding the stock exchange and knowledge of share trading through stock investment webinars, YSX YouTube Channel and other social media platforms, along with offering training courses. — KK

ECONOMY WORLD

Japan household spending drops 5% amid rising prices



People visit the Ameya-Yokocho shopping promenade, one of the open-air markets in Tokyo on 4 September 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

JAPAN'S household spending in July fell 5.0 per cent from a year earlier, the biggest drop in more than two years, government data showed Tuesday, as higher prices hit consumption.

Households of two or more people spent an average of 281,736 yen (\$1,900), declining for the fifth consecutive month and marking the sharpest fall since a 6.5 per cent plunge in February 2021, the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications said.

By category, spending on education decreased 19.8 per cent as families curtailed outlays for cram schools in the face of soaring costs, a ministry official said.

Household expenditures declined 18.6 per cent as spending on renovations fell as people spent less time at home following

the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, the official said.

Food expenditure, accounting for around one-third of household spending, declined 2.8 per cent, amid rising prices for fish and meat.

Spending on medical supplies such as face masks and thermometers fell after the legal status of COVID-19 was downgraded to the same category as seasonal flu.

"The impact of rising prices seems to be taking effect gradually," the official said.

Meanwhile, spending on accommodation and package tours increased 10.6 per cent and 7.7 per cent, respectively, as people travelled during their summer vacations after the removal of coronavirus restrictions. — Kyodo

UK's second biggest city declares financial distress

THE UK's second biggest city on Tuesday admitted that it cannot balance its books, blaming Conservative governments for years of under-funding.

Birmingham City Council in central England said it had issued a Section 114 Notice under the Local Government Finance Act 1988, which blocks spending on all but essential services.

Leaders of the Labour-controlled council called the move "a necessary step" to get spending back on a stronger footing.

They said "long-standing

issues", including the roll-out of a new computer system, had been compounded by cuts of £1 billion (\$1.25 billion) by successive Conservative governments since they came to power in 2010.

"Rampant inflation", alongside increases in the cost of adult social care and reductions in business rates income had created "a perfect storm", they added.

But Tory councillors on the council blamed Labour mismanagement of public finances.

In June, the council revealed that it has to pay up to £760 million to settle historic equal pay claims.

Birmingham is home to some 1.1 million people.

Croydon Council in south London issued a Section 114 notice in November last year because of a £130 million black hole in its budget.

Thurrock Council in Essex, east of London, also declared itself in financial distress in December last year. — AFP

Stock markets mostly drop as China data falls short

ASIAN and European stock markets mostly dropped Tuesday, as poorly-received data out of China reinforced the likelihood of more measures to stimulate the world's second biggest economy according to traders.

Investors were awaiting the reopening of Wall Street after a long holiday weekend in the United States.

The dollar strengthened after some recent weakness as traders expect the Federal Reserve to pause its hiking of interest rates, while oil prices retreated.

A report Tuesday showed

China's services sector grew last month at a much slower pace than expected.

"The recovery in China's services sector, or even consumption, is ongoing but not as strong as people had expected," said Larry Hu of Macquarie Group.

"People are not very optimistic about their future income due to the economic woes, and so they tend to save more." Hong Kong's stocks index closed down more than two per cent — though struggling mainland developers including Evergrande and Sunac soared. — AFP

S Korea's imported car sale falls 2.1% in August

SOUTH Korea's imported car sale fell last month due to the end of consumption tax cuts, industry data showed Tuesday.

The number of imported vehicles sold here was 23,350 in August, down 2.1 per cent from a year earlier, according to the Korea Automobile Importers & Distributors Association (KAIDA). The single-digit reduction was attributed to the

end of consumption tax cuts. German carmaker Mercedes-Benz ranked first in terms of automotive sales here among foreign companies by selling 6,588 units last month.

Another German automaker BMW came next with the local sale of 6,304 units, followed by Audi with 1,551 units, Volkswagen with 1,417 units, Porsche with 1,111 units, and Lexus with

1,091 units. The number of European models sold here was 20,064 in August, accounting for 85.9 per cent of the total. Japanese and US brands recorded market shares of 8.3 per cent and 5.8 per cent each. For the first eight months of this year, imported vehicle sales totalled 175,177 units, down 0.6 per cent compared to the same period of last year. — Xinhua



This aerial photograph taken on 30 August 2023 shows a residential complex built by Chinese real estate developer Vanke in Zhengzhou, in China's central Henan province. **PHOTO: AFP**

Digital economy fuels advancement of Chinese enterprises



A staff member displays a set of VR-powered omnidirectional treadmill at an exhibition during the Global Digital Economy Conference 2023 at the China National Convention Center in Beijing, capital of China, on 4 July 2023. PHOTO: XINHUA

GIANT DC, a data technology company established in north China's Tianjin Municipality three years ago, was previously a leading Chinese heavy machinery manufacturer with decades of expertise.

"There was overcapacity in steel at that time, and with environmental pressure mounting, our company had to embrace the transformation," said Zhang Jian, general manager of Giant DC.

Under the guidance and support of the local government, the company withdrew from the

iron and steel industry and transitioned into a digital economy enterprise, with a focus on the construction of internet data centres and the development of businesses such as cloud computing and data services. According to a research report released in July at the Global Digital Economy Conference 2023 in Beijing, from 2016 to 2022, the scale of China's digital economy increased by 4.1 trillion US dollars, with a compound annual growth rate of 14.2 per cent.

The scale of China's digital economy grew to

50.2 trillion yuan (about 6.99 trillion US dollars) in 2022, with the share of the digital economy in the country's GDP rising to 41.5 per cent. The digital economy has emerged as an important driver of China's economic growth, with numerous traditional Chinese enterprises, such as Giant DC, successfully executing strategic shifts to harness their potential.

ABT Plastics & Electronic (Tianjin) Co, Ltd, a medium-sized enterprise established in Tianjin in 2005, forged cooperation with Chinese cloud service

vendor Huawei Cloud to upgrade its aging enterprise resource planning system that had been in use for over a decade.

"This cooperation can help us achieve online production and management, and even connect with the broader social resources outside," said Shang Xiaodong, general manager of the company.

"Cloud-based digital transformation is continuing to grow at a high rate," said Lin Zhiyong, general manager of Huawei Cloud Tianjin office.

An increasing number of Chinese companies are riding the digital wave. As of the end of May, China had established more than 1,700 digital workshops and smart factories, leading the development of the industry. Additionally, over 240 industrial internet platforms with regional and industry influence have also been developed.

Local governments in China are also pursuing the digital economy, constantly issuing policy signals aimed at bolstering its development. Beijing unveiled the development goal of accelerating the construction of a global benchmark city for the digital economy. — Xinhua

Tesla expects more strides in China's new energy vehicle market — president of Tesla China

TESLA is expecting to make more strides in the Chinese market as China's new energy vehicle (NEV) industry enjoys massive market and vibrant growth momentum, said President of Tesla China Wang Hao.

Tesla's new version of China-made Model 3 sedan made debut at the 2023 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) on Saturday, marking the first time the global carmaking giant has unveiled a vehicle in China ahead of the United States. "A platform like CIFTIS is an excellent window for multinational enterprises to understand the Chinese market," Wang said. "We can be well-informed of consumers' thoughts in a

short period of time and feel the market vibes up close."

China's NEV industry has made a meteoric leap over the past decade, and Tesla has gained a groundswell of popularity among Chinese customers, in stark contrast to landscape when the EV maker entered China in 2014, according to Wang. "Few car companies would launch new cars at a service trade fair. But why not here?" he added.

"Now, when automobile manufacturers talk about their development strategies for the future, they almost focus on new energy sections. If we don't keep up with that pace, we will be left behind," he noted. — Xinhua



Visitors learn about a new vehicle of Tesla during the 2023 China International Fair for Trade in Services (CIFTIS) at China National Convention Center in Beijing, capital of China, 3 September 2023. PHOTO: XINHUA

Australia plan to close largest coal power station in doubt

AUSTRALIA'S largest coal-fired power station was thrown a lifeline Tuesday, with a state government saying it will discuss the possibility of keeping it open beyond its planned closure in 2025.

Eraring Power Station, north of Sydney, supplies around 25 per cent of power for Australia's most populous state, New South Wales.

The facility had been

earmarked for closure in August 2025 to help meet emissions targets and spur the transition to more sustainable, cleaner energy sources.

But a recent policy review found parts of the state's energy transition plan faced "multiple headwinds" and "the likelihood of success is low".

It predicted the loss of the coal plant would mean cost increases for

electricity users.

The review said that average wholesale energy prices had increased since another coal-fired station, Liddell, closed in April.

New South Wales energy minister Penny Sharpe said the centre-left administration had accepted the recommendation and would enter talks with Eraring owner Origin Energy.

"The case for Origin Energy to extend its timeframe for Eraring is there," Sharpe said.

Climate Council chief executive Amanda McKenzie on Monday had urged the state government to shutter Eraring in 2025 as planned in order to meet emissions reduction targets.

Australia has vowed to reach net zero emissions by 2050. — AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V BLPL FAITH VOY.NO. (3315S)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BLPL FAITH VOY.NO. (3315S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **6-9-2023** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD



This picture taken on 11 January 2022 shows birds flying as the sun rises over coal-fired powerplant of French multinational electric utility company EDF in Cordemais Lavau-sur-Loire, western France. **PHOTO: AFP**

G20 per capita coal emissions growing: research

G20 per capita coal emissions continue to rise despite climate pledges and transition efforts by some members of the group of major economies, new research showed Tuesday.

The group, whose leaders meet in New Delhi this weekend, accounts for 80 per cent of global power sector emissions.

But in talks in July, it failed to agree that global emissions should peak by 2025 or to massively ramp up renewable energy use.

Between 2015 and 2022, per capita G20 coal emissions rose nine per cent, according to the research published Tuesday by Ember, an energy thinktank that pushes for renewable power.

Twelve G20 members, including Britain, Germany and the United States, were able to significantly decrease per capita emissions. But other countries, including G20 host India, Indonesia and China, all saw their emissions rise.

Indonesia, which last year

received pledges of \$20 billion from rich nations to wean itself off coal, saw its per capita emissions from the fuel jump 56 per cent from 2015.

Even some countries that achieved reductions in their emissions continue to emit far above the global average on a per capita basis, the report said.

“China and India are often blamed as the world’s big coal power polluters,” said Dave Jones, Ember’s global insights lead. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

76 killed, 95 injured in National Day holiday in Viet Nam

IN the four-day National Day holiday, Viet Nam faced 125 traffic accidents which killed 76 people and injured 95 others, said the country’s traffic police division.

Most of them occurred on roads and rail, with two train accidents resulting in three deaths, the department said on Monday.

Compared to last year, when the National Day holiday also lasted four days from 1 September to 4 September, there were 46 more accidents and 28 more fatalities.

According to the traffic police department, this year they have dealt with around 35,000 cases of violations across the country, slapped total fines of 72 billion Vietnamese dong (2.99 million US dollars), impounded 520 cars and 12,000 motorbikes, and revoked 7,200 licences.

More than 11,400 traffic accidents occurred in Viet Nam last year, killing 6,384 people and injuring over 7,800, official data showed. — Xinhua

4.8 mln people displaced by Sudan conflict: UN agency

THE United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) on Monday said about 4.8 million people have been displaced inside and outside Sudan due to the conflict between the Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces (RSF) since mid-April.

About one million people have crossed into neighbouring countries, OCHA said in its latest update, noting that at least two million children have fled their homes since the conflict in Sudan erupted more than four months ago.

Earlier on Monday, the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) appealed for one billion US dollars to provide essential aid and protection to more than 1.8 million people expected to arrive in five neighbouring countries by the end of 2023 to flee the ongoing conflict in Sudan.

“This is a two-fold increase of what was initially estimated in May to be required to respond to the crisis,” the UNHCR said in a statement. It added that more than one million refugees, returnees and third-country nationals have already fled the country. — Xinhua

Billions pledged for green development at Africa climate talks

THE UAE pledged \$4.5 billion in clean energy investments in Africa on Tuesday at a landmark climate summit aimed to showcase the continent’s potential as a green powerhouse.

Kenyan President William Ruto has sought to use the Africa Climate Summit in Nairobi to shift the narrative on the region, presenting the clean energy transition as a unique opportunity for Africa — if it can attract the financing to realize its potential.

And on Tuesday, the conference saw its most significant pledge so far, with \$4.5 billion announced by the United Arab

Emirates, which will also host the COP28 summit in Dubai in November-December.

Sultan Al Jaber, who heads the UAE’s national oil company ADNOC and government-owned renewable energy company Masdar, said the investment would “jumpstart a pipeline of bankable clean energy projects in this very important continent”.

Jaber, who is also president of the COP28 climate summit, said a consortium including Masdar would help develop 15 gigawatts of clean power by 2030.

