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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.

Peace Talks Team, PNLO hold second-day meeting

THE second-day meeting of the government Peace Talks Team and the delegation led by the Vice-Chairperson-1 of the Pa-O National Liberation Organization-PNLO was organized in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by State Administration Council Member National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee Chairman Union Minister for Government Office (1) Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, in his capacity as the leader of the Peace Talks Team, SAC Member Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, NSPNC Secretary Lt-Gen Min Naung, Vice-Chairperson-1 U Khun Htun Tin of the Pa-O National Liberation Organization-PNLO, Joint General Secretary (1) Khun Min Thein and Central Committee member Khun Zwe Hto.

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

Then, PNLO Vice-Chairperson-1 U Khun Htun Tin and Peace Talks Team Leader Lt-Gen Yar Pyae made concluding remarks, and the latter gave books marking the Diamond Jubilee Union Day, Myanmar Encyclopaedia volume 1 published by the Ministry of Information and gifts. – MNA



The government Peace Talks Team leader and the PNLO vice-chairperson-1 exchange the agreement documents.

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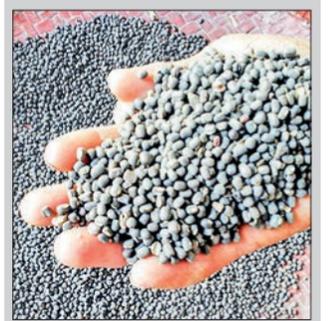
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Waterfalls Resort

Special arrangements are made for Package Tours and group Pilgrimages.

- ➔ 5D, LED Modern Digital Glass Bridge
- ➔ Jumping Cloud
- ➔ Children Play Ground
- ➔ Jungle Footpath
- ➔ Suspension Bridge
- ➔ Souvenir Shop
- ➔ Food Court



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

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

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

As the strength of the country lies on its own, the entire people should cooperate in establishing a genuine and disciplined multiparty democratic system as per the five-point roadmap of the State Administration Council, "upon accomplishing the provisions of the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held in line with the 2008 Constitution, and further work will be undertaken to hand over State duties to the winning party according to democratic standards", and in line with "one of the objectives on political affairs to build a Union based on democracy and federalism through a disciplined and genuine multiparty democratic system that is fair and just".

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

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State Administration Council

U Chit Swe presents Credentials to King of the Kingdom of Thailand



U Chit Swe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to King of the Kingdom of Thailand, presented his Credentials to His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Phra Vajiraklaochaoyuhua, King of Thailand on 17 June 2022 in Bangkok. — MNA

11 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 18 June, total figure rises to 613,485

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,485** after **11** new cases were reported on 18 June 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,487** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll still stands at **19,434** without more casualties.—MNA

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Peace delegation led by Democratic Karen Benevolent Army-DKBA Commander-in-Chief arrives in Nay Pyi Taw

AS Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 22 April called for peace talks with ethnic armed organizations-EAOs to restore perpetual peace in the country and make an end to the armed conflicts, a peace delegation led by Commander-in-Chief Saw Steel of the Democratic Karen Benevolent Army-DKBA arrived in Nay Pyi Taw on 18 June afternoon.

On arrival at the Horizon Lake View Resort in Nay Pyi Taw, the peace delegation was welcomed by members

of the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee and ethnic people from the Department of Fine Arts, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, department staff, and local people who want peace holding Myanmar miniature 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". — MNA



The DKBA peace delegation is welcomed on arrival at Nay Pyi Taw.

Further invitation to remaining groups to hold talks

DEMOCRACY as well as federalism requires equal rights. Talks will continue with the ethnic armed organizations to restore peace. Good results came out from the talks with EAOs. Efforts will continue to restore peace by holding better talks. Some EAOs cannot participate in the talks for various reasons. In line with the firm implementation of two political visions, the government further invites remaining groups to hold talks.

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

UEC chairman inspects verification process for voter list

CHAIRMAN of the Union Election Commission U Thein Soe accompanied by members of the Union Election Commission and officials inspected the basic census of Hmawbi Township and Mingaladon Township at the General Administration Department Training School in Mingaladon Township and the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Thingangyun Township.

The Union Election Commission (UEC) has set up two bases at the General Administration Department Training School in Mingaladon Township and the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Thingangyun Township.

It is cooperating with 194 staff members from Union Election Commission, Union Territory, Bago Region, Aye-yarwady Region, Mon State and Yangon Region.

It is reported that the basic census of the remaining townships in the Yangon Region will also be checked. — MNA



UEC Chairman U Thein Soe and members view the verification process for voter list on the ground.

Second coordination meeting on preparations for 75th Martyrs' Day held



The second coordination meeting of the Central Committee on Organizing the 75th Martyrs' Day is in progress.

THE second coordination meeting of the Central Committee on Organizing the 75th Martyrs' Day was held in Yangon Region yesterday.

During the meeting, Central Committee Chairman Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko highlighted the need to follow COVID-19 health rules and to be aware of

the security in holding the 75th Martyrs' Day ceremony.

He also said there will be four sections of ceremony – offering the flower bouquet and paying salute to fallen leaders at the Martyrs' Mausoleum, hoisting the State Flag at half-mast at the Secretariat Office (former Ministers' Office) and holding 'Soon' (alms) donation

ceremonies in Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw.

Bogyoke Aung San museums in Yangon and Natmawk will be opened to the public this year. Moreover, the meeting hall of the Secretariat (former Ministers' Office) where the martyred leaders were fallen will be showcased.

The Union minister also

instructed the committee and sub-committee to make the invitations to families of Martyrs, foreign ambassadors, political parties and NGOs, preparations for paying tribute and laying flowers including security, health and communication for the national-level event.

Then, the central committee vice-chairman and working committee chairman Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and

relevant officials explained the holding of 75th Martyrs' Day.

The Union minister then concluded the meeting after the presentations of sub-committee members.

The Union minister and party inspected the preparations being carried out at City Hall, the Secretariat (former Ministers' Office), Bogyoke Aung San Museum and Martyrs' Mausoleum. —MNA



MoRAC Union Minister U Ko Ko inspects the preparation work.

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MoALI performs monsoon tree-planting, fingerling-adding ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation held a monsoon tree-planting and fingerling-adding ceremony 2020 near the Paunglaung Reservoir in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory yesterday morning.

Union Minister U Tin Htut Oo, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Maung Maung Nang, Deputy Minister Dr Aung Gyi, members of the Nay Pyi Taw Council, officials, rectors and departmental staff and students from the Yezin Agricultural University, University of Veterinary Science and SAI (Pynmana) attended the event.

First, attendees added Rohu fingerlings, swamp barb



The MoALI monsoon tree-growing event is in progress in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

fingerlings and pond goldfish fingerlings, totalling 200,000 into the Paunglaung River.

The Union minister under-

scored the need to conserve the degraded ecosystem that occurred out of massive food production for the world pop-

ulation, urban expansion and excessive extraction of natural resources. The Union minister also urged all to join hands

and participate actively in the process of conserving the ecosystem.

Attendees planted perennial trees such as precious teak saplings, Xylia xylocarpa saplings, Mahogany saplings and Gmelina arborea saplings, totalling 1,000 saplings in designated places in the vicinity of the Paunglaung Reservoir.

The ministry has been holding the monsoon tree-growing ceremony annually and 98 per cent of 1,000 perennials that have been planted in the environment of the Chaungmange Reservoir in Lewe Township last year are thriving well at present. — MNA

MoC Union Minister inspects Mingala Yankin Public Rental Housing Project

UNION Minister for Construction U Shwe Lay accompanied by officials inspected the Mingala Yankin Public Rental Housing Project, Field No 506, Yaykyimyaik Field, Shindawgon Village-Tract, Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Region yesterday morning.

The Mandalay Region Ur-

ban and Housing Development Department director clarified the working processes of urban planning by the financial year, water purification system, completion of electrical works, action plans for the future, funding for the project, housing project, water supply, access to the electricity and

planting of shade trees.

Officials then provided information on housing projects, completion of the project, and activities to be implemented.

According to the needs of the project, the situation of infrastructure work and financial matters were also discussed and the regional minister for

Natural Resources explained it in detail.

The Union minister called on low-income people, civil servants and retired civil servants and said that the ministry is aiming to facilitate staff living and local employment opportunities.

Housing projects are being implemented in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay, he said.

Timely completion of works is important and we need to focus on meeting quality standards, the Union minister added.

Now, the Department of Urban and Housing Development from the Ministry of Construction, and the Myanmar Urban and Infrastructure Development Entrepreneurs Association jointly implement the project.

Of the 3,008 Units and 188 buildings, the implementation of the first phase includes 91 buildings and 1,456 Units.

Difficulties encountered during the operation and financial matters will be discussed with the regional government and coordinated with relevant ministries, the Union minister continued.

Priority should be given to access to electricity, water and the planting of shade trees in the housing project, he said.

He instructed them to work together for the successful completion of the housing project and inspected the construction projects and the on-going housing projects.

Each room in the Mingala Yankin Public Rental Housing Project has a living room and a kitchen, two bedrooms, 188 four-Unit and five-storey buildings with kitchens. Of the 3,008 Units, Phase 1 consists of 91 buildings and 1,456 Units are being implemented.

Ninety per cent of the 91 buildings are completed, officials said. —MNA



MoC Union Minister U Shwe Lay and party inspect the Mingala Yankin Public Rental Housing Project in Mandalay Region yesterday.

MoHT Union Minister attends launching ceremony of Travel Safe Application developed by Golden TMH Telecom Company

THE Ministry of Hotels and Tourism is promoting the inbound tourist destinations to ensure the safe travel, health issue and safety of travellers and the country now hosts international visitors from over 30 countries.

Union Minister Dr Htay Aung attended the launching ceremony of the Travel Safe Application for Health and Security Screening for Travellers developed by Golden TMH Telecom Company, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the event, the Union minister said the international flights were allowed to resume on 17 April and the business visa applications on 20 May. The safety and health issues of travellers are cru-



The launching event of the Travel Safe Application is in progress.

cial. Systematic preventive measures are also needed to carry out despite the declining COVID-19 infection rate. The Ministry of Health provides the necessary health checks at Yangon and Mandalay international airports. The MoHT is also carrying out the Health and Safety Protocol (HSP) for seven tourism-related fields. The HSP can achieve the trust of international tourists and the service providers can serve with confidence.

Then, the Golden TMH Telecom Company chairperson talked about the company that provides high-speed fibre, wireless and satellite access technologies to the business enterprise in Myanmar and the aims of developing the Travel Safe Application. Another official briefed the Travel Safe Application. Then, the Union minister instructed the necessary things and concluded the event. —MNA

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Ministry of Health provides the necessary health checks

Maritime trade exceeds US\$4,300 million in 2022-2023FY

UNTIL 3 June of the 2022-2023 Financial Year (FY), Myanmar's seaborne trade reached US\$ 4,345.852 million, an increase of \$1,088.440 million from the same period last year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Export by sea imports of trade increased from the previous financial year to a total of \$3,257.412 million in the last 2021-

2022 financial year.

Exports in the current fiscal year Imports and exports amounted to \$4,345.852 million. There are nine ports for seaborne trade in Myanmar, and more than 150 cargo ships have docked in Yangon port alone in the past five months, according to a statement from the Myanmar Port Authority.

Cross-border trade totalled \$1,707.315 million during the 2021-2022 financial year, down from \$1,164.925 million as of 3 June of this financial year, down \$542 million from the previous year.

Maritime trade increased while cross-border trade declined due to the COVID-19 outbreak. —TWA/GNLM



Container vessels are seen at Yangon Port.

Reference wholesale prices for Union Territory, Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay and reference retail prices for cities of regions and states

19-6-2022

Kyat/Litre

Fuel (Retail Price)	Yangon	Mandalay	Nay Pyi Taw	Bago	Magway	Dawei	Monywa	Patheingyi	Myittha	Sittway	Hpa-an	Mawlamyine	Lashio	Taunggyi	Loikaw	Haka	Kengtung
92 Ron	2,250	2,295	2,290	2,255	2,295	2,315	2,300	2,280	2,375	2,390	2,285	2,295	2,330	2,330	2,335	2,550	2,775
95 Ron	2,340	2,385	2,385	2,345	2,385	2,405	2,390	2,370	2,465	2,480	2,375	2,395	2,420	2,420	2,425	2,640	2,825
HSD (500 ppm)	2,690	2,735	2,730	2,700	2,735	2,755	2,755	2,720	2,835	2,830	2,725	2,735	2,770	2,770	2,775	2,995	2,965
HSD (50 ppm)	2,720	2,765	2,760	2,725	2,765	2,785	2,780	2,750	2,865	2,860	2,755	2,765	2,800	2,800	2,805	3,020	2,995
HSD (10 ppm)	2,720	2,765	2,760	2,725	2,765	2,785	2,780	2,750	2,865	2,860	2,755	2,765	2,800	2,800	2,805	3,020	2,995

Fuel (Wholesale Price)	Yangon	Mandalay
92 Ron	2,143	2,219
95 Ron	2,230	2,308
HSD (500 ppm)	2,571	2,652
HSD (50 ppm)	2,599	2,680
HSD (10 ppm)	2,599	2,680

Remarks:

- (1) It's calculation is based on MOPS price.
- (2) If people are not satisfied with purchase of fuel, they may safely send complaints to telephone numbers of the committee as follows: -

067-409881 and 09-699611116, 067-411129, 09-440433533

Fuel Import, Storage and Distribution Supervisory Committee

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, foodstuffs, consumer goods, restricted chemicals, household appliances, electronics and vehicles seized

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

Under the instructions of the Chairman of the Anti-Illicit Trade Task Force, a combined inspection team made inspections at the warehouse in Mandalay on 15 June.

They seized K195,339,000 worth of consumer goods and household appliances and electronics and the action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

On 16 June, inspections were carried out under the supervision of the Yangon Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force.

Similarly, a total of 4.2876



Seized appliances and electronics.



Officials confiscate illegal teak logs.

tonnes of illegal Taungthayart timbers at an estimated value of K300,132 from a truck (approximately K30 million) were

captured on the street of in the Zaykaba compound of Mingaladon township and the action was taken under the Forest Law.

Similarly, the combined team led by the Myanmar Police Force and General Administration Department under the management

of the Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force conducted inspections on 17 June. They confiscated 8,000 kilogrammes of illegal ammonium nitrate at an estimated value of K19.2 million in Paung township and the action was taken under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

In addition, on the same day, the Mayanchaung Permanent Checkpoint captured 315 cartons of Lactasoy worth K1.835 million and the action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

The on-duty team at Kawkareik (Tadakyoe) Checkpoint confiscated 300 electric frying pans which exceed the Import

Declaration (ID) worth K2.250 million and the action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

On 17 June, the combined team consisting of security forces and the Food and Drug Administration Department made the inspections and confiscated foodstuffs worth K47,348,000 from two 12-wheel trucks (approximately K50 million) heading from Myawady to Yangon in Bago township. In addition, on 18 June, a total of 8.97 tonnes of illegal teak (approximately K2,746,520) were seized in the Khapaung forest reserve of Toungoo District and the Thaweah forest reserve of Thayawady District. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

On the same day, the team led by Myanmar Police Force seized 292 gallons of illegal fuel oil and 156 gallons of diesel oil worth K5,047,600 in Shwe Bo and Wetlet townships and the action was taken under the Myanmar Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law. In addition, an unregistered BMW car worth K3 million was captured in Sagaing township and the action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

Therefore, 20 arrests (approximately K357,066,252) were made on four consecutive days from 15 to 18 June, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA

Over K1.24 billion worth of drugs seized in PyinOoLwin township

OVER K1.24 billion worth of drugs were seized in PyinOoLwin township of Mandalay Region, Myanmar Police Force stated.

A combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force examined a Hijet car driven by Lelauk San near the Pwekawk waterfall of PyinOoLwin township of Mandalay Region, according to information and captured 20.9 kilogrammes of heroin and 4,80,000 stimulant tablets which were covered from cabbages at 10 am on 14 June. According to the investigation, the suspect admitted the seized drugs were carried from Shan State (North) to Kachin State.

He is prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law and Police are carrying out the investigations to seize the traffickers, the Myanmar Police Force stated. — MNA



The suspect is pictured along with seized drugs.

Heroin and stimulant tablets seized in various townships

STIMULANT tablets and drugs were seized in Phakant, Kyaukse and Lashio townships, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

On 17 June, a combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force searched a motorcycle driven by Ma Jar Sai Buu along with Ma Aye Pwint, on the Phakant Highway Road near Seikmu Village of Seikmu Village-tract, Phakant Township and seized 17,100 stimulant tablets.

On the same day, a combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force stopped and examined a Mazda Familia passenger vehicle at the Thanywa Checkpoint near Kin Village, Kyauk-



Two arrestees are pictured along with seized drugs and vehicle.

se Township and confiscated 3,800 stimulant tablets from passenger Maung Win Ko at 3:30 pm.

Similarly, in Lashio Township, a combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force captured 1.87 kilogrammes of heroin from an Isuzu double cab ve-

hicle driven by Kauk Sae together with Ma Kwan May, on the Lashio-Tangyan Highway near Hkarshi Village.

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

Farmers to receive K70 million agricultural loan

THE Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank will grant a maximum of K70 million agricultural loan per farmer this year.

The bank granted up to a K50 million loan to a farmer last year and the amount will be K70 million this year.

A group of three farmers will be given loans up to a maximum of K500 million this year.

The loan is available for SMEs that are operating agricultural products and agrochemical productions and they must be registered as SMEs.

The Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank is cooperating with JICA to provide agriculture loans to farmers starting in 2017. — TWA/GNLM



A branch office of the Myanmar Agricultural Bank.

Smart meters installed in Lanmadaw Township

OFFICIALS replaced old meter boxes with smart meters in the June second week in Lanmadaw Township without any charges, according to the residents of Lanmadaw Ward 5.

“The smart meter is a system that the people can check the daily power consumption and monthly rate via a mobile application,” said an EPC staff.

There will be no conflicts anymore whether the EPC staff read the meter bills or not and the EPC offices directly read the bill and the users can check the bill.

The system has been installed in some townships. The application called “Mee Bill” can be downloaded through the google play store and people can check their old meter bills daily, weekly and monthly power consumption by typing the meter bar codes with the password.

Officials installed smart meters providing free-of-charge black power cables in Lanmadaw Township.

Some buy white power cables for high-power-consuming



Technicians are seen installing smart meters.

electronic devices such as air conditioners, refrigerators and water pumps.

Officials also rearranged complicated power cords on lamp posts, residents said.

The monthly power bills and outstanding bills can be paid via seven local banks and three private banks, according to the Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation. — TWA/GNLM

Black gram FAQ/RC fetches over K1.6 million per tonne

IN the Yangon market, the black gram FAQ/RC was priced at K1612,000 per tonne and K1802,000 per tonne of SQ/RC on 17 June.

The price was lower than K300,000 per tonne compared to the price of black gram FAQ/RC at K1,875,000 on 2 October 2021, said Ko Thet, a bean dealer.

The price of black gram was K1,410,000 per tonne on 12 May and the price rose to further K200,000 within two months.

The black gram is mostly grown in Ayeyawady, Yangon, Bago, Magway and Mandalay regions.

Myanmar exports black gram to India yearly and the price became K1.5 million per tonne in March 2022, below K1.5 million per tonne in April and May and over K1.6 million per tonne on 17 June in the Yangon market after the news that India sees a drop in bean production, said Ko Thet, the Yangon bean merchant.

The price of black gram FAQ/RC hit a record at K2,456,000 per tonne in October

2015 and reached K1.8 million in mid-2016 and below K1.3 million by the end of 2016.

The prices were K1.2 million in 2017, K1 million in 2018,

K1.3 million in 2019, K1.2 million in 2020 and K1,875,000 in 2021.

As the black gram prices are high, the delta region residents will choose the profitable

crops among the summer paddy, chilli and black gram after the harvesting period of monsoon paddy, the merchants said. — TWA/GNLM



Black gram (Urad Dal) is being sold in the market.

MSTIP launched to support Myanmar's export sector

THE Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo has announced that the Myanmar Services Trade & Investment Portal-MSTIP has been launched by the Ministry of Commerce to support Myanmar's export sector and increase the country's competitiveness.

Starting on 17 June, the domestic laws, rules and regulations promulgated for foreign investments in the services sectors in Myanmar are all-inclusive and easy to find on the Myanmar Services Trade & Investment Portal-MSTIP, according to the Myanmar Embassy in Tokyo.

It is also intended to support Myanmar's export sector and increase the country's competitiveness. For more information, people can visit the website <https://www.servicetrade.gov.mm>. — TWA/GNLM

OPINION BOOKRACK

Don't give up on everything easily in life

ALL duties and functions are formed with challenges and opportunities. All works of building, manufacturing, maintaining, making preparation, decorating and so on are facing challenges and opportunities on a daily basis.

Hence, everybody needs to understand all things in operations must face challenges and opportunities without fail. That is why anyone should not give up on the processes of operating or managing every measure. If one gives up on something, one will never achieve success in the work process. Even if one achieves success in a relevant work process, it will not be real or not have an essence.

Everybody needs to take relevant measures to have progress or accomplishment while overcoming challenges and seeking opportunities. Indeed, the challenge and the opportunity are separated with an intangible margin between them. In actuality, everybody cannot reach the opportunity without penetrating the intangible margin of challenges. Even though it is not ensured that everybody can penetrate the intangible margin of separation layer into the opportunity, those who could overcome challenges ensure to enjoy the fruits of happiness in accomplishment.

Hence, all the persons should not easily give up on everything. Especially, students should not easily give up on their failure in examinations. Recently, the matriculation examination came out, bringing a large number of winners as well as the almost same number of losers in the exam. It is true that those who have already won the examination would be happy with their endeavours. At the same time, those who lost the examination may face downheartedness or depression. So, those exam losers should not fall under depression. They should not give up on such a measure. They should note that it is just a challenge in their lives.

Those exam losers should keep the best loss of their lives in their minds. Such a loss must be a great encouragement for them. They should shift the loss into the opportunity. They must boost up their mental capability to penetrate the intangible margin between the win and the loss. If they have the capability to penetrate the tangible margin before the loss, they will have to enjoy the sweet life of opportunity. If so, it is ready to take an opportunity for their lives. How the great astonishment it is!

So, all the people need to change their mindsets. They should not give up on all easily. They have to understand if they lose one thing, there will remain many things in which they may take opportunities in their lives.

So, all the people need to change their mindsets. They should not give up on all easily. They have to understand if they lose one thing, there will remain many things in which they may take opportunities in their lives.

WTO agrees to lift Covid vaccine patents, but is it 'too late'?

THE World Trade Organization agreed Friday to temporarily lift patents on Covid-19 vaccines after two years of bruising negotiations, but experts expressed scepticism that the deal will have a major impact on global vaccination inequality.

The unprecedented agreement, sealed by all 164 WTO members after late-night overtime talks, will grant developing countries the right to produce Covid vaccines for five years "without the consent of the right holder".

Since October 2020, South Africa and India have called for intellectual property rights for coronavirus vaccines to be temporarily lifted so they can boost production to address the gaping inequality in access between rich

and poor nations.

But Friday's compromise fell short of their earlier requests that the waiver apply to all countries — and also cover Covid tests and treatments.

Under the terms of the new deal, WTO members have six months to decide on whether to extend the measures "to cover the production and supply of Covid-19 diagnostics and therapeutics".

"This does not correspond to the initial request," said Jerome Martin, the co-founder of the Drug Policy Transparency Observatory, pointing to the fact that the deal only includes developing countries.

"We have to see what it does in the field, but it is not ambitious at all," he told AFP

'Disappointing'

James Love, director of Knowledge Ecology International, said it was "a limited and disappointing outcome".

"The fact that the exception is limited to vaccines, has a five-year duration and does not address WTO rules on trade secrets makes it particularly unlikely to provide expanded access to Covid-19 counter-measures," he said in a statement.

"The pressure this week was to reach consensus in order to make multilateralism look like it works, which seems to have been the main justification for producing this decision."

Max Lawson, co-chair of the People's Vaccine Alliance and Oxfam's head of inequality, singled

out Switzerland, Britain and the European Union for "blocking anything that resembles a meaningful intellectual property waiver".

"The conduct of rich countries at the WTO has been utterly shameful," he said.

The agreement also disappointed the pharmaceutical lobby group IFPMA, which warned that "dismantling" patent protections would strangle innovation.

"The single biggest factor affecting vaccine scarcity is not intellectual property, but trade. This has not been fully addressed by the World Trade Organization," said IFPMA's director general Thomas Cueni.

And while vaccine doses were scarce early in the pandemic, that is no longer the case.



Employees put Pfizer-BioNtech COVID-19 vaccines in a freezer at the Pfizer factory in Puurs, Belgium, on 22 February. PHOTO: KENZO TRIBOUILLARD/AFP

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Nearly 14 billion doses had been produced worldwide as of mid-June, according to research group Airfinity.

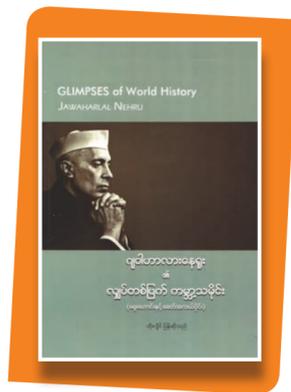
As supply soars, some vaccine makers like the giant Serum Institute of India have stopped producing doses due to falling demand.

Yet many developing countries still lag far behind the rest of the world in vaccination rates.

While 60 per cent of the world's population has received two vaccine doses, that number falls to 17 per cent in Libya, eight per cent in Nigeria and less than five per cent in Cameroon, according to the World Health Organization.

"Our focus now is to ensure we address demand by persuading global procurers for vaccines to source from African producers," the South African government said in a statement.

SOURCE: AFP



Book Title - Glimpses of World History by Jawaharlal Nehru
Translator - Boe Hlaing
Publication Date - January 2021 (2nd Edition)
Price - K8,500

Glimpses of World History by Jawaharlal Nehru

THIS book stands as the best recommendation for the young people across India and the globe about the history of humankind until now, as Indira Gandhi mentioned.

Indeed, this is a history for young people. Nehru wrote a series of letters to his daughter, Indira, to introduce her to world history and aspects of humankind at a young age. She followed her father's steps and became the Prime Minister of India. She is a respected leader with high intellect. Glimpses of World History, the priceless inheritance from her father contributes to her career. It helped her reach her goal.

It is only for young people, right? Absolutely not, it is a must-read for an adult person who lacks history knowledge. It will give benefits to the readers if you even slowly digest it in your free time. The author Boe Hlaing translated it into the Myanmar Language.

Actually, this book is a compilation of letters

written by Jawaharlal Nehru, an anti-colonial nationalist and the first Prime Minister of India, to his daughter Indira while serving his prison terms. This series of letters are legendary pieces of writing. In other words, it was famous as the Glimpse of World History.

Tun Foundation Literary Committee published the second edition of this book, which includes 84 chapters highlighting the ancient and middle age, extracted from Glimpse of World History. Contents including the history of the early modern age have been published. As it is a collection of letters from a father to his daughter, it is narrative writing.

This book will help one understand what you have not realized and the political spectrum. Thus, it should be on your book rack. It contains nearly 500 pages with magazine-sized quality papers.



Book Title - The Last Days of Madame Mao
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Publication Date - May 2022
Price - K6,000

The Last Days of Madame Mao

"I was Chairman Mao's dog, I bit whomever he asked me to bite", the famous quote of Jiang Qing who formed a political alliance called the Gang of Four during the Cultural Revolution. This book is a biography of the wife of Mao Zedong.

It is also a modern story including political chaos and the struggle for power during the transitional period of Mao Zedong and Deng Xiaoping.

This book can enlighten readers as to the politics of China. The readers can vividly see the deep state and complex political system of China despite its seemingly quiet stance.

The author of this book remarked that as all flowers are born on a single iron tree, they all are efficacious. The antagonism and resentment between one family and another portrayed China's political leadership.

The book started with "Oh dear, how did it happen? I wished those deities in heaven see you, Madame Jiang Qing muttered when she saw Chair-

man Mao suffering from illness. The book contains three parts: introduction, last part and epilogue. Madame Mao was an actress and political figure during the Cultural Revolution. She became the wife of Mao Zedong. Readers can feel the remorseful life of Madame Mao during her imprisonment.

The book also contains pictures of the founder of the People's Republic of China Chairman Mao who led the Chinese Community Party, famous political figures of China and Madame Jiang Qing during her young age, actress life, marriage and prison life, with 240 pages. The cover of the book is Kyaw Min Maung's artwork.

The author references Ross Terrill's Madame Mao, The White-Boned Demon published by Stanford University Press and The End of the Maoist Era by Frederick C. Teiwes and Warren Sun for political backgrounds. He covered political events as well, he stated in his preamble.



Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 18 June 2022)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is weak over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 19th June, 2022: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Sagaing, and Taninthayi regions and Northern Shan State, fairly widespread in Magway, Bago, and Yangon regions and Eastern Shan, Kayah and Kayin states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of regionally heavyfalls in Nay Pyi Taw and isolated heavyfalls in Upper Sagaing, and Mandalay regions and Kachin, Rakhine and Kayah states. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar Waters. Wave height will be about (5-8) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Weak to moderate monsoon.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19 June 2022: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19 June 2022: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19 June 2022: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

TECH/ENVIRON WORLD

Developing countries left 'disappointed' at climate talks



Campaigners say the poorest are shouldering the greatest economic burden for the impacts of climate change. Residents walk in a flooded area of the 67-hectare Ankasina neighbourhood in Antananarivo, Madagascar, following a severe storm on on 28 January 2022. **PHOTO: RIJASOLO/AFP/FILE**

DEVELOPING countries voiced “disappointment” as climate talks in Germany ended Thursday with frustrations flaring over a lack of momentum on helping vulnerable nations cope with the impacts of warming.

With world attention drawn towards other challenges, notably Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and spiralling food, energy and economic crises, the technical discussions meant to lay the groundwork for key United Nations negotiations later this year were mired in disagreements.

Representatives of nearly 200 countries arrived in the city of Bonn buoyed by the ambition displayed six months ago during the UN COP26 negotiations in

Glasgow, where countries rallied around the urgent threat of climate change.

“After that sense of emergency had been established, probably the expectations were very high,” said Preeti Bhandari, senior climate adviser at the World Resources Institute.

But the meeting produced little tangible progress, even on the emissions-cutting ambitions that countries have agreed are needed to meet the Paris agreement goal of limiting warming to preferably 1.5 degrees Celsius. Finance is an ongoing sore point, with a promise of \$100 billion a year from 2020 to help developing countries adapt to a warming world still not met.—AFP

Los Angeles warned over 4 July firework blazes during drought

THE punishing drought gripping the western United States has claimed another victim: Independence Day fireworks, with Los Angeles city bosses warning private displays could spark dangerous blazes.

Americans celebrate the 1776 declaration of independence from British rule on 4 July every year with proudly patriotic parties that often include drinking

and pyrotechnics.

But managers in Los Angeles, the second-biggest city in the country, are warning residents they should avoid backyard firework displays.

“All fireworks in the city are illegal for personal use and only professional and permitted firework shows are the places where Angelenos should go to celebrate the Fourth of July with

a fireworks display,” City Attorney Mike Feuer said.

“The risk of devastating, quickly spreading fires sparked by fireworks is severe this year, not to mention the ever-present threat of serious, life-altering injuries.

“That’s why we’re starting early this year, cracking down and urging Angelenos to leave fireworks to the pros.”—AFP

British journalist confirmed dead in Brazil

BRAZILIAN police on Friday officially identified the remains of British journalist Dom Phillips, who was found buried in the Amazon after going missing on a book research trip.

The grim result comes after

the disappearance on 5 June of Phillips and his guide, indigenous expert Bruno Pereira, ignited an international outcry, with the United States calling Friday for “accountability”.

Phillips was identified

through “forensic dentistry combined with forensic anthropology,” the Federal Police said in a statement.

It said it was still working on “complete identification” of the unearthed remains, which may include those of Pereira, who had received multiple death threats.

Veteran correspondent Phillips, 57, and Pereira, 41, went missing in a remote part of the rainforest rife with illegal mining, fishing and logging, as well as drug trafficking.

Ten days later, on Wednesday, a suspect named Amarildo da Costa de Oliveira — known as “Pelado” — took police to a place where he said he had buried bodies near the city of Atalaia do Norte, where the pair had been headed by boat. —AFP



Brazilian soldiers participating in the search for Phillips and Pereira on Tuesday. **PHOTO: BRAZILIAN MINISTRY OF DEFENSE/AFP**

NEWS IN BRIEF

South Korean engineer’s browser ‘grave’ goes viral

A South Korean engineer who built a grave for Internet Explorer — photos of which quickly went viral — told AFP Friday that the now-defunct web browser had made his life a misery.

South Korea, which has some of the world’s fastest average internet speeds, remained bizarrely wedded to Microsoft’s Internet Explorer, which was retired by the company earlier this week after 27 years.

In honour of the browser’s “death”, a gravestone marked with its signature “e” logo was set up on the rooftop of a cafe in South Korea’s southern city of Gyeongju by engineer Kiyoung Jung, 38.

“He was a good tool to use to download other browsers,” the gravestone’s inscription reads.

Images of Jung’s joke tombstone quickly spread online, with users of social media site Reddit upvoting it tens of thousands of times. Once dominant globally, Internet Explorer was widely reviled in recent years due to its slowness and glitches.—AFP

Spanish airline to fly UK-made helium airships

SPAIN’S Air Nostrum has become the first airline to reserve 100-seat helium airships that emit just one tenth of harmful emissions produced by jet planes, their British manufacturer said Wednesday.

A spokesperson for Hybrid Air Vehicles told AFP that Air Nostrum signed a deal to lease 10 Airlanders scheduled for delivery from 2026 onwards in a transaction worth over \$600 million.

The Spanish regional carrier aims to become HAV’s launch customer while also diversifying its domestic fleet, using the Airlander on domestic routes.

The UK group will create 1,800 jobs at its facility in South Yorkshire, northern England, when it starts production later this year.

The hybrid ship — which looks like two blimps stuck together — has a helium-filled hull and will be propelled by a hybrid of electric and fuel-burning engines, with the goal of going all-electric by 2030.—AFP

HEALTH/PANDEMIC WORLD

NEWS IN BRIEF

China has world largest monitoring network for disease, health risk factors

CHINA has established the world's largest monitoring network for disease and health risk factors, the National Health Commission said Friday.

Noting China has improved its disease prevention and control system over the past 10 years, the commission said the country has seen a significant drop in the infection and death rate of many diseases. The fight against the COVID-19 greatly improved China's disease control capability, said Lei Zhenglong, an official with the commission.—Xinhua

Biden says Americans "really down" amid COVID-19 pandemic

US President Joe Biden has recently said Americans "are really, really down" as they continue to deal with the impact of COVID-19.

"They're really down," Biden told The Associated Press (AP) during an Oval Office interview on Thursday. "Their need for mental health in America has skyrocketed because people have seen everything upset."

"Everything they counted on upset. But most of it's a consequence of what's happening, what happened is a consequence of the COVID crisis," he underscored.—Xinhua

Iraq says on alert for possible new COVID-19 spread

THE Iraqi health ministry on Friday warned of the possibility of new COVID-19 spread in the country, calling on the public to follow health measures and receive vaccines, official Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported.

"The problem of the coronavirus pandemic is still present, ... There is a possibility that new variants will appear," Sayf al-Badr, the ministry's spokesman, told the INA.—AFP

Covid shadow hovers over shrinking New Zealand economy

THE New Zealand economy shrank in the first quarter, performing worse than the central bank and economists had forecast as the country suffered a surge in Covid-19 infections.

The 0.2 per cent fall in Gross Domestic Product in the three months to March followed a 3.1 per cent rise in the December 2021 quarter.

It was also down on the 0.3 per cent average growth for other countries in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development that have already reported for the same period.

The New Zealand central bank, in its May monetary policy statement, predicted a modest rise while most economists had forecast a flat result.

The slump in economic activity came in a quarter marked by the arrival of the omicron variant of Covid-19 in the community, Stats NZ, New Zealand's official data agency, said in a statement.

Finance Minister Grant Robertson said the decline reflected a "volatile global situation", adding that the relaxing of border restrictions and influx of skilled workers and tourists "will help business and the economy rebuild."



This photo shows the Fonterra Hautapu dairy factory near Cambridge in New Zealand's Waikato region, known for its fertile land and dairy industry. Staff at Hautapu are gearing up to process milk supply.

PHOTO: CAMBRIDGENEWS.NZ/ AFP

However, the opposition ACT Party said New Zealand was "halfway down the road to recession", which is defined technically as two consecutive quarters of falling GDP.—AFP

Canada confirms 168 cases of monkeypox



The Public Health Agency of Canada says 141 cases have been reported in Quebec, 21 in Ontario, four in Alberta and two in British Columbia as of Friday. People watch artists at work during the Mural festival in Montreal, Quebec on 16 June 2022. PHOTO: PAOLA CHAPDELAIN / AFP

CANADA'S Chief Public Health Officer Theresa Tam confirmed a total of 168 cases of monkeypox in the country as of Friday.

Speaking at a health briefing, the top doctor said that these confirmed cases had been reported nationally, including two cases from British Columbia, four from Alberta, 21 from Ontario and 141 from Quebec.

"We continue to monitor and respond to the evolving monkeypox situation, including supporting provinces and territories in their efforts to roll out targeted vaccination campaigns," Tam said, adding that they are working to raise awareness of how the virus is transmitted.

According to her, among the cases for whom information is available and has been reported

to the Public Health Agency of Canada, all cases are male and ages range from 20 to 69 years.

However, the risk of exposure to monkeypox virus is not exclusive to any group or setting. Anyone, no matter their gender or sexual orientation, could get infected and spread the virus if they come into close contact with someone who has monkeypox or objects they have used, like personal objects, towels or bed linens, she said.

Monkeypox is a zoonotic disease that may cause infections in humans and the disease usually occurs in forested parts of Central and West Africa. It is caused by the monkeypox virus which belongs to the orthopoxvirus family, according to the World Health Organization.—AFP

Asian air travel set for 'V-shaped' recovery: AirAsia

AIR travel in Asia is set to make a "V-shaped comeback", budget carrier AirAsia's parent company said Wednesday, as countries ease tough coronavirus curbs that have hammered the industry.

The region's aviation sector has been slow to recover, as governments kept restrictions such as quarantines and testing in place far longer than in Europe and the United States.

But countries in the Asia-Pacific have been gradually scrapping curbs in recent months, and travel is picking up again.—AFP

ECONOMY WORLD



Japan's core consumer inflation in April exceeded a central bank target of 2% for the first time in seven years, but only thanks to rising import costs, not the strong domestic demand that the central bank has been trying to kindle. A woman in a traditional outfit to mark "Coming-of-Age Day" looks at drinks for sale at a convenience store in Yokohama on 10 January 2022. **PHOTO: PHILIP FOND /AFP**

Bank of Japan keeps easing policy despite US, Europe rate hikes

THE Bank of Japan on Friday stuck to its long-held monetary easing policy even as other central banks around the world hike interest rates to tame inflation.

But it said it would "pay due attention" to foreign exchange markets, a rare comment that comes after the yen hit a 24-year low against the dollar.

In a statement following a two-day policy meeting, the BoJ kept in place its rate of minus 0.1 per cent — part of a decade-old action plan aimed at boosting the

world's third-largest economy — bucking pressure to address the impact of a weaker yen.

Its decision runs counter to a global tightening trend to tackle sky-high fuel and food prices linked to the war in Ukraine and supply chain snarls.

Global interest rate hikes have been led by the US Federal Reserve, which this week announced its most aggressive increase in nearly 30 years, and signalled more ahead in a battle to drive down inflation.

The European Central Bank also plans to start a series of rate increases next month, while the Bank of England announced a fifth straight increase on Thursday and Switzerland surprised markets with its own increase, the first since 2007.

The widening chasm between Japanese and US monetary policy has pushed the yen to its lowest level against the dollar since 1998, a cause for increasing concern that even the central bank made reference to.—AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Deal reached on US 5G antennas near airports: FAA

THE Federal Aviation Authority said Friday that mobile operators AT&T and Verizon have reached an agreement with airlines for the gradual deployment of additional 5G antennas around US airports.

"We believe we have identified a path that will continue to enable aviation and 5G C-band wireless to safely co-exist," said the FAA's acting administrator Billy Nolen in a statement.

Tensions between the two sectors flared at the end of 2021 when the FAA voiced concerns about possible interference between the altimeters of some aircraft — vital instruments for landing in certain weather conditions — and the deployment of 5G frequencies for which AT&T and Verizon shelled out tens of billions of dollars.

AT&T and Verizon finally agreed in January to delay by six months the activation of mobile phone antennas around certain airport runways. As the end of that voluntary moratorium approaches, companies have agreed to a "gradual" approach. The regional companies most exposed to possible interference have agreed to modify their radio altimeters by the end of the year. Telephone operators have at the same time agreed to further delay the activation of 5G antennas located around the airports most likely to be affected for another 12 months, with a gradual lifting of restrictions.— AFP

Tanzania targets internet giants with new tax

TANZANIA will introduce a digital tax this year, the country's finance minister said, in a move targeting global internet giants offering services in the East African nation.

The two-per-cent tax will come into effect in July and follows similar attempts by other countries to force US multinational tech companies to pay at least a portion of their revenues in local tax.

Tanzania's Minister for Finance and Planning, Mwigulu Nchemba, announced the measure on Tuesday as he presented the nation's annual budget.

"Tanzania Revenue Authority shall establish a simplified registration process to accommodate digital economy operators who have no presence in Tanzania," Nchemba told lawmakers.

"This measure is intended to keep pace with rapid growth in the digital economy," he added. The tax needs to be approved by Tanzania's parliament, which will vote on the budget before July.

The tax announcement follows talks in April between officials from the Tanzania Revenue Authority and US social media giant Meta — the parent company to Facebook, Instagram and WhatsApp.— AFP

S Korea's overseas direct investment more than doubles in Q1



Photo taken on 8 November 2021 shows the booth of Amore Pacific of South Korea at the 4th China International Import Expo (CIIE) in east China's Shanghai. Amorepacific Corporation is a South Korean beauty and cosmetics chaebol, operating more than 30 beauty, personal care, and health brands including Sulwhasoo, Laneige, Mamonde, Etude, AMOREPACIFIC and innisfree. **PHOTO: XINHUA/MENG TAO**

SOUTH Korea's overseas direct investment more than doubled in the first quarter due to the alleviated COVID-19 pandemic, finance ministry data showed

Friday.

The overseas direct investment amounted to 25.4 billion US dollars in the January-March quarter, up 123.9 per

cent from the same quarter of last year, according to the Ministry of Economy and Finance.

The ministry attributed the triple-digit increase to the eased pandemic that reduced external uncertainty.

Direct investment in the overseas manufacturing industry came to 9.55 billion dollars, followed by the finance and insurance sector with 7.76 billion dollars, the real estate segment with 2.48 billion dollars, and the information and communications industry with 1.71 billion dollars.

Direct investment in the United States and China reached 8.73 billion dollars and 4.26 billion dollars respectively, and those to the Cayman Islands and Luxembourg amounted to 2.06 billion dollars and 1.61 billion dollars.—Xinhua

Austria's OMV to receive less Russian gas

AUSTRIA'S OMV energy company said on Thursday that it too would receive less Russian gas as Moscow steps up the energy pressure on Europe.

Russia on Wednesday slashed gas supplies to the continent for the second day in a row, in a move blasted as "political" by Germany.

"We can confirm that we

have been informed by (Russia's) Gazprom about reduced delivery volumes," said OMV in a statement emailed to AFP.

The company said supply to its customers was "ensured at the moment". "If necessary at all, since there is currently a significantly lower demand, these volumes can be replaced by storage volumes and volumes

from the spot market," it said.

OMV gave no further details on how much less gas it would receive and from when. Several European countries, including Germany, are highly reliant upon Russian gas for their energy needs. But since Russia's invasion of Ukraine, they have been battling to wean themselves off Russian power.— AFP

Russian farmers seek to ride out Western sanctions

YEVGENY Shifanov, co-owner of an organic farm, says his business has felt the sting of Western sanctions and he is no longer able to sell his grain to Europe.

But the 42-year-old puts on a brave face, saying he is pivoting to ex-Soviet countries such as Belarus as well as domestic clients. "We are more interested in our internal market, our economy," the co-owner of Chyorny Khleb ("Black Bread") told AFP.

Shifanov's business — located in the village of Khatmanovo, some 150 kilometres (90 miles) south of Moscow on the banks of the Oka River — is one of numerous small farms that have mushroomed in Russia over the past decade. Moscow's military intervention in Ukraine has devastated crops and farming in the pro-Western nation and disrupted crucial deliveries from Ukraine fuelling concern about hunger and food prices worldwide.

The military campaign also put a major focus on Russia's own agriculture sector.

The country is the largest wheat exporter in the world and has been accused by the West of using grain as a geopolitical tool.

While Russia appears to be calling the shots in the current grain standoff with the West, experts say that its own agricultural sector is also bracing for tough times.

At Chyorny Khleb,

which cultivates cereals on just over 1,000 hectares of land, green wheat stalks are knee-high. The farmers are enjoying a relative lull before harvesting starts in late July.

"In March or April, we begin to prepare the land, then we plant. Soon we will reap the results of our work," said Alexei Yershov, a 28-year-old tractor driver before climbing into his red-and-black tractor and setting off into a buckwheat field.—AFP



Moscow's military intervention in Ukraine has devastated crops and farming in the pro-Western nation and disrupted crucial deliveries from Ukraine. PHOTO: AFP

Kinder factory at centre of Salmonella cases can reopen



Illustration picture shows a police car in front of the Ardennes Ferrero factory in Arlon, Friday 8 April 2022. PHOTO: ERIC LALMAND / BELGA MAG / BELGA VIA AFP

A factory in Belgium behind a Salmonella contamination in Kinder chocolates sold in Europe can

reopen conditionally after a clean-up by owner Ferrero, health authorities said Friday. Belgium's AFSCA

food health safety agency "has decided to give Ferrero conditional authorization for its production

factory in Arlon," in the country's southeast, it said in a statement. The permission was given for three months, during which all the products will be analyzed before they can be distributed and sold, it added. Ferrero was forced to withdraw more than 3,000 tonnes of Kinder products worth tens of millions of euros after the Salmonella cases were traced to Kinder chocolates made in its Arlon factory.

AFSCA ordered the factory closed in early April, just before the Easter period that usually sees Kinder products fly off supermarket shelves.—AFP

US cosmetics giant Revlon files for bankruptcy

US cosmetics giant Revlon has filed for bankruptcy after years of stiff competition from rivals focused on online sales and supply chain problems.

In a court filing late Wednesday, the company initiated Chapter 11 proceedings to manage its debt, which it said stood between \$1 billion and \$10 billion.

Revlon, known for its signature nail polish and lipstick, reported long-term liabilities of \$3.3 billion in the first quarter.

"Today's filing will allow Revlon to offer our

consumers the iconic products we have delivered for decades, while providing a clearer path for our future growth," CEO Debra Perelman said in a statement.

In the United States, Chapter 11, known as reorganization bankruptcy, allows firms to restructure themselves while being protected from creditors and continuing to operate.

The company said it expects to receive \$575 million in financing from its lenders if its bankruptcy is approved in court.—AFP

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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Japan deploys MSDF flotilla to Indo-Pacific



Photo taken 8 November 2021, shows the Izumo helicopter carrier at the Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force's base in Yokosuka, south of Tokyo. **PHOTO: KYODO**

JAPAN has dispatched a Maritime Self-Defence Force flotilla on a deployment to 11 Indo-Pacific countries and one foreign

territory as part of joint naval exercises with the United States and other countries undertaken to counter a more assertive

China.

In the annual deployment that began last Monday and will run to 28 October, the MSDF

fleet will make port calls in the Pacific island nations of the Solomon Islands, Tonga and Fiji for the first time, according to the Defence Ministry.

The fleet will also take part in the Rim of the Pacific exercise — the world's largest multinational naval exercise — the Pacific Vanguard exercise involving Australia, Japan, the United States and South Korea, and other drills, the ministry said.

The Izumo, one of the Japanese Maritime Self-Defence Force's two de facto carriers, will be accompanied by two destroyers, a submarine, patrol aircraft and others.

Besides New Caledonia, a French territory in the South Pacific, the 11 countries to be visited are the United States, India,

Australia, the Solomon Islands, Tonga, Papua New Guinea, Palau, Vanuatu, Fiji, Vietnam and the Philippines.

Earlier this year, China and the Solomon Islands signed a security pact that would allow the deployment of Chinese military personnel, as well as the docking of Chinese warships at the islands.

Such a move has alarmed regional maritime democracies such as Australia, Japan and the United States.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, who took an eight-country tour of the Pacific islands from late May to early June, was quoted by his ministry as saying while in the Solomon Islands that Pacific island nations are "not anyone's backyard." — Kyodo

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Macron, Scholz, Draghi meet Zelensky in Kyiv

THE European Union's most powerful leaders on Thursday embraced Ukraine's bid to be accepted as a candidate for EU membership, in a powerful symbol of support in Kyiv's battle against Russia's invasion.

French President Emma-

nuel Macron, Germany's Chancellor Olaf Scholz and Italian premier Mario Draghi arrived in Ukraine by train and headed to the Kyiv suburb of Irpin, scene of fierce battles early in the brutal war.

They were later joined in

Kyiv by Romania's President Klaus Iohannis and met their Ukrainian counterpart Volodymyr Zelensky, who has been lobbying his western allies for more and faster weapons deliveries and the promise of a European future. —AFP

Russian state TV airs videos of two missing Americans in Ukraine

A Russian state TV channel aired videos on social media of two Americans who went missing last week while fighting alongside the Ukrainian army, stating they had been captured by Russian forces.

United States President Joe Biden had said earlier yesterday he did not know the whereabouts of Alexander Drueke and Andy Huynh, both US military veterans whose relatives lost contact with the pair. The missing Americans — including a third identified as a former US Marines captain — are believed to be part of an unknown number of mostly military veterans who have joined other foreigners to volunteer alongside Ukrainian troops.

Yesterday evening, Russian journalist Roman Kosarev — who works with state TV RT channel — posted a video on messaging platform Telegram of Drueke

speaking facing the camera.

"Mom, I just want to let you know that I'm alive and I hope to be back home as soon as I can be," said Drueke, who was seated in what appeared to be an office and dressed in military fatigues.

RT's official Telegram channel also posted an interview with Huynh, in which he said the duo had been "engaged in combat with Russian troops" near Ukraine's flashpoint Kharkiv area. —AFP



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NEWS IN BRIEF

EU backs Ukraine's 'European dream' as Russia cuts gas supplies

EUROPE sent a powerful symbol of solidarity with Ukraine on Friday, when Brussels backed Kyiv's bid for EU candidate status, even as Russia shelled frontline Ukrainian cities and cut back gas supplies to the West.

With the European Commission's backing, Ukraine could now be added to the list of countries vying for EU membership as early as next week, when member state leaders meet at their Brussels summit.

All 27 EU leaders will have to agree to the candidacy, but the heads of the European Union's biggest members — France, Germany and Italy — already gave their full-throated support to the idea on Thursday, on a trip to a war-torn suburb of Kyiv.

Then on Friday, the European Commission gave the executive's formal backing to the bid, and EU chief Ursula von der Leyen made her position clear by donning a striking jacket in Ukraine's national colours. — AFP

Italy's Eni says Gazprom to reduce gas supply Friday by 50%

ITALY'S Eni said it will receive only 50 per cent of the gas requested Friday from Gazprom, following accusations by Rome the Russian state-backed company was peddling "lies" over a series of cuts.

"Gazprom has announced that it will supply only 50 per cent of what is requested (with actual delivered volumes almost unchanged with respect to the amounts delivered yesterday)," reducing supplies for the third day running, Eni said in a statement.

Several European countries, including Italy and Germany, are highly reliant upon Russian gas for their energy needs. As tensions rage with the West over the Ukraine war, Russia has stepped up the energy pressure, slashing gas supplies to the continent in a move blasted as "political" by both Italy and Germany. —AFP

US to propose new Pacific island initiative



THE United States plans to propose a new initiative to address Pacific island issues next week as it scrambles to offset China's thrust into the region, a top White House official said Thursday.

Washington is "stepping up across the board" its engagement with Pacific island nations to address their concerns over everything from relations with Washington to illegal fishing, climate change and regional security, said Kurt Campbell, a senior official for Asia in the National Security Council.

"This is an area of enormous

strategic importance. We have historical and moral responsibilities, both from the Second World War and, subsequent, the nuclear age," Campbell told a forum held by the Centre for a New American Security, a Washington think-tank.

The new initiative will allow those involved, including the 18-member Pacific Island Forum, Japan and major Western powers, "to make clear our desire to keep a Pacific environment that's open, that's healthy, that's productive, and free from coercion", said Campbell.—AFP

(From L) Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, US President Joe Biden and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi attend a photo session at the start of the launch event of the Indo-Pacific economic framework, or IPEF, in Tokyo on 23 May 2022. **PHOTO: POOL PHOTO / KYODO/FILE**

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Scandal-hit UK PM loses second ethics chief

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson's top ethics adviser said he had quit after the government forced him into an "impossible and odious" position, according to a letter released on Thursday.

Christopher Geidt is the second official to quit the role in two years in protest at Johnson's actions. His resignation on Wednesday came after the prime minister was enmeshed in the "Partygate" scandal, which saw him receive a police fine.

Lord Geidt had stayed on despite expressing unease over the Covid-19 lockdown-breaching parties in Downing Street, and endured a bruising time in front of a committee of MPs on Monday.

At that hearing, Geidt had said it was "reasonable" to conclude that Johnson broke Britain's ministerial code by getting the police fine. Breaches of the code are traditionally a resigning matter.

But Johnson has refused to quit, and his office said it was "surprised" at the mandarin's decision to step down now, as the term "Geidtgate" began circulating on social media.—AFP

Russia jails former US diplomat for smuggling drugs

A Moscow court has sentenced a former US diplomat to 14 years in prison for "large-scale" cannabis smuggling, the latest American to be caught up in Russia's legal system.

Russia and the United States regularly clash over the detention of each other's citizens and sometimes exchange them in scenes reminiscent of the Cold War.

The sentence comes as relations between Moscow and the West, particularly Washington, are tense after Moscow began its military operation in pro-Western Ukraine.

"The American citizen (Marc) Fogel has been found guilty," the Khimki court said in a statement late Thursday.

It said Fogel committed "large-scale drugs smuggling" by crossing the Russian border, as well as "large-scale illegal storage of drugs without a commercial purpose."—AFP

UK clears Assange extradition to US

BRITAIN'S government on Friday approved the extradition to the United States of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to face trial over the publication of secret files relating to the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. Home Secretary Priti Patel's interior ministry said Assange had 14 days to appeal the decision, which comes after a UK court issued a formal order clearing his removal. Assange's supporters have held frequent rallies to protest the planned deportation.

His wife, Stella, has pleaded for his release from custody after they had two children in secret while the 50-year-old campaigner was holed up for years in Ecuador's London embassy. WikiLeaks called Patel's decision a "dark day for press freedom and for British democracy" and vowed to pursue the appeal to the High Court, accusing the United States of having "plotted his as-

sassination".

"Julian did nothing wrong. He has committed no crime and is not a criminal. He is a journalist and a publisher, and he is being punished for doing his job," the group said in a statement.

WikiLeaks said the case was "political", as Assange published

evidence that the United States "committed war crimes and covered them up".

The extradition was an attempt to "try to disappear him into the darkest recesses of their prison system for the rest of his life to deter others from holding governments to account".—AFP



Demonstrators hold banners and placards as they gather in front of the Home Office building, in London, on 17 May 2022, during a demonstration to protest against the extradition of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. **PHOTO: AFP**

Man aboard plane grounded in Argentina linked to Quds Force: Paraguay

ONE of the men aboard a plane grounded near Buenos Aires has ties to Iran's Quds Force, Paraguay's intelligence chief said Friday, despite claims by Argentina that no evidence

links the case to Tehran's overseas intelligence.

Intelligence chief Esteban Aquino told AFP that Captain Gholamreza Ghasemi did not merely share a name with a

member of the Force — an arm of Iran's Revolutionary Guards which is listed as a terrorist organization by the United States — but is in fact the same man.—AFP



La Liga confirms complaints to UEFA against City and PSG



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La Liga said the complaint to UEFA against City was made in April while the complaint against PSG was filed “this week”.

The Spanish league insist-

ed it will continue to ramp up legal action against the two state-backed clubs.

La Liga has hired legal firms in France and Switzerland “with the aim of undertaking administrative and judicial actions before the relevant French bodies and the European Union as soon as possible”, read a statement from the league.

And in Switzerland, La Liga is “studying dif-

ferent representation options” to investigate the “possible conflicts of interest” of Nasser Al-Khelaifi, who is PSG chairman, in charge of Qatar-owned BeIN Sports, leads the European Club Association and sits on UEFA’s executive committee.

Manchester City won the race to buy Erling Haaland from Borussia Dortmund after paying the striker’s £51 million (\$63 million) release clause but the deal, including salary and agents fees, could reportedly exceed £250 million. And PSG will pay Kylian Mbappe a yearly salary of between 40 and 50 million euros, after the Frenchman chose to reject Real Madrid and sign a new three-year contract with the Qatari-owned club.

PSG suffered a 224.3-million-euro (\$240m) loss in 2020/21, an increase of 80 percent on the previous year, the annual report from French football’s financial authority (DNCG) said earlier this month.—AFP

Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Nine Objectives

1. Political affairs

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

2. Economic affairs

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

3. Social affairs

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

World Cup record-holder Klose to coach Austria’s Altach

FORMER Germany striker Miroslav Klose, the all-time top scorer at World Cup finals, was on Friday named coach of Austrian Bundesliga club Altach. This will be the 44-year-old’s first role as a head coach having previously been on the coaching staff at Bayern Munich and the Germany. He is set to sign a contract on Sunday.

The website of Altach briefly crashed Friday after the news broke. “I am looking forward to my new job here,” Klose said in a statement. “I had a positive feeling right from the start.” Klose retired from international football after helping Germany win the 2014 World Cup. In Brazil, he netted the 16th goal of his career at tournament finals to break the previous World Cup record of Brazil’s Ronaldo.

He is also Germany’s record scorer with 71 goals in 137 internationals. Klose retired from all football in 2016 and was initially assistant coach of Germany under Joachim Loew before taking charge of Bayern Munich’s Under-17s team. In 2020/21, Klose graduated to the senior team where he joined Hansi Flick’s back-room staff as assistant coach.—AFP



Than Paing (left) holds the jersey with the Kanchanaburi FC official after signing his contract with the team for one season. **PHOTO: KANCHANABURI FC**

National team striker Than Paing moves to Thai club

MYANMAR striker Than Paing has joined Thai League 3 club Kanchanaburi on a one-season contract, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

The Kanchanaburi team officially announced on 17 June that they have been able to sign Than Paing and have started joining the club.

This is Than Paing’s first arrival at a foreign club and he has moved to the Thai League, where most Myanmar players are playing.

Than Paing is a Myanmar player who qualified for the U-20 World Cup and scored the only winning goal for the UAE in the quarter-finals of the 2014 AFC U-19 Championship to help Myanmar qualify for the 2015 U-20 World Cup.

Than Paing started his professional career with Yangon United and moved to Shan United in early 2021.

However, due to the inability to host the MNL tournament in 2021, the bilateral contract was terminated and he moved to a foreign club.

Most of the Myanmar football players are playing for foreign clubs, and midfielder Nyein Chan Aung, a Myanmar player who qualified for the 2015 U-20 World Cup, recently transferred to Thai League-2 club Nakhon Si Thammarat.

— Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM