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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.

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepts Credentials of Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepted the credentials of Ambassador-Designate of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to Myanmar Mr J M Janaka Priyantha Bandara at the Credential Hall of the Office of the SAC Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw at 10 am yesterday.

At the ceremony, they frankly discussed diplomatic relations and friendly relations between the two countries, the enhancement of tourism services, assistance from Myanmar to Sri Lanka, business affairs, cooperation in the agriculture sector and political changes in the two countries.

After the ceremony, the Senior General and the Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar posed for documentary photos.

Also present at the ceremony were Joint Secretary of the Council Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and Director-General of the Protocol Department U Wunna Han. — MNA



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepts the credentials of Mr J M Janaka Priyantha Bandara, Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw on 7 June 2022.

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Invitation to basic education staff absent from duties extended

THE Information Team Committee of the State Administration Council invited teachers and education staff who have been absent due to intimidation, participation in protests, and travel difficulties and concerns to report to the nearest Township Education Offices before 31-5-2022 so as to resume their teaching duties.

To date, 2,482 teachers have contacted there.

For teachers who wish to report but are unable to report within the deadline due to transport and other difficulties, the reporting deadline has been extended to 7-6-2022.

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MYANMAR GAZETTE

Heads of Service Organizations confirmed and appointed

1. The State Administration Council has confirmed the appointment of U Htein Winn, Director-General of the National Registration and Citizenship Department under the Ministry of Immigration and Population on the expiry of the one-year probationary period.
2. The State Administration Council has appointed Dr Nilar Myint, Pro-Rector of Hinthada University of the Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education, as Rector of Panglong University of the same ministry on probation from the date she assumes charge of her duties.

Peace delegation led by NDAA (Mongla) vice-chairman returns to Kengtung

THE peace delegation led by Vice-Chairman U San Pae of the National Democratic Alliance Army-NDAA (Mongla), which had arrived in Nay Pyi Taw on the invitation of State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, returned to Kengtung of eastern Shan State by flight yesterday.

The peace delegation was seen off by officials of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee, officials and ethnic people from the Department of Fine Arts at Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport

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

On arrival at Kengtung Airport, it was welcomed by Commander of the Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Myo Min Tun, township/district level departmental officials, political parties and the people who want peace. — MNA



The NDAA (Mongla) vice-chairman-led peace delegation leaves for Kengtung yesterday.

Mid-water resort to be implemented in Yangon



The Photo shows the location of the mid-water resort project in Yangon Region. PHOTO: SOE MYINT AUNG

ARRANGEMENTS are being made to implement a mid-water resort project in Yangon Region to attract local and foreign travellers.

The project is located in Bago River near the Union National Races Village in Thakayta

Township and will be developed by the Best Myanmar National Tourism Public Company Ltd.

The project will cover River Cruise, food stalls, flower and crop plantations, recreational centres decorated with Myanmar arts, view points to enjoy

sunset, water skiing, pool, artificial turf and horse-riding area including a hotel.

"The resort will be in the water and now we conduct study on river and water resource usage. The tourism entrepreneurs seek approvals of ministry con-

cerned to launch the resort. We will make a feasibility study first and develop the project as soon as we receive the permit. We will carry out in line with the criteria of the ministries concerned. When it completes, the local and foreign visitors will pay a visit there and the local tourism will be developed," said U Naung Naung Han, Chairman of the Best Myanmar National Tourism Public Company Ltd. The people can enjoy the beauty of sunset on River Cruise including the night beauty of Yangon with decorative lights installed in Yangon area along the river.

The resort is also linked with the Union National Races Village. —Pwint Thitsa / GNLM

10 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 7 June, total figure rises to 613,397

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,397** after **10** new cases were reported on 7 June 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,385** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll stands at **19,434** without more casualties.—MNA

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

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

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

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MoFA Union Minister receives Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar



U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received newly appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Mr J M Janaka Priyantha Bandara at 1:30 pm on 7 June 2022 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

MoFA Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin receives Mr JM Janaka Priyantha Bandara, Sri Lankan Ambassador to Myanmar, yesterday.

During the call, the Union Minister congratulated the Ambassador for his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. They cordially exchanged views on matters pertaining to the further enhancement of the friendly bilateral relations and mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries, as well as closer collaboration in regional and multilateral contexts including the BIMSTEC and the United Nations.—MNA

Rakhine state stability, peace and development work coordination committee holds meeting (2/2022)

THE Rakhine State Stability, Peace and Development Work Coordination Committee held a coordination meeting (2/2022) yesterday afternoon in Nay Pyi Taw.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Committee Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, Vice Chairman (1) Union Minister for International Cooperation U Ko Ko Hlaing, Vice Chair (2) Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Thet Thet Khine, committee members, deputy ministers and officials. The Rakhine State Minister for Security and Border Affairs joined the meeting via videoconferencing.

First, Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung stressed to accelerate repatriation for those who



The Rakhine State Stability, Peace and Development Work Coordination Committee meeting 2/2022 is in progress in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

left Rakhine State.

At the meeting, Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing, Vice Chairman (1), spoke on the peace, stability and socio-economic development in Rakhine State, readmission and resettlement

of displaced persons, and international cooperation. Vice Chair (2) Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine also briefed on the current situation of humanitarian assistance and resettlement of the returnees.

Afterwards, respective working committees explained the security and the rule of law, cooperation with the United Nations and other international organizations, immigration and citizenship screening, regional

socio-economic development, humanitarian assistance and resettlement issues, and the chairperson and vice chairs of the Coordination Committee coordinated the discussion of the participants. — MNA

UEC member inspects basic population census and ground verification work



The basic population census and ground verification work is under inspection in Yangon yesterday.

U Aung Moe Myint, a member of the Union Election Commission, inspected the basic population census and ground verification work to have accurate voter lists conducted at

the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon yesterday.

A total of 45 staff from the Union Election Commission's office and the Union Territory and 55 staff from the Yangon

Region sub-commissions are conducting the population census and ground verification work for Thingangyun Township and Tamway Township from 6 June. — MNA

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Sales of school uniforms, stationery robust due to increased number of school enrolments

DUE to an increase in the number of children enrolled in basic education schools this year, sales of school uniforms and stationery were strong, according to market sources.

A total of 5,609,676 students were enrolled at basic education schools, private schools, and monastic schools across the country in this 2022-2023 Academic Year, according to statistics released by the Department of Basic Education.

Since students are going back to school after two years, they need to buy everything, especially school uniforms which have become small for them.

“You can buy cheap and ready-made school uniforms in the market depending on the age and the body, but it is better to buy a piece of cloth and have it made a tailor-made one, which costs about K25,000 per piece,” said Daw Yin Nwe, the mother of a Grade-8 student in South

Okkalapa Township.

Ko Tun Naing, an owner of a stationery shop, said: “Pens, pencils, notebooks, compacts, and backpacks are mainly sold; Although there were few sales last year due to the low enrolment in previous years, this year’s sale covers the last year’s investment.”

A set of school materials costs around K40,000/50,000, with a dozen of notebooks, is around K5,000/6,000, according to Daw Aye Than, the mother of a student in Dagon Myothit (North) Township.

“As it is the school opening season, the cost is high, however, it is gratifying that we don’t need to pay for the school enrollment,” she added.

Due to the high cost of paper and the cost of photocopying by a generator due to power outages, the price of an A-4 paper copy has risen from K12 to K28. — TWA/GNLM



School uniforms and exercise books are seen at one outlet in Yangon.



Palm oil price set at K5,645 this week

THE reference palm oil price was set at K5,645 per viss between 6 and 12 June, according to the statement of the supervisory committee on edible oil import and distribution.

Officials released the reference rate to control the palm oil price rising. They set the basic reference rate at more than K5,000 based on the FOB prices of Malaysia and Indonesia by calculating the transport charges, bank rate and taxes.

During this week, the palm oil price declined in global oil-producing countries more than the previous week, and so the wholesale prices of the supervisory committee also drop.

The local retail oil price rose to nearly K9,000 per viss when the reference prices were not released and now the price is nearly K7,000 per viss, according to the retail outlet.

If the people are found overcharging, storing inventory intentionally and attempting unscrupulous action to manipulate the market, they will face legal action under the Essential Supplies and Services Act. — TWA/GNLM



Summer onions reach highest price in three years

AROUND 102,000 visses of summer onions entered the Bayintnaung market with the highest price on 7 June, according to the Bayintnaung Onion Market.

Summer onions peaked in the three years from 2020 to the present. Today, the wholesale price for one viss of Onion at the Monywa’s Market is K1,000-1,300-1,400-1,500. The price of one viss from the Seikphyu area is K925-1,175-1,275-1,325,” said Ko Myint Lwin, an onion buyer.

Ma Hla Hla Win, an onion farmer in Pale Township, said that the price of onions has risen this year due to low onion production and high demand for export to foreign countries.

In the first week of June 2020, onion costs 475-550 kyats per viss in the Seikphyu area. There was K650-750 per viss in Myittha and in the first week of June 2021 it was only K175-K375 respectively, according to the previous prices of the same pe-

riod last year.

In the first week of June 2022, 198,000 visses of onion arrived in Bayintnaung from all over the country. Seikphyu onion is traded at K775-1,025-1,075-1,175 per viss, according to the Bayintnaung Commodity Exchange.

On 6 and 7 June, the price of onion from Monywa rose by 200 kyats per viss in Bayintnaung Market. The onion price has risen by K150 per viss in Seikphyu, said Aung Ko, a potato buyer in the Lanmadaw Nyaung Pin Lay Market.

On 7 June, the price of a viss of onion at the Monywa Commodity Exchange was K1,350 per viss.

On that day, the Pakokku Onion Market was priced at K1,000 per viss for small onions and K1,300 per viss for big onions, according to the market sources.

On 7 June, the price for a

small ball of onion was K650 per viss at the Seikphyu Market while bigger onions were traded at K1,150 per viss and reached 18,000 visses in total.

In December 2017, the wholesale price of a viss of summer onions was only K3,050, but in the first week of January 2018, the wholesale price of fresh onions from Pakokku and Myingyan was K2,550-3,050-3,150-3,250 per viss.

In January 2020, the wholesale price of rain onion was K1,500-1,800-2,000 per viss, and at the end of December, the price of summer onion was only K100-200-300-400 per viss.

However, for the whole of 2021 and the end of May 2022, the wholesale price of summer and monsoon onions was less than K1,000 per viss, according to the three-year price comparison of the Bayintnaung Commodity Exchange. — TWA/GNLM

MoPF Union Minister holds meeting on systematic management for confiscated materials, vehicles in anti-illegal trade operations



UNION Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein presided over a coordination meeting to manage the seized materials and vehicles in anti-illegal trade operations as quickly as possible in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, the Union Minister talked about the systematic ways to keep the confiscated vehicles and things in anti-illegal trade operations not to occur damages, fast management under law and

procedures, cooperation with relevant departments in prosecuting offenders in line with the law and returning nationalized assets without any damages in line with the procedures.

Then, the attendees coordinated the discussion.

The meeting was attended by MoPF Deputy Ministers U Maung Maung Win and Daw Than Than Lin and other relevant officials of anti-illegal trade operations. —MNA

MoPF Union Minister U Win Shein chairs the coordination meeting to manage the seized goods and vehicles systematically.

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, unregistered vehicles seized in various townships

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

The Combined Inspection Team led by Police Force conducted inspections on 7 June. They confiscated an unregistered Yamaha Ray-Z 125 motorbike worth K500,000 in Tamu

Township and an unregistered Cygnus car at an estimated value of K20 million in Kanbalu Township. The action was taken under the Export/Import Law.

Similarly, on the same day, under the supervision of the Bago Region Anti-Trafficking Task Force, an inspection team led by the Forest Department

captured 7.6018 tonnes of illegal timbers at an estimated value of K3,379,258 in Bago, Toungoo and Pyay Districts, and the action was taken under the Forest Law.

Therefore, seven arrests at approximately K23,879,258 were made on 7 June, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA



Officials confiscate illegal timbers.

Drugs seized in Tamu and Tachilek townships



The suspects are pictured along with seized drugs and ammunition.

A combined team consisting of members of the Sagaing Region Police Force examined a house of Ma Kyeinnu (aka) Nyaung San Kyein in Myoma Ward of Tamu Township on 5 June at 10:30 pm and arrested Ma Kyeinnu, Ma Pan Wah and Thang Lyin Pawng with 3,000 stimulant tablets, 125 rounds of various bullets, nine grenades, seven 40mm grenades and 20 fuses.

Similarly, on 6 June at 9 am, Police Force searched a house of Ah Mu in Tachilek Township and seized 5,200 stimulant tablets, 1.4 kilogrammes of opium and 0.02 kilogramme of heroin.

The suspects were prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, the Myanmar Police Force stated. — MNA

K320 million worth of heroin seized in Nawngkhio township

A total of 21.6 kilogrammes of heroin worth K320 million were captured in Nawngkhio Township of Shan State (North), according to the Police Force.

A combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force captured 21.6 kilogrammes of heroin worth K320 million from a 12-wheel Fuso car driven by Ye Kyaw Thura heading from Hsipaw to Mandalay near the Tollgate on the Mandalay-Lashio Road in Nawngkhio Township on 3 June at 2 pm, acting on tip-off.

According to the investigation, the suspect admitted the seized drugs to be carried

from Shan State (North) to Mandalay Region. Police are investigating and he is being prosecuted under the

Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, the Myanmar Police Force stated. — MNA



An arrestee is seen together with seized heroin and a lorry.

LOCAL BUSINESS

Domestic rice market moves slow

THE rice market is sluggish these days in the domestic market, however, traders do not offer lower prices and keep the market price stable, said U Than Oo, secretary of the Bayintnaung Rice Wholesale Centre.

“We cannot scale down the price. The rice millers send the rice with their own brand to the Yangon market. The rice is distributed to other regions and states through the Yangon market. The millers do not sell them at cut-price. As the market is slow-moving, the inflow of rice to market drops. However, they maintain the market price,” he added.

At present, sales have declined in the Bayintnaung market. Normally, the market is crowded with cargo trucks

on Mondays. Only is a small number of trucks entering the market seen at present, U Than Oo continued.

The prevailing prices of rice move in the range of K60,000-K65,000 per bag for the Shwebo variety and K50,000-K54,000 per bag for the Myaungmya variety. The low-grade prices are worth K37,000-K40,000 per bag, according to the Bayintnaung Rice Wholesale Depot.

The domestic rice price does not climb. The prices are the same as last year’s rates, U Than Oo pointed out.

However, export rice prices are offered high, he added.

The export rice prices (low grade) stand at K29,000 and K30,000 per 108-pound bag de-



A rice combine harvester is pictured processing the grains.

pending on different varieties, according to the Bayintnaung Commodity Centre. Additionally,

approximately 600,000 bags of rice and broken rice are daily flowing into the Bayintnaung

Rice Wholesale Centre. Half of them are broken rice. — NN/GNLM

30% of fishing trawlers allowed to resume one month earlier than close season



An official inspects the fishing net. PHOTO: KANU

MYANMAR puts a three-month stop to the fishing season in the Myanmar sea and 30 per cent of fishing trawlers are ruled out one month earlier than usual for the local self-sufficiency and export markets. Therefore, fishing businesses that generate foreign income have resumed.

Starting last year, the Fisheries Department eased the fishing ban on 30 per cent of offshore fishing vessels in June as a trial run. This scheme was implemented in Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi regions and Mon and Rakhine states.

This move made the fishing business operators, fishers and

those involved in the local fish supply chain and the cold storage facilities financially do well.

About 80 fishing trawlers in Yangon Region are allowed to leave for the sea. Just two trawlers are given go-ahead in Rakhine State so far.

In a bid to conduct surveillance of the offshore fishing, we monitored the vessels to check if the vessels have been installed Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) and equipped with the nets with the Turtle Excluder Device (TED) to protect endangered sea turtles or not. Last year, 238 trawlers with VMS executed fishing in Yangon Region.

However, the fuel oil burden in the regions and states forced certain fishing trawlers to cease operations temporarily in the first week of June.

Saltwater fish and shrimp exports generate greater revenue than freshwater exports. Myanmar earned over US\$800 million in income from overall fishery exports and 70 per cent of them accounted for seafood. Myanmar primarily ships 15 saltwater fish species and five shrimp species to China. The country exports four species of saltwater fish and shrimp to Thailand as well. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/GNLM

Newly harvested black sesame trade bustling in Mandalay market

BLACK sesame traders do a roaring business in the Mandalay market and they are delighted with high prices at the beginning of the sesame season, said Mandalay traders.

“Those black sesame seeds are successfully cultivated under the irrigation system. They are mainly supplied by Shwebo, Wetlet, YeU and Zigon areas. Last year, black sesame fetched only K185,000 per three-basket bag. The prices soared to K225,000 per bag this year. There is a bustling trade in black sesame in Mandalay,” said U Soe Win Myint, an owner of Soe Win Myint Commodity Depot in Mandalay.

“Both black sesame and white sesame are flowing into the Mandalay market. Those sesame seeds were cultivated with the irrigation network of Mu River. Some are grown with the use of underground water. Black sesame seeds are given green light for exports. Thanks to favourable weather condi-

tions, there is a bountiful harvest in the Shwebo district. White sesame from Kyaukse, Myaung and Myinmu areas are also entering the Mandalay market. The sesame fetches a high price this year. Approximately 95 per cent of sesame is sent to the external market. China is the main buyer of Myanmar’s sesame. The high price of sesame prompted the growers to increase sowing acreage this year across the region,” he elaborated.

Sesame is cultivated in the country throughout the year. Magway Region, which has gained a reputation as the oil pot of Myanmar, is the main producer of sesame seeds. The seeds are also grown in Mandalay and Sagaing regions.

The black sesame, a 100-day crop, can also be grown in sequential cropping agriculture. It has also gained market share in the external market. — Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)/GNLM

OPINION

Choose a green colour for the environment of Myanmar

MONSOON has already come here. Rainwater washes everything to be clean and tidy. The natural environment is painted with greening works. Hence, everybody is fresh and active under raindrops.

All Myanmar people are decorating the environment with the growth of trees for greening the environs. They try hard to barren plains and hills with saplings to be able to change the climatic conditions as part of mitigating the high temperature of dry zones in central Myanmar.

Various kinds of media feature the efforts of the people who participate in the tree-growing ceremonies in the monsoon across the nation. Various towns and villages are engaged in the cultivation of staple crops as well as shade trees with reliance on rainwater for the continuous thriving of the plants.

From the time of growing, all saplings should be under care for thriving with watering, weeding, preventive measures of fire and destruction of cattle in all seasons so that the saplings must develop cent per cent.

Till today, the majority of Myanmar people are using firewood and charcoal for daily cooking processes. So, they rely on forest products from natural forests. To be able to reduce such a reliance, it is necessary to establish at least two acres each of firewood plantations in all villages for taking firewood if necessary.

The government has given guidance for the conservation of forests while encouraging the people to grow saplings. In this regard, it was learnt that arrangements have been made for growing some 20 million saplings in 24,269 State-owned forests this year, compared with 23,973,051 plants in 28,715 acres of the forests in the previous year's monsoon.

The growing of trees directly benefits not only growers but the environment. Only when forest land is larger will it change the climate change as well as the livelihoods and daily lifestyle of the people.

The UN FAO stated that parts of Myanmar are covered by 51.54 per cent of forest areas in 2000, 46.96 per cent in 2010, 42.92 per cent in 2015 and 42.19 per cent in 2020. Hence, all the people including authorities need to strive to prevent a decline in the percentage of forest areas in the nation.

Actually, just the cultivation of saplings is not enough for all. Truly, all the people are responsible for the conservation of the trees and forests in cooperation with the relevant ministry which need to definitely nurture the already grown saplings for long-lasting thriving. If so, the monsoon tree-growing ceremonies will have achievements and they will be meaningful.

Goodbye! 60's and 70's terrorism

An old female terrorist appears in the outside world

By Suzuka YOSHIDA

ON 28 May, a pale old woman with a pale complexion left prison. She is Fusako Shigenobu. She was one of the masterminds of the numerous terrorist attacks that shook Japan in the 1960s and 70s and organized local people who were dissatisfied with their local politics across the Middle East. She had been internationally arranged as the mastermind of the Tel Aviv massacre and 1974 French Embassy attack in The Hague, and finally, she was arrested in 2000 when she lived in Osaka illegally using another person's passport. She still has many supporters who want to listen to her. The Japanese Public Security Intelligence Agency is concerned about her influence.

Founder of the Japanese Red Army

Fusako Shigenobu began to devote herself to the radical student movement in the mid-1960s, and in 1969 she aimed to realize the communism of the world based on Marxism-Leninism, and she established the Communist League Red Army (abbreviation: The Red Army). The Red Army Faction, which she masterminded, carried out armed destruction in the two major cities of Japan, Tokyo and Osaka, in the name of "war." She worked as a bank robber and post office robber and obtained funds for arming while



Japanese Red Army founder Fusako Shigenobu (centre) after her release from jail Saturday in Akishima, western Tokyo. She is flanked by her daughter Mei Shigenobu (right) and her lawyer (left). PHOTO: AFP

conducting promotional activities to justify the armed struggle.

Also, as police arrests are imminent, the Red Army including her, made the pretext of causing a world revolution, and in 1971, some people went to Palestine in the Middle East, where many local people were dissatisfied with the rule, and organized the local people. The organization called

itself the Red Army Arab Commission (Arab Red Army).

In 1972, the Arab Red Army caused an explosion at The Lod Airport massacre (Ben Gurion International Airport) near Tel Aviv, killing 26 passengers and injuring 80 people. In 1975, she and other members established the Japanese Red Army and caused the Kuala Lumpur incident (oc-

cupation of the US and Swedish embassies). In 1977 the Japanese

a mastermind and was woven and promoted, driving dissatisfied young people in Japan and around the world into terrorist activities.

She was specifically involved in the 1974 incident of an armed occupation of the French embassy in The Hague, the Netherlands, injuring police officers in battle. She had been internationally wanted on suspicion of imprisonment and was arrested in 2000 when she was found returning to Japan with an illegal passport. She complained that she had not made an actual assault in the proceedings, but finally was sentenced to 20 years in prison for conspiracy charges.

Shigenobu seems to have a very good sense of words that move people. Some young people who heard her agitation and resonated with her ideas became terrorists, while others became supporters who earned money while working. That is why she is called a "witch".

Common language, large budget, economic benefits, not ideas, needed for modern terrorism

Japan had no readiness to prevent terrorist activities and arrest those extremists at that time and didn't react quickly. This inadequate system has increased terrorists so the International So-

ciety criticized Japan as an incompetent state. After incidents caused by the Japanese Red Army, the Japanese Government has started a system and measures against terrorism finally.

The characteristics of modern terrorism are the large-scale and wide-area mobilization of large amounts of money and a large number of people. In my opinion, what is needed to achieve terrorism in modern times is as follows: -

1. The ability to speak inspiring words by manipulating languages spoken in a wide range of countries around the world. Those are English, Arabic, Spanish, and French (Chinese has a large population but is excluded because it is used in one country).

2. There must be a person/group who can sustainably supply a large amount of budget or a division who can freely access the funds provided by the state.

3. Motivation to continue mobilizing people for generations. It's not about brainwashing old-fashioned and useless ideas like communism, but about giving economic benefits really.

Regarding 1, Shigenobu could only speak Japanese. She, therefore, encouraged local dissatisfied molecules to form an illegal organization. Regarding 2, she raised funds and supporters by combining shabby activities

and robbery, such as collecting donations and holding meetings, but that would not cause a series of major terrorist attacks. Regarding 3, she could destroy but not build. She is out of date as a terrorist.

Influenced by the Cuban Revolution

The Red Army, including Shigenobu, is influenced by the achievement of the Cuban Revolution (January 1959) achieved by Che Guevara. Success stories of people working together to oppose existing governments and dramatically overturning the political system by force and guerrilla operations had given Japanese youth a model at that time. Therefore, in the 1960s and 1970s, their primary purpose was to destroy the political system by using the word "revolution" and to encourage the uprising of many young people. They also quickly learned that shouting "revolution" made them stand at the forefront.

However, guerrilla warfare did not evoke Japanese sympathy. There was no need for a revolution because the war was finally gone in 1945, people have jobs, people enjoy a bright society, and people have the freedom they can vote for candidates who would speak for their opinions in elections. Above all, the Japanese knew that even if the world could

be destroyed by the revolution, it would be impossible to build a new nation.

The Japanese were laughing at the "revolution" because they had repeated wars from the 12th century to the end of World War II in 1945. They have just escaped from such a difficult time.

Three requirements for the prevention of terrorism

It is possible to prevent both "revolution" and "terrorism" that express radical movements.

1. Do not make mismanagement that gives legitimacy to terrorists. The worst is the coup d'état in a way of containing the voices of the people.
2. Build an international network to prevent money laundering.
3. Collecting information through a human network + digital equipment and know-how.

Countries around the world, including Myanmar, must prepare these three requirements. 1 means the ability for domestic affairs, and 2 and 3 mean the diplomatic and economic powers to collaborate with other countries. Looking at the countries of the world from the perspectives of 1, 2 and 3, you can see the true national power that can express neither GDP nor UN Security Council P5 members.

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Global tourist arrivals tripled in first quarter after COVID restrictions eased: UN

INTERNATIONAL tourist arrivals tripled in the first quarter compared with the same period in 2021, with Europe leading the rebound as Covid restrictions were eased, the UN's tourism agency said Monday.

In the first three months of 2022, there were 117 million global tourist arrivals, up from 41 million in the same period a year earlier, with the figures showing

an increase of 182 per cent, the Madrid-based UN World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) said.

Although the figure remained 61 per cent lower than the first quarter of 2019, a year before the pandemic, it showed tourism was continuing to recover "at a strong pace" as "restrictions ease and confidence returns", it said.

"Of the extra 76 million international arrivals for the first

three months, about 47 million were recorded in March, showing that the recovery is gathering pace."

The increase was particularly notable in Europe, which welcomed almost four times as many arrivals as in 2021, an increase of 280 per cent.

Strong growth was also seen in the Americas, where arrivals more than doubled (up 117 per

cent) and in the Middle East, up 132 per cent.

"The gradual recovery is expected to continue throughout 2022, as more destinations ease or lift travel restrictions and pent-up demand is unleashed," the agency said, pointing to "a significant increase in flight reservations".

By 2 June, 45 destinations (two thirds of which were in Eu-

rope) no longer had Covid-related restrictions in place, while in Asia, an increasing number of destinations had begun easing restrictions.

However, the UNWTO retained a prudent outlook for the coming months, given the risks linked to the "challenging economic environment" and Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

"The Russian offensive on

Ukraine seems to have had a limited direct impact on overall results so far," it said.

But it was having "major economic repercussions globally" by exacerbating fuel and energy costs "which results in higher transport and accommodation costs for the tourism sector" that could weigh on the sector's recovery, it warned.

SOURCE: AFP



The increase was particularly notable in Europe, which welcomed almost four times as many arrivals as in 2021, an increase of 280 per cent. Tourists visit the Grand Place in Brussels, Belgium, on 28 June 2020. PHOTO: XINHUA/ZHANG CHENG

Assistant Senior Auditors Fresher Course 2/2022 opened



The fresher course 2/2022 for assistant senior auditors is in progress on 6 June in Nay Pyi Taw.

THE opening ceremony of the Fresher Course 2/2022 for Assistant Senior Auditors was held at 2 pm on 6 June at the Assembly Hall of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union, Nay Pyi Taw, in line with COVID-19 rules and regulations.

At the ceremony, Union Auditor-General Prof Dr Kan Zaw

delivered an address that the training aims to perform audits confidently and proficiently and understand the civil servants' the rights, law, rules and reg-

ulations, ethics, and technical knowledge basically throughout their service life; the training will be in theoretically and practically; the trainees who are good civil servants shall practice good affirmations which should have in good civil servants, such as appreciation of their departments and duties, understanding the actual situation of the nation with clear-sighted vision, cooperation with team spirit, focus for public interests, and compliance with the civil service personnel law.

Moreover, the trainees need to understand the nature of the audit work, which is to control and strengthen the public financial management by auditing whether the activities and projects implemented with the public funds meet targeted objectives, accomplish in time, benefit the public, and comply with the law, rules, and regulations. Therefore, he emphasized

that the trainees systematically need to note and learn the lectures from the training to meet the qualifications of knowledge and profession for the nation and public interests and should also try to conduct their duties honestly.

And then, the ceremony was concluded after the principal of the Training School of the Office of the Auditor-General of the Union explained the information regarding the training.

At the training, two from the Head Office and one from Union Territory, and 37 from Regions and States, totalling 40 trainees, will attend, and 10 subjects will be delivered for one-month face-to-face from 6-6-2022 to 5-7-2022.

The permanent secretary, the deputy permanent secretary, the deputy directors-general, responsible persons, the trainers and the trainees attended the ceremony. — MNA

NUG's affiliates, PDF terrorists kill education personnel, commit school bombings

THE NUG terrorist organization and its affiliates, the PDF terrorists, are using various methods such as intimidation and coercion of teachers and parents, arrest and killing, burning of educational buildings, mine blasts, burning of textbooks and lootings to discourage the education of children, to create an uneducated class, and instil fear to support them.

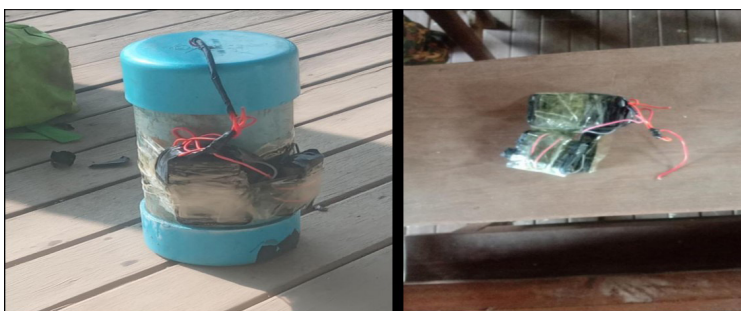
In doing so, Headmistress Daw Moe Moe Khaing of the Basic Education Middle School Branch in Bote village, Wetlet Township and her sister were shot dead while they were at home by PDF terrorists yesterday morning.

Similarly, clerk Daw Naing Naing Maw at Sataung BEHS in U Shit Gyi village in Sagaing Township was abducted by PDF terrorists while she was at home yesterday evening. At around

9:30 am yesterday, security personnel found and deactivated two homemade mines planted near the school campus gate and near the school stairs at the Basic Education Primary School in Naungparkhar ward, Naungpoaung village, Homalin Township, Sagaing Region.

In addition, PDF terrorists detonated a mine near the Basic Education Middle School in Pyitawtha ward in Monywa Township at around 10 am, and it is reported that the blast didn't affect any building or anyone.

Security personnel are working together with the people to quickly identify and arrest the perpetrators of the bombings on school buildings and other administrative buildings, killing of teachers to prevent young people from getting an education, according to the Myanmar Police Force. — MNA



Two homemade mines are found in Homlin Township, Sagaing Region.

Pilgrim killed in shooting at Tantkyitaung pagoda



Incident site.



The social welfare volunteers are pictured assisting the victims.

PDF terrorists attacked a pilgrim vehicle for no reason on the way to the Tantkyitaung Pagoda in Pakokku Township, Magway Region, killing a pilgrim yesterday morning.

A group of seven family members accompanied by a tour guide was on the way to the pagoda from the Tantkyitaung village port when the terrorists shot them with small arms for no reason. As a result of the shootings, a man on the vehicle was wounded. He was rushed to NyaungU People's Hospital by a vehicle from the Bagan Social Welfare Association, but died of his injuries at around 10 am.

It is reported that security forces are stepping up security in the area, according to the Myanmar Police Force. —MNA

A midwife brutally killed by PDF terrorists in Sagaing

SO-CALLED PDF terrorists abducted and killed a midwife who was providing medical treatment to local people in Sagaing Township, Sagaing Region, on 3 June.

A group of about 20 terrorists came in the house of Daw Nwe Nwe Soe, 47, a midwife at the Linyin Village Rural Health Centre, and abducted her by a light truck after destroying her house. She was killed brutally with a knife near the Linyin-

Padu Road, about four miles east of Linyin village.

It is reported that local security forces are working to identify and prosecute the terrorists who committed this brutal killing, according to the Myanmar Police Force. — MNA

A dead midwife in the aftermath of brutal killing by PDF terrorists.



Japan to ask foreign tourists to wear masks, take out insurance



The government said Tuesday it will ask foreign tourists to wear face masks and take out insurance to cover medical expenses in the event they contract COVID-19. **PHOTO: KYODO**

THE government said Tuesday it will ask foreign tourists to wear face masks and take out insurance to cover medical expenses in the event they contract COVID-19 as Japan restarts accepting visitors in stages later this week.

The tourism ministry has compiled guidelines for travel agencies and hotels ahead of Friday's resumption of accepting arrivals for the purpose of tourism. Entry will be initially restricted to guided tours from 98 countries and regions presenting the lowest risk of infection, including the United States, Britain,

China, South Korea, Indonesia and Thailand. "Understanding of the guidelines and compliance will lead to the smooth resumption of inbound tourism and its expansion," Tetsuo Saito, minister of land, infrastructure, transport and tourism, told a press conference. Under the guidelines, travel agencies will gain the consent of tour participants to comply with the measures by explaining upon sales or reservation of tours that they will not be penalized for failing to comply but may not be able to take part in tours.

The guidelines also state

that travel agencies will set tour routes to avoid crowded areas and select facilities that thoroughly implement antivirus measures, and gather information on multilingual medical institutions and hotels for isolation.

While in Japan, the agencies will transport tour participants found to be infected with the novel coronavirus to medical institutions and support them until they leave the country. They will also ask participants to notify them if they are found infected with the novel coronavirus within a week after returning home.—Kyodo

US launches plan to bring back foreign tourists

IN an effort to win back billions of dollars in tourism revenue lost during the Covid-19 pandemic, the US government on Monday launched a plan to attract 90 million international travellers a year.

The five-year plan aims to add jobs and bring in an estimated \$279 billion a year in spending by visiting tourists, the Commerce Department said.

"The impact of Covid-19 has taken a toll on our national and local economies, but it also has presented us with a unique opportunity to mold a more inclusive, equitable, sustainable and resilient travel and tourism industry than ever before," Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo said in a statement.

Prior to the pandemic, travel and tourism generated a \$53.4 billion trade surplus and supported a million US jobs, the

statement said.

In 2019, nearly 80 million international travellers visited the country and contributed almost \$240 billion to the US economy, but that dropped by more than half in 2020.

With widespread availability of vaccines, monthly overseas arrivals have increased to more than two million in April 2022, up from roughly 775,000 in October 2021. That means international travel has generated a trade surplus in each of the past five months — a positive indication the sector is trending toward recovery, the statement said.

The five-year National Travel and Tourism Strategy will focus on increasing promotion of US destinations, especially to underrepresented sites, and improving communication about health status and requirements.—AFP



Prior to the pandemic, travel and tourism generated a \$53.4 billion trade surplus and supported a million US jobs. **PHOTO: MIGUEL MEDINA/AFP**

Relief, caution in Beijing as city lifts Covid dine-in curbs

AFTER staying home for more than a month, Chen Chunmei joined a long line of customers at a popular Beijing restaurant where diners tucked into massive bowls of crayfish following an easing of Covid restrictions in the Chinese capital.

Last month, the city of 22 million stopped people from eating out, closed gyms and sealed off dozens of subway stations to try and stamp out a coronavirus outbreak.

The curbs are now finally easing, including at restaurants.

"I'm very excited, mainly because we'd been sealed off for so long," Chen told AFP.

"I've been ordering takeout or cooking every day. I really wanted to come out for meals."

At its peak, Beijing logged just dozens of infections every day.

But authorities in China are committed to a zero-Covid strategy — using rapid lockdowns,

mass testing and severe travel restrictions to eliminate even the smallest outbreaks.

Chen, 28, said her compound

was initially locked down for two weeks but when she was finally allowed to leave, the nearby subway station was closed.—AFP



Beijing has relaxed Covid restrictions allowing dine-ins at restaurants after cases fell. **PHOTO: JADE GAO/AFP**

COVID 19 cases dip in India, country reports 3,714 infections

BREAKING the two day-streak of crossing the 4,000-mark, India on Tuesday witnessed a drop in COVID-19 cases, as the country logged 3,714 fresh infections in the last 24 hours, informed the Union Health Ministry.

The country had reported 4,518 COVID infections yester-

day.

With this, the infections surge, the active COVID case-load in the country stands at 26,976, constituting of 0.06 per cent of India's total positive cases.

The daily positivity rate of 1.21 per cent was observed in the

last 24 hours, while the weekly positivity rate was recorded to be 0.97 per cent, the health ministry informed today.

With 2,513 recoveries in the last 24 hours hence, the total recoveries now reached 4,26,33,365. India's Recovery Rate is currently at 98.72 per cent.—ANI

ECON: WORLD

Gov't asks companies, households across Japan to save power



File photo shows Hokkaido Electric Power Co.'s Tomari nuclear power plant in Tomari, Hokkaido. **PHOTO: KYODO/FILE**

THE government said Tuesday it will ask companies and households across Japan to save electricity due to a possible power crunch in the summer and winter.

It will be the first time since fiscal 2015 that the government has filed such a request on a nationwide scale. The last such occurrence came in the wake of the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster, triggered by a massive earthquake and tsunami, when the government asked that energy be saved from fiscal 2012.

In a meeting of relevant Cabinet ministers, Chief Cabinet Secretary Hirokazu Matsuno asked the public to conserve energy but said the government will not set numerical targets to address supply concerns, at

least for this summer.

While most of the nuclear power plants in the country remain offline under stricter safety regulations imposed since the Fukushima nuclear accident, an increasing number of thermal power plants have been closed down due to aging.

Such developments have led to a reduction in Japan's overall electricity supply capabilities.

Officials say it is necessary to secure at least three per cent of the reserve rate for a stable power supply. But the government projects the rate will dwindle to 3.1 per cent in July in three areas served by Tohoku Electric Power Co., Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings Inc., and Chubu Electric Power Co.—Kyodo

US suspending solar panel tariffs on four Asian nations, not China

PRESIDENT Joe Biden on Monday will suspend tariffs for two years on solar panel imports from Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, and Vietnam — but not China — as the US seeks to boost domestic clean energy manufacturing, the White House said.

Biden's administration will also invoke the Defense Production Act (DPA) to accelerate domestic production, and use the federal government's purchasing power to increase

demand, a fact sheet said.

China is excluded as the Commerce Department investigates whether certain Chinese companies are circumventing US customs duties by assembling parts in the four countries.

"Today's clean energy technologies are a critical part of the arsenal we must harness to lower energy costs for families, reduce risks to our power grid, and tackle the urgent crisis of a changing climate," the

White House said.

It added that, compared to when Biden took office, the US was on track to triple domestic solar manufacturing capacity by 2024, from 7.5 gigawatts to 22.5 gigawatts, enough to enable 3.3 million homes to switch to solar each year.

Monday's actions include invoking the DPA to force the manufacture of clean energy in key areas including solar parts like photovoltaic modules and module components.—AFP



China is excluded as the Commerce Department investigates whether certain Chinese companies are circumventing US customs duties by assembling parts in the four countries. An inspection of solar photovoltaic modules used for small solar panels at a factory in Haian in Jiangsu province. **PHOTO: AFP**

Australia hikes interest rates to rein in inflation

AUSTRALIA'S central bank raised interest rates more than expected Tuesday and warned of more increases as officials try to rein in "significantly" high inflation. Governor Philip Lowe said the Reserve Bank's main lending rate would go up half

a percentage point to 0.85 per cent, surprising analysts who had tipped a quarter point lift.

He also said "extraordinary" support for the economy via low rates would continue to be unwound. The move comes as inflation has seen the price of lettuce

increase 300 per cent and sent already sky-high house prices in major cities soaring by a quarter since the start of the pandemic.

"While inflation is lower than in most other advanced economies, it is higher than earlier expected," Lowe said.—AFP

Nearly 8-mn in LatAm risk food insecurity: UN body

A sharp economic slowdown and rising inflation threatens to swell the ranks of food insecure people in Latin America and the Caribbean by nearly eight million, a UN body said Monday.

Poverty will increase in

2022, with average annual economic growth of 1.8 per cent following on 6.3 per cent registered last year, the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) said in a report.

The commission had earlier forecast growth of 2.1 per cent for the region in 2022, but adjusted the figure downward due to the inflationary effects of Russia's war on Ukraine.—AFP

Argentina president seeks special tax on Ukraine war windfalls

ARGENTINA'S president vowed Monday to pursue a special tax on company profits boosted by the war in Ukraine, a phenomenon he described as an "immorality" given the inflationary pressure on poor households.

While millions were feeling the pain of rising food prices, the war also "benefits the few... who are gaining a lot," Alberto Fernandez said in an address. "This is an immorality, an indecency, which as the State we cannot allow," he said, repeating his plan for a once-off special tax in 2022 on some companies with taxable

profits of more than a billion pesos (some \$8 million.) Argentina has a poverty rate of about 37 per cent, and a projected inflation rate of 60 per cent for 2022. Fernandez did not say which sectors would be targeted for the tax, but cited the rise in wheat, sunflower and maize prices in recent months — all products of which Argentina is a major exporter, along with beef. The center-left president, with Economy Minister Martin Guzman by his side, urged lawmakers to support the initiative when a bill is presented in coming weeks.—AFP

English-language students swerve UK post Brexit

AT the top of Calton Hill overlooking Edinburgh and the North Sea, a visiting English language student from France is in no doubt about the view: “Amazing!” he exclaims.

Covid has meant that the number of foreign students on such visits to the UK has fallen sharply.

But Britain’s departure from the European Union is not helping the recovery, as post-Brexit administrative requirements have raised travel costs. About 50 college students from France’s Alsace region have taken advantage of the lifting of UK Covid restrictions. Others, however, have opted to learn English in EU nations such as Ireland or Malta — or simply sign up for language courses at home. Teacher Sarah

Lepioufle, accompanying her college’s Edinburgh trip, said the changes introduced since Brexit — the extra paperwork involved — had made applying for courses an “obstacle course”. Non-EU students living in France are suddenly facing visa costs of £100 (118 euros, \$126), whereas before Brexit they could travel on a collective travel document. “I had to give up because I am Russian,” said Elisabeth Shpak, left out of the Scotland trip because of the fees involved.

Major financial losses

The British Educational Travel Association, whose members help organize such visits, estimates that Brexit could cost the sector up to £3 billion annually.—AFP

Australian KFC patrons clucking mad over lettuce-cabbage switch

FRIED chicken chain KFC said Tuesday that high lettuce prices in Australia have forced it to switch to a cabbage mix in burgers and other products, prompting customers to complain the result is less than “finger lickin’ good”.

The local price of the verdant leaf has soared by as much as 300 per cent in recent months, forcing the fast-food chain to tweak the Colonel’s recipe in some stores.

“We’re currently expe-



Australians are up in arms about local KFC outlets’ decision to use a cabbage mix on some menu items due to a lettuce shortage. **PHOTO: AFP**

riencing a lettuce shortage. So, we’re using a lettuce and cabbage blend on all products containing lettuce

until further notice,” the company told customers.

The company blamed widespread flooding in the country’s east for the problem. But supply chain expert Flavio Macau of Edith Cowan University said Russia’s invasion of Ukraine was also a factor, pushing up diesel and fertilizer prices.

A single head of iceberg lettuce in Sydney or Melbourne that once sold for about \$2 now goes for close to \$8.—AFP

German industrial orders fall again in April

GERMAN industrial orders fell for the third month in a row in April, official data published Tuesday showed, as Russia’s war in Ukraine dampened the outlook for Europe’s largest economy.

New orders fell by 2.7

per cent over the previous month, according to figures provided by the economy ministry. The renewed drop was “primarily due to the escalation of the Ukraine conflict”, the ministry said in a statement.

Overall, incoming orders were 6.2 per cent below their level of a year ago, when the coronavirus pandemic was weighing more heavily on industry.

The fall was seen particularly in capital goods,

used in production, which decreased 4.3 per cent compared with the previous month. Orders for consumer goods were down 2.6 per cent, while those of intermediate goods dipped 0.3 per cent.—AFP

Japan’s April household spending falls 1.7% on higher food prices



Supermarket chain Ito-Yokado Co. **PHOTO: KYODO/FILE**

JAPAN’S household spending fell a real 1.7 per cent in April from a year earlier for a second straight month of decline, government data showed Tuesday, hit by higher food and energy prices that have undermined consumer confidence.

Average spending by households with two or more people stood at 304,510 yen (\$2,300), the Ministry of Internal Af-

fairs and Communications said. It followed a 2.3 per cent decline in March.

On a seasonally adjusted basis, spending rose 1.0 per cent from March on a recovery in spending related to domestic travel after the country fully lifted a quasi-state of emergency over the coronavirus pandemic in late March.

By category, food consumption fell 2.1 per

cent for the third consecutive month of decline, reflecting weaker demand for vegetables.

Prices of food items and fuel such as gasoline have sharply increased following Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

“Some people may have become reluctant to spend due to rising prices,” a ministry official said, while underscoring that the sluggish result was also affected by a relatively slow recovery in spending on eating out even though restrictions due to the pandemic have eased.

Spending on transportation and communications dropped 8.1 per cent, down for the first time in seven months, amid sluggish car sales as parts shortages prompted automakers to slash output.—Kyodo

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K.4-Quiza	Quizalofop-P-ethyl 5% EC	P2017-3802	Herbicide

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Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration no.	Registration Type
E-T METANIL 440 SC	Chlorothalonil 40% + Metalaxyl 4% SC	F2019-2079	Fungicide

Address: Yonta Myanmar Co., Ltd, No.177, Ka 3rd road, Ka Quarter, Insein Township, Yangon. Tel: 09-971410041

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Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration no.	Registration Type
Gly Min	Glyphosate 48% SL	F2018-1489	Herbicide

Address: Yonta Myanmar Co., Ltd, No.177, Ka 3rd road, Ka Quarter, Insein Township, Yangon. Tel: 09-971410041

GLOBAL AFFAIRS

UK's wounded Johnson presses on despite Tory reabellion



Tories on Monday night were met with calls for them to vote against the prime minister. **PHOTO: AFP**

UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson convened his cabinet on Tuesday, vowing to “get on with the job” after surviving a confidence

vote of Conservative MPs that has left him severely weakened. The beleaguered leader has claimed that Monday evening’s

dramatic ballot, which saw 211 Tory party lawmakers support him remaining prime minister but 148 vote against, was a “decisive result”.

But most critics and commentators disagreed, arguing his authority has been hugely undermined and his days in Downing Street are numbered. The Times called him “a wounded victor” while his former employers at the Daily Telegraph branded it “a hollow victory that tears Tories apart”. The vote — just over two years after the Brexit architect won a landslide general election victory — was brought after a string of scandals that have left the Conservative party’s standing in tatters.—AFP

Indonesia ferry sinking death toll rises to 19 as search called off

THE death toll of a ferry sinking in Indonesian waters rose to 19 on Monday, after a 10-day search and rescue operation was called off, authorities said.

The KM Ladang Pertiwi ran out of fuel and sank in bad weather while sailing through Indonesia’s Makassar Strait in South Sulawesi province on 26 May.

News of the accident only reached officials two days later, prompting a search and rescue operation that involved local fishermen and tugboats passing through the strait.

Authorities rescued 31 passengers and crew, found four

bodies and declared 15 missing before the search effort concluded. Those who were missing are now presumed dead.

“We are calling off the search because there are no signs that more victims could be found,” local search and rescue chief Djunaidi, who like many Indonesians goes by one name, told AFP. The ship’s captain, who survived the sinking, was named last week as a suspect for transporting passengers without the necessary permit and the ship’s owner was named as a suspect for hiring crew without the proper qualifications, local media reported.—AFP

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Fierce battle for key Ukraine city changing ‘every hour’

STREET fighting raged Tuesday for control of Ukraine’s flashpoint city of Severodonetsk, with the situation changing “every hour”, an official said, as Kyiv warned its troops were outnumbered by Russian forces. Just days ago, Moscow seemed close to taking the strategic industrial hub in the east but Ukrainian forces have managed to hold out. “Our heroes are holding their positions in Severodonetsk. Fierce street fights continue in the city,” Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in a video address late Monday. Concerns about a global food crisis also grew as Zelensky warned of tightening grain supplies — Ukraine is a top producer of the commodity — due to what Washington described as



Destroyed vehicle after shelling in the city of Severodonetsk, Lugansk province, Ukraine in mid-March. **PHOTO: AFP**

a Russian strategy of “blackmail”.

Thousands of civilians have been killed and millions forced to flee their homes since President Vladimir Putin ordered Russian troops into Ukraine on 24 Feb-

ruary. After being repelled from other parts of the country, including Kyiv, Russia has concentrated its assault on the eastern Donbas region and had been making slow but steady progress.—AFP

High energy prices may continue amid Ukraine uncertainty: white paper

UNCERTAINTY over the global energy supply, heightened by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, could continue to keep energy prices high for a while, according to Japan’s annual energy report released Tuesday.

The latest white paper on energy also stressed the need for Japan to retain interests in oil and gas projects in the Russian Far East island of Sakhalin, despite a slew of sanctions Tokyo has placed on Moscow, on the grounds they are vital to secure a stable energy supply for the energy-poor country at

a reasonable cost.

The report described the fiscal year through March 2022 as a period during which the world faced fundamental challenges, pointing to the possibility that a prolonged war in Ukraine and new investments in decarbonization efforts could push up energy costs.

“The priority for the Japanese economy is to improve energy productivity while containing energy import prices (at a certain level) through efforts such as diversifying energy sources and suppliers,” the report said.—Kyodo

Russia bans more Americans from entry

MOSCOW on Monday expanded the list of US citizens banned from entering Russia to include Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, in retaliation for Washington’s similar measures against Russians following the Kremlin’s offensive in Ukraine.

Moscow had by the end of

last month already released a list of 963 individuals banned from the country, including US President Joe Biden, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg and actor Morgan Freeman.

The new list includes an additional 61 names, mostly government officials, but also several bosses of major com-

panies, mainly in the defence and energy sectors.

In addition to Yellen, Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm and OneWeb’s CEO Neil Masterson have been sanctioned.

The CEOs of Universal Pictures and Fitch are also included in the list.—AFP



Russian oil and LNG imports account for 3.6 per cent and 8.8 per cent, respectively, of the total imports of oil and LNG, while the country imports 91.7 per cent of its oil from the Middle East, according to the white paper. **PHOTO: KYODO**



Buddhist monks pray at the Borobudur temple during the Vesak festival in Magelang, Central Java on 6 May 2012. Buddhist devotees in Indonesia celebrated the birth, enlightenment and the passing away of the Buddha. **PHOTO: AFP / CLARA PRIMA / FILE**

Indonesia's Borobudur temple may charge more for admission: minister

INDONESIA'S Borobudur temple may start charging \$100 for foreign tourists to climb to the top of the main temple, an Indonesian minister has said, to preserve the nation's historical and cultural heritage.

But the statement by Coordinating Minister for Maritime and Investment Affairs Luhut Pandjaitan in a social media post came under fire as many people criticized the

new charge for the Buddhist temple as too expensive.

The plan is for the new fee to be charged in addition to the current \$25 entrance fee, Pandjaitan said in an Instagram post over the weekend.

For locals, 750,000 rupiah (\$52) is planned as the new charge, Pandjaitan said, adding that only 1,200 people will be allowed to climb to the top of the UNESCO World Herit-

age site in central Java per day.

Currently, the entrance fee for Indonesian tourists to the Borobudur temple compound is 50,000 rupiah, which includes admission to the top of the temple.

Many visitors to the temple climb to the top to touch the head of a Buddha statue there as they believe it will bring luck. —Kyodo

Swedish government faces tough no-confidence vote

SWEDEN'S lawmakers are Tuesday holding a vote of no-confidence against the country's justice minister, potentially triggering a government crisis only weeks after the country submitted a bid to join NATO.

The potential crisis also comes less than a year after the Swedish government was toppled only to be resurrected weeks later.

The vote, which is scheduled to be held in parliament at 12:00 pm (1000 GMT), was launched by the far-right Sweden Democrats who blame justice minister Morgan Johansson for failing to stem rising gang violence.

"We have reached a point where the single most important crime policy measure is

to give Morgan Johansson an early retirement," Sweden Democrat MP Henrik Vinge told parliament last week.

The conservative Moderate Party along with the Liberal Party and the Christian Democrats quickly announced that they will support the motion.

Together the four parties control 174 seats in parliament but they need one more vote for the motion to pass.

If parliament were to vote against Johansson it would mean he will need to be relieved of his position.

Prime Minister Magdalena Andersson has made it clear that it would also mean her resignation, triggering another government crisis in the country. — AFP

Vietnam minister, Hanoi mayor expelled from party over corruption scandal

VIETNAM'S health minister and the mayor of the capital Hanoi have been stripped of their Communist Party membership, the party said Monday, following accusations they were involved in a \$172 million coronavirus test kit scandal.

The expulsions come as the communist nation ramps up an

anti-corruption drive in the wake of the Viet A scandal, in which officials were bribed to supply hospitals with vastly overpriced Covid-19 test kits.

Health minister Nguyen Thanh Long and Hanoi mayor Chu Ngoc Anh both face accusations of wrongdoing connected to the Viet A Technologies Compa-

ny scandal, state media reported.

"The Party Central Committee decided to expel from the Party Mr Chu Ngoc Anh and Mr Nguyen Thanh Long," Vietnam's Communist Party Central Committee said in a statement published on their official website.

The two men could now face possible criminal charges.

Long and Ngoc Anh, a former minister of science and technology, have held their positions since 2020. Hanoi's recent anti-corruption drive has netted some significant figures, including Phan Quoc Viet, director-general of Viet A. He faces charges of bribing health officials to sell the company's kits to hospitals and provincial Centres for Disease Control (CDC) at prices significantly higher than the production cost, netting \$172 million — \$34 million of which was allegedly ploughed back into further bribery. — AFP



Motorcyclists and cyclists ride on a street inside a newly developed residential quarter in Hanoi. **PHOTO: HOANG DINH NAM / AFP**



Police close the gate of the Dominican environment ministry headquarters after a shooting, in Santo Domingo, on 6 June 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

Dominican Republic minister shot dead in office

THE Dominican Republic's environment minister, Orlando Jorge Mera, was shot dead during a meeting on Monday by a businessman and longtime friend, who has been taken into custody, the government said.

A lawyer and politician, the 55-year-old Jorge Mera was the son of former president Salvador Jorge Blanco (1982-86), and had headed the environment ministry

since mid-2020.

"The information we have at the moment indicates that this morning the environment minister lost his life after he was attacked with a firearm in his office," said Homero Figueroa, the spokesman for the presidency.

"Miguel Cruz, who has been identified as the shooter, was a personal friend of the dead minister," he said. Figueroa said the

suspect was in police custody and his motive was "under investigation". The alleged shooter used his friendship with the victim to gain access to a secure area where Jorge Mera was holding a regular meeting with his deputies, ministry sources told AFP.

According to a statement from Jorge Mera's family, Cruz was "a childhood friend whom he received in his office". —AFP



Myanmar women's team Captain Khin Malar Tun to play for Thai club



MYANMAR women's national football team Captain Khin Malar Tun will play for the Thai women's club, according to the Myanmar football officials.

Khin Malar Tun left on the morning of 7 June to play for the Thai Women's Club College of Asian Scholars on a three-month contract.

Khin Malar Tun is becoming the first Myanmar female footballer to play in the Thai League.

She has a contract until the end of August, and this is the first time in her career playing abroad.

Khin Malar Tun has become the second Myanmar expatriate to play for Myanmar women's football team, while striker Win Theingi Tun has been playing for Indian club Gokulam since October 2021.

The number of Myanmar national football players being able to play abroad is gradually increasing, which may contribute to the success of Myanmar women's football, officials said. —Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Myanmar Women's Footballer Khin Malar Tun (No.10). PHOTO: MFF

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine Objectives

1. Political affairs

- (a) To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, through a disciplined and genuine multiparty democratic system that is fair and just.
- (b) To emphasize the achievement of enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).
- (c) To continue implementing the principle of peaceful co-existence among countries through an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy.

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.
- (b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.
- (c) To promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.

3. Social affairs

- (a) To ensure a strong and dynamic Union spirit, the genuine spirit of patriotism.
- (b) To respect and promote the customs and traditions of all National peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics.
- (c) To enhance the health, fitness and education quality of the entire nation.

Germany still the 'benchmark', says England boss Southgate

GARETH Southgate said Germany remain the benchmark for England as a result of their trophy-winning pedigree as he prepared his side for Tuesday's Nations League clash in Munich. England will look to bounce back from their surprise Nations League defeat to Hungary when they face the four-time World Cup winners in Munich.



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Southgate's men beat their old rivals in the last 16 of Euro 2020 last year and will be hoping to repeat the feat on Tuesday. But Germany have won every match under new boss Hansi Flick, who took over from Joachim Loew after the European Championship.

The England boss told his pre-match press conference on Monday that the game would be a "brilliant test" for his side, who lost in the semi-finals of the 2018

World Cup and were beaten by Italy on penalties in the Euro 2020 final. "For me, Germany and Brazil are still the benchmark in terms of countries who've regularly, consistently won tournaments," Southgate said.—AFP

Myanmar to play Tajikistan today in 3rd Round Asian Cup Qualifiers

MYANMAR national men's football team will take on the Tajikistan team in the third round of the Asian Cup Qualifiers in Tajikistan at 5 pm Myanmar Standard Time on 8 June (today).

The third round of the Asian Cup will be played in six groups, with a total of 12 matches on the first day of the group.

Myanmar and Tajikistan were drawn in the same group in the second round of the 2023 Asian Cup, with Myanmar winning 4-3 in the first round but losing 4-0 in the second round.

The Myanmar team needs good results in all three group matches to win the tournament.

The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) will host the first and second-round matches at home and away. Although

it was held on a long-distance basis, due to the COVID-19 epidemic, a group will be selected from the host country and will be held in a one-round format.

The third round will be

divided into six groups, with the top six teams from each of the six groups and the top five runners-up will advance to the next stage. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM



Myanmar team players are training ahead of the 3rd Round of the Asian Cup Qualifiers in Tajikistan. PHOTO: MFF