Africa’s renewable generation capacity was 56 GW in 2022,



A man walks past an African Climate Summit decorative logo while waiting for the opening session to start during the Africa Climate Summit 2023 at the Kenyatta International Convention Centre (KICC) in Nairobi on 5 September 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

according to the International Renewable Energy Agency.

The three-day Nairobi summit, which began Monday, has attracted heads of state, government and industry, including leaders from Mozambique and Tanzania, as well as United Nations head Antonio Guterres, EU chief Ursula von der Leyen and US climate envoy John Kerry.

It is billed as bringing together African leaders to define a shared vision for green development on the diverse continent of 1.4 billion and set the tone for a flurry of international diplomacy leading up to the COP28 meeting. — AFP

SPORTS

Alcaraz into US Open last eight as Pegula, Jabeur crash out

CARLOS Alcaraz surged into the quarter-finals of the US Open on Monday as upsets dominated the women's draw with Ons Jabeur and Jessica Pegula becoming the latest highly ranked players to go crashing out.

Defending champion Alcaraz, who has only dropped one set on his journey into the last eight, produced a dominant display to overwhelm Italian world No.61 Matteo Arnaldi, winning 6-3, 6-3, 6-4 in 1hr 57min.

Alcaraz will face 12th seed Alexander Zverev in Wednesday's quarter-finals after the 2020 US Open finalist from Germany defeated Italian sixth seed Jannik Sinner in a five-set duel tinged with controversy.

Zverev, who is returning to his best form after a gruesome injury at the French Open last year that forced a six-month layoff, downed Sinner 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3 on the Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The 4hr 41min battle, which wrapped at 1.39 am local time, saw an ugly incident in the fourth set when Zverev complained of a "Hitler phrase" being shouted from the stands as he prepared to serve.

"He just said the most famous Hitler phrase there is in this world," Zverev told the umpire. "This is unbelievable."

A male fan was subsequently identified as the alleged culprit and ejected from the arena



Spain's Carlos Alcaraz hits a return to Italy's Matteo Arnaldi during the US Open tennis tournament men's singles round of 16 match at the USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Centre in New York City, on 4 September 2023. PHOTO: AFP

before Zverev went on to seal victory.

"I love when fans are loud, I

love when fans are emotional but I think me being German, and not really proud of that history,

it's not really a great thing to do," Zverev said of the incident afterwards. "If I just don't react I think it's bad from my side."

In other men's matches on Monday, eighth-seeded Russian Andrey Rublev advanced with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 defeat of Britain's Jack Draper.

Rublev will now face an all-Russian quarter-final against close friend Daniil Medvedev, the third-seeded 2021 US Open champion who punched his ticket to the last eight with a 2-6, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2 defeat of Australian 13th seed Alex de Minaur.

Rublev, who has known Medvedev since childhood, is godfather to his quarter-final opponent's daughter. — AFP

Grealish, Alexander-Arnold ruled out of England duty by injury

JACK Grealish and Trent Alexander-Arnold were forced to withdraw from the England squad for upcoming games against Ukraine and Scotland due to injury on Monday.

Grealish missed Manchester City's 5-1 win over Fulham on Saturday, while Alexander-Arnold was forced off with a hamstring problem after starting on Sunday in Liverpool's

3-0 victory over Aston Villa.

"The pair reported to St George's Park on Monday but have since withdrawn from the Three Lions squad following checks on injuries sustained prior to camp," the English Football Association said in a statement. England face Ukraine in Wroclaw, Poland on Saturday in a Euro 2024 qualifier before taking on Scotland

in a friendly to mark the 150th anniversary of the first fixture between the nations on September 12th in Glasgow.

No player has been added to Gareth Southgate's squad.

The Three Lions are well on course to qualify for Euro 2024 after taking maximum points from their first four qualifiers. — AFP



Manchester City's English midfielder Jack Grealish (L) vies with Liverpool's English defender Trent Alexander-Arnold during the English Premier League football match between Manchester City and Liverpool at the Etihad Stadium in Manchester, north west England, on 10 April 2022. PHOTO: AFP



Myanmar U-23 head coach U Aung Naing is seen during the press conference for the Asian U-23 Qualifiers. PHOTO:MFF

Myanmar to face Kyrgyzstan today in Asian U-23 Qualifiers

MYANMAR U-23 men's football team will take on Kyrgyzstan today in the Group B match of the 2024 Asian U-23 Qualifiers in South Korea.

Myanmar is in the tough group with host South Korea, Kyrgyzstan and Qatar. Team Myanmar match will begin at 1:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time.

Meanwhile, Qatar is playing against South Korea at 5:00 pm MST.

A press conference for the match was conducted yesterday and all coaches from the four

teams joined the event.

Myanmar head coach U Aung Naing said, "During the trial with Shan United, the players have improved to a certain extent. The qualifying group position is difficult, but we will try our best. I believe the result and the performance of the players will be better."

Qatar, who is in the same group as Myanmar, will host the final tournament, and since they have already qualified, the results of the Myanmar team's meeting with that team will not count. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Thai new PM, cabinet sworn in before king



Thailand's Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin poses for a group photo with members of the new cabinet at Government House in Bangkok on 5 September 2023 **PHOTO: AFP**

THAI Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin and his cabinet ministers on Tuesday were sworn in before King Maha Vajiralongkorn, following the royal endorsement of the new portfolios

last week.

Srettha and 33 cabinet members under the Pheu Thai Party-led government recited the oath of allegiance before an audience with the king at the Dusit

Palace in Bangkok.

Six deputy prime ministers from four major parties in the coalition, including Pheu Thai, Bhumjaithai, Palang Pracharath, and the United Thai Nation,

attended the ceremony, along with other cabinet ministers and their deputies.

Speaking at the government house after the swearing-in ceremony, Srettha said, "This government is a people's government. Every cabinet member is here today as a representative of the people."

"We are determined to solve many problems and will work tirelessly to address people's needs," he said.

Srettha, who also serves as finance minister, said his cabinet will hold a special meeting on Wednesday in preparation for the policy statement address to the parliament scheduled for next Monday, and the cabinet will officially convene next Tuesday.

Srettha was elected as the Southeast Asian nation's new prime minister in August in a parliamentary vote. His 11-party coalition government includes major parties from the administration of former Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha.

The Pheu Thai Party came second in the general elections in May after the Move Forward Party.

It initially supported Move Forward Party leader Pita Limjaroenrat as the new prime minister, but pulled out and formed its own coalition after Pita failed to secure necessary support in the previous two bicameral sittings of the Thai parliament. — Xinhua

Russia to actively participate in building relations in Asia Pacific: Putin

RUSSIA seeks to build relations in the Asia-Pacific region based on principles of equality, mutual benefit, and respect for each other's legitimate interests, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Monday.

Putin made the remarks in his greetings to the participants, organizers and guests of the 8th Eastern Economic Forum (EEF), an event organized by the Roscongress Foundation and scheduled to be held in Vladivostok on 10-13 September.

The Russian President noted that the main theme of this year's forum, "On the Way to Cooperation, Peace and Prosperity", reflects Russia's desire to engage in a wide dialogue on the pressing issues of the regional agenda.

Putin emphasized the importance of creating new logistics and ensuring food security in the Asia-Pacific region, saying that during the plenary session of the forum, as well as its panel

sessions and thematic round tables, the planned discussions will focus on the prospects for expanding trade, investment, and scientific-technical cooperation.

It is important to identify ways to form new, maximally efficient production and logistics chains, modernize transport and energy systems, and ensure food and environmental security in the region, said Putin.

The EEF was established as an authoritative and representative international event to provide good opportunities for direct, substantive communication among businessmen, politicians, public figures and experts from different countries, said Putin.

The forum traditionally addresses the most relevant tasks related to economic, social and infrastructure development in the Russian Far East, as well as interactions across the Asia Pacific, the president added. — Xinhua

Xi says China ready to expand legal cooperation with other SCO members



Chinese President Xi Jinping.
PHOTO: SPUTNIK

THE 10th meeting of the justice ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) kicked off in Shanghai on Tuesday.

China is ready to strengthen legal

cooperation with member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, Chinese President Xi Jinping said on Tuesday.

"China is ready to work with other SCO member states, continuously expand contacts and cooperation in the area of law and judicial administration in a new era," Xi said in a letter to participants of the meeting of SCO justice ministers, as quoted by China Central Television.

The SCO is an intergovernmental organization, currently comprising eight member states, namely China, India, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan. It also has four observer states such as Afghanistan, Belarus, Iran and Mongolia, while Armenia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Türkiye are the organization's dialogue partners. — Sputnik