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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.

Lampi Marine National Park eyes more travellers in open season



THE Lampi Marine National Park in Myeik Archipelago of Bokpyin Township of Taninthayi Region conserves wild animals, birds, marine animals and plants having mangroves, evergreen and beach forests, and it also welcomes the local and foreign travellers with its natural beauty of the sea and richness in biodiversity.

Lampi Marine National Park is the only marine national park in Myanmar. It was designated as a marine national park on 28 February 1996 and ASEAN Heritage Park in 2013 and declared an Important Bird Area (IBA). There are Salon villages on Lampi Island and they contribute to the eco-tourism industry. The places are crowded with visitors between November and March.



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“We conducted the 10-year Habitat Restoration Action Plan at the Lampi Marine National Park since 2018/19. We collected bird populations starting from 2020 and mostly in October and March.

The processes are different from the data collection system of other wildlife sanctuaries. We conduct regular patrols, aware-

ness campaigns and research. We draft a 10-year management plan for the national park and cooperate with Italian organizations to conserve biodiversity. We also work with Tatmadaw (Navy) to curb the illegal trade. The eco-tourism runs as usual from October to March with local and foreign visitors. The park always welcomes visitors in the

open season as they can study the biodiversity, marine life, coral reef, three types of forests, rare bird species and culture of Salon people there,” said U Kyi Oo, warden of the park.

The Salon people reside in Makyongalet village on Bocho Island, Kophaw Island and Galet Island.

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National Objectives for 76th Anniversary of Union Day 2023

1. To strive for the perpetual existence of national solidarity and perpetuity of the Union through the internal strength
2. To make collaborative efforts of all ethnic nationals to restore perpetual and durable peace
3. To join hands in harmony for ensuring the prosperity and food sufficiency of the nation as two national plans through the Union spirit
4. To help develop all regions and states on equal terms and increase employment opportunities with ensuring the health and fitness of the entire National people
5. To practise the genuine, discipline-flourishing multiparty democratic system through fraternity, solidarity and united endeavours of all ethnic national brethren for building the Union based on democratic and federal systems

Statement of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission on the Status of its handling of complaints and on the Inspection of prisons, jails and lock-ups in Myanmar in 2022

Statement No 2/2023

1. Myanmar National Human Rights Commission carried out its main functions of Human Rights promotion and protection according to the Duties and Powers of the Commission stated in Chapter V of our Commission's Law.
2. According to the yearly plan, the Commission conducted inquiries in respect of complaints and allegations of human rights violations in accordance with Section 22 (c) of our Commission Law and visited the scene of human rights violations and conducted inquiries, on receipt of a complaint or allegations or information in accordance with Section 22 (d) of our Commission Law and the Commission inspected prisons, detention centres, police lockups and places of confinement in accordance with Section 22 (e) of our Commission Law.
3. During 2022, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission received 229 complaints on the violations addressed to the Commission. The complaint investigation team held 32 complaint screening meetings for examining these complaints and 39 cases were referred to the relevant departments and organizations. In 47 cases, the complainants were advised on more appropriate remedies and other channels of complaint and 143 cases were put on record.
4. The 143 complaints which are placed on record are the cases which are not in line with the criteria of complaint, the cases under trial before any court, cases under appeal or revision on the decision of any court, and cases that have been finally judged by any court. Since these complaints do not need further actions under the MNHRC law, the MNHRC puts them on the records systematically.
5. The MNHRC received 121 responses including responses to the complaints received in 2020 and 2021 from the relevant Union Ministries, Union-level organizations, Nay Pyi Taw Council, and State and Regional Governments relating to the complaints that MNHRC sent for necessary actions. Subsequently, the MNHRC informed the status of responses to the complainants.
6. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission inspected the prisons, jails, detention centres and places of confinement according to Section 43 of our Commission 2 Law, in order to ensure that persons imprisoned, detained or confined, are treated humanely and in accordance with international and national human rights laws and COVID-19 disease prevention instructions.
7. During 2022, the Commission inspected 18 prisons, four jails, 17 detention centres, 25 police lockups, three court detention centres, five youth centres, one childcare centre, one home for the aged and five schools for persons with disabilities.
8. The inspection team of the Commission inspected the prison, jails, detention centres and police lockups in accordance with the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners contained in paragraph 41 of Procedure of the MNHRC law to examine whether the prisoners and detainees have the rights to get personal items, healthcare services and purified drinking water.
9. Besides, the inspection team inspected whether there were human rights violations and torture cases in the prison and inspected the prisoners and detainees in order to ensure that they get the personal items and items sent by the family. Then, the inspection team interviewed 239 prisoners and detainees freely and privately.
10. The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission focused on human rights violations in complaint handling and inspection visits to prisons, jails, lockups and detention centres and urged the relevant departments to reply to our Commission in accordance with Section 38 of the Commission Law.
11. An individual may lodge a complaint with the Commission on his/her own behalf, on behalf of another person or on behalf of a group of persons with a similar cause of complaint concerning any alleged violation of human rights. To lodge complaints or allegations of human rights violations, a written complaint may be sent in person or by registered mail and express mail to No. (27), Pyay Road, Hlaing Township, Yangon. Complaints may be lodged by fax or email to Fax No. 01 654678 and email: <https://mnhrc.org.mm>.
12. As the Commission handled the complaints of human rights violations and was able to provide remedies for human rights violations and grievances in cooperation with the relevant government departments and organizations, complaints may be sent by the victims themselves or by any person on their behalf if the violations of 3 the rights of children, women, older persons and persons with disabilities occur. The complaint sent shall be attached with a copy of the CSC card.

Myanmar National Human Rights Commission

Dated 2 February 2023

Lampi Marine National Park eyes more travellers in open ...

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The local and foreign travellers can observe the living style, tradition and culture of Salon people and enjoy the sunset beauty of the ocean, the bedtime of the Hornbill, bats that search for food at night, the ecosystem of the park, water birds and animals, fish and oyster species, sandy beach, conduct research

on coral and black coral and take Kayak boat to enjoy the beauty of the national park.

Moreover, the people can make boat tours along the bay, channel and two rivers that flow throughout the year and watch the beauty of nearby islands and the ocean from the hills that are 455 metres above sea level.

The evergreen forest, sandy

beach and mangroves are concentrated there and are home to bottlenose dolphins, whale sharks, hornbills and Fly fox bats.

The officials conducted research together with an Italy-based NGO for the development of a national park and the research processes were suspended during the outbreak

of COVID-19. At that time, they launched vocational training sessions on mixed crop cultivation, sewing, language and value-added products derived from waste to the Salon people to support basic tourism.

A total of 188 bird species live in the marine national park in addition to over 60 species of mangroves, mammals, water

birds, resident birds, reptiles, amphibians, fish, crabs, snails, mussels, clams, sea cucumbers, seaweed and rare bird species. The International Union for Conservation of Nature also announced that they found seven new bird species and 17 endangered trees in the national park. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH

Cooperate for promotion of socioeconomic lives of farmers and the farming sector

AS the government has been fulfilling the need for agricultural water supply tasks constantly for the development of the agriculture sector, farmers are required to cooperate for promotion of socioeconomic lives of farmers and the farming sector in line with the term participatory irrigation management.

(The excerpt from the speech made by Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting on the enhancement of the agriculture sector and socioeconomic life of farmers by Participatory Irrigation Management on 26 August 2022)

SAC member attends fresher welcoming, prize awarding, project show of University for Computer Studies (Taunggyi)

THE fresher welcoming ceremony of the University for Computer Studies (Taunggyi) for the 2022-2023 academic year was held in conjunction with the prize awarding and the project show at the university yesterday.

Speaking at the event, State Administration Council Member Dr Kyaw Tun said the University for Computer Studies (Taunggyi) was opened as the Government Computer College on 15 August 2000 and training courses were started on 4 September 2000.

The Government Computer College was upgraded as a university on 20 January 2007 and now it is 23 years old. The university produced about 1,413 bachelor's degree holders in computer studies and computer technology, and post-graduate computer diploma



SAC member Dr Kyaw Tun speaks on the occasion of the fresher welcoming ceremony at the University for Computer Studies (Taunggyi) yesterday.

and master's degree holders and about 475 students are in the current academic year.

Then, the SAC member presented K1 million cash assistance provided by the

Shan State Government for the fresher welcome ceremony, prize awarding and the project show.

The SAC member, the chief justice of the Shan State High

Court and the state ministers presented prizes to outstanding students in the respective courses. Later, students from the University for Computer Studies (Taunggyi) entertained

them with Pa-O, Shan, Inn and Bagan traditional dances. The SAC member and party then viewed the booths of the project show displayed at the hall. —MNA/KTZH

SAC Central Advisory Body's head meets new MoEA Union Minister, staff



Leader U Saw Tun Aung Myint of the SAC's Central Advisory Body meets the new Union minister and staff from the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs yesterday.

U Saw Tun Aung Myint, leader of the Central Advisory Body of the State Administration Council, met Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Jeng Phang Naw Taung and staff at the ministry yesterday.

While giving the greeting

speech, the CAB head exhorted employees to follow the code of conduct and staff rules, live in line with the legal framework, stay free from party politics, treat one another as equals and live in harmony.

Next, Union Minister Jeng

Phang Naw Taung expressed that they were pleased to have the opportunity of meeting with the staff. All staff must work hard to achieve the objectives of the ministry, contribute their efforts together as unity is important, abide by the oath of loyalty of civil servants, follow up the Five-Point Road Map and Nine Objectives of the State Administration Council and continue to carry out the responsibilities of the State. Then, Deputy Minister U Zaw Aye Maung gave a farewell speech. The permanent secretary, directors-general, deputy permanent secretary, deputy directors-general and staff from the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs were present on the occasion. — MNA/TS

Public Notice for submitting objection

UNION Solidarity and Development Party with its headquarters located at Plot No 5, Corner of Yaza Thingaha Street and Shwe Pyi Taw Win Street, Dekkhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw applied on 1-2-2023 to be allowed continuity to exist and register as a political party under Section 25 of the Political Parties Registration Law. In such an application, it is reported that the party name, flag and emblem will be used as described.

Under Rule 14 (d) of the Registration of Political Parties, it is hereby announced to the public that those who wish to object to the name of the party, the flag and the emblem to be used by that organization may submit their objection to the Union Election Commission with valid evidence within seven days from the date of this announcement. —Union Election Commission



Flag design of the Union Solidarity and Development Party



Emblem of the Union Solidarity and Development Party

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Martial Law Order No 1/2023

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2 February 2023

1. The State Administration Council has entrusted Martial Law power related to administration and judicial measures to the commander of North-West Command under Section 419 of the Constitution to exercise more effective undertakings for ensuring security, the rule of law and local peace and tranquillity in the following townships in Sagaing Region and Chin State.

(a) Sagaing Region

- (1) Indaw Township
- (2) Bamauk Township
- (3) Kawlin Township
- (4) Pinlebu Township
- (5) Myaung Township
- (6) Salingyi Township
- (7) Pale Township
- (8) Yinnabin Township
- (9) KhinU Township
- (10) Taze Township
- (11) YeU Township

(b) Chin State

- (1) Tiddim Township
- (2) Tonzang Township
- (3) Falam Township
- (4) Kanpetlet Township
- (5) Matupi Township
- (6) Thantlang Township
- (7) Haka Township

2. The military command commander himself can exercise Martial Law power as well as transfer the power to military region commanders depending on the timely changing of situations.

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Martial Law Order No 3/2023

13th Waxing of Tabodwe 1384 ME
2 February 2023

1. The State Administration Council has entrusted Martial Law power related to administration and judicial measures to the commander of Southern Command under Section 419 of the Constitution to exercise more effective undertakings for ensuring security, the rule of law and local peace and tranquillity in the following townships in Bago Region.

- (a) Htantabin Township
- (b) Okpo Township
- (c) Nattalin Township
- (d) Paungde Township
- (e) Paukkaung Township

2. The military command commander himself can exercise Martial Law power as well as transfer the power to military region commanders depending on the timely changing of situations.

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Martial Law Order No 4/2023

13th Waxing of Tabodwe 1384 ME
2 February 2023

1. The State Administration Council has entrusted Martial Law power related to administration and judicial measures to the commander of South-East Command under Section 419 of the Constitution in Ye Township of Mon State and Kya-in-Seikkyi and Kawkareik townships in Kayin State in the area of South-East Command to exercise more effective undertakings for ensuring security, the rule of law and local peace and tranquillity.

2. The military command commander himself can exercise Martial Law power as well as transfer the power to military region commanders depending on the timely changing of situations.

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Martial Law Order No 2/2023

13th Waxing of Tabodwe 1384 ME
2 February 2023

1. The State Administration Council has entrusted Martial Law power to the commander of North-West Command under Section 419 of the Constitution to exercise more effective undertakings for ensuring security, the rule of law and local peace and tranquillity in the following townships of Magway Region in the area of the North-West Command.

- (a) Gangaw Township
- (b) Htilin Township
- (c) Saw Township
- (d) Pauk Township
- (e) Myaing Township

2. The military command commander himself can exercise the authority as well as transfer the power to military region commanders depending on the timely changing of situations.

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Martial Law Order No 5/2023

13th Waxing of Tabodwe 1384 ME
2 February 2023

1. The State Administration Council has entrusted Martial Law power related to administration and judicial measures to the commander of Coastal Region Command under Section 419 of the Constitution in Taninthayi and Palaw townships of Taninthayi Region in the area of Coastal Region Command to exercise more effective undertakings for ensuring security, the rule of law and local peace and tranquillity.

2. The military command commander himself can exercise Martial Law power as well as transfer the power to military region commanders depending on the timely changing of situations.

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Martial Law Order No 6/2023

13th Waxing of Tabodwe 1384 ME
2 February 2023

1. The State Administration Council has entrusted Martial Law power to the commander of the Regional Control Command (Loikaw) under Section 419 of the Constitution to exercise more effective undertakings for ensuring security, the rule of law and local peace and tranquillity in the following townships of Kayah State in the area of the Regional Control Command (Loikaw).

- (a) Demawhso Township
- (b) Pruhsso Township
- (c) Shadaw Township
- (d) Bawlakhe Township

2. The Commander of the Regional Control Command himself can exercise the power as well as transfer the power to military region commanders depending on the timely changing of situations.

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Order No 14/2023

13th Waxing of Tabodwe 1384 ME
2 February 2023

Transfer and Duty Assignment

The State Administration Council has transferred and assigned the following persons to duties for Deputy Ministers of Service Organizations shown against each of their names under Section 419 of the Constitution.

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| (1) Daw Nu Mra Zan
Member
Union Election Commission | Deputy Minister
Ministry of Religious Affairs and
Culture |
| (2) Dr Moe Zaw Tun
Deputy Minister
Ministry of Religious Affairs and
Culture | Deputy Minister
Ministry of Education |

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Order No 15/2023

13th Waxing of Tabodwe 1384 ME
2 February 2023

**Appointment and Duty Assignment of
Deputy Minister**

The State Administration Council has appointed Dr Tin Htut as Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation under Section 419 of the Constitution.

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
State Administration Council
Order No 16/2023

13th Waxing of Tabodwe 1384 ME
2 February 2023

Return to Military Duties granted

The State Administration Council has granted Maj-Gen Soe Tint Naing, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Home Affairs, to return to the original military duties under Section 419 of the Constitution.

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

**Mottos for 76th Anniversary of
Union Day 2023**

- 1. Let's go forward in joining hands among ethnic nationals in unison
- 2. Let's firmly join hands among national brethren of the Union in unity
- 3. Energetic harmony and stronger unity represent the souls of the Union

**Public Notice for elimination
of violence**

- 1. SO called "CRPH", "NUG" and "PDF" terrorist groups are unlawfully committing killings of monks, teachers, civil servants and general people and looting under the pretext of saying "for the people".
- 2. Not rendering of encouragement, support and assistance to the "CRPH", "NUG" and "PDF" terrorists that are committing intimidations, killings and destructive activities could be construed as protecting lives and property of general public.
- 3. Giving information secretly relating to bearing of their arms, ammunition and terrorists to authorities could be tantamount to protecting lives and property of innocent people.

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Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Martial Law Order No 7/2023

13th Waxing of Tabodwe 1384 ME
2 February 2023

1. Under the State Administration Council's Martial Law Orders 1/2023, 2/2023, 3/2023, 4/2023, 5/2023 and 6/2023 dated 2 February 2023, the council has transferred the executive and judiciary power to the Commander of North-West Command, the Commander of Southern Command, the Commander of South-East Command, the Commander of Coastal Region Command and the Commander of Regional Control Command (Loikaw) to exercise the Martial Law under Section 419 of the State Constitution in order to enforce security, the rule of law and community peace in the designated townships in the martial law areas of the North-West Command, the Southern Command, the South-East Command, the Coastal Region Command and the Regional Control Command (Loikaw).

2. Local administration bodies in the areas which have been placed under Martial Law shall carry out their respective tasks under the command of the Commander of North-West Command, the Commander of Southern Command, the Commander of South-East Command, the Commander of Coastal Region Command and the Commander of Regional Control Command (Loikaw).

3. The Commander of North-West Command, the Commander of Southern Command, the Commander of South-East Command, the Commander of Coastal Region Command and the Commander of Regional Control Command (Loikaw) shall designate the military regions and can appoint military region commanders under the martial law orders, with the approval of the State Administration Council Chairman.

4. The Commander of North-West Command, the Commander of Southern Command, the Commander of South-East Command, the Commander of Coastal Region Command and the Commander of Regional Control Command (Loikaw) shall accomplish the following tasks by himself, or military region commanders or an appropriate person or a body he transferred the power.

(a) Administration

- (a) Security measures
- (b) Social issues
- (c) Trade issues
- (d) Transport issues

(b) Judiciary

- (1) **Formation of courts:** The Commander of North-West Command, the Commander of Southern Command, the Commander of South-East Command, the Commander of Coastal Region Command and the Commander of Regional Control Command (Loikaw) shall decide criminal cases that occurred during the martial law period at courts formed under the existing law or Military Tribunal.
- (2) **Deciding cases at Military Tribunal:** Criminal cases can be heard and decided by Military Tribunal in a summary way.
- (3) **Punishment:** Following punishments shall be sentenced by a Military Tribunal under the existing laws for anyone who is found guilty of crimes mentioned in Appendix-A.
 - (AA) Death Sentence
 - (BB) Prison sentence with hard labour for unlimited years
 - (CC) The highest punishment designated in the light of respective crimes
- (4) **Approval:** The decisions and sentences handed down by Military Tribunal shall be final. However, a death sentence shall be approved only with the approval of the State Administration Council's Chairman. An unlimited years-prison sentence shall be approved with the approval of the relevant command commander or the commander of Regional Control Command. Following are the rights for exercising the rights for approval.
 - (AA) Abolishing a decision of a case
 - (BB) Commuting a sentence
 - (CC) Changing a sentence to another lesser one
 - (DD) Approving the conviction
- (5) **Appealing:** No appeal for decisions or convictions handed down by Military Tribunal.
- (6) **Applying for reversal of decisions:** If a death sentence is handed down by a Military Tribunal, applying to the State Administration Council's Chairman can be made for reversal of the decision within

15 days from the day of conviction. Reversal for other punishments can be applied to the relevant military command commanders or the commander of Regional Control Command within 15 days after the convictions. The State Administration Council Chairman or the relevant military command commanders or commander of Region Control Command can reverse the decision. The rights for exercising power for reversal of the decision are as follows: -

- (AA) Abolishing a decision of a case
- (BB) Commuting a sentence
- (CC) Changing a correction to another lesser one
- (DD) Approving the conviction

- (7) The Chairman of the State Administration Council or the relevant military command commanders or the commander of Regional Control Command not only can exercise the rights mentioned in the above sub-para (6) but also can increase the punishment.

5. The Commander of North-West Command, the Commander of Southern Command, the Commander of South-East Command, the Commander of Coastal Region Command and the Commander of Regional Control Command (Loikaw) can form an advisory body for martial law to get assistance for performing his duties.

6. The Commander of North-West Command, the Commander of Southern Command, the Commander of South-East Command, the Commander of Coastal Region Command and the Commander of Regional Control Command (Loikaw) shall report to the Chairman of the State Administration Council on the situation of the martial law areas.

By Order,

Aung Lin Dwe
Lieutenant-General
Secretary
State Administration Council

Appendix-A

Crimes to be heard by Military Tribunal

1. High Treason (Section 122 of the Criminal Procedure Code)
2. Attempt to excite disaffection towards the Government (Section 124-A of the Penal Code)
3. Sabotage or hinder the performance of the Tatmadaw of the Union or law enforcement organizations (Section 124-C of the Penal Code)
4. Disrupts or hinders the Tatmadaw and Government employees (Section 124-D of the Penal Code)
5. Section 505 of the Penal Code
6. Cause fear, spread false news, agitate directly or indirectly criminal offence against a Government employee (Section 505-A of the Penal Code)
7. Cases against unlawful associations act
8. Cases against weaponry act
9. Murder cases
10. Death cases
11. Rape cases
12. Robbery cases
13. Banditry cases
14. Corruption cases
15. Cases against the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law (1993)
16. Cases against the Protection of Public Properties Act
17. Cases against the Protection of Public Properties Law (1963)
18. Cases against the News and Media Law
19. Cases against the Printing and Publishing Law
20. Cases against the Myanmar Immigration (provisional) Act (1947)
21. Cases against the Electronic Communications Law
22. Cases against the Ward or Village-tract Administration Law
23. Cases against the Anti-Terrorism Law

LOCAL BUSINESS

Pigeon pea price regains to above K1.9 mln per tonne

THE price of pigeon peas bounced back to over K1.9 million per tonne after a one-month fall.

On 1 January, the pigeon pea fetched K1,755,000 per tonne in the domestic market, whereas it climbed to K1,930,000 per tonne on 1 February.

The figures indicated an increase of K175,000 per tonne.

The price is positively related to the Kyat-US dollar exchange rate, India's policy on pulses and its demand, traders pointed out.

The hard currency is exchanged at K2,860 in the unofficial market. In August 2022, weakening Kyat to K4,500 against the US dollar drove the pigeon pea price up to K2.12 million per tonne.

At present, India needs to meet its consumption requirement for pulses so the demand has risen again, traders elaborated.



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Additionally, India notified on 28 December that the free import policy of black gram (urad) and pigeon pea (tur) extended up to March 2024, making the exports stagnant, traders pointed out.

New pigeon peas are flowing into the market at present.

Myanmar bagged over US\$1 billion from to export more than 1.3 million tonnes of pulses over the past ten months in the current financial year 2022-2023 (April-March). Of them, pigeon pea export earned \$115.051 million from 146,358.152 kilogrammes, the

Ministry of Commerce's statistics showed.

Myanmar primarily exports black gram, green gram and pigeon peas. Of them, black gram and pigeon peas are mainly sent to India while green grams are shipped to China and Europe.

India has growing demand and consumption requirements for black gram and pigeon peas. According to a Memorandum of Understanding between Myanmar and India signed on 18 June 2021, India will import 250,000 tonnes of black gram and 100,000 tonnes of pigeon peas (tur) from Myanmar for five consecutive years from 2021-2022 financial year to 2025-2026 FY. This G-to-G pact will not affect the pulses' annual quota set by India. Myanmar's exporters are also entitled to deliver the pulses to India under that annual quota.

Myanmar yearly produces approximately 400,000 tonnes of black gram and about 50,000 tonnes of pigeon peas. Myanmar is the top producer of the black gram that is primarily demanded by India, while pigeon peas, green grams and chickpeas are cultivated in Australia and African countries besides Myanmar. — NN/EM

Palm oil market price exceeds K6,000 per viss despite reference price of K4,430

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil in the Yangon market is set at K4,430 per viss this week yet the market price is too high at over K6,000 per viss, as per the edible oil market's price data.

The Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia including transport costs, tariffs and banking services, and issuing the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil every week.

If those edible oil retailers and wholesalers are found overcharging, storing inventory intentionally and attempting unscrupulous action to manipulate the market, they will face legal action under the Essential Supplies and Service Act, MoC released a statement.

At present, mobile market trucks operated by oil importing companies, in coordination with Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association, were back to business in some townships on 17 July to offer palm oil at a subsidized rate. They sell

palm oil at K4,650 per viss to consumers directly. However, there are limited sources of supply although they directly sell palm oil at a reference rate depending on the volume quota.

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



A vendor is seen selling the palm oil.

Prices of fuel oil, gold and dollar on 2 February 2023

Fuel Oil Price (Yangon)

Octane 92	K2,200
Octane 95	K2,620
Diesel	K2,410
Premium Diesel	K2,490

All of the prices are based on per litre.

Gold Price

The reference price of high-purity gold set by YGEA	K2,303,200 per tical
High-purity gold in the gold market	K2,885,000 per tical

Dollar Price

A US dollar set by the Central Bank of Myanmar	K2,100
A US dollar in the forex market	K2,850 to K2,865

The above prices may change from time to time.

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OPINION

Number and name more than 800 islands in Taninthayi Region

FASCINATED picturesque views off and inshore of Myanmar coastal areas are attractive to local and foreign travellers. Hence, it is necessary to efficiently utilize these picturesque views in resurging the tourism industry of the country.

More than 800 islands small and large are mushrooming in the Myanmar water territory off and inshore of the Taninthayi Region coast. Most of these islands are virgin without any visits from homegrown and international travellers. Hence, these virgin islands do not face any disturbances of animals and humans at any time.

Currently, the Taninthayi Region government has adopted a plan to number and name these islands as part of protecting the Taninthayi coastal area as well as the Myanmar water territory. To do so, the regional work committee was formed for implementing seven objectives to number the islands whether they have been named or not, among other islands along the coastal area of the Taninthayi Region. But, the process of numbering and naming must meet international standards.

Systematic counting of the number of islands and locations at

the sea of Taninthayi coastal area will help safeguard the sea territory and coastal area meeting international standards, and if some disputes happen, we can rebut the disputes clearly.

More than 800 islands scatter in the sea offshore the Taninthayi Region, attracting local and foreign travellers to take relaxation. So, relevant authorities need to create charming tourist destinations for local and foreign travellers so that incomes can be earned as well as job opportunities can be created for local people. Hence, the authorities have to systematically verify the locations and number of those islands.

Some of the more than 800 islands are famous in the tourism arena. These islands have been facilitated to accommodate visitors who wish to enjoy the scenic beauties of the Myanmar sea and natural resources. In this regard, publications featuring the sceneries of Myanmar's coastal area and

panoramic views of islands and water creatures as well as services on how to give transportation and food supplies to travellers to these islands should be distributed to local and international travellers as part of advertising these locations and catching the attention of travellers.

There remain uncountable numbers of tourist attractive sites across the nation. Hence, relevant authorities and local people need to expose these fascinating tourist destinations based on various kinds of tourism services such as ecotourism, community-based tourism and so on in order to enhance Myanmar's tourism industry while uplifting the socio-economic status of the local people.

SLEEP plays a vital role in good health and well-being throughout our life. While sleeping, the body is working to support healthy brain function and maintain physical health. In children and teens, sleep also helps support growth and development.

Getting inadequate sleep over time, in other words, sleep deprivation or total sleeplessness can raise the risk for chronic health problems. On the other hand, depression is classified as a mood disorder. It may be described as feelings of sadness, loss, or anger that interfere with a person's everyday activities.

Sleeplessness and depression seem separate variables, sometimes they are correlated; in the worst way, mutually dependent and kill. The combination of depression and insomnia (sleeplessness) definitely made things worse. It's becoming increasingly clear that these two things are linked. German meta-analysis in 2011 showed that insomnia doubles the risk of developing depression compared with those who have no sleep difficulties. Follow-up research in 2020 found these conditions have a mutual relationship.

Globally, both insomnia and depression affect millions of peo-

ple. The world health organisation estimates 264 million people globally experience depression.

And some people experience both simultaneously. Sleep disorders and depression often occurs together. Up to 80 per cent of depression is accompanied by sleep disorders. They are like siblings. And about half the number of people with insomnia also felt the symptoms of depression. In such people, the risk of developing depression is up to three times higher, compared with people without sleep disorders.

Both conditions can negatively affect health: people with chronic insomnia are more likely to have a weaker immune system and get sick more often. Besides, they had a greater risk of high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes and heart disease: people with chronic depression are more likely to experience stress, chronic pain or weight gain - also they may be at risk of misusing drugs or alcohol. Nobody knows which may

come first, insomnia or depression. Research shows that treating one condition may improve symptoms of both. The chicken or the egg first is not matter. To catch the things that might help both conditions is more important.

People with insomnia may have trouble shutting down their minds at bedtime.

In a good sleeper, the whole brain and all relevant brain centres go into a sleep state. In insomniacs, some parts of the brain do not sleep as deeply. Repeated losing sleep this way can affect mood. Sleep-deprived persons may more likely to be irritable, a bit exhausted, and a bit likely to want to interact socially the next day. Most people want to control their sleep, but they can't; sleep is involuntary. Chronic sleeplessness means feeling helpless which is a typical feature of depression.

One classic symptom of depression is altered sleep habits. Many people with depression ex-

perience insomnia as well. Often depression is diagnosed through a checklist, and that includes sleeplessness as well as irritability, the feeling of sadness and so on. Sometimes, traumatic life circumstances such as the death of a spouse elicit such strong responses that people may experience both depression and insomnia.

Coping with insomnia or depression by itself may seem draining; having both problems simultaneously may feel like a great challenge. If severe depression is coupled with insomnia, one shouldn't neglect insomnia. But it is good to have an eye on both. There is some evidence that identifying and treating insomnia symptoms early can reduce depression symptoms and also prevent them from becoming worse in the future.

Modest changes may reduce depression risk and protect against insomnia.

For that, we don't need to rush off to see a specialist. Well, what we can do for lifestyle changes that mitigate depression or both. Physical exercise is very



Insomnia is a common sleep disorder. With insomnia, you may have trouble falling asleep, staying asleep, or getting good quality sleep. **ILLUSTRATION: FREEPIK**

important for good sleep and protection against depression, as are healthy eating habits and staying off alcohol. Moreover, quitting smoking may be helpful. Be active and go back to the things

that you're interested in, and give you pleasure. Opening up to a trusted or bosom friend about the struggles with insomnia or depressed mood may help.

If there are still issues after

that, one might need to seek help from well experienced healthcare professional. Sleeping pills may be just temporary relief.

In long term, drug dependence may develop. And the med-

icines won't address underlying causes of insomnia. A hypnotic treatment works well in the short term.

But it doesn't do anything to address sleep issues in a sustained way. Learning other techniques that may more effectively help is another option. Cognitive behavioural therapy for insomnia (CBT-I) is such a technique. It involves thought-stopping and physical-and-mental relaxation tactics and can have a positive effect on both disorders.

If the above-mentioned ones are not enough, you can try other simpler ways. Mindfulness and the regular taking of religious works are among them. They are not the road-end. There are more ways in psychiatric medicine to treat them; like talk therapy and antidepressants. Not all antidepressants have the same impact on insomnia. Once or more in a lifetime almost everybody may encounter insomnia or depression or both. It is unavoidable. With advanced knowledge and treatments in both fields, a sufferer today may get better chances to heal.

But you are the owner of your mind and body. The duty to care for them is mostly yours. Not health professionals.

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Artificial intelligence helps to identify high-affinity antibody drugs



Artificial intelligence aids the discovery of super tight-binding antibodies which could accelerate the development of new antibody drugs. **PHOTO: FOR REPRESENTATIONAL PURPOSE ONLY/ANI**

AMETHOD for finding high-affinity antibody therapeutics that is based on artificial intelligence (AI) has been created by researchers at the University of California San Diego School of Medicine.

In the findings of the study published in Nature Communications, researchers used the approach to identify a new antibody that binds a major cancer target 17-fold tighter than an existing antibody drug. The authors say the pipeline could accelerate the discovery of novel drugs against cancer and other diseases such as COVID-19 and rheumatoid arthritis.

A successful drug

In order to be a successful drug, an antibody has to bind tightly to its target. To find such

antibodies, researchers typically start with a known antibody amino acid sequence and use bacterial or yeast cells to produce a series of new antibodies with variations of that sequence.

These mutants are then evaluated for their ability to bind the target antigen.

The subset of antibodies that work best are then subjected to another round of mutations and evaluations, and this cycle repeats until a set of tightly-binding finalists emerges. Despite this long and expensive process, many of the resulting antibodies still fail to be effective in clinical trials. In the new study, UC San Diego scientists designed a state-of-the-art machine learning algorithm to accelerate and streamline these efforts.

The approach starts similarly, with researchers generating

an initial library of about half a million possible antibody sequences and screening them for their affinity to a specific protein target.

But instead of repeating this process over and over again, they feed the dataset into a Bayesian neural network which can analyze the information and use it to predict the binding affinity of other sequences.

"With our machine learning tools, these subsequent rounds of sequence mutation and selection can be carried out quickly and efficiently on a computer rather than in the lab," said senior author Wei Wang, PhD, professor of Cellular and Molecular Medicine at UC San Diego School of Medicine. One particular advantage of their AI model is its ability to report the certainty of each prediction.

To prioritize in drug development

"Unlike a lot of AI methods, our model can actually tell us how confident it is in each of its predictions, which helps us rank the antibodies and decide which ones to prioritize in drug development," said Wang.

To validate the pipeline, project scientists and co-first authors of the study Jonathan Parkinson, PhD, and Ryan Hard, PhD, set out to design an antibody against programmed death ligand 1 (PD-L1), a protein highly expressed in cancer and the target of several commercially available anti-cancer drugs. Using this approach, they identified a novel antibody that bound to PD-L1 17 times better than atezolizumab (brand name Tecentriq), the wild-type antibody approved for clinical use by the US Food

and Drug Administration.

The researchers are now using this approach to identify promising antibodies against other antigens, such as SARS-CoV-2. They are also developing additional AI models that analyze amino acid sequences for other antibody properties important for clinical trial success, such as stability, solubility and selectivity.

"By combining these AI tools, scientists may be able to perform an increasing share of their antibody discovery efforts on a computer instead of at the bench, potentially leading to a faster and less failure-prone discovery process," said Wang.

"There are so many applications to this pipeline, and these findings are really just the beginning."

SOURCE: ANI

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Total trade volume tops US\$51 mln at Muse and Myawady borders in Jan 2nd week

THE trade volume between Myanmar and China during the period from 14 to 20 January stood at US\$24.312 million, according to the statistics of the Ministry of Commerce.

\$9.415 million worth of agricultural produce including rice, broken rice, corn, bean, musk melon and turmeric root was exported through the Muse border and \$14.897 million of cotton fabrics, vehicles and vehicle accessories, machinery and equipment, plastic raw materials, fertilizers, iron and steel construction materials, agricultural trailers and other vehicles, and

lace and knitted fabrics was imported.

In the same period, the trade value between Myanmar and Thailand registered \$26.817 million. \$9.021 million worth of rice, peanut, black sesame, onion, coffee beans, fish and shrimp were exported through the Myawady border trade zone and \$17.796 worth of wires, motorcycles and motorcycle accessories, bicycle spare parts, petroleum products, polish paints, leather, materials made of artificial leather, plastic raw materials, iron and steel products were imported. — TWA/CT



A truck convoy is seen waiting to enter the Myawady Trade Zone.

Triple Dhamma literary award winner Sayagyi Wunna Thiri passes away

TRIPLE lifetime Dhamma literary award winner veteran writer Sayagyi Wunna Thiri (aka) U Aung Khant passed away at his home in Monywa at 1.30 pm on 2 February.

The book with the title of Lifetime Diary of Ashin Ananda for volume I and 2, younger brother of the Lord Buddha, written as a great masterpiece by the veteran writer was first published by Sabei Oo in October 1977. Sarpay Lawka literature house published the book for the seventh, eighth and ninth times in February 2022, in May 2012 and in February 2022. The literati took a long time to compile the book by overcoming many kinds of difficulties.

The doyen literati was born of father U Kyaing and

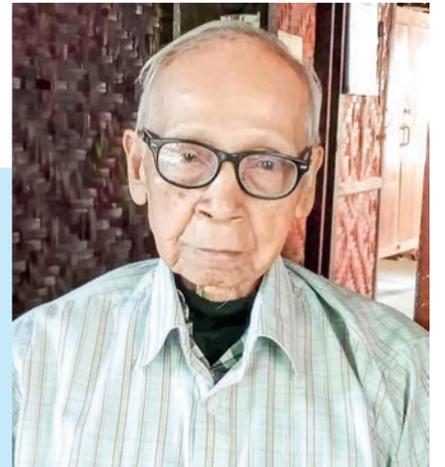
mother Daw Sein Yin on Sunday, 1st waning of late Tagu, 1297 ME, in Kyitwin Ward of Monywa Township.

He, the novice, started learning education at Maha Zawtikarama monastery in Monywa in 1954 and passed three levels of Pahtamapayan examinations. In his monkhood, he passed the lecturer exam in 1961 with Pali and Myanmar distinctions and secured the Sasana Dhaja Siripavara Dhammacariya Vinaya Pali Paragu title in his fifth vasa.

He started writing short humorous stories in the Ahi journal with a pen name Phone Phone. He continued to use that pen name in writing stories in Myawady and Ngwetayi magazines from 1968 to 1970.

He used the pen name

Sayagyi Wunna Thiri is seen before passing.



Ashin Wunnasiri for the book "Wimotti Sasana" published in 1974. He compiled the world mirror of the Buddha, the lifetime diary of Nyidaw Ananda, and the great son Rahul of the Lord Buddha. He became a layman in 1981 and used the pen name Wunna Thiri for books on Nyidaw Nanda and Janapada Kalyani,

great Arhat and 550 stories.

The Dhamma Beikman Committee conferred a lifetime Dhamma literary award on the doyen literati. He also secured Dhammacariya U Aye Naing lifetime literary award and San Lwin lifetime literary award. — Myo Win Tun (Monywa)/TTA

YBS buses prioritized filling their tanks at CNG outlets: YRTC

YRTC is making arrangements to give priority to YBS buses filling up at CNG stations to facilitate public transport and to reduce the long-queue hours resulting from periodic power outages.

The YRTC will coordinate with the regional government and MOGE to solve the problem of passengers having to wait for a long time at bus stops and to increase the number of buses.

Out of 42 CNG outlets in Yangon, YBS buses get CNG at 32 stations together with other vehicles. Therefore, arrangements are going to be made to designate some outlets only for YBS buses. — TWA/MKKS

Weekly market update of dry groceries at Bayintnaung Wholesale Centre

THE prices of onion, Kyukok garlic, palm oil and chilli pepper declined at the Bayintnaung Wholesale Market in Yangon for a week ending 31 January 2023. Meanwhile, the price of Chinese potatoes rose slightly on low supply.

Onion

Bayintnaung Wholesale market saw the entry of 450,000 visses of new onions on 30 and 31 January 2023. The prices moved in the range of K1,500 and K2,200 per viss depending on the quality, size and producing areas (Seikphyu, Myingyan and Myittha) last Wednesday.

On 31 January, the price of onions from the Myittha area hit the highest of 1,900 per viss in the Mandalay market, while those from the Pakokku area also fetched K1,300 per viss. With about 100,000 visses of onions daily flowing into Myingyan depot, the highest price of onions was only K1,400 per viss on 30 January.

As supply outstrips demand, the price is likely to drop below K1,000 per viss, the market observers from regions outside Yangon forecast.

Garlic

Although the price

of local garlic from Shan State (Aungban area) stayed on the high side, Kyukok garlic price is decreasing.

The wholesale price of the Kyukok garlic variety was approximately K3,450 per viss on 31 January 2023, while the local garlic from Shan State (Aungban) fetched K5,100-6,300 per viss.

Potato

Chinese potato prices escalated to K2,300 per viss these days, while the prices of Shan potatoes moved in the range between K1,750 and K2,100 per viss.

Chilli pepper

The wholesale prices of chilli peppers were K13,000-14,000 per viss for long chilli pepper and K11,000-12,000 for the Moehtaung variety. The prices of bell peppers from the Sinphyukyun area were K15,000-16,000 per viss.

Palm oil

The wholesale reference price of palm oil in the Yangon Region for three consecutive weeks from 16 January to 5 February has been set at K4,430-4,440. The reference price hovered unchanged. However, the

market price rallied compared to the reference price. The delivery order price of palm oil increased to K6,250 per viss on 30 January from K6,000 on 16 January.

Rice

The price of broken rice stood at K41,400-42,000 per bag on 31 January. The new low-grade rice was valued at K46,000-54,000 per bag depending on varieties (Ngasein, Pawkywe and rice grown under intercropping system). The new Pawsan rice prices peaked at K62,000-88,000 per bag depending on the producing areas (Pyapon,

Myaungmya and Shwebo).

The old Pawsan rice prices rocketed to K75,000-107,000 per bag depending on the producing areas.

Pulses

The prices of various pulses stood at over K1,752,500 per tonne of black gram (Fair Average Quality/RC), K1,977,500 per tonne of black gram (Special Quality/RC), K1,900,000 per tonne of pigeon pea (red gram) RC, K4,000 -4,300 per viss of chickpea and K2,800-2,920 per viss of green gram (Kayan Shwewah variety) in Yangon markets. — TWA/EM

HEALTH/PANDEMIC WORLD

African nations commit to ending AIDS in children by 2030

TWELVE African countries on Wednesday spelt out plans for ending AIDS in children by 2030 through an array of HIV testing, treatment and prevention programmes.

The 2030 goal, which was announced by UNAIDS last year, was unanimously backed by representatives from the 12 nations gathered in Tanzania's Dar es Salaam.

"All of us in our capacities must have a role to play to end AIDS in children," Tanzanian Vice President Philip Mpango told the conference.

"We must not remain complacent. 2030 is at our doorstep," he added. The Dar es Salaam Declaration was announced at the first ministerial meeting of the Global Alliance to end AIDS in Children, which brings together the 12 countries with UNAIDS and other health agencies.

The 12 nations are Angola, Cameroon, Ivory Coast, DR Congo, Kenya, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.



AIDS activists have used protests to demand access to treatment. PHOTO: JIM WATSON/AFP

UNAIDS said in a statement that a child dies from AIDS-related causes every five minutes.

Just half of children living with HIV worldwide are receiving antiretroviral treatments which can stave off AIDS, compared to three-quarters of adults with HIV, it added.

The new plan includes early testing for children, increasing treatment for pregnant women

with HIV, preventing infections among breastfeeding women and addressing rights and gender barriers that hinder access to services. UNAIDS Executive Director Winnie Byanyima told the meeting "it feels me with hope that all of us in this room have committed" to the 2030 goal. "It's a winnable fight. It's a fight for our children," she added.—AFP

Trees could cut urban heatwave mortality by a third: study

PLANTING more trees in urban areas to lower summertime temperatures could decrease deaths directly linked to hot weather and heatwaves by a third, researchers said Wednesday.

Modelling found that increasing tree cover to 30 per cent would shave off 0.4 degrees

Celsius (0.7 degrees Fahrenheit) locally, on average, during hot summer months, they reported in *The Lancet*.

Of the 6,700 premature deaths attributed to higher temperatures in 93 European cities during 2015, one third could have been prevented, according to the

findings.

Currently, just under 15 per cent of urban environments in Europe, on average, are covered by some kind of foliage.

The study is the first to project the number of premature deaths due to higher temperatures in cities that could be prevented by additional tree cover, said lead author Tamar Iungman, a researcher at the Barcelona Institute for Global Health. "We already know that high temperatures in urban environments are associated with negative health outcomes, such as cardiorespiratory failure, hospital admission, and premature death," he said in a statement. "Our goal is to inform local policy and decision-makers about the benefits of strategically integrating green infrastructure into urban planning in order to promote more sustainable, resilient and healthy urban environments."—AFP



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Countries call for WHO swift action on sexual abuse

MORE than 50 countries on Tuesday told the World Health Organization that they wanted perpetrators of sexual abuse within the WHO to be swiftly held to account.

Survivors of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment (SEAH) must also be given proper support, the countries told the UN health agency's executive board meeting.

The WHO has been under intense pressure to make far-reaching changes following revelations in 2020 of widespread sexual abuse by humanitarian workers in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

British ambassador Simon Manley delivered a joint state-

ment on behalf of 57 countries, voicing "deep concerns" about allegations of SEAH, and the alleged abuse of authority by WHO staff and contractors.

The countries included all 27 EU member states, South Africa, India, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, Chile, Japan, the United States, Canada, Australia, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, South Korea and Ukraine.

They recognized that progress had been made in recent years, and praised the bravery of survivors and whistleblowers in speaking out.

"Building a culture based on integrity, transparency and accountability is crucial," the countries said.—AFP



Indian school students participate in an awareness Campaign against Child Sex Abuse (CSA) in Hyderabad on 19 November 2014, the World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cairo hospital fire kills three

A fire that broke out Wednesday in a hospital in north Cairo killed three people and injured 32 others, the Egyptian health ministry said.

"The fire started at the radiology ward in a charity-run hospital in the district of Matariya," ministry spokesman Hossam Abdelghaffar was quoted as saying by official media.

He did not elaborate on the cause of the fire, which was later brought under control.

The megalopolis of Cairo is home to some 20 million people, many of them living in informal residential areas with dilapidated infrastructure.

Deadly blazes, often caused by short circuits, are relatively common in the city and elsewhere in Egypt, a country of 104 million inhabitants.

A fire that tore through a Coptic Christian church in the greater Cairo neighbourhood of Imbaba last year killed 41 people, in one of the deadliest incidents in years.—AFP

ECONOMY WORLD

Electric car sales gain pace despite hurdles



A GAC Group electric car model, the Aion Y, is displayed at an automobile expo in Shanghai in April 2022. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

THE electrification of the auto industry is gathering pace, particularly in Europe, where the sale of new cars running on petrol and diesel will end in 2035.

But challenges remain around their production, affordability and whether enough infrastructure can be put in place to persuade drivers to make the switch.

China in pole position

European carmakers were hobbled in 2022 by a lack of semiconductors, the computer chips that are key for numerous sys-

tems on all types of cars.

But electric car sales held up quite well.

China is a leader in the electrification of cars, with favourable policies and EV sales that have doubled in 2022. But experts have warned sales could slow there in 2023 alongside shifts in the Chinese economy.

“China’s BEV (battery electric vehicle) growth will moderate in 2023, after a meteoric rise in 2022 of more than 100 per cent year-on-year,” said Al Bedwell, director of Global Powertrain at LMC Automotive.

“The country’s slowing economy and unavoidable retail price increases will dampen Chinese BEV and plug-in hybrid demand, though much volume will still be added.”

But he predicts sales in Europe should pick up speed this year after growing by only 21 per cent last year due to supply constraints. “Europe’s sluggish 2022 BEV growth will accelerate to 50 per cent in 2023 as the chip crisis eases,” said Bedwell, though he said it will continue to impact vehicle availability through 2023.—AFP

Green energy investment tops \$1 trillion, matches fossil fuels

INVESTMENT in cleaner energy is on the verge of overtaking spending on fossil fuels for the first time ever after exceeding \$1 trillion last year, a report on Tuesday said.

Despite the milestone, spending on energy transition technology must immediately triple to meet the target of net-zero emissions by 2050 to combat climate change, according to research group BloombergNEF.

Investment in sectors such as renewables, nuclear, zero-emission vehicles or recycling projects totalled \$1.1 trillion last year, matching spending on fossil fuels, the report found. This is up 31 per cent on the previous year, and marks the first time the investment total has been measured

in trillions.

The increase was driven by the energy crisis that followed Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, the report said.

“Investment in clean energy technologies is on the brink of overtaking fossil fuel investments, and won’t look back,” said Albert Cheung, head of global analysis at BloombergNEF.

China – the world’s biggest polluter – was by far the largest investor in energy transition, with the United States a distant second. Nearly half of the total global investment was in China, particularly in steel recycling and the renewable energy and electric vehicles sectors. Germany has retained its place in third position, largely due to a sizable EV market.—AFP



A vast array of solar panels floats on the shimmering waters of a reservoir in northeast Thailand, symbolizing the kingdom’s drive towards clean energy as it seeks carbon neutrality by 2050. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

UK retail giant Tesco to axe over 2,000 jobs

SUPERMARKET group Tesco, the biggest retailer in Britain, announced on Tuesday plans to slash about 2,100 jobs, as sky-high inflation hikes costs.

Tesco plans to cut about 1,750 management roles. It will also axe around 350 jobs with the closure of some pharmacies, all remaining hot food counters and other restructuring.

The group said it would do “more of what works and stopping or simplifying where we need to, so that we’re running our business as efficiently as possible”.

The losses will be offset by the creation of 1,800 “leader roles”.

Tesco recently posted bumper revenue for the key Christmas season, even as customers switched to less expensive rivals as prices soar during a cost-of-living crisis.

Tesco has benefitted from passing on some of its own rising costs to consumers, many of whom appear willing to stay loyal to the group even as UK inflation sits around the highest level in decades.

At the same time, Tesco is keen to match the prices of some similar goods offered by supermarkets run by German discounters Aldi and Lidl to retain business from cash-strapped shoppers.—AFP



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Biden, Republican leader clash — with US economy at stake

PRESIDENT Joe Biden and the new Republican speaker of the House of Representatives, Kevin McCarthy, face off Wednesday at the White House to discuss the US debt standoff — but so far apart they can’t even agree on how to describe their get-together.

At stake is the stability of the US economy.

Republicans are threatening to block the usually rubber stamp approval for raising the

nation’s credit limit if Democrats don’t first agree to steep future budget cuts. The White House, meanwhile, accuses the Republicans of taking the economy “hostage” in order to exact politically motivated budget concessions.

Fail to raise the debt ceiling by around June, the Treasury says, and the United States will be forced into default on its \$31.4 trillion debt — a historic first that would leave the government unable to pay bills, undermine the

US economy’s reputation, and likely panic investors.

McCarthy said in a tweet Tuesday, he’s going “to negotiate for the American people”.

Biden, though, doesn’t even want to hear the word negotiation when it comes to the debt ceiling. “The president firmly believes there should be no negotiation over this,” as Biden’s national security spokesman John Kirby said Tuesday.—AFP

Singapore opens SE Asia's largest energy storage system

SINGAPORE on Thursday officially opened the largest energy storage system in Southeast Asia as part of the city-state's efforts to guarantee energy security amid the global energy crisis and transition toward clean energy.

The Sembcorp Energy Storage System, which started operations in December last year, has a maximum storage capacity of 285 megawatt hours. Its operator opened the completed site to the media and held a launch ceremony Thursday.

It is designed to store



Photo shows workers checking the Sembcorp Energy Storage System on Singapore's Jurong Island on 2 February 2023. PHOTO: KYODO

surplus power that can be delivered to the grid to mitigate solar intermittency caused by changing weather conditions in Singapore's tropical climate.

The giant lithium iron phosphate batteries located in container-like structures are located on two sites spanning two hectares of land on

Jurong Island, a man-made island that houses Singapore's petrochemical complex.

The new energy storage facility allows Singapore to achieve its 200 MWh energy storage target.

Amid the global energy crisis, the government appointed Sembcorp Industries to build the facility in June last year. It is the fastest deployment in the world of an energy storage system of its size, Sembcorp Industries and the Energy Market Authority said in a statement.—Kyodo

India's Adani empire loses more than \$100 bln after fraud claims

THE crisis around Indian tycoon Gautam Adani deepened Thursday with the total loss of value to his indebted empire topping \$100 billion after it abruptly cancelled a stock sale.

The going up in smoke of more than a third in value of the billionaire's conglomerate follows allegations of accounting fraud on 24 January by US short-seller Hindenburg Research.

Flagship firm Adani Enterprises dived more

than 25 per cent on Thursday on top of an almost 30-per cent drop Wednesday. Other listed Adani units were subject to trading halts after falling as much as 10 percent, including Adani Total Gas in which France's TotalEnergies has a 37.4-per-cent stake. Further panic has seen big banks including Credit Suisse and Citigroup stop accepting Adani bonds as collateral for loans to private clients, according to Bloomberg News. This raised worries about



Men ride a motorbike past an Adani Group billboard in Ahmedabad, India on Thursday. PHOTO: AFP

how Adani will raise fresh funds, with Adani dollar bonds trading at distressed levels and signs of

contagion in Indian markets increasing, Bloomberg reported.—AFP

JAL, ANA both in the black in April-Dec for 1st time since pandemic



Japanese carriers saw their profits recover after pandemic losses. PHOTO: AFP

JAPAN'S two biggest airlines on Thursday posted net profit for the April to December period, marking the first time Japan Airlines Co and ANA Holdings Inc have been in the black for three quarters of a fiscal year since hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

With travel demand for Japan recovering

quickly after the Asian country largely relaxed its pandemic-related border restrictions in October, JAL said it booked a net profit of 16.31 billion yen (\$127 million) in the nine months to December, a reversal from a net loss of 128.32 billion yen logged in the same period a year before.—Kyodo

Voluntary Winding-up & Appointment of a Liquidator for Myanmar 2J Company Limited (Registration No.110395019)

As per Section 147(a) Sub-section (ii), Section 152(a) of Insolvency Law 2020 and Article 9 of Insolvency Rule

Myanmar 2J Company Limited (Established on 6/3/2017) which is located at (No.54/55), Quarter 1, Sein Yadanar Street, Kamayut Township, Yangon Region, was decided to Wind Up by Special Decision of Board of Directors and Shareholders at B.O.D Special Meeting:

1. According to Section 147(a) (ii) of Insolvency Law, to wind up voluntarily dated on (16.2.2023) by Special Resolution of Board of Directors and Shareholders.
2. According to Section 152(a) of Insolvency Law to appoint a Liquidator, Dr. Tet Nay Tun Advocate (Serial No.12225/2017) of Tun Legal Myanmar which is located at No. 82(Top/Left), Anawrahta Road, Kyauktada Township, Yangon Region, a member of Myanmar Association of Insolvency Practitioners (membership no.00141 of MAIP).
3. Therefore, the company's obligations and debts will be paid by the members of the company within (1) years from the date of voluntary liquidation of the Company.
4. Therefore, any creditors who have any debts or claims against the company, such a claim can be made to me within 14 days from the date of this notice in the prescribed form along with the supporting documents. If the claim is not filed within the specified date, please be informed that you have no right to object and the right to claim such benefits may be revoked in the future.

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Russians mark Stalingrad anniversary in shadow of Ukraine conflict



Russian President Vladimir Putin (C) attends a wreath laying ceremony at the eternal flame of the Mamayev Kurgan memorial complex in the city of Volgograd during an event to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the battle of Stalingrad on 2 February 2018. **PHOTO: MAXIM SHEMETOV/AFP/FILE**

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin is set to preside Thursday over commemorations to mark the 80th anniversary of the Soviet victory at the Battle of Stalingrad, one of the bloodiest in World War II.

The high-profile celebrations in the southern city of Volgograd come as the Kremlin is drumming up support for its offensive in Ukraine, launched nearly a year ago to “de-Nazify” Ukraine, whose soldiers fought alongside Russia against Nazi Germany. Putin is expected to travel to Volgograd, formerly known as Stalingrad, to take part in a wreath-laying ceremony at

a war memorial and speak at a concert, the Kremlin said.

The battle of Stalingrad lasted more than six months, ending with the surrender of German troops on February 2, 1943, after more than a million people were killed.

The Red Army’s victory marked a turning point not only for the Soviet Union, which had suffered several heavy defeats, but also for the Allied forces.

The 80th anniversary of the victory comes as Russia seeks to step up its offensive in Ukraine, bolstered by tens of thousands of reservists mobilised last autumn.

Russia has claimed recent gains near the hotspot town of Bakhmut in the eastern Donetsk region of Ukraine.

Moscow also recently announced the capture of the eastern town of Soledar as it seeks to wrest control of the entirety of the region of Donetsk.

Although the significance of capturing the salt-mining town is disputed, Soledar was the first major victory for Russia’s forces following a series of setbacks on the ground.

Bust of Stalin

On Wednesday, a bust of dictator Joseph Stalin was unveiled in Volgograd.—AFP

WORLD: TO HEADLINES

EU doubles to 30,000 number of Ukraine troops to train

THE European Union is doubling the number of Ukrainian troops it aims to train to 30,000 as it seeks to bolster Kyiv’s fightback against Russia, EU officials said Wednesday.

The 27-nation bloc set up a programme for Ukrainian forces in November with the initial target of training 15,000.

“This will be reached probably before the end of the second quarter of this year and there will be a new additional target of a further 15,000 Ukrainian soldiers trained by various European countries,” an EU official said.—AFP

Israeli air strikes hit Gaza Strip

ISRAEL launched air strikes on the Gaza Strip early Thursday, which Palestinian fighters reacted to by firing rockets in the latest bout of unrest in the region.

The overnight attacks – which Israel’s army confirmed in a statement at 02:41 am (0041 GMT) – come hours after the army intercepted a rocket fired from the Palestinian territory.

Emergency services reported no immediate casualties on either side.—AFP

China puts into operation expanded coast guard fleet of 150 vessels

THE China Coast Guard has put into operation its expanded fleet of around 150 vessels, with the refitting of around 20 vessels transferred from the country’s navy almost completed, according to sources familiar with the matter.

With each ship weighing at least 1,000 gross tonnes, the Chinese coast guard now has more than twice the 70 large patrol vessels possessed by the Japan Coast Guard. Photos obtained by Kyodo News confirmed a fleet of Chinese maritime patrol vessels, including some equipped with the same naval artillery seen on warships, anchored in eastern China’s Zhejiang Province in late January.

It has been two years since



Photo obtained by Kyodo News shows Chinese coast guard ships docked in eastern China’s Zhejiang Province in late January 2023. **PHOTO: KYODO**

China decided to allow its coast guard to use weapons when foreign ships involved in illegal activities in Chinese-claimed waters do not obey orders. With the Chinese coast guard increasingly resembling a second navy, there are concerns that

Sino-Japanese tensions over the Senkaku Islands, administered by Tokyo, could further escalate.

Chinese ships have repeatedly intruded into Japanese territorial waters around the uninhabited islets that Beijing claims and calls Diaoyu.—Kyodo

Norway not a war profiteer, PM tells AFP

NORWAY has grown richer by the minute as the conflict in Ukraine boosts its gas revenues, but the country is not a war profiteer, its prime minister told AFP in an interview.

Hinting that Norway would soon become one of the world’s biggest donors to Ukraine with an upcoming aid package, Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Store dismissed the unflattering “war profiteering” allegation made by those who want Oslo to do more for Ukrainians.

“It’s a notion that I flatly refuse”, Store said Tuesday after visiting a liquified natural gas plant near Hammerfest in the Arctic.

His government is putting the final touches on a “multi-year support package” to be announced in the coming days, designed to help Ukraine and poor countries affected by the knock-on effects of the war, such as soaring grain prices.

The aid will help them “in maintaining their civil infra-

structure, hopefully one day rebuilding a free Ukraine and in the meantime also supporting them militarily”, he said.

The amount and details will be announced “early in February”, he said.

Store rejected the notion, put forward by Poland’s prime minister among others, that Oslo was, albeit involuntarily, taking advantage of the war in Ukraine for its own financial gain.—AFP



Norway is making more money from oil and gas exports than ever. **PHOTO: OLE BERG-RUSTEN /AFP**

WORLD: TOP HEADLINES

Philippines expands US access to military bases



Protesters hold anti-US placards during a rally in front of the military headquarters in Quezon City, suburban Manila on 2 February 2023, as US Secretary of Defence Llyod Austin and his Philippine counterpart Carlito Galves held a bilateral meeting. PHOTO: AFP

THE United States and the Philippines announced a deal Thursday to give US troops access to another four bases in the Southeast Asian nation, as the longtime allies seek to counter China's military rise.

The agreement to expand cooperation in "strategic areas of the country" was made during a visit by US Defence Secretary Lloyd Austin. It comes as the countries seek to repair ties that were fractured in recent years — previous Philippine president Rodrigo Duterte favoured China over his country's former colonial master, but the new adminis-

tration of Ferdinand Marcos Jnr has been keen to reverse that.

Beijing's growing assertiveness on Taiwan and its building of bases in the disputed South China Sea have given fresh impetus to Washington and Manila to strengthen their partnership.

Given its proximity to Taiwan and its surrounding waters, the Philippines' cooperation would be key in the event of a conflict with China, which a four-star US Air Force general has warned could happen as early as 2025. "The Philippines and the United States are proud to announce their plans to accel-

erate the full implementation of the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement (EDCA) with the agreement to designate four new Agreed Locations in strategic areas of the country," defence officials said in a joint statement.

Talks were ongoing for a potential fifth base, a senior Philippine official told AFP earlier.

The two countries have a decades-old security alliance that includes a mutual defence treaty and the 2014 EDCA pact, which allows US troops to rotate through five Philippine bases, including those near disputed waters.—AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pakistan mosque suicide bomber 'was in police uniform': police chief

THE suicide bomber who killed 101 people inside a mosque at a police headquarters in Pakistan was wearing a police uniform and helmet when he staged the attack, a police chief said Thursday.

"Those on duty didn't check him because he was in a police uniform... It was a security lapse," Moazzam Jah Ansari, the head of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province police force, told a news conference.

Police have a "fair idea" about who the bomber was after matching his head found at the scene with CCTV images.

"There's an entire network behind him," Ansari said, explaining that the bomber had not planned Monday's assault in northwest Peshawar alone.—AFP

Late Australian cardinal's funeral sparks Sydney protests

PROTESTERS confronted mourners with chants of "shame" outside the funeral of controversial top Vatican cardinal George Pell in Sydney on Thursday.

Pell died in Rome last month aged 81 and was buried in the crypt of St Mary's Cathedral amid angry protests and a heavy police presence. Dogged by scandal in his later years, Pell was the highest-ranking Catholic to be imprisoned for child sexual abuse, before his convictions were overturned in 2020.—AFP

Australia to remove British monarch from banknotes

AUSTRALIA will remove the British monarch from its banknotes, replacing the late Queen Elizabeth II's image on its \$5 note with a design honouring Indigenous culture, the central bank said Thursday.

The decision to leave her successor King Charles III off the \$5 note means no monarch would remain on Australia's paper currency. The Reserve Bank of Australia (RBA) said it would consult Indigenous people on a new design that "honours the culture and history of the First Australians". Queen Elizabeth's death on 8 September last year was marked by public mourning in Australia, but some Indigenous groups also protested against the destructive impact of colonial Britain, calling for the abolition of the monarchy.

Australia is a constitution-



The decision to leave her successor King Charles III off the \$5 note means no monarch would remain on Australia's paper currency.

PHOTO: RBA/AFP

al monarchy, a democracy with King Charles III as its head of state. A referendum proposing a switch to a republic was narrowly defeated in 1999.

The central bank said its decision was supported by the centre-left Labour government of Prime Minister Anthony Al-

banese, who favours an eventual move to an Australian republic.

The new banknote would take "a number of years" to be designed and printed, it said, with the existing \$5 note remaining legal tender even after the new design is in people's hands.—AFP



Haley to challenge Trump for 2024 Republican nomination

FORMER UN ambassador Nikki Haley moved closer Wednesday to the widely-expected launch of her US presidential campaign — previewing a "big announcement" that looks certain to con-

Nikki Haley visits "Hannity" at Fox News Channel Studios on 20 January 2023 in New York City. PHOTO: THEO WARGO/AFP

firm her as an early rival to front-runner Donald Trump in the race for the Republican nomination.

Casting herself as a younger, fresher alternative to the former president, Haley has been hinting at a possible run for weeks, posting a video on social media declaring that America is ready for "a new generation" of leadership. "My family and I have a big announcement to share with

you on 15 February And yes, it's definitely going to be a Great Day in South Carolina!" she tweeted, inviting supporters to turn out at an event in Charleston, the Palmetto State's largest town.

At this point in the 2020 cycle, 10 Democrats had launched campaigns or exploratory committees, but Trump is the only Republican to do so officially this time around.

Haley, 51, who was South Carolina's governor before serving for two years as Trump's United Nations ambassador, had said she wouldn't run against her former boss.

"Nikki has to follow her heart, not her honor. She should definitely run!" Trump said in an acerbic post on his social network that appeared calculated to raise questions over her loyalty.—AFP



Saudi says no objection to Russia joining Asian football body

SAUDI Arabia would not object to Russia joining the Asian Football Confederation, its sports minister told AFP on Wednesday, as Russian officials search for ways to return to international competition.

Russian officials dangled the possibility of a move to Asia in December, following Russia's ban from international competition by European body UEFA over the invasion of Ukraine.

Although the Russian Football Union later called for a working group on resuming ties with UEFA, Russian Football Union chief Alexander Dyukov did not rule out seeking AFC membership at a later stage.

Speaking at the AFC Congress in Bahrain, Saudi Arabia's Sports Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al-Faisal said he didn't see a problem with Russia shifting allegiances



Saudi Arabia's Sports Minister Prince Abdulaziz bin Turki Al-Faisal addresses the Congress. PHOTO: AFP

to Asia.

"If FIFA and the AFC allow it and there's a benefit for Asia then I don't think there's a problem with that," he told AFP.

Joining the AFC would mean that Russia would play World Cup qualifiers against

Asian teams and that its club sides would take part in Asian competitions.

AFC president Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa said there had been no formal approach about Russia's membership.—AFP



Madrid to sign Rayo defender Fran Garcia in summer

stay at Rayo to keep progressing and gaining experience."

Rayo president Raul Martin Presa also confirmed a deal had been agreed in an interview with Spanish radio station Cadena Cope, although neither club has officially announced it.

"Fran Garcia will go to Real Madrid at the end of the season, we reached a deal," said Presa.

The Rayo president said Madrid's intervention stopped Garcia signing for German side Bayer Leverkusen in the winter window.

Although Madrid have several injured full-backs, including Mendy, leaving midfielder Eduardo Camavinga playing out of position on the left, they agreed to wait until the end of the season before signing Garcia.—AFP

Real Madrid will sign Rayo Vallecano left-back Fran Garcia at the end of the season, coach Carlo Ancelotti confirmed Wednesday. PHOTO: AFP

REAL Madrid will sign Rayo Vallecano left-back Fran Garcia at the end of the season, coach Carlo Ancelotti confirmed Wednesday.

Madrid considered bringing in the defender in the January transfer window, with Ferland Mendy set to miss several weeks

with a thigh injury, but eventually decided to wait.

"It could have been an option but we thought that Mendy's injury could be short," Ancelotti told a news conference Wednesday.

"We also thought that it would be good for Fran Garcia to

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.

MFF president U Zaw Zaw re-elected as AFC vice-president



Myanmar Football Federation president U Zaw Zaw (centre) speaking at the MFF executive committee meeting yesterday in Yangon. PHOTO: MFF

THE 33rd AFC Congress 2023 was held in Manama, Bahrain on 1 February, and president of the Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw, was elected as the vice-president of the Asian Football Confederation for the second time.

At the AFC Congress, U Zaw Zaw was voted for the AFC Vice-President-1 (ASEAN Zone) for the term of 2023-2027, and will also serve as a member of the AFC Executive Committee.

U Zaw Zaw was elected as the vice-president of the Asian

Football Confederation for the four-year term 2019-2023 for the first time at the 2019 Asian Football Confederation Congress.

He is also the chairman of the AFC Social Responsible Committee and a member of the AFC Dream Asia Foundation.

Myanmar Football Federation president U Zaw Zaw along with vice-presidents Dr Sai Sam Tun and U Pyae Phyto Teza, and General Secretary U Ko Ko Thein is attending the 33rd AFC Congress 2023, officials stated. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL