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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister sends message of condolences to Japanese Prime Minister for demise of former Japanese Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe

THE State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister sent a message of condolences to the Japanese Prime Minister for the demise of former Japanese Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe. The full text of the message is as follows: -

Your Excellency,

I am very sorrowful that it shocked me to hear the news that former Prime Minister of Japan Mr Shinzo Abe passed away in the assassination of a gunman in Nara City on 8 July 2022. We strongly condemned the cowardly terrorist act with a lack of rationality.

On behalf of the government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the people, I myself would like to send the message of deep condolences to Your Excellency and the Japanese government and family members of Mr Shinzo Abe via Your Excellency.

The Japanese people will keep the ideal sacrifices of Mr Abe for the sake of Japan and its people in their hearts forever. Mr Abe is a genuinely good friend and old friend of Myanmar. Myanmar people will remember his endeavours with a firm vow to further cement the friendly relations and partnership relations between the two countries forever. During the moaning period, Myanmar people also deeply grieved for the demise of Mr Abe similar to the Japanese people.

We would like to reiterate the strengthening of amicable relations with Your Excellency.

Moreover, the State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister has sent a message of condolences to Mrs Abe Akie, wife of former Japanese Prime Minister Mr Shinzo Abe, it was learnt. —MNA

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.

Families of Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) hold Waso robe offering ceremony



State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and the congregation are pictured observing the Nine Precepts from members of the Sangha headed by Bhamo Sayadaw at the event yesterday.

FAMILIES of Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) held the Waso robe offering ceremony 2022 at Anaw-

rahta Hall of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) yesterday morning, attended by Chairman of the State Ad-

ministration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla.

The Senior General and wife offered meals at the alms bowl, flowers, water and oil light to the Buddha image at Anaw-

rahta Hall. Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee

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It is concerned with the whole country

It is necessary to understand the Burma Defence Army is concerned not only with Tatmadaw members but also the entire Bamar nationals and the whole country. Actually, there is no comprehensive independence camp because no encouragement is given to soldiers of the Burma Defence Army. It is important for defending the country in the establishment of a new era. All should not work for just Myanmar but take lessons from other countries and nearby countries.

(Excerpt from the speech delivered by War Minister Colonel Aung San at the special meeting of the Burma Defence Army held in Yangon on 2 December 1942)



Human Rights Council Has Failed to Follow its Own Principles

IT is observed that a number of unhelpful events against Myanmar were organized during the 50th regular session of the Human Rights Council which was held in Geneva from 13 June 2022 to 8 July 2022. These include an Interactive Dialogue on the oral update of the High Commissioner for Human Rights on Myanmar on 14 June 2022 and a discussion entitled “the root causes of human rights violations and abuses against Rohingya Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar” on 15 June 2022 as per the resolution tabled by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) and an Interactive Dialogue on the oral update of the Special Rapporteur on the situation of Human Rights in Myanmar on 29 June 2022 as per the resolution tabled by the European Union (EU). In addition, on 7 July 2022, the Human Rights Council adopted a resolution namely “Situation of human rights of “Rohingya” Muslims and other minorities in Myanmar” which was again tabled by the OIC. The Human Rights Council organized the activities in the absence of the country concerned against the principle of cooperation and dialogue. The Permanent Mission of Myanmar in Geneva has made specific responses and objections to the respective discussions and the resolution.

The said conducts of the Human Rights Council clearly indicate the magnitude of selectively targeting Myanmar, a multi-ethnic and multi-religious country, to create divisions and distrust among its population under the pretext of human rights. The resolution adopted at the Human Rights Council itself amounts to hate speech with politically and religiously motivated languages along with fictitious allegations. The resolution and a series of discussions covered up the terrorist acts that resulted in 2017 mass displacement and continued killings committed by the so-called ARSA aka Aqa Mul Mujahidin active in Cox’s Bazar camps against those who advocated for the repatriation process.

While the country has been granting appropriate citizenship status to eligible persons regardless of their religions and ethnicities under the 1982 Myanmar Citizenship Law, Myanmar reiterates that it does not recognize the invented term “Rohingya” as it has never existed in legal and historical records of the country. Myanmar further strongly objects to the usage of such terminology.

It is disturbing to see the Human Rights Council become a platform which no longer follows its principles and purposes but is being hijacked by some countries to push the domestic situations of others in the direction of their preference. Myanmar, therefore, reiterates its objection to the decision of the Human Rights Council to discuss the matters in the absence of the country concerned and dissociates itself from the adoption of the draft resolution with document No. A/HRC/50/L.21 on 7 July 2022 and rejects the draft resolution as a whole which contains elements infringing the sovereignty and integrity of the country.

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Appointment of Heads of Service Organizations confirmed

THE State Administration Council has confirmed the appointment of the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations shown against each of their names on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(1) Dr Yaw Han Tun	Rector Kalay University Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education
(2) Professor Dr Htay Htay Tin	Rector University of Medical Technology (Yangon) Department of Human Resources for Health Ministry of Health
(3) U Tun Myint Oo	Director-General Sports and Physical Education Department Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs

Maj-Gen Zaw Min Tun, leader of SAC Information Team, replies on assassinating former Japanese PM Mr Shinzo Abe



Q: This morning, former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe was assassinated in shots while speaking at a political ceremony held in the Nara City of Japan. So, may I know Myanmar’s stance on it.

A: Myanmar is very sad to know about that event and it shocked us to hear this news. Myanmar strongly condemns the assassination. Mr Shinzo Abe is a good friend of Myanmar as well as an old friend. So, we are very sorrowful to hear about that event. Myanmar strongly condemns terrorists and terrorist organizations which committed terror acts at home and abroad. The SAC Chairman Prime Minister has sent letters of condolences. — MNA

16 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 8 July, total figure rises to 613,711

MYANMAR’S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,711** after **16** new cases were reported on 8 July 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,620** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll still stands at **19,434** without more casualties.—MNA

Further invitation to remnant groups to hold talks

DEMOCRACY as well as federalism requires equal rights. Talks will continue with the ethnic armed organizations to restore peace.

Good results came out from the talks with EAOs. Efforts will continue to restore peace by holding better talks.

Some EAOs cannot participate in the talks for various reasons. In line with the firm implementation of two political visions, the government further invites remnant groups to hold talks.

(The excerpt from the speech delivered by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in meeting with ministers of Yangon Region government on 9 June 2022.)

Families of Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) hold Waso robe offering ceremony



The Senior General and wife presents the Waso robe to Bhamo Sayadaw.



The Vice-Senior General and wife offers Waso robe to SSMNC Vice-Chair Sayadaw.

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Presiding Nayaka of Bhamo Monastery of Mandalay Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa administered the Nine Precepts.

The Senior General and wife donated Waso robes and alms to Bhamo Sayadaw.

SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than

Nwe donated Waso robes and offertories to Vice Chairman of SSMNC Presiding Nayaka of Sasana Wepulla Pali Tekkatho Monastery of Meiktila Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kovida. Council members and

wives, the Council secretary and wife, the Joint Secretary and wife and senior military officers presented Waso robes and offerings to members of the Sangha.

Vice-Chairman Meiktila Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared

the merits gained.

After the ceremony, the Senior General and wife, the Vice-Senior General and wife, and senior military officers offered day meals to members of the Sangha led by Chairman Bhamo Sayadaw. — MNA

State Peace Talks Team discusses peace and development issues with LDU delegation

THE State Peace Talks Team met representatives from the Lahu Democratic Union-LDU at the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Centre's meeting room in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Member of the State Administration Council and Union Minister at the Office of the Union Government (1) Chairman of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee Leader of the Peace Talks Team Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Member of the State Administration Council Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, Secretary of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee Lt-Gen Min Naung, General-Secretary of LDU Kyar Solomon, Joint Secretary (2) Kyar Ya Kok, and



The State Peace Talks Team meets the Lahu Democratic Union-LDU delegation in Nay Pyi Taw on 8 July 2022.

Member of the Central Executive Committee Kyar Phu attended the meeting.

The meeting was addressed by Peace Talks Team Leader Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and LDU General

Secretary Kyar Solomon and attendees discussed peace and development issues.

The second day of the meeting will be continued on 9 July.—MNA

2020 Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Awards handed to nation's writers

THE 2020 Pakokku U Ohn Pe Lifetime Literary Awards, Pakokku Literary Award, Scholarships and Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library Book Awards giving ceremony were held at the meeting hall of the Printing and Publishing Department (PPD) on Theinbyu Road, Yangon, yesterday morning.

First, Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn said the cash prize amount funded by Sayagyi U Ohn Pe was an unprecedented case at that time and had a large positive impact on the literary sector. It also provided the development of Myanmar literature.

The Prime Minister in stressed to make efforts in developing literature and providing books for the public to read. The books can provide proper thinking skills to the youths and so the literature experts should continue writing as per the trend supporting the knowledge and vocational sector of young people.

The government is now



Union Information Minister U Maung Maung Ohn chairs the coordination meeting on the construction of the Sarso Beikman yesterday.

implementing short-term and long-term plans for the youths. Currently, the 38-principle Mingala TV programme is being broadcast on the MRTV channel and the national level performing arts competition by the end of October.

Moreover, the Sarso Beikman is being constructed while

the Art Centres in Yangon and Mandalay according to the guidance of the Prime Minister.

The Union minister then extended his wishes to the literary prize winners and outstanding award winners.

Chairman of the Myanmar Writers Association and Pakokku Literary Award Fund Supervisory

Committee U Ohn Maung (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe) explained the award-giving event.

Afterwards, the Union minister and officials concerned presented awards to the winners.

Pakokku Literary Award for Lifetime Achievements winner U Nyunt Swe (Maung Swe Thet) expressed thanks on behalf of the

awardees.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein then gave K100,000 each to 19 winners.

The officials gave two literary awards for lifetime achievements, 13 prizes in five genres like a selected poems, novels, selected short stories, treatises and research after reviewing 47 artworks, two Pakokku U Ohn Pe Library Book Awards and two scholarship awards for National University of Arts and Culture.

At noon, the Union minister presided over a coordination meeting on the construction of the Sarso Beikman.

During the meeting, the Union minister highlighted the need to discuss the term and storage of the Sarso Beikman and construct the building showcasing Myanmar culture by studying the international structures.

Then, the attendees coordinated the discussion and the Union minister and the deputy minister stressed the necessary things. — MNA

Course for Attaché on English Proficiency and Foreign Service Skills (4/2022) concludes

CLOSING Ceremony of the Training Course for Attaché on English Proficiency and Foreign Service Skills (CfA) 4/2022 for the Attaché who will be very first assigned to the Myanmar Embassies/Consulates-General/Permanent Missions was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Yangon) on 8 July 2022 at 3 pm.

The ceremony was attended by Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myo Htut, the directors-general, ambassadors (retired), senior diplomats, officials, senior instructors

as well as 32 trainees of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The eight weeks intensive training course was conducted from 16 May to 24 June 2022 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw and from 27 June to 8 July 2022 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Yangon for the purpose of the improvement of the trainees' English proficiency skills and international affairs, foreign affairs, diplomacy and general knowledge during their first assignments in abroad. — MNA

Nationwide top-scoring students for 2022 matric exam visit Thailand, Singapore

UNDER the guidance of the Chairman of the State Administration Council, 33 outstanding students who excelled in the Matriculation Exam 2022 with the highest marks in the whole of Myanmar, made an excursion to Thailand and Singapore from 4 to 8 July.

The students accompanied by teachers and supervisors visited Thailand for two days and arrived in Singapore on 6 July where they were welcomed by officials from the Myanmar Embassy to Singapore. They were also treated to dinner at the embassy.

During their excursion in Singapore, they visited Gardens by the Bay, Sentosa Beach, Palawan Beach, Siloso Beach, Universal Studios Singapore, Science Centre Singapore, Nanyang Technological University-NTU and Vivo City.

They explored the history



Outstanding students pose a group photo in Singapore.

of Singapore's development and take a Singapore Flyer to experience the nightlight of Singapore. They also visited Mirror Balls between Fullerton Hotel and Asian Civilizations Museum, Merlion Park and East Coast Park, and the IKEA shopping mall. They returned to Yangon on 8 July.

In honour of the outstand-

ing students who excelled in the 2022 Matriculation Examination in various subjects, the Ministry of Education, following the guidance of the Chairman of the State Administration Council, arranged the trip to enable the students to have international experience and cultivate patriotism. — MNA

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MR to rent 15 office spaces of Yangon Railway Station to business people

THE MYANMA RAILWAYS-MR will rent 15 office spaces of the Yangon Railway Station to business people under a tender system, according to the MR.

The MR under the Ministry of Transport and Communications will offer the lease of 15 office rooms — five on the ground floor and 10 on the first floor of the Yangon railway station for three years. The rooms are 858.75 square metres and will be leased under an auction system.

The application form is priced at K20,000 and is available between 20 and 28 July.

Those who are interested have to buy the forms at Division No 7 Yangon Office and the tender proposals will be announced at 1 pm on 29 July.

For further information, people can make enquiries at MR Manager (economic/region) Division No 7 Yangon Office on the first floor of the Yangon Railway Station, according to the MR. — TWA/GNLM



MoPF releases statement denying confiscated vehicles auction



The Ministry of Planning and Finance.

THERE is no plan to auction the confiscated vehicles, according to the Ministry of Planning and Finance.

The authorities seized more than K21 billion worth of illegal products between January and May 2022 and the amount was K13 billion more than last year.

Vice-Senior General Soe Win said that confiscated goods should be auctioned off as quickly as possible in accordance with the rules and regulations to in-

crease the government's revenues and not to waste the efforts of those who make the seizures. Measures must also be taken to deal with cars with or without a licence during the meeting of the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee held in June.

On 24 May, the officials confiscated 28 vehicles with expired ID at Thilawa port and were abandoned by owners, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee.

Moreover, the Vice-Senior General added that all possible means should be applied to control illegal trade along the trade routes in regions and states, regular or surprised checks should be carried out at the places where illegal trade starts and illegal goods are stored for distribution and action must be taken.

The MoPF released such a statement denying the rumour of vehicle auctions. — TWA/GNLM

Monsoon onion grown early to fetch good prices

THE new monsoon onions normally enter the Yangon market by the end of November or early December, according to the onion wholesale centre.

The onion prices decline recently and onion sown acreage will be down this year. As there are criticisms of surging chemicals and fuel prices, the people change the crops to make more income than onion, and the local farmers grow the crops as usual. No one can estimate whether they would get high prices or not when they sell their products.

The 2022 large-sized summer onion is about K1,500 per viss at the countryside wholesale centre and K1,700 per viss in Yangon. In June, the large-sized onion (special) price rose to K2,100 per viss in the Yangon market and the leftover onion amounts will be very low, according to the countryside wholesale centre.

The people in Mandalay grow monsoon onion and it reaches 25 days as the news



Female farmers are pictured working on one onion plantation.

spread that the leftover onion amounts in local become lower by end-2022, said Ko Khin Maung Myint, an onion dealer.

The two baskets of seed priced at K35,000 per pyi are used for one acre of onion. If there is fine weather and there are no pests, it can produce 5,000-6,000 visses of onion per acre. Such kind of onion was grown for testing in 2016 and

it produced about 1,300 visses in the Monywa-Pale area, the onion dealer said.

The monsoon onion is planted two months earlier than the normal period and as there is no exact remaining amount of onion, the local demand can be high and the onion prices can rise again in the last three weeks of this year, according to the onion market. — TWA/GNLM

Myanmar Economic Bank to expand pension payment counters

PLANS are underway to expand pension payment counters at the branches of the Myanmar Economic Bank in order to facilitate the withdrawal of pensions of retired civil personnel, according to the statement of the bank.

It is learned that arrangements have been made so that pensioners do not have to stand in a queue for hours to withdraw their pensions on the 21st of each month, the first day of the pension issuance at

the respective branches of the bank. In addition, the bank also announced that pension withdrawals can be made every working day at the bank.

Pensions are also available to save in a bank account, to withdraw via ATMs, Myanmar Mobile Money (MMM), and Wave Money, and respective branches of the Myanmar Economic Bank are instructed to work together and facilitate the pension withdrawals. — TWA/GNLM



Pensioners are seen at the Myanmar Economic Bank.

Earthquakes rattle inside Myanmar

A magnitude 4.0 earthquake with its epicentre inside Myanmar about 18 miles south-southeast of Phyu, latitude 18.23°N, longitude 96.52°E, depth 11 kilometres, about 48 miles south of the Toungoo seismological observatory happened at 03 hours 31 minutes 13 seconds MST yesterday.

On the same day, a slight earthquake of magnitude 3.6 Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar about nine miles west-southwest of NyaungU, latitude 21.18°N, longitude 94.77°E, depth 104 kilometres, about 10 miles west southwest of NyaungU seismological observatory occurred at 01 hours 52 minutes 18 seconds MST. — DHM/GNLM



The epicentre and information of the earthquake.

Eindu-Kawkareik Road extended to further 10 metres



This updated photo shows one section of the Eindu-Kawkareik Road.

ACCORDING to the contract between the Ministry of Planning and Finance, Ministry of Industry and ADB, the Eindu-Kawkareik Road in Hpa-an District of Kayin State was upgraded with US\$100 million under the ADF loan and \$20 million under the AIF loan (net value of \$120 million).

SMEC Consultant company was hired in 2013 to conduct the feasibility study and was completed in 2015.

Consequently, permission was granted to upgrade the road to All Standard Class 2 in line with the GMS EWEC system.

China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC) upgrades the 18-kilometre road and repair blind spots on 15-kilometre road.

In January 2017, a motorcycle lane was added to the section, and the 670-metre section of road along the in-

frastructures was upgraded and the project was completely finished in April 2021.

According to road regulations in the contract, the contractors supervised the road maintenance work from 30 April to 30 May 2021.

The completed section is a 64.735-kilometre-long, 10-metre-wide two-lane asphalt road.

The former section was just a 6-metre-wide asphalt road and traffic jams, delays, and flooding occurred on the road.

Now that the road is complete, it will take only two and a half hours to drive from Hpa-an to Myawady and will improve the socio-economic life of the local people, officials said.

In addition, Kyondoe Harbour Road will be upgraded to a 670-metre-long concrete road as part of the project.

As a result, goods from Thailand, Laos and Viet Nam could be transported to Mawlamyine in time at a lower cost, officials added. — Kayan Soe Myint/GNLM

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, foodstuffs, unregistered motorbikes seized

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

An on-duty team made inspections at the container checkpoint of Htidan Port Container Terminal on 5 July, according to information.

Officials confiscated 61,440 kilogrammes of cashew nuts worth K102,604,800 that were reported by the owner to abandon because the P.R.A Test Risk

Analysis certification was not available from another country. The effective action was prosecuted under the Customs Procedures.

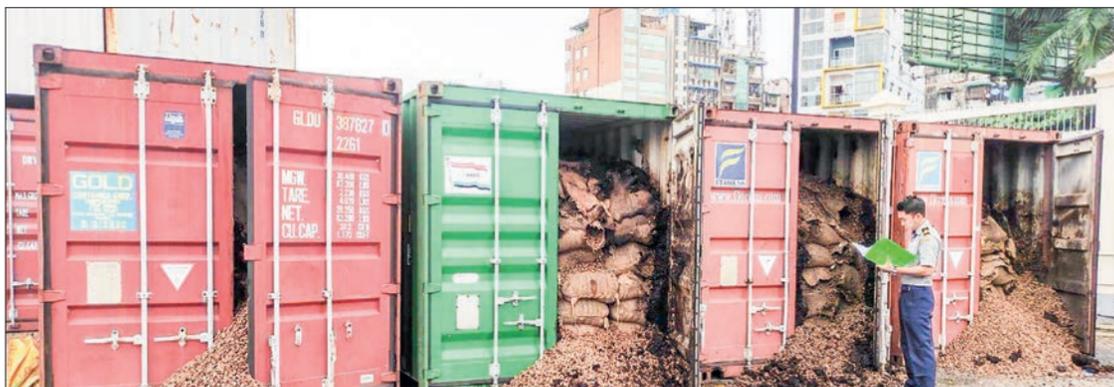
Similarly, on 7 July, a patrol team made inspections at Yepu Permanent Checkpoint of Shan State under Customs Procedures.

They captured ceramic bowls worth K400,000 that exceeded the Import Declaration (ID) from a truck heading from Muse to Mandalay township,

and the action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

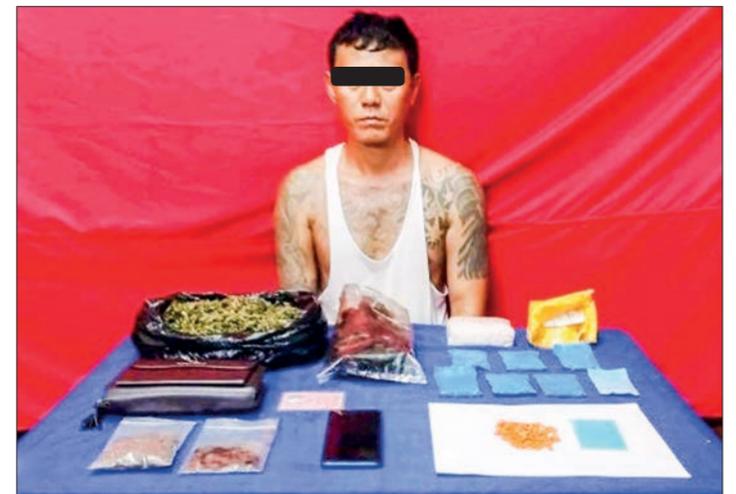
In addition, on 8 July, an unregistered a Canda 125 motorbike and an unregistered Scoopy motorbike (approximately K900,000) were captured in Shwebo township. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

Therefore, four arrests estimated at K103,904,800 were made on 5, 7 and 8 July, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA



An official checks confiscated illegal goods.

Drugs seized in Mingaladon, Kengtung townships



Arrestee Zarni is seen along with seized drugs.

A combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force searched a house of Zarni Hein (aka) Zarni in Sangyiwa Ward of Mingaladon township at 8:30 am on 7 July. Police captured 3,600 stimulant tablets, 0.465 kilogramme of marijuana and 0.265 kilogramme of opium.

In addition, the combined team consisting of the Anti-Drug Police Force examined Yarpar near Katwoe village of Kengtung township and seized 10,000 stimulant tablets.

The suspects are prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, it is learnt. —MNA

LOCAL BUSINESS

2,400 companies struck off register due to AR absence in H1

A total of 2,400 companies have been struck off the register during the H1 period (January-June) as they fail to submit annual returns (AR) on the online registry system, MyCO, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

During the H1 period, 400 companies each in January, February, March and June, 300 in April and 500 in May did not file annual returns on MyCO respectively, totalling 2,400 companies which failed AR submission, according to DICA.

The DICA has notified any registered company which fails to submit its AR on MyCO is to be suspended, under section 430 (F) of the Myanmar Companies Law, according to the DICA's notification.

The registration and re-registration of companies on the MyCO website commenced on 1



The office of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

August 2018 under the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

All registered companies need to file AR on the MyCO registry system within two months of incorporation, and at least once every year (not later than one month after the anniversary

of the incorporation) under Section 97 of the law.

Under Section 266 (A) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017, public companies must submit annual returns and financial statements (G-5) simultaneously.

All overseas corporations must submit ARs in the prescribed format on MyCO within 28 days of the financial year ending under Section 53 (A-1) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

Nonetheless, many companies were suspended for failing

to submit AR forms within the due date. Newly established companies are required to submit ARs within two months of incorporation or face a fine of K100,000 for filing late returns.

The DICA has notified that any company which fails to submit its AR within 13 months will be notified of its suspension (I-9A). If it fails to submit the AR within 28 days after receiving the notice, the system will show the company's status as suspended. Companies can restore their status only after shelling out a fine of K50,000 for the AR fee, K100,000 for restoration of the company on the Register, and K100,000 for late filing of documents, totalling K250,000.

If a company fails to restore its status within six months of suspension, the registrar will strike its name off the register, according to the DICA notice. — NN/GNLM

Broken rice export to China fetches high price



The current market price of broken rice in the Muse area is K36,000 per 50-kilogramme bag.

BROKEN rice export to China is making a handsome profit and does a roaring trade, said U Min Thein, vice-chair of the Muse Rice Wholesale Centre.

The current market price of broken rice in the Muse area is K36,000 per 50-kilogramme bag.

"The broken rice export is thriving. The broken rice is offered at K36,000 per bag in Muse (120 Yuan)," he added.

The foreign and domestic demand elevated broken rice prices.

Meanwhile, the price of rice is estimated at K45,000 per 50-kilogramme bag.

At present, approximately 10,000 bags of rice and broken rice are delivered to

China through the Muse border. About 60,000 bags of rice and broken rice were earlier exported to China per day through the Muse border.

Between 1 April and 30 June in the 2022-2023 Financial Year, Myanmar conveyed over 550,000 tonnes of rice and broken rice to external markets. Of them, over 510,000 tonnes of rice were shipped to foreign markets through the sea trade and over 33,000 tonnes of rice sent to the neighbouring countries through land borders.

Myanmar generated an income of over US\$700 million from export of about two million tonnes of rice in the 2020-2021 Financial Year. — NN/GNLM

Gem painting market in Monywa sluggish

GEM painting market is slow-moving in Monywa city, said Ma Wyne, an art shop owner.

"The demand for gem paintings is sluggish. There is only one art store here in Monywa city. Some stores also sell them but there is no separate store for gem paintings yet in the city. The pagoda painting is demanded by the monastery. People also give gem paintings as presents at wedding recep-

tions, house-welcoming events and new store launches. As events are forced to shut down in the difficult times, the market is quite slow for sure," she stressed.

The gem paintings are valued at K13,000 to K300,000 per piece. The buyers are rarely seen.

"The customers buy the scenery and view paintings. The Buddha image is mostly sold during the Buddhist religious

festival periods. I offer paintings such as customized gem portraits. I sell the paintings through Mogok suppliers," Ma Wyne elaborated.

"We will expand our service and products in Monywa city as we are the only store that exists. We will try to meet the customers' satisfaction. Earlier, locals in Monywa city had to order customized gem portraits through Mandalay suppliers," she added. — Lu Lay/GNLM

New export item rice bean receive record price with bustling trade

THE price of new export item rice bean are rocketing in the bustling Mandalay market, said Mandalay traders.

At present, rice beans are flowing from Shwebo, Monywa, Sagaing and Patheingyi townships. The price stood at only K16,000 per three-basket bag in February during the beginning of the harvest season. The price tremendously surged to K230,000 per bag in recent days. The market is alive and well, said U Soe Win Myint, an owner of Soe Win Myint commodity depot in the Mandalay Region.

"The price hits a fresh new peak in the Mandalay market. It was earlier demanded in the domestic market only. It has become a new export item after successfully penetrating the external markets. The rice bean has had a market share for two years. China has been purchasing a large volume of rice beans since February. It is a great opportunity for rice bean growers. They should increase the planted acreage. What is unique about rice bean cultivation is that there is no need to use pesticides. The growers

achieve organic farming with natural fertilizer as well," he elaborated.

Rice bean is commonly grown in Mandalay, Magway and Sagaing regions. Cultivation is more successful on alluvial soil along Ayeyawady and Chindwin Rivers.

It can be grown once per year, during the October-November period. The harvest season starts in January. It is a cost-effective and high-yielding crop (15-20 baskets per acre). — Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)

OPINION

Choose the reform process to be a better society

THE word “reform” is popular in society. Everybody prefers to use the word “reform”. Whenever they do not accept anything, they wish to use the word “reform”. It is because they think the word “reform” is a technique to change overall society to become things in conformity with their needs.

Some people assume that the reform needs to change all forms and essence which would be different from the original forms and essence. It is not a hundred per cent truth. Some processes need just a touch of change. If so, the whole process will reach the correct path for further development.

Practically, some reform processes need just a way not to be derailed from the visions. If present situations are slightly different from the actual situation, it is necessary to steer the situation towards the correct course. It is a reform process but it should not be underestimated.

Sometimes, red tapes must be removed from the actual process to ensure smooth working. The red-tape system is a hindrance to society. Hence, it is necessary to reform all forms and essence of the red-tape process to be a new system giving smooth and convenient process to the customers. Thanks to removing the red-tape process, customers will overcome the challenges of wasting valuable time and costs. Moreover, the removal of the red-tape process ceases the proudness and inflexibility of personnel in relations with customers.

In some cases, the working process used for many years automatically demands the new ones as a reform process. In this regard, the work process must be reformed without fail

for enhancing the capacity of staff and personnel not to be bored in the workplace. New forms and essence refreshes employees as well as customers in their services of daily routines. How valuable it is!

Generally, it is necessary to note that if a workplace or work process faces situations of boring the regular process or derailment from the visions or malpractice of staff under the red-tape system, such a workplace or work process should be reformed to have a new environ and new process. In fact, the renewed process must actually benefit society.

Any work process in society will demand a new process at a time. Sometimes, people demand a reform process for some workplaces to have better convenient measures. Whatever it may be, the reform process actually contributes to building better relations and production between staff and customers and producers and users.

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Diabetic Patients Should Know How to Take Care of Their Feet

By Dr K K Pandey

SURPRISINGLY in our subcontinent, the problem of diabetes is widely prevalent. According to one estimate, the diabetic population in the Indian subcontinent is the highest in the world. A drastic lifestyle change, lack of exercise, avoidance of regular daily morning walks and no control over diet are some of the reasons, which are responsible for a rapid rise in the number of diabetic patients in this region. In diabetic patients, the leg becomes the commonest casualty due to the disease itself.

Why a diabetic patient should not ignore his foot ulcer?

Quite often a diabetic patient takes no notice of small scratches, small blisters, or small injuries which do occur to his leg in day-to-day life. This small scratch gets converted into a full-fledged ulcer if not treated properly in

time. Normally in a non-diabetic person, these leg ulcers heal well after repeated dressings and antibiotics applications. But in diabetic patients, these foot ulcers generally do not respond to such treatment. Because of ignorance of this fact, a diabetic patient does not take his leg ulcer, which otherwise looks simply, seriously and this results in a serious and complicated condition of the leg. Lack of timely care in its early stage causes, later on, loss of money, time and leg as well. Therefore, always remember a diabetic patient must take his simple leg or foot ulcer very seriously and instead of consulting a general or an orthopaedic surgeon he should consult a vascular or a cardiovascular surgeon and get the ulcer treated under his supervision. A diabetic patient must understand that the inadequate blood supply to the lower limb and loss of

sensitivity of leg skin are the two most important factors, which make leg ulcers complicated in any diabetic patient.

Why does a diabetic patient have problems with leg ulcers the most?

In diabetic patients due to diabetic neuropathy, the sensitivity of leg and foot skin is considerably decreased. Because of reduced skin sensitivity, a diabetic patient never feels the sensation of pain, that a normal non-diabetic person otherwise feels in case of pressure abrasion and a superficial simple injury. If a diabetic patient does not pay attention at this stage, this small abrasion, later on, turns into a big ulcer. Diabetic neuropathy also causes weakness and partial paralysis of muscles of the foot resulting in constriction of the muscles. As the result, the bones of the foot become more prominent and bulgier and therefore are sub-

jected to undue pressure and the end result is that a superficial ulcer in the foot becomes deep. One more reason for the development of pus and gangrene in foot ulcers of a diabetic person is the inadequate blood supply to the foot due to the narrowing of arteries of the lower limb, which carry pure blood to the feet. In such a situation where the blood supply to the foot as well as the sensitivity of the skin of the foot are reduced, any kind of infection even minor one, caught by the foot ulcer in a diabetic patient, spreads very fast and reaches a dangerous proportion.

Where to go if a diabetic person develops a foot ulcer?

If a diabetic patient develops a small superficial foot ulcer, he instead of a general or an orthopaedic surgeon must consult a vascular or a cardiovascular surgeon and receive treatment under his supervision. Generally, these ulcers most of the time do not respond to simple antibiotics and dressing. For the treatment of such ulcers in a diabetic patient, the proper assessment of blood supply to the foot is of utmost importance. The cause of inadequate blood supply to the foot is generally the narrowing of the lower limb arteries (blood pipes) due to the deposition of fat, calcium and cholesterol in the inner wall of the artery. Due to the deposition of these undesirable elements in the arterial wall, the

arteries get narrowed resulting in a considerably decreased supply of pure blood. That is why the investigation of lower limb arteries is a must for the successful treatment of foot ulcers. For this, special investigations like Doppler Study, Multislide CT Angio, MR Angio, and Digital Subtraction Angiography are required. These specialized investigations determine the treatment strategy, to be undertaken later to restore the blood supply to the feet. On the basis of Angiography results, modern treatments like Arterial Bypass Surgery, Angioplasty Stenting, and Subintimal Angioplasty are undertaken to augment the blood flow to the lower limbs. To decide the treatment strategy for an individual patient consideration of the status of diseased arteries has to be taken into an account. Therefore, one should always go to a hospital where 24-hrs availability of a full-time vascular surgeon is there and facilities for Angiography, Bypass Surgery, and Angioplasty are routinely available.

Correct treatment of a foot ulcer in diabetics

Quite often it has been seen in our country that a diabetic patient who is suffering from foot ulcers generally goes to a small clinic or hospital and gets his ulcer cleaned and dressed daily. Due to inadequate blood supply to the foot, this method of daily cleaning and dressing neither



A diabetic patient suffering from diabetic foot ulcer had to lose his leg because of negligence



Never allow such condition of foot to develop in a diabetic patient. Take prompt treatment in the early stage.



Angiography of lower limbs showing calcium deposits and complete blockade of blood pipe. This is generally a cause of foot ulcer in diabetics.



Leg arterial bypass surgery has become a boon in treatment of diabetic foot ulcer



If a diabetic develops redness and discoloration of foot at this stage, one should be careful.



A small blister developed in leg was ignored in the initial stage. This resulted into severe infection.



A medical laboratory technician inactivates suspected monkeypox samples to be tested at the microbiology laboratory of La Paz Hospital on 6 June 2022 in Madrid, Spain. PHOTO: PABLO BLAZQUEZ DOMINGUEZ/GETTY/AFP

WHO issues snapshot of monkeypox cases

THE World Health Organization issued its first situation report on the spread of monkeypox on Thursday, detailing the typical profile of those affected by the outbreak so far.

According to available statistics, almost all patients affected thus far are male, with a median age of 37, with three-fifths identifying as men who have sex with men, the WHO said.

A surge in monkeypox infections has been reported since early May outside the West and Central African countries where the dis-

ease has long been endemic.

From 1 January to 4 July, 6,027 laboratory-confirmed cases of monkeypox and three deaths have been reported to the WHO from 59 countries.

Case numbers have gone up by 77 per cent since 27 June, in which time two new deaths — both in the Central African Republic — have been reported.

The WHO said 10 countries have not reported new cases for more than 21 days — the disease's maximum incubation period.

Some 82 per cent of the cases

are in Europe and 15 per cent are in the Americas.

The countries with more than 1,000 confirmed cases are Britain (1,351), Spain (1,256) and Germany (1,242), according to the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control, and WHO Europe.

Outside Europe, the WHO report counted 460 confirmed cases in the United States and 300 in Canada.

Sexual contact transmission route

In its first bi-weekly situation

report on monkeypox, the WHO said that gender data was available on 4,406 cases, of which 99.5 per cent were men.

“The outbreak continues to primarily affect men who have sex with men who have reported recent sex with one or multiple male partners, suggesting no signal of sustained transmission beyond these networks for now,” the report said.

Men aged 18 to 44 account for 79 per cent of cases, with the median age being 37.

There are six known cas-

es among children aged under 18, and 25 known cases among healthcare workers.

“Among cases with reported sexual orientation, 60 per cent (1,214 out of 2,025) identified as gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men; and 41 per cent (335 out of 827) of cases with known HIV status were positive for HIV,” the report said.

“The most often suspected and reported route of transmission, among known contacts, has been through sexual contact.”

heals the small ulcer nor prevents it from developing into a large deep ulcer and ultimately this leads to infection and gangrene. At this juncture, we are left with no other choice except amputation of the foot. Our family physicians and general physicians do not seem to be very serious about the management of foot ulcers in their diabetic patients. They try to get the ulcer healed with simple antibiotics

and dressings.

During the treatment of diabetic foot ulcers, proper care of ulcers and prevention of the infection are the most important components of treatment. In no condition, pus should be allowed to stay back. One should avoid solutions like Betadine or Hydrogen Peroxide for dressing purposes. Special kinds of medicines for blood thinning are used to keep the blood diluted. In some patient

latest medicine like Collagen or P.D.G.F. dressing are required. Sometimes special medicines like prostaglandins are administered intravenously, which help in the healing of ulcers indirectly. In special circumstances, uses of ‘Skin Grafting and Myocutaneous Flaps’ are used to facilitate ulcer healing.

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Atypical symptoms

The normal initial symptoms of monkeypox include a high fever, swollen lymph nodes and a blistery chickenpox-like rash.

But the report said that in this outbreak, many cases were not presenting with the classically described clinical picture.

Among the cases who reported at least one symptom, 81 per cent presented with a widespread rash on the body, 50 per cent presented with fever and 41 per cent presented with genital rash.

SOURCE: AFP

ARTICLE/TECH/ENVIRON WORLD

NASA releases James Webb telescope 'teaser' picture

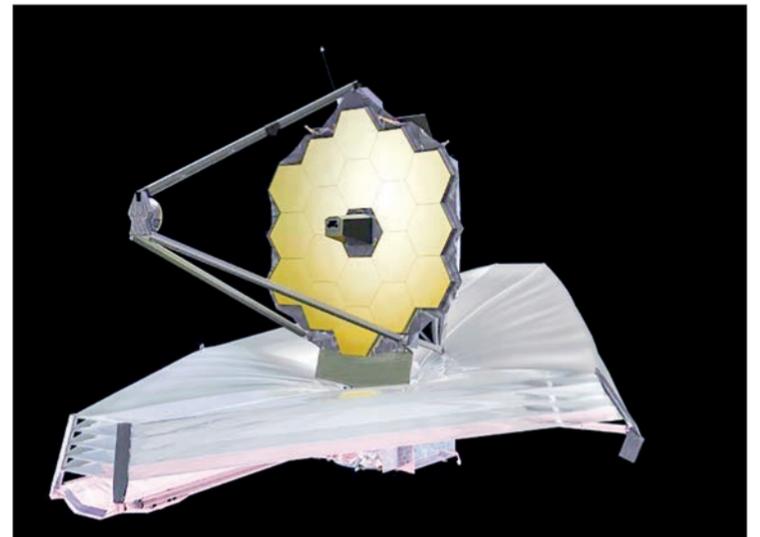
NASA has provided a tantalizing teaser photo ahead of the highly-anticipated release next week of the first deep-space images from the James Webb Telescope — an instrument so powerful it can peer back into the origins of the universe.

The \$10 billion observatory — launched in December last year and now orbiting the Sun a million miles (1.5 million kilometres) away from Earth — can look where

no telescope has looked before thanks to its enormous primary mirror and instruments that focus on infrared, allowing it to peer through dust and gas.

The first fully formed pictures are set for release on 12 July, but NASA provided an engineering test photo on Wednesday — the result of 72 exposures over 32 hours that shows a set of distant stars and galaxies. The image has some "rough-around-the-edges" quali-

ties, NASA said in a statement, but is still "among the deepest images of the universe ever taken" and offers a "tantalizing glimpse" at what will be revealed in the coming weeks, months, and years. "When this image was taken, I was thrilled to clearly see all the detailed structure in these faint galaxies," said Neil Rowlands, programme scientist for Webb's Fine Guidance Sensor at Honeywell Aerospace. — AFP



This handout image provided by NASA shows an artist's rendition of the James Webb Space Telescope. **PHOTO: NASA/AFP/FILE**

Is this goat the GOAT? Long-eared kid takes Pakistan by storm

A kid goat with extraordinarily long ears has become something of a media star in Pakistan, with

its owner claiming a world record that may or may not exist. Simba is now living a pam-



Breeder Mohammad Hasan Narejo displays his kid goat Simba in Karachi. **PHOTO: AFP**

pered existence in Karachi, where he was born last month with ears that were strikingly long — and have grown further to reach 54 centimetres (21 inches). Breeder Mohammad Hasan Narejo says he has approached Guinness World Records to see if his charge can be included as the Greatest Of All Time, although a category for "longest-eared goat" does not currently appear on the organization's website.

"Within 10 to 12 days of his birth he was already appearing in all the national and international media — and won a beauty contest," a proud Narejo says. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Sweat, pray, love: extreme heat hounds hajj

THE hajj pilgrimage can be physically draining even in ideal conditions, but worshippers this year face an added challenge: scorching sun and temperatures rising to 42 degrees Celsius (108 degrees Fahrenheit). Muslims who have flocked to western Saudi Arabia for the five-day ritual, most of which takes place in the open air, have been confronted with a stark reminder of how warming trends are exacerbating what was already a very hot desert climate.

Islam forbids men from wearing hats once the hajj rites start, and many have been seen trying to shield themselves with umbrellas, prayer mats and even, in one case, a small bucket filled with water. Women are obliged to cover their heads with scarves.

The result is a daunting endurance test, though pilgrims generally shy away from complaining.

The timing of the hajj is determined by the Islamic calendar, and since 2017 it has fallen at least partly in July and August, the hottest months in Saudi Arabia. That has trained the spotlight on rising temperatures that environmental activists say must be addressed by a fast transition away from fossil fuels. — AFP

Diabetic Patients Should Know How to Take Care ...

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How to prevent foot ulcers in diabetic patients?

1. MUST get your legs and foot checked up once by a vascular or a cardiovascular surgeon for evaluation of leg arteries and their blood supply even if you have no complaints. Keep consulting him every third month. If at any moment, blood circulation to your feet starts decreasing, he can formulate preventive as well as corrective strategies in time before you are too late.

2. MUST keep your blood sugar under control either by insulin injection or oral anti-diabetic drugs under the strict guidance of a diabetologist or

your own local physician. Keep in constant touch with your physician and seek his regular advice about your diet, your food preferences and exercise. 3. MUST never walk barefooted, even inside your house. Avoid wearing chappals, slippers and sandals. Never expose your feet and toes to outside injuries and to extreme cold during winters. Keep your feet warm and covered with socks. Do not apply heat. The use of silicon insoles inside the shoes is very helpful in preventing the development of an ulcer.

4. MUST keep your feet dry and clean. Never allow moisture or water to stay inside the space between the toes. Avoid wet and sweaty socks. Changes

your socks twice a day, especially during the monsoon and summer seasons.

5. MUST clean your feet, toes and toe-spaces twice daily with methylated spirit and then sprinkle Neosporin powder on the toes and inside the space between the toes.

6. MUST inspect daily your feet, and look for any abrasion, blisters, raw areas and thickened skin. Consult your vascular/cardiovascular surgeon and seek his advice. Never ignore and sit idle, in case of any injury to your feet, or any development of an ulcer or red patches over your feet, consult him immediately.

7. MUST avoid tight and uncomfortable shoes. Discard im-

mediately the shoes, which bite your feet. Shoes must be soft, very comfortable, well-cushioned and not exert any pressure on your feet, especially bony prominences. Do not save money on shoes, go for a good brand. The use of a special diabetic silicon insole inside the shoe is beneficial.

8. MUST never smoke. Tobacco in any form (Pann Masala with Zarda, Khaini, Chaini, Mainpuri Tambakhoo and tobacco-mixed toothpaste) is injurious to your diabetic feet.

9. MUST keep your weight under check. Obesity is very harmful to your legs and feet. Avoid oily and cholesterol-rich food. A high level of blood cholesterol will clog your arteries and

significantly reduce blood flow to your feet and leg. Get your blood cholesterol checked-up every six months and seek advice in this regard from your Surgeon.

10. MUST do daily morning walk for 5-6 kilometres. It will increase blood circulation in your legs and feet. In special case, like, in presence of an ulcer use of Pneumatic Walker are very helpful in keeping the regular blood flow to the feet as they are scientifically desired.

11. MUST never shave off any corn (Thickened skin) developed on your feet. Do not cut your nails deep, it may lead to painless minor injury which is harmful, especially in a diabetic person.



People wearing protective gear walk on a street in Manila, the Philippines, on 15 April 2021. PHOTO: XINHUA/ROUELLE UMALI

Philippine President Marcos tested positive for COVID-19

PHILIPPINE President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos has tested positive for COVID-19, Press Secretary Rose Beatrix Cruz-Angeles said Friday.

Angeles told a press conference that Marcos, 64, has tested positive in an antigen test for COVID-19. "He has a slight fever, but he is otherwise okay,"

she said.

Angeles said the presidential management staff is currently informing those in close contact with Marcos to observe their symptoms per the protocol. Marcos' wife and children were not exposed.

Regarding Marcos' schedule for Friday, Angeles said

Marcos will not attend the US independence event at the embassy in Manila. However, he will virtually participate in a meeting with local officials on booster shot uptake on Friday night.

Marcos had tested positive for COVID-19 in March 2020. —Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Australia's Melbourne announces plan to reduce COVID-19 in the workplace

IN its latest bid to attract workers back to the office, Australia's city of Melbourne has released a project promising to cut down the transmission of COVID-19 by improving ventilation in office spaces throughout the city.

A first-of-its-kind study, revealed on Friday, evaluated three different ventilation systems over three months in vacant office buildings including displacement ventilation air conditioning, in-ceiling air filters, and natural airflow through open windows.

The pilot study found that while all three methods reduced the potential for transmission of airborne viruses, displacement ventilation air conditioning, which supplies air from the floor level, was the most effective in lowering COVID-19 transmission by 83 per cent, while also reducing energy consumption by 20 per cent. —AFP

Fijians urged to take protective measures amid rising COVID-19 cases

THE Fijians have been urged to take protective measures as the island nation continues to report more COVID-19 cases.

Fiji recorded 243 new COVID-19 cases in the last three days with 94 cases being reported in the central part of the country, reported the Fiji Broadcasting Corporation (FBC) on Friday. —Xinhua

COVID-19 pandemic affects essential health services: Lao health minister



Photo taken on 9 March 2022 shows people at the Muangxay Railway Station in Muangxay, northern Laos PHOTO: KAIKEO SAIYASANE/XINHUA

THE COVID-19 pandemic has affected essential health services and, even though the virus outbreak in Laos has subsided, some healthcare services are not able to recover to pre-pandemic levels, according to Lao Minister of Health Bounfeng

Phoummalaysith.

This was the assessment of the situation as reported at the Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) annual meeting to assess work undertaken in 2021 and the first half of 2022.

According to the local daily Vientiane Times on Friday, the two-day meeting took place in the Lao capital Vientiane from Thursday to Friday, chaired by Bounfeng Phoummalaysith.

Hospital directors from across the country, representatives of provincial health departments, other officials and development partners attended the meeting.

Participants heard a report on progress so far and the next steps planned under the RMNCAH strategy for 2021-2025, especially with regard to the quality of healthcare, efficiency and sustainability of services, and equality in access to treatment.

Bounfeng said the ministry, partners and other sectors had joined forces to curb the COVID-19 spread and the situation was now under control. —Xinhua

EMA sees new COVID-19 wave in many EU countries



EUROPE is facing a new wave of COVID-19 driven by the highly-transmissible BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants of Omicron, said the European Medicines Agency (EMA) on Thursday.

"We see a new wave of COVID-19 in many members of the

European Union," Marco Cavaleri, head of Biological Health Threats and Vaccines Strategy of the EMA, told an online press conference from Amsterdam.

"The wave is driven by BA.4 and BA.5 which are highly-transmissible," Cavaleri added. "Based on current predictions, BA.4 and BA.5 are expected to become dominant across the European countries, likely replacing all other variants by the end of July."

In April, the EMA already advised people aged 80 and above to get a second booster vaccine.

Now, Cavaleri repeated that message and also suggested a second booster for those aged from 60 to 79, as well as medically vulnerable people of any age.

"Although there is no evidence that the variants make people sicker than earlier strains of the virus, the increase in transmission among older age groups is starting to translate into severe diseases," Cavaleri said. "As this new wave is unfolding across Europe, it is essential to maintain the protection of vulnerable groups and avoid any postponement of vaccination." —Xinhua

People queue outside a pharmacy for COVID-19 antigenic testing on 10 January 2022 in Marseille, as France announces plans to bolster its testing capacity as long queues form outside testing centres amid a fresh wave of the virus fuelled by the Omicron variant. PHOTO: AFP/NICOLAS TUCAT

ECONOMY WORLD

NEWS IN BRIEF

Stocks climb on recession watch; pound gains on Johnson exit

STOCK markets recovered further Thursday as investors weighed recession risks, while the pound rallied on the resignation of Britain's scandal-hit Prime Minister Boris Johnson as leader of the Conservative party.

Elsewhere, oil prices climbed with both main contracts back over \$100 per barrel, and the euro remained around 20-year lows versus the dollar.

"Stocks bounce as pressure points ease," said independent markets analyst Stephen Innes.

The Federal Reserve on Wednesday stressed its readiness to continue hiking US interest rates to tackle soaring inflation.

Minutes of their last meeting made clear that officials did not plan to let up in efforts this year to try to cool prices.—AFP

US trade deficit in May shrinks 1.3%, with exports at record high

THE US deficit in trade of goods and services shrank 1.3 per cent in May from the previous month to \$85.55 billion, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

US exports grew 1.2 per cent to \$255.89 billion, the highest since comparable data became available in 1992, while imports edged up 0.6 per cent to \$341.44 billion.

By country, the US goods trade deficit with Japan declined 6.9 per cent to \$5.62 billion.

The trade deficit with China grew 3.2 per cent to \$31.54 billion, and that with Mexico fell 8.3 per cent to \$10.59 billion.

Since the start of 2022, Japan has ranked the fifth-largest source of trade deficit for the United States after China, Mexico, Vietnam and Canada.

The global trade figures are measured on a balance-of-payments basis after seasonal adjustment, and the country-by-country and regional breakdowns are based on unadjusted customs-cleared data.—Kyodo

Australia seeks end to trade rows in China meeting

AUSTRALIA will press China to end trade "blockages" Friday as the two nations seek to defrost icy relations with their first foreign ministers' meeting since 2019.

Foreign Minister Penny Wong said she aimed to "stabilize" relations when she meets with Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi later in the day on the sidelines of a Group of 20 meeting in Bali, Indonesia.

"We all know we have our differences. There are challenges in the relationship. We believe engagement is necessary to stabilize the relationship," Wong told reporters.

"We won't be making any

concessions when it comes to Australia's interests," she added. The Australian minister said the first step to stabilizing relations would be to resolve trade disputes between the two countries.

"We don't believe those blockages are in our interests," she said. "We would say to China, they are not in China's interests." Prime Minister Anthony Albanese's centre-left Labour government, which came to power in May, has called on Beijing to drop its trade tariffs to improve relations.

China — Australia's biggest trading partner — imposed tariffs and disrupted more than a



On 19 May 2020 China imposed a combined 80.5 per cent tariff on Australian barley. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

dozen key industries, including wine, barley and coal, as relations deteriorated in the past two years.—AFP

Oil slides below \$100 as euro sags further

RECESSION worries pushed the price of Brent oil briefly back under \$100 on Wednesday, and the euro moved closer to parity with the dollar.

European stocks rebounded thanks to lower bond yields and bargain hunting, while US stocks also advanced, climbing after Federal Reserve minutes maintained a tough line on inflation.

Europe's benchmark crude oil contract, Brent North Sea, fell briefly under \$100 per barrel in afternoon deals, following its US counterpart WTI, which slumped below the symbolic level on Tuesday.

Citi analysts have forecast



Citi analysts have forecast that Brent could strike \$65 later in 2022 in the event of a prolonged worldwide economic downturn. A Norwegian oil production platform Troll B in the North Sea. **PHOTO: RICHARDSEN, TOR/AFP/FILE**

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downturn.

Meanwhile, the euro hit a fresh 20-year low point under

\$1.02 — the European single currency fast closing in on parity with the dollar as traders eye recession for the eurozone and the ECB's slower moves to raise interest rates than the US Fed.

"A dip in government bond yields has paved the way for bargain hunters to swoop in and snap up European equities," said market analyst David Madden at Equiti Capital.

Paris stocks rose 2.0 per cent, while Frankfurt climbed 1.6 per cent.

Nevertheless, "the mood remains febrile," said Chris Beauchamp, chief market analyst at online trading platform IG.—AFP

US sanctions network selling Iranian oil



A gas station is seen in March 2022 in China, which has remained the key buyer of Iranian oil despite US sanctions. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

THE US Treasury said Wednesday it was freezing the assets of members of an international network for violating oil sanctions on Tehran by selling millions of dollars' worth of Iranian petrochemical products to East Asia.

The sanctions target Iranian petrochemical firms and alleged front companies in China and the United Arab Emirates for Iran's state-owned company and Triliance, a Hong Kong-based company already under US sanctions for its dealings with Iran.

Washington had earlier

imposed sanctions on Iranian petrochemical producers in mid-June, as well as on Chinese and Indian brokers, expanding pressure amid a deadlock in negotiations on restoring a 2015 deal to curb Iran's nuclear programme.

"While the United States is committed to achieving an agreement with Iran that seeks a mutual return to compliance with the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, we will continue to use all our authorities to enforce sanctions," the Treasury said, referring to the nuclear deal.—AFP

Germany nationalizes Rostock shipbuilder

THE German state has acquired the shipyards of MV Werften in Rostock, northeastern Germany, which went into bankruptcy in January, the defence ministry said Thursday.

“Today is a historic day,” Defence Minister Christine Lambrecht said in a statement, adding that she saw “great potential”

for the German armed forces.

Until now, the shipyards in the north of Germany that had built cruise ships had been expected to be transformed into military equipment manufacturing sites.

“With this acquisition, I see a great possibility of significantly increasing the

operational readiness of the (German) navy,” she said. The ministry did not say how much money was paid for the shipyards, but said it would offer an “appropriate price”. The German military, under-equipped and under-funded in recent years, faces new challenges because of the war in Ukraine. —AFP



The German state has acquired the shipyards of MV Werften in Rostock, northeastern Germany, which went into bankruptcy in January. PHOTO: TRADEWINDS/AFP

India tightens flour exports after global wheat shortage

INDIA will impose restrictions on the export of flour in a fresh move to insulate domestic markets from a global wheat crisis.

Wheat grain exports were severely curtailed in May to shore up national food reserves following global shortages and surging prices triggered by Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The Directorate-General of Foreign Trade has said flour exporters will need to seek prior government approval to maintain quality and stabilize domestic prices.

“Global supply disruptions in wheat and wheat flour have created many new players and has led to price fluctuations and potential quality related issues,” the regulator said in a notice issued Wednesday. —AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (060N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (060N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **9-7-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **HPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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3. The interested Bidders should submit the **Technical Specifications and Commercial Quotation with Original Bid Bond in each separate sealed envelopes** on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than **12:00 pm on 22, July 2022**.

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1	Promectin	Abamectin 1.8% + Profenofos 50% EC	Provisional	P 2020 - 2388
2	Intend 20% SC	Indoxacarb 17% + Lambda Cyhalothrin 3% SC	Provisional	P 2020 - 3371

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V PANJA BHUM VOY.NO. (198W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V PANJA BHUM VOY.NO. (198W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **9-7-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Phone No: **2301185**

**Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority**

Agent For:

M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V THOR FRIEND VOY.NO. (016)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V THOR FRIEND VOY.NO. (016)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **8-7-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

Phone No: **2301191/2301178**

**Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority**

Agent For:

M/S ECL (SINGAPORE) PTE LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V NEGAR VOY.NO. (SCY1129)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V NEGAR VOY. NO. (SCY1129)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **9-7-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

Phone No: **2301185**

**Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority**

Agent For:

**M/S LAND AND SEA INTERMODAL LOGISTICS
SDN BHD LINE**

GLOBAL AFFAIRS

UK says it seized advanced weaponry smuggled from Iran

BRITAIN on Thursday said one of its warships on patrol in the Gulf earlier this year seized advanced weaponry being smuggled from Iran towards Yemen, contravening a UN Security Council resolution.

The ship, HMS Montrose, intercepted speedboats carrying surface-to-air-missiles and engines for land attack cruise missiles while on routine patrols on two occasions in January and February, the Ministry of Defence (MoD) said.

The speedboats were being operated by smugglers in inter-

national waters south of Iran, in the first instance of a UK warship interdicting vessels carrying such sophisticated weapons from the country, it added.

The illicit cargo was spotted by a Wildcat helicopter equipped with sophisticated radar systems launched from the Montrose, according to the MoD.

The second operation on 25 February also involved a United States Navy destroyer, the USS Gridley, which deployed a Seahawk helicopter “to provide critical overwatch”, the ministry said.—AFP



The HMS Montrose's helicopter had been scanning for illicit goods in the Gulf of Oman on 28 January and 25 February when it spotted small vessels speeding away from the Iranian coast. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

G20 ministers to meet in Bali with Ukraine top of agenda

THE Group of 20 will meet in Bali Friday with the United States pushing the world's top economies to pressure Russia over its invasion of Ukraine, as Washington and Moscow's top diplomats prepare for their first showdown since the war began.

US Secretary of State Antony Blinken will also seek to reopen dialogue with Beijing in talks with his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi, the first in months after tensions strained over issues including Taiwan. But Blinken will shun a direct meeting with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, instead pointing the finger at Moscow for triggering global food and energy crises and calling on G20 members to back



The G20 meeting aims to address the war's impact on food and energy security, as well as the global economy's recovery from the coronavirus pandemic and the ravages of climate change. A police officer walks past a G20 sign in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia, Thursday, 7 July 2022. **PHOTO: POOL/AFP**

a UN initiative to re-open sea lanes blocked by the war. “You’ll see that we will have an ability as necessary to make clear Rus-

sia’s responsibility for some of the very problems that the G20 is going to be tackling,” a senior US official said Thursday.—AFP

Putin says if West wants to defeat Russia on battlefield, ‘let them try’

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin on Thursday challenged the West to try and defeat Russia “on the battlefield” and said Moscow’s intervention in Ukraine marked a shift to a “multi-polar world”.

Delivering one of his strongest speeches since he sent troops to Ukraine on 24 February, Putin

also raged against “totalitarian liberalism” that he said the West has sought to impose on the entire world.

“Today we hear that they want to defeat us on the battlefield. Well, what can you say here? Let them try,” Putin told senior lawmakers on the 134th

day of Russia’s offensive in Ukraine. He accused “the collective West” of unleashing a “war” in Ukraine and said Russia’s intervention in the pro-Western country marked the beginning of a shift to a “multi-polar world”.

“This process cannot be stopped,” he added.—AFP

Will Belarus join Moscow’s Ukraine offensive?

BELARUS has served as a staging ground for Russia’s intervention in Ukraine, but strongman Alexander Lukashenko has so far avoided becoming a party to the conflict.

Observers stress that there is no end in sight for Moscow’s more than four-month military campaign in Ukraine and do not rule out that Belarus could still be dragged into it, too.

Artyom Shraibman, a non-resident scholar at the

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said that Lukashenko was keenly aware of the fact that most Belarusians do not support sending troops into Ukraine.

But that does not mean that President Vladimir Putin will not try to put pressure on Lukashenko and that Belarus will not join the offensive in the future. “There are no rational reasons — or irrational reasons for that matter — for Minsk to join, for Lukashenko to join,” Shraibman told AFP.—AFP

Finland amends law to bolster Russia border fence

FINNISH parliament passed legislation Thursday to build stronger fences on its border with Russia, as the country seeks to join NATO following Moscow’s invasion of Ukraine.

Finland reversed decades of military non-alignment by seeking membership in the military alliance in May, formally starting the process to join this week.

Fearing that Moscow could use migrants to exert political pressure, the new amendments

to Border Guard Act facilitate the construction of sturdier fences on the Nordic country’s 1,300-kilometre (800-mile) eastern border with Russia.

The aim of the law is to “improve the operational capacity of the border guard in responding to the hybrid threats,” Anne Ihanus, a senior adviser at the interior ministry, told AFP.

“The war in Ukraine has contributed to the urgency of the matter,” she added.—AFP

Former Japan PM Abe dies after being shot in Nara

FORMER Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is dead after being shot on Friday while delivering a stump speech in the western city of Nara two days ahead of a national election, a ruling party source said.

Japan's longest-serving leader was attacked by a 41-year-old man from behind at around 11:30 am when he was speaking in front of Kintetsu Railway's Yamato-Saidaiji Station, police said, adding he collapsed to the ground after two shots were heard. He was rushed to hospital with blood seen on his shirt.

Tetsuya Yamagami, a resident of Nara, was arrested at the scene on suspicion of attempted murder, the police said. The suspect was formerly a member of the Maritime Self-Defence Force, according to government sources.

"It's not a grudge against the political beliefs of former Prime Minister Abe," the Naha prefectural police quoted Yamagami as saying.

According to the disaster



Abe, Japan's longest-serving prime minister, held office in 2006 for one year and again from 2012 to 2020. Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe makes a speech at a cherry blossom viewing party held in Tokyo in April 2019. PHOTO: KYODO/FILE

management agency, Abe, who was prime minister until 2020, was also wounded and bleeding on the right side of his neck with internal bleeding confirmed in the left side of his chest.

After returning to his office in Tokyo by helicopter from Yamagata Prefecture where he was campaigning, Prime Minister Fumio Kishida condemned the shooting of the 67-year-old former leader "in the strongest

possible terms," saying such a barbaric act should never be tolerated.

The assailant's motive is not fully known, he said.

Abe, who was also the long-time leader of the ruling Lib-

eral Democratic Party, was in the city to support a candidate running in Sunday's House of Councillors election and there was a crowd of people listening to his speech near the railway station when the attack occurred.

A Kyodo News reporter at the scene saw the attacker silently approach Abe, who had been speaking for several minutes, before shooting him.

Loud screams were heard from the crowd and Abe fell to the ground seconds later. Yamagami was immediately apprehended by police officers.

A campaign staff member was seen desperately trying to revive Abe by pushing on his chest with both hands as he lay on the ground with his eyes closed. People nearby called for medical assistance. It is a rare case of a shooting in Japan, a country that has strict gun regulations.

Kishida and his Cabinet ministers later discussed the government's response to the incident.—Kyodo

Foreigners flock back to Spain bull-running fiesta

AS soon as Peter Millington heard that Spain's San Fermin fiesta would be held again this year after a two-year absence due to the pandemic, he started making travel arrangements. The 38-year-old British financial advisor has been a regular at Spain's most famous bull-running festival since he first attended the annual event in Pamplona as a university student, and

was keen to return. Millington said he booked his flight from London and made hotel reservations in February, just days after Pamplona's mayor announced that San Fermin would likely go ahead this year.

"There is nothing else like it, it's totally unique," he told AFP in the northern Spanish city on Wednesday when the nine-day fiesta officially opened.—AFP



About 40 per cent of all runners come from abroad, with Australia, the United States and Great Britain providing the most foreigners. PHOTO: AFP

EU warns of worst Palestinian displacement in 'decades'

AN EU envoy on Thursday warned of the possible mass displacement of Palestinians from an area of the West Bank that is at the center of a lengthy legal battle following a disputed Israeli court ruling.

European Union Ambassador to the Palestinian Territories, Sven Kuehn von Burgsdorff, issued the warning while touring Masafer Yatta in the occupied West Bank, where forced evictions of Palestinians have escalated after they began on 4 April.

"If there were to be mass evictions and forced displacement, it would be the largest forced displacement in decades — that's our concern here," he told AFP. Israel's Supreme Court ruled that the more than 1,000 residents of the Masafer Yatta villages had "failed to prove" their right to permanent residence in the area before the



Israeli forces remove a demonstrator during a protest by Palestinians and international activists in the Masafer Yatta area of the Israeli-occupied West Bank on 1 July 2022. PHOTO: MOSAB SHAWER AFP/FILE

army declared it a restricted military area called "Firing Zone 918".

The verdict ended a

two-decade legal battle and paved the way for Palestinians to be evicted from their homes.—AFP

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SPORT

Myanmar faces 1-3 loss against Viet Nam in AFF U-19 Championship

MYANMAR U-19 youth national football lost 1-3 to Viet Nam youth team in the AFF U-19 Championship at Madya Senayan Stadium in Jakarta, Indonesia on 8 July.

Head Coach U Soe Myat Min selected his favourite players including goalkeeper Hein Htet Soe, Lann Satt Aung, Hein Zaw Naing, Arkar Kyaw, Zaw Win Thein, Chit Aue, Moe Swe, La Min Htwe, Tun Tun Thein, Okkar Naing, and Khant Zaw Hein. Contrary, Viet Nam showed their best line-up with key players.

Viet Nam broke the deadlock even at the 3-minute-mark with a header of Nguyen Quoc Viet. After that, the Myanmar team tried to get equalizers but could not put pressure on Viet Nam effectively and lost 1-0 at the

end of the first half.

In the second half, the Myanmar team made changes, but the Viet Nam team got the second goal scored by Kuat Van Khang at 53 minutes and the third goal by Nguyen Quoc Viet at 90 minutes.

La Min Htwe scored the only goal for the Myanmar team in extra time in the second half.

Myanmar U-19 team will play against the Indonesia team on 10 July as the last match of the group. — GNLM



A Myanmar player (red) attempts to pass over the Viet Nam player (white) during their AFF U-19 Championship group match at Madya Senayan Stadium in Jakarta, Indonesia on 8 July 2022. PHOTO: MFF

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 to play Cambodia today in ASEAN Women's Football Championship

THE third day of Group B of the 2022 ASEAN Women's Championship will be held in the Philippines today and Myanmar will play against Cambodia.

Team Myanmar match will start at 2:30 pm (Myanmar Standard Time) and Viet Nam will also take on the Laos team at 5:30 pm (Myanmar Standard Time).

At the end of 7 July matches, Laos collected four points from two games in Group B while Myanmar and Viet Nam have three points each. Cambodia has one point from two games, while Timor-Leste has lost both.

With Myanmar facing Cambodia, they are almost certain to win again and need to score more goals.

The Cambodian women's team has only recently entered the ASEAN football world, and the Myanmar team has a lot of experience than the Cambodian team, so there is a good chance that the Myanmar team will win.

Myanmar beat Timor-Leste 7-0 in the first match of the group. After the match against the Cambodian team, Myanmar will take on Laos and Viet Nam next. —Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Myanmar National League's third week to begin today

THE third week of the 2022 Myanmar National League competition will be held from 9 to 14 July and the Defending Champion Shan United is meeting Yadanabon.

The opener of the third-week match will be played on 9 July between

ISPE FC and Hanthawady Team. On July 10, Mahar United will take on Ayeyawady United.

Shan United will play against Yadanabon United on 11 July and GFA team vs Myawady team match will be played on 13 July.

The match between

Rakhine and Yangon will be on 14 July.

Defending Champion Shan United and Yangon United have won two matches in a row after the second week of the Myanmar National League.

After the second week match, defending champi-

ons Shan United and Yangon are at the top of the table with two wins and six points collected each.

ISPE FC, Hanthawady United, Ayeyawady United, Myawady FC, and Maha United have won one match but Rakhine United and GFA have lost both matches and have not scored yet.

The highlight of this week is a clash between defending champions Shan United and Yadanabon, and Shan United must win to stay top of the table.

The competition is likely to be fierce as Yadanabon lost against Yangon in the second week.

The meeting between ISPE and Hanthawady could be a good match and every match for this week will be interesting because all teams are hungry for their victory. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM



Shan United players celebrate their victory after beating Yadanabon FC in the previous week's match of the Myanmar National League. PHOTO: THAW GYI