The Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council: Five-Point Road Map

1. Priority will be given to fully realizing peace, stability and rule of law throughout the Union to safeguard the socioeconomic life of the people.
2. People-centred development work that enhances socioeconomic well-being will be undertaken to ensure the country’s prosperity and food security.
3. Processes will further continue to consolidate a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system and build a Union based on democracy and federalism.
4. Priority will be accorded to work aligned with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, in order to achieve enduring peace for the entire nation.
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.

Deputy Chairman of the State Duma, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, and party call on Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing

A DELEGATION led by Mr Sholban Kara-Ool, Deputy Chairman of the State Duma, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, called on Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the parlour of Panglong Veiktha in Taunggyi yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed the situation to further promote existing friendly relations as this year turns 75 for Myanmar-Russia diplomatic relations, further promotion of mutual cooperation in all sectors of both countries, cooperation in transport and electric power generation sectors in Myanmar, sending scholarship students from Myanmar to Russian Federation for development of human resources in science and technological sectors, plans of Russian Federation to provide assistance to severe cyclonic storm Mocha-hit areas, enhancement of exchange of visits to increase relations between people of both countries, further promotion of cooperation in all sectors between Myanmar and Russia.

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Announcement for local and foreign well-wishers to donate cash to cyclonic storm Mocha victims

1. AN announcement has been issued that well-wishers wishing to make donations for people who fell victim to the extremely severe cyclonic storm Mocha which hit Myanmar on 14-5-2023 can donate cash to Myanmar account OA-011834 and foreign account 1DA-0300086.

2. In this announcement, it is duly mentioned that our commitment to receiving donations extends to additional electronic payment systems and mobile payment systems. Further updates and notifications will be made in due course.

3. It has been announced that donations can be made to the previously announced phone number and to the account that was opened, and since it can be confusing to donate with a phone number, we have already made it possible to donate with a QR code instead of the phone number:

4. Donations can be made through KBZ Pay or Wave Money. If you wish to donate, please scan the QR codes provided by both KBZ Pay and Wave Money. To contribute, enter the code included within the respective QR codes.

5. People make donations through CB Pay, AYA Pay, OK $ and UAB pay which are widely used to enhance convenience for donors. To donate, please scan the QR code and enter the code provided within it.

6. The well-wishers can contact the following persons for further information:

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AS of 30 May 2023, Shan State Kokang Democratic Party, with its headquarters located at Kyishan Street, Ward 1, Tongsan, Laukkai, Shan State (North), has been allowed to register under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law. The registration number of the Shan State Kokang Democratic Party is 19.

AS of 30 May 2023, Naga National Party (NNP), with its headquarters located at Zeepyphasung Ward, Khamti, Sagaing Region, has been allowed to register under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law. The registration number of the Naga National Party (NNP) is 20.

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Russia, and meeting with officials from the Myanmar Election Commission and assistance from Russian to hold a free and fair election in Myanmar.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye and officials. The Deputy Chairman of the State Duma, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, was accompanied by Ambassador of the Russian Federation Mr Nikolai Listopadov and officials from the State Duma, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.

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State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets senior officer instructors and senior officer trainees at the Command and General Staff College in Kalaw yesterday.

ALL senior military officers have to serve their duties with the least mistakes, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in his meeting with senior officer instructors and senior officer trainees at the Command and General Staff College in Kalaw yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that everybody has ambitions and goals since childhood. They have to strive not to lose their ambitions with constant efforts. If so, they will have success and improve themselves.

Needs to try hard to set records for themselves in serving duties and endeavours

The Senior General continued to say that all senior military officers have to serve their duties with the least mistakes. They have to apply experiences in serving duties of commanding officers and the lessons learnt from this training course in improving relevant regiments and units they lead. They have to study all subjects in the training till the end of the course.

Only when they control themselves with a conscience will they have success in their duties

The Senior General stressed that senior military officers have to control their subordinates systematically and control themselves with a conscience. If so, they will have success in their assignments. During the training course, they have to systematically learn subjects related to the Tatmadaw and field disciplines to be applied in practical fields. Only when they make keen studies will they have critical thinking and logical moves as well as contribute to the improvement of their lives.

The Senior General then visited the headquarters of local battalions in Kalaw station and inspected the sale of food-stuffs and consumer goods at fair prices. Moreover, he inspected preparations to dredge the silt from Nataykan Lake in the local battalion and gave guidance on repairing the bunds of the lake and dredging silt in the lake before monsoon.

The Senior General then had lunch together with senior officer instructors and senior officer trainees at the Command and General Staff College. — MNA/TTA
It is necessary to systematically utilize sound foundations of the region to carry out regional development tasks: Senior General

Local farmers have to strive for increasing per-acre yield rather than extending sown acreage, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with businesspersons from micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises in the Danu Self-Administered Zone yesterday afternoon.

Individual reports on operations of MSME and requirements

The chairman of the Danu Self-Administered Zone Administration Body and the chief minister of Shan State reported on the disbursement of loans from the State economic promotion fund to agriculture and livestock farms, construction of cold storage for potatoes, melting of minerals, conducting of technical courses for manufacturing, construction of the production roads in the zone, running of solar-powered river pumping stations, and future plans for the development of MSMEs.

Local businesspersons also presented reports on the distribution of quality strains of potatoes for increasing per-acre yield, needs for technology and machinery as well as capital for the production of value-added tea products of Pindaya Township, assistance for the increase of coffee sown acreage and market for coffee, needs for building a detour in Pindaya Township, necessary assistance for the supply of drinking water for locals from Pindaya and Wyan- gan townships, conservation of Boktalok Lake as a symbol of Pindaya, and needs for regional development.

Responses of Union ministers to relevant sectors

After hearing the reports, Union ministers discussed the disbursement of loans from the State economic promotion fund to MSME businesspersons, the classification of loans for development and business, the formation of cooperative societies with the provision of machinery and capital for the development of the local economy and socioeconomic lives, registration for MSME industries to have benefit, and stretching of export wings of coffee and tea to foreign markets.

The Shan State chief minister discussed plans of the state government to contact relevant ministries to fulfill the needs of businesspersons.

Needs for regional development by efficiently applying sound foundations of the region

In his speech, the Senior General said the Pindaya region has food sufficiency but the cultivation of crops does not meet the target. So, local farmers need to select high-yield crops. Local farmers have to strive for increasing per-acre yield rather than extending sown acreage. It is necessary to systematically utilize the sound foundations of the region to carry out regional development tasks.

Encouraging manufacturing industries based on agriculture and livestock products

The Senior General highlighted that if the Pindaya region operates farming of chicken, pig, cow and other animals successfully, it will be a region that can produce meat for the State. The need for encouraging agriculture and livestock farms is to get sufficient supply of raw materials for manufacturing industries. Agriculture and livestock farms need to use nutritious inputs for increasing production rates.

Recruitment of educated human resources in the region

The Senior General underlined that a large number of skilled agriculturists are required in the Pindaya region for promoting the manufacturing of agricultural produce by applying modern agricultural techniques, better soil preparations and proper water utilization.

Development of the tourism industry and development of the region

The Senior General stressed the need to improve the tourism industry by attracting local and foreign travellers. Proper packaging of delicious foodstuffs made of tea, coffee and soya bean can draw the attention of travelers and raise the sales of goods. The government is not engaged in politics but it is working only for the interests of the nation. The Senior General urged locals to strive for the development of the region as well as to ensure peace and stability.

The Senior General viewed round the booths which showcase domestic products, foodstuffs, personal goods, industrial products, traditional handicrafts, and clothes and asked about grasping the market shares of these products. — MNA/TTA
SAC Member DPM MoTC Union Minister inspects rehabilitation efforts in Sittway

SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications Admiral Tin Aung San, accompanied by Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tin Tun Naung and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Htein Lin, inspected the new arrival and distribution of relief supplies in Sittway yesterday.

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Deputy Prime Minister Admiral Tin Aung San inspect the arrival of relief items at Sittway Port yesterday.

Wards and buildings of the Sittway General Hospital are under repair and restoration. Some are completed (above photos).

MEB to increase interest rate for savings starting from 1 June

MYANMA Economic Bank-MEB will increase the interest rates for savings accounts, certificate of deposit (CD) and fixed deposits starting from 1 June.

The interest rates will be raised to six per cent for savings accounts, seven per cent for certificate of deposit and seven per cent for fixed deposits for a one-year period, according to MEB.

The interest rates for fixed deposits will be six per cent for a one-month period, 6.25 per cent for a three-month period, 6.5 per cent for a six-month period and 6.75 per cent for a nine-month period.

The previous interest rates were 5.5 per cent for savings accounts, 6.5 per cent for certificate of deposit and 6.5 per cent for fixed deposits for a one-year period. — TWA/MKKS

The headquarters office of Myanmar Economic Bank-MEB (Nay Pyi Taw).

Myanmar Embassy says citizens can collect their lost identity cards, passports

PASSPORTS, citizenship scrutiny cards (CSCs), work permits, and non-Thai identification cards lost for various reasons in Thailand can be collected at the Myanmar Embassy in Thailand, the embassy announced on 30 May.

Since Thailand’s various departments have handed over the lost items to the Myanmar Embassy, the respective owners can personally come to the embassy to get them back. The Myanmar Embassy has informed the owners that they can come and withdraw the lost items from Monday to Friday during office hours from 9 am to 4 pm.

It is mentioned in the statement that 14 passports, 14 CSCs, four work permits, seven non-Thai identification cards (pink cards), three OWIC cards, and three CI cards were handed over to the Myanmar embassy from various departments. — TWA/CT

The headquarters office of Myanmar Economic Bank-MEB (Nay Pyi Taw).
Global countries change tobacco plantations with more than 600 million acres on 3.5 million hectares of land. Tobacco plantations use 22 billion litres of water and emit greenhouse gases which are equal to 44 megatonnes of carbon dioxide emissions every year. As a result, these industries worsen global warming and climate change. That is why it is necessary to strive for helping the people through agriculture and livelihoods instead of tobacco plantations for shaping a brighter future for the State. 

**WE need food, not tobacco** as this year’s main theme was set by the World Health Organization to mark the World No Tobacco Day on 31 May in order to increase awareness regarding the harmful effects of smoking and tobacco use in order to save lives. Tobacco becomes a global problem as some acreage has been increased by year to year to trigger health problems for young age people throughout the world. Hence, the World Health Organization arranged awareness for global people to have knowledge about the tobacco epidemic and the preventable death and disease triggered by Tobacco. In 1988, the World Health Organization passed Resolution WHA42.19 to mark World No Tobacco Day on 31 May every year. On 26 May, the World Health Organization stated that tobacco directly or indirectly killed some 7 million global people on a yearly basis as relevant governments are being opposed to second-hand smoke. Thanks to the commemorating the 25th anniversary of the World No Tobacco Day being observed on second-hand smoke. Thanks to the commemorating the 25th anniversary of the World No Tobacco Day being observed on second-hand smoke.

In 1999, the four girls, who were then two twins, though we were born four years apart. Not only do we look alike, we act as similar as twins do. She may joke in almost every situation, but deep down she really cares for what I have to do. Throughout my whole life, whenever I was in a bad mood, she would comfort me, and I would be asleep. Slowly, slowly, she told me to do this and that. She would even punish me, and I had to do it myself. She also taught me how to blow my hair over my shoulder. The hair from the shoulder is so long that it feels like it is pummeling through my body. My sister stands in the middle between me and her boyfriend. We are surrounded by thousands of complete strangers. Everyone is in the area is separated from each other by many meters with specified area for each person. Behind me, there is a wide concrete path dividing my seated section from the lawn section. Even though I am surrounded by strangers, I feel the most comfortable I have ever felt, due to the vibes shared amongst all of us. Each person is standing up as tall as they can, trying to get the best view possible. This makes it hard to see, causing constant movement left and right in the crowd. As the last note of the final song is playing, my sister starts the band while we play to the beats of the drums. Each member of the band makes their way to the centre of the stage, placing their arms behind each other’s backs. Uncampaignized how only encourages the screams to get louder. Dolilo runs through my body as I try to comprehend the past two hours of the concert.
MoPF Union Minister meets departmental staff in Taunggyi, Shan State

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein visited the State Budget Department in Taunggyi, Shan State, on the morning of 29 May to meet with the staff from the Planning Department, Central Equipment Statistic and Inspection Department, Myanmar Economic Bank, Myanmar Agriculture Development Bank, Myanmar Insurance, Budget Department, Internal Revenue Department, Customs Department, Financial Regulatory Department, and Pension Department under the Ministry of Planning and Finance.

At the meeting, Deputy Prime Minister U Win Shein instructed the staff under the MoPF to monitor and implement project objectives successfully, provide qualified loans, act in accordance with the financial procedures, laws, rules, and regulations in dealing with finances, work in unity, and coordinate with the state government and other departmental organizations.

Then, the personnel affairs, welfare issues, and operational conditions presented by the respective departments were coordinated. — MNA/CT

37th ASEAN Heads of Specialist Anti-Trafficking Units – HSU Meeting held

The 37th ASEAN Heads of Specialist Anti-Trafficking Units – HSU Meeting was held virtually at the meeting hall of Anti-Human Trafficking Police Force Office No.38 yesterday.

Representatives from ASEAN member countries and representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat, including four representatives led by Police Brig-Gen Myint Htoo, commander of the anti-human trafficking police force, attended the event.

The meeting was held with ten agendas, and the leader of the Indonesian delegation, who acted as the chairman, gave an opening speech.

Police Brig-Gen Myint Htoo explained Myanmar’s anti-trafficking efforts, considering the changing forms of human trafficking and the ways to respond in case of emergency situations and technological innovations.

Myanmar carries the fight against human trafficking as a national policy, and the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar clearly states that “the State prohibits slavery and human trafficking (Article 358).”

Myanmar’s anti-trafficking law was enacted in 2005 and was amended in 2022.

The new law highlighted clear definitions of forced prostitution and other forms of sexual abuse, forced labour or forced service, slavery or servitude, forced marriage, forced begging, fraudulent adoption and surrogacy of children, etc.

In addition, in order to improve international cooperation, the law was able to establish a new working committee on international relations and cooperation.

They discussed that the Law on Children’s Rights was passed on 23 July 2019 and that the Law on Children’s Rights was amended in 2022.

They also discussed the finalization of the HSU Action Plan 2023-2024 (Draft) and Laos’ hosting of the 30th Anti-Trafficking Task Force Leaders’ Meeting before the chairman’s closing speech. — MNA/KZL

Illegally consumer goods, industrial materials, animals and vehicles confiscated

THC Kawthoung Township Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force seized 300,000 kilograms of yellow corn (worth K195.3 million) that exceeded the Import Declaration (ID) at the Tawin Bridge in Kawthoung township on 26 May. The action was taken under relevant procedures.

Similarly, the Muse District Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force nabbed two kinds of goods (worth K900,000) including five Tasto chain saw W/O blades that were piled up by the side of the road near the Sinphyu border on 28 May. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

In addition, a concerned team confiscated 21 oxen (worth K21 million) without official documents near the BEHS 1 in Zigon township on 28 May. The action was taken under the Animal Health and Development Law.

The people are urged to receive vaccination of Covid-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of Covid-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.
Tatmadaw (Air) continues transporting foodstuffs, relief items to Rakhine State

The relief supplies and foodstuffs contributed by the families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and well-wishers and those provided by the National Disaster Management Committee for local communities affected by the natural disaster in Rakhine State are being transported by Tatmadaw aircraft, helicopters and vessels.

Electrical goods, water purifiers, clothes and consumer goods donated by the families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) were transported from Nay Pyi Taw Airport to Sittway Airport one time by the Tatmadaw plane. Members of the Tatmadaw and the Myanmar Police Force, rescue teams, departmental officials, medical supplies, communication equipment, generators, rehabilitation items and foodstuffs were also transported from Mingalardon Airport to Sittway Airport two times by Tatmadaw plane.

Officials in the respective areas received relief supplies and will distribute them to storm victims.

— MNA/KZW

Naval, private vessels transport supplies to people in Mocha-hit Rakhine State

A 29-metre landing craft from the Tatmadaw (Navy) carrying 1,000 sacks of rice weighing 50 tonnes and a 56-metre landing craft from the Tatmadaw (Navy) carrying 1,003 planks weighing 10.67 tonnes left for Sittway via Taungup Port yesterday.

Similarly, the vessel MV Charities (245 feet in length, 64 feet wide) with a total capacity of 3,500 metric tonnes, owned by Thuriya Sanda Win Company, docked at Bo Aung Kyaw Jetty, Botataung Township, Yangon Region, transported relief items, foodstuffs, clothes, utensils and equipment weighing 2,511 tonnes donated by Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, and Air) family members, ministers, departmental officials, and well-wishers for Rakhine State’s storm victims to Sittway via Yangon yesterday.

The military vessels and MV Charities owned by Thuriya Sanda Win Company will hand over the support and relief materials to officials and systematically distribute them to the people affected by the storm as soon as possible.

— MNA/KZL

Tatmadaw senior officers, officials assist in rehabilitation work in Chin, Rakhine States

UNDER Section 11 of the Natural Disaster Management Law, the State Administration Council declared the areas damaged by Cyclone Mocha as areas affected by natural disasters and appointed senior military officers to oversee rehabilitation activities in the areas mentioned in the announcement.

Lt-Gen Lu Aye, currently in Kyaukpyu, to perform rehabilitation tasks, and officials provided healthcare and supplies to the local population in the extended wards, had a coordination meeting with the township and district-level departmental personnel and the teams of the Central Statistics Organization and fulfilled the requirements presented by them.

Similarly, Lt-Gen Aye Win, currently in Buthidaung Township along with officials, inspected the healthcare services being provided to local people in elementary schools in Ahlechaung village-tract, renovation work on schools and monasteries, warehouse and ports to store the relief supplies.

Brig-Gen Win Ko Ko, who is in Tiddim in Chin State, handed over supplies to the people affected by the storm.

Brig-Gen Aung Thu Oo, who is in Kyauktaw, along with the officials, provided supply goods to employees of the electricity department who were clearing fallen lamp-posts, cables, trees and damaged generators.

— MNA/KZW

Foodstuffs, vegetables sold at low prices to Mocha victims in Sittway

For the convenience of the residents and departmental staff in Sittway hit by Cyclone Mocha, rice, edible oil, salt, meat, fish, eggs, dairy products, onions, garlic, instant noodles, and biscuits produced by the military factories, canned beef, canned peas and bamboo shoots, canned chicken and potatoes, various canned fish curry, and various canned vegetable curry were sold at prices lower than the market prices by the military personnel and officials from Western Command at the U Ottama Park in Sittway yesterday.

Residents and families of the departmental staff reportedly enjoyed buying and they are very grateful to officials for selling them at low prices in times of difficulty.

— MNA/CT
Schools in Rakhine State to be opened on 1 June, 329,129 students admitted to schools

THE basic education schools across the nation will be opened on 1 June and the plans are underway to open the schools in Rakhine State, according to Rakhine State Education Officer’s Office.

The School Enrolment Week is from 23 to 31 May and a total of 329,129 students were enrolled at the basic education schools, private schools and monastic schools for the 2023-2024 academic year in Rakhine State until 30 May.

Regarding the school enrolment, U Win Maung, headmaster of No 4 BEHS in Sittway Township said, “Our school started accepting students on 23 May under the plan of school enrolment week and there are 600 enrolments today – 51 male students and 53 female students for Grade 6, 31 male students and 46 female students for Grade 8, 54 male students and 67 female students for Grade 9, 41 male students and 49 female students for Grade 10, 47 male students and 50 female students for Grade 11 and 44 male students and 66 female students for Grade 12. There are many difficulties for school enrolment programmes as the school buildings were destroyed due to Cyclone Mocha this year. Currently, the reroofing of school buildings is completed and it completes nearly 99 per cent. The students can study safely and warmly in a safe shelter. Some parents and people might think that it is impossible to open the schools on 1 June. But we are ready to open the school on the set day. The old and new school buildings were destroyed due to Cyclone Mocha. Now, it completes over 99 per cent of maintenance. I, as a headmaster, try hard to open the school. The situation before and after the cyclone is not much different. We are ready to open all the schools”.

In Rakhine State, the school enrolments for the 2023-2024 academic year until 30 May were 32,004 for KG, 36,245 for G 1, 42,469 for G 2, 41,423 for G 3, 31,203 for G 4, 32,717 for G 5, 30,068 for G 6, 24,245 for G 7, 24,467 for G 8, 20,307 for G 9, 14,014 for G 10, 24,467 for G 11 and 13,315 for G 12.

Daw Shwe Lae Lae Thit, the mother of a Grade-8 student from Kyaypingyi Ward of Sittway Township said, “I am worried as the children have to go to school in the post-cyclone era. Now, I am glad that I see the maintenance of school buildings is completed. The arrangements are being made to open the schools on 1 June and it is ready for the students. Currently, the headmaster meets with the parents of students and provides textbooks, blank books and pencils. The school will be more active if the teachers, parents and school welfare committees work together”.

Similarly, Grade-8 student Maung Than Htoo Zaw said, “I live in Pyitawtha Ward of Sittway Township. We evacuated to Mrauk U due to the cyclone. I was disappointed when I saw the damage to schools and houses after the storm. Now, the schools have been reroofed and we can use the roads, too. I am happy to go to school as I will meet with my friends who haven’t seen me for about three months.”

The religious buildings, schools, office buildings and houses in Rakhine State were destroyed by Cyclone Mocha and now, the government, Tatmadaw, state government, Myanmar Police Force, volunteers and departmental staff are making efforts to open the schools in time. — Tin Tun (IPRD)/KTZH

Relief materials despatched for Rakhine State disaster relief operations

FOLLOWING the guidance of the National Disaster Management Committee, the Transport and Communication Work Committee has planned and supervised the transport of aid and relief materials to Rakhine State. The materials are being transported by boats, planes and vehicles, including MV Charites. MV Charites carried zinc sheets, cement bags, trucks, tea, hollow pipes, purified water, instant noodles, ready-made foods, clothes and household utensils, medicine and rehabilitation items from the Myanmar Terminal (TMT) to Sittway yesterday morning.

A total of 18,511 tonnes of aid and relief materials, 249,762 gallons of diesel and 199,886 gallons of Octane 92 have been delivered to Sittway in Rakhine State from 16 May until today by a total of 14 vessels, including military vessels. — MNA/KZW
Japan's Hino Motors, M'bishi Fuso to merge to boost tech development

MAJOR Japanese truck makers Hino Motors Ltd and Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corp said Tuesday they will merge under a holding company by the end of 2024 to speed up and cut costs of developing advanced safety and environmental technology.

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Sweden's economy grows more than expected

THE Swedish economy grew more than expected in the first quarter despite high inflation and rising interest rates, official statistics showed Tuesday.

The top Nordic economy expanded by 0.6 per cent in the first three months of the year, avoiding a technical recession following a 0.2 per cent contraction in the fourth quarter of 2022.

"The upturn is mainly explained by an increase in inventories and by a strong growth in the export of goods," Statistics Sweden said in a statement.

Analysts were on average expecting 0.1 per cent growth, according to Bloomberg.

A preliminary estimate published by Statistics Sweden at the end of April had growth at 0.2 per cent. — AFP

Claims Day Notice

**M.V AS SOPHIA VOY.NO. (319W)**

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V AS SOPHIA VOY.NO. (319W) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 30 May 2023 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MITT/MIP where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon. Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim’s Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

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M/S SEALAND MAERSK ASIA PTE LTD

**M.V CONTRIVIA VOY.NO. (041N/S)**

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V CONTRIVIA VOY.NO. (041N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will arrive on 31 May 2023 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MITT/MIP 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: 2391185

Shipping Agency Department

Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S (ONE) OCEAN NETWORK EXPRESS LINE

Notice to file Income Tax Return, Annual Salary Statement and Annual Commercial Tax Return

1. Income Year or the Year in which Sale proceed or Receipt is accrued: The period to file a tax return for the income year or the year in which sale proceeds or receipt is accrued (reporting period) is from April 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.

2. Return Receiving Offices: Existing taxpayers have to file their returns at the respective revenue offices where their taxation matters are assessed. If the company which is not being a taxpayer yet, has to enter the IRD website to register electronically by clicking “e-Registration Service Login Here“ pattern to get Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). After receiving TIN, e-Filing Management System and e-Payments System can be used. For an individual who is not being a taxpayer yet, has to file the returns to the respective township revenue offices.

3. Ways to file the Return: Returns can be filed by either of the following three ways -
   (a) Filing in person: In the case of filing a return in person, the return is considered filed on the date it is stamped as received by the department.
   (b) Filing by mail: In the case of filing a return by mail, the return is considered filed on the date of the postmark.
   (c) Filing by electronic system: In the case of filing a return by electronic system, the return is considered filed on the date it is received electronically by the Department. If that date falls on public holidays, it will be deemed to have been received on the following business day.

4. The process of completing a tax return: The following are required-
   (a) The tax return forms specified by the Internal Revenue Department shall be used; respective forms are available at www.ird.gov.mm and the respective revenue offices.
   (b) Since taxpayers are responsible for the accuracy and completeness of their tax returns, it is necessary to be filled out completely and correctly.
   (c) The return form must be signed and submitted by the taxpayer himself. If the tax return or part of it, is prepared for a fee, the person who prepared it must also sign the return.

5. Due Date of Submission: June 30, 2023 (Friday)

6. Penalties: If a taxpayer fails to submit tax returns on time is liable to higher of the following two fines;
   (a) Five percent of the amount of tax payable, plus one percent of the amount of tax payable for each month or part of a month during which the failure continues to be submitted from the date fixed for submission until the time of assessment by the Director General.
   (b) K 100,000

7. Taxpayer Rights: Taxpayers can apply to the respective revenue office in advance to extend the time limit prescribed for filing a tax return if it is difficult to do so on time due to various reasons.

8. Enquiries: If there are any unclear points, enquiries can be made at the respective revenue offices and please contact the following Taxpayer Service Offices for further questions:
   (a) Centralised Taxpayer Service Unit No. 128/132, 2nd Floor & 3rd Floor, Pansodan Street (Middle Block), Kyauktada Township, Yangon Ph: 01-8389311, 01-8389322
   (b) Taxpayer Service Unit (Naypyitaw) Building No. 46, Internal Revenue Department, Naypyitaw. Phone: 067-3430522, 067-3430544
   (c) Taxpayer Service Unit (Mandalay) 65th Street, between 22nd and 23rd Streets, Aung Myae Tharzan Township, Mandalay. Ph: 02-4030192, 02-4030637, 02-4030638, 02-4030639

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The presidents of Hino Motors Ltd and Mitsubishi Fuso Truck and Bus Corp are pictured at a press conference in Tokyo on 30 May 2023. PHOTO: KYODO

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Lula hosts South American leaders’ summit in Brazil

BRAZILIAN President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva is hosting his fellow South American leaders Tuesday for a “retreat” aimed at strengthening ties in a region where left-wing governments are newly back in style.

Eleven of the continent’s 12 heads of state are due to attend the summit in Brasilia — the first of its kind in nearly a decade — with only Peruvian President Dina Boluarte expected to miss it.

Veteran leftist Lula kicked things off Monday by meeting with Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, hailing the “historic” restoration of a relationship that was severed under his predecessor, far-right ex-president Jair Bolsonaro.

Brazil had cut diplomatic ties with Maduro’s government under Bolsonaro (2019-2022), who labelled the socialist leader a “dictator”. “This is the start of Maduro’s return, and (Tuesday’s) meeting will be the return of South American integration,” Lula told a news conference, after greeting his Venezuelan counterpart at the presidential palace with a hug and a back-slap.

‘New pink tide’

Lula, who previously led Brazil from 2003 to 2010, is a self-declared fan of international cooperation and “regional integration,” which featured prominently in his first presidency, and is keen to reboot stalled South American ties.

This is the first summit of regional leaders since 2014 in Quito, Ecuador; at a gathering of UNASUR, a continental bloc launched in 2008 by Lula and late Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez.

That was the moment of Latin America’s so-called “pink tide”, when a wave of left-wing governments led the region.

Now, some political analysts are talking of a “new pink tide” in South America, with the recent election of Lula in Brazil, Gabriel Boric in Chile and Gustavo Petro in Colombia. Lula wants to get the region cooperating again.

His government has touted projects such as a “Bi-Oceanic Corridor,” a transportation artery to enable countries to ship goods from one side of the continent to the other overland instead of by sea. — AFP

Attack drones hit Moscow as Kyiv struck for third day

A swarm of drones hit Moscow on Tuesday in an unprecedented attack and Russian drones struck Kyiv for a third straight day as Ukraine gears up for a third offensive against Russian forces.

The Russian defence ministry blamed Kyiv for the attacks on Moscow and the surrounding region, which left two people lightly injured and what it said was “minor” damage to buildings.

Two residential buildings that were hit are located in the affluent south-western part of the Russian capital and near the city centre. One of them is close to a popular park.

Two drones were intercepted over the Kremlin earlier this month but this was the first time that unmanned aerial vehicles hit residential areas of Moscow, which is located hundreds of kilometres from the front lines in Ukraine.

The raids will be seen as a psychological blow and a major embarrassment for the Kremlin which has gone to great lengths to say the protracted conflict does not pose a threat to Russians. —AFP

China urges US to destroy chemical weapons stockpile as promised

A Chinese defence spokesperson on Monday urged the United States to fulfill its commitments and adhere to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) by taking concrete actions.

Tan Kefei, spokesperson for China’s Ministry of National Defence, made the remarks during a press conference while addressing the US claim of destroying its chemical weapons stockpile by autumn this year.

Tan said that since the CWC came into effect 26 years ago, over 99 per cent of the world’s chemical weapons stockpiles have been eliminated.

Seven out of the eight countries that declared chemical weapons stockpiles have completed the destruction of their chemical weapons.

As stipulated by the Convention, the destruction of stockpiled chemical weapons should be completed within 10 years of its enactment in 1997.

Tan also said the destruction process of Japan’s abandoned chemical weapons in China is severely lagging behind, and the destruction plan has been overdue many times.

China urges Japan to enhance its sense of urgency and step up actions to ensure these abandoned chemical weapons’ early destruction in a clean and thorough manner, Tan said. — Xinhua

NATO soldiers clash with local Serbs in northern Kosovo, over 50 civilians injured

OVER 50 civilians and more than 40 NATO soldiers were injured in a clash between NATO’s Kosovo Force (KFOR) and Serb protesters in front of the Zvecan municipality building in northern Kosovo on Monday, said Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic.

KFOR units were trying to disperse a group of Serbs who protested after Kosovo police took control of the administrative buildings in Zvecan and two other municipalities in majority-Serb north of Kosovo. "A member of ROSU (Regional Operations Support Unit of Kosovo Police), not a member of KFOR, fired several bullets in the direction of the retreating Serbs and hit local Serbs Dragisa Galjak with two bullets. Serbs responded with stones and in other ways," Vucic said at an extraordinary press conference on Monday evening. — Xinhua

The NATO-led Kosovo Force (KFOR) soldiers, wearing full riot gear, placed metal fences around the municipal building in Zvecan, northern Kosovo on 30 May 2023, a day following clashes with Serb protesters demanding the removal of recently elected Albanian mayors. PHOTO: AFP
Chinese mission with first civilian reaches space station

CHINA sent three astronauts to its 30 May space station on Tuesday, putting a civilian into orbit for the first time as it pursues plans to send a crewed mission to the Moon by 2030.

The world's second-largest economy has invested billions of dollars in its military-run space programme in a push to catch up with the United States and Russia.

The Shenzhou-16 crew took off atop a Long March 2F rocket from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China at 9:31 am (0131 GMT), AFP journalists saw.

They docked at the space station's Tianhe core module on Tuesday afternoon, more than six hours after taking off, state broadcaster CCTV said.

The launch was a “complete success” and the “astronauts are in good condition”, said Zou Lipeng, director of the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre.

Dozens of employees from the space programme, many of whom live year-round on the huge site, attended the launch, snapping selfies with the rocket in the background.

North Korea confirms June launch of military spy satellite

NORTH Korea said Tuesday that it would launch a spy satellite in June, claiming it was necessary to monitor the “dangerous” military movements of the United States and its allies.

Criticising US-South Korea joint military exercises, including the ongoing large-scale live-fire drills, a top North Korean military official confirmed that “military reconnaissance satellite No 1” would be launched next month. The announcement came a day after Japan said it was informed by North Korea that a satellite launch could happen imminently, with Tokyo warning it would likely violate United Nations sanctions.

Satellite launch technology overlaps significantly with that used in ballistic missiles, which Pyongyang is explicitly prohibited from using under UN sanctions. The official Korean Central News Agency cited Ri Pyong Chol, vice-chairman of the ruling party’s central military commission, saying the satellite was “indispensable to tracking, monitoring... and coping with in advance in real time the dangerous military acts of the US and its vassal forces”.

Citing “reckless” acts by Washington and Seoul, Ri said North Korea felt “the need to expand reconnaissance and information means and improve various defensive and offensive weapons”. — AFP

Japan ruling parties vow to maintain solid coalition despite discord

THE leader of the Komeito party pledged Tuesday to remain in coalition with the Liberal Democratic Party despite recent disagreements during negotiations to coordinate their candidates for the next lower house election.

Natsuo Yamaguchi’s remarks came amid speculation that Komeito, backed by Japan’s biggest lay Buddhist group Soka Gakkai, may dissolve its decade-long alliance with Prime Minister Fumio Kishida’s LDP if the discussions on fielding candidates break down.

After meeting with Kishida at the prime minister’s office last month, Yamaguchi said, “We have confirmed we will sustain our collaboration by cherishing the significance and broad perspective of the coalition,” adding that talks between the two parties will continue. Yamaguchi met Kishida after Komeito decided last week that the centrist party will not recommend LDP candidates in single-seat constituencies in Tokyo, while giving up its plan to field its own candidate in the newly established 28th district of the capital. — Kyodo

Cambodian parliament adopts long-awaited code of environment, natural resources

THE National Assembly of Cambodia on Tuesday approved the long-awaited draft code of environment, natural resources, biodiversity and ecological functions.

Environment Minister Say Samal said the code, which had been drafted since 2015, aimed at strengthening the management, protection, conservation and restoration of environment, natural resources, biodiversity and ecological functions.

“It will set a common strategic direction for environmental protection and natural resources conservation,” he told the assembly.

He added that it will also expand the possibility of ministries, institutions and social milieus to further take part in environmental protection and natural resources and biodiversity management and preservation, Loy Sophat, chairman of the National Assembly’s commission on planning, investment, agriculture, rural development, environment, and water resources, said the draft code will increase the effectiveness of the management and conservation of environment, natural resources, biodiversity, and natural and cultural heritages. — Xinhua
Van der Sar to quit as Ajax chief after ‘tough period’

FORMER Netherlands goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar announced Tuesday he was quitting as Ajax chief executive, after “an incredibly tough period” of more than a decade at the helm of the Amsterdam powerhouse.

Van der Sar’s resignation comes on the back of the worst season in 14 years for the top Dutch club which finished third in the Eredivisie behind Feyenoord and PSV Eindhoven.

“After almost 11 years on the board, I am done,” Van der Sar, 52, said in a statement.

“We have experienced wonderful things together, but it has also been an incredibly tough period,” the former Manchester United ‘keeper said, who retired from professional football in 2011.

Ajax have failed to qualify for the Champions League after finishing third in the Eredivisie behind Feyenoord and PSV Eindhoven.

Media reports including the NOS public broadcaster and daily tabloid De Telegraaf said supporters held Van der Sar responsible for the club’s drop in form, following the departure of sporting director Marc Overmars and trainer Errik ten Hag.

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WORLD number one Carlos Alcaraz admitted he felt “invincible” at times during his straight-sets win over Italian qualifier Flavio Cobolli in the French Open first round on Monday.

The 20-year-old, the youngest top seed at Roland Garros since Bjorn Borg in 1976, swept to a 6-0, 6-2, 7-5 win over his 159th-ranked opponent.

“The way I felt at times, I thought I was able to win the start of the match, I felt invincible,” he said. Cobolli, making his Grand Slam debut, rallied briefly at the start of the match, I felt invincible,” he said. Cobolli, making his Grand Slam debut, rallied briefly the third set but was unable to take advantage of two break points in the sixth game.

Alcaraz then saw four match points slip away as the Italian hung on to level at 5-5.

However, the Spaniard wrapped up the tie on a fifth match point in the 12th game.

Next up for Alcaraz is a clash with Japan’s Taro Daniel for a place in the last 32.

New York-born Daniel, ranked 112, enjoyed his best Slam at the Australian Open in 2022 where he went to the third round from qualifying and defeated former world number one Andy Murray in the round of 64.

His best run in Paris was a second round appearance in 2017.

Spain’s Carlos Alcaraz Garfa plays a backhand return to Italy’s Flavio Cobolli during their men’s singles match on day two of the Roland-Garros Open tennis tournament at the Court Suzanne-Lenglen in Paris on 29 May 2023. PHOTO: AFP

Alcaraz says he felt ‘invincible’ in French Open win