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Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council

1. The Union Election Commission will be reconstituted and its mandated tasks, including the scrutiny of voter lists, shall be implemented in accordance with the law.
2. Effective measures will be taken with added momentum to prevent and manage the COVID-19 pandemic.
3. Actions will be taken to ensure the speedy recovery of businesses from the impact of COVID-19.
4. Emphasis will be placed on achieving enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.
5. Upon accomplishing the provisions of the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held in line with the 2008 Constitution, and further work will be undertaken to hand over State duties to the winning party in accordance with democratic standards.

SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects local airbase in Pathein



State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects the enhancement of the capacity of riverbed soil on the strand road in Pathein on 4 July 2022.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspect-

ed Pathein Airbase yesterday morning. Commander of the airbase Brig-Gen Tun Win reported on the implementation of gener-

al staff, adjutant and quarter-master functions of the airbase, taking security measures, patrolling process, the welfare of Tatmadaw members and fam-

ilies, operation of agriculture and livestock farms and others. In his response, the Senior General stressed the need for military command to work with

local naval and air bases in undertaking rule of law and local security in respective areas with aviation and naval patrolling for **SEE PAGE-3**

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Eighth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee holds 11th Plenary Meeting

THE first-day session of the eleventh plenary meeting of the 8th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was organized in the Maha Pasana Cave on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon yesterday.

The meeting was attended by members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee led by Chairman Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhamo Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko, the Director-General of Religious Affairs Department and other officials of departments concerned.

Bhamo Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa presided over the meeting and Joint Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita

Bhaddanta Sandavamsa Lan-kara Bhivamsa acted as the master of ceremonies.

First, the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Sayadaw recited Saraniya Ovada Gatha to start the meeting.

Union Minister U Ko Ko presented matters related to religious affairs.

Then, Joint Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Jotissara reported on the activities of the eighth Sangha Nayaka Committee (second subcommittee) conducted during the fourth term.

The Sayadaws also discussed Vinicchaya and religious affairs and concluded the first session.

During the second session, the Sayadaws discussed religious affairs and education-re-



The first day of the eighth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee's eleventh plenary meeting is in progress.

lated matters and concluded the event.

Daw Pyone Wai Thi (Sad-

dhamma Jotikadhaja) and family donated the first meal to Sayadaws and Senior General

Than Swe (Retd) and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered the day meal.—MNA

Judgements given to 4 special civil appeal cases and 1 special criminal appeal case; 3 special civil appeal cases and 1 special criminal appeal case heard

THE special appeal tribunal containing Chief Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo and Supreme Court Judges U Myo Tint, Daw Khin May Yee, U Thaung Naing, and U Thein Ko Ko passed judgements on four special civil appeal cases and one special criminal appeal case at the Union Supreme Court Office (1).

Furthermore, they heard one special criminal appeal case and three special civil appeal cases following COVID-19 health rules. —MNA

11 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 4 July, total figure rises to 613,659

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,659** after **11** new cases were reported on 4 July 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,590** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll still stands at **19,434** without more casualties.—MNA

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

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

(Excerpt from the 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)

SAC Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services ...

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controlling the areas and the sea. They must always be ready to do so. They have to always monitor seaside and delta area security with security knowledge and awareness.

The Senior General gave guidance on the successful undertaking of unit-wise agricultural and livestock farms for the welfare of Tatmadaw members and families and consumption of meat, fish and eggs as well as vegetables at fair prices.

The Senior General inspected duck farms, layer farms, and patches of seasonal crops of the airbase and attended to the necessary things.

The Senior General inspected the enhancement of the capacity of riverbed soil on the strand road in Ward 1 of Pathein. Director Maj-Gen Myo Thant of the Directorate of Military Engi-



The Senior General gives guidance at the Pathein Airbase.

neers and Director-General U Win Hlaing of the Department of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems reported on the process of enhancing the

capacity of riverbed soil. In his guidance, the Senior General stressed the need for efficient use of water sources to benefit waterway transport

for smooth flow of commodity to Pathein, implementation of solar-powered river water pumping projects in Ayeyawady Region, and systematic utiliza-

tion of fresh water. Then, the Senior General inspected the progress of enhancing the capacity of riverbed soil. — MNA

MoBA Union Minister attends Nantsalein bridge opening on Khamti-Sinthay-Lahe road



MoBA Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung takes the group photo at the bridge opening event.

THE opening ceremony of the Nantsalein Bridge located on the Khamti-Sinthay-Lahe Road was held on 2 July. The ceremo-

ny was attended by Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, Sagaing Region Chief Minister U Myat Kyaw,

Commander of the North-Western Command Brig-Gen Than Htike, Chairman of the Naga Self-Administered Zone U Tun

Tun Win, regional government ministers, region/district/township department officials and local people.

First, Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung said that the state is working in the various sectors for the balanced development of all states and remote areas. For the economic and social development of the local ethnic people living in the underdeveloped Khamti district and in the Naga Self-Administered Zone, efforts are being made to construct new roads and bridges and upgrade existing roads.

The Thekkekyin-Phaungpyin-Homalin-Khamti road, Khamti-Sinthay-Lahe road and Sinthay-Lahe-Nanyun road, the entrances to the Naga Self-Ad-

ministered Zone, are being developed by the annually allocated funds. So it would benefit the development of the Naga zone. The better transport will facilitate trade flows of the upper Chindwin regions and the Naga zone and develop businesses based on ethnic traditions and nature, he said.

After cutting the ribbons to open the bridge, the Union Minister and party inspected the bridge and presented traditional dance groups with cash awards.

The Nantsalein Bridge is located on the 24/4 milepost of the Khamti-Sinthay-Lahe Road and is a reinforced concrete bridge. This 330.45-foot long bridge was built by the Ministry of Construction with a K1,600 million fund. — MNA

It is necessary to correctly understand the undertakings of the Tatmadaw for the national interests of the State due to political changes in successive eras: Senior General



State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the meeting with officers, other ranks and families of the Pathein Station of the South-West Command yesterday.

PARTICIPATION of the Tatmadaw in the leading role of national politics of the State is based on the need of the State, and it is necessary to correctly understand the undertakings of the Tatmadaw for the national interests of the State due to political changes in successive eras, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in meeting with

officers, other ranks and families of Pathein Station of South-West Command yesterday morning.

Role of the Tatmadaw and national politics

In his address, the Senior General said according to the State history, geographical conditions and current situation, the Tatmadaw participates in the national cause of the State and the leading role in national politics in accord with the constitution.

To restore peace and stability, the country needs a firm institution. Such an institution is the Tatmadaw which will control the nation as a guardian of the State.

Enhancement of education

Weakness in political knowledge is related to the education standard of the citizens. Myanmar has been facing low qualifications of education in successive eras.

People have a lesser number of educated persons. Con-

sequently, they have a narrow scope of knowledge. **Health and fitness are of importance in increasing the number of educated persons, so it is necessary to uplift education qualifications in harmony with the health and fitness of the entire nation. It is necessary to take adequate time for the future of the nation by enhancing the education qualification of the entire nation which is the basis for the country within at least five to**

10 years with might and main.

Only when the nation restores peace and stability based on political and security measures will the nation develop

Only when these armed conflicts of ethnicities cease can development tasks be undertaken. Only when the nation restores peace and stability based on political and security measures will the nation develop. Myanmar is on the track to democracy, and the Tatmadaw is taking State responsibilities under the Constitution (2008), and all tasks must be done under the law.

Practising a genuine, disciplined democratic system

Efforts are being made for the nation to reach the politically regular path, and national visions and political visions were adopted. **In realizing the multiparty democratic system, the people aspire to, it must be a genuine and disciplined one, and the act should not be done under the disguise of democracy mask.**

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The Senior General presents foodstuffs for Tatmadaw members and families.



The wife of the Senior General gives cash assistance for the station maternal and child welfare association.

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It is necessary to correctly understand the undertakings ...

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In building the Union based on democracy and federalism, the federalism means sharing of executive powers.

Only when the nation peaceful will the Union based on development and democracy and federalism be built

In undertaking the prosperity of the nation as a national vision, economic development is of importance, and it is necessary to boom the economy of the people. Currently, although some basic situations are good, there remain armed conflicts of ethnics. As all are to make efforts for ensuring the prosperity of the nation, talks are held with the ethnic armed organizations for the restoration of perpetual peace. If peace talks achieve success, further development tasks for the nation can be done as well as an administration based on democracy and federalism can be implemented.

Continuation of appropriate tasks in the leading role of national politics

If the people try hard to correctly carry out the tasks with



The Senior General warmly greets officers, other ranks and families from the Patheingyi Station of the South-West Command yesterday.

individual conscience, the country will have deserved progress within five years. The Tatmadaw leads the reform process of the nation, and the Tatmadaw will take a leading role in national

politics for the interests of the nation and continues the appropriate tasks in a correct manner. The Senior General explained the political changes, national visions and development tasks

to the officers, other ranks and families with the background topics and asked about their needs.

The Senior General then presented foodstuffs to officers, other ranks and families through

the commander, and the wife of the Senior General gave cash assistance to the station maternal and child welfare association through the wife of the commander. — MNA

MoFA Union Minister meets Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister



U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, met Mr Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand at 2:15 pm on 4 July 2022 at the Aureum Palace Hotel, on the

sidelines of the 7th Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Foreign Ministers' Meeting, held in Bagan, Myanmar.

At the meeting, both sides cordially exchanged views on matters pertaining to the further enhancement of the existing friendly relations and mul-

tifaceted bilateral cooperation between the two countries, maintenance of peace and stability, and security along the Myanmar-Thai border, the implementation of the ASEAN five-point consensus as well as closer collaboration at regional and multilateral arenas.—MNA

UEC inspects Shan Nationalities League for Democracy under Election Commission Law

THE Union Election Commission looked into the political parties whether they conducted systematically for the membership of the parties, party funds and property, savings, maintenance, usage, audition and liquidation and parties' procedures under the UEC Law Section 10 (L) "supervising, causing to supervise and guiding the political parties to carry out under the law".

The inspection team consisted of the officials of the

Shan State Auditor-General Office, the Internal Revenue Department and the Bureau of Special Investigation led by UEC members U Than Soe and U Min Min Oo actioned inspections on Shan Nationalities League for Democracy between 30 June and 3 July.

The UEC has inspected 85 political parties from August 2021 up till today, taking measures to examine the seven remaining political parties. — MNA



The inspection of the SNLD party is underway.

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets departmental personnel at different levels in Ayeyawady Region

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visited Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Region, and met with regional-, district- and township-level departmental personnel at the Ayeyawady Shwewah Hall yesterday afternoon.

First, the chief minister and responsible personnel of Ayeyawady Region presented to the Chairman of the State Administration Council and Prime Minister the progress of implementation of the guidance given by him during his tour of the region in 2021, expansion of districts and employment of staff, measures taken for agricultural and livestock breeding sectors, steps taken for irrigation and electric power generation and distribution, efforts being made for increasing monsoon rice yield, production of meat, fish and eggs for local consumption, protection of the natural environment, public housing, operation of factories in industrial zones, expansion of the people's hospital, the opening of schools, colleges and universities and development of social, economic and health sectors.

After hearing the presentation, the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions, saying that Ayeyawady Region has a lot of rain and rivers and creeks and so roads can be damaged if



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the meeting with regional, district and township-level departmental personnel of the Ayeyawady Region on 4 July 2022.



there is no good drainage system, that it is necessary to maintain roads as more and more people are visiting the region on business or for pleasure, that it is also necessary to upgrade the Yangon-Patheingyi road meeting ASEAN standards. In addition, he called for regular production of healthy salt enough for local consumption.

Then, the Prime Minister said that, due to the fraud results of the 2020 election, the State Administration Council was formed, that it is now having to take the responsibilities of the nation for a temporary period, and considerable restraint was exercised in controlling violence caused by some peo-

ple capitalizing on politics, that the SAC still sticks to the 2008 Constitution and it will move forward under the law.

The Prime Minister went on to say that the SAC is dealing with the existing political situations and striving for national development at the same time, that the country will be left behind if the government and the people are indecisive and hesitant because of hardships, that there should not be a lull in the education sector and so steps were taken for the reopening of schools in 2021 and priority is being given to the enhancement of education and that the country will lag behind if there is a limited number of educated

people.

The Prime Minister also said that the country's economy should be based on agriculture and livestock breeding, that using up natural resources can lead to their depletion and so production based on natural resources should not be encouraged, that priority should be given to agricultural and livestock breeding production through application of respective branches of studies, that measures are being taken to open agricultural and technical training schools at all district level across the country to produce human resources required for the development of agriculture, livestock breeding and industrial sectors, that local economic enterprises will develop only if agricultural produce can be increased and the government sees to it that quality strains of seeds and pedigrees are available to farmers. The Prime Minister urged **all the responsible personnel of the Ayeyawady Region to strive for high productivity and work in concert for their region to be one the country can be proud of.**

Regarding the livestock breeding sector, the Prime Minister said that fish and poultry farming should be encouraged as more and more people live on meat and fish, that the government releases fingerlings into rivers and creeks every year so that they are rich in fish resources, calling on all those concerned to work for the devel-

opment of fish and prawn farming and try to be able to export marine products every year. He also added that the development of industrial zones is required to produce value-added products from products of agriculture and livestock breeding sectors and that, if industrial development occurs, job opportunities can be created for the people in the region.

A government must win the trust of the people and must be reliable to the people. The Tatmadaw will implement the political and national visions as adopted. State service personnel are to strive for serving the interests of the State.

The Senior General inspected the construction of the nine-storey extended building of Patheingyi General Hospital and stressed the need to take emergencies into consideration. It is necessary to supervise the timely completion of construction for commissioning it into service.

After viewing the worksite, the Senior General attended to the necessary things.

In the afternoon, the Senior General and wife paid homage to Shwemuhtaw Haha Pagoda in Patheingyi and made cash donations to the fund of the pagoda.

At the pagoda, the Senior General instructed officials to maintain the durability of the pagoda, carry out maintenance tasks to be free from the danger of electricity and keep albums of documentary photos of maintenance tasks. — MNA



The Senior General views the construction of the nine-storey extended building at Patheingyi General Hospital.

Myanmar hosts 7th Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Bagan

MYANMAR hosted the 7th Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Foreign Ministers' Meeting on the morning of 4 July 2022 at Aureum Palace Hotel in Bagan.

The meeting was co-chaired by U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Mr Wang Yi, State Councilor and Foreign Minister of the Peoples' Republic of China. Mr Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia, Mr Saleumxay Kommasith, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR, Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Thailand and Mr Bui Thanh Son, Foreign Minister of Viet Nam attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the Ministers reviewed the work done in the past and discussed the future direction of the cooperation. They also exchanged views on the ways and means to address the current challenges.

At the meeting, Union Minister U Wunna Maung Lwin stated that collective efforts with solidarity under the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation framework would be the best means to address current and future challenges as per the theme of the meeting; **"Solidarity for Peace and Prosperity"**. He also mentioned having close cooperation for the prevention and control of infectious diseases including COVID-19 for regional health security and thanked China for the assistance rendered to Myanmar in the fight against COVID-19.

The Minister stressed prioritizing the cooperation for the economic revitalization and sup-



The seventh Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Foreign Ministers' Meeting is in progress in Bagan.

port of the "Global Development Initiative" of China as it effectively responds urgent needs of the Mekong-Lancang region. He highlighted the importance of regional peace and stability as a basis for sustainable development, and support the "Global Security Initiative" of China.

The Union Minister pointed out the need to enhance cooperation in the area of non-traditional security including suppression of transnational crime, illicit drug production and trafficking, illegal weapon trafficking and anti-terrorism. He also supported the establishment of the Mekong-Lancang Disaster Management Cooperation Mechanism for the improvement of the disaster risk reduction capacity of six member states. He also touched upon the other areas of cooperation such as water resources, agriculture, production capacity, power generation and renewable energy.

In the meeting, Mr Wang Yi, State Councilor and Foreign Minister of the Peoples' Republic of China discussed the future di-

rection under the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation which includes promoting strategic leadership for sustainable development, expanding agriculture cooperation, to promoting green development, to enhancing cooperation on digital innovation and strengthening people-to-people exchanges.

The State Councilor also explained the plan for future

cooperation under the MLC framework including the plans to enhance cooperation in agriculture, water resources, digital economy, space cooperation, human resources and public health.

The Foreign Ministers of Mekong countries also discussed the matters to be included in the future work of Mekong-Lancang Cooperation.

The meeting issued the Joint Press Communique' and four thematic statements in the areas of agriculture, disaster management, custom, and mutual learning among the peoples of the Mekong-Lancang region.

After the meeting, all Foreign Ministers of Mekong-Lancang Cooperation attended the opening ceremony of the "Mekong-Lancang Cooperation National Coordination Unit Building" built at the premises of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

The two Co-chairs, Foreign Ministers of Myanmar and China, also made a Joint Press Conference on the outcomes of the meeting.

Mekong-Lancang Cooperation was established in 2016 with an aim to assist regional efforts to achieve sustainable inclusive development and narrow development gaps in the region while promoting peace and prosperity. Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam are the members of the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation.—MNA



The two Co-chairs, Foreign Ministers of Myanmar and China make the joint press conference at the event.

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
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Email address - antiillegaltradeinfo@gmail.com

Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee

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Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee

OPINION

Protect already-planted saplings to be free from destructions

VARIOUS kinds of media express the good news on growing saplings across the nation through public activities. The news and documentary photos bore all the saplings thriving whereas participant people from the ceremonies were active.

The people understand the important role of trees which can change climatic conditions and social conditions. Bad consequences of barren areas can bring drought to the people. Currently, no one wishes to experience the drought triggered by deforestation.

As such, the authorities at different levels arrange the cultivation of saplings in all parts of the nation this monsoon similar to that of previous years as part of public movements. Hence, relevant departments have been making preparations for holding the tree-growing ceremonies with the nurturing of saplings at respective camps.

Myanmar has 49.19 per cent coverage of forest area according to the statistics of the FAO in 2020. As such, State-owned forest reserves are established one after another, in addition to expanding the forest areas under the Myanmar Reforestation and Rehabilitation Programme-MRRP from 2016 to 2026. So far, more than 42,000 acres of watershed forests and mangrove forests have been established.

Growing trees is a good thing. But, it is necessary to seek the best ways for thriving these saplings until these plants grow up with resilience to bad climatic conditions. In so doing, officials need to manage nurturing of these already-planted saplings to be free from destruction in various forms by animals and naughty persons.

If the already-planted saplings are kept under carelessness, they will not be thriving for many days. If so, no one can guarantee their survival. Consequently, the cost, labour and time used in growing the saplings will be wasted unacceptably.

Hence, some bodies emphasize the growth of saplings at the ceremonies one after another whereas some bodies need to protect the already-planted saplings to be free from destruction for ensuing safety thriving with rapid growth. If so, thick foliage of lush and green forests will emerge one after another in all parts of the nation in a few years.

WHO calls for 'urgent' action in Europe over monkeypox



Cases of Monkeypox have tripled in Europe in the last two weeks. PHOTO: ULAK.NEWS/AFP

THE World Health Organization called on 1 July for "urgent" action to prevent the spread of monkeypox in Europe, noting that cases had tripled

in the region over the past two weeks.

"Today, I am intensifying my call for governments and civil society to scale up efforts... to

prevent monkeypox from establishing itself across a growing geographical area," WHO Regional Director for Europe Hans Henri Kluge said.

"Urgent and coordinated action is imperative if we are to turn a corner in the race to reverse the ongoing spread of this disease."

Since early May, a surge in monkeypox cases has been detected outside West and Central African countries where the viral disease is endemic.

Ninety percent of all laboratory-confirmed cases registered worldwide — or 4,500 infections — are in Europe, Kluge said.

Thirty-one countries and areas have now reported infections.

Kluge said Europe remains at the centre of the expanding outbreak and the risk remains high.

The WHO does not think the outbreak currently constitutes a public health emergency of international concern but will review its position shortly, he said.

Most monkeypox infections

so far have been observed in men who have sex with men, of young age and chiefly in urban areas, according to the WHO.

It is investigating cases of possible sexual transmission but maintains the disease is primarily spread through close contact.

Monkeypox is related to smallpox, which killed millions around the world every year before it was eradicated in 1980, but has far less severe symptoms.

The disease starts with a fever and quickly develops into a rash, with the formation of scabs. It is usually mild and typically clears up spontaneously after two to three weeks.

Britain has the highest number of reported cases to date — 1,076 according to the UK authorities — ahead of Germany (838), Spain (736), Portugal (365) and France (350), according to data from the European Centre for Disease Prevention and

Control.

London's chief public health doctor Kevin Fenton on Thursday urged anyone with symptoms not to take part in the Pride march in the British capital at the weekend. On Friday, the Danish laboratory Bavarian Nordic, the only laboratory manufacturing a licensed vaccine against monkeypox, announced a new shipment of 2.5 million doses to the United States.

US health authorities said Tuesday they were immediately releasing 56,000 doses of monkeypox vaccine — five times the number distributed so far — to areas of high transmission as part of a major escalation of the country's immunisation strategy.

The European Medicines Agency announced on Tuesday that it had begun reviewing a smallpox vaccine to extend its use against monkeypox.

Source : AFP

COVID-19: BA.4 and BA.5 variants spur 20 per cent rise in cases

COVID-19 cases are on the rise in some 110 countries, driven by the BA.4 and BA.5 variants, said the UN health agency chief on Wednesday, amounting to a 20 per cent spike overall, and a rise in the number of deaths across three of the six world regions monitored by the World Health Organization.

WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus stressed in his weekly briefing to journalists that the global figure overall remains "relatively stable", but nobody should be under any illusion, that the coronavirus is on the way out.

"This pandemic is changing but it's not over. We have made progress but it's not over."

Act together

"Only with concerted action by governments, international agencies and the private sector can we solve the converging challenges", said the WHO chief.

He warned that our ability to track the virus is under threat as reporting and genomic sequences are declining. The optimistic mid-year deadline

for all countries to vaccinate at least 70 per cent of their populations is looking unlikely, with the average rate in low-income countries, standing at 13 per cent.

On the bright side, in the past 18 months, more than 12 billion vaccines have been distributed around the world, and 75 per cent of the world's health workers and over-60s are now vaccinated.

20 million lives saved by shots

The influential Lancet medical journal, estimates that 20 million lives have been saved because of vaccines, said Tedros.

Last year, it was the hoarding of vaccines by rich and manufacturing countries which proved to be the major barrier to access, but this year, it's what he described as the wavering "political commitment to getting vaccines out to people - and challenges of disinformation", which are thwarting the pace of inoculations at the national level.

He called for all at-risk groups, to be vaccinated and

boosted, as soon as possible.

"For the general population, it also makes sense to keep strengthening that wall of immunity, which helps lessen the severity of the disease and lowers the risk of long- or post-COVID condition."

He said continuing 'mild' cases are disruptive and damaging, keeping children out of school and adults from their jobs, "which causes further economic and supply chain disruption."

He said the goal of 70 per cent coverage was still desirable, based on the principle that if we don't share vaccines equitably, "then we undercut the philosophy that all lives have equal worth."

Second generation vaccines
Tedros said that it was critical for funding to be secured for "second generation vaccines", as well as testing and treatments.

"The ideal solution would be the development of a pan-coronavirus vaccine that covers all the variants so far and potentially future ones", the WHO chief declared.



Singapore has detected its first community cases confirmed to be infected with the Omicron BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants of COVID-19, the Ministry of Health said in a press release on 16 May 2022. The National Centre for Infectious Diseases is the city's first line of outbreak response, a critical piece of infrastructure in the fight against COVID-19. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/ROSLAN RAHMAN/AFP/FILE

"This is feasible, WHO continues to convene scientists and researchers and there has been a lot of research into this virus and understanding immunology overall."

New global trials

He said through the agency's Solidarity Trials, global tri-

als of new vaccines could take place to rapidly establish their safety and efficacy.

"Now is the time", he concluded, for government health departments to integrate tests and anti-virals into clinical care, so that people that are sick can be treated quickly.

"With new variants of concern likely - genomic sequencing remains critical. I also call for accelerated efforts and incentives to be developed around the moonshot of developing a pan-coronavirus vaccine."

Source : UN News



MYANMAR Daily Weather Report

(ISSUED at 7:00 pm Monday 4 July 2022)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is strong to vigorous over the Andaman Sea and south Bay and moderate to strong elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 5 July 2022: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Chin, Kayah, States and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of regionally heavyfalls in Taninthayi Region and isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady Regions and Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squall with rough seas will be experienced in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Squall with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast. Wave height will be about (9-13) feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts and (7-10) feet in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast.

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

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5 July 2022: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5 July 2022: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5 July 2022: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

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IPRD officers' capacity-strengthening training (3/2022) opened

THE Ministry of Information held the opening ceremony of the officers' capacity-strengthening training (3/2022) conducted by the Department of Information and Public Relations yesterday morning in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the opening ceremony, Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn said that the Ministry of Information was reforming the State media with youthful programmes. The Department of Information and Public Relations is one of the reform activities of the ministry. Public library activities, which are the main function of the Information and Public Relations Department, are being upgraded to the digital library in line with evolving technologies. Three training courses on how to use e-library management system software were conducted with 89 trainees. In addition, the district and town-



Moi Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn gives the speech at the opening ceremony of the training.

ship offices to be upgraded to the digital library system were provided with the necessary equipment including computers.

The Union minister said

the subject of using e-Library Management System Software will be introduced in this training so that deputy directors and assistant directors who will attend the training can supervise

the operation of upgraded digital library services.

Although officer training courses are scheduled to be held twice with district assistant directors, it is being held three

times for state/region deputy directors to improve the quality of work and management skills. The previous two officials' capacity-strengthening training courses were held in May and June with 56 deputy directors and assistant directors.

In the current training, four deputy directors and 15 district assistant directors will attend. The course provides leadership skills and competencies to become competent leaders and to carry out management functions in line with the procedures. The subject of successful implementation of departmental activities, the Civil Service Law, the rule of law, and financial regulation subjects will be taught. He urged the trainees to do their best to achieve the objectives of the training and to apply it effectively in practice by strictly following the training rules during the training. — MNA

China will play a constructive role in the interests of the people of Myanmar

INTERVIEW WITH NYEIN THU (MNA)



Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chen Hai. PHOTO: KANU

AMBASSADOR of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Chen Hai presented two million doses of COVID-19 vaccines, which were donated to Myanmar, to Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia, Special Envoy of the ASEAN Chair Mr Prak Sokhonn on 30 June at his residence.

The ambassador made the remarks in an interview regarding the donation of the COVID-19 vaccine to Myanmar as follows: -

Through efforts of the government and individuals from various fields, Myanmar's COVID-19 disease prevention and control efforts have been successful and the COVID-19 disease prevention situation has been controlled domestically. Myanmar is a neighbouring country and China has provided effective assistance to prevent and control the disease. China has provided more than

50 million COVID-19 vaccines to Myanmar, and two million more vaccines were successfully presented to the ASEAN Special Envoy to Myanmar.

Last winter, the situation of COVID-19 cases became severe in Myanmar, and China provided Myanmar with relief supplies to China's border areas and border crossings, as well as Oxygen cylinders and fluids, were helped to reach Myanmar as soon as possible.

Not only the Chinese government but also Myanmar-based Chinese companies have donated to monasteries and charities during their project implementations. The Chinese government has sent medical experts to help prevent and control COVID-19 in Myanmar. China and Myanmar are connected by mountains, and it is a mutually supportive community. China is proud of Myanmar's success in COVID-19 disease prevention and control measures. China will continue to cooperate in disease prevention and control measures, taking the need for friends of Myanmar into account while there is little transparency in the global COVID-19 pandemic.

The two countries are also

stepping up cooperation in the prevention and control of the virus, and one of the important activities is the Sino-Myanmar joint venture between China and Myanmar to produce Chinese Sinopharm COVID-19 vaccines in Myanmar. It is seen that the vaccines produced in Myanmar are effective. In the 'Myancopharm' vaccine, Myanmar and China refer to COVID, and China refers to Sinopharm, which indicates the deepening of Sino-Myanmar cooperation. The Chinese Embassy will cooperate in the joint production of the COVID-19 vaccine from start to finish, and the Ministry of Industry and the Ministry of Health are proud to see the results of the two countries' cooperation in medicine.

Experts in China are reviewing the Myanmar vaccine to improve the quality of the vaccine, which is still being vaccinated and is guaranteeing public health. We have also raised the standard of the pharmaceutical industry in Myanmar and would like to discuss other industrial cooperation issues from the joint venture with Myanmar friends. Through this, the living standards of the people will be improved and there will be benefits

for economic rehabilitation.

COVID-19 is a global catastrophe and is affecting both countries. Under the leadership of the Communist Party of China, China has adhered to the COVID-19 policy and is working to prevent and control the disease, ensuring China's economic stability and development.

China is confident that it will successfully achieve the economic development goals set out in the beginning. China will work with Myanmar to prevent and control the disease and will do its utmost to help Myanmar's economic recovery. We, the diplomats, live in Myanmar and share the common feelings of the people affected by COVID-19 disease. The disease cannot stop the bilateral cooperation, and China has been continuously cooperating in various fields by reviewing the needs of Myanmar people's living and economic difficulties.

As agriculture is a major factor in the country's development, China is the largest importer of agricultural products and fishery products from Myanmar, and efforts are being made to facilitate cross-border trade in the control of COVID-19 disease in the border areas of

the two countries. Due to insufficient power generation in Myanmar, we will continue to pay attention to cooperation in the electric power sector. China wishes for the better development of its neighbour and strives for further cooperation between the two countries.

The donated COVID-19 vaccine will be available in all parts of the country where needed, and one of China's hopes is that all aid will be available to all Myanmar people. COVID-19 vaccines have also been provided in border areas of Myanmar bordering China's Yunnan province, and efforts have been made to increase disease control. Now that Myanmar has been able to control the COVID-19 virus, it is one of the 10 least affected countries in ASEAN, according to a government release. We need to be aware of the risk of recurrence of the disease if we come in contact with the international community, and we will continue to cooperate in disease prevention activities while maintaining the control outcome. He said China would play a constructive role in the interests of the people of Myanmar and wished Myanmar peace.

Translated.

Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister Mr Prak Sokhonn, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Laotian delegation visit Bagan pagodas

MR Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister of Cambodia and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and Laotian delegation paid a visit to Bagan pagodas yesterday.

First, they went to Shwezigon, Htilominlo and Ananda pagodas and offered flowers and water to the pagodas.

They also viewed the ancient objects.

Then, they went to the U Ba Nyein Lacquerware Workshop and studied the work processes. — MNA



Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation kowtows to the Buddha Image at Htilominlo Pagoda.

Delegations to 7th Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Foreign Ministers' Meetings leave Myanmar

THE Chinese delegation led by State Councilor of the People's Republic of China and Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Wang Yi, that attend-

ed the seventh Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Foreign Ministers' Meetings left Bagan yesterday evening while the delegations led

by Thai's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam at noon from NyaungU

Airport.

They were seen off by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Myo Htut, Minister for Man-

dalay Region's Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Myo Aung and departmental officials at the airport. — MNA



Chinese FM leaves Myanmar.



Thai FM leaves Myanmar.



Vietnamese FM departs Myanmar.

Training on value-added livestock products to be opened in August

TRAINING on value-added livestock products, organized by the Myanmar Livestock Federation and the Department of Livestock Development of Thailand, is slated to kick off in August, MLF reported.

The training will offer technical know-how on value-added dairy and meat products at the Livestock Product Research and Development Centre in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

MLF is making efforts to effectuate the development of the livestock sector and ensure

food security for the people and food safety. The federation is joining hands with local and international organizations to enhance the value-added businesses on livestock products.

The COVID-19 travel restrictions shut down those training courses. Now, they are planning to resume.

They are one-week intensive courses. The professionals from Thailand will conduct practical and theoretical training. The experienced interpreters will provide communication ac-

cess during the instructions. The modules of the production of value-added dairy products in the last batch were fundamentals of value-added production of cream, yoghurts and ice cream, production of various cheeses, production of condensed milk and evaporated milk, production of cosmetics with the use of milk such as lotion and salt scrub, milk creamy coffee, innovative products and the field trip to the small, medium and large dairy enterprises, retail shops and restaurants.

The value-added meat production courses offer the principles of value-added meat products, slaughtering management, dried meats and jerky production, displayed items (smoked, BBQ, roasted, steak and curry), study tour to meat cow and native poultry farms, value-added meat products processing factories, restaurants and shops and grocery stores.

The Livestock Product Research and Development Center adds new modules related to popular marketable

items every year. The centre also asks for ideas from the trainees as well.

The trainees bear the Yangon-Chiang Mai-Yangon flight cost, training fees and training materials. The centre set the affordable courses.

Those enthusiastic entrepreneurs and startups in value-added markets can enquire about the training programme through contact number 09 752278795 and myanmarlivestock@gmail.com of the Myanmar Rice Federation. — NN/GNLM

CURRENT AFFAIRS

Myanmar sends 9,328 workers to Thailand in May-June

ABOUT 9,328 Myanmar migrant workers have been sent to Thailand under MoU, according to the

Myanmar Labour Attaché Office to Thailand.

A total of 9,328 workers –

5,252 males and 4,076 females— were sent to Thailand via the Myawady-Mae Sot border in May



Myanmar workers under the MoU system are seen being welcomed on the Myanmar Thai border.

and June.

The labour export was suspended temporarily during the outbreak of COVID-19 and resumed starting on 10 May 2022.

In the May-June period, workers were sent to Thailand under an MoU system 23 times and 9,328 workers were wel-

comed and sent to their respective workplaces by officials of the two countries.

The purpose of the MoU procedure is to support legal stay and work in respective countries, protect their rights and legal protection under the existing law of the countries. — TWA/GNLM

Seven people injured in building collapse



Rescue work is underway at the collapse site. PHOTO: FSD

A total of seven people were injured in the collapse of a building under construction in Yangon. The incident happened at around 10:10 am on 4 July on Padamyar road in Shwepyitha Township.

After the news that a building under construction collapsed on Padamyar road, search and rescue crews from the Myanmar Fire Brigade conducted search and rescue operations. The back side of the 20-by-60-foot steel structure under construction collapsed.

Two women who were seriously injured were sent to Insein General Hospital and five men were transported to Yangon General Hospital by ambulance from the We Love Care Social Welfare Association.

Search and rescue operations by the Myanmar Fire Brigade are continuing in time to find out if there are any more people trapped at the scene. TWA / GNLM

Palm oil prices on the rise

ON 9 June, the palm oil price outside Yangon was K8,000 per viss and it dropped to K6,300 per viss on 28 June.

In early July, the prices drastically rose and it became K8000/8200per viss outside Yangon on 4 July, said Ko Oo, palm oil seller at Nyaung Bin Lay Market.

In the market, the price declined about K1700 per viss within 21 days and it rose to K1,700 per viss again recently. The Yangon's reference price was K5,815 per viss between 21 and 30 June. But the authorities have not announced the reference prices in state-owned newspapers between 1 to 4 July, the oil dealers said.

People criticized the local and foreign palm oil prices declined by the end of June as the foreign oil prices dropped sharply and the prices rose again recently.

On 9 June, the foreign palm oil was priced at \$1,438.39 per metric ton and only \$1,311.42 on 14 June.

On 17 June, Malaysia's palm oil price was \$1,240.72 per metric ton, \$1,172.15 on 20 June, \$1,061.62 on 24 June, \$1,088.20 on 27 June and \$1,107.75 on 30 June.

The foreign palm oil prices declined by about \$330 per

metric ton between 9 and 30 June. Within 21 days, the oil price dropped about K1,000 per viss.

In the foreign palm oil market, as the soybean oil prices dropped dramatically within 50 years and due to declining China's demand, exceeding palm oil production rate of Malaysia, export permit of 1.6 million tonnes by Indonesia, the foreign palm oil prices drastically declined recently and the prices of pre-paid would decline in coming months, according to the foreign data.

The oil tankers will arrive in the country recently and

unload soon.

Therefore, the local oil demand will be high in the Yangon market and the people watch the market situation as the foreign oil price drops and they bought only a certain amount of oil they need in June end and the demand was high again when the prices rose.

In early July, the palm oil price outside Yangon rose and the people, who run frying businesses, need extra cash when they buy the oil.

The peanut oil price is between K8,500 and K11,000 per viss. — TWA/GNLM



A vendor is pictured using the palm oil to fry snacks.

KDDI says mobile network almost recovered across Japan

KDDI Corp said Monday voice calls and data communications have almost been restored nationwide, two days after the Japanese telecom giant suffered disruptions on up to 39 million mobile connections during maintenance work.

But KDDI, the country's second-largest mobile carrier by subscri-

ers, did not have a firm timetable set for complete service restoration as of 4 pm.

Users of its "au" mobile phones continued to have difficulty making calls Monday due to a temporary limit placed on network traffic, even after internet and data communication services were largely restored.

The disruption, which occurred around 1:35 am Saturday, has affected up to 39.15 million mobile connections and disrupted banking systems, the transmission of weather data, parcel deliveries and network-connected cars.

Speaking at a press conference Monday, Deputy Chief Cabinet

Secretary Seiji Kihara said the trouble is "extremely regrettable" as mobile networks are important infrastructure for the public and their activities, and he has demanded an "in-depth explanation for users" from the carrier.

KDDI's problems come at a time when the government is pushing



An "au" mobile phone service shop is pictured in Tokyo on 4 July 2022. PHOTO: KYODO

for digitalization as one of its top priorities. It also highlights the risk of a large-scale communications breakdown as everything from cars to factory equipment becomes connected to the internet. —Kyodo

Pub numbers in England and Wales hit record lows: study

THE number of pubs in England and Wales has plunged to its lowest ever level, according to analysis published on Monday which blames the coronavirus pandemic and soaring costs.

In the first half of this year, pub numbers dropped below 40,000 — a fall of more than 7,000 since 10 years ago.

A total of 200 pubs called "last orders" for good from the end of December to the end of last month, real estate advisers Altus Group said.

Pubs, which have been central to British communities for centu-

ries, have either been demolished or converted into homes and offices, it added.

The analysis comes after the pub trade and wider hospitality sector suffered a slump in business due to the series of coronavirus lockdowns and social distancing restrictions.

Throughout the public health crisis, industry bodies urged the government for more financial support to prop up affected businesses and prevent many from going to the wall.

But with inflation now at 40-year highs, pubs have been confronted

with a new challenge.

"Whilst pubs proved remarkably resilient during the pandemic, they're now facing new headwinds grappling with the cost of doing business crisis through soaring energy costs, inflationary pressures and tax rises," Altus Group UK president Robert Hayton said.

Separate research from industry bodies the British Beer and Pub Association (BBPA), the British Institute of Innkeeping and UKHospitality, suggests only about one-third (37 per cent) of hospitality businesses are in profit. —AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

China's car purchase tax cut benefits over 1 mln cars in one month

SOME 1.09 million cars enjoyed China's car purchase tax cut during the first month of the policy's implementation, according to the country's top taxation agency. The tax cut policy, which applies to some low-emission passenger vehicles, had saved about 7.1 billion yuan (about 1.06 billion US dollars) for car buyers, data from the State Taxation Administration showed. China decided in late May to halve the car purchase tax for passenger vehicles priced at no more than 300,000 yuan and with 2-litre or smaller engines, which will last from 1 June to the end of the year.

The move is part of China's policy mix to keep the economy stable as auto sales matter much to the country's consumption growth. Latest industrial data showed that car sales in China are perking up. Retail sales of passenger vehicles topped 1.42 million units during the 1 June - 26 June period, up 27 per cent year on year. —Xinhua

Vietnam's footwear export up 14.8% in 6 months

VIETNAM raked in more than 11.9 billion US dollars from exporting footwear from January to June, witnessing a year-on-year increase of 14.8 per cent, according to the country's Ministry of Industry and Trade on Monday. In the first half of 2022, the Southeast Asian country also earned more than two billion dollars from exporting handbags, wallets, suitcases, hats and umbrellas, up 20.4 per cent year on year. In 2021, Vietnam reaped over 17.6 billion dollars from exporting footwear, up 4.9 per cent year on year, according to the country's General Statistics Office. — Xinhua

Australian resources exports estimated to hit record high

THE value of Australia's resources exports has been estimated to hit a record high despite floods and COVID-19 interrupting the industry.

The federal Department of Industry, Science and Resources on Monday released Resources and Energy Quarterly (REQ) data for June 2022.

It revealed that Australia's resources and energy export earnings are estimated to reach a record 405 billion Australian dollars (277.6 billion US dollars) in the financial year 2021-22, up from about 320 billion Australian dollars (219.3 billion US dollars) in 2020-21.

The 2021-22 earnings were lower than the 425 billion Australian dollars (291.3 billion US dollars) projected in the March REQ — a drop that was attributed to flooding along much of Australia's east coast and disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Minister for Resources Madeleine King said the data proved Australia was a stable source of resources and energy. —Xinhua

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

AS the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 10th JULY 2022 (Qurbani Eid), 12th JULY 2022 (Full-moon Day of Waso) and 19th JULY 2022 (Martyr's Day), Loading, Unloading and delivery for Goods will be received on Payment as Holiday Fees.

MYANMA Port Authority "NOTICE of High Tide"

EXCEPTIONALLY high spring from 20.08 feet to 20.64 feet high above the chart datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period of July 13th to July 17th, 2022. Please be noted that it is not serious level of tide because the highest tide level have reached up to 22 feet above the chart datum in year 2014 and 2015, and this notice is normally issued whenever high tide of Yangon River is expected to reach over 20 feet high above the chart datum in order to take precautionary measures to the public living near river foreshore area of Yangon City.

GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Protests in US after release of video of police killing Black man



Demonstrators hold "Justice for Jayland" signs as they gather outside Akron City Hall to protest the killing of Jayland Walker, shot by police, in Akron, Ohio, 3 July 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

SEVERAL hundred protesters marched Sunday in Akron, Ohio after the release of body camera footage that showed police fatally shooting a Black man with several dozen rounds of bullets.

As anger rose over the latest police killing of a Black man in the United States, and authorities appealed for calm, a crowd marched to City Hall carrying banners with slogans such as "Justice for Jayland".

The slogan refers to Jayland Walker, 25, who was killed Monday after officers tried to stop his car over a traffic violation, police said. Sunday

marked the fourth straight day of protests. Demonstrations were peaceful but for a tense moment in which some protesters got close to a line of police and shouted at them.

After the first rally, a crowd of people remained in the street protesting.

Fearing potential unrest, authorities in the city of 190,000 people moved snowplows and other heavy equipment near the police department to serve as a barrier.

After initially providing few details of the shooting, Akron authorities released two videos

Sunday: one that was a compilation of body-camera footage, body-cam still frames and voiceover, and another of the complete body-cam footage of the entire chase and shooting.

The voiceover explained that Walker did not stop and drove off. Police engaged in a car chase and said a shot had been fired from Walker's vehicle.

After being chased for several minutes, Walker got out of his car while it was still moving and fled on foot. Officers tried to subdue him with their tasers, but he kept running. —AFP

Pope Francis denies resignation rumours

POPE Francis has rebuffed suggestions he may be readying to resign, saying in an interview published Monday that rumours he was suffering from a serious illness were "court gossip".

"It never crossed my mind", Francis told Reuters news agency after weeks of speculation.

Pressed on whether he might emulate his predecessor Benedict XVI, who was the first pope since the middle ages to resign, the Argentine said "for the moment, no. For the moment, no. Really!"

But in the interview, which took place Saturday at the Vatican, he repeated his often-stated position that he might resign someday if failing health made it impossible for him to run the Church.

Asked when that might be,

the 85-year old said: "We don't know. God will say."

Francis said he had suffered a "small fracture" in his knee, which was treated with laser and magnet therapy.

The knee pain forced him to indefinitely postpone a July trip to Africa.

He denied rumours that he had been diagnosed with stomach cancer during his colon operation in July 2021, saying it was merely "court gossip".

Francis will travel to Canada this month, after which he said he would like to travel to Moscow and Kyiv if possible.

The pontiff has repeatedly offered to help mediate in the war, saying he was hopeful for an invitation to visit Russian President Vladimir Putin following Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February. — AFP



Pope Francis leaves after celebrating a Holy Mass for the Congolese community, at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican on 3 July 2022.

PHOTO: AFP

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Facts about Russia-Ukraine conflict: Russia announces control of Lugansk, Kyiv denies reports on Lysychansk's capture

THE following are the latest developments in the Ukraine crisis:

Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu has informed President Vladimir Putin of the control of Lugansk, the Defence Ministry said Sunday.

The region has been "liberated" after Russian troops and the armed forces of Lugansk took full control of Lysychansk, a key city of Lugansk, and its nearby settlements, according to a brief statement by the ministry.

Shoigu told Putin that the total area of territories taken over the past day amounted to 182 square km, it added.

AN official of the Ukrainian Defence Ministry on Sunday denied reports that Lysychansk has been under the full control of Russian armed forces, the government-run Ukrinform news agency reported.

Yuriy Sak, adviser to Defence Minister Olexiy Reznikov, told BBC that the situation in Lysychansk has been "very tense for quite a long time," and Russian troops have been "constantly attacking the city".

Even if Russian forces were to seize the entire Lugansk region, the battle for Donbass, which comprises the Lugansk and Donetsk regions, will con-



Ukrainian soldiers ride an armoured vehicle on the main road to Lysychansk in Ukraine's eastern region of Donbas on 26 June 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

tinue as Ukrainian forces control much of the Donetsk region, Sak said, noting that several other large towns in Donetsk remained under Kyiv's control.

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelensky on Sunday held a meeting with visiting Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese to discuss security cooperation, the presidential press service reported.

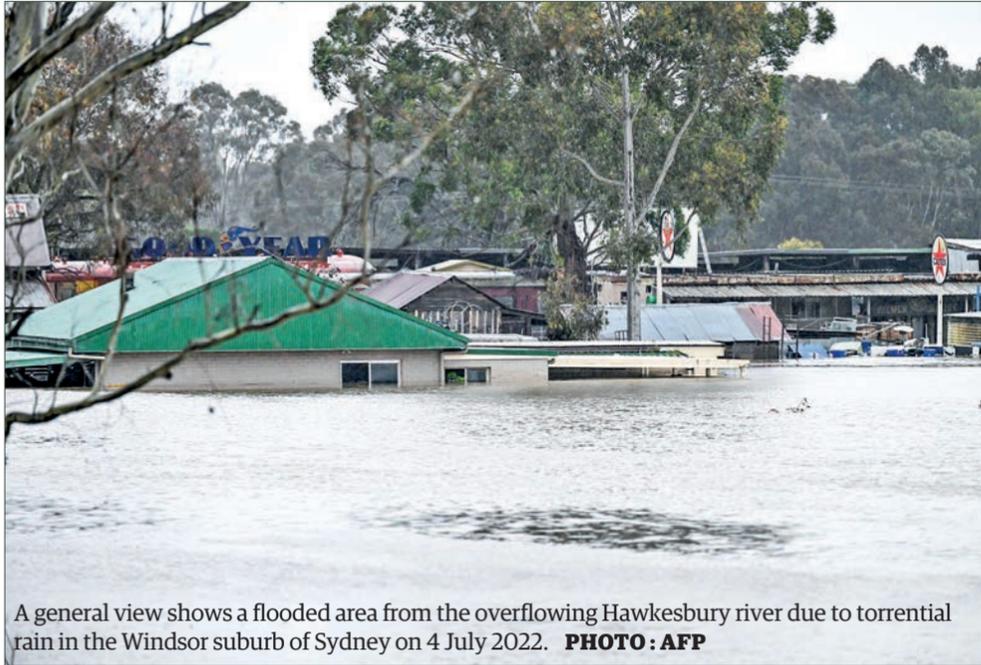
During the talks, Zelensky informed Albanese of the situation on the frontline in Ukraine, while the Australian prime minister announced more

military-technical assistance to Ukraine, the report said.

THE Russian Defence Ministry said Sunday that Ukraine has launched an attack by Tochka-U ballistic missiles with cluster munitions and Tu-143 Reys unmanned aerial vehicles on the residential areas in the southern cities of Belgorod and Kursk.

The Russian air defence has destroyed all the three missiles, the ministry said, adding that fragments of one of the destroyed missiles fell down on a residential building in Belgorod. — Xinhua

Thousands evacuate from 'dangerous' Sydney floods



A general view shows a flooded area from the overflowing Hawkesbury river due to torrential rain in the Windsor suburb of Sydney on 4 July 2022. **PHOTO: AFP**

RAPIDLY rising rivers swamped swathes of rain-lashed Sydney on Monday, forcing thousands to flee "dangerous" floods as the city's largest dam spilled torrents of water. On the third day of torrential east coast rains, emergency workers said they had rescued more than 140 people since the stormy weather began.

But evacuated residents in one area of western Sydney were now being allowed to return home, officials said, as weather conditions in New South Wales were forecast to ease over the next 24 hours. Many of those rescued had been trapped in their cars trying to cross flood-swept roads or were unable to leave homes surrounded by rising waters. Australia

has been at the sharp end of climate change, with droughts, deadly bushfires, bleaching events on the Great Barrier Reef and floods becoming more common and intense as global weather patterns change.

Higher temperatures mean the atmosphere holds more moisture, unleashing more rain. About 32,000 people were under orders to evacuate or be ready to flee across New South Wales, the state's emergency services said. The army sent 100 troops to help operations in the storm-battered state. "The ground is saturated, the rivers are fast flowing, the dams are overflowing," said State Emergency Services commissioner Carlene York. "It is particularly dangerous out there." —AFP

Iran says US failed to take initiative in Doha nuclear talks

THE United States failed to be constructive in the latest round of the talks on reviving the 2015 nuclear deal, the Iranian Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Monday.

According to the statement, Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amir-Abdollahian made the remarks in a phone conversation with his French counterpart, Catherine Colonna.

Though describing the Tuesday and Wednesday talks in Doha as positive, Amir-Abdollahian said, "we should wait and see how the American side would seek to use the opportunity of diplomacy."

"We maintain that reiterating previous positions should not replace a political initiative," he said.

Amir-Abdollahian added that Iran is serious about reaching a "good and lasting" agreement and has always presented its proposals and ideas in the negotiations.

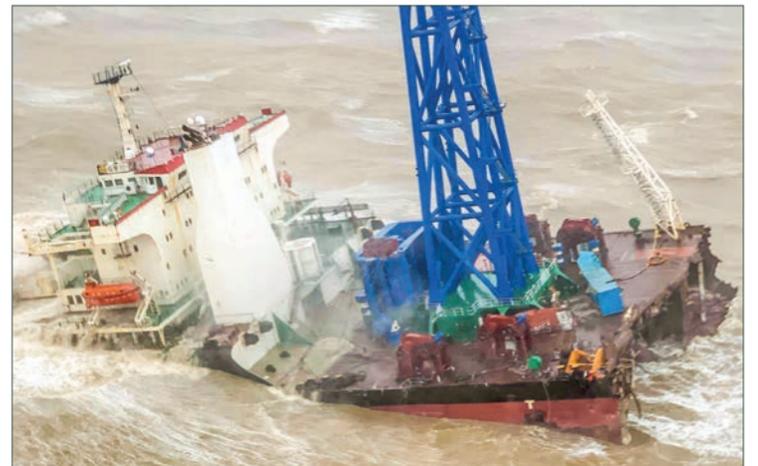
The two-day indirect talks between Iran and the United States in the Qatari capital last week failed to result in any agreement to settle remaining differences amid international efforts to restore the nuclear deal, formally known as the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). Iran signed the JCPOA with the world's major countries in July 2015, agreeing to curb its nuclear programme in return for removing sanctions on the country. —Xinhua

12 bodies found after South China Sea typhoon shipwreck: official

TWELVE bodies have been found following a shipwreck in the South China Sea over the weekend that left the crew of 30 missing, Chinese authorities said Monday. The announcement came days after an engineering vessel 160 nautical miles (296 kilometres) southwest of Hong Kong suffered substantial damage and broke into two pieces during a typhoon.

"As of 3:30 pm on 4 July, rescue forces found and recovered 12 bodies, suspected to be of victims who drowned, in an area around 50 nautical miles southwest of the site where the vessel sank," said the Guangdong Maritime Search and Rescue Centre in a notice on Monday.

"The relevant departments are stepping up identity confirmation work," the notice added. Three people had been rescued on Saturday and one more in the



This handout file photo taken and released by the Hong Kong Government Flying Service on 2 July 2022 shows a ship after it broke into two amid Typhoon Chaba, during a rescue operation of the crew members in the South China Sea, 160 nautical miles (296 kilometres) southwest of Hong Kong. **PHOTO: HANDOUT / GOVERNMENT FLYING SERVICE / AFP**

early hours of Monday, according to Chinese state media, leaving 26 more people still unaccounted for.

Dramatic footage provided by Hong Kong authorities

earlier showed a person being airlifted onto a helicopter while waves crashed over the deck of the semi-submerged ship below. —AFP

Bezos slams Biden appeal for lower gasoline prices

AMAZON founder Jeff Bezos has criticized President Joe Biden for calling on oil companies to lower sky-high gasoline prices, prompting the White House to come to the US leader's defence on Sunday.

"My message to the companies running gas stations and set-

ting prices at the pump is simple: this is a time of war and global peril," Biden tweeted Saturday.

"Bring down the price you are charging at the pump to reflect the cost you're paying for the product. And do it now," Biden added.

Bezos said Biden's remarks

amounted to "either straight ahead misdirection or a deep misunderstanding of basic market dynamics".

"Ouch. Inflation is far too important a problem for the White House to keep making statements like this," the US billionaire tweeted Saturday.

Gasoline prices at the pump have become a symbol of broader price rises in the United States, and they are sapping Biden's approval rating ahead of legislative elections in November.

Biden has regularly attacked oil companies, saying they only care about profits and not the

well-being of the average consumer.

The companies say in turn they have increased production to try to tame prices but that these are set on the world market and are subject to dynamics that are not under the control of US oil giants. —AFP

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Myawady beat ISPE 2-0 to grab their first victory



An ISPE FC player (yellow) vies for the ball against the Myawady FC player during their Myanmar National League match at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNL**

MYAWADY FC beat ISPE FC 2-0 on the third day of the second week of the 2022 Myanmar National League played at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

Myawady lost to Yangon in the first match, but in this match, they won the first victory

by defeating ISPE.

ISPE team defeated the Rakhine team in their first match but missed the chance to win this match.

It was a tough meeting between the two teams, so both teams opened attacks and scored chances.

The ISPE team had a chance to score in the first half but could not use it and had to concede a goal near the end of the first half.

The first goal for Myawady was scored by team captain Wai Yan Oo in the 43rd minute. In the second half, ISPE tried to get an equalizer but missed due to some weakness in the end.

The winning goal for Myawady FC was scored at 73 minutes by Thet Paing.

Out of the three matches played previously, the winners of the first match were Ayeyarwady United, Myawady FC and Maha United, and the losers are ISPE FC and Hanthawady United.

The second match of the second week will be held at 3 pm on 6 July at Thuwunna Stadium and the defending champions Shan United will play against GFA. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM

Djokovic sees Sinner in himself ahead of Wimbledon clash

NOVAK Djokovic admits he can see a lot of Jannik Sinner in himself as the pair face off for a place in the Wimbledon semi-finals on Tuesday.

Six-time defending champion Djokovic is in familiar territory, targeting an 11th semi-final at the All England Club and

43rd at the Slams.

Italian 20-year-old Sinner is yet to get past the quarter-finals of a major.

"I kind of see a little bit of myself in his game from the back of the court, playing flat backhand, constantly staying on the back of the line, trying to put pressure on opponents," said Djokovic.

The Serb easily won the pair's only previous meeting in straight sets on clay in Monte Carlo last year.

But beanpole Sinner impressively dismissed Spanish teenager Carlos Alcaraz in the

last 16 on Sunday, saving all seven break points faced.

Before this Wimbledon, he had never won a grass court match.

Sinner has been breaking new ground since his teens.

In 2021, he became the youngest player in the year-end top 10 since Juan Martin del Potro in 2008.

Earlier in the year, still 19, he became the first teenager to win an ATP 500-level event in Washington.

He was also the first Italian finalist in the history of the Miami Masters last year.

Physical frailties, however, are never far away. —AFP

Serbia's Novak Djokovic returns the ball to Netherlands' Tim van Rijthoven during their round of 16 men's singles tennis match on the seventh day of the 2022 Wimbledon Championships at The All England Tennis Club in Wimbledon, southwest London, on 3 July 2022. **PHOTO: 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.



A Myanmar team player (red) attempts to pass over Thai defenders during their group match of AFF U-19 Championship 2022 in Indonesia on 4 July 2022. **PHOTO: MFF**

Myanmar suffer 0-3 loss to Thailand in AFF U-19 Championship

MYANMAR U-19 boys' football team faced a 0-3 loss to ASEAN powerhouse Thailand team in the AFF U-19 Championship in Indonesia on 4 July.

Myanmar will have to fight for a place in the semi-finals after losing to Thailand, one of the potential rivals.

The Myanmar team tried to get a good result but had to concede three goals in the first half, which made it difficult to get equalizers.

The winning goals for the Thai team were scored in the 7th, 25th, and 33rd minutes. In the second half, the Myanmar

team changed players and increased their attacking power, but could not make any come-from-behind actions.

In another Group A match, Viet Nam beat the Philippines 4-1.

The Thai team wins two matches and earned six points and the Myanmar team has three points from two matches.

Viet Nam has four points and the Philippines have lost two games in a row. Team Myanmar will take on the Philippines on 6 July.—Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM