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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.

## All possible means should be applied to control illegal trade along the trade routes in states and regions: Vice-Senior General



State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win addresses the work coordination meeting 3/2022 of the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee in Nay Pyi Taw on 28 June 2022.

**S**TATE Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win addressed the coordination meeting 3/2022 of the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee in the meeting room of the Ministry of Commerce in Nay Pyi Taw at 2 pm yesterday. It was attended by Union Minister U Win Shein,

deputy ministers and officials, and officials from regions and states also took part in the meeting via videoconferencing.

In his address, the State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister said that it was the fourth meeting of the Steering Committee and that Anti-Illegal Trade Special Task Forces and staff on OSS

duty had become more skilled in performing their work.

He noted that the first course to enhance the capacity of staff had been conducted and multiplier courses had also been run at the regional and state-level. He also stressed the need for the continuous opening of such courses.

He then pointed out that,

after the reconstitution of the Steering Committee, the estimated value of illegal goods seized between January and May 2022 was about K21.771 billion and that the total value of illegal goods confiscated last year was only K13.318 billion. In April 2022, about K5.233 billion worth of illegal goods was seized but in May only K3.633 billion

worth of illegal goods were confiscated.

Therefore, Vice-Senior General Soe Win urged the personnel of the region and state anti-illegal trade special task forces, the customs department and one-stop services to implement their work plans more effectively.

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## 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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## Gyaing (Kawkareik) bridge on Yangon-Myawady Road under construction by Japanese loan



THE Ministry of Construction is building a four-lane bridge called Gyaing (Kawkareik), which crosses the Gyaing River from Asian Highway No. (1) and the East-West Economic Corridor. The construction is being implemented under the ODA loan of JICA and the contract with MoC.

The bridge will be a prestressed concrete extradosed bridge. It is 580 metres long and 22.69 metres wide. The load capacity of the bridge will be 60 tonnes per vehicle. The project started on 3 May 2019 with K6.8 billion.

The old Gyaing bridge was a 36-metre-long suspension

bridge constructed in 1997. As there were around 1,500 vehicles passing the bridge each day, a massive renovation was made in 2010, reducing the load capacity to 13 tonnes from 45 tonnes and making big vehicles use Pontoon Bridge instead.

Since the Gyaing (Kawkareik) Bridge will be a bridge on the road to the Myawady border, Thilawa, Tamu, and Muse when the construction completes, it will be more convenient to transport goods from Ayeyawady Region, Bago Region, Taninthayi Region, Mon State and Kayin State to the Myawady border trade point. — Kayan Soe Myint/GNLM

### Corrigendum

PLEASE read the headline "Myanmar maritime trade surges by \$1.3 bln as of 17 June" instead of "Myanmar maritime trade surges by \$1.3 mln as of 17 June" on the front page of the Global New Light of Myanmar issued on 28 June 2022. — Ed

### 9 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 28 June, total figure rises to 613,577

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,577** after **nine** new cases were reported on 28 June 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,536** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll still stands at **19,434** without more casualties.—MNA

## New special postage stamps to feature traditional costumes during Yadanabon era

IN a bid to portray Myanmar's cultural heritage, rediscover traditional costumes of men and women from generation to generation and draw the attention of the youth, Myanma Post under the Ministry of Transport and Communications will issue two new postage stamps worth K200 each at 9:30 am on 29 June 2022 (2<sup>nd</sup> Waxing of Waso 1384 ME), depicting the costumes of men and women in Yadanabon era.

The new series will be sold at the Central Post Office in Nay Pyi Taw, the General Post offices in Yangon and Mandalay and other post offices in each region and state.

To mark a special event, the postage stamps purchased at the Central Post Office in



Samples of two new special postage stamps.

Nay Pyi Taw and General Post offices in Yangon and Mandalay on 29 June 2022, will have a date marking. — MNA

## 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.)*

## All possible means should be applied to control illegal trade along the trade routes in states and regions: Vice-Senior General

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

He also highlighted the incident in which the in-charge of the Taninthayi Region anti-illegal trade special task force

raided the warehouses on the bank of the Parchan River. He went on to say that it was necessary to take great care of the security of individuals, organizations, buildings and equipment, to make systematic inspections of illegal goods and restricted merchandise and not to allow commodities with fake brands similar to those permitted to be imported for agricultural purposes.

He continued that confiscated goods should be auc-

tioned off as quickly as possible in accordance with the rules and regulations to increase the government's revenues and not to waste the efforts of those who make the seizures. Measures must also be taken to deal with cars with or without a licence.

He urged the members of the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee and all those involved in anti-illegal trade to strictly follow the policy, rules and regulations, notifications

by the government and action must be fair and under the law.

He said that effective action must be taken against imports and exports done with the intention of avoiding taxes, and illegal trading of restricted goods. For this purpose, he suggested that coordination meetings should be held regularly between merchants and departments concerned and that the UMFCCI plays a pivotal role in such doings.

Finally, the Vice-Senior

General recommended that capacity-enhancing courses on anti-illegal trade should be regularly conducted, measures should be taken to ensure that money received from the auctioning of confiscated goods properly flow into the government's revenues, to take effective action under the rules and regulations, and to hold inter-departmental coordination meetings with broader economic, political and security outlook. — MNA

## Bago Region creates 7,458 job opportunities

BAGO Region Chief Minister U Myo Swe Win organized a Bago Region Investment Committee Meeting 6/2022 at the Taw Win Hantha Meeting Hall of the regional government office on 28 June morning.

The meeting discussed the rights and law protections for the investors in the region due to the increasing investment of foreign and local investors and instructed that the responsible person must supervise the projects to complete in time.

Then, the director of the Bago Region Directorate of Investment and Company Administration presented the process of

extending the factory construction period for the BMB Steel & Accessories (Myanmar) Co Ltd, the Wellmade International Investment Co Ltd and the Xize International Machinery Co Ltd and the process of amending the land lease contract for the Sudey Industrial Co Ltd, and committee members facilitated the coordination in accordance with the rules and regulations.

Bago Region received investments of US\$123.712 million from foreign investors and K9529.15 million from local investors between 1 February 2021 and June 2022, fostering job opportunities for 7,458 people. — MNA



The Bago Region Investment Committee meeting 6/2022 is in progress.

### Public Notification

THE Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee was reconstituted under the State Administration Council's Order No 366/2021 dated 10.12.2021, and action is being taken effectively against illegal trade under the law.

The following telephone numbers, fax and email address can be reached to safely report information in connection with illegal trade.

- Auto telephone number - 067 409 883
  - Mobile phone - 09 404339969
  - Fax - 067 409 886
  - Email address - [antiillegaltradeinfo@gmail.com](mailto:antiillegaltradeinfo@gmail.com)
- Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee*

### Public Notification

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Regarding the "request for money from departmental organizations in conducting trade", the following numbers can be reached to safely report such information.

- Auto telephone number - 067 409 881
  - Mobile phone - 09 699611116
  - Fax - 067 409 887
  - Email address - [antiillegaltradeoffice@gmail.com](mailto:antiillegaltradeoffice@gmail.com)
- Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee*

# MoHT Union Minister attends seminar on Myanmar services trade and investment portal (MSTIP Portal), MSTIP mobile app

UNION Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Htay Aung attended a seminar on Myanmar Services Trade and Investment Portal (MSTIP Portal) and MSTIP Mobile Application yesterday morning in Nay Pyi Taw.

The seminar was attended by the directors-general, the deputy directors-general and officials from the ministry and state/region branch officers joined online. The seminar was organized to share the experiences of the two researchers on the MSTIP Portal and MSTIP Mobile App, launched by the Ministry of Commerce and to add the necessary information.

During the discussion, the Union minister said the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Services is being drafted and implemented to enable the inde-



The seminar on MSTIP Portal and MSTIP Mobile Application is in progress in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

pendent operation of services in the ASEAN region, adding that it is necessary to study and analyze the situation of the hotels and

tourism sector in the ASEAN services and investment concessions. Therefore, it will be more beneficial for the users by adding

the required information in the MSTIP Portal and MSTIP Mobile app by the Ministry, he said.

Afterwards, officials ex-

plained tourism-related services mentioned in the web portal and activities related to MSTIP Portal and Mobile Application, and the participants asked questions. The Union minister enquired about the services required by the ministry in the hotels and tourism sector and gave necessary instruction.

The Union minister also met region/state branch office heads through videoconferencing and said it is important to survey conducting tourism services. He added to provide better services to those visiting our country and help in research work by cultivating the habit of carefully recording and arranging solutions conveniently. He called on them to work together for the long-term development of the tourism industry. — MNA

# 36<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Heads of Specialist Anti-Trafficking Unit-HSU Meeting held online

THE 36<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Heads of Specialist Anti-Trafficking Unit-HSU Meeting was held yesterday morning through videoconferencing in Nay Pyi Taw and attended by Representatives led by Commander of the Anti-Trafficking Police Force of the Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Myint Htoo, Task Force Leaders and Representatives from Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Viet Nam, and Representatives from the ASEAN Secretariat.

In explaining Myanmar's anti-trafficking efforts during the COVID-19 pandemic at the meeting, Police Brig-Gen Myint Htoo said the Anti-Trafficking Law enacted in 2005, which is the most important part of the policy

and cooperation, was amended in consultation with relevant government departments and organizations and local and international legal experts to bring it in line with the modern system and international standards. A new anti-trafficking law was enacted on 16 June this year to effectively prosecute child trafficking.

The COMMIT MOU was reviewed and revised at the national level, and the COMMIT National Mechanism/Procedure (NRM) for the extradition of victims of trafficking was approved on 14 December 2021 and published on 14 February this year.

The ASEAN member states then briefed each other on their efforts to combat human trafficking, HSU Action Plan (2022-2023) (Draft). They also discussed the



The 36<sup>th</sup> ASEAN HSU Meeting is held via videoconferencing in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

hosting of the 37<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Heads of Specialist An-

ti-Trafficking Unit-HSU Meeting by Indonesia, and the Chairman

made concluding remarks.— MNA

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## Officials plan to expand Baht/Kyat, Yuan/Kyat use in border trade

THE meeting on the expansion of the use of Yuan/Kyat in Chinshwehaw and Baht/Kyat in the trade sector of Myeik, Kawthoung of Taninthayi Region was held in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 June.

Deputy Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar Daw Than Than Swe and officials from Thai banks such as the Siam Commercial Bank, Bangkok Bank, Kasikorn Bank, Myanma Economic Bank and local private banks attended the meeting.

The system was adopted at the Myanmar-China border and the use of local currencies, Yuan/Kyat/Baht in Myanmar-Thailand border trade on 21 March. The meeting focused on the expansion of the use of Baht/Kyat in Myeik and Kawthoung and the use of Yuan/Kyat in Chinshwehaw.

The system aims to promote the bilateral trade, trade flows, payment and liquidity processes and the use of domestic currency in line with the ASEAN Financial Integration.

The ground Taskforce was organized to cooperate with the banks, Customs Department,

Ministry of Commerce, local merchants, and region/state governments to start running the operations in the first and second weeks of July and to implement the Standard of Procedures and Banking agreement as quickly as possible.

In addition, they also discussed plans for Myanmar banks to accept remittances of Myanmar workers in Thai Baht through Thai banks in Thailand and issue them to their parents and relatives in Myanmar.

Under the collaboration of the Central Bank of Myanmar, the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Planning and Finance, and the Central Committee on Ensuring the Smooth Flow of Trade and Goods, the expansion of regional trade through the use of Yuan/Kyat/ and Baht/Kyat and the reduction of the exchange rate risks have been carried out since the 2021-2022 FY.

Within the Yuan/Kyat pilot period, from January 2022 to the third week of June 2022, export revenue was Yuan 197.464 million, and import payment was Yuan



The Muse 105<sup>th</sup>-Mile Trade Zone on the Myanmar-China border.

77.699 million, making the surplus Yuan 119.765 million.

Within the Baht/Kyat pilot period, from March 2022 to the third week of June 2022, export revenue was 1,540.46 million Baht, import payment 1,137.95 million Baht, making the surplus 402.51 million Baht. In addition,

permission was granted for worker remittance, and revenue as of the third week of June 2022, was 29.548 million Baht.

The Payment Mechanism implemented by foreign banks was discussed several times by the Central Bank of Myanmar, and issues related to Baht/Kyat

and Yuan/Kyat payments are coordinated by the Central Bank of Thailand, Chinese banks, and Thai banks. Liquidity support, trade financing and settlement time were clearly defined to convert trade surplus, and agreements were signed. — TWA/GNLM

## Wazira cinema to be transformed into archaeological museum



An undated photo shows Wazira cinema in downtown Yangon.

THE 102-year-old Wazira cinema will be conserved as an archaeological museum, according to the Ministry of Information.

The Excelsior cinema was constructed in 1920 and decorated with 16<sup>th</sup>- to 18<sup>th</sup>-century Beaux-Arts-style architectural fusion of French architecture and figurines.

Currently, the building is under systematic repair under the guidance of the ministry.

The cinema was originally named Excelsior and renamed "A1 Cinema" in 1942 and "Wazira" in 1968.

At present, it is planned to make the Wazira Cinema not only a movie theatre but also a venue where plays, puppet

shows, dance, music festivals, and international film festivals are held.

In addition, it will make a place to show old movies, puppet shows and other film shows on weekends.

The ministry also urged the officials to meet the standards of an ancient cinema. — TWA/GNLM

### 183 Myanmar nationals repatriated

A total of 183 Myanmar nationals – 87 migrant workers and 96 people who were charged and punished for petty crimes in Thailand returned to the country via the Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge 2 in Tachilek Township yesterday.

The 87 migrant workers – 36 males and 51 females and 96 citizens – 76 males and 20 females who completed their punishment—were transferred by Thai officials to My-

anmar officials.

Myanmar health officials conducted COVID-19 tests on returnees.

The swab tests will be conducted three times currently and the returnees will have to undergo quarantine at the Wanglong quarantine centre before they go back to their regions.

Thai officials also transferred 203 Myanmar nationals on 4 June. — TWA/GNLM

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## MoCRD Union Minister attends 16<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China forum on social development and poverty reduction

THE 16<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction was hosted by the National Rural Revitalization Administration of the People's Republic of China yesterday morning.

The forum was attended by Administrator Mr Lui Huanxin and members of the National Rural Revitalization Administration of China, Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN, Union Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Hla Moe, the ministers, deputy ministers and Senior Officials from Cambodia, Laos and the Philippines and representatives from the International Poverty Reduction Centre in China (IPRCC).

During the discussion, the Union minister said that the deadline for ASEAN countries to fully implement the 2030 Sustainable Development Plan is approaching, adding that in re-



cent years, the pandemic has caused unforeseen challenges and changes which were difficult to deal with.

Myanmar is participating in the ASEAN Rural Development and Poverty Eradication Action Plan Framework 2021-2025, and we have set goals to

narrow the development gap between regions and states, and urban and rural areas to achieve sustainable rural development in Myanmar under the guidance of the Union Government, he said.

He said the ministry is making every effort in pro-

moting agricultural-based cooperatives and developing rural infrastructure in order to enhance socio-economic development and improve small and medium industries.

With the financial support of the Chinese government, the Village Poverty Alleviation

Model Project was successfully implemented in 2021. At present, village poverty alleviation project phase II, rural water supply project, rural lighting project and multi-purpose village development projects are being implemented under the Special Cooperation Fund of Lancang-Mekong Cooperation.

We also believe that China's achievements in poverty alleviation can be used as valuable examples for Myanmar's sustainable rural development, the Union Minister said.

To achieve the common goal agreed upon by all of us, Myanmar will continue to cooperate in friendly relations with ASEAN member countries and partner countries. In addition, he said, Myanmar will do its best in cooperation with all partner countries and ASEAN member countries in building a prosperous homeland. — MNA

## 40<sup>th</sup> ASEAN senior officials meeting on energy, its associated meetings held



THE 40<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials Meeting on Energy (SOME) and Associated Meetings was chaired by Cambodia yesterday through videoconferencing. Head of the Myanmar Energy Delegation to ASEAN Director-General of the Department of Oil and Gas Management U Win Maw and officials from each energy sub-sector attended the meeting.

At the meeting, issues related to energy sector development for the development of the ASEAN region, cooper-

ation between ASEAN member countries to use clean energy in energy development, reduce carbon emissions, save energy and have energy security, increase renewable energy consumption and harmonize energy consumption standards were discussed.

The meeting also discussed implementations of the ASEAN Plan of Actions for Energy Cooperation (APAEC Phase II (2021-2025)) in 2021, current and further plans in 2023, and plans of the ASEAN energy coopera-

tion sub-sectors.

Senior energy officials from ASEAN member countries; ASEAN dialogue partners: Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea, New Zealand, Russia, and the United States attended the meeting to discuss the past and future cooperation in the energy sector between ASEAN plus 3 and ASEAN and East Asia. The 40<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Senior Officials' Meeting on Energy and Associated Meetings will be held from 28 June to 1 July. — MNA

## Myanmar delegation attends 2022 Intersessional Meeting of APMBC

MYANMAR delegation led by Director-General U Aung Kyaw Moe of the Rehabilitation Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement attended the 2022 Intersessional Meeting of Anti-Personal Mine Ban Convention (APMBC) held in Switzerland from 20 to 22 June.

The meeting focused on the assistance for mine victims, implementation of the Oslo Action Plan, Making Every Effort Count: Towards a Successful 2025, Fostering Cooperation for Rehabilitation and APMBC.

Then, Director-General discussed the implementation of three work plans out of five humanitarian assistance for mine

operations by the ministry, organizing mine risk awareness work groups in Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Shan State (North) and Rakhine State including Nay Pyi Taw, K138.8 million cash assistance to 694 mine victims starting the 2017-2018 financial year, holding the national-level establishment of mine victims assistance network by cooperating with ARMAC on 7 July and work plans for the rights of the people with disabilities under UNCRPD.

The meeting benefits the progress and views in conducting the Anti-Personal Mine Ban Convention and work plans of assistance to mine victims by convention members. — MNA



# LOCAL BUSINESS

## Palm oil prices fall again on downtick trend in external market

THE prices of palm oil pulled back in the domestic market.

The price hit a high of over K8,000 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kilogrammes) in the domestic market in early June. The price falls again to around K7,000 per viss at the moment.

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

The reference rate of palm oil in the Yangon market for a week from 20 to 30 June is set at K5,815 per viss. However, the market price is higher than the reference rate.

Additionally, some oil shops get access to limited sources of supply although they sell the palm oil at a reference rate de-

pending on the volume quota.

"I like to encourage the fellow sellers to offer the palm oil at the reference rate. It is a way of making merits. I sell palm oil at the reference rate of K5,950 per viss. A consumer is entitled to buy a viss of palm oil and two visses for those engaged in commercial business. I cordially invite the customers," the OK rice and edible oil trading and rice miller family enterprise posted on its social media.

Moreover, the authorities, Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association and importers companies made a scheme to offer the oil in equal amounts (a viss) for each consumer to buy the oil at a fair price. The resales are not given green light so we will not distribute the oil for reselling. We will follow the sales quota accordingly. We like to request that we cannot sell them daily due to limited sources of supply, stated the OK rice and edible oil trading



The Ministry of Commerce is striving for the consumers not to worry over the supply of edible oil. The ministry is also trying to secure edible oil sufficiency, supervise the market to offer a reasonable price to the consumers, maintain the price stability and prevent market manipulation.

and rice miller family enterprise.

If those retailers and wholesalers are found overcharging, storing inventory intentionally and attempting unscrupulous action to manipulate the market,

they will face legal action under the Special Goods Tax Law, MoC released a statement. The Ministry of Commerce is striving for the consumers not to worry over the supply of edible oil. The min-

istry is also trying to secure edible oil sufficiency, supervise the market to offer a reasonable price to the consumers, maintain the price stability and prevent market manipulation. — NN/GNLM

## GAP chilli pepper plantations to be undertaken



The growers across the regions and states commonly use the traditional farming method so awareness campaigns of GAP will be conducted.

GOOD Agricultural Practices (GAP) will be adopted in chilli pepper plantations, said Daw Ohn Mar Kyaw, chair of the Myanmar Chilli Market and Technology Development Association.

The growers across the regions and states commonly use the traditional farming method so awareness campaigns of GAP will be conducted. "At present, the prices of chilli pepper produced under the GAP system are similar to the other chilli pepper prices.

This being so, farmers lose interest in the GAP system. Cooperation with the experts will be undertaken to educate the growers on the benefits of GAP. The GAP certificate is crucial for exporting the products to external markets," she elaborated.

To export quality chilli pepper, we have raised awareness of the GAP to encourage the growers to seek for GAP certificate at the respective Agriculture Departments. — Maung Aye Chan/GNLM

## Lack of foreign demand decreases dried areca nut prices

DRIED Areca nut price goes down in the domestic market as foreign demand dries up, according to the areca nut market.

The dried areca nuts were earlier sent to the Indian market via border trade. At present, areca nut export is barely seen owing to the border security along the Kalay-Tamu Road. Consequently, areca nut traders solely depend on the domestic market, said the traders.

The prices of fuel oil hike up the freight rate from K40-60 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kilogrammes), said traders.

The domestic market of dried areca nut stays flat amid low demand by external markets. The mature areca nut for the drying process is worth only K25 per piece, while the soft areca nut fruit price touches a high of K60 per piece. Therefore, the traders are interested in selling soft and moist areca nut fruits rather than dried areca nuts.

Soft areca nut prices increased from K30 to K60 this year.

China's demand makes the soft areca nut fruit market bustle. There is no data on how China utilizes those betel nuts.

Yet, they are penetrating the Southeast Asian market as a snack after the betel nut fruits are steamed and dried.

Moreover, the skin of the fruits is mostly consumed in some foreign countries rather than the seed. They utilize them in making medicine and snacks.

According to Chinese Business News, areca nut production generates an annual income of 30 billion yuan (US\$4.4 billion).

The steady production causes the growing need for raw materials. Chinese buyers came to Myanmar and purchased soft areca nut fruits. Consequently, Myanmar's areca nut fruit market has grasped a strong market share.

Generally, the matured betel nuts are placed on the market after the drying and processing stages. The prevailing price of dried areca nuts is K30 per piece. Meanwhile, the soft areca nut fruit is offered K35 at a minimum without having additional charges for processing. This way, the farm owners focus on the sales of soft and moist areca nut fruits.

Myanmar's areca nut fruit market has become widespread. The commodity depot of are-

ca nut fruits emerged in the producing states and regions (Rakhine, Mon and Kayin states and Taninthayi and Ayeyawady regions). The brokers do a roaring trade with the competitive pricing.

The brokers go down to farms and buy areca nut fruits from 17-18 grammes sized fruits to over 30-gramme sized fruits, according to the areca nut fruit processing factory in Yangon.

Earlier, Myanmar harvested only matured areca nut fruits and only the dried areca nuts were delivered to the market. Nonetheless, coronavirus impacts in 2020 and political changes in 2021 hindered some business operations. Therefore, the farm owners expressed a keen interest in the harvest of ripe betel nut fruits on the back of China's demand with high prices. The market grew this way and farm owners make a handsome profit at present.

As a result of this, the dried areca nut production is likely to drop in future and the prices are likely to go up on low inventory and possible foreign demand, traders shared their opinions. — NN/GNLM

# OPINION

## Create happy life throughout a lifespan

**A** MYANMAR saying goes: Health is wealth. It is a Universal truth. But most people do not deeply follow the theme of such a saying. Indeed, if they have to cut too many behaviours in eating, sleeping, breathing and drinking like unhealthy acts.

People should try to comprehensively understand the advantages of regular eating, sleeping and taking a bath, reduction of unhealthy acts, and avoiding unhealthy meals combined with too much content of cooking oil. Moreover, cleanliness in environs, as well as physical exercises and sweet talks, contribute much to the health of the people.

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In Myanmar literature, knowledge supports the life of living beings. Actually, health is a root cause of prosperity and development based on personality, physical strength, mental power, widening of scope and keenness to do something. Everybody needs to take care of such a good result for ensuring personal prosperity and development.

Only when anyone is healthy can they aspire to have a great ambition. Those who wish to enjoy prosperity and development must have qualified knowledge and skills as well as healthiness. Otherwise, they would have to lose the unexpected great chances for various sectors in their lives.

Everybody wishes to possess physical and mental health. In this regard, they have to take notice of the worst enemies which mean

frets and plights. If one suffers from an ant disease or disorder of health, one will not have mental health. Gradually, they will face frets and plights. If they can remove the frets and plights from their minds, they can cut half of their sufferings. As such, as prevention is better than cure, the victory of life is reachable for them.

A poem composed by an ancient poet mentions that only when people fall asleep and wake up early their inside and outside organs will be free from diseases, and so, their lives will be peaceful and prosperous. Hence, as they need to go to the bad and wake up early, they will enjoy a healthy life.

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## Useful Art of Interlingual Translation

By Hu Wo (Cuckoo's Song)

**T**HERE are generally two forms of change in languages: translation and interpretation. The word translation comes from the Latin word 'translatum', which means 'a carrying across' or 'a bringing across'. According to Oxford Dictionary of English, translation is termed a text or work that has been changed from one language into another. By Longman Advanced American Dictionary, translation is defined as the process or result of changing speech or writing into another language. The first translation is supposed to have been a poem called 'The Epic of Gilgamesh' that was originally written in Sumerian. In addition, it is said that the Babylonians were the first to establish translation professionally, and Saint Jerome is considered to be the father of translation. It is also believed that the beginnings of machine translation were in the 9th century. Jakobson has described three types of translation as intralingual, interlingual and intersemiotic, in which intralingual translation denotes a sort of translation within one language i.e. rewarding or paraphrasing, interlingual translation between two languages, and intersemiotic translation between signs and symbols. Among these three sorts of translation, the interlingual translation will just be emphasized here.

The part of translated litera-

ture has been playing far and wide in the field of Myanmar literature for ages. Maybe the art of translation was made as far back as the Bagan Age in the history of Myanmar. In her tablet of stone, Theingathu's daughter had translated the six truths of suffering from Pali into Myanmar, relying on Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta firstly preached by Buddha, where the sufferings say birth, old age, death, association with those whom one does not love, separation from those whom one does love, and not getting what one wants. Several ages afterwards translation from English into Myanmar was well known here and there in the country. Of Myanmar literature in translation, Shwe Ou Daung's translated detective stories and Mya Than Tint's pieces of translation writing still enjoy widespread popularity among most Myanmar youth readers. The four Myanmar books in translation that I enjoy reading most are 'Mingalaba-Sayama (Good morning, Miss Dove)' by Tite Soe, 'Chit-thaw-Saya' (To Sir, With Love) by Saw Shwe Bo, 'Thaykanesita-nya-nint-achar-wuttutomyar' (The Night My Number Came Up and Other Stories) by Aung Thinn, and 'Mopason-wuttutomyar' (The Best Short Stories of Guy de Maupassant) by Mg Htin. I really love the translation works of Thakhin Ba Thuang, Lin Yone Maung Maung and Tin Maung

Myint as well.

Some readers do not read books in translation at all since perhaps they would like to read only original ones or they want to shun the gamut of translation even on purpose. Even some writers disapprove of translators among themselves only; the translators are condemned as not being original authors by a number of literary critics. That is why translators tend to lose face in comparison with other writers on account of their translation writing. Even worse, they will be criticized for doing a translation inaccurately by both their readers and other translators if they have made a careless error in translation, or mistranslation. Of course, readers who are indifferent to translation as well as having a little language proficiency, me also included in the past, look down their noses at translators simply because they seem to find it easy to make a translation. They think wrong that they could translate any piece of writing as easy as falling off a log even if they have got a few bilingual dictionaries of its related languages. However, there is more in translation than they had ever thought. For such readers, what advice I will give them is just try and translate to see whether doing a translation job is child's play or not.

There are found two main kinds of translation, a rough trans-



lation and a literal translation. The first kind of translation should include the adoption of words and adaptation of ideas, but the other kind of translation might contain the meta phrasing of all subject matter and moderating of food for thought. Whichever translation is used, any translator must have to fulfil three great basic requirements for translation - 1) the mastery of the source and target languages, 2) the grasp of the subject matter being translated, and 3) the awareness of the target audience - as much as he can before his useful art of translation. To get mastery of languages, a translator must read enough for a wide variety of literature, including not only classic literature but also modern literature, and even lyrics. He must have had a richness of vocabulary, choice of words in use, terminological terms, euphemistic expressions,

metaphorical language, onomatopoeic words, grammatical patterns and exceptions from poetry, prose and drama. He has to make himself understand the subject matter to be translated at first and then translate it out deeply, simply and clearly to readers. By the time he does so, he must be able to catch the first writer's particular writing style and priceless usage lest those things should remain undetected due to his poor effort, too. What is more, some translator needs to be well aware of their target translation audience. He ought to do translating effectively and efficiently, depending upon his audience's literacy, likes and interests.

I have been interested in translation since my middle school student life. At that time, I tried translating my English lessons into my first language orally as a little student before and after

they had been taught by my school teachers. I read those lessons aloud, but if there looked anything inappropriate with my hearing, I used to translate them again and again. Sometimes I had to translate the lessons word for word, sometimes in phrases, sometimes in clauses, and sometimes even in the whole sentence. Only occasionally did I get my translation wrong under the illusion that I would get it right by comparison with my mother tongue culture. It is best if translators have a broad range of background knowledge about a piece of subject matter that will be translated, for example, its ancient history. Additionally, it would be better for them to keep more and more dictionaries of different languages and academic fields at hand in order that these dictionaries can be used at once if need be. As mentioned above, the ones who would prefer original writing

to translation included me. Nevertheless, we should read translation very well until we have picked up original books from somewhere. If not, we will just get to know nothing from either translated books or original ones. Having recognized that translation is not a piece of cake, I absolutely feel sympathetic towards translators who are scratching a decent living from the freelance translating profession.

As regards the art of translation, the ten commandments that had been described in John O' London magazine are summarized as follows.

- 1) You shall make the exact and equivalent rendering of each thought of the author.
- 2) You shall seek to give your translation the same form, rhythm, tone and flow as the original.
- 3) You shall not adhere to the original syntax slavishly, but heed the logic of the sentence structure carefully.
- 4) You shall never presume to correct the author even when he appears to talk nonsense.
- 5) You shall read your translation loud.
- 6) You shall have mastered the foreign language sufficiently to recognise all technical expressions as such.
- 7) You shall not translate every elegant foreign phrase word for word; every language has its birdlime, pitfalls and spring guns.
- 8) You shall continue studying your mother tongue.
- 9) You shall erase the word 'untranslatable' from your vocabulary once and for all.
- 10) You shall not rest until you are certain that your translation is only good when it is not recognized

as one; you will never achieve this by a dictionary alone for translation requires both feelings and thought.

Above all, every translator should notice that languages may be similar in features, but hardly ever identical. Any excellent translation must primarily have linguistic characteristics i.e., accuracy, beauty and clarity, and its standard value will usually depend on the target readers' critical appraisals. Machine translation and modern software like Google Translate might not possibly translate as precisely as human translators. In the book 'Sarpay Lawka' (The Field of Literature), a collection of articles by Thawda Swe from Seikkuchocho Publishing House, he said that the literature of humour can look like the most difficult to be translatable to the point because of cultural differences only. In actual fact, translation serves as a bridge between languages, that is to say, readers overcome the language barrier by reading books in translation from their foreign languages so as to dig up what they are entirely curious about. Furthermore, translation creates the all-round improvement in many languages such as the aspects of knowledge, skill and attitude that international writers have put on languages. We readers should, therefore, try to study or make a translation in order to obtain an acquired taste by doing so, at the very least.

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A study published 17 March 2022 in the medical journal JAMA Network Open found that the J&J vaccine remains durable and effective, even through the surge of cases caused by the Delta variant. PHOTO: JOHNSON & JOHNSON/ANI

## WHO approves Biological E Limited as additional manufacturing site for Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine

**U**S EMBASSY in India congratulated Biological E. Limited, a Hyderabad-based pharmaceutical and vaccines company for getting approval from WHO as an additional manufacturing site for the Janssen/Johnson and Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.

"Congratulations to @biological\_e on its @WHO approval as an additional manufacturing site for the Janssen/Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine!

Great progress for the Quad Vaccine and #USIndiaHealth partnerships through U.S. technical support and @DFCgov financing," US Embassy in India tweeted.

### A heterologous COVID-19 booster dose

Earlier, on June 4, Biological E. Limited announced that its Corbevax COVID-19 vaccine has been approved by the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) as a heterologous

COVID-19 booster dose for individuals aged 18 years and above after six months of administration of primary vaccination (two doses) of Covaxin or Covishield vaccines for restricted use in an emergency situation.

A statement issued by pharmaceutical and vaccines company read, "The BE's Corbevax is the first such vaccine in India to be approved as a heterologous COVID-19 booster. Recently, BE has furnished its clinical trials data to the DCGI

who after a detailed evaluation and deliberations with the Subject Experts Committee granted their approval for administering the Corbevax vaccine as a heterologous booster dose to people who have already taken two doses of either Covishield or Covaxin."

Biological E's clinical trial data showed that the Corbevax booster dose provided significant enhancement in immune response and the excellent safety profile required for an effective booster, said the statement.

Mahima Datla, Managing Director, Biological E. Limited, said, "We are very happy with this approval, which will address the need for COVID-19 booster doses in India. We have crossed yet another milestone in our COVID-19 vaccination journey. This approval reflects once again the sustained world-class safety standards and high immunogenicity of Corbevax."

SOURCE: ANI

# 15.40 acres of fodder plants grown in Yangon during fodder plants-growing week



The fodder plants-growing programme is in action.

WITH the implementation of the fodder plants-growing week in the third week of June to reduce feed and production costs by growing fodder plants and feeding the nutritious forages in

regions and states, 15.40 acres of fodder plants were grown in Yangon Region under the super-

vision of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

As livestock feedstuffs are important in the future of the livestock sector in Yangon Region, 12 farmers grew 1-20 acres of Mulato, Napier and Mombasa grass in Mingaladon, Taikkyi, Hlegu, Hmawby, Htantabin, Dagon Myothit, Thanlyin, Kyauktan, Thongwa, Kayan, Twantay, Kawhmu and Kungyangon townships by implementing the low-cost and more profitable fodder plants-growing programme.

According to Interim collection lists of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in 2019, there are 136,256 local cows, 13,252 bulls (milk cows), 16,713 local buffaloes, 1,037 milk buffaloes and 937 horses were bred in Yangon Region respec-

tively. And also 9,101,536 local cows, 70,876 bulls (milk cows), 1,477,795 local buffaloes, 6,813 milk buffaloes and 147,132 cattle were raised in eight regions and seven states.

With Myanmar depending on the agriculture sector, the development of the agricultural sector is important. In the buffalo, cow, sheep and goat breeding by feeding 52 types of forages, the increasing costs for livestock feedstuffs can cause damage to the livestock sector in the long term.

Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department urged the breeders to grow three kinds of nutritious grass — Mulato, Napier and Mombasa — under the fodder plants-growing programme. — MNA

## CRIME NEWS

### Drugs seized in several townships

ON 27 June, a combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force carried out the inspections on the Phakant-Lonkhin Road, near Nammahpyit Village of Nammahpyit Village-tract in Phakant Township and confiscated 36,100 stimulant tablets from a motorcycle driven by Lamaung Zaung Jone (aka) Zaung Jone accompanied by Ma Saimai at 1:30 pm.

On the same day, a Mazda Bongo truck driven by Joseph was pulled over and examined by a combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force near Kywetatson Village of Kywetatson Village-tract in Thazi Township and 44 kilogrammes of raw opium were seized at 12:50 pm.

Similarly, a combined team

consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force stopped and searched a passenger car at the Joint Inspection Checkpoint of Mayanchaung Village, Mayanchaung Village-tract in Kyaikhto Township and captured 20,000 stimulant tablets at 5:15 pm.

In addition, a suspected Thai citizen Wollatham Wisetajinda (aka) Oko was found in the Sansai Ward (B), Tachilek Township and inspected by a combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force. Later, the team seized 10,000 stimulant tablets from him.

The suspects are being prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, the MPF stated. —MNA

### Illegal timbers, foodstuffs, consumer goods, electronics, vehicles, and unregistered motorboats 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 team made inspections on 26 June, according to information.

They confiscated 3.1618 tonnes of illegal teak worth K2,086,788 in Kanma township and 13 unregistered wooden motor boats (approximately K23.7 million) and 14 small boats (approximately K6.4 million) in the Ayeyawady River near Kyontaw village of Magway township. The effective action was taken under the Water Resources and River Law.

Similarly, a team led by the Hpa-an Township Customs Department made inspections at the Thanlwin Bridge combined checkpoint under the Kayin State Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force.

They captured K3.1 million worth of electronics without any official documents from a Mitsubishi Canter car (approximately K15 million) heading from Naunglon to Hlegu and K10,552,000 worth of foodstuffs and consumer goods without any official documents from a Mitsubishi Canter car (approx-



Officials confiscate illegal timbers.

imately K15 million) heading from Hpa-an township to Kyonpae village of Kyakalay road.

In addition, at the Kawka-reik (Tadakyoe) combined checkpoint, officials captured K1,680,000 worth of various sandals that exceeded the number of the Import Declaration (ID) from a vehicle heading from Myawady to Yangon on 27 June.

The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Afterwards, the ThingaNyinaung combined checkpoint captured cosmetics and foodstuffs worth K16,812,000, old electronics worth K2.15 million that showed no official documents from a Yutong bus (approximately K25 million) and foodstuffs and consumer goods worth K2,185,000 from a Toyota Voxy car (approximately

K2 million). The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

In addition, the inspection team conducted the inspections near the Kengtung University in Kengtung Township and captured bags of Chinese detergent powder worth K8,796,000. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

A total of 17.1422 tonnes of illegal timbers at an estimated value of K5,452,546 were seized in Toungoo district under the supervision of the Bago Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force on 28 June.

Therefore, 38 arrests estimated at K139,914,334 were made on three consecutive days from 26 to 28 June, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA



Joseph is pictured along with seized drugs and the vehicle.

## India's first mRNA vax to get Emergency Authorization soon



A health worker inoculates a woman with a dose of the Covishield vaccine against the Covid-19 coronavirus during a door to door vaccination drive in Khag village in the Budgam district, some 55 km from Srinagar, on 13 January 2022. **PHOTO: TAUSEEF MUSTAFA /**

THE Subject Expert Committee (SEC) in a meeting held on Friday recommended Emergency Use Authorisation (EUA) for India's first mRNA COVID-19 vaccine, sources told ANI on Tuesday. The Drugs controller general of India (DCGI) is expected to give Emergency Use

Authorization to Genovax's mRNA vaccine any time soon.

The SEC under India's drug regulator found data submitted by Genovax Biopharmaceuticals satisfactory in the Friday meeting, people in the know told ANI. The company submitted data in April and provided additional

data in May.

Earlier in May, Genovax had released a statement to ANI regarding updates on submitting phase 3 data. "Genovax is in communications with the regulatory agency and submitting all necessary data and information required for the product approval," said Genovax's spokesperson.

"Product development using innovative technologies like mRNA, a fourth-generation vaccine platform stable at 2 to 8 degrees Celsius, is a challenging journey during pandemic times," the spokesperson further said.

The company has conducted phase 2 and phase 3 data trials on 4,000 participants to evaluate vaccine safety, immunogenicity and tolerability. The vaccine - GEMCOVAC-19 - is the country's first homegrown mRNA Covid-19 vaccine and is seen as a game-changer for the healthcare industry.— ANI

## Australian capital hit by new COVID-19 wave: health authorities

HEALTH authorities in Australia's capital Canberra have warned of a new wave of coronavirus infections.

Australian Capital Territory (ACT) Health Minister Rachel Stephen-Smith revealed that modeling has indicated the territory is currently experiencing another wave of COVID-19 infections.

"We are seeing those case numbers starting to increase and we expect that is potentially the start of another wave of COVID-19 through this winter period into July and potentially into early August," she was quoted as saying by the Canberra Times on Tuesday.

"We are conscious of that and we are keeping a close eye

on the case numbers to see if that trajectory is going to be maintained."

It comes after the ACT set a new record for COVID-19 hospitalizations.

There were 121 people infected with the COVID-19 virus being treated in ACT hospitals, marking the highest number since the start of the pandemic, according to the latest update on Tuesday.

The government said an outbreak in a cancer ward at Canberra Hospital had contributed to the increase.

Paul Craft, clinical director of the ward, said that authorities were still investigating how COVID-19 had spread in the ward.

"It's been a little difficult to track where the virus has spread through the population since then, we're still working on that," he told Australian Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) Radio. "It will probably be a long time before it's exactly clear how the outbreak occurred."—Xinhua



Anti-lockdown protesters hold placards in Canberra on 12 August 2021, as Australia's capital was ordered into a seven-day lockdown after a single Covid-19 case was detected. **PHOTO: ROHAN THOMSON / AFP/FILE**

## China halves quarantine time for overseas travellers

CHINA on Tuesday reduced the length of mandatory quarantine for inbound travellers, in the biggest relaxation of entry restrictions after sticking to a rigid zero Covid policy throughout the pandemic.

The new guideline cuts the length of mandatory quarantine for overseas travellers to seven days plus three more of home monitoring — a drastic drop from about 21 days of quarantine and home monitoring combined.

China closed off its international borders at the beginning of the pandemic and the number of international flights is still tightly restricted in an effort to tamp down "imported" virus cases as the pandemic rages elsewhere.

Since then overseas arrivals have faced weeks of strict monitoring and costly quaran-

tine in hotels and designated centres.

Under the latest Covid prevention and control policy guidelines announced by the National Health Commission and the State Council, inbound travellers entering China will now be required to quarantine centrally for just seven days.

Starting from April, a growing number of "pilot" cities have already slashed mandatory centralised quarantine for overseas travellers to 10 days, with Beijing reducing quarantine as well last month.

However, scarce international flights are frequently subject to cancellations, as Beijing operates a "circuit breaker" system where routes are temporarily cancelled if enough positive passengers are discovered on board.—AFP



Photo taken on 19 September 2020 shows a doll of the mascot of China International Import Expo (CIIE) and a flight featuring the mascot at the Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province. **PHOTO: XINHUA/FILE**

## New Zealand reports 8,028 community cases of COVID-19

NEW Zealand recorded 8,028 community cases of COVID-19 and 16 more deaths on Tuesday, the Ministry of Health said in a statement.

Among the new community infections, 2,584 cases were reported in the largest city Auckland, the ministry said.

In addition, 94 new cases of COVID-19 were detected at the New Zealand border.

Currently, 383 patients are being treated in hospitals due to COVID-19, including seven in intensive care units or high dependency units.

New Zealand has reported 1,315,327 confirmed cases of COVID-19 since the pandemic hit the country in early 2020. — Xinhua

# ECONOMY WORLD



A worker takes the stairs outside a giant tank at the Duna (Danube) Refinery of Hungarian MOL Company located near the town of Szazhalombatta, about 30 km south of Budapest on 5 May 2022.  
**PHOTO: ATTILA KISBENEDEK / AFP**

## G-7 seeking price cap on Russian oil amid energy cost surge

THE Group of Seven countries are in final talks seeking a global price cap on Russian oil to pressure Moscow over its war in Ukraine while planning to roll out more steps to support Kyiv, including with revenues from tariffs imposed on Russian products, a US official said Monday.

As the war drives up energy and food prices worldwide, the G-7 leaders, meeting in south-

ern Germany, are grappling with a food crisis that could hit developing nations hard, with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida pledging \$200 million in financial aid.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy joined part of the day's session online and urged the G-7 leaders to ramp up sanctions on Russia and provide military support.

"We will continue to pro-

vide financial, humanitarian, military and diplomatic support and stand with Ukraine for as long as it takes," the G-7 leaders said in a statement.

The G-7 leaders are likely to task the relevant ministers, including finance ministers, to work with other countries and the private sector to develop a mechanism that would achieve both objectives "simultaneously," the official said.—Kyodo

## Worst of inflation over, says Brazil's Central Bank president

THE worst of inflation is over, the president of the Central Bank of Brazil Roberto Campos Neto said on Monday during the 10<sup>th</sup> Legal Forum in Lisbon, Portugal.

He reiterated the statement by the country's minister of economy that the national Consumer Price Index, which measures official inflation, has started to "go down".

"We still have an element

of accelerating inflation. But for the first time, the last two figures were within expectations. We believe that the worst period of inflation in Brazil has passed," Campos Neto said.

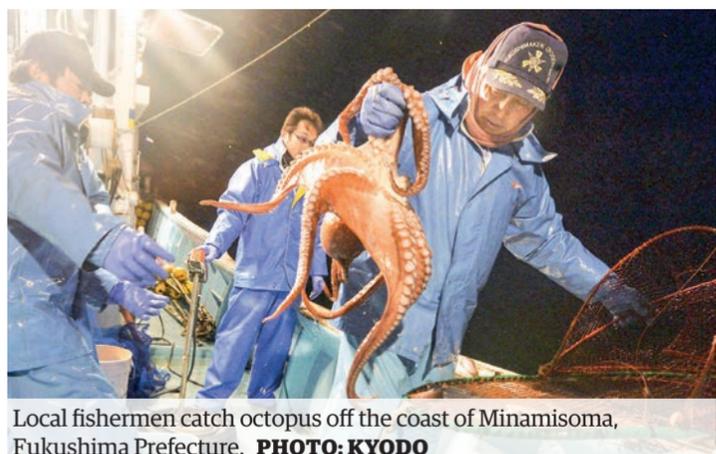
In the last 12 months ending in May, Brazil's inflation climbed to 11.73 per cent, while the central bank estimates that it will reach 8.8 per cent in 2022, above the official target of 3.5 per cent.—Xinhua

## Britain to lift import restriction on food products from Fukushima

BRITAIN on Wednesday will lift import restrictions on some Japanese food products imposed in the wake of the 2011 Fukushima nuclear disaster, Prime Minister Boris Johnson said Tuesday during his meeting with Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida.

"I'm delighted that tomorrow, finally, we are able to have Fukushima-origin products all over the shops in the UK,"

Johnson said at the outset of the meeting. Kishida expressed his appreciation for the British decision, coming after his visit to Britain in May when the leaders discussed the issue. The British government had promised to remove the restrictions by the end of June. Kishida and Johnson met on the fringes of a Group of Seven leaders' summit in southern Germany.—Kyodo



Local fishermen catch octopus off the coast of Minamisoma, Fukushima Prefecture. **PHOTO: KYODO**

## White House says concerned about recession but US economy strong

THE American economy remains strong, a White House economist asserted Tuesday, while acknowledging President Joe Biden's team is concerned about a possible recession.

With inflation soaring at the fastest pace in more than four decades, sending prices for gas and housing rocketing, Americans are feeling the pain and the Federal Reserve is cranking up interest rates to try to cool the economy, fuelling fears of a sharp downturn.

Despite a contraction in the first three months of the year, core parts of the world's largest economy remain in good shape, including the labor market and consumer spending, Cecelia Rouse, head of Biden's Council of Economic Advisers said on CNBC.

"When we look at recession (risks) ... that's obviously a concern, but the bones of our economy are solid," she said, noting that the United States is better



A woman walks past an office of Countrywide banking and home loans in Sun City, Arizona. **PHOTO: RICHARD A. BROOKS/AFP / FILE**

positioned to face the challenges than most other nations.

On Sunday, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen also tried to quell recession fears, saying a downturn is not "inevitable" even while the economy will slow as it "transitions to stable growth."

Rouse said Biden is focused

on the inflation challenge, which is related to the Covid-19 pandemic: "It's not easy to turn back on a global economy."

Global supply chain snarls have been a key factor in fueling the prices increases, and pandemic lockdowns in China are adding to the ongoing uncertainty.—AFP

## Philippines' Davao City eyes more Chinese investments in agriculture, manufacturing

THE Philippines' Davao City wants Chinese investors to take advantage of the bright business climate and the myriad business opportunities offered by the city, especially in the agriculture and manufacturing sectors.

To attract more Chinese investors, April Marie Dayap, director of the Davao City Investment Promotion Centre,

told Xinhua that the southern Philippine city has offered preferential policies for investors to do business in sectors such as agriculture and food processing, manufacturing, and tourism.

Dayap said China is the largest investment partner of Davao City. "We export a lot of agricultural products to China, and many Chinese businesses

are being established in Davao City," she added.

Under the incoming administration, Dayap said Davao City would like to focus more on investment promotion targeting the Chinese market. "We would like to invite more Chinese people to come here to discover what we can offer and what they can do," she told Xinhua.—Xinhua

# Nike profits dip on lower sales in North America, China

LOWER sales in North America and China dented Nike's quarterly results as the sports giant on Monday projected modest revenue growth amid the strong dollar, rising inflation and other headwinds.

The Oregon company — which has enjoyed strong pricing at times during the pandemic but also faced Covid-19 factory lockdowns in Asia that have crimped its inventories — reported lower profits for its fiscal fourth quarter. For the quarter ending 31 May, Nike reported profits of \$1.4

billion, down five per cent from the prior year on a one percent dip in revenues to \$12.2 per cent. Neil Saunders, managing director of GlobalData, a retail consultancy, said the results were "reasonably good" but with some unfortunate "devils in details". These include the tough North American inflationary environment, which has led some consumers to cut back on discretionary investments. Another issue is China where lockdowns "are creating sudden swings in consumer behavior," Saunders

said in a note. "In theory there should be a recover as China reopens, but this could quickly be reversed if further lockdowns are imposed." Shares retreated as Nike forecast revenues of flat to "slightly up" in the coming quarter.

Nike Chief Financial Officer Matthew Friend said the company was monitoring consumer behaviour over "implications of high inflation" and adopting a "cautious approach" to Greater China given the country's restrictive Covid-19 policies.—AFP



Lower sales in North America and China dented Nike's quarterly results as the sports giant on Monday projected modest revenue growth amid the strong dollar, rising inflation and other headwinds. PHOTO: CFP/AFP

# Norway ready to reclaim stake in troubled SAS airline

NORWAY said Tuesday it was willing to once again become an owner in struggling Scandinavian airline SAS four years after pulling out.

"Given the situation

of the company ... we can, on certain terms, accept to convert outstanding debt into shares if we consider this necessary," Norwegian Trade and Industry Minister Jan Christian

Vestre said in a statement.

Norway sold off its stake in the airline between 2016 and 2018.

But it issued a guarantee of 1.5 billion Norwegian kroner (\$154 million) to SAS during the pandemic to ensure the airline's liquidity when it was hit hard by travel restrictions.

"The Norwegian state will not contribute new capital and will not be a long-term owner of SAS," Vestre insisted.

SAS is also co-owned by Sweden and Denmark which each hold stakes of 21.8 per cent.—AFP



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# US CVS pharmacies limit morning-after pill purchases to avoid shortage

THE US drugstore chain CVS said on Monday that it had temporarily limited purchases of the morning-after pill to three boxes per transaction, in order to avoid a shortage following a recent US Supreme Court verdict that revoked the constitutional right to abortion.

In a statement, the company said it had "ample supply" of Plan B and Aftera, two products intended to be taken by women to prevent pregnancy after unprotected sex or if a birth control method fails.

The drugs — commonly known as morn-

ing-after pills — are distinct from abortion drugs, which terminate pregnancies.

The move comes after the US Supreme Court overturned on Friday the landmark 1973 "Roe v Wade" decision that enshrined a woman's right to an abortion, saying that individual US states can now permit or restrict the procedure themselves.

"To ensure equitable access and consistent supply on store shelves, we've implemented a temporary purchase limit of three (boxes) on these products," the CVS statement said.

Walgreens, another major US drugstore chain, said it had no plans "at this time" to place restrictions on sales of morning-after pills.

"Walgreens is still able to meet demand in-store," a spokeswoman said. "At this time, we are working to restock online inventory for ship-to-home." According to the Wall Street Journal, the Walmart supermarket chain was also limiting sales of morning-after pills to four or six for orders to be delivered by the end of the month but not for those to be shipped beginning in early July.—AFP

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# GLOBAL AFFAIRS

## Afghan quake relief focus shifts to long term

INTERNATIONAL and local relief organizations are shifting their focus from the immediate to longer term for areas of Afghanistan hit by last week's killer earthquake, officials said Monday.

The 5.9-magnitude quake early last Wednesday hit hardest in impoverished Paktika province in the east, killing more than 1,000 people and leaving tens of thousands homeless.

While aid and shelter have reached almost all areas affected, the longer-term prospects look bleak and assistance limited in a country already in the grip of a humanitarian crisis made worse since the Taliban's return to power in August. "Our teams have observed that currently, there is not so much of a need for food or non-food items," Nooruddin

Turabi, deputy president of the Afghan Red Crescent Society, told a news conference in Kabul.

He said the most pressing need was for cash to enable those affected to buy basic materials to rebuild their lives. "We will discuss (with partners) a long-term plan. Currently, enough first aid has been delivered — whether it is tents, shelter, food or other items."

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) said it believed women would be at the centre of rebuilding communities hardest hit by the quake.

"When it comes to reconstruction of the local economy... we will make sure that women are at the core of that," said Abdallah Al Dardari, the UNDP resident representative. — AFP



This photograph taken on 22 June 2022 and received as a courtesy of the Afghan government-run Bakhtar News Agency shows soldiers and Afghan Red Crescent Society officials near a helicopter at an earthquake hit area in Afghanistan's Gayan district, Paktika province. **PHOTO: BAKHTAR NEWS AGENCY / AFP**

### RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

## G-7 to commit to \$5 bln. for food

THE leaders of the Group of Seven industrialized nations are expected to commit to up to \$5 billion to address global food security amid the ongoing Russian invasion of Ukraine, a senior US government official said Tuesday.

With a communique to be issued upon the end of the three-day summit in Germany later in the day, the G-7 is set to acknowledge the "harms" caused by what they view as China's nontransparent, market-distorting industrial directives and commit to developing a "coordinated approach to remedy" such practices, the official said.

The communique will also include language on Taiwan, a self-ruled island that Beijing



The G7 summit vows to increase pressure on Russia over its war in Ukraine. **PHOTO: AFP**

views as its own, the official said, noting that the wording would be "very similar" to last year's G-7 summit statement.

The communique last year underscored "the importance of peace and stability across the Taiwan Strait."—Kyodo

## Putin to attend G20 summit in Indonesia: Kremlin

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin plans to attend the G20 summit in Indonesia this November, a Kremlin advisor said Monday.

"We have received the official invitation... and we have

responded positively, saying we are interested in participating," Yuri Ushakov told reporters.

He said that with "a lot of time" before the 15-16 November summit in Bali, there could be changes to the manner that

Russia participates.

"But for now, the invitation is for participation in person," Ushakov added. During the Covid pandemic in October, Putin joined the G20 summit in Rome via video link.—AFP

### LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Here are the latest developments in the war in Ukraine:

#### At least 18 killed in Russian missile strike on Ukraine shopping mall

AT least 18 people died and 59 people were injured Monday when a Russian missile hit a busy shopping mall in central Ukraine, officials said Tuesday. More than 1,000 people were reportedly at the shopping mall in Kremenchuk at the time of the missile strike, according to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy who posted a video online showing what appeared to be the shopping mall engulfed in flames and said the site had no strategic value.

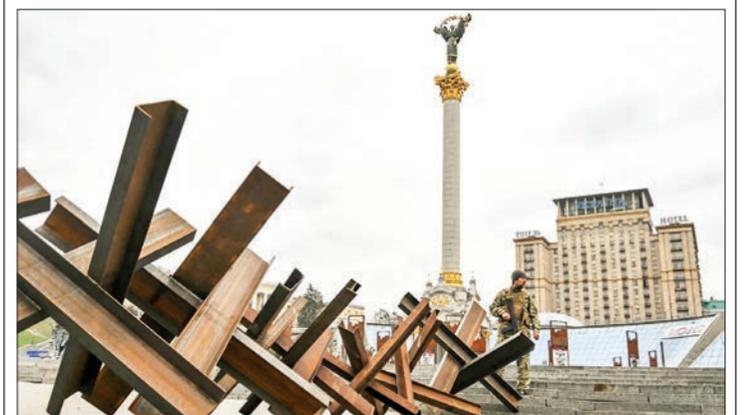
The death toll was expected to rise, with Zelenskyy quoted by CNN as saying, "The number of victims is impossible to imagine."—Kyodo

#### End war by year end: Zelensky

UKRAINE'S President Volodymyr Zelenskyy urges leaders of the Group of Seven industrialised countries to do their utmost to end Russia's invasion of his country by the end of the year.

He also calls on the G7 "not to lower the pressure and to keep sanctioning Russia massively and heavily," a G7 source says. He says on Telegram he asked for an oil price cap to limit Russia's energy revenues.

He says it is too early to open negotiations with Russia, as Kyiv is still seeking to consolidate its positions, the French presidency says.—AFP



A Ukrainian soldier stands guard at Independence Square in Kyiv on 26 March 2022. **PHOTO: SERGEI SUPINSKY / AFP**

# Duterte unlikely to face court over Philippines drug war killings



A tough-talking populist and self-professed killer, Rodrigo Duterte launched an anti-crime campaign that has resulted in the deaths of thousands of alleged dealers and addicts while drawing global condemnation. **PHOTO: AFP**

PHILIPPINE President Rodrigo Duterte often incited violence and ordered police to shoot dead suspects in a drug war that has killed thousands. But analysts say he is unlikely to face charges after he steps down Thursday.

Duterte's signature policy to rid the country of drugs has been widely condemned and sparked an international probe

into a possible crime against humanity.

But the 77-year-old is still hugely popular among many in the Philippines who support his quick-fix solutions to crime, and he remains a potent political force.

Last month's election results reinforced Duterte's bulwark against potential prosecution after he leaves

office, analysts said.

Ferdinand Marcos Jr, son of the country's late dictator, won the presidency after striking a powerful alliance with Duterte's daughter, Sara, who was elected vice president.

Marcos Jr has backed Duterte's drug war and signalled his government will not cooperate with the International Criminal Court's (ICC) investigation into the killings.

"The election basically decided that there would not be a serious investigation into President Rodrigo Duterte's role in the drug war for the next six years," said Greg Wyatt, director for business intelligence at PSA Philippines Consultancy.

A self-professed killer, Duterte told officers to fatally shoot narcotics suspects if their lives were at risk.

He defended the crack-down, saying it had saved families and prevented the Philippines from turning into a "narco-politics state".—AFP

# Jordan chlorine gas blast kills at least 12, injures over 250

A chlorine gas explosion killed 12 people and injured more than 250 on Monday, authorities said, when a tank that fell from a crane released a poisonous yellow cloud at Jordan's Aqaba port.

Footage on state-owned Al-Mamlaka TV showed the large cylinder, said to have been carrying about 30 tonnes of gas, plunging from a crane on a moored vessel and violently releasing the chlorine gas cloud.

The force of the blast sent a truck rolling down the dock, while port workers ran for their lives.

"At exactly 15:15 this afternoon, a chlorine gas leak occurred in the port of Aqaba as a result of the fall and explosion of a tank containing this substance," the government's crisis cell said in a statement.



More than 2,700 security and emergency personnel responded, civil defence spokesman Amer al-Sartawy said. **PHOTO: AL MAMLAKA TV/AFP**

The death toll rose to 12 with 260 injured, both Jordanians and foreigners, it said, adding that almost half of the injured were being treated in hospitals.

Nearby areas were evacuated and residents told to stay indoors as emergency responders established a 500-metre (546 yards) cordon around the site of

the incident, the crisis cell said.

The southern beach of Aqaba, a Red Sea resort area, was also evacuated, officials said.

The deputy chief of the Aqaba Region Ports Authority, Haj Hassan, told Al-Mamlaka that an "iron rope carrying a container containing a toxic substance broke", leading to the fall and leak.—AFP

# Greece says stops over 1,000 migrants from Turkey

ATHENS on Monday accused smugglers from Turkey of trying to send more than a thousand migrants to Greek islands, before the boats were detected in the Aegean and turned back.

Greek Merchant Navy Minister Yannis Plakiotakis said Turkish smugglers had "tried to disembark" about 1,130 refugees on Greek islands in the last three days.

Greek authorities have

"turned back the smuggling boats in 24 separate incidents", the minister told private radio station Real in an interview.

The boats had tried to reach the islands of Chios, Kos, Lesbos, Rhodes and Samos, Plakiotakis' ministry said in a statement.

Greek coastguards said none of the boats entered Greek waters and that "all foreigners were rescued by Turkish marine authorities".—AFP



A woman makes her way as a dinghy with 54 Afghan refugees lands on this Greek island on Friday. **PHOTO: AFP**

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Israeli parliament votes to dissolve and hold new elections

ON Tuesday, 28 June, the Israeli parliament unanimously approved a draft bill to dissolve parliament, a key legislative step that pushes the country closer toward its fifth election in less than four years.

Members of Prime Minister Naftali Bennett's outgoing coalition and the opposition led by ex-premier Benjamin Netanyahu have been sparring in Israel's parliament, the Knesset, since last week over a dissolution bill.

The coalition said it wanted quick approval of the law after Mr Bennett announced last week that his year-old, ideologically divided eight-party alliance was no longer tenable.—AFP

### Three dead, multiple injuries in US train derailment

THREE people died Monday when a long-distance train collided with a dump truck in a rural region of the US state of Missouri, leaving multiple passengers injured, local officials said.

Seven of the Amtrak train's approximately eight cars derailed on a route from Los Angeles to Chicago when it struck the truck at a rail crossing southwest of Mendon, Missouri.

Railcars were seen toppled on their sides along a farm field as passengers climbed out the windows and doors in images posted to social media.

"It all happened like slow motion. It started to rock and, and rock, and then flicker, and then it just all of a sudden — all this dust was through my window," Robert Nightingale, who had been asleep in the train, told CNN. Blocked in his car, he climbed into a hallway before exiting through the side of the train, he said, adding that the dump truck appeared to have been carrying big boulders.—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.

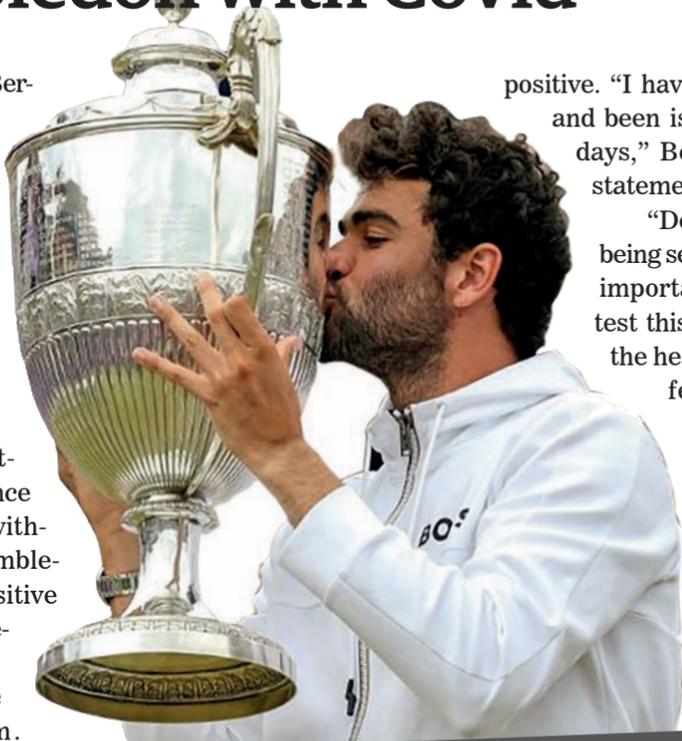
## Berrettini, 2021 runner-up, out of Wimbledon with Covid

ITALY'S Matteo Berrettini, the 2021 Wimbledon runner-up and a title favourite this year, pulled out of the tournament on Tuesday after testing positive for coronavirus.

"I am heartbroken to announce that I need to withdraw from @wimbledon due to a positive COVID-19 test result," the 26-year-old Italian wrote on Instagram. Berrettini was widely regarded as one of the biggest threats to defend-

ing champion Novak Djokovic at the All England Club, having captured back-to-back grass-court titles in Stuttgart and Queen's.

He is the second man to withdraw from Wimbledon with Covid in two days after 2017 runner-up Marin Cilic of Croatia also tested



'Heartbroken': Matteo Berrettini kisses the trophy after winning the Queen's tournament. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

positive. "I have had flu symptoms and been isolating the last few days," Berrettini said in his statement.

"Despite symptoms not being severe, I decided it was important to take another test this morning to protect the health and safety of my fellow competitors and everyone else involved in the tournament.

"I have no words to describe the extreme disappointment I feel. The dream is over for this year, but I will be back stronger."

Berrettini was a potential

semi-final opponent of two-time champion Rafael Nadal. Instead his place in the Wimbledon first round will be taken by Sweden's Elias Ymer, a lucky loser from qualifying.

Ymer will face Chile's Christian Garin later Tuesday in the first round. —AFP

## MFF picks final player list for U-19 ASEAN Championship

THE Myanmar U-19 team has selected the final players to compete in the 2022 ASEAN U-19 Championship to be held in Indonesia.

Team Administrator U Ye Win Aung, Head Coach U Soe Myat Min, Assistant Coach U Min Min Tun, and Goal Coach U Sein Aye will handle the team.

Goalkeepers Hein Htet Soe, Htet Arkar Win, and Sai Swan Tonkhay, Defenders Lin Lin Tun, Lan San Aung, Tun Tun Thein, Myo Min Hein, Kyaw Wunna, Khant Zin Hein, Khun Aung Soe, Midfielders Hein Zaw Naing, Chit Aye, Tar Yar Win Htet, Moe Swe, Ye Kaung Set, Zaw Win Thein, Okkar Naing, Arkar Kyaw, Thura Aung, Phyo Thant Ko Ko, and Soe Myat Min, Strikers Win Htet Aung, Htet Myat, Thein Zaw Thiha and La Min Htwe will be in the final player list.

The Myanmar U-19 team has been training with 28 preliminary players since 20 April, and 26 players have been reselected from the final list.

The 2022 ASEAN U-19 Championship will be held in Indonesia from 2 to 15 July.

Myanmar will face Brunei, Thailand, the Philippines, Viet Nam and Indonesia in Group A while Malaysia, Laos, Timor-Leste, Cambodia and Singapore are placed in Group B.

Myanmar will play against Brunei in the first match of the group on 2 July. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

## Myanmar National League remaining matches to be continued today

THE remaining matches of the Myanmar National League I will resume on 29 and 30 June, according to the MNL committee.

This season's MNL matches are being held at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon, so five matches

a week are being held, officials said.

The ISPE FC will take on Rakhine United today and GFA FC will play against Yadanabon FC on 30 June.

The ISPE FC has qualified

for the MNL tournament for two consecutive seasons and will compete with local players.

Rakhine United has recruited foreign players but selected local players only earlier this month.

GFA is back in the league and Yadanabon is the second most successful team in the MNL.

Yadanabon will continue to compete with local players this season.

In the last three matches, Yangon United beat Myawady 2-0, Hanthawady beat Ayeyawady 2-0, and Defending Champions Shan United made a win over Maha United 5-1. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM