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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.

Global population facing insufficiency of food, shortages of water and impacts of dangers based on climate change is growing year by year unprecedently: Vice-Senior General



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win speaks on the occasion of World Population Day 2022 in Nay Pyi Taw on 11 July 2022.

AS about 52 of 100 women are working in Myanmar, the workable power of women cannot be fully applied to economic development tasks of the nation yet, said Patron of the Central Census Commission Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior

General Soe Win at the ceremony to mark the World Population Day 2022 at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

In his speech, the Vice-Senior General stressed the need for some 8,000 million global peoples to possess the resilient future by flexibly responding to

the population problems with capabilities. They all need to efficiently utilize these opportunities in order to respond to the population problems while emphasizing the rights and choices of all, he noted.

Innovating and producing various kinds of effective vaccines in a short time by

setting records to solve the COVID-19 and subsequent issues show the creative and initiative capabilities of the global peoples to solve the problems.

Currently, developed countries are facing the problems of declining birth rate, shortages of labour and an increasing num-

ber of older persons. At the same time, less developed countries are struggling hard to meet the demand of growing populations.

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Unity in its real essence

Unity must have a common interest, a common sense of working together and a common objective, for the independence of the whole country and the interests of the whole populace. Unity must work for the people so that they can enjoy shared well-being and shared cause in working together. It is not enough just to say that we want to be united. Labour must be shared, and interests must be shared. Our objective must be the same. Only this kind of effort is worth calling "Unity".

(Excerpt from the speech addressed by Bogyoke Aung San at the AFPFL Conference on 23 January 1946)



Special Exhibition to be held at Bogyoke Aung San Museums in Yangon, Natmawk

THE special exhibition will be held at the Bogyoke Aung San Museum (Yangon) and the Bogyoke Aung San Residence Museum (Natmawk), to mark the 75th Martyrs' Day on 19 July, starting from 8 am to 4 pm.

The museums are open to the public daily except Monday and gazetted holidays, it is learnt. —MNA

Gwachaung Bridge construction in Rakhine State completed



The photo shows an aerial view of the Gwachaung Bridge. PHOTO: SOE MYINT AUNG

THE Gwachaung Bridge construction in Rakhine State has been completed and arrangements are being made to inaugurate the bridge, according to the Ministry of Construction.

The project is located on the Gwa-Kyaukchun Road of Gwa Township in Thandwe District of Rakhine State. The bridge is important to the Ngayokkaung-Sinam-Ng-wesaung-Chaungtha-Shwe Thaugyan-Magyizin-Kyaukchun-Gwa route.

Special Task Force 8 of the Highway Department under the Ministry of Construction led the project which will con-

nect the Ayeyawady Region and Rakhine State using a total of K8,980 million budgets of the Union Government and Rakhine State government. The operation was launched on 18 November 2019.

The 1398 feet and nine inches long reinforced type bridge is 24 feet in width with 3.5 feet and six inches wide pedestrian walkway on each side. The waterway clearance is 20 feet in height and 85 feet in width. It can withstand 75 tonnes of loads. It is constructed using PC Girder and RC Girder including 17 spans, according to U Kyaw Thura, deputy director

of the task force.

The residents of Makyayngu and Kyaukchun villages have to use boats to travel for their keep or health care services to Gwa Township. Therefore, the locals including the students face difficulties and so the government constructs the Gwachaung Bridge.

Now, the bridge is completed and it will benefit the residents of Ayeyawady Region and Rakhine State and will help to develop the social status, economy, health and education sectors including the tourism industry. — Pwint Thitsa/GNLM



Information release on detection of SARS-CoV-2 Variant Omicron

1. The Ministry of Health is continuously conducting "COVID-19 Molecular Disease Surveillance", and releasing real-time information on the detection of COVID-19 cases and SARS CoV-2 Variant Omicron from those who return by the Commercial Flight and Relief Flight, and via border checkpoints.
2. The 16 laboratory samples of COVID-19 virus of the positive cases were sent to the Department of Medical Research on 30-6-2022 and the SARS-CoV-2 Variant Omicron BA.4 was found in one laboratory sample and BA. 5 in five laboratory samples.
3. All the patients with Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants are Myanmar citizens, who have returned from foreign countries. They all completed isolation since they tested positive for COVID-19, and are in good condition.
4. According to the findings of international countries, the Omicron variants cause less severe illness and fewer deaths among those who are fully vaccinated.
5. Therefore, the ministry is stepping up the COVID-19 disease monitoring and control activities plus disease prevention, control and treatment activities.

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Union spirit is the resolve to build a Union through mutual amity between all the nationalities

UNION spirit is the foundation of the historic independence struggle, and it will also be the cornerstone of the future democratic country. In fact, the Union spirit is the resolve to build a Union through mutual amity between all the nationalities. As a peaceful and stable democratic State will be built only with the Union spirit, we must nurture a highly qualified new general possessing a strong Union spirit.

(Excerpt from the message sent by Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing on the occasion of 74th Anniversary Union Day which fell on 12 February 2021)

Global population facing insufficiency of food, shortages ...



State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win takes the documentary group photo with attendees at the event.

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Especially, the majority of global people are suffering the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent problems.

Some global countries with a high birth rate in the past owned the demographic dividend due to the increasing number of workable population and decreasing number of dependents. On the other hand, some countries are facing an increasing number of senior citizens based on a fewer number of population rate in addition to shortages of labour.

UN member states are joining hands in tackling the global challenges without leaving anyone to be able to meet the sustainable development goals. The International Conference on Population and Development called the Nairobi Summit (ICPD+25) held in Nairobi of Kenya in November 2019 decided on the main sectors such as reproductive health, enhancement of women's capacity and gender equality.

The Population of Myanmar is over 55 million and the number of women population is two

million more than the male population. Generally, as a woman gives birth to two children, the birth rate in Myanmar reaches the replacement level of fertility.

Myanmar is expected to secure the demographic dividend around 2060. As the country would face the problem of a shortage of labour due to the increasing number of senior citizens, it is necessary to make preparations to have a powerful social protection system through the collaborative efforts of relevant ministries.

As such, the Vice-Senior General urged the Ministry of Health to coordinate the implementation of all measures to cover family planning, birth-spacing and reproductive health services for vulnerable areas and groups as well as other needy persons.

With regard to the employment of women, the interim population in 2019 stated that as about 52 of 100 women are working in Myanmar, the workable power of women cannot be fully applied to economic development tasks of the nation yet.

Hence, it is necessary to create job opportunities for women to join the workplaces so as to enhance their capability.

The Vice-Senior General called for the creation of job opportunities for the growing number of youths of the nation possessing the demograph-

ic dividend, implementing the recovery plans at a time when the infection rate of COVID-19 drops in Myanmar and adopting the effective and correct policies without harming the individual rights and choices.

Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Khin Yi

reported on the demographic dividend of Myanmar and reviewed on policy. The animation video clip on World Population Day 2022 was presented to all.

The Vice-Senior General viewed round the booths at the exhibition to mark World Population Day 2022. — MNA



The Vice-Senior General pays observation tours at the exhibition.

MIC green-lights 19 projects including five solar power plants



MIC Chair Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun presides over the meeting 3/2022 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

THE Myanmar Investment Commission-MIC held its meeting (3/2022) at No 18 Union Government Office yesterday morning in Nay Pyi Taw.

Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, a member of the State Administration Council and Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission and the MIC members attended the meeting.

During the meeting, MIC allowed the expansion of initial outlay of 11 investment projects and the implementation of 19 new projects in the industrial, services, agriculture and livestock and electric and energy sectors. The overall investments

amounted to US\$807.155 million and K321,948.752 million, thus creating over 3,100 job opportunities.

Five projects out of 19 projects that were allowed at the meeting are to produce electricity by constructing solar power plants.

For the 2022-2023 financial year, Myanmar received foreign direct investments, with a total of US\$829.146 million from 20 enterprises and K350,947.347 million of investments from 21 local enterprises, to date. Those enterprises will create over 13,000 job opportunities for residents. —MNA

MoC holds coord meeting to boost trade between Myanmar and Russia

THE meeting on Myanmar and Russia trade promotion was held through videoconferencing meeting at the annex of the Ministry of Commerce yesterday.

MoC Permanent Secretary U Min Min suggested finding ways to strategically penetrate the Russian market for Myanmar exports.

There is now more than US\$60 million worth of trade volume between the two countries in 2019-2020FY. A vision has been set to earn \$1 billion in trade, he elaborat-

ed. He also stressed the need to build friendly relations in order to implement bilateral cooperation in both government and private sectors.

Afterwards, attendees from departments, teams and merchant associations discussed conditions, difficulties and the potential to increase exports between the two countries.

The meeting was attended by officials from various departments via videoconferencing. — MNA



Myanmar-Russian trade meeting is in progress online.

MoHT to approve qualification standards for six types of hotels and tourism professionals

It needs to be made widely known among young people and general public interested in tourism



The virtual TPCB-NTPB coordination meeting 1/2022 is in progress yesterday.

THE qualification standards will be approved in line with the ASEAN Curriculum Framework Guidelines for six types of hotels and tourism professionals, such as receptionists, housekeepers, bakers, waiters, tourism consultants and ticket managers, said Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Htay Aung at the coordination meeting (1/2022) of the Tourism Professional Certification Board-TPCB and the National Tourism

Professional Board-NTPB held yesterday afternoon.

It is learned that the skills of the trainees will be assessed in line with the prescribed procedures, and certificates will be issued. The Union Minister also added the need to increase the implementation of MRA-TP by making it widely known among young people and the public interested in tourism. He also urged the members of the boards to work together to do so.

The meeting was held to approve the skills standards in line with the ASEAN Curriculum Framework Guidelines for the six priorities previously discussed and approved, to discuss the future steps of Myanmar to participate in the activities of ASEAN MRA-TP, to bring together National Trainers and National Assessors for the training and evaluation of professionals and to provide the necessary refresher courses. — MNA

Car transactions revive after suspension of auto factories

THE auto factories suspended their operations in the country and the car transactions were robust again, according to the dealers.

More than dozens of automobile companies including Suzuki, Nissan, KIA, Hyundai and Ford suspended their productions recently.

“The existing cars in the market see good transactions. For some restrictions in imports, the car prices become higher,” said car broker Ko Hla Win Tun.

“The government is reviewing the car imports and assembly policy,” said Union Minister for Commerce Dr Pwint San.

The productions were suspended for the difficulties regarding dollars and imports, said most of the car brokers.

“The people can sell their

Ciaz, Swift, Ertiga, and Carry at Suzuki KL Seven Showroom at the corner of Ywama in Insein Township. If they have not made the bank payment in full, the remaining amount will be paid to the bank and the surplus money will be returned to the owner, and I will buy it. I will buy any Suzuki from any showroom,” Ko Kyi Thar Han of Suzuki KL Seven posted on his Facebook page.

“The Suzuki Ertiga was priced at over K30 million in the past, and now it is over K60 million as the auto plants were shut down. The Hyundai Assent price rose to K50 million from K30 million. The Suzuki price is the highest in the market. The prices rose millions of kyats and it is the very first occasion,” said car broker Ko Win Zaw.

In the local SKD market,



A Suzuki Ertiga was displayed at one car show in 2016.

vehicles from Japan, Korea and China occupy most of the market shares.

“In the local market, the people make transactions by the type of car rather than the alphabet.

The sale of below K20 million vehicles with a 2000-cc engine is good,” he added. — TWA/GNLM

Yangon’s palm oil reference prices decline by K1,165 per viss



A vendor is pictured siphoning the palm oil into a plastic bottle.

THE Yangon’s palm oil reference price between 11 and 17 July was set at K4,650 per viss, according to the Committee for the Supervision of the Import and Distribution of Edible Oils.

Between 1 and 10 July, the government did not release Yangon’s palm oil reference and an-

nounced on 20 June at K5,815 per viss for 20-30 June, an oil seller said. The foreign palm oil price drastically declined and the local prices of Yangon dropped by K1,165 per viss within 11 days.

The Yangon’s palm oil reference price was K5,645 per viss between 13 and 19 June.

The fuel reference prices and cooking oil reference prices declined significantly starting the first week of July.

The foreign palm oil price was \$1,438.39 per metric ton on 9 June while \$1,107.75 on 30 June and only \$980.31 on 5 July, according to data. The oil price outside Yangon was K6,200-6,300 per viss in the end of June and K8,000-8,200 on 4 July, said seller Ko Oo from Nyaungbinlay market.

The price was about K8,000 within a week and the reference price dropped by about K1,100 on 11 July and the outside price reached below K8,000 per viss.

The oil purchased at K5,815 per viss can be withdrawn now and the outside prices can continue to decline, the oil dealer said.

Especially, the people who run frying businesses and buy at K4,650 per viss are expecting the prices to decline for their daily procurement.— TWA/GNLM

More purchase of estate than that of apartment in Yangon

MOST people are interested in buying real estate instead of buying an apartment in Yangon due to volatility in gold prices and exchange rates, according to U Wunna Tun, a real estate agent.

“The US dollar exchange rate is higher than the government’s set rate. In addition, the gold price is more than K 2 million per tical. Instead of depositing money in the bank, people are eager to buy more estates that will be profitable one day,” he said.

People are more interested in apartments in Yangon for rental and in lands for long-term investment. In satellite towns, the purchase of 20 feet x 60 feet government-grant lands worth between K50 million and K80 million is currently popular. Most buyers put their main focus on satellite towns, such as Shwepyitha, Dagon Myothit (East), Dagon Myothit (South), Dagon Myothit (North) and Thanlyin townships. It is learned that government-grant lands are more solid than “the plots to be granted permit” in terms of ownership.— TWA/GNLM



A plot for sale in Hmawby Township.

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Announcement for opening reception centres to receive CDM staff, students and youths

THE State Administration Council has been striving for the all-round development of the country including economic, social, education and health sectors. In addition, security forces are performing their duties day and night so that the entire mass of national people in various regions across the Union should be able to lead their lives and earn their living in the peace of mind. The State Administration Council gives priority to achieving genuine and perpetual peace, building up the united strength of the national brethren.

In order to prevent the unnecessary loss of human resources, the State Administration Council has publicly invited the basic education staff who are absent from duty to resume their duties and those who take part in armed resistance under various names of groups, including PDFs, to return to the legal fold if they wish to, and is systematically receiving the returnees.

It is found that, due to the persuasion, instigation and coercion of CRPH and NUG terrorist groups, some CDM staff, students and youths went to the strongholds of some ethnic armed organizations and received training in arms, ammunition and explosives.

It is known that some of those who have completed the training no longer want to be involved in terrorist attacks and so they fled to the regions within and without the country and are working there for their living. When they see terrorist attacks with their own eyes, they cannot accept such terrible acts at all. On the other hand, they have come to believe in the government's five-point roadmap and its endeavour for durable peace. Moreover, they want to live peacefully in their hometowns again with their parents and relatives. Nevertheless, they cannot do so because of the coercion and intimidation by CRPH and NUG terrorist groups and their subordinates, it is learnt.

Therefore, the government is taking measures to be able to open reception centres in border areas for those who would like to return homes to their respective regions. Moreover, those wishing to return home can contact Tatmadaw units and police stations. It is guaranteed that they will be able to lead their daily lives peacefully.

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15 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 11 July, total figure rises to 613,751

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,751** after **15** new cases were reported on 11 July 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,655** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll still stands at **19,434** without more casualties.—MNA

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, electronics, foodstuffs and vehicles seized

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

Under the instructions of the Chairman of the Anti-Illicit Trade Task Force, a combined team made inspections at the Letpanhla-Singu Temporary Checkpoint on 9 July, according to information.

Officials confiscated Chinese snacks worth K1.68 million and monosodium glutamate (MSG)

worth K4.15 million without official documents. The action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

Similarly, on 11 July, a combined team made inspections at the checkpoint of the Attaran Bridge under the supervision of the Mon State Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force.

The team captured 13 old freezers and 10 old washing machines without official documents worth K1.51 million from a Toyota HiAce car (approximately

K25 million), and the action was taken under the Customs Procedures.

In addition, on the same day, a total of 6.7046 tonnes of illegal teak, hardwood and other timbers worth K3,739,016 were captured in the Bago, Toungoo, Pyay and Thayawady districts.

Therefore, seven arrests estimated at K36,079,016 were made on 9 and 11 July, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. —MNA



Seized washing machines in Mon State.



Confiscated good.

Drugs seized in Bhamo, Myawady townships



Three arrestees are seen along with seized drugs and a car.

AT 6:20 pm on 10 July, a combined team consisting of members of the Anti-Drug Police Force stopped and searched a motorbike driven by Larli near Sihe village of Bhamo township. Police captured 7,605 stimulant tablets and 0.012 kilogramme of stimulant tablet powder.

In addition, the combined Police Force examined a suspected Toyota Crown car with Zaw Naing Aung (aka) Kyongkwar and Kyaw Thet Naing Oo (aka) Eain shin in No (4) Ward of Myawady and seized 0.08 kilogramme of Ketamine at 4:15 pm.

Afterwards, at 5 pm, Police searched a hotel room of Zaw Naing Aung (aka) Kyongkwar near Asian Highway in No (4) Ward of Myawady township and captured 0.04 kilogramme of Ketamine again.

According to the investigation, at 6 pm, Police searched a house of Ma Zin Mar Oo (aka) Aik Ti in No (4) Ward of Myawady township and seized 1.7 kilogrammes of Ice, 0.4 kilogramme of Ketamine and 360 Ecstasy tablets.

The suspects are prosecuted under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, it is learnt. —MNA

LOCAL BUSINESS

Fuel price spike forces farmers to reuse draft cows in farming activities

A surge in fuel oil prices pushed the farmers in Magway Region to return to draught cattle for farm work.

This year, a fuel price spike forced farmers to use the draught cattle again in the cultivation of seasonal crops.

Earlier, the cattle contributed to rural livelihood as they were beneficial to farming. Rural communities shifted to mechanized farming later to accelerate the work. This year, the increase in fuel price made farmers increasingly use draught cattle in crop farming. The rural farmers do not dare to take a risk in farming so they reduce the cost of agricultural

inputs.

The yield rate is pretty high on account of favourable weather conditions. The farmers are doing well, said U Aung Naing from Pwintbyu Township.

Chinese traders purchased cattle from the villages in Magway Region in the previous years, hiking up the cattle prices. At present, a halt in live cattle trading brought down the prices. Thus, farmers can reuse the draught cattle in farming activities. — Htet Arkar/GNLM

Some heads of cattle are pictured being used for ploughing in the field.



Palm oil prices peak at over K7,000 per viss despite wholesale reference rate of K4,650 in Yangon



A vendor is seen selling the palm oil.

ALTHOUGH the wholesale reference rate of palm oil is set at K4,650 per viss (a viss equals 1.6 kilogrammes) in Yangon Region, the palm oil prices were valued at over K7,000 per viss in the domestic market.

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

rate for edible oil on a weekly basis.

The reference rate of palm oil in the Yangon market for a week from 11 to 17 July is set at K4,650 per viss. However, the market price is higher than the reference rate. The palm oil price is estimated at over K7,000 per viss in Yangon Region.

Additionally, some oil shops get access to limited sources of supply although they sell palm oil at a reference rate depending on the volume quota.

The retail price of palm oil

is over K8,100 per viss and the wholesale price is K8,000 per viss in Ayeyawady Region.

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 ministry is also trying to secure edible oil sufficiency, supervise the market to offer a reasonable price to the consumers, maintain price stability and prevent market manipulation.

The domestic consumption of edible oil is estimated at 1 million tonnes per year. The local cooking oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. To meet the oil sufficiency in the domestic market, about 700,000 tonnes of cooking oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia.—NN/GNLM

Myanmar products to showcase at 19th China-ASEAN Expo

MYANMAR products will be displayed at the 19th China-ASEAN Expo, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

This expo will be held at Hall 13 of Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre (Zone D) between 16 and 19 September with 24 booths. Those eligible participants must follow the rules and regulations of the expo.

The companies cannot showcase their products themselves amid the COVID-19 restrictions yet they can send the products to be listed at the expo and representatives from China will take care of it.

The interested companies must be owned by Myanmar citizens and have a branch or representative office in China.

Only Myanmar local products are allowed to be featured at the expo. The representative from China must present documentation of legal representative status.

For further information, those enthusiastic businesspersons can enquire through the contact number of the Trade Development division under Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization, 067-408622, 067 408623 and email motrdefair@gmail.com and motrdefair@myantrade.gov.mm. — NN/GNLM

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Decorate souls of people with peace in meritorious deeds

THE first day of the Buddhist Lent falls on the full moon day of Waso when the Lord Buddha preached the world-famous Dhammacakka Sutta to His first-ever disciples.

It marks the first sermon of the Lord Buddha more than 2,500 years ago. Hence, Buddhist peoples keep the first sermon Dhammacakka in their souls as it unveiled the confined knowledge of the secular world in disseminating the great Noble truths to the global peoples. Thanks to the Lord Buddha, people from all walks of life had the chance to understand these Noble truths and knew the ways how to take meditation and analyze the nature of their bodies for overcoming the challenges of the secular world.

The Lord Buddha attained the enlightenment to deeply and comprehensively understand the cycle of life and death. The Lord Buddha started His preaching for all deserved persons until His dying days when He turned 80. The Lord Buddha unveiled the Four Noble Truths and the Noble Eightfold Paths preached to the people for their interests.

The Noble Eightfold Paths define the right view, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right concentration. The Lord Buddha preached that following these paths is sure to attain Nirvana.

In Myanmar, the day of Dhammacakka is one of the significant days for the Buddhist people. The full moon day of Waso is significant for the Buddhists on the day of conceiving the embryo of the Lord Buddha, the day of leaving the society for the jungle, the day of preaching the Dhammacakka Sutta, the day of performing the supernatural miracle, the day of admitting the enlightenment of the Buddha, the day of firstly emerging Dhamma,

the day of firstly emerging Sangha and the day of firstly calling Ehi Bhikkhu.

Buddhist people need to perform meritorious deeds whereas members of the Sangha need to especially adhere to the codes of conduct during the three-month Buddhist Lent. The laypersons should take Sabbath based on exercising the dos and don'ts every Sabbath day during the period, being dedicated to the enlightenment to be free from the life circle.

Doing meritorious deeds will bring good things to illustrate the society for ensuring peace and prosperity. Forging sympathy, empathy and mercy will shape both religious and secular worlds as part of decorating the souls of the global peoples, especially Myanmar people to be physically and mentally peaceful.

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Monkeypox symptoms in UK patients differ from previous outbreaks: Lancet study

AS many as 90 per cent of the patients who responded to the questions on sexual activity reported at least one new sexual partner during the three weeks prior to symptoms, and almost all reported inconsistent condom use in this same time period.

Symptoms of monkeypox patients in the UK differ from those observed in previous outbreaks elsewhere in the world, according to a study published in The Lancet Infectious Diseases journal on Saturday.

The researchers looked at 54 patients who attended sexual health clinics in London, UK and were diagnosed with monkeypox during a 12 day period in May this year.

The finding suggests that patients in this group had a higher prevalence of skin lesions in the genital and anal area and lower prevalence of tiredness and fever than in cases from

previously studied outbreaks of monkeypox.

Based on these findings, the researchers suggest current case definitions for 'probable cases' of monkeypox should be reviewed to help identify cases.

Genital skin lesions

They also predict that the high prevalence of genital skin lesions in patients and the high rate of co-occurring sexually transmitted infections means that sexual health clinics are likely to see additional monkeypox cases in the future.

The researchers call for additional resources to support services in managing this condition.

"Currently, the UK and several other countries are seeing a rapid increase in monkeypox cases among individuals attending sexual health clinics, with no apparent links to countries where the disease is endemic," said Nicolo Girometti, from the

Chelsea & Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

"Monkeypox is a novel diagnosis within the sexual health setting and our study, the first to publish on cases from this UK outbreak, will support future case finding and clinical care, Girometti said.

The researchers collected data from monkeypox patients at four sexual health centres in London, UK.

Confirmed cases were defined as individuals with laboratory-confirmed infection using a RT-PCR test.

They recorded data about the patient's travel history, sexual history, and clinical symptoms.

Individuals diagnosed with monkeypox were advised on isolation measures and regularly assessed subsequently via telephone welfare checks.

The 54 patients observed in this study represent 60 per cent of the cases reported in the UK



Most of UK's Monkeypox cases are in London. A woman reads a newspaper as she stands aboard a London Underground Tube train, in the morning rush hour on 11 May 2020, as life in Britain continues during the nationwide lockdown due to the novel coronavirus pandemic. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/TOLGA AKMEN/AFP/FILE

during the 12 day study period during May this year.

All except two of the patients in the cohort were not aware of having been in contact with a known case and none reported

travel to sub-Saharan Africa, however many had recently visited other European countries.

All patients identified as men who have sex with men and there was a median age of 41, the

researchers said.

As many as 90 per cent of the patients who responded to the questions on sexual activity reported at least one new sexual partner during the three weeks

prior to symptoms, and almost all reported inconsistent condom use in this same time period.

Sexual partners

Over half of the patients had more than five sexual partners in the 12 weeks prior to their monkeypox diagnosis, the researchers said.

The patients were all symptomatic and presented with skin lesions; 94 per cent of patients had at least one skin lesion on the genital or perianal skin.

Mostly the patients had a mild illness and recovered while isolating at home, but five individuals required hospital admission due to pain or infection of the skin lesions.

All improved and were discharged with a median of seven days of hospital admission.

"The commonly observed symptom of skin lesions in the anal and penile areas, and the fact that a quarter of the patients

tested positive for gonorrhoea or chlamydia at the same time as the monkeypox infection, suggests that transmission of the monkeypox virus in this cohort is occurring from close skin-to-skin, for example in the context of sexual activity," said Ruth Byrne, from the Chelsea & Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust.

The researchers observed important differences in the clinical features of this cohort compared to previous cases reported from earlier outbreaks in other countries.

A lower proportion of patients in the group reported feeling weak and tired or having a fever than in studies on cases in previous outbreaks, the researchers said.

Also, 18 per cent of patients in the group did not report any early symptoms before the onset of skin lesions, they added.

SOURCE: PTI/ANI

Australian reinfection period cut to 28 days amid battle against COVID-19 in winter months



THE reinfection period of COVID-19 for Australians has been advised to be reduced significantly to 28 days, according to a statement from a medical expert committee.

The Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC), which is made up of federal, state and territory chief health officers, made the recommendation in a recent press release.

"Given reinfections may

The Pacific Explorer makes its way to dock at the overseas passenger terminal on Sydney Harbour on 18 April 2022, as Australian authorities lifted a ban on cruise ships after relaxation in Covid-19 restrictions. PHOTO: SAEED KHAN/AFP

occur as early as 28 days after recovery from a previous COVID-19 infection, the AHPPC advises that the reinfection period be reduced from 12 weeks to 28 days," it said.

That means people who test positive for COVID-19 more than 28 days after ending isolation due to previous infection should be reported and managed as new cases.

It warned that Australia was at the beginning of a new wave of infections driven by the BA.4 and BA.5 Omicron subvariants.

"This winter, we are experiencing significant community transmission of both COVID-19 and influenza, which is placing real stress on our community and health system," the AHPPC said.

"We expect that this wave will lead to a substantial increase in infections, hospitalizations and sadly, deaths, at a time when our communities and health systems are already under strain."

On Saturday, Australia reported more than 35,000 new COVID-19 cases and more than 70 deaths.

As of Friday afternoon, a total of 8,413,831 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Australia, including 10,225 deaths, and approximately 298,912 active cases, according to the latest figures from the Department of Health.

There were 3,977 cases being treated in hospitals on Friday, including 141 in intensive care units.

SOURCE: XINHUA

Myanmar Daily Weather Report
(Issued at 7:00 pm Monday 11 July 2022)

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at (15:30) hrs MST today, the lowpressure area over northwest Bay of Bengal off south Odisha coast still persists. It is very likely to become more marked during next 48 hours. Monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 12 July 2022: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, upper Sagaing region and Kachin, (northern and eastern) Shan, Kayah states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood regionally heavyfalls in Taninthayi Region and isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay Region and Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squall with rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Wave height will be about (8-12) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Continuations of increase of rain in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions and Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states.

ENVIRON WORLD

Austria and Hungary fight nature to stop lake vanishing

KITESURFERS and windsurfers dot picturesque Lake Neusiedl on the Austrian-Hungarian border — but the water is so low some get stuck in the mud.

The salt lake and its marshes — the largest of its kind in Europe and a UNESCO world heritage site — could soon run completely dry, and locals are worried.

The lake, only an hour from Vienna, last dried up in the 1860s yet was naturally replenished by rainwater.

But back then it wasn't drawing millions of tourists, nor was the area producing 120,000 tons of crops a year.

"Letting the lake and the region run dry is not an option," provincial councillor Heinrich Dorner told AFP.

To avert what he sees as

an economic disaster, Dorner is banking on a series of major projects, the biggest being a canal to bring fresh water from the Danube river in Hungary.

But the plans have run into opposition from environmentalists, who fear any interference could accelerate the demise of the lake, the westernmost outpost of the great Eurasian Steppe.

'Natural cycle'

Hungary has tasked a company owned by one of its richest men, Lorinc Meszaros, with building the canal, though work has not yet started, according to a municipal official.

Meszaros, who is close to Prime Minister Viktor Orban, is already in charge of a vast real estate project on the Hungarian side of the lake, including the



A driving channel pictured in the reed belt in Rust at Lake Neusiedl in the Bay of Rust, Burgenland on 5 June 2022. About 120 people took part in the first edition of the Lakemania/ SOS Neusiedler See meeting on Lake Neusiedl with boats, canoes and paddles to draw attention to the drying out of the lake. **PHOTO: AFP**

construction of a marina, sports complex and a hotel.

But activists are against both on environmental grounds

and over fears of corruption. "The canal project is unacceptable... (and will) destroy the whole ecosystem" of the lake

region, Katalin Rodics of Greenpeace Hungary told AFP.

While other lakes naturally fill up over thousands of years, shallow Lake Neusiedl — which Hungarians call Ferto — naturally dries up about once a century.

As its salty bed is exposed to saline-loving bacteria, algae, plankton and mud decompose, dry out and are swept away by the wind.

If fresh water from the Danube ends up being flushed into the lake, this could dilute the saline levels and stop the natural process, said the WWF's Bernhard Kohler.

"It's a natural cycle," Kohler said. "We'll just have to learn to live with it again."

But councillor Dorner insisted this is not an option.—AFP

Pakistan's prized mango harvest hit by water scarcity



In this picture taken on 15 June 2022, Hari Mali, a farm worker plucks mangoes from a tree at a farm outside Mirpur Khas city in Pakistan's southern Sindh province. **PHOTO: AFP**

MANGO farmers in Pakistan say production of the prized fruit has fallen by up to 40 per cent in some areas because of high temperatures and water shortages in a country identified as one of the most vulnerable to climate change.

The arrival of mango season in Pakistan is eagerly anticipated, with around two dozen varieties arriving through the hot, humid summers.

This year, however, temperatures rose sharply in March — months earlier than usual — followed by heatwaves that damaged crops and depleted water levels in canals farmers depend

on for irrigation.

"Usually I pick 24 truckloads of mangoes... this year I have only got 12," said Fazle Elahi, counting the bags lined up by his farm.

"We are doomed."

The country is among the world's top exporters of mangoes, harvesting nearly two million tonnes annually across southern parts of Punjab and Sindh.

The total harvest is yet to be measured, but production is already short by at least 20 to 40 per cent in most areas, according to Gohram Baloch, a senior official at the Sindh provincial government's agriculture department.

Umar Bhugio, who owns

swaths of orchards outside Mirpur Khas — locally known as the city of mangoes — said his crops received less than half the usual amount of water this year.

"Mango growers confronted two problems this year: one was the early rise in temperatures, and secondly the water shortage," he said.

Pakistan is one of the most water-stressed countries in the world, a problem made worse by poor infrastructure and mismanagement of resources.

It also ranks as the country eighth most-vulnerable to extreme weather due to climate change, according to the Global Climate Risk Index compiled by environmental NGO Germanwatch. Floods, droughts and cyclones in recent years have killed and displaced thousands, destroyed livelihoods and damaged infrastructure. "The early rise of temperatures increased the water intake by crops. It became a contest among different crops for water consumption," said food security expert Abid Suleri, head of the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI).—AFP

Spain, Portugal swelter under new heat wave

TEMPERATURES were set to soar above 40 degrees Celsius across large parts of Spain and Portugal on Monday as the Iberian Peninsula faces a second heat wave in less than a month.

The mercury was to hit 42 degrees Celsius (107.6 Fahrenheit) in Spain's southeastern region of Extremadura and 41 degrees in Andalusia, Spain's meteorological agency AEMET said.

Temperatures in Spain's normally cooler northwestern region of Galicia were predicted to rise above 35C.

"This heatwave really has

the potential to be exceptional," said AEMET spokesman Ruben del Campo.

The heat wave began Sunday and could "last nine or ten days, which would make it one of the three longest heat waves Spain has seen since 1975," he told AFP.

Heat waves have become more likely due to climate change, scientists say. As global temperatures rise over time, heat waves are expected to become more frequent and intense.

June also saw Spain grapple with temperatures above 40C in swathes of the country.—AFP



Firefighters work to extinguish a wildfire at Casais do Vento in Alvaizere on 10 July 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

EU recommends second Covid booster jab for over-60s

THE EU's health and medicine agencies said Monday they were recommending a second booster shot of a Covid vaccine for people over 60 years old, as infections rise again.

"With cases and hospitalizations rising again as we enter the summer period, I urge everybody to get vaccinated and boosted as quickly as possible," Stella Kyriakides, the European Commissioner for Health and Food Safety said.

"There is no time to lose," she added in a statement issued by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) and the European Medicines Agency.

The agencies had already



(FILES) In this file photo taken on 2 March 2021 an elderly man receives a dose of the Pfizer-BioNtech Covid-19 vaccine, at a vaccination centre in Garland, western France. **PHOTO: AFP**

recommended a second booster, or a fourth dose, for people over the age of 80, since April.

"I call on Member States to roll-out second boosters for everyone over the age of 60 as

well as all vulnerable persons immediately," Kyriakides added.

ECDC director Andrea Ammon said there was "an increasing trend in hospital and ICU admissions and occupancy in several countries", driven mainly by the Omicron subvariant BA.5 of the coronavirus.

"This signals the start of a new, widespread Covid-19 wave across the European Union. There are still too many individuals at risk of severe Covid-19 infection whom we need to protect as soon as possible," Ammon added.

However, the agencies also said at the moment there was no need to give out a second booster "to people below 60 years of age

who are not at higher risk severe disease," or those working in healthcare or in care homes.

According to World Health Organization (WHO) data, Covid cases have been rising sharply since the end of May around most of Europe.

The number of new daily cases in the WHO's European region — which comprises 53 countries and regions including several in Central Asia — exceeded 675,000 Friday.

At the end of June, the WHO warned Europe was expected to see "high levels" of Covid-19 this summer, owing to the milder but more contagious subvariant BA.5, across the continent.—AFP

Macau lockdown begins, Hong Kong mulls health code app

MACAU casino shares plunged on Monday as the Chinese city embarked on a week-long lockdown to curb its worst coronavirus outbreak while neighbouring Hong Kong said it was mulling a mainland-style health code system.

Share prices of six gaming conglomerates — Sands China, Galaxy Entertainment, SJM Holdings, Melco International, MGM China and Wynn Macau — dropped by between six and nearly nine per cent in Monday morning trade.

It is the first casino lockdown in more than two years,

overriding a previous deal between the industry and the Macau government that only those found with infections would need to close temporarily.

Macau, the world's biggest gambling hub, is the only place in China where casinos are legal but the pandemic has hammered the city's fortunes as it sticks to Beijing's zero-Covid model.

While casinos have remained open throughout most of the pandemic they have seen a fraction of pre-Covid business.

A Bloomberg gauge of the city's six licenced casino operators is down 20 per cent this year.

Authorities announced a week of lockdowns starting Monday after recording more than 1,500 infections in the past three weeks despite multiple rounds of compulsory mass testing of the city's 650,000 people.

All residents must stay home except to go shopping for daily necessities and to get tested for the virus, with rule-breakers facing up to two years in jail.—AFP

Aussie state sees COVID-19 hospitalization rise despite case dip

HOSPITALIZATIONS of COVID-19 patients in Australia's most populous state of New South Wales (NSW) continued to rise on Monday, despite the number of new infections falling.

The NSW health department reported 7,586 new cases on Monday, down from 8,670 of the previous day. There were 2,002 cases with the virus being treated in hospital, including 63 in intensive care.

Monday's hospitalization

marked the first time the number surpassed 2,000 since early February this year when the first Omicron wave was about to end in the state.

The NSW health department warned last week that the state is facing the latest wave of COVID-19, which is likely to peak in late July or early August. The department urged people to get the booster vaccine.

In a recent interview with Xinhua, Chair of biostatistics and epidemiology at the Univer-

sity of South Australia Professor Adrian Esterman said at the moment, hospitals across the country are under enormous pressure, and the health system is struggling.

He said two doses of vaccine are not sufficient against the dominant sub-variants BA.4 and BA.5 in the country.

"It requires that booster dose to really bring people's immune system up to a level where it can find the virus." — Xinhua

Japan enters 7th coronavirus wave, but no limits needed: panel head



Vials of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine against Covid-19, are being prepared for local residents in a tray at a mass vaccination centre operated by Japanese Self-Defence Force in Tokyo on 31 January 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

JAPAN "has no doubt entered" a seventh wave of coronavirus infections though there is currently no need for new movement restrictions, the head of a government COVID-19 experts panel told reporters on Monday.

Shigeru Omi said the latest increase reflects the arrival of "a new wave" and is likely fuelled by the spread of the BA.5 subvariant of the Omicron variant, which is said to be highly transmissible.

"I said that if everyone does what they can do, there is no need at this point to impose movement restrictions," Omi said after meeting with Prime Minister Fumio Kishida at the premier's office.

Cases are rising nationally

with a total of 37,143 new cases reported Monday, a 120 per cent increase from the same day last week. Tokyo and Osaka Prefecture also saw more than twice as many cases at 6,231 and 2,515, respectively.

The Osaka prefectural government raised its alert level by one notch from "green" to "yellow" on the same day and asked nursing homes in the populous prefecture to refrain from allowing visitors for the time being, starting Tuesday.

"The important thing is how we can prevent cluster cases" at nursing homes, Gov. Hirofumi Yoshimura told a meeting of the local government's COVID-19 task force.—Kyodo

ECONOMY WORLD

NEWS IN BRIEF

Int'l cargo flight frequency of Shanghai airport returns to normal

THE average daily frequency of cargo flights and freight volume of the Shanghai Pudong International Airport returned to a normal level in the first week of July, as the recent COVID-19 epidemic has waned in the city, according to the Shanghai Airport Authority.

Since June, there has been an increase in the frequency of cargo flights at the airport, showed data. In late June, Pudong airport recorded an average of 232 cargo flights every day, with the daily throughput averaging 9,133.9 tonnes, up 33.6 per cent and 28.1 per cent respectively compared with the same period in May.

During this period, a daily record of 253 cargo flights was set with the daily throughput amounting to 10,797 tonnes, on par with a high level in the same period of 2021.—Xinhua

Israel sees 12-month budget surplus for 1st time since 2007

FOR the first time since 2007, Israel's state budget recorded a 12-month surplus, the country's Finance Ministry said on Sunday.

During the 12 months ended in June, Israel's budget surplus amounted to 6.4 billion shekels (1.85 billion US dollars), which is 0.4 per cent of the country's gross domestic product (GDP).

The ministry added that this is Israel's highest annual budget surplus since 1987.

In February 2021, Israel's 12-month budget deficit reached a record high of 173.9 billion shekels, or 12.4 per cent of its GDP, and has been gradually declining every month since then, the data showed.

In the first half of 2022, a surplus of 31.9 billion shekels was recorded in the Israeli budget, compared to a deficit of 43.7 billion shekels in the same period last year.—Xinhua

BOJ lifts view on 7 of 9 regional economies as consumption recovers



Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda attends a meeting with BOJ branch managers at the central bank's head office in Tokyo on 11 July 2022. PHOTO: KYODO

THE Bank of Japan on Monday upgraded its view on seven of the nine regional economies, reflecting the diminishing negative impact of COVID-19 on private

consumption even though supply bottlenecks persist.

In its quarterly Sakura report, the BOJ maintained its previous assessment on the

remaining two regions — Kanto-Koshinestu, which includes Tokyo and Tokai in central Japan where Toyota Motor Corp is headquartered.

The report said many economies have been “picking up moderately”, despite the lingering effect of supply constraints, partly due to lockdowns in China, according to the Japanese central bank.

The seven areas that saw better economic assessments in July than in the previous April survey are Hokkaido, Tohoku, Hokuriku, Kinki, Chugoku, Shikoku and Kyushu-Okinawa.

Concerns have grown in recent months about the rising cost of living at a time when Japan's economic recovery from the COVID-19 fallout remains fragile.

The report included com-

ments from officials in the hotel and restaurant sectors that demand was recovering with the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions in Japan. But it also pointed to changing consumer behaviour in buying some daily goods.

“There are some signs of consumers refraining from buying sweets and other items whose prices were hiked,” an official at a supermarket was quoted as saying.

Higher energy and food prices driven by Russia's war in Ukraine were a hotly debated issue in the run-up to the House of Councillors election on Sunday, as households have begun to feel the effect.

The BOJ's monetary easing has caused a sharp drop in the yen, inflating import costs for resource-scarce Japan.—Kyodo

Foreigners sell S Korean stocks, bonds in June

FOREIGN investors sold South Korean stocks and bonds last month amid growing concerns about global economic recessions, financial watchdog data showed Monday.

Foreigners offloaded a net 3.87 trillion won (3 billion US dollars) worth of local stocks in June, remaining net sellers in the do-

mestic stock market for the sixth consecutive month, according to Financial Supervisory Service.

The foreign net sale came amid rising worry about global economic recessions, driven by high inflation and interest rate hikes in major economies.

Foreign holdings of local stocks amounted to 593.7 trillion

won (456.1 billion US dollars) at the end of June, taking up 26.4 per cent of the total market capitalization.

Offshore investors bought domestic bonds worth 10.54 trillion won (8.1 billion US dollars) in June. However, given the maturing debts worth 11.48 trillion won (8.8 billion US dollars), for-

eigners retrieved 940 billion won (722 million US dollars) in the local bond market. It marked the first foreign retrieval in 18 months since December 2020. Foreign ownership of local bonds reached 228.9 trillion won (175.9 billion US dollars) at the end of June, accounting for 9.9 per cent of the total listed bonds.—Xinhua

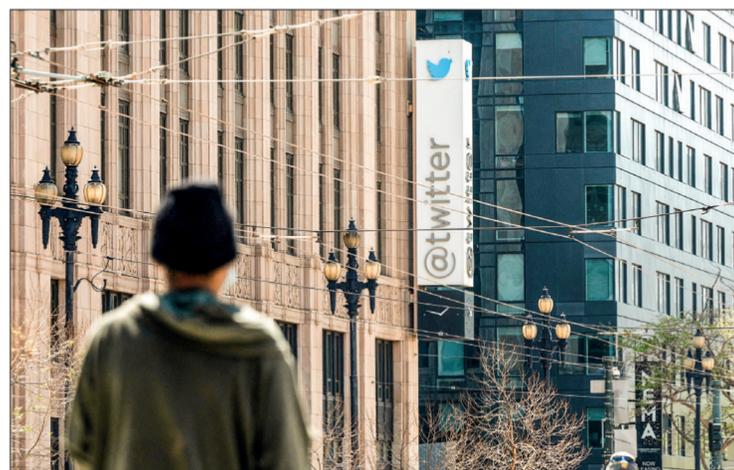
Twitter stock falls after Musk abandons takeover plan

TWITTER stock fell Monday after Tesla chief Elon Musk ditched a \$44 billion deal to buy the social media giant.

The platform stock dropped 5.46 per cent on Wall Street, to \$34.80 by around 7:05 am (11:05 GMT). It had lost 5.10 per cent before the weekend.

Musk on Friday pulled the plug on the deal, accusing the company of “misleading” statements about the number of fake accounts, according to a letter from his lawyers, a copy of which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Musk's effort to terminate the deal that he inked in April sets the stage for an epic court battle



(FILES) In this file photo taken on 26 April 2022 Twitter headquarters is seen in downtown San Francisco, California. PHOTO: AFP

over a billion-dollar breakup fee.

The social network says the number of fake accounts is less

than five per cent, a figure challenged by the multi-billionaire who believes the number to be

much higher.

According to several US media, Twitter has hired prominent New York law firm Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz. Twitter declined to comment to AFP.

After the news broke, Musk tweeted: “They said I couldn't buy Twitter. Then they wouldn't disclose bot info. Now they want to force me to buy Twitter in court. Now they have to disclose bot info in court,” accompanied by pictures of him laughing. For analyst Dan Ives at Wedbush Securities, “this is a ‘code red’ situation for Twitter and its Board as now the company will go head to head against Musk in a Game of Thrones court battle.”—AFP

China lockdown worries hit Asian equities, crude prices

ASIAN markets and oil prices fell Monday with a fresh Covid flare-up in Shanghai fanning fears of another economically painful lockdown in China's biggest city.

The news came after a forecast-busting US jobs report last week indicated the world's top economy was coping so far with the Federal Reserve interest rate hikes, giving it room for more as it battles soaring inflation.

Traders are also keeping tabs on developments in Washington as President Joe Biden weighs removing some of the Donald Trump-era tariffs on Chinese goods worth hundreds of billions of dollars.

Shanghai recorded more than 120 virus cases at the weekend, having

seen its first case of the highly contagious BA.5 Omicron strain, forcing officials to launch another mass testing drive.

With China fixated on its zero-Covid strategy of wiping out the disease, there is increasing concern that authorities will revert to another painful lockdown, with Shanghai residents having only emerged from a two-month confinement in June.

There have also been new infections uncovered in other parts of the country, including Beijing.

Data this week will provide a fresh update on the economic impact of those measures, as well as similar strict controls in Beijing.

The prospect of another lockdown sparked a



A health worker (R) takes a swab sample from a woman to test for the Covid-19 coronavirus on a street next to a residential area in the Jing'an district of Shanghai on 5 July 2022. PHOTO: HECTOR RETAMAL / AFP

sell-off in Hong Kong and Shanghai, with Chinese tech firms also taking a battering after authorities fined giant Tencent and Alibaba over not properly reporting past deals.

Hong Kong-listed casino operators were also sharply lower after officials in Macau embarked on a week-long lockdown to curb its worst corona-

virus outbreak.

There were also losses in Sydney, Seoul, Taipei, Manila, Mumbai, Jakarta and Wellington. However, there Tokyo rose as traders welcomed Japan's ruling bloc securing a strong win in Sunday's upper house election, held days after the assassination of former premier Shinzo Abe. — AFP

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
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Agent For:
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GLOBAL AFFAIRS

China says SE Asia nations should avoid becoming 'chess pieces'

SOUTHEAST Asian nations should avoid becoming “chess pieces”, China’s foreign minister said Monday, as he revealed proposing a set of “rules” to promote positive interactions between Beijing and Washington at a recent meeting.

Wang Yi held five hours of talks on Saturday with US Secretary of State Antony Blinken — their first since October — on the Indonesian island of Bali, after the pair attended a Group of 20 gathering the day before.

Both sides later portrayed the talks as an attempt to improve ties prevent bilateral tensions from spiralling out of control.

Years of rising tensions between the two has alarmed



US Secretary of State Antony Blinken (R) and China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi talk before a meeting in Nusa Dua on the Indonesian resort island of Bali on 9 July 2022. **PHOTO: STEFANI REYNOLDS / POOL / AFP**

regional neighbours, something Wang recognized in speech at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakar-

ta, which represents 10 South-east Asian nations.

“At the moment many coun-

tries in the region, including in the ASEAN region are under pressure to take sides,” Wang said.

“We should insulate this region from geopolitical calculations and the trap of the law of the jungle, from being used as chess pieces in major power rivalries,” he added.

Wang also gave further details of his talks with Blinken, including measures to tame tensions.

“I told the US side very solemnly, that our two sides should consider discuss the establishment of rules for positive interactions in the Asia Pacific and to uphold jointly open regionalism,” Wang said, without elaborating on what these rules

would be.

He also called on ASEAN countries to oppose “fake regional cooperation that keeps certain countries out” — a reference to US-led security and trade blocks that China is not a part of.

The Chinese and US top diplomats are expected to prepare for virtual talks in the coming weeks between Chinese President Xi Jinping and President Joe Biden as both countries stepped up engagement and moderate their rhetoric.

After a long chill during the pandemic between the two countries, the two countries’ defence, finance, and national security chiefs have all spoken since last month.—AFP

Foreign minister Truss joins 11-strong UK leader race

UK foreign minister Liz Truss on Sunday joined the race to succeed Boris Johnson as prime minister and leader of the ruling Conservative party, as the fractious contest focused on tax.

Truss, 46, announced her candidacy in the Daily Telegraph newspaper on Sunday evening, saying she had “a clear vision of where we need to be, and the experience and resolve to get us there”.

The bid by Truss, seen as a frontrunner in the Tory leadership contest, followed that of former defence minister Penny Mordaunt as the race expanded to 11 candidates.

Mordaunt, 49, an ex-navy reservist who has also held several senior ministerial roles, is not among the favourites to succeed Johnson in recent polls of Tory party members ultimately set to choose their new leader.

But such contests are notoriously unpredictable, and with more than a dozen lawmakers from multiple factions of the ruling party potentially set to run, political commentators say few contenders can be discounted.

The early favourite is former finance minister Rishi Sunak, who launched his campaign Friday after helping to kickstart the cabinet revolt that

led to Johnson’s forced resignation Thursday. He is now drawing early fire from Johnson loyalists and rival candidates.

Sunak and former health minister Sajid Javid — who has also declared his candidacy — both resigned late Tuesday, prompting dozens of more junior colleagues to follow suit.

That forced Johnson to then quit as Tory leader 36 hours later.

But the 58-year-old leader, whose three-year premiership has been defined by scandal, the country’s departure from the European Union and the Covid pandemic, said he would stay on until his successor is selected.

Crowded field

Former foreign secretary Jeremy Hunt, who finished runner-up to Johnson in the last contest in 2019, announced late Saturday he will stand again.

Current finance minister Nadhim Zahawi — only appointed to the post Tuesday — and Transport Secretary Grant Shapps have also launched bids. They join attorney general and arch-Brexiteer Suella Braverman, the relatively unknown former equalities minister Kemi Badenoch and backbench Tory MP Tom Tugendhat on the growing candidate list.—AFP

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Russian shelling in east Ukraine kills at least 15

UKRAINIAN rescuers were hoping Monday to find survivors under the rubble of an apartment building hit by a Russian missile strike which killed at least 15 people, as Moscow’s forces seek to consolidate their control over the Donbas region.

The building was partially destroyed by the strike, AFP correspondents saw at the scene, where dozens of rescuers were sifting through the rubble with a mechanical digger on Sunday.

“During the rescue operation, 15 bodies were found at the scene and five people were pulled out of the rubble” alive in the town of Chasiv Yar, the



Rescuers clear the scene after a building was partially destroyed as a result of Russian missile hit on a four-storey residential building in Chasiv Yar, Bakhmut District, eastern Ukraine, on 10 July 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

local emergency service said on Facebook on Sunday.

“At least 30 others are under the rubble” of the four-storey

building after it was hit by a Russian Uran missile, Donetsk regional governor Pavlo Kyrylenko said earlier on Telegram.—AFP

Western sanctions bring Iran, Russia closer in trade, economy: lawmaker

AN Iranian lawmaker said on Monday that the Western sanctions on Iran and Russia have brought the two sides closer to each other in trade and economy, official news agency IRNA reported.

Iran and Russia are providing one another with the products they fail to have access to because of sanctions, said Ebrahim Rezaei, a member of

the Iranian parliament’s National Security and Foreign Policy Committee.

The sanctions, particularly those imposed on Russia in the wake of its conflict with Ukraine, help Tehran and Moscow reform their bilateral trade, such as eliminating the US dollar in their transactions, he added.

Trade between Iran and Russia has witnessed signif-

icant growth since President Ebrahim Raisi took office in August 2021, Rezaei noted. Iran has been a target of US sanctions for the past four decades. The sanctions intensified after Washington’s unilateral withdrawal in May 2018 from a 2015 nuclear deal, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, signed between Iran and world powers.—Xinhua

World population to hit 8 bn this year: UN

THE world's population is expected to reach eight billion on 15 November, the UN forecast Monday in a report that said India will surpass China as the most populous country on earth in 2023.

That overall population milestone "is a reminder of our shared responsibility to care for our planet and a moment to reflect on where we still fall short of our commitments to one another", Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said, without citing specifics.

"This is an occasion to celebrate our diversity, recognize our common humanity, and marvel at advancements in health that have extended lifespans and dramatically reduced maternal and

child mortality rates," he added.

The forecast by the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs said the world's population is growing at its slowest pace since 1950.

It should hit 8.5 billion in 2030 and 9.7 billion in 2050, peaking at around 10.4 billion people in the 2080s before steadying at that level until 2100.

While a net drop in birth rates is observed in several developing countries, more than half of the rise forecast in the world's population in the coming decades will be concentrated in eight countries, the report said. It said they are the Democratic Republic of Congo, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, Pakistan, the Philippines and Tanzania. — AFP



A general view shows beachgoers thronging Juhu beach in Mumbai on 9 January 2022. PHOTO: AFP

'Faceless killer': Syria landmines keep sowing death



A landmine is remotely detonated in a field at a pistachio orchard in the village of Maan, north of Hama in west-central Syria on 24 June 2020. PHOTO: AFP

FAMILY members from three generations were huddled on the back of a pickup truck for what started as a joyful ride through the Syrian countryside for Abdulaziz al-Oqab and his relatives.

They were planning to sample the long-forgotten peacetime pleasure of a simple family picnic when a landmine brought a bloody end to their outing, and

to the lives of 21 family members.

Oqab walked away with relatively light wounds that day in February 2019, but the blast killed his wife, two of his sons, four of his siblings, an uncle and other family members, and left others maimed.

"It was a day of joy that turned into tragedy," Oqab, 41, told AFP. "I've come to hate going

out since then. People live in fear of this faceless killer that could be anywhere."

The airstrikes and shelling responsible for many of the Syrian war's half million deaths have decreased in recent years.

But remnants of explosives laid by all sides in the 11-year-old conflict are now claiming more lives in Syria than anywhere else in the world, says the United Nations.

Since 2015, landmines and other explosive remnants have on average killed or injured five people every day, according to UN data.

"An entire family was destroyed," Oqab said about the fateful day more than three years ago, sitting outside his traditional beehive-style mud hut in his village in Hama province. — AFP

Iran extracts 20% enriched uranium from Fordow site

THE spokesman for the Atomic Energy Organization of Iran (AEOI) announced Sunday that it started the extraction of 20-percent enriched uranium from the Fordow enrichment facility in central Iran, state TV reported.

On Saturday, "20-per-cent enriched uranium was extracted from the new chain of centrifuges which were installed and fed with gas in Fordow two weeks ago," Behrouz Kamalvandi told IRIB TV in an interview.

"Iran's yesterday extraction of 20-per-cent product from this chain was the final technical part of the previously-announced action, about which the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) had been informed earlier and was recently verified," he said.

The spokesman noted that the AEOI action was carried out in line with the implementation of

its legal duties in launching and feeding uranium gas to 1,000 IR-6 centrifuges, according to the report. This is the first time that the IR-6 centrifuges, Iran's third-generation, and most advanced uranium enrichment facilities, are put to use.

Iran signed a nuclear deal, or the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) with world powers in July 2015, agreeing to curb its nuclear program in return for the removal of sanctions on the country. Iran is obliged under the 2015 nuclear agreement to limit its uranium enrichment to 3.67 per cent purity. However, Iran started gradually reducing its commitments to the agreement one year after former US President Donald Trump unilaterally took his country out of the JCPOA in May 2018 and reimposed sanctions on Tehran. — Xinhua

Sri Lanka's cabinet of ministers to resign if new gov't formed: PM's office

SRI Lanka's cabinet of ministers has decided to resign if an agreement is reached to form an all-party government, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement on Monday.

In discussions held with Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe in capital Colombo, all the ministers who participated in the discussion were of the opinion that as soon as

there is an agreement to form an all-party government, they are ready to hand over their responsibilities to the new government.

Sri Lankan President

Gotabaya Rajapaksa on Saturday said he will step down from duty on 13 July.

On Saturday, protesters stormed the president's residence and office, and the prime

minister's house was set on fire.

Sri Lanka's political leaders are now calling for an all-party government to be formed in order to take the country forward. — Xinhua

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Myanmar, Viet Nam advance to ASEAN Women's Championship semifinals



Myanmar team Captain Khin Malar Tun runs for celebration with her goal scored during the match against Laos in the ASEAN Women's Championship 2022 in Manila on 11 July 2022. PHOTO: MFF

MYANMAR and Viet Nam women's football teams reached the semifinal spots after bagging three straight wins in the group matches of the ASEAN Women's Championship held in Manila, the Philippines on 11 July.

Myanmar beat Laos 3-1 and Viet Nam made a win over Timor-Leste 6-0. The Myanmar women's team defeated Timor-Leste and Cambodia in the previous group matches as well to advance to the semi-finals. The Myanmar women's team has been facing weak teams in a row, but in addition to the wins, they have also tested the tactics and players' skills and all three matches have played with a different roster.

For the first time, Myanmar women's team head coach Daw Thet Thet Win used strikers Win Theingi Tun and San Thaw Thaw, who have been sidelined for some time due to injuries.

Myanmar team line-up includes Khin Malar Tun, goalies Zu Latt Nadi, Aye Aye Moe, Khin Than Wai, Zun Yu Ya Oo, Myat Noe Khin, Nant Zu Zu Htet, Pont Pont Pyae Maung and July Kyaw. Team Myanmar launched the attack from the beginning but was able to score only one goal in the first half due to the well-organized defence of Laos.

In the 39th minute, Laos scored their own goal and the Myanmar team earned the first goal. Myanmar led the first half from 1-0.

Myanmar team got a second goal at the beginning of the second half and team captain

Khin Malar Tun touched the ball into the net. After that, the Myanmar team was able to put more pressure and July Kyaw

scored the third goal in the 63rd minute. In the 65th minute, Laos scored the equalizer but the Myanmar team kept the victory until the end of the match. After this match, Myanmar and Viet Nam reached the semi-finals with 9 points from 3 wins. Myanmar will play against Viet Nam on 13 July for the first-place position in the group. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

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.

Shan United still leads MNL with three consecutive wins

DEFENDING Champion Shan United is still leading the table of the 2022 Myanmar National League after beating Yadanabon FC 1-0 at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

The defending champions continued to lead the table with a three-match winning streak. Shan United won the match with a lone goal scored at the beginning of the match, and the defenders were able to block the goal chances created by the opponents till the final whistle.

Shan United's line-up includes goalkeeper Kyaw Zin Phy, Ye Min Thu, Aung Kyaw Thu, Kyaw Zin Lwin, Hein Thiha Zaw, Aung Hlaing Win, Thet Paing Htwe, Nanda Kyaw, Soe Lwin Lwin, Matsarki, and Sunday Mathew. The line-up of Yadanabon FC includes goalie Pyae Phy Thu, Naing Ko Ko, Zaw Ye Htun, Thet Hein Soe, Naung Naung Soe, Myo Ko Tun, Bi Bi, Thet Naing, Nyein Chan Soe, Thaing Bwe Aung and Ye Yint Aung.

Shan United, started the attack from the beginning of the match and in the fifth minute, left-winger Nanda Kyaw scored from the top of the penalty area.

Shan United, who scored the first goal, controlled the match and systematically blocked the Yadanabon attack. Shan United then had another chance to score but was unable to capitalize and Matsarki's long-range shots missed.

After three matches, Shan United has won nine points and is leading the table with nine points, while Yadanabon has three points as the team lost two matches in a row. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Novak Djokovic: Seeking love alongside tennis immortality

NOVAK Djokovic is already a sporting immortal but he will be desperately hoping he is finally becoming a "people's champion" after winning a seventh Wimbledon crown on Sunday.

The Serb has long been seeking the missing ingredient to make him an equal of Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal in the hearts of tennis fans.

His four-set victory over unseeded Nick Kyrgios nudges him ahead of Federer into second place in the all-time list of Grand Slam men's winners with 21 titles, one behind Nadal.

Djokovic nibbled a blade of grass in his customary celebration before making his "cup of love" gesture to all corners of the Centre Court, who roared their approval for the champion.

While Federer and Nadal enjoy an almost god-like status in the game, the Serb has been a player that fans have found more difficult

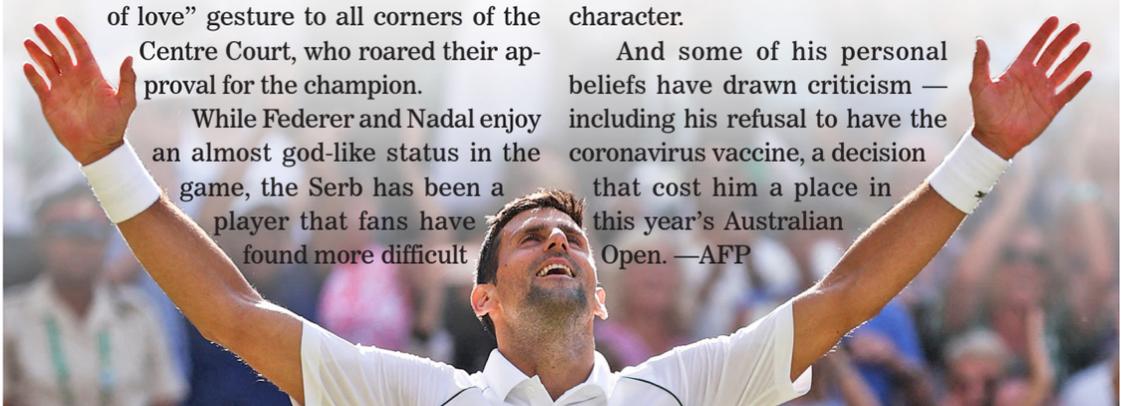
to love. Many had already picked either the Swiss or the Spaniard as "their man" by the time Djokovic won his first major in 2008, leaving him in a position as the awkward interloper.

The Serb, who left Belgrade when he was 12 to train in Munich and escape NATO's bombardment of his home city, is a spikier character than the smooth, unruffled Federer or the self-effacing Nadal.

Fiery character

His infamous default from the US Open in 2020 for petulantly swiping at a ball that hit a female line judge gave a glimpse of his fiery character.

And some of his personal beliefs have drawn criticism — including his refusal to have the coronavirus vaccine, a decision that cost him a place in this year's Australian Open. —AFP



Serbia's Novak Djokovic celebrates beating Australia's Nick Kyrgios during their men's singles final tennis match on the fourteenth day of the 2022 Wimbledon Championships at The All England Tennis Club in Wimbledon, southwest London, on 10 July 2022. PHOTO: AFP