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Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council

1. The Union Election Commission will be reconstituted and its mandated tasks, including the scrutiny of voter lists, shall be implemented in accordance with the law.
2. Effective measures will be taken with added momentum to prevent and manage the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Actions will be taken to ensure the speedy recovery of businesses from the impact of COVID-19.
4. Emphasis will be placed on achieving enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.
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.

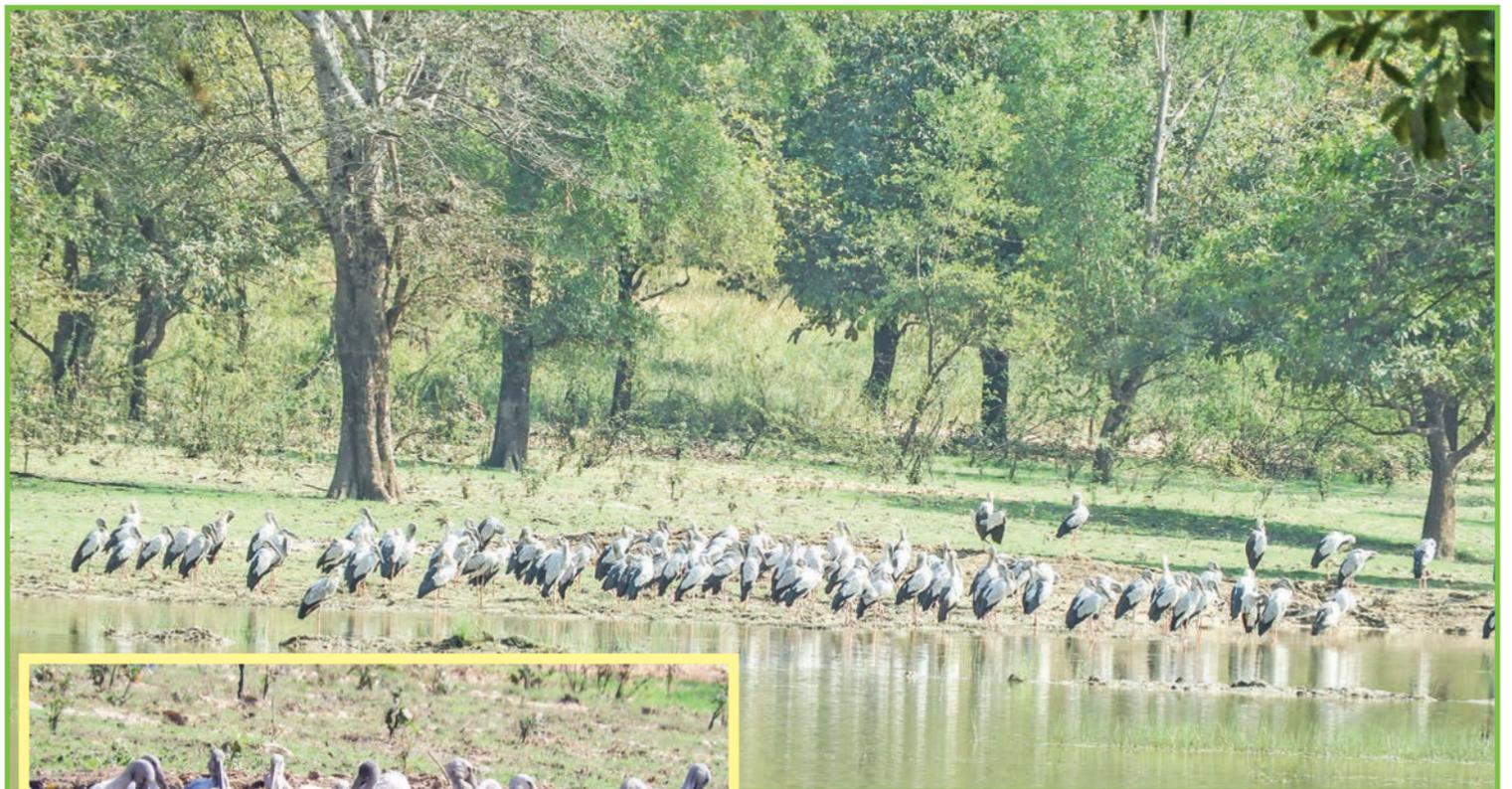
Chatthin Wildlife Sanctuary — home to biodiversity, wintering ground for seasonal migration

By Aung Win Nyein (Kanbalu)

MYANMAR is rich in natural resources and biodiversity, therefore, legislation and policies are enacted to protect and conserve the environment. Chatthin Wildlife Sanctuary located in Kanbalu and Kawlin townships, Sagaing Region is one of the protected areas for wildlife animals, plant species and ecosystem. Chatthin Wildlife Sanctuary is a protected area of the native bird species, migratory birds in winter, diverse species and Myanmar golden deer in the dipterocarp forest which is locally known as Indaing.

Chatthin Wildlife Sanctuary covers 21,908 acres in Kanbalu Township and 42,356.42 acres in Kawlin Township. The sanctuary conserves biodiversity and Indaing ecosystem to contribute towards sustainable development. Chatthin Wildlife Sanctuary conservation activities are being implemented with an aim to promote environmental conservation practices, stand as an educational centre for conservation, and enhance the socio-economy of the local community and ecotourism.

It is home to critically endangered Myanmar golden deer; six bird species and one reptile



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Win Naing, warden of Chatthin Wildlife Sanctuary.

A total of 10,473 bird species are identified in the world and 1,116 bird species are found in the country. Myanmar is home to many endemic and endangered bird species.

Next, 262 bird species (223 forest bird species and 39 waterbird species) are recorded at Chatthin Wildlife Sanc-

tuary, along with the priceless natural resources. Other 30 migratory bird species including waterbird species such as gull, Spoon-billed sandpiper, woodcock, red-wattled lapwing, greylag goose, and ruddy shelduck, and forest species such as Indian paradise flycatcher, barn swallow, brown shrike, wagtail, Eurasian Wryneck

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species. The rare six bird species are Jerdon's Minivet, Hooded Treepie, Ayeyawady Bulbul, native Bushlark, white-throated Babbler and native Dove. One rare reptile is the rare flap shell

turtle. Moreover, the endangered species such as python, boa, migratory birds, forest bird species and other 787 diverse species are recorded at Chatthin Wildlife Sanctuary, said U

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Who will be more relevant than EAOs for peace talk, asks SAC Information Team Leader

AMID the various statements on the invitation to the peace talks, Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun, State Administration Council's Information Team Leader, raised the question of who will be more relevant than Ethnic Armed Organizations-EAOs in

the peace talks.

Regarding the EAOs that do not come for the peace talks, the Team Leader said, "I just want to say that the attitude towards the peace, the people and the local people have become clear."

The year 2022 has been set

as a year of peace and the invitation to the peace talks was offered by the Head of State, himself.

The Team Leader also said that it will be a priority when it comes to peace, and the EAOs who will come to the peace talk,

the Tatmadaw, and the government has firmly guaranteed a union based on democracy and federalism and that they will discuss their desire for this in a friendly manner.

Until now, those listed to participate in the peace talk

include DKBA, KNU-KNLA/PC, PNLO, NMSP, ALP, RCSS (SSA), which have signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), and UWSA, NDAA and SSPP (SSA), which have yet to sign the NCA. — Htun Htun/GNLM

MACCS goes live at trade centres in Muse, Chinshwehaw border areas

THE Myanmar Automated Cargo Clearance System-MACCS was introduced at the inspection camps along Muse and Chinshwehaw trade route starting 1 April, according to the Customs Department.

The MACCS has adapted as the paper-based manual system cause delays in customs clearing processes, costs a lot, affects the exact trade digits generally and hinders the trade.

The MACCS was running in Yangon and Thilawa area in November 2016 to speed up the import/export clearing system, be in line with the international customs procedures, reduce time and expenses and systematically apply Risk Management.

The system was designed based on the Nippon Automated Cargo Clearance and Port Consolidated System-NACCS with the help of the Japanese government as per the law and procedures of Myanmar.

The system also went live in the Myawady border area in June 2018 in addition to Yangon and Thilawa, and now it is expanded to the Muse and Chinshwehaw border crossings.

The details of MACCS can be explored at its website www.maccs.gov.mm. — Shane/GNLM

MoC facilitates daily imports of essential anti-COVID-19 equipment



Imported anti-Covid items.

THE Ministry of Commerce oversees the importation of necessary medical supplies and anti-COVID-19 devices critical

to the COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities through trading posts, international airports and seaports.

Packs of eight tonnes of masks were imported by one company via the Chinshwehaw Border Checkpoint yesterday.

Officials from relevant departments cooperate to facilitate and expedite standard operating procedures for the import process.

It is reported that the Ministry of Commerce coordinates with relevant departments to prevent COVID-19, and contact persons for enquiries can be reached through the Ministry's Website - www.commerce.gov.mm. — MNA

COVID-19 vaccine drive continues in various states, regions



A local in Shan State (North) gets COVID-19 vaccine shot.

DOCTORS and nurses from public hospitals, Tatmadaw medical teams, healthcare workers and volunteers are working hard to give COVID-19 vaccines in different states and regions as the vaccination programme is one of the most important activities in the prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19 disease.

COVID-19 vaccine is administered daily to target groups regardless of race or religion, including Buddhist monks and nuns, local people over the age of 40, students, religious leaders,

prisoners, people with disabilities, ethnic armed groups, people with chronic diseases, people in IDP camps and over 12-year-old students, respectively.

On 10 May, doctors and nurses from public hospitals, medical teams from the Tatmadaw, relevant healthcare workers in collaboration with volunteers gave COVID-19 vaccines to 6,860 people from thirteen townships in Shan State (North), 822 people from Yinkin and Tamway Townships in Yangon Region, 12,332 people from twenty-six

townships in Ayeyawady Region, 6,679 people from thirteen townships in Rakhine State, 64,250 people from seven districts in Mandalay Region, and 360 from three townships in Bago Region, respectively.

Similarly, healthcare officials gave the vaccines to 110 students from four townships in Shan State (North) on 10 May.

It is reported that officials from the respective military commands visited the site and coordinated the necessary work. — MNA

Central part of Myanmar experiences vineyard increase

SOME townships in the central part of Myanmar, such as Mandalay, Kyaukpadaung, Meiktila, Sagaing, Monywa, Pakokku, Yamethin, and Pyawbwe, are experiencing an increase in vineyards, according to grape growers.

"I rent an acre of land for K200,000 a year with a three-year contract; Last year, almost 300

visses were sold for 4,000 kyats a viss a day. We made a tent to sell grapes in front of our vineyard; Consumers like it because it is farmed," said U Zaw Khin, a grape grower in Ywatone village in Monywa Township.

Most of the grape growers are mainly cultivating local grapes such as Shwe Ni grapes, and foreign grapes such as

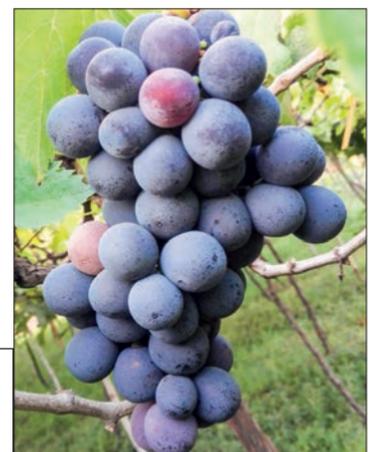
Italien, and Theechun grapes.

"Vine is a perennial crop that can be grown for 20 years once planted. It bears up to 25 years. The branches grow once a year. If there are thirty branches this year, it will be 60 next year. As the

branches grow, the yield increases," U Zaw Khin explained.

Grape cultivation is mainly grown from December to March, with most of the irrigated areas in central Myanmar. — Shane/GNLM

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We will strive to end the armed conflicts across the country

I have told that 2022 is set as the year of peace, and we will strive to end the armed conflicts across the country. As it is necessary to implement such a process practically, I invite leaders of the ethnic armed organizations to hold the meeting. I myself will meet with all groups.

(Excerpt from the speech on peace delivered by Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing on 22 April 2022)

Myanmar wins first gold in SEA Games, attended by Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs

UNION Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs and Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee U Min Thein Zan attended the 31st Southeast Asian Games as Myanmar is competing in 20 sports at the 31st Southeast Asian Games.

Union Minister U Min Thein Zan, Sports and Physical Education Department Director-General U Tun Myint Oo and the Myanmar Sports Team observed the Kurash +87 kilogramme semi-final and finals which were



Myanmar athlete Ma Aye Aye Aung wins the first gold medal in the Kurash +87kg event in 31st SEA Games.

held at Gymnasium in Hanoi, Viet Nam at 2 pm yesterday.

Myanmar athlete Ma Aye Aye Aung won the gold medal for Myanmar in the Kurash +87kg event.

In the semi-finals, Ma Aye

Aye Aung defeated her rival Thai athlete. She advanced to the final after defeating the Vietnamese athlete in the semi-finals.

After that, she continued to compete with the Filipino athlete Tancontian Sydney Sy in the fi-

nal. Ma Aye Aye Aung defeated the Filipino athlete and won the first gold medal for Myanmar.

The Philippines won the silver medal and host Viet Nam won the bronze medal after the event.

Kurash athlete Ma Aye Aye Aung, who won a gold medal in today's event, once won a gold medal in judo in the 24th Southeast Asian Games in Thailand in 2007.

She has won one gold med-

al in the 26th Southeast Asian Games in Indonesia in 2011 and another gold medal in the 27th Southeast Asian Games hosted by Myanmar in 2013, and thus she has earned three gold medals in total in Judo. — MNA

Arrangements underway for university students to learn peacefully: Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman

IT is necessary to provide proper learning opportunities for the university students, said Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr Maung Maung Naing yesterday during his visit to Yezin Agricultural University, University of Veterinary Science, University of Forestry and Environmental

Science in Zeyathiri Township and Agricultural Institute in Pyinmana Township and Government Technological College in Zabuthiri Township which will open today.

He also stressed the need to collect the lists of teachers and students who do not receive

the COVID-19 vaccines and to produce them as smart and skilled intellectuals.

He then inspected the dormitories, laboratories, teaching aid materials, libraries and practical classes of respective universities and institutes. — NPT (IPRD)/GNLM



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are found at Chatthin Wildlife Sanctuary. Migratory birds flock to the Wildlife Sanctuary between October and March. The population of migratory bird species vary every year, according to a bird survey conducted between the 2016-2017 Financial Year and 2020-2021FY. Wetland areas in the

Chatthin Wildlife Sanctuary are estimated at 1,000 acres in the monsoon period, about 400 acres in winter and 300 acres in summer.

The visitors can enjoy bird watching, boat tours, trekking, cycling and observing the animal and plant species. A guesthouse is also located at the sanctuary for a night trip.

According to global biodiversity conservation pacts, the Kyayin wetland area in the sanctuary is also a protected land to sustain the habitats of migratory birds.

Every year, migratory birds flock to the freshwater lake, where there is abundant food, away from colder regions with frozen lakes and a short food supply that make it difficult for them to survive. The seabirds and bird species from the North Pole migrate for the winter to various countries through nine flyways. They fly from their breeding grounds to wintering grounds to survive. Migration is the regular seasonal movement undertaken by many species of birds.

Migratory birds enter Myanmar through two flyways: The central Asian Flyway and East Asia-Australasian Flyway every year. Kyayin wetland area at the Chatthin Wildlife Sanctuary is one of the safe destinations for migratory birds.

As the bird species are warm-blooded animals, the incubation period is June to August. Some birds undergo colour changes in the breeding season. Bird species play a pivotal role in the valuable ecosystem and they defend



Asian Paradise Flycatcher



Barn Swallow



Little-ringed Plover



Black-winged Stilt



Greylag Goose

the crops from the pests and rodents. They also carry out seed dispersal and pollination, resulting in tangible benefits to the people.

Bird surveys are conducted each financial year to observe the bird species which move to Chatthin Wildlife Sanctuary in winter and undertake a comparative study for the population growth and decline of those migratory birds in each month and year.

We also endeavour to record certain migratory bird species which choose their

wintering spots, and contribute to research and awareness campaigns, said U Win Naing, a warden.

Chatthin Wildlife Sanctuary is implementing habitat restoration for sustainable development and conserving the migratory birds and other endemic species, awareness campaigns to educate the local community about the importance of biodiversity and patrolling activities for wildlife conservation.

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Myanmar migrant workers sent to Thailand under MoU

THE health checks for six prohibited diseases were conducted on Myanmar migrant workers sent to Thailand under the MoU system, according to the Labour Attaché Office.

A total of 301 workers were sent for the second batch yesterday via the Myawady-Mae

Sot Bridge (2) and the Thai officials conducted the necessary health processes.

If the workers are tested positive for COVID-19, the officials put them under quarantine, grant a Work Permit (Border 40), a two-year stay visa and arrange to send them



Myanmar migrant workers seen undergoing medical checks in Thailand.



The second batch of Myanmar migrant workers arrives in Thailand.

to their worksite directly.

The Labour Attaché Office welcomed 301 workers and facilitated the processes and conducted proper activ-

ities with the officials of border camps for the Myanmar migrant workers who did not face any difficulties.

Moreover, 287 Myanmar

workers under the MoU system were sent to Thailand to work at Panus Poultry Group Co. Ltd. on Tuesday. — TWA/GNLM

Industrial zones run generators despite high fuel prices

THE industrial zones use generators to run their businesses despite the high fuel prices, said the business persons.

“We get the power under rotation system and we have to use generators in our businesses. Only when we have full electricity, the garment factories and power-based industries can run their businesses,” said a garment entrepreneur from Hlinethaya Township. Due to the rotated electrification system, most of the factories face hardship and use generators like before and they want regular power supply for the high fuel prices.

“We have to run the generator for five or six hours at least for one time. We have to use it to finish the order and not to reduce the workforce when there is a power outage. During the post-COVID-19 4th wave period, our meter box was revoked as we could not afford to pay the power meter bill,” said a jam business person.

The YESC announced that they conducted a reduction of load in Yangon for lower power generation and to balance the load.

The SMEs businesses such as small-scale garment industry and other manageable scale businesses can do their operations when there is power and they have to run generators when there is a power outage, said Ma Wai Mar, a Nay La Motor Garment factory owner from North Okkalapa Township.

“We cannot work well because of the frequent power outages. We want full power during the fixed period if they transmit under a rotation system. It is not OK for us as there are many power outages in our turn,” she said.

The YESC also released a statement that there will be temporary power cut-offs in Yangon and the power will be supplied normally when the power stations generate electricity as normal. The power grids connected with National power grids were also destroyed and it caused temporary system breakdowns. —TWA/GNLM

Petrol and diesel prices slightly down

ACCORDING to the statement of the Supervisory Committee on Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil, petrol and diesel prices were down yesterday. The prices became K2,015 for one litre of 92 Octane and K2,130 for one litre of 95 Octane, dropping K50 per litre for 92 Octane compared to the price on 10 May which was K2,075 per litre.

From 4 May, the Supervisory Committee on Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil has set the reference rates of retail/wholesale fuel prices based on the prices of MOPS.

“Even though oil prices are falling, there

is not much difference day after day. We, the drivers, have to choose the right and cheap fuel station because of different prices and poor quality,” said U Tayote, a taxi driver in South Okkalapa Township.

According to yesterday’s reference price rate, one litre of ordinary diesel was K2,220, and one litre of premium diesel was K2,250, dropping K125 compared to 10 May. The reference prices are also set by the city and at least K100 up to K200 can be different by city. It is also reported that petrol prices have risen slightly and diesel prices have slightly fallen back. — TWA/GNLM

22-wheeler truck carrying chicken feed crashes into motorcycle in Kyaukdaga

A 22-wheeler truck carrying chicken feed crashed into a motorcycle in the opposite lane and crashed into the side of the road near the 98/2 milepost on the Yangon-Mandalay Highway, Kyaukdaga Township on the afternoon of 10 May.

Although the drivers of the truck had no injuries, two men on the motorbike had serious injuries and were sent to the Kyaukdaga People’s Hospital.

The action was taken



against the driver under Articles 338/337 of the Penal Code, it is reported. — TWA/GNLM

Announcement of the resumption of Tourist Visa service on Online e-Visa System

1. The Ministry of Immigration and Population resumed the Online e-Visa services on 1 April 2022 for business visa applications to facilitate the entry of foreign investors and businessmen to Myanmar. Moreover, commercial international flights operations are allowed to operate in accordance with the COVID-19 rules and regulations of the Ministry of Health, and therefore, the number of foreign visitors to Myanmar has been increasing.
2. With an aim to develop tourism sector and to have a harmonized tourism with the neighbouring countries, e-Visa (Tourist) applications will be allowed and accepted from 15 May 2022.
3. Requirements for the application of Online e-Visa (Tourist) will be available at the Ministry's website <https://evisa.moip.gov.mm>.

Ministry of Immigration and Population

16 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 11 May, total figure rises to 613,082

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,082** after **16** new cases were reported on 11 May 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,001** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll stands at **19,434** without more casualties.

COVID-19 vaccine is being injected to those of priority groups in regions and states for prevention and control of the disease. Up to 10-5-2022, a total of **30,994,375** people have been vaccinated. Of them, **24,329,862** people have been fully vaccinated and **6,664,513** people have yet to get the second shots and **1,665,569** people have received booster doses.—MNA

Sagaing Region Agriculture Department hands over GAP certificates for mango, dragon fruit growers



The GAP certificates handover event is underway.

KANBALU District Agriculture Department held a handover ceremony of the Good Agricultural Practices certificate for mango and dragon fruit on 11 May 2022.

The chair of the district administration body gave an opening remark at the GAP certificate handover event. U Soe Aung, head of the District Agriculture Department elaborated on the cultivation under the GAP system. A total of 22 growers engaged in 1,341.09 acres of mango out of 3,052 acres of mango in Kanbalu district and 8.79 acres of dragon fruits are found to follow the GAP proto-

cols. They received the GAP certificates respectively.

A mango grower U Htay Ko, on behalf of the GAP accredited growers, delivered an appreciation speech at the handover event.

The mango cultivation under the GAP system started in the 2016-2017 financial year. It is to promote food products, reduce the risks of contaminating products and fetch higher prices, the growers said.

The GAP adoption and certificate are required to penetrate more external markets and the international markets prefer the fruits produced un-

der the GAP system.

The GAP ensures food safety, and the GAP growers can get more market access, locally and internationally, according to the Agriculture Department.

In addition to food safety, GAP also ensures worker safety, health and welfare, and conservation of the environment.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation has encouraged farmers to use its GAP protocol in a bid to boost productivity, profitability, market access, and competitiveness in the agricultural sector. The Agriculture Department raised awareness of GAP among growers by providing courses. The GAP protocol and guidelines include the most consumed and major export items — mango, pomelo, honeydew, watermelon, avocado, chilli, tomato, onion, cabbage, corn, sesame, various beans, rice, and coffee.

The number of acreages cultivated under good agricultural practices (GAP) increased year over year, on account of the benefits of GAP. — Aung Win Nyein (Kanbalu)/GNLM

CRIME NEWS

Illegal teak, fishery equipment and crude oil seized



Seized illegal cell phones in Shan State.

SUPERVISED by the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee, effective action is being taken to prevent illegal trade under the law.

On 7 May, a combined inspection team led by the Kachin State Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force, led by the Myanmar Police and the Forest Department, inspected a vehicle driving from Mansi to Bhamo and illegal teak

(an estimated value of K285,840) was seized. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

On 9 May, an inspection team led by the Chin State Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force conducted a search operation and seized illegal liquor and beer (estimated at K745,000) in Matupi Township. The action was taken under the Chin State Act.

On 10 May, a combined

team from the Mayanchaung Permanent Inspection Station searched for the management of the Customs Department and seized a package of sodium monoglutamate (estimated at K5,087,500) on a truck en route from Myawady to Yangon. The action was taken according to customs procedures.

In addition, the Myanmar Maritime Police Force and the

Customs Team assigned at Taw-win checkpoint bridge under the management of the Taninthayi Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force conducted inspections on the same day.

During their inspection, Thai-made fishing ropes (estimated at K1,446,720) without any official documents were seized near the Golden Bear Bridge, Kawthoung Township. The action was taken according to the customs procedures.

Similarly, under the management of the Shan State Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force, a joint inspection team from the Nandaw Immigration Checkpoint inspected the vehicles and seized illegal mobile phones (estimated at K12,500,000) at the Myanmar-China Border, Muse Township and action is being taken as per customs procedures.

In addition, an inspection

team led by the Bago Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force inspected the forest area in Bago Region on 11 May, and a teak (approximately K763,080) was seized and action is being taken under the forest law.

Similarly, an inspection team led by the Sagaing Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force conducted an inspection and seized 5.6882 tonnes of illegal timber (estimated at K1,706,460) in Tamu Township under the Forest Law.

Next, Myanmar Police Force seized 170 illegal barrels of crude oil in Kanbalu Township (estimated value of K30,600,000) under the Petroleum Products Law and a total of K32,306,460 in total value has been arrested.

As a result, 13 arrests (estimated at K53,134,600) were made on 7, 9, 10, and 11 May, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. —MNA

LOCAL BUSINESS

Peanut, sesame exports temporarily suspended to secure local consumption

THE exports of peanut and sesame seeds came to a temporary halt in order to ensure self-sufficiency in the domestic market, according to the Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce.

Among the agricultural products that are allowed to be exported through the border posts, oil crops (peanut and sesame seeds) except black sesame are temporarily suspended for exports. The Trade Department released a statement on 9 May to discuss with the related organizations to ensure peanut and sesame export ban.

The export ban over peanut and sesame except black sesame was effective starting from 9 May 2022.

The slowdown of businesses from the consequences of the COVID-19, palm oil export ban by the leading exporting country Indonesia, a drop in the sunflower oil export because of the escalating Russia-Ukraine crisis and international edible oil market conditions negatively affected the edible oil market. As a result



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of this, export restrictions on oil crops are required to promote food security in the domestic market, the Trade Department stated.

The majority of the HS codes of oil crops and cooking oils are not included in the list of goods that need an export licence. Therefore, for a temporary stop of cooking oil and crops, Customs Department also ceased matters regarding the export declaration

and customs clearance process for the oil crops except for black sesame and edible oil in line with the existing rules and regulations from 9 May 2022.

The world-leading palm oil-producing country Indonesia banned exports of palm oil to reduce the shortage of palm oil and control the volatile market prices from 28 April. Consequently, it prompted Myanmar to temporarily block the exports

of peanut and sesame seeds for self-sufficiency, and oil traders shared their opinions.

Additionally, under the directive of the Ministry of Commerce, it is forbidden to withdraw oil from oil tanks without notification of the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association, according to the association's statement released on 10 May.

There are 18,097.16 tonnes of palm oil remaining in the palm

oil tanks so far, according to a report on 9 May. The statement highlighted the inventory to remain unchanged.

The Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been issuing a weekly reference rate to govern the market in line with the changes in international rates. The reference rate for a week from 9 to 15 May is set at K6,025 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kg).

The committee has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia including transport costs, tariffs and banking services and issuing the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil on a weekly basis.

The domestic consumption of edible oil is estimated at 1 million tonnes per year. The local cooking oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. To meet the oil sufficiency in the domestic market, about 700,000 tonnes of cooking oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia. — NN/GNLM

Mango association suggests quality control to maintain market share



Farm workers are pictured sorting out the mangoes.

MYANMAR'S mango growers had better focus on quality control in order to maintain market share, in China said U Kyaw Soe Naing, general secretary of the

Myanmar Mango Market and Technology Development Association (Mandalay).

Approximately three to four truckloads of Seintalone mango

are daily exported to China. Quality mango export is required to hold market share.

"The growers must deliver mango that meets quality standards and norms. Some growers carried out early harvesting of the mangoes without reaching the maturity stage as they're worried about possible damage in strong wind. Those fruits cannot assure market share in China. It could lead to negative impacts on other growers as well. The mango growers should ensure quality to have a sustainable export market and maintain market reputation," said U Kyaw Soe Naing.

The prices of mango touched a high of 120-160 Yuan per 16-kilogramme.

As mango is perishable good and delay can harm fruit quality,

the authorities concerned are making efforts to transport the mango as soon as possible. It takes only three days for shipment, U Kyaw Soe Naing continued.

Myanmar's mango exporters are facing challenges such as delays triggered by the virus policy, customs policy impeding the exports and high transport costs to enter China. Therefore, some growers are enthusiastic to distribute them only in the domestic market, said Sai Khin Maung from the Khwanyo fruit depot.

Good Agricultural Practices are required for mango exports to China. Moreover, the growers and workers have to strictly adhere to COVID-19 preventive measures such as

washing hands, wearing masks and gloves, and sanitation in the packaging process, according to the Khwanyo fruit depot.

Of about 200 mango varieties that originated in Myanmar, Seintalone, Shwehintha, Padamyar Ngamauk, Yinkwe, and Machitsu varieties are primarily grown. The foreign market prefers Seintalone varieties.

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

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OPINION

Encourage supply of safe water to consumer people

ON SUMMER days, a large number of people residing in dry areas of Myanmar generally face a shortage of drinking water. Those people are defying the hotness of summer and shortage of water on a yearly basis while working their livelihoods.

Indeed, many parts of the world face shortages of water in summer as well as the dry season. It is because these areas have not been engaging in an adequate volume of water sources for hundreds of years. Some governments carried out dredging of canals for benefiting the people but they could not supply sufficient safe water to the people.

Consumption of safe water for everybody is essential for building a healthy life for the people. Hence, authorities need to raise health awareness for the people to know the advantages and disadvantages of safe and unsafe waters, inspect purified drinking water factories and shops of agents and take action against discipline offenders for the sake of the consumers.

Likewise, some 600 million global people are suffering from waterborne diseases on a yearly basis.

In Myanmar, the statistics issued in 2007 stated about 82 per cent of the people consumed safe water while 18 remaining per cent of the people used unsafe water. As some licensed purified drinking water industries break the rules and regulations of producing purified drinking water due to the weakness of officials in checking the production process. As such, consumers face unsafe and dangerous water unavoidably.

Consumption of safe water for everybody is essential for building a healthy life for the people. Hence, authorities need to raise health awareness for the people to know the advantages and disadvantages of safe and unsafe waters, inspect purified drinking water factories and shops of agents and take action against discipline offenders for the sake of the consumers.



Water is of great importance for the daily life of the global people as well as Myanmar people. Among them, the availability of safe water is crucial for living beings including people from various countries.

Up to now, a total of 790 million of the global people, accounting for 11 per cent do not have safe water. Generally, supply of water, most drinking water still contains the colour, smell, cleanliness, pests, the residue of dangerous chemicals and radio activeness standardized by the World Health Organization.

Uncleanliness may cause unexpected diseases among the consumers. Such kind of water may contain bacteria which can be seen easily. Clean and safe water can minimize the content of bacteria, create better taste and mitigate the possibility of breaking out the waterborne diseases.

According to the report of the WHO, 1.8 million children are dying of dysentery and diarrhoea triggered by unsafe water.

Education Equipped with Zoom App and Google Classroom

By Yin Nwe Ko

IN THE early part of 2020, COVID 19 started touching hither and thither in Myanmar with its cruel merciless hands. We called it the first wave of the pandemic. I remembered it was also the third week of March. All the parents of the students who were studying English in my class did not let their kids go to my classroom. The panic spread more quickly than expected. At that moment, I had already collected their fees for three months: March, April, and May. I had to choose two ways. The first was to refund their fees to them. The second was to go on my teaching with the help of internet access.

I thought about them for about a week and finally decided to choose the second way. There were many challenges for me to carry out my tasks. I learned how to use the Zoom app and Google Classroom effectively. For an unfamiliar one to information technology like me, there were many difficulties with which I had to face. First, I attended a free photoshop class with the Zoom app and it was conducted by a well-known instructor from Mandalay. After

a 10-day training, I was able to use the Zoom app rather skillfully.

No matter how skillfully I could use the app, there were still many difficulties in sharing my skill with my students. Some parents of the students were very stubborn to accept to use of internet access. I realized it was not their fault because they were afraid of using unfamiliar technology at once. Moreover, they did not believe my proposal which I explained there would be beneficial and effective for their kids. Some parents were willing to accept my advice and I started my teaching with the Zoom app. While continuing my teaching, I had to study to use PowerPoint and how to change the formats of the documents from one to another with computer applications.

PowerPoint presentations could make the students very interested, I found. Therefore, I tried to make PowerPoint slides for every lecture. The animation effects in PowerPoint could make the concentration of the students focus on the lectures. About one month later, there was a teaching technique I took notice of on Facebook. It was posted by a Profes-

sor from a University in Magway. It was Google Classroom. The Professor explained it in detail. I saved his post and then printed it out. I studied how to use Google Classroom for online students effectively from his printed papers. Google Classroom is very useful in posting the assignments such as documents, pictures, photos, and videos to the students and vice versa from the students as their projects.

While using the Zoom app, I happened to take notice of the effectiveness of Google Classroom on the students.

Zoom offers 40 minutes free and one can upgrade to professional use costing a little amount. One can lecture with Zoom thoroughly and make the students do their homework as a project. The project can be enlarged up to two or three days. As the levels of my students varied from beginners to intermediates, their skills to use computers and smartphones also varied. However, they gradually understood how to take lectures on Zoom and how to implement their projects using internet access such as google translate,

Google image, etc.

What is more, Google Classroom can give the users the followings:

1. It's free! ...
2. Easy to set up in a few steps. ...
3. Recognized by many schools and organizations. ...
4. Already integrated with Google Drive and other tools. ...
5. Comes with Google's security. ...
6. Free training and learning opportunities. ...
7. Integrates with many 3rd party apps. ...
8. Includes "guardian" features for parents.

Furthermore, as a free online learning platform, Google Classroom offers several benefits for students and teachers. Here are some reasons why our teachers should give it a try.

Accessibility

Google Classroom can be accessed from any computer via Google Chrome or from any mobile device regardless of platform.

All files uploaded by teachers and students are stored in a Classroom folder on Google Drive. Users can access Classroom anytime, anywhere. Students no longer have to worry about crashed computers or hungry dogs.

Exposure

The classroom provides students with exposure to an online learning system. Many college and university programs now require students to enrol in at least one online class. Exposure to Google Classroom may help students transition into other learning management systems used in higher education.

Paperless

Teachers and students won't have excessive amounts of paper to shuffle since Classroom is completely paperless. When teachers upload assignments and assessments to Classroom, they are simultaneously saved to Drive. Students can complete assignments and assessments directly through Classroom, and their work is also saved to Drive. Students can access missed work

due to absences and locate other resources they may need.

Time Saver

The classroom is a huge time saver. With all resources saved in one place and the ability to access Classroom anywhere, teachers will have more free time to complete other tasks. Since Classroom can be accessed from a mobile device, teachers and students can participate through their phones or tablets.

Communication

Built-in tools make communicating with students and parents a breeze. Teachers and students can send emails, post to the stream, send private comments on assignments, and provide feedback on work. Teachers have full control over student comments and posts. They can also communicate with parents through individual emails or through Classroom email summaries which include class announcements and due dates.

Collaborate

The classroom offers several ways for students to collaborate.

Teachers can facilitate online discussions between students and create group projects within the Classroom. In addition, students can collaborate on Google Docs which have been shared by the teacher.

Engagement

Most digital natives are comfortable with technology and will be more apt to take ownership of their learning through the use of technology. The classroom offers numerous ways to make learning interactive and collaborative. It offers teachers the ability to differentiate assignments, include videos and web pages into lessons, and create collaborative group assignments.

Differentiation

Through Classroom, teachers are easily able to differentiate instruction for learners. Assigning lessons to the whole class, individual students, or groups of students takes just a few simple steps when creating an assignment on the Classroom page.

Feedback

Providing meaningful feed-

back to students is a valuable part of all learning. Within the grading tool of Classroom, teachers can send feedback to each student on assignments. The ability to create a comment bank for future use is also available within the grading tool. In addition, the Classroom mobile app allows users to annotate work.

Data Analysis

In order to make learning meaningful, teachers should analyze data from assessments to ensure students are understanding learning objectives. Data from assessments can easily be exported into sheets for sorting and analysis.

Now I have over two years of experience in using the Zoom app and Google Classroom. I found my students are able to understand the access to the internet and they can really raise standard studies. I have gained the belief of their parents day after day. COVID 19 brought us uncountable sorrowful miseries but it has already activated our endeavour, which needs to survive in education, awake, I think.

Source: <https://www.theteched-vocate.org/10-benefits-of-google-classroom-integration/>

WHO studies whether Covid has role in child hepatitis mystery

THE WHO said Tuesday that 348 probable cases of hepatitis of unknown origin had been identified, as studies into the potential role of adenovirus and Covid-19 infection gather pace. The World Health Organization said the leading hypotheses remain those involving adenovirus.

Cases have been reported in 20 countries, with 70 additional cases from a further 13 countries which are pending classification as tests await completion.

Only six countries are reporting more than five cases, with more than 160 being reported in Britain.

"Over the last week, there's been some important progress with the further investigations and some refinements of the working hypotheses," Philippa Easterbrook, from the WHO's global hepatitis programme, told a press

conference.

She said Britain had been coordinating a comprehensive set of studies looking at the genetics of the children affected, their immune response, viruses and further epidemiological studies.

The WHO was first informed on April 5 of 10 unexplained hepatitis cases in Scotland, detected in children under the age of 10.

The US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention said Friday it was investigating 109 such cases, including five reported deaths.

"At present, the leading hypotheses remain those which involve adenovirus — with also still an important consideration about the role of Covid as well, either as a co-infection or a past infection," Easterbrook said.

Further testing in the past week confirmed that around 70 per cent of the cases tested posi-



The WHO was first informed on 5 April of 10 unexplained hepatitis cases in Scotland, detected in children under the age of 10. **PHOTO: ERIC LALMAND/BELGA/AFP**

tive for adenovirus, with sub-type 41 — normally associated with gastroenteritis — the prevalent sub-type, she added.

Testing has also shown that around 18 per cent of cases ac-

tively tested positive for Covid-19.

"The big focus over the next week is looking at serological testing for previous exposure and infections with Covid," said Easterbrook.

Honing down on adenovirus

The scientist said that within the week, there should be data from Britain on a case control study comparing whether the detection rate of adenovirus differs from that in other hospitalised children. "That will really help hone down whether adeno is just an incidental infection that's been detected, or there is a causal or likely causal link," Easterbrook said.

She said that microscopic studies of liver samples and biopsies had shown none of the typical features that might be expected with a liver inflammation due to adenovirus.

SOURCE: AFP



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Wednesday 11 May 2022)

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at (17:30) hrs M.S.T today, the Cyclonic Storm "Asani" over West Central Bay of Bengal has moved North-Northeastwards and centered at about (50) Nautical miles Southwest of Kakinada, (120) Nautical miles Southwest of Vishakhapatnam, (720) Nautical miles West of Hainggyigyun and (740) Nautical miles West of Gwa (Myanmar). Weather is cloudy over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 12 May 2022: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Magway Region and Kayin State, fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region and Kayah, Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfalls in Upper Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeyarwady Regions and Kachin, Northern Shan, Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasionally squall with rough seas will be Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (40) mph. Squall with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (30-35) mph. Wave height will be about (9-11) feet in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast and (6-9) feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast.

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The list of companies still remain to enter the revenue for 2018.

Sr	Company	BoD members	Company Address	CSC number
1	AFA FAMILY COMPANY LIMITED.	KYAW KO KO WIN AYE AYE MYINT SIN TI YA SO ABDUL KHALEIK	No. (289), Dokhtawady Road. (17) Quarter, Industrial Zone (5), Hlinethaya, Yangon 09-975540288, 09-2553212185 moharmet159@gmail.com	
2	ASIA WHALE TRAVELS & TOURS COMPANY LIMITED.	DAW MAY THAN HTAIK U MAUNG MAUNG LAY @ U MAUNG HLA U ZAW WIN KO	No. (40), Ground Floor, (7 th) Street, Lanmadaw, Yangon 09-972230566, 09-5184592 info@asiawhale.com	
3	ASPEN INTERNATIONAL CO.,LTD.	U TUN WAI U YAN NYEIN	No.(6/B), Building(39), Myo Thit (1 st) Street, Kyauk Myaung, Tamway, Yangon 09-5012783,73048747 aspen.international.co@gmail.com	
4	AUNG KHANT MYAT COMPANY LIMITED.	WIN NAING@ZABIR ALOM	No. (203), Room (2 - A,) (32 nd) Street, Pabedan, Yangon 09-799586684 aungzawlinn832@gmail.com	
5	AUNG MYIN THU KHA COMPANY LIMITED.	AUNG PHYO KYAW PHYO WAI WIN	No.(80), Ground Floor, Nga Moe Yake (10) Street, Thingangyun, Yangon 09-33377736	
6	AUSTINPLY MYANMAR PRIVATE LTD.	JAI PRAKASH BHARTIA SIDDHARTH AGARWAL SURENDRA KUMAR AGARWAL TANU MERH DHAR @ TANU MERH	No.(60/61/62/69/70/71), Thukhtar Street, Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone (2), Dagon Seikkan, Yangon 09-9973225233 austinpmyanmar@gmail.com	
7	BAMBOO SHADE FAMILY COMPANY LIMITED.	DAW THAN KYI	No.(7), (6th)Street, Mingalar Quarter, Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw 09-264646780	
8	BAW PYADAR SHIN COMPANY LIMITED.	KYAW HTAY MYINT U KYAW HLAING	No.(E/3),Thunandar Street, Between (63 X 64) Street, Between Khaing Shwe Wah Street & Zaluhwah Street, Chanmyathazi, Mandalay 09-455717536, 9773919433	
9	BRIGHT FOOD CO.,LTD.	U KANU GHOSH U RAINJIT GHOSH	No.(B-107), FMI City, Thazin(1) Street, Hlinethaya, Yangon 09-5505974, 09-425004228 dasadhrranjan@gmail.com	
10	CHENGFANG COMPANY LIMITED.	DAW AYE AYE WAR DAW HTIKE HTIKE SAN	No.(16/E), Air Port Yeik Thar(1) Street, Saw Bwar Gyi Gone Quarter, Insein, Yangon 09-43134569,781188177 cansuccess2015@gmail.com	
11	CHIT THAE TONE FAMILY COMPANY LIMITED.	KHAING MAY MI NAING MAY THU NYI NYI NAING SOE NYI ZIN	(105) Mile, Mongyu Village, Shwe Nyaungbin Street, Muse 09-41001731, 09-403716782	
12	CHUE YADANAR TRADING CO, LTD.	Daw Chue Yadanar Myo U Win Zaw U Win Myo Thet	No.37, 4 th Floor, Neik Ban Street, Thardu East Ward, Kyimyindine T/S, 09-8300966 09-5500608 chueyadanar2522@gmail.com	12/Ka Ma Ta (N) 072849 10/Ma La Ma (N) 017045 8/Ta Ta Ka (N) 014188
13	DEHAN GLOBAL COMPANY LIMITED.	HNIN PHYU KAUNG HTET ZAW	No.(15), Shwe Hnin Si Street, Maharsi, (5) Ward, Mayangon, Yangon 09-772124507 kyawmohhein83@gmail.com	
14	E-HOME SMART TECHNOLOGY COMPANY LIMITED.	THIHA MIN	Building.(12), Room.(02) Ground Floor, Shwe Ohn Pin Housing (1), Yan Aye Street, Yankin, Yangon 09-797996490	
15	FUKUYAMA COMPANY LIMITED.	KYAW WIN TUN KYAWT K KHAING	Building(107), Room(4), Min Ye Kyaw Swar Housing, Laydauntkan Road, Tamway Lay Quarter, Tamway, Yangon 09-421026122 myr.doc2@e-sourcingint.com	
16	FUTURE PARADISE COMPANY LIMITED.	DAW WAH WAH HTUN U THI HA ZAW	Minn Ywar Zay Pine,Thanet Pin, Bago City 09-975597000 kothispk@gmail.com	
17	GAO XIN ELECTRIC CO., LTD.	U HLAING MIN OO U KYI THAN	No.(120), Room No.(24),Insein Main Road, (9) Ward, Hline, Yangon City, 09-5411914, 250520566	
18	G-COS LIMITED.	U Ko Ko Aung Daw Moe Moe Myint	No.(1343/A), Shwe Hinthar 1 st Street, (20) Ward, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon Region. 09-791444363 09-43086200	12/Da Ga Ta(N) 000491 12/Ma Ga Ta(N) 094025
19	GLOBAL GARUDA COMPANY LIMITED.	U AUNG NAING OO DAW THWE THWE AUNG	No. (1061), Room (302),Bo Min Yaung Street, Dagon Myothit (North), Yangon 09-265068457, 09-421018959	
20	GREAT MOUNT SILVER TRADING COMPANY LIMITED.	U ZAW MIN TUN	No.(94), Ground Floor, 37 th Street(Middle), (5) Ward, Kyauktada, Yangon 95-1-246028	
21	GREAT POLE STAR INTERNATIONAL COMPANY LIMITED.	AUNG TIN, KHIN LAY MAW, SAW KA LA YAR, SAW TUN LIN, THAN ZAW MYINT	Building No.(10), Room No.(4/A), U Pho Hman Street, Ward No.(16), Hline, Yangon 09-5149066, 09-420160468	
22	GREEN MAST TRADING CO., LTD.	DAW KHIN SU SU HTWE DAW KHIN THAN MYINT DAW KHIN THAN SAW U SOE AUNG	No.(28), Zaya Thukha Lane, 54 Quarter, Thuwunna,Thingangyun, Yangon 09-5129298, 73130688 greenmast@gmail.com	
23	H B N COMPANY LIMITED.	AYE MYA THIDAR, MR LEE MOO SOO	No.(75/2-C),Thamein Bayan Street, Tamway Gyi (Ka+Ga) Quarter, Tamway, Yangon 09-792677001, 792677002	
24	HEIN LAY COMPANY LIMITED.	ABU TA HAY, KHIN SOE MYINT, KYAW SWAR HEIN, THINZAR KO KO	No.(27), Ground Floor, Yarzadirit Street, Ward No.(3), Botahtaung, Yangon 95-1-9010262, 9010041	

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26	HTET MYAT HLAING INTERNATIONAL CO, LTD.	BO MYINT, MARAN, SELVAM	No.(24), (1st) Floor, Room (7 / 8),Nawaday Street, Dagon, Yangon	
27	JEWEL PALACE TRADING CO., LTD.	AUNG LIN HTIN KYAW MIN HTIN NYI LWIN TIN TIN WIN KHINE WAN	No.(601), (6 th) Floor,La Pyi Wun Plaza, No.(37), A Lan Pya Pagoda Road, Dagon, Yangon	
28	JIDO COMPANY LIMITED.	DAW ALE AEE U KYAW SWAR LYNN	No.(4),1 st Street, Pyay Road, Mingaladon Garden, Mingaladon, Yangon City,	
29	JULY KO KO TRADING CO.,LTD.	TUN LIN AUNG ZAW MYO AUNG	No.676,Yuzana (5) Street, (25) Quarter, South Dagon, Yangon City,	
30	K L T ENTERPRISE LTD.	U Toe Lay Daw Kyi Kyi Mya	No.576, 1 st Floor, Strand Road, Lanmadaw T/S, 951-220195 221967 95-09-5008323 trading.klt@gmail.com/toe1964@gmail.com	12/La Ma Ta(N) 018630 12/Pa Ba Ta(N) 029621
31	KIP KHANT COMPANY LIMITED.	DAW KYU KYU KHIN DAW MOH MOH SWE OO U THUTA WIN	No.(587),Thazin Street, (22) Ward, Dagon Myothit (South) Yangon City,	
32	LIFE M.M.K COMPANY LIMITED.	U Sa Min Aung U Myint Aung U Kyaw Win	No.(112/2), (29) Street, Latepyarkan Yonegyi Ward, Bago Township, 09-420254479	14/Ma Ma Na (N) 231673 12/Kha Ya Na (N) 107882 12/Ma Ga Ta (N) 079450
33	LINFRA LIMITED.	GABRIEL BOU GEBRAEL MOHAMAD KHALED EL HAFAR EL HABBAL TIN WINT WINT LWIN	No.(3), Block (2/F),Nawaday Garden Housing, Hlinethaya Yangon City,	
34	LINN WAI YAN COMPANY LIMITED.	KHIN MAUNG OO LIN HTUT KO SAN SAN HTAY SAW LWIN	No.(195),6 th Floor, Botahtaung Zay Road, Pazundaung, Yangon City,	
35	LOTUS WOOD INDUSTRY LIMITED.	AR KHI LIT @ MICKY MR.RAMESH KUMAR SAWARTHIA SAN JAY KUMAR SANKAT MOCHAN SHRIVASTAVA SHIV KUMAR @ NAY WIN KO	No.(1103), Central Tower, Corner of (39 th) Street & Anawrahta Road, Kyauktada, Yangon City,	
36	MANDALAY DA ZHONG COMPANY LIMITED.	MA FEILI MA RONGFU NG LUNG	No. (Nange/4-74), Between (41 x 42) Street, Between (62 x 63) Street, Maharmyaing (2) Quarter, Maharaungmyay, Mandalay	
37	MYANMAR TOKIWA CORPORATION LTD.	PHONE MYINT AUNG @ MYINT NAING OO THAN NAING	No.(44/B),No.(3)Trunk Road, Pynmabin Industrial Zone, Mingaladon Yangon City,	
38	MYANMAR YANGON AXIS COMPANY LIMITED.	DAW SHAUNG WAIR U SHOUNG WAY	No (4A/10A), Mindhamma Road, East Gyogone Ward, Insein, Yangon,	
39	MYAT KYAW KYAW COMPANY LIMITED.	U KYAW THAN	No.(1/133), Sepin Street, Taung Thar Quarter, Pynmana Nay Pyi Taw ,	
40	N G O M COMPANY LIMITED.	U AUNG YE OO AUNG ZAW TUN MYO LWIN ZAW	No. (122 / 124), (51 st) Street, Pazundaung, Yangon	
41	NAN HTEIK KHAUNG COMPANY LIMITED.	MYAT THEINGI KYAW MYINT THAN TUN MYO THANT KO NANN HTWE YIN YE KHAUNG TUN	No.(Na-4/87), (62 x 63) Street, Between (41 x 42) Street, Hnin Si Lan Thwe, Mahaaungmye, Mandalay City,	
42	NANG MAY KHAM CO.,LTD.	DAW THEINT THEINT AUNG DAW TIN TIN HTWE	Room(5),Building(7), Myawady Avenue Street, Pha Sa Pa La Ward, Mingala Taungnyunt, Yangon City,	
43	NYEIN HSU LATT COMPANY LIMITED.	DAW NU NU MOE DAW THAE SU SAN U KYAW SWAR HTWE U THIHA	No.(833), Bo Mue Ba Htoo Street, (133)Ward, East Dagon Myothit, Yangon City	
44	PAN THARAPHI EXCELLENT LIMITED.	KHIN MAR LWIN NYEIN NYEIN PHYO TIN WIN YOON YADANAR LWIN	No.(A4-104), Hninsi Street, Bo Lein, Aung Mingalar Ward, Tamway, Yangon City,	
45	PAW LAR CHAN CO., LTD.	DAW CHIN HTWE KIN @ KHIN MOE THWE U CHIN SAN FATT @ U TIN MYINT	No.(285), Bo Sun Pat Street, Pabedan, Yangon City,	
46	PSPN HOLDING COMPANY LIMITED.	KYI THEIN	Room No.(602), Building No.(C), Pynnya Waddy Avenue, Thanlwin Street, (5) Ward, Yankin, Yangon City,	
47	PUCE MOE COMPANY LIMITED.	EI PHYO OO U HLA TUN U SOE HTET WIN	No. (27/B), (26)Street, Between (91x92)Street, Hledan Quarter, Aungmyaythazan, Mandalay City,	
48	PWINT NADI SOE COMPANY LIMITED.	DAW SAN PWINT THU U AUNG THWIN U NYAN SOE	No.(152), Mya Yadanae Street, Toeche Yadana Tun Pweyoneetan Quarter, Mawlamyine, Mon State,	
49	PYAE SHAN WIN COMPANY LIMITED.	DAW WIN KYI U AUNG NAY MYO U AUNG ZAW TUN U HTAY AUNG U KHIN THAUNG	Sakawar Road, No. (5) Quarter, Warbalaukthauk Village, Kawhmu, Yangon	
50	RAJU INTERNATIONAL TRADING COMPANY LIMITED.	U ZAW NAING	No.(79),Syi Bin Street,(24) Quarter, Dagon Myothit (South), Yangon	
51	RIMO COMPANY LIMITED.	Daw Moh Moh Myint Aung Daw Khin Aye Mu	No.(2830), Aung Mingalar Road, South Dagon Industrial Zone(2), Dagon Myothit (South), Township, 09-7310628 09-799803833	12/Ou Ka Ma(N) 178604 12/Ou Ka Ma(N) 118023
52	ROYAL EVEREST CONSTRUCTION CO.,LTD.	LIN HTIKE KYAW MOE KAY THI MYO WIN ZAW NAY LIN AUNG SAN THEIN	No.(100/B),28 th Street, Middle Block,PabedanYangon City,	

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54	ROYAL HAP COMPANY LIMITED.	DAW KHING SU THI U SOE SAN LIN	No.(8),Corner of Aye Yeik Mon Road and Yadana Mon (5)Street, Ward No.(3),HlaingYangon City,	
55	S C Z TRADING CO., LTD.	DAW LWIN LWIN MU DAW WIN WIN AYE U THAN WIN AUNG	No.(170/176),Room(303),3 rd Floor, Bo Aung Kyaw Road, MGW Center,Botahtaung, Yangon	
56	SEA BROTHERS COMPANY LIMITED.	Daw Wai Wai Htay U Thein Soe @ Thein Soe Hla	No.(209), 6 th Floor(Left), 37-Street, 5-Ward, Kyauktadar Township, 01-246541 246542	13/Ta Ka Na(N)142480 12/Pa Ba Ta(N) 013700
57	SEAIR LOGISTICS (MYANMAR) COMPANY LIMITED.	U Zayar Soe U Naing Tar Tar Aung	No.54/A, Gabar Aye Pagoda Road, Thura Thati Street, (8) Ward, Mayangon Township, 09-420100690	10/Ma La Ma(N) 172892 14/Pha Pa Na(N)181163
58	SEE SEINN SAN MINING CO.,LTD.	THAN HTAY THU ZAR THET	No.(116/118, 6/B), Bo Myat Tun Street, Botahtaung, Yangon City,	
59	SEIN FAMILY EXPORT & IMPORT CO.,LTD.	DAW SEIN U AYE SU U CHAUNG SU U HTEIN SU U KYAW MIN OO U KYIN SU U MYAING SU U WE SU	No.(189),Shwe Yin Aye Pagoda Street, Industrial Zone(5) Extension,Hlainethaya, Yangon City,	
60	SHAN SHAN MINING & INDUSTRY CO.,LTD.	DAW YAN KYIN LAN@ DAW SOE SOE WIN DAW YAN KYIN YEE@DAW MOE MOE WIN DAW ZIN ZIN WIN U KYAW LIN OO U YAN KHAI CHAN U YAN SHOUK HTEN@ U TIN TUN GYI	No.(9/D),Nawarat Lane, Ward No.7,Mayangon, Yangon City,	
61	SHWE MYINT MON STAR CONSTRUCTION CO.,LTD.	ASO KAN AUNG KYAW AYE KYAW TINT TIN HLA @ THAING MA NWAN	No.(1655), Tharlarwadi 4 th Street, (14)Quarter, Tharkayta, Yangon City,	
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63	SHWE YATI SAN COMPANY LIMITED.	SAN YU THET MIN HTUT	No.(185), The Phyu Chaung Village, Htan Pin Chaung Village Group, Inntakaw, Bago City,	
64	SHWE YI MOE HTET TRADING CO.,LTD.	HTAY HTAY NAING YU SONG @ YAN AUNG	No.(90),(10 th) Street, Thun Pagoda Quarter, Bago, Bago City,	
65	SOE PYAE KYAW COMPANY LIMITED.	U Aung Hsan Oo U Nyan Soe U Nay Linn Htet	Room No.(E-10), Highway Bus Station, Myaynigon Ward, Mawlamyine Township, 09-5321895 09-49800352 09-425317349 soepyaekyaw@yahoo.com	10/ Ma La Ma (N) 107295 3/ Pa Ka Na (N) 002321 10/ Ma La Ma (N) 242052
66	SUN MOON DIAMOND COMPANY LIMITED.	DAW OHOMAR SU U KYAW MYINT U MU NI YAH DI	No.(14/16),1 st Floor, Botahtaung Lane (1) Street, (4) Quarter, Botahtaung, Yangon	
67	TAT HONG INTRACO HEAVY EQUIPMENT COMPANY LIMITED.	MR. NG SANG KUEY MR. NG SUN HOE MR. YOONG SWIE LEONG MS. YEO SOCK KOON U AUNG MOE KYAW	No.(33),6 1/2 Miles, Pyay Road, (11) Quarter, Hline, Yangon City,	
68	TAUNG PAW THU CO., LTD.	DAW NANG WAN LAI U SEIN MYINT	No.(61), Ground Floor (Left), Nyaungdon Street, Kyauntaw (South) Quarter, Sangyoung, Yangon City,	
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Gas prices hit new record in US



Surging petrol prices made up half of the March increase in US consumer inflation. **PHOTO: AFP**

US gas prices reached a record high Tuesday, as President Joe Biden said fighting inflation is his top domestic priority.

The average price at the pump hit \$4.37 per gallon, according to the American Automobile Association (AAA), surpassing the last record of \$4.33 set on 11 March.

The average price per gallon a year ago was \$2.97.

“Gasoline and diesel (hit) a record high today” in data that has not been adjusted to remove inflation effects, said Andy Lipow, an analyst at Lipow Oil Associates.

The cost of gas has been following the global rise in crude oil prices as “the world seeks to find alternative supply to Russian oil”, he said.

Crude prices were

already on the up-and-up as inflation hit the economy’s recovery from Covid-19. But prices skyrocketed after Moscow invaded Ukraine in late February, leading many global leaders to impose sanctions on Russia.

“With the cost of oil accounting for more than half of the pump price, more expensive oil means more expensive gasoline,” AAA spokesman Andrew Gross said Monday. The price of oil currently stands at around \$100 per barrel.

The record-high prices are upsetting Americans, as they come on top of a general 8.5 per cent price increase compared to March 2021.

The public discontent has pushed the Biden administration to try to address inflation.—AFP

Toyota posts record full-year net profit, forecasts cautious

TOYOTA on Wednesday posted a record full-year net profit helped by strong sales and a cheaper yen, but issued cautious forecasts as the pandemic and war in Ukraine disrupt supply chains.

The Japanese auto giant, which kept its crown as the world’s top-selling carmaker in 2021, reported a net profit of 2.85 trillion yen (\$22 billion), up 26.9 per cent from the previous year.

But for the current year to March 2023, it said it expects to post an annual net profit of 2.26 trillion yen (\$17.3 billion), citing ongoing uncertainties.

Toyota said its robust results were due in part to beneficial foreign exchange rates, with a cheaper yen helping inflate profits from sales abroad.

It also cited cost reduction efforts and stronger sales helped by marketing efforts.

In the year to March

2022, operating profit surged 36.3 per cent year-on-year to three trillion yen, as sales increased 15.3 per cent to 31.4 trillion yen — also a record.

Toyota’s strong sales came despite the firm be-

ing forced to repeatedly adjust production targets because of supply chain issues ranging from the semiconductor shortage to pandemic-linked factory closures.

On Tuesday it said it

was suspending production at its eight domestic plants for six days due to impact from China’s tough Covid measures — particularly in economic engine Shanghai which has been under lockdown since April.—AFP



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Bitcoin falls below \$30,000, lowest since July 2021

BITCOIN slumped below \$30,000 for the first time since July 2021 on Tuesday as cryptocurrencies track sinking markets with investors spooked by aggressive US monetary tightening and surging inflation.

The world’s largest

cryptocurrency by market value fell as low as \$29,764 in Tuesday trade, before recovering above \$30,000, extending a recent collapse in price as investors desert assets viewed as risky.

Bitcoin’s value has

more than halved since a November surge that saw the token hit a record of nearly \$69,000.

While crypto enthusiasts view bitcoin as a hedge against inflation, an influx of more traditional investors tend to view it as

a riskier asset.

They have been off-loading bitcoin and other digital tokens along with other volatile assets like tech stocks as the US Federal Reserve moves to hike interest rates to tackle decades-high inflation.—AFP

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

UN chief calls for joint efforts to advance SDGs

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres on Monday called for joint efforts to advance the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

He made the appeal in a video message to a high-level virtual meeting of the Group of Friends of the Global Development Initiative. “We are fast approaching the mid-point of the time available to reach the Sustainable Development Goals. I will be blunt: progress is in peril. COVID-19, a fragile and uneven global economic recovery, climate change, and conflicts are pushing our goals farther out of reach,” he

said. He highlighted more poverty and hunger; more inequalities within and among countries; more denials of basic human rights; a scandalously unequal distribution of COVID-19 vaccines, insufficient commitments to keep to the target of 1.5 degrees of global warming; countries left unable to invest in development because of spiraling debt, inflation, and a global financial system that is rigged against the poor; and a food, energy and financial crisis sparked by the conflict in Ukraine, which is weighing down progress for everyone.

“Through a reformed global

financial system that improves access for developing countries so they can invest in their people, rather than servicing their debt; through climate commitments that match the scale of the crisis and bold support for developing countries to leave fossil fuels behind and develop truly green and resilient economies; through supporting peace, advancing human rights and working for an end to all wars that scar our world and block progress for all; and through a renewed commitment to multilateralism, and gathering in solidarity around shared solutions.”—Xinhua



Community workers patrol near a beach in Barcelona, Spain, 27 July 2020. **PHOTO: BARCELONA CITY HALL/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA/FILE**

Japanese, S. Korean lawmakers vow to turn bilateral ties positive



Members of a cross-party group of Japanese lawmakers (R) and their South Korean counterparts meet in Seoul on 11 May 2022. **PHOTO: KYODO**

LAWMAKERS from Japan and South Korea pledged Wednesday to turn the two nation's frayed ties positive, after South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol took office.

At a meeting held in Seoul, members of a cross-party group of Japanese lawmakers dedicat-

ed to promoting exchanges between the two neighbours, and their South Korean counterparts shared their hopes that the launch of the new administration will be “a starting point” toward a better bilateral relationship.

Fukushiro Nukaga, a former finance minister and member of

the ruling Liberal Democratic Party who heads the Japanese group, said Prime Minister Fumio Kishida will aim to further promote bilateral exchanges that have been disrupted by the coronavirus pandemic, and that his group will give its “full support” to the goal.

Kim Jin Pyo, who leads the Korea-Japan Parliamentarians Union, said he wants “various matters of concern” between the two sides to be solved “as if snow melts.” Chung Jin Suk, deputy speaker of South Korea's National Assembly, proposed during the meeting that lawmakers from both countries play a soccer tournament sometime after an upper house election in Japan this summer to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the 2002 World Cup, which was co-hosted by the two nations.—AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Global cost of cybercrime topped \$6 trillion in 2021: defence firm

THE global cost of cybercrime topped \$6 trillion last year, as the coronavirus pandemic caused online activity to soar, the head of Italian defence, security and aerospace giant Leonardo said Tuesday.

“New cybersecurity threats over the last two years have been a ‘collateral damage’ of the Covid-19 pandemic and the acceleration of digitalisation it induced,” Alessandro Profumo said at the opening of the Cybertech Europe 2022 conference in Rome.

“Cyberattacks have grown in number, sophistication and impact—in 2021 the global cost of cybercrime exceeded \$6 trillion.”

The figures came from Clusit, the Italian association for information security, and compare to an estimate of losses of \$1 trillion in 2020.—AFP

Sri Lanka orders ‘offensive’ to contain riots

SRI Lankan police have been ordered to go on the offensive and use live ammunition to stop rioting, a top official told AFP Wednesday, after another night of sporadic arson attacks.

Police say eight people have died since Monday, when frustration at the island's dire economic crisis erupted into violence between supporters and opponents of President Gotabaya Rajapaksa.—AFP

Duterte popularity sweeps daughter to Philippines election win

OUTGOING Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte could face international charges over his deadly drug war, but his daughter's thumping victory in the vice-presidential race shows his popularity remains sky-high.

Sara Duterte secured more than half the votes in Monday's election, a ringing endorsement for the family name that has become a byword for brutality and

impunity in the poverty-plagued country.

More than 6,200 people have officially died in Duterte's anti-narcotics campaign since he came to power in 2016, but rights groups estimate the true figure is in the tens of thousands.

While the deaths have been widely condemned and triggered an International Criminal Court probe, Duterte's swift brand of

justice struck a chord with many Filipinos fed up with the bureaucracy, corruption and dysfunction that affects their daily lives.

That popularity has rubbed off on his daughter, who supporters see as a safe pair of hands to continue his legacy—and protect him from potential criminal charges in the Philippines or abroad when he leaves office.—AFP



Outgoing Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte could face international charges over his deadly drug war, but his daughter's thumping victory in the vice-presidential race shows his popularity remains sky-high. **PHOTO: TED ALJIBE/AFP**

Okinawa urges PM to scrap US base move plan before key anniversary

OKINAWA Gov. Denny Tamaki held talks Tuesday with Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, urging him to scrap a controversial plan to relocate a US air base within the southern prefecture, days ahead of the 50th anniversary of its reversion to Japan.

The governor handed Kishida a set of proposals at the prime minister's office, which also said a decades-old pact defining the rights of US forces and their personnel in Japan should be

reviewed.

Ahead of the anniversary on Sunday, Tamaki travelled to Tokyo and asked the central government to "explore ways to solve the problem through dialogue", he told reporters following their meeting.

He quoted Kishida as saying the government will continue to make efforts to alleviate Okinawa's burden of hosting US military bases while promising to "take the feelings (of local

people) seriously and read the proposals".

Kishida also said he will "make efforts" to improve Okinawa's per-capita average income, which remains at about 70 per cent of the national average, according to the governor.

But their meeting only lasted about 15 minutes, signalling the central government's unenthusiastic response to Tamaki, known as a staunch opponent of the relocation plan.— Kyodo



Okinawa Gov. Denny Tamaki speaks to reporters in Tokyo on 10 May 2022. PHOTO: KYODO

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Xi tells Macron "bloc confrontation" should be avoided over Ukraine

CHINESE President Xi Jinping on Tuesday told his French counterpart Emmanuel Macron that "bloc confrontation" over Ukraine should be avoided, state-run media reported, as Russia's military

operations in its neighbouring country have been escalating.

Xi's remarks came as Western democratic countries, including the United States and European nations, work to bolster

the sanctions they have imposed on Russia since its invasion of Ukraine started on 24 February.

During his telephone talks with Macron, Xi "urged vigilance against bloc confrontation, which

poses a bigger and more persistent threat to global security and stability," according to the media.

Macron was quoted by the media as telling Xi that France "stands ready for closer coordina-

tion and cooperation with China at both bilateral and multilateral levels", and that his country and the European Union "will not endorse or take part in bloc confrontation."—Kyodo

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Here are the latest developments in the war in Ukraine:

Russia FM visits Algeria

RUSSIAN Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov visited gas-producing ally Algeria for talks Tuesday as Europe pushes to secure alternative energy supplies.

Lavrov met President Abdelmadjid Tebboune and Foreign Minister Ramtane Lamamra, according to foreign ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova.

Lavrov told Lamamra that Moscow supported "an initiative by our Algerian friends to draw up a new interstate strategic document which will reflect the new quality of our bilateral partnership", according to the Russian foreign ministry.

"Our political dialogue is developing actively, as is our economic, military and technical cooperation and humanitarian and cultural ties," he added.

Fighting rages in Ukraine's east

UKRAINE battled Russian forces in its eastern region Tuesday while overnight missile strikes hit the southern port of Odessa, as the United States warned that Russian President Vladimir Putin is ready for a long war.

Washington's bleak prediction came after Ukraine said its membership of the European Union was a question of "war and peace" for the whole continent as it faces up to Russia, well over two months after Moscow invaded.

Germany to reopen embassy in Kyiv: foreign minister

GERMANY will reopen its embassy in Kyiv, Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock said Tuesday during a visit to Ukraine, the first by a senior government figure since the Russian invasion.

SOURCE: AFP

Russia won't participate in special session of UNHRC on Ukraine



Photo taken on 10 March 2022 shows the Kremlin in Moscow, Russia. PHOTO: XINHUA/BAI XUEQI

THE Russian Foreign Ministry said Tuesday that Russia has chosen not to participate in an

upcoming special session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (UNHRC) on Ukraine,

calling the event biased.

"Unfortunately, our arguments and explanations with regard to the true goals of the special military operation and the situation on the ground are being completely ignored," the country's foreign ministry said in a statement, citing spokesperson Maria Zakharova. The UNHRC announced Monday that it will hold a special session on Thursday "to address the deteriorating human rights situation in Ukraine stemming from the Russian aggression." "The Russian delegation will not legitimize another biased political show with its presence," Zakharova was quoted as saying.—Xinhua

Ukraine refugees at risk of human trafficking: NGO

REFUGEES fleeing Ukraine are becoming increasingly vulnerable to human traffickers as the war rages, a new report said on Tuesday, urging the registration of victims, especially unaccompanied children.

More than two million chil-

dren have fled Ukraine since Russia invaded on 24 February, according to the 42-page report compiled by the Dutch-based La Strada anti-trafficking organization and commissioned by Britain's Freedom Fund.

"People fleeing the war,

mainly women and children, are extremely vulnerable and face increased risk of sexual and labour exploitation as organized criminal groups and individual profiteers take advantage of the turmoil," the groups said in a statement.—AFP

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Exciting atmosphere as SEA Games 31st opening ceremony nears

THE atmosphere in Viet Nam is getting more and more excited as the official start of the 31st Southeast Asian Games is nearing.

Although the opening ceremony is slated to be held on 12 May, competitions have already begun, with the enthusiastic support of local sport fans.

According to the organizers, SEA Games 31 is a bridge of friendship that fosters unity among regional countries against the backdrop of COVID-19 global crisis. It provides a chance for the countries to share, motivate each other and together surmount challenges in multiple areas.



The team welcome ceremony is held on 11 May. PHOTO: VNA

The opening ceremony is expected to impress spectators with various performances demonstrating an active Viet Nam able to connect with and inspire other regional countries amid many global certainties.—VNA

SEA Games Men's Football: Singapore, Malaysia teams take victories



Malaysia team (yellow) vie for the ball against the Laos team players during their SEA Games men's football group match held in Viet Nam on 11 May 2022. PHOTO: FAM

THE 31st SEA Games men's and women's group matches continued on 11 May with Singapore and Malaysia team's victories.

Singapore beat Cambodia 1-0, while Malaysia beat Laos 3-1.

Singapore, who have lost two games in a row, unexpect-

edly beat Cambodia, who reached the 2019 SEA Games semi-finals.

Cambodia trounced Laos in their first group match but lost this time. Akbar scored the winning goal for Singapore in the 36th minute.

In the first match of the

group, Malaysia defeated Laos by two goals to nil. Malaysia's two-match winning streak puts them in contention for a place in the semi-finals.

Malaysia team scored one goal in the first half and another two in the second half while Laos got a single goal before the final whistle. In the women's Group A match between the defending champions Viet Nam and the Philippines, Viet Nam won by two goals to one.

Viet Nam beat their main rival, the Philippines, for the first place in the group, and was almost certain to win the first place.

Viet Nam will win the last match with a minimum draw against Cambodia. The opening ceremony will take place on 12 May, and the group matches will resume on 13 May. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine 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 emphasize 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.

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and 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 promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.

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 peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics.
- (c) To enhance the health, fitness and education quality of the entire nation.

Myanmar women's football team get victory over Laos team in SEA Games

THE Myanmar national women's football team defeated the Laos team 3-0 in women's football competition Group B of the 31st Southeast Asian Women's Football Championship in Viet Nam on 10 May.

Win Theingi Tun scored the opening goal for the Myanmar team in the first 30 minutes and Khin Malar Tun scored the winning goals in 57 and 68 minutes.

Myanmar team will play the second group match against the Thai team at 7:30 pm on 13 May and the team will take on the Singapore team at 4 pm on 15 May in the last group match. —MNA

Myanmar archery team to compete in nine events in SEA Games

THE Myanmar archery team will compete in nine events at the 31st SEA Games archery competition which is being held in Viet Nam.

The SEA Games Shooting Championships will be held from 15 to 19 May and will feature 10 events.

There are five types of competitions in Recurve event. The compound event will feature five events, with the Myanmar archery team competing in nine events except for the women's compound team event.

Myanmar Archery Team will compete in the Recurve

Men's Individual Competition, Recurve Men's Team competition, Recurve Women's Individual Competition Recurve Women's Team Competition, Mix-Team Competition, Compound Men's Individual Competition, and Team Competition plus Women's Singles and

Mixed-Team Events.

Team Administrator Daw Thi Thi Win, Head Coaches U Aung Thura, U Lin Naing and Daw Myat Thuzar Myint, Recurve Men Players Htike Lin Oo, Nay Lin Oo, Thiha Htet Zaw, and Kaung Khant Maw, Recurve Women Player Thida

Nwe, Pyae Sone Hnin, Zar Chi Win, and Yamin Thu, Compound Men Players Zin Thurein Mu, Nay Myo Aung, Kyaw Thiha Oo, and Hein Htet Aung and women player Su Su Hlaing are involved in the Myanmar Archery Team. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM