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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.

## The primary need for peace is to restore perpetual peace and not cause armed conflicts again: Vice-Senior General



State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win meets township administration body members and township-level departmental officials in An in Rakhine State on 15 June 2022.

**P**EACE and stability of the region is important for holding a free and fair general election. If not, the free and fair election will not be held or genuine people's representatives will not be elected, said Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence

Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win yesterday morning in a meeting with township administration body members and township-level departmental officials at Shwe Antaung Hall in An of Rakhine State.

First, Township Administration Body Chairman U

Htay Aung reported on the progress of An Township, and the Vice-Senior General coordinated necessary measures with officials.

In his speech, the Vice-Senior General said as An Township was upgraded to the district level on 30 April 2022, it can operate the administrative process

directly linking with the state level in a rapid manner with no need to pass Kyaukpyu. An Township is a focal point leading to Taungup, Kyaukpyu, Sittway and Minbu. Being an important area, local authorities need to cooperate with residents to avoid inappropriate administrative measures with the na-

tionalistic spirit, political and security essence.

He continued that currently, six ethnic armed organizations have held talks about peace issues with the Prime Minister and the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee separately.

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## Announcement for armed resistance organizations' members including PDF who want to enter legal fold

LESSONS have already been learnt from the past that unity can only assure non-disintegration of the Union and perpetuation of sovereignty for the Republic of the Union of Myanmar where various ethnic peoples are living in. In the future, it must work for the unity and solidarity of ethnic brethren. Due to political adversaries and disagreements in ethnic affairs, internal armed conflicts occurred and it has hampered the development of the country.

Those who were persuaded by terrorist groups CRPH and NUG to commit acts of terrorism leading to the utter devastation of the country and launch armed resistance under various names of groups including PDF. Such doings can affect the stability of the State and ensue delay in ways to democracy.

As the strength of the country lies on its own, the entire people should cooperate in establishing a genuine and disciplined multiparty democratic system as per the five-point roadmap of the State Administration Council, "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 according to democratic standards", and in line with "one of the objectives on political affairs to build a Union based on democracy and federalism through a disciplined and genuine multiparty democratic system that is fair and just".

Therefore, it is here announced that the organizations including PDF are welcomed if they enter the legal fold for their normal civilian lives by surrendering their weapons following rules and regulations to participate in future work plans of the country.

Information Team  
State Administration Council



## Yangon Region Advocate-General inspects Bogyoke Aung San Museum renovation

YANGON Region Advocate-General U Htay Aung in his capacity as Chairman of the Organizing the 75<sup>th</sup> Martyrs' Day and Showcasing Bogyoke Aung San Museum Sub-Committee

Yangon Region Advocate-General U Htay Aung inspects the renovation work at Bogyoke Aung San Museum.

inspected the renovation work of the Bogyoke Aung San Museum on Bogyoke Museum Road in Bahan Township yesterday morning.

During the inspection, the Advocate-General instructed officials to make sure the vehicle of General Aung San was in good condition, cleaning and weeding the museum compound, the wall

painting, rubbish and dumps clearing in the pool and cleaning in the museum dining room, library, bedroom and equipment of General Aung San.

Afterwards, the Yangon Region Advocate-General fulfilled the requirements. The museum will be open from 19 to 21 July for public observation free of charge. — MNA

## Peace delegation led by Pa-O National Liberation Organization-PNLO Vice-Chair arrives in Nay Pyi Taw



The PNLO Vice-Chairperson and his delegation are welcomed on the arrival in Nay Pyi Taw.

AS Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 22 April called for peace talks with ethnic armed organizations-EAOs to restore perpetual peace in the country and make an end to the armed conflicts, a peace delegation led by Vice-Chair-1 U Khun Htun Tin of the Pa-O National Liberation Organization-PNLO

left Shan State (South) and arrived in Nay Pyi Taw on 15 June afternoon.

On arrival at the Horizon Lake View Resort, Nay Pyi Taw, the peace delegation was welcomed by members of the National Solidarity and Peace-making Negotiation Committee and ethnic people from the Department of Fine Arts, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture,

departmental staff, and local people who want peace holding miniature State flags and placards bearing, "Perpetual peace is the real aspiration of the people", "Achieving peace is the true desire of all citizens", "Let's hold talks for peace in the Union", "Only when the ethnic nationalities are in unity will stability, peace and tranquillity be achieved". — MNA

## Communal Waso robe offering ceremony to be held at Zawtikayon Pali Tekkatho Monastery in Pyay

THE communal Waso robe offering ceremony will be held at Zawtikayon Pali Tekkatho Monastery in Pyay township at 4 pm on 13 July 2022 (1<sup>st</sup> Waning of Waso 1384 ME).

The Zawtikayon Pali Tekkatho Sasana Nuggaha Organization will lead the event in donating Waso robes to more than 200 monks led by Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Suradhaja of Zawtikayon Pali Tekkatho Monastery.

The people may donate China-Made CYC robe at K5,000 per set, upper layer of the robe at K3,000 and lower garment at K2,000 and may contact 09-420703374, 09-5312630, 09-423656441, 09-4236596 and 09-250876480. — Maung Shwe Win (Pyay)/GNLM

## 4 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 15 June, total figure rises to 613,464

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to 613,464 after four new cases were reported on 15 June 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, 592,466 have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll still 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 14-6-2022, a total of 34,345,070 people have been vaccinated. Of them, 27,323,007 people have been fully vaccinated and 7,022,063 people have yet to get the second shots and 2,325,231 people have received booster doses.—MNA

## Tatmadaw is also steering and monitoring to be straightforward on building the Union Republic rooted in democracy and the federal system having peace and tranquillity

HAVING duty consciousness among the country and people, loyalty and a variety of selfless performances with a spirit of goodwill by Tatmadaw have been witnessed in the past. Currently, Tatmadaw is also steering and monitoring to be straightforward on building the Union Republic rooted in democracy and the federal system having peace and tranquillity, and community development. I would like to highlight that every effort partaken by Tatmadaw tend to be beneficial for our motherland and ethnic people, and Tatmadaw also performs the tasks with a spirit of goodwill to be able to stand rigidly as a country among the world.

(Excerpt from the speech made by Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing at the passing out parade of the 8<sup>th</sup> intake of Graduate Female Cadet Course on 22 December 2021)

## SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win meets Tatmadaw members, families in Minbya Station

STATE Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win had a cordial meeting with officers, other ranks and families of Minbya Station in the guest house of the station in the afternoon yesterday.

In his address to the officers and other ranks, Vice-Senior General Soe Win said that, as they are Tatmadaw personnel, they always have to do everything in their daily life and carry out their duties with full security awareness and alert, that team spirit, family spirit, understanding and unity are needed to ensure success in the performance of their duties. He stressed that responsible personnel are to see to it that provisions and other necessary supplies are distributed in time and that it is necessary for them to put the right man in the right place and assign duties fairly.

The Vice-Senior General went on to say that the commanders are responsible for the security of their subordinates and



State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win meets officers, other ranks and families of Minbya Station in Rakhine State yesterday.

families and that the officers and other ranks will be able to carry out their duties without worrying about their families only if the life security of the families of their subordinates is ensured. And the Vice-Senior General emphasized that **they should always practise the military skills they have learnt and that only in this way will they always be prepared to perform the duties of defending the country.**

Regarding the education of the family members of the officers and other ranks, Vice-Senior General Soe Win pointed out that the Head of State has always encouraged the outstanding students and given stipends to them and taken measures for them to be able to work for master's and doctorate and so it is necessary for servicemen and their family members to make the most of the opportunity offered. In addition,

he said that **responsible personnel and families living in the military units are to make sure that their children pass at least the KG+9 exams and render necessary help and support for this purpose.**

As regards the health of servicemen and their families, Vice-Senior General Soe Win placed an emphasis on the fact that servicemen should always be fit and strong in order to carry

out the duties for their families as well as for the country and that medical clinics at the military headquarters are fully-staffed and well-supplied with requirements.

Then, Vice-Senior General Soe Win heard reports of servicemen and their families and fulfilled their needs in coordination with responsible personnel and cordially greeted the family members of the servicemen. — MNA

## The primary need for peace is to restore perpetual ...

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It was learnt that more organizations will hold talks. The primary need for peace is to restore perpetual peace and not to cause armed conflicts again.

Further coordination will be held with the aim of restoring the perpetual peace in the peace talks and implementing the framework for building the Union based on democracy and

federalism for the entire ethnic people aspire. The demand at the roundtable of peace and at the Hluttaw by people's representatives is better than the demand based on holding arms. Peace and stability of the region are important for holding a free and fair general election. If not, a free and fair election will not be held as well as genuine people's representatives will not be elected.

An Township which is home to more than 120,000 people has more than 60,000 acres of net sown acreage where various kinds of crops including paddy are cultivated to have a high yield for meeting the target. If so, surplus crops can be exported. In the livestock sector, crab, shrimp and fish farming works should be done on a commercial scale with advanced technologies.

Those farmers need to observe the techniques of similar farms at developed farms.

The Vice-Senior General expressed his satisfaction with the regular attendance of students at the schools, urging officials to encourage students to try hard to raise the pass rate of the matriculation examination.

The Vice-Senior General said global countries includ-

ing Myanmar are facing high prices of fuel and cooking oil. Hence, it is necessary to save spending the income depending on the high prices of cooking oil. The government is encouraging local growers to cultivate sunflower and oil palm plants for the oil sufficiency of the nation. Taninthayi Region focuses on increased production of palm oil from oil palm fruits. — MNA

# SAC members attend 2022 inter-state/region Taekwondo competition opening ceremony

THE opening ceremony of the 2022 Inter-State/Region Taekwondo Competition was held yesterday morning in Nay Pyi Taw. The opening ceremony was attended by Members of the State Administration Council Mahn Nyein Maung, Jeng Phang Naw Taung, U Moung Har, U Sai Lone Hsai, Saw Daniel and Dr Banyar Aung Moe, Union Ministers U Chitt Naing, U Ko Ko, Dr Charlie Than, Dr Thet Khaing Win, U Min Thein Zan, Dr Htay Aung and U Saw Tun Aung Myint, the deputy ministers, departmental officials, officials from the Myanmar Taekwondo Federation, coaches from the participating teams and athletes.

At the ceremony, Union Minister U Min Thein Zan said due to the activities of the Myanmar Taekwondo Federation, the outstanding Myanmar national Taekwondo athletes emerged in a few years and the country was honoured.



The SAC members and dignitaries watch the 2022 Inter-State/Region Taekwondo competition in Nay Pyi Taw on 15 June 2022.

The Myanmar national Taekwondo team has made great strides not only in the Southeast Asian Games but also in international competitions, winning one silver and three bronze medals at the 31<sup>st</sup> SEA Games. He said it is the time when the state is promoting Myanmar sports to the

best of its ability, urging athletes to show their skills and win their respective states and regions with the purest sports spirit and strive to become outstanding athletes who can be trusted by the country through inter-state and region competitions.

Afterwards, the SAC mem-

bers, the Union ministers and officials cordially greeted the team administrators, coaches and athletes and watched the first day of the Taekwondo Team (Men/Women) performing and wrestling matches.

Thirteen men's teams and fourteen women's teams will

compete in 2022 Inter-State/Region Taekwondo (Men/Women) competitions. It will be held from 15 to 17 June at Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium (B) in Nay Pyi Taw and anyone interested in Taekwondo may come and watch the events free of charge. — MNA

## Peace Talks Team, ALP hold second-day meeting



The second-day meeting between the government's Peace Talks Team and the ALP delegation is in progress.

THE second-day meeting of the government Peace Talks Team and the delegation led by the Vice-Chair of the Arakan Liberation Party-ALP was

organized in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by State Administration Council Member National Solidarity

and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee Chairman Union Minister at the Government Office (1) Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, in his capacity as the leader of

the Peace Talks Team, SAC Member Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, NSPNC Secretary Lt-Gen Min Naung, ALP Vice-Chair Daw Saw Mra Raza Linn,

Central Executive Committee members Khaing Soe Mra and Khaing Paw Lin.

During the meeting, NSPNC member Lt-Gen Win Bo Shein reported on the findings of the analysis team of NSPNC in the agreements of Part I/II/III of the Union Accord and Table-2 in Part III to be discussed. They then approved and signed the agreements reached in the three-day meeting.

Then, ALP Vice-Chair Daw Saw Mra Raza Linn and Peace Talks Team Leader Lt-Gen Yar Pyae made concluding remarks, and the latter gave books marking the Diamond Jubilee Union Day, Myanmar Encyclopaedia volume 1 published by the Ministry of Information and stationeries and gifts provided by the Ministry of Education. — MNA

# Over 1,000 tonnes of fishery products exported each month to Bangladesh

MORE than 1,000 tonnes of fishery products are being exported each month to Bangladesh through Rakhine State, according to the Rakhine State Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Although the imports are down during the Ramadan period in April in Bangladesh, the border trade increased with the fish from fishing farms in Yangon Region, Ayeyawady Region, and Bago Region in May.

About 1,000 visses rohita fish are daily transported from

Yangon to Sittway and Maungtaw, from where fishery products are directly exported. In addition, fishery products from Ayeyawady and Bago regions are also being transported by sea and land.

A combined inspection team inspects the exported fishery products and dried goods at the Shwe Min Gan gate in Sittway and Kanyinchaung gate in Maungtaw, and they are exported by paying two per cent of tax to the state.

The exports are allowed



Fishing vessels are pictured berthing at Shwe Min Gan port in Sittway, Rakhine State.

with a two per cent tax for motorboats exporting fishery products, US\$5 for a boat and \$50 for a registration fee.

Rohita fish are mainly exported to Bangladesh, and dried goods, such as onion,

tamarind, ginger, and dried plums. As imports, cotton longyi from Pulicat (India), slippers, consumer goods and construction materials. As exports are more than imports, it is a trade route with higher

foreign exchange earnings.

In the last 2021-2022 FY, more than 11,000 tonnes of goods worth over 11 million USD were exported to Bangladesh from Myanmar. — TWA/GNLM

## Matriculation exam results to be released on 17 June



Matriculation examinees are seen in Bokepyin, Taninthayi Region.

THE Ministry of Education has announced that the results of the 2022-Matriculation Exam will be released at 6 am on 17 June.

The lists of those who have passed the exam will be put on notice-boards at the schools in respective townships, as well as arrangements are made to access the result at the [www.myanmarexam.org](http://www.myanmarexam.org) at 4 am on the same day. In addition, the Radio Myanmar will also announce the pass list of the exam centres which are located in remote areas and areas without a good internet access.

The announcement also requested to systematically adhere to the COVID-19 disease prevention and control rules and regulations in coming to check the pass list. For further information, phone numbers of the Department of Myanmar Examinations (01-653509 and 09-43140226) can be reached on 17 June, according to the announcement.

The 2021-2022 matriculation exam was held from 31 March to 9 April, and over 200,000 students sat the exam at 1,238 local exam centres and 20 foreign exam centres. — TWA/GNLM

## Chilli prices surge as cold storage charges hike

THE new Pan Ye chilli price was K5,400 and K6,200 per viss and Myar Ni chilli was K5,800 and K6,200 per viss on 1 June 2022 and its price rose to K7,800 per viss on 14 June, purchaser Ko Thet told the GNLM.

"On 7 April, the new Pan Ye chilli price was K3,800 and K4,300 per viss and K4,600 and K4,700 per viss of Myar Ni chilli. On 14 June, the price rose by K1,500 per viss. The price rose by K3,500 per viss within two months," he added.

The merchants keep the chilli in the cold storage and resell it after two months at K3,500 per viss, said Ko Hla Han, an owner of the Sein Pan street chilli wholesale centre at the Bayintnaung centre.

The fee for cold storage is K75 per viss for one month and rises to K125 this year. The merchants bought the chilli early this year and stored it at K125 per viss within two weeks and earned K1,300 in profits.

The merchants store the chilli in the cold storage in industrial zones in Hlinethaya, Shwepyitha and Dagon Myothit (South) townships by paying fees.

"There should be good ventilation for chilli bags. If we store more than the fixed amounts in

the cold storage, the chilli quality will decline. If so, the prices will drop in the market. The cold storage owners do not take responsibility for such cases. Chilli farmers face losses. They (merchants) should choose the cold storage," said Ko Hla Han.

"We have to keep limited chilli bags in the cold storage. If we store more than the fixed numbers, the bags cannot get enough cold and they will be low quality. It will be similar to the case of Kapali Kyaw Kone entered into the market in 2021," said a chilli wholesale centre owner.

When the Sinbyukyun chilli colour turns into black, the merchants name them Kapali Kyaw Kone in the Yangon chilli market and sell by reducing the price

to half.

The price of Sinbyukyun chilli was K4,000/5,000 per viss by the end of 2021 and the Kapali Kyaw Kone was only K2,500 per viss.

Early this month, low-grade chilli is similar to the Kapali Kyaw Kone and priced at K5,000 per viss, while the normal chilli fetched K7,000 per viss.

In April, the delta chilli fetched K3,800/4,200 per viss and was priced at K7,000 per viss on 14 June.

The chilli prices are high recently and the chilli kept in the cold storage is priced at over K2,000 per viss. A 20-viss of chilli bag can earn about K30,000 profits after paying the cold storage fees, said chilli dealer Ko Zarni.

— TWA/GNLM





The MoALI Union Minister hold talks on agriculture cooperation with the Indian Envoy to Myanmar.

## Yangon Region's ex-chief minister, ex-economic affairs minister, secretary charged under Anti-Corruption Law

THE Anti-Corruption Commission inspected the complaints against ex-Yangon Region chief minister U Hla Soe and ex-economic affairs minister U Aung Than Oo.

According to the inspections, they both failed to follow the President's Office Notification No 1/2017 in selling the lands between 22-6-2021 and 21-1-2022 under the decision of the Yangon Region land management committee meeting. Moreover, they allowed reducing the township wise current prices set by the regions' Internal Revenue Department. The country faced losses of over K38,000 million for 262 acres of nine plots of land in Shweypyitha, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan), Dagon Myothit (North), Dagon Myothit (South), Dala and Thingangyun townships. Such doings also violated the existing law, rules and regulations and caused losses to the State budget.

Secretary U Soe Soe Zaw served as a government land management committee member and did not report about the declining land selling price

than current prices in applying for land and setting land plots prices and he proposed to relocate the land by contacting the permitted land buyers directly and participated in activities that caused losses to the State budget.

Ex-chief minister of Yangon Region U Hla Soe took a bribe of K250 million in five tranches from ex-economic affairs minister U Aung Than Oo in permitting government land.

U Aung Than Oo also took a bribe of K500 million in six tranches from a construction company owner in applying for the land plots.

U Aung Than Oo failed to open a deposit account at the Myanma Economic Bank in accordance with Notification 58/2019 of the Union Government Office in collecting more than K950 million from eight permitted persons for vacant and virgin lands, three persons for government lands and another person for Cooperate Social Responsibility-CSR and he deposited the money to two accounts opened under his name

at Myanmar Apex Bank-MAB and kept the cheques. Such doings did not conform with the existing law, rules, regulations and procedures and it caused losses to the State budget.

Secretary U Soe Soe Zaw proposed to the regional government for the application of more than 32 acres of land plots in Dagon Myothit (North) Township under a certain name of a retired person in August 2021, helping to reduce the land prices and CRS payments, agreed to give 20 per cent to him from the profits of land sale after getting the land grant. Such activities approved his attempts to take bribes by misusing his power.

According to findings, Yangon Region's former chief minister U Hla Soe and ex-economic affairs minister U Aung Than Oo were charged under Section 55 of the Anti-Corruption Law, while secretary U Soe Soe Zaw under Section 55/63 and Section 56 of the Anti-Corruption Law at respective police stations of Yangon Region on 14 June, according to the commission. — MNA

## MoALI Union Minister, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar discuss cooperation in Agriculture

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Tin Htut Oo received Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Vinay Kumar in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on the promotion of farming techniques and

human resource development programmes between the two countries, coordination of quality standards for the export and import of agricultural produce and production of value-added livestock and agricultural products. — MNA

## Indian Envoy to Myanmar calls on Health Union Minister



The MoH Union Minister receives the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar yesterday.

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win received a delegation led by Ambassador of India to Myanmar Mr Vinay Kumar yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, the two sides discussed Myanmar-India health cooperation, the resumption of constructing a state-of-the-art hospital in Myanmar with the support of India, the issue of speeding up the import of medicines and medical supplies from India to Myanmar, opportunities for bilateral cooperation in health human resource development

and medical research in Myanmar, sending health workers from Myanmar to provide advanced medical skills training, such as liver transplant surgery and kidney transplant surgery in India, cooperation with India to strengthen cancer treatment, and cooperation in the development of the traditional medicine sector.

They also had a cordial exchange of views on opportunities for Indian private investors to invest in Myanmar and the conditions under which they could support each other. — MNA

## State Administration Council's Information Team to hold press conference 16/2022

THE Information Team of the State Administration Council will hold a press conference (16/2022) at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw at 1 pm on 16 June. Local and foreign media personnel are invited to the press conference, it is learnt. — MNA

## 16<sup>th</sup> press conference of Information Team to be broadcast live on 16 June

THE 16<sup>th</sup> press conference of the Information Team of the State Administration Council will be broadcast live on MRTV HD, MRTV News, MWD, MWD Variety, MITV, MOI Website, MOI YouTube, MRTV Website and aired live on Radio Myanmar, Thazin FM, Mandalay FM, Pyinsawady FM, Shwe FM, Padamyar FM, FM Bagan, Cherry FM and Star FM starting from 1 pm on 16 June, at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information. — MNA

# LOCAL BUSINESS

## Domestic corn price slides tracking corn prices in Thailand

THE domestic corn prices has fallen following the price dip in Thailand, said U Min Khaing, chair of the Myanmar Corn Industrial Association.

"The corn prices drop. Last month, corn fetched 13.25 baht per kilogramme in the market in Thailand. The prices declined to 12.5 baht at present. The price is relatively down in border markets between Myanmar and Thailand as Myanmar's corn is heavily relying on Thailand," said U Min Khaing.

Additionally, the corn crop will soon be harvested in Thailand in the coming months. Nevertheless, we cannot say for sure

whether the price will remain on downward trends or not, he added.

The prices of corn stand at K1,060-1,080 per viss depending on quality.

Thailand gives green light to corn imports under zero tariff (with Form-D), between 1 February and 31 August. However, Thailand imposed a maximum tax rate of 73 per cent on corn import to protect the rights of their growers if the corn is imported during the corn season of Thailand.

Therefore, only two months (July and August) have remained for corn exports under Form D

exemption.

In the 2021-2022 corn season, Myanmar targets to export about 1.5 million tonnes of corn to external markets, said U Min Khaing.

Myanmar exported 2.3 million tonnes of corn to foreign trade partners in the 2020-2021 corn season. Of them, 1.7 million tonnes of corn were sent to Thailand. At present, corn is cultivated in Shan, Kachin, Kayah and Kayin states and Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway regions. Myanmar has three corn seasons – winter, summer and monsoon. The country produces between 2.5 and 3 million tonnes of corn every year. — NN/GNLM



Workers are seen sorting out the corn.

## Manufacturing sector only source of FDI in past two months



FOREIGN direct investments were pumped into the manufacturing sector only in the past two months (April-May) of the 2022-2023 financial year, as per the statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Seven enterprises from China, Hong Kong SAR and Japan put estimated capital of US\$13 million into the manufacturing sector in the past two months. The existing enterprises from China (Taipei) also increased \$2 million in investments in the manufacturing sector.

The manufacturing enterprises and businesses that need a large labour force are prioritized to create job opportunities for the local community, according to the Myanmar Investment Commission.

Although some labour-intensive enterprises faced financial hardship amid the COVID-19 negative impacts and the

political changes, the industry is now returning to normal after the COVID-19 vaccination program for the workers, as per the IHS Markit's September report.

In a bid to boost factory productivity with a healthy and nutritious workforce in the garment industry, Mobile Medical Check to garment workers took place from 9 to 13 May 2022 in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw, supported by UNICEF Myanmar.

Myanmar's manufacturing sector is largely concentrated in garments and textiles produced on the Cutting, Making, and Packing basis, and it contributes to the country's GDP to a certain extent.

Myanmar has drawn foreign direct investment of more than \$647.127 million from 49 enterprises in the past mini-budget period (October 2021-March 2022). Of them, 40 foreign enterprises put investments in the manufacturing sector, pumping the estimated capital of \$202.667 million. — KK/GNLM

## Myanmar's foreign trade soars to \$5.5 bln over past two months

MYANMAR'S external trade between 1 April and 3 June of the 2022-2023 Financial Year tremendously rose to US\$5.5 billion, reflecting a sharp increase of \$546 million as against the year-ago period, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The figures surged from \$4.96 billion in the corresponding period last year.

Myanmar's export was worth over \$2.65 billion whereas the country's import was valued at \$2.85 billion over the past two months.

The border trade dropped owing to transportation difficulties amid the COVID policy and political changes, with a decrease of \$542 million as against the year-ago period. However, the maritime trade registered a significant rise of \$1.08 billion during the April-May period.

Myanmar exports agricultural products, animal products, minerals, forest products, and finished industrial goods, while it imports capital goods, raw industrial materials, and consumer goods.

The country's export sector relies more on the agricultural and manufacturing sectors. The Ministry of Commerce is focusing on reducing the trade deficit, export promotion, import substitution and market diversification.

The external trade stood at \$15.5 billion in the past mini-budget 2021-2022 (October-March) period and \$29.58 billion in the 2020-2021FY, as per the Commerce Ministry's statistics. — KK/GNLM

## Peanut prices moving upwards on foreign and domestic demand



A consumer is pictured selecting the cooking oil at one retail outlet.

MAGWAY commodity centres see an upward spiral in peanut prices following the hike in edible oil prices.

Moreover, the Chinese traders and domestic millers

are making a competitive offer these days while the supply of peanuts is pretty low.

The prices of peanuts are around K4,300-4,400 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kilo-

grammes) on 15 June 2022.

At present, consumers' behaviour has changed and turned to peanut oil due to the health benefits and the increase in imported oil prices.

Magway Region, which has gained a reputation as the oil pot of Myanmar, is the main producer of beans and pulses including oil crops.

Myanmar's peanuts are mostly exported to China. Between 1 April and 3 June of the 2022-2023 Financial Year, over US\$5 million worth of approximately 5,600 tonnes of peanuts were shipped to external markets, according to Myanmar Customs Department's statistics. — KK/GNLM

# OPINION

Sustain accumulation of knowledge for shaping a better nation

**G**OOD governance is of great importance in shaping a country to be developed from the status of an underdeveloped one. Thanks to good governance, Myanmar surged from its situation of poverty with great potential for seeing a brighter future.

Despite no exact definition, good governance is based on political accountability, transparency of governing by the central body, exercise of only official authority, rights of organizations with independent decisions and rights to join the governance. In fostering good governance, it is necessary to recruit active and well-versed citizens with philanthropic spirit and farsightedness. Moreover, participants from the society need to get rid of sluggishness, selfishness, partisanship, poverty, incomprehensiveness, and improper social behaviours in implementing good governance.

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if they can do, will they be good and able citizens.

In the early days of 2020 when the good governance process was initiated, the government sowed the seeds of the democratization process by giving priority to the implementation of good government and clean government, flourishing of democratic practices between the government and the people, rule of law, capacity enhancement of service personnel.

Actually, past events become good lessons for the present but current occurrences will be the root causes for shaping the future of the nation. Everybody needs to take invaluable lessons from past events to be able to make great conclusions for implementation of the future projects. In so doing, they have to analyze the right and wrong results of all events and they must have knowledge skills to take the best things from the lessons to apply them in the practical fields.

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# ARTICLE

## Commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of Sayagyi Minthuwun's 'Attachment' poem

By Dr Myint Zan

**T**HE late Burmese poet Minthuwun (10 February 1909- 15 August 2004) studied at the University of Rangoon, Burma (as they were then formally named) in the late 1920s and early 1930s. He was also affiliated with Rangoon University as a lecturer and teacher of Burmese language and literature from the 1940s onwards. He was also a Visiting Professor of Burmese for a few years at a Japanese University in the 1970s. Minthuwun's house at No. 18, Tun Lin Yeiktha in Kamayut township is quite close to Rangoon University. It would therefore be natural for the poet in his morning walks to at least occasionally wander around or into the compound of his alma mater. On this morning 50 years ago in May

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In the democratization process, the people need to carry out multiple development tasks of the nation with farsightedness more than their personal emotions. Only

As the happy and sad events of the past flickered through the poet's mind his "cup runneth over" and he was "bedazzled" by them. Gritting his teeth, determined to break free of these "entanglements" the poet tried to escape from them but the last lines of his poems indicate that it was to no avail. The poet used the Burmese word *hmax* which, depending on the context could mean "moss" as in a

willing "victim" of "witch-



pond or it could also mean (in an imperfect and unsatisfactory translation) "witchcraft". The *hmax* *saya* or the "practitioner of Burmese witchcraft" could, using "underhanded" means or "lowly witchcraft" practices (*auk-lan*) bedazzled (*phan-sar*) persons and cause their destruction or caused to make the "bewitched" persons do the *hmax* *saya*'s "bidding". For those who might be interested in the issues of culture, gender, stereotyping and power - "the commissars of gender and power" in the words of the late Harold Bloom, Sterling Professor of Humanities at Yale University. It would therefore be natural for the poet in his morning walks to at least occasionally wander around or into the compound of his alma mater. On this morning 50 years ago in May

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The poem has some Buddhist connotations in its partial recognition and implicit acknowledgement that yearnings for (and regrets about) the past and attachment to the past, reliving the past and attachment to the past is an unwholesome (*ah-ku-sa-la*) "defilement" directly arising from the "clinging" to events from his past is hindered and (not altogether unpleasantly) from breaking away from them

campus of Rangoon University in May 1972.

I am pleased and honoured to have had the chance to translate it to commemorate the 50th anniversary of when Sayagyi Minthuwun composed his poem which speaks of "attachment" as well as the poet's (and our) humanity.

**Attachment**  
on a late summer morning  
while going for a walk  
I reached the [compound]  
of [Rangoon] University

nonchalantly I quicken my  
pace  
to cover more distance  
  
at that moment  
behind the glade of trees  
baby cuckoos, bird cuckoos  
sang in unison and 'orchestration'  
cuckoo... cuckoo...

my mind became unsettled  
"my cup runneth over"  
the "stage plays" of the past  
runs vaguely thru my mind  
the happy events, the merry  
events  
the sad ones  
all these "layers" of hap-  
penstances  
like images  
alternate and syncopate  
[in my mind]  
and bedazzle me:  
gritting my teeth  
I try to break the moss of  
entanglements  
'twas like a buffalo swim-  
ming  
in the pond

Composed by Minthuwun on  
3 May 1972

Translated by Myint  
Zan commemorating the  
50th anniversary of the poet  
Minthuwun's composition of  
the poem.

Ultra-fast delivery firms face post-pandemic hangover

though, is beset by potential pitfalls.

### Capital flight

"Some of these companies raised too much money and the valuations at which they raised make absolutely no sense," said Hendrik Laubscher, an analyst at Blue Cape Ventures in South Africa.

Getir achieved a valuation of almost \$12 billion earlier this year; US start-up Gopuff was valued at \$15 billion.

But rising inflation and slowing economic growth have sent investors fleeing from riskier tech investments and left many consumers facing a cost of living crisis.

Worker discontent, a drop-off in investment and reduced demand all suggest a hard landing from the stellar growth of the pandemic era.

Millions turned to grocery delivery firms during pandemic lockdowns, and the firms gobbled up billions in venture capital and other investment.

But Getir recently announced "with a heavy heart" it was letting go 14 per cent of its global workforce — several thousand staff. German-based outfit Gorillas fired 300 people, with its boss in France, Pierre Guionin, telling AFP it was a necessary step "to be stronger and more profitable in the long term".

The path to profitability,  
SOURCE: AFP



Germany-based delivery firm Gorillas has laid off 300 workers. A bicycle courier of grocery delivery company "Gorillas" wears a backpack with the logo of the startup on his way to deliver purchases in Berlin on 8 July 2021. PHOTO: TOBIAS SCHWARZ / AFP/FILE

## Union Construction Minister receives Indian Ambassador



U Shwe Lay, Union Minister for Construction, received Mr Vinay Kumar, Ambassador of the Republic of India to Myanmar, at the Ministry of Construction in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, both sides frankly exchanged views on procedures of further implementa-

The Indian Envoy to Myanmar calls on the MoC Union Minister yesterday.

tion for the development of the Myanmar-India road transport sector, upgrading of the Yargyi-Kalewa Road section to a two-lane road, rehabilitation of the Paletwa-Zorampur Road, plans for the maintenance and 69 bridges under construction on the Kalewa-Kyigon-Tamu Road, matters related to the construction of an Integrated Check Post in Tamu on the Myanmar-India border and the creation of job opportunities, it is learnt. — MNA

## International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) holds 5<sup>th</sup> coordinating meeting for intermediate action plan (2023-2026)

THE International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) held the coordination meeting to draw up the ICIMOD's 5<sup>th</sup> Medium-Term Action Plan (2023-2026) at Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting, Director-General U Htay Aung of the Department of Forest under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation said that the meeting was held to meet the needs of each member state to implement the Medium-Term Action Plan 2023-2026, which was approved at the ICIMOD Board of Governors Meeting held on 28 April 2022.

In formulating action plans,

it is important for Myanmar to effectively implement biodiversity conservation, which is an important priority area for Myanmar. Cooperation programmes with ICIMOD include the Himalayan Conservation and Development Programme. This programme includes Myanmar, China and India, intending to achieve natural resources conservation and sustainable development of climate change adaptation activities. He said a local information centre had been set up in Putao Township to promote biodiversity conservation and sustainable social development under the programme.

Afterwards, experts from



The ICIMOD coordination meeting is in progress in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

ICIMOD and partner organizations discussed the medium-term business planning framework, priority areas, suggestions and steps to be taken to include activities that meet the needs of

Myanmar.

The meeting was also joined by representatives of Nepal-based ICIMOD, rectors and professors from the University of Forest and Environment, Yezin

Agricultural University, Yangon/Mandalay Universities, which are the partners of ICIMOD in Myanmar, and the deputy director-general and officials of the Forest Department attended. — MNA

## CRIME NEWS

### Illegal timbers, fuel oil, consumer goods, vehicle parts, fertilizer, cement, lead (material) and vehicles seized

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

Under the instructions of the Chairman of the Anti-Illicit Trade Task Force, a combined inspec-

tion team made inspections in Kawthoung and Myeik townships, Taninthayi Region from 9 June to 13 June.

They seized 803 bags of fertilizer without payments for Customs duties at an estimated value

of K64.24 million and 3,257 bags of cement without payments for Customs duties (approximately K26,707,400). The effective action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

In addition, they captured 9.5 tonnes of lead (material) worth K322,190,000 and action was taken under the Myanmar Mines Law.

On 11 June, the inspection team confiscated 2,600 gallons of fuel oil at an estimated value of K13 million in Pakokku township and the action was taken under the Myanmar Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law.

Afterwards, various rainy sandals worth K4,032,000 without official documents from a truck at the Kawkareik (Tadakyo) Checkpoint, under the manage-

ment of the Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Similarly, inspections were carried out under the supervision of the Bago Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force on 13 June.

They seized K15,261,000 worth of auto parts that showed no official documents from a Nissan Diesel 12-wheel truck (approximately K25 million) and the action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

On 15 June, the combined team led by Myanmar Police Force under the management of the Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force conducted inspections.

A team led by the Forest Department confiscated a total of 5.2208 tonnes of illegal timbers at

an estimated value of K2,870,464 in Toungoo and Pyay Districts and action was taken under the Forest Law.

Three unregistered vehicles (approximately K11,500,000) were seized in Sagaing and Khamti townships and the action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

In addition, the Forest Department team captured a total of 2.8266 tonnes of illegal timbers worth K197,862 in Sittway Township. The action was prosecuted under the Forest Law.

Therefore, 18 arrests (approximately K484,998,726) were made on 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and 15 June, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA



Officials seize illegal timbers in Bago Region.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Saudi eases Covid measures as first hajj pilgrims arrive

SAUDI Arabia said Monday it would no longer require masks in most enclosed spaces, further easing pandemic restrictions ahead of next month's hajj pilgrimage.

The move comes as the kingdom prepares to welcome around 850,000 pilgrims from abroad to participate in the annual hajj. The first batch of foreign pilgrims since before the Covid-19 pandemic began arriving from Indonesia just over a week ago.

Masks will still be required in Mecca's Grand Mosque, which surrounds the Kaaba, towards which Muslims pray, and the Prophet's Mosque in Medina, where Prophet Mohammed is buried, according to a report published Monday by the official Saudi Press Agency, citing an interior ministry source.—AFP

### COVID upsurge sweeps from Rocky Mountain to coast of California

FEW residents in Colorado's capital city Denver were wearing face masks indoors over the weekend, despite the requirement of the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Friday that moved Denver County to "Level Red" for community transmission due to a rapid rise of COVID-19 cases.

"It's over, I'm not wearing another mask, not ever," Jim Turner told Xinhua Monday. "It's been going on too long. I don't care any more."—Xinhua

### China hits back at WHO, calls 'lab leak' probe a 'lie'

AFTER the World Health Organization (WHO) strongly recommended a deeper investigation into whether the COVID outbreak was a result of a leak from a Chinese laboratory, the country has hit back at the UN health organization and called the theory "politically motivated and a lie". In the report released on Friday, WHO's expert group said "key pieces of data" to explain how the pandemic began were still missing.

The scientists said the group would "remain open to any and all scientific evidence that becomes available in the future to allow for comprehensive testing of all reasonable hypotheses". The WHO advisory group also suggested that the Huanan seafood market in Wuhan, China played an important role in the amplification of the pandemic and added that further investigations into it are recommended.—ANI



Young women wearing facemasks and traditional costumes of Song dynasty and Tang dynasty are seated on a bench in a park next to the East Lake in Wuhan, in China's central Hubei province on 17 May 2020. Authorities in the pandemic ground zero of Wuhan have ordered mass COVID-19 testing for all 11 million residents. PHOTO: RETAMAL / AFP

### Shanghai lockdown sees quarter of US firms cut investment plans: poll



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SHANGHAI'S lengthy Covid-19 lockdown pushed a quarter of US firms in the city to cut investment plans and nearly all to drop revenue forecasts, a business group said Wednesday.

The downbeat findings of the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) Shanghai survey were the latest sign of the

impact of virus controls in China — the only major economy still pursuing a zero-Covid strategy, using lockdowns and mass testing to eliminate all outbreaks.

But such measures left its biggest city Shanghai sealed off for around two months, with a shortage of truckers leaving goods piled up at its port and

business closures battering firms.

Over 90 per cent of US companies in the metropolis surveyed by AmCham Shanghai have cut their revenue projections for the year, the group said in a report on Wednesday.

The survey of 133 companies also found a quarter were expecting revenues to be more than 20 per cent lower than projected.

Nearly 25 per cent of companies surveyed have cut investment plans, AmCham Shanghai said. The commercial hub of 25 million people was closed in sections from late March, when the Omicron variant fuelled China's worst Covid outbreak in two years.

Signs of resentment and anger emerged throughout the lockdown, with some residents struggling to receive fresh produce or access non-Covid medical care.—AFP

### US panel recommends Moderna Covid vaccine for children six and up

A panel of US medical experts on Tuesday recommended the Moderna Covid vaccine for use in children aged six through 17.

Formal authorization should soon follow, at which point families will have a second option against the coronavirus, as Pfizer's vaccine was given the greenlight for teens and younger children last year.

After weighing available data, 22 experts convened by the US Food and Drug Administration unanimously agreed that the known benefits outweighed the known risks when Moderna's vaccine was administered as two shots at the adult dose of 100 micrograms to those aged 12-17, and half of that for children 6-11.

"This can be a valuable tool and having this available to families, particularly in areas where there's rising viral spread, and particularly (for) parents of children who may have comorbidities," said Ofer Levy, an infectious disease physician at Boston Children's



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The panel said a second au-

thorized vaccine for the pediatric population would also help mitigate against production and inventory shortages if there was only one provider.

The delay in authorizing Moderna for American children was a result of FDA concern that it caused rare cases of myocarditis, or heart inflammation, at a higher rate than Pfizer.—AFP

# ECONOMY WORLD

## China to work with other WTO members to tackle plastic pollution, says Chinese envoy



A staff member refills an old plastic bottle with cleanser sold at a refill store in Vancouver, Canada. 23 March 2013. The refill store provides nearly 100 kinds of soaps and cleaning products, encouraging customers to bring old empty bottles for refill in order to reduce plastic waste. **PHOTO: XINHUA/LIANG SEN**

CHINA is willing to work with other members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to tackle the global challenge of plastic pollution, a Chinese envoy said Monday during the WTO's 12<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Conference (MC12).

"Global challenge needs global efforts and global co-operation," China will work closely with other members within the framework of the WTO, to promote the work related to the prevention and control of plastic pollution, said Li Chenggang, China's Ambassador to the WTO, at a press briefing of environmental Initiatives of the MC12.

China attaches great importance to plastic pollution and is one of the earliest mem-

bers to tackle this global issue, Li said.

Sustainability is one of the objectives of China's economic and social development, and China has introduced a series of measures in recent years to limit plastic pollution, he said.

China is willing to share the experience with other WTO members and work together to actively deal with plastic pollution from the trade side, he added. China is the initiator and one of six current co-coordinators of the WTO's Informal Dialogue on Plastics Pollution and Environmentally Sustainable Plastics Trade (IDP), which has attracted the participation of 72 WTO members. —Xinhua

## UN urges WTO not to impose food export restrictions

THE United Nations on Monday begged world trade ministers meeting at the WTO not to impose export restrictions on food for humanitarian purposes, amid a food security crisis.

The UN's human rights chief Michelle Bachelet and its trade and development head Rebeca Grynspan said Russia's war in Ukraine was increasing the risk of hunger and famine for tens of millions of people who are already food insecure or approaching food insecurity.—AFP

Countries meeting at the World Trade Organization's ministerial conference in Geneva this week are trying to reach a consensus position on food security. Mindful of less-developed countries, net food-importing developing countries and those reliant on the UN's World Food Programme, the two UN chiefs said that in 2020, African countries imported about 80 per cent of their food and 92 per cent of their cereal from outside the continent.—AFP

## South Korean truckers refuse to back down on fuel cost strike

SOUTH Korean truck drivers staged an eighth day of protests Tuesday over wages and rising fuel costs, further snarling global supply chains with a strike that officials say has caused more than US\$1 billion in losses.

The industrial action has disrupted shipments and production for the crucial steel, petrochemical and automobile sectors, in an early test for new President Yoon Suk-yeol who has vowed to deal with labour disputes "strictly".

South Korea is the world's largest memory chip exporter and home to global chip powerhouse Samsung Electronics, as well as large car companies including Kia and Hyundai Motors.

But the truckers say they are desperate due to sharp rises in fuel prices — with inflation at its highest level in over a decade.

They are also protesting against the ending of a minimum wage guarantee.

"All we are asking for is to remove the uncertainty in our

lives," Cho Jeong-jae, a member of the Cargo Truckers Solidarity Union, told AFP on Tuesday.

"Our livelihood is at stake."

The strike in Asia's fourth-largest economy is the latest blow to international supply chains that are already strained by Covid-19 lockdowns in China and Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

South Korea's trade ministry said Tuesday that the action had resulted in losses for businesses of about 1.6 trillion won (\$1.2 billion).— AFP



South Korean truck drivers protest outside a container port in Incheon, near Seoul. South Korean truck drivers staged an eighth day of protests Tuesday over wages and rising fuel costs, further snarling global supply chains with a strike that officials say has caused more than \$1 billion in losses. **PHOTO: YONHAP/AFP**

## Facing gas 'blackmail' by Russia, EU turns to Israel

THE European Union wants to strengthen its energy cooperation with Israel in light of Russia's use of gas supplies to "blackmail" its members over the Ukraine conflict, European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen said Tuesday.

Her remarks came as Italian Prime Minister Mario Draghi, also visiting Israel, said Rome was seeking to boost gas supplies from Israel as EU members eye options to diminish their reliance on Russian energy.

"The Kremlin has used our dependency on Russian fossil fuels to blackmail us," von der Leyen said in a speech at the Ben Gurion University in the southern Israeli city of Beersheba.

"Since the beginning of the war, Russia has deliberately cut off its gas supplies to Poland, Bulgaria and Finland, and Dutch

and Danish companies, in retaliation for our support to Ukraine."

But Moscow's conduct "only strengthens our resolve to break free of our dependence on Russian fossil fuels", she said, noting the EU was "exploring ways to step up our energy cooperation with Israel," with work on an

underwater power cable and a gas pipeline in the eastern Mediterranean. Israel exports gas to Egypt, some of which is then liquefied and shipped to Europe. A significant increase in gas exports would require major long-term infrastructure investments.—AFP



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## Canada businesses hire young teenagers to fill labour shortage

**SOFIA-ROSE** Adams skilfully scoops ice cream onto cones and manages the cash register at Les Gourmandes cafe and ice cream parlour in Canada's Montreal region.

The 13-year-old, who wears a blue cap and round glasses, is one of an increasing number of teens who have decided to work after school, helping to address the country's labour shortage.

"I wanted a part-time job, work hours here and there, to earn some pocket money," said Adams.

For the teenager,

who is into music and improvisational theatre, it is "normal to start working" at her age. In Canada's francophone province of Quebec, there is no minimum age to work — only parental authorization is required for those under 14 years old.

There is also no limit on the number of hours worked as long as it is not during school hours or at night for those who are under 16.

In Les Gourmandes' kitchen, other teenage girls prepare soups. Seven of the eight employees of the small business are under 18 years old.—AFP

## McDonald's successor reopens in Russia after US giant withdrawal

THE successor to McDonald's in Russia, "Vkusno — i tochka," reopened the first batch of 15 restaurants in Moscow and its suburbs on Sunday, three months after the US fast-food chain ended its business in Russia.

Oleg Paroev, general director of the company, announced the new brand meaning "Delicious — and that's it", during a ceremony at the restaurant in downtown Moscow's Pushkinskaya Square, the first McDonald's restaurant in the Soviet Union that opened in 1990.

Another 50 outlets will be reopened on Monday, and roughly 200



According to a previous deal, the rebranded fast-food network will use new names on the menu and retain all employees under equivalent terms for at least two years. PHOTO: CGTN/XINHUA

outlets are expected to reopen by the end of June. All of McDonald's former 850 restaurants across Russia are expected to

reopen by the end of summer, Paroev told reporters. According to a previous deal, the rebranded fast-food network will use

new names on the menu and retain all employees under equivalent terms for at least two years.—Xinhua

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S THURIYA SANDAR WIN CO LTD

### THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ELECTRIC POWER

ELECTRIC POWER GENERATION ENTERPRISE

Date. 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

**Invitation to Bid for implementation of Ground Mounted Solar Power Plant Projects on Independent Power Producer and Build – Operate - Own Basis**

- Electric Power Generation Enterprise (EPGE) seeks to invite tender for the purchasing of electricity at Designated Connection Points from the Ground Mounted Solar Power Plant Projects on Independent Power Producer (IPP) and Build Operate Own (BOO) basis.
- The Concession period shall be twenty (20) years from Commercial Operation Date(COD).
- The Tender Form can be purchased within office hour from the tender announced date at following office either;
  - Procurement Department,  
Electric Power Generation Enterprise,  
Building 27, Nay Pyi Taw, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
(or)
  - N 0.39 Kanner Road , Ahlone Power Station, Ahlone Township  
Yangon, The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
- The Tender Form fee is Myamar Kyat three hundred thousand (Kyat 300,000) only.
- The bid submission date is **15<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 at (10:00) hr**, Myanmar Standard Time.
- Bidders shall prepare the proposals in accordance with the Invitation for Bid and Request for Proposal (RFP). Bidder's Proposals must be submitted on time. Any late proposal shall be rejected.
- The necessary information of this tender can be inquired within office hour via calling the phone numbers or sending mail to the Email:  
Electric Power Generation Enterprise  
Ministry of Electric Power  
Building 27, Nay Pyi Taw  
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# GLOBAL AFFAIRS

## Canada, Denmark to settle dispute over uninhabited Arctic island



A Canadian flag raising on Hans Island in 2005, left, and a Danish flag raising in 2002. **PHOTO: CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENCE/AFP**

CANADA and Denmark on Tuesday finally settled the largely good-natured “whiskey war” that was fought for decades with weapons such as flags and bottles of alcohol over a tiny, barren, and uninhabited outcrop in the Arctic.

The two sides formally announced a deal to split Hans Island and effectively create the first land border between Canada and Europe at a signing ceremony in Ottawa with Canadian and Danish foreign ministers.

Dividing up the kidney-shaped island and resolving the 49-year-old benign impasse was held up as a model for peacefully resolving territorial disputes — contrasted with Russia’s invasion of Ukraine. “The Arctic is a beacon for international co-operation, where the rule of law prevails,” Canadian Foreign Minister Melanie Joly told AFP. “As global security is being threatened, it’s more important than ever for democracies like Canada and Denmark to work together, alongside Indigenous peoples, to resolve our differences in accordance with international law.” The waggish row over the 1.3 square kilometre (0.5 square mile) Hans Island, which sits between Ellesmere and Greenland, dated back to 1973, when a marine boundary was drawn between Canada and Greenland, part of the Danish kingdom.—AFP

## The two black women bidding to make VP history in Colombia

FOR the first time, Colombia will have a black woman vice-president, as voters decide Sunday between a pair of rival candidates aiming to make history in the South American nation.

Colombians head to the polls for a run-off to choose their new president, either leftist former guerrilla Gustavo Petro or eccentric millionaire construction mogul Rodolfo Hernandez.

Both men have named a woman running mate with African roots.

Environmentalist Francisca Marquez, 40, is running alongside Petro, with Hernandez having chosen conservative academic Marelen Castillo, 53.

Whichever one replaces outgoing Vice-President Marta Lucia Ramirez — the first woman to hold the position — will break new ground as the first person of African descent named to the post.

“In political, symbolic and cultural terms it is very important because Colombia is a country with a lot of racism,” Cristina Echeverri, an analyst from the National University, told AFP.

Just over nine per cent of Colombia’s 50 million people identify as black but few, especially women, manage to reach positions of power.

There is only one black person in the current cabinet and just two out of almost 300 members of Congress.—AFP

## RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

## Russia plans evacuations from chemical plant in battleground Ukraine city

RUSSIA said it would establish a humanitarian corridor to evacuate civilians from a chemical plant in Severodonetsk starting Wednesday as Ukrainian forces wage a desperate battle for control of the city.

The industrial hub is under intense bombardment as Russia focuses its offensive on the eastern Donbas region in an effort to seize a swathe of Ukraine.

Moscow’s forces have intensified efforts to cut off Ukrainian troops remaining in the city, destroying all three bridges which connect it across a river to the twin city of Lysychansk.

NATO chief Jens Stoltenberg meanwhile urged allies to send more heavy weapons to Ukraine, and said officials from the alliance



The remains of a missile sticks out of the tar of a street in Severodonetsk, in eastern Ukraine’s Donbass region, on 13 April 2022 as Russian troops intensified a campaign to take the strategic port city of Mariupol, part of an anticipated massive onslaught across eastern Ukraine. **PHOTO: RONALDO SCHEMIDT / AFP**

would be discussing the subject at talks Wednesday. About 500 civilians are taking shelter in Severodonetsk’s Azot chemical

plant, according to the head of the city’s administration. The Russian defence ministry announced a humanitarian corridor would

be established on Wednesday for evacuations from the plant, saying it was “guided by the principles of humanity”. —AFP

## UN warns against adoption of Ukrainian children in Russia

UKRAINIAN children should not be adopted in Russia, where several thousand young people are believed to have been moved since Moscow’s February invasion, a United Nations official said on 14 June.

“We’re reiterating, including to the Russian Federation, that adoption should never occur during or immediately after emergencies,” Asfhan Khan, the UN Children’s Fund regional director for Europe and Central Asia, told reporters. Such children cannot be assumed to be orphans, and “any decision to move any child must be grounded in their best interests and any movement must be voluntary. Parents need to provide informed consent”, said the official, who had just returned from a visit to Ukraine. “Regarding children that have been sent to Russia, we’re working closely to see with ombudsmen and networks how best we can document those cases,” Khan said, adding that there is currently no access to those children.—AFP

## Nicaragua approves joint military exercises with Russia

NICARAGUA’S parliament on Tuesday gave the go-ahead for Russian troops to be allowed into the country for joint military exercises despite concerns from

Washington.

The chamber, dominated by allies of President Daniel Ortega, voted to allow troops and military hardware from Russia,

the United States, and seven Latin American countries into Nicaragua.

Ortega had submitted a decree to parliament for approval,

authorizing foreign troop participation “in an exchange of experience, training exercises, and humanitarian aid operations.”—AFP

# More crew of grounded plane prevented from leaving Argentina

THE Venezuelan crew of a cargo plane grounded outside Buenos Aires since last week may not leave Argentina, a judge ruled Tuesday after their hotel rooms were searched in a probe into possible Iran terror group links.

Police raided the 14 Venezuelan and five Iranian crew members' rooms the day after officials raised suspicions of a link to Iran's Revolutionary Guards, listed as a foreign "terrorist organization" by the United States.

The Iranian crew had already had their passports temporarily seized, and on Tuesday the Venezuelans had their freedom curtailed after police confiscat-

ed cell phones, computers and documents in the early-morning raid. They had been on board a Venezuelan Boeing 747 cargo plane reportedly carrying car parts that came in from Mexico to land in Cordoba, Argentina on Monday last week.

The plane then tried to travel to neighbouring Uruguay, but was denied entry and returned to Ezeiza outside Buenos Aires where it has been grounded since last Wednesday.

The plane belongs to Emtrasur, a subsidiary of Venezuela's Conviasa, which is under US sanctions.

A judge grounded the plane

given a "reasonable suspicion that the reason given for entering (Argentina) might not be true".

Police did not comment on the reason for the hotel search, but on Monday, Security Minister Anibal Fernandez said information had been received from "foreign organizations" that some among the crew may be linked to companies with ties to the Revolutionary Guards, Iran's ideological army. Fernandez said a smaller crew had been reported on the flight log than the number actually on the plane, though none were on Interpol's wanted list.—AFP



View of the Boeing 747-300 registered number YV3531 of Venezuelan Emtrasur cargo airline at the international airport in Cordoba, Argentina, on 6 June 2022, before taking off for Buenos Aires. **PHOTO:** SEBASTIAN BORERO / AFP

# Second arrest over missing British journalist, indigenous expert in Brazil

POLICE in Brazil said yesterday they had arrested a second suspect in the disappearance earlier this month of British journalist Dom Phillips and Brazilian indigenous specialist Bruno Pereira.

Federal police said in a

statement they had arrested a 41-year-old man identified as Oseney da Costa Oliveira, whom they said was "suspected of participating in the affair".

Brazilian media said he was the brother of the first suspect to

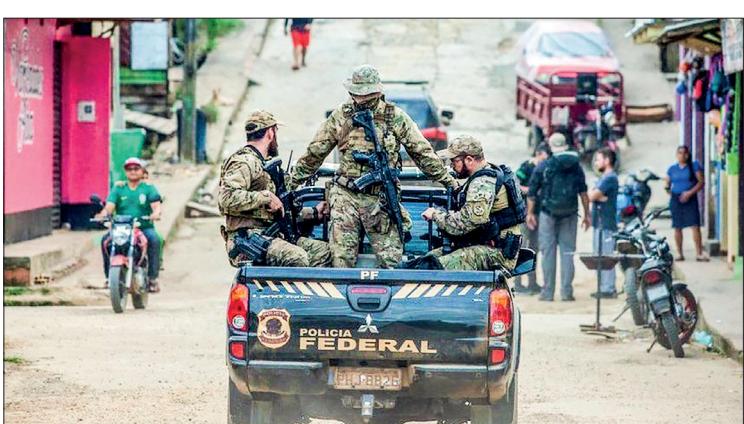
be detained in the case, fisherman Amarildo da Costa Oliveira, also 41 and nicknamed "Pelado".

Witnesses said they saw Amarildo pass at high speed onboard a boat going in the same direction as the boat in which Phillips and Pereira were travelling before their disappearance.

Traces of blood on his boat are being analyzed, and personal effects of the two missing men were found underwater near the home of "Pelado", who was arrested on 7 June and has denied any involvement.

Police said yesterday they had also seized firearm cartridges and an oar, without specifying whether the objects were found in the same place where the latest suspect was arrested.

Veteran freelance journalist Phillips, 57, has worked in Brazil for the past 15 years.—AFP



Brazilian federal police ride on a pick-up truck upon arriving at the port of Atalaia do Norte, Brazil on 14 June after serving search and seizure warrants in the community of São Rafael, along the Itaquai river, related to the case of missing veteran correspondent Dom Phillips and respected indigenous specialist Bruno Pereira. **PHOTO:** AFP

# Switzerland closes airspace after computer glitch

SWITZERLAND closed its airspace today after a computer glitch with the air traffic control system grounded flights, officials said. "Swiss airspace is closed to traffic for security reasons after computer failure with Skyguide, the Swiss air traffic control service," Sky-

guide said in a statement.

It did not give any details about the computer crash, but said it "regrets this incident and its consequences for the clients, partners and passengers of Geneva and Zurich airports and is working flat out to find a solution." Earlier, Gene-

va's airport said in a tweet that it was grounding all of its flights until 11am (0900 GMT) because of the computer failure.

The Swiss news agency ATS-Keystone said international flights to Switzerland were being re-routed to Milan.—AFP

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Thaksin's daughter takes Shinawatra brand to new Thai generation

SHE has half a million followers on Instagram, leads a glamorous lifestyle and describes herself as the "little girl" of former premier Thaksin Shinawatra — one of the most influential and controversial figures in modern Thai history.

The 35-year-old Paetongtarn Shinawatra, youngest of billionaire tycoon Thaksin's three children, is now launching herself into the country's deeply divided political scene ahead of a national election due by March 2023.

The move brings the Shinawatras' influence to a new generation and sets the stage for the latest round in the ultra-rich clan's 20-year tussle with the kingdom's royalist-military elites.

For now, Paetongtarn has a low-key role with the main opposition Pheu Thai party but she is widely tipped to be named its candidate for prime minister when an election is called.

The 72-year-old Thaksin, ousted as PM in a military coup in 2006, pops up regularly in Paetongtarn's social media posts hugging her baby or posing with his daughter over a bowl of noodles.—AFP

### Abortion in Italy is legal, but finding one is hard

FOR 40 years, gynaecologist Michele Mariano has been the only person performing abortions in Italy's conservative Molise region.

He has delayed retiring twice because no one will replace him, many refusing to terminate pregnancies as conscientious objectors.

It's an extreme example, but emblematic of a wider issue in Italy, where abortion up to 90 days after conception has been legal since 1978 — but many healthcare providers don't offer them.

A majority of gynaecologists refuse on conscientious objection grounds, driven either by religion or societal pressure, while recent moves by right-wing politicians with links to the Church have only increased obstacles for women.

As a result, dozens of hospitals and clinics across the country provide no abortion services at all.

Finding doctors to perform them can be a minefield, since there are no official lists disclosing those who do, while services vary wildly across the country.—AFP

Canada, Denmark  
to settle dispute  
over uninhabited  
Arctic island

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## Skynet Shwe Aung Lan Traditional Boxing Tournament to be held for four days



The press conference is held for Skynet Shwe Aung Lan Traditional Boxing (Myanma Lethwei) Tourney. **PHOTO : KO YE**

SKYNET Shwe Aung Lan Myanmar Traditional Boxing (Myanma Lethwei) Tournament organized by Shwe Thanhwin Media under the chairmanship of Myanmar Traditional Boxing Federation will be held on 25 and 26 June and 3 and 10 July at Theinbyu Traditional Boxing Stadium in Yangon.

The tournament was announced at a press conference held at Shwe Htut Tin Compound on East Horse Race Course Road, Tamway Township, Yangon at 2 pm yesterday.

In the 60-kilo event, Thant Zin, Min Kyaw Za, Saw Mu Htaw Gay, Saw Al Phoo, Saw Ba Hein, Hein Tun Aung, Lin Htet Aung, and Chit Wine Wine will fight for the medal.

The 63.5-kilo event saw young fighters named Almwe, Kyrathwe, Saw Da Weik, Natkhat Min, Zwe Yar Marn, Thet Win Aung, Ko Ko Aung, and Salai Chan Myae Ko.

In the 67-kilo event, Gabar Kyaw, Hanthawady, Gabar Shar, Min Htoo Htoo, Saw Min Min, Marn Min Aung, Ko Naing, and Saw Yay Htoo are running for the championship belt.

Meanwhile, Phoe La Pyae, Min Htet Aung, Saw Min Aung, and Kyel Gyi are competing in the 70-71-kilo event.

The challenging bouts include fights of Htet Naing Aung versus Yukalein Aung and Moe Maung versus Aung Min Htun.

The finals will consist of four rounds of three-minute challenging fights.

The format of the competition will be a knockout and scoring system, and the scoring will be decided by the judges of the Myanmar Boxing Federation.

Fighters across Myanmar will compete in the different



weight classes.

If a tie-breaker is used and the match does not end in a draw, the competition will be played on points.

All matches of the Skynet Shwe Aung Lan Myanmar Traditional Boxing Tournament will be broadcast live on "Skynet Sports-4" and "Skynet Sports-HD" TV channels.

Visitors to the tournament have to pay ticket fees of K5,000, K10,000, and K15,000 for different classes of the seat. — Nay Soe/GNLM

## Skipper Yoshida fires World Cup warning after Japan 'fell apart'

CAPTAIN Maya Yoshida warned Japan they will have no chance at the World Cup if they "fall apart after conceding one goal", following a sobering 3-0 home defeat to Tunisia.

The four-time Asian champions ended an encouraging run of results on a sour note on Tuesday with a second-half collapse in Osaka.

The experienced Yoshida

gifted Tunisia a penalty in the 55th minute and made another defensive howler just over 20 minutes later as the visitors — who are also going to the World Cup — doubled their lead.

A third Tunisian goal in injury time completed a miserable evening for Japan and Yoshida warned a repeat is likely to be fatal in Qatar, with Germany, Spain and Costa Rica their opponents in an ominous Group E this winter.

"We have to learn our lessons from this game. The things we need to address are clear and we need to get to the bottom of them," said the 33-year-old Sampdoria defender.

"We need to be sure that we know where we can and can't make mistakes." — AFP

### 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.

## Rahm, McIlroy face tension and drama at unique US Open



Four-time major winner Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland likes what he sees on the 10th hole of a practice round Tuesday for the US Open, which begins Thursday at The Country Club. **PHOTO: AFP**

A hotly anticipated US Open starts Thursday that will test the world's top golfers over a formidable layout at a historic setting with a splash of controversy as well. Defending champion Jon Rahm, four-time major winner Rory McIlroy, top-ranked Masters champion Scottie Scheffler and two-time major winners Justin Thomas and Collin Morikawa lead fan and oddsmakers favourites at The Country Club.

"You've got to have all aspects of your game ready to play some good golf," reigning

British Open champion Morikawa said. In addition to creating dense rough and lightning-fast greens, the US Golf Association ensured drama by allowing players from the upstart Saudi-backed LIV Golf Series to compete rather than ban them as the US PGA Tour did.

As a result, US stars Dustin Johnson, Phil Mickelson, Patrick Reed and Bryson DeChambeau are among the LIV Golf rebels teeing off in a unique subplot to the quest for a major title — the first LIV-PGA showdown. —AFP