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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.

War vessels including two submarines, helicopters participate in Sea Shield-2022



State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing takes the salute of the submarines and warships in a single-line formation, which are to take part in the Sea Shield-2022 exercises.

THE Tatmadaw is taking the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) exercises to thoroughly defend the sovereignty of the State and territory and to ensure strong and dynamic defence capability. This year's Sea Shield-2022 is being taken with the participation of submarines Minye Theinkhathu and Minye Kyaw Htin from the Tatmadaw (Navy) in the Myanmar seas off the coast of Rakhine State as of

1 July.

Yesterday, Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspected the military exercises.

On arrival at the war vessel (Mottama) in the Bay of Bengal to inspect the war vessels in the exercise, the Senior General was welcomed by senior military officers from the military exercises. Those senior

military officers reported on the aim of the exercise and the participation of war vessels including submarines and helicopters as an above and underwater exercise.

In his response, the Senior General said that as the Tatmadaw is taking a leading role to defend all parts of the territory of the State, all Tatmadaw members need to have security knowledge and awareness.

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At present, the Tatmadaw (Navy) is being upgraded to become the Three Dimensional Combat Ready Navy to fully protect the specific economic zone of Myanmar seas for the first phase.

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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.

Information Team
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Eighth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee holds second-day session of 11th plenary meeting

THE second-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 Bhama Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Ko Ko, the director-general of the Religious Affairs Department and other officials of departments concerned.

Bhama Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa presided over the meeting and Joint Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Sandavamsa Lankara Bhivamsa acted as the master of ceremonies.

At the meeting, Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta



The second-day session of the eleventh plenary meeting of the eighth 47-member SSMNC is in progress.

ta Kovida reported on Vinicchaya while Sasana Dhaja Dhamma Cariya Bhaddanta Sanda on religious affairs and Agga Maha Pandita Dhamma kahtika Bahujanahitadhara Bhaddanta Pannasiha Bhivamsa on educational matters conducted during the term of eighth Sangha Nayaka Committee (second

subcommittee).

Then, the Sayadaws made decisions on Vinicchaya and religious affairs and concluded the event.

During the second session, the Sayadaws discussed and made decisions regarding Vinicchaya, and religious and educational matters.

Sangha Nayaka Committee (second subcommittee).

Then, the Joint Secretary Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Sandavamsa Lankara Bhivamsa sought approvals for reports of the eighth Sangha Nayaka Committee (second subcommittee).

Afterwards, all the Sayadaws recited Gathas and Sadhu three times and successfully concluded the eleventh plenary meeting of the 8th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee.

The disciples of Presiding Sayadaw Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Manita of Kyaikkasan Wailuwun (Shwegyin) in Thingangyun Township offer alms offering (day meal) for the whole day for their 33rd times.

Similarly, Shwe Than Lwin Company Patron Agga Maha Thiri Thudamma Theingi Dr Daw Ni Ni (Shwe Than Lwin Family) donated K200,000 each and offertories to all Sayadaws respectively. —MNA

Bogyoke Aung San Museum (Yangon) and Bogyoke Aung San House Museum (Natmawk) to be exhibited from 19 to 21 July

THOSE wishing to visit the 75th Martyrs' Day Special Exhibition to be held from 19 to 21 July at Bogyoke Aung San Museum (Yangon) and Bogyoke Aung San House Museum (Natmawk) can now pre-register online at <https://register.generalauungsanmuseum.com/>.

Applicants from the Online Registration will be able to enter the museum through a separate entrance without any delay. —MNA

13 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 5 July, total figure rises to 613,672

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **613,672** after **13** new cases were reported on 5 July 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **592,593** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll still stands at **19,434** without more casualties. —MNA

Further invitation to remaining groups to hold talks

DEMOCRACY as well as federalism requires equal rights. Talks will continue with the ethnic armed organizations to restore peace.

Good results came out from the talks with EAOs. Efforts will continue to restore peace by holding better talks.

Some EAOs cannot participate in the talks for various reasons. In line with the firm implementation of two political visions, the government further invites remaining groups to hold talks.

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

War vessels including two submarines, helicopters ...

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They have to effectively utilize the information with the defence outlook.

War vessels from the exercises in the single line formation drove past the Senior General.

As the VBSS exercise, war vessels found a suspect foreign commercial vessel passing the Myanmar waters. War vessel Mottama asked the vessel facts and informed it about receiving inspection under the ROE. But, the suspect vessel did not stop to accept inspection. So, Navy Seals conducted the Visit, Board, Search and Seizure procedure aboard the suspect with the use of an anchor launcher. They performed the inspection of documents, investigating crew members, cabins, cargo house and engine room. In inspection, they found the suspect vessel carried illegal cargoes. So, Navy Seals seized the suspect vessel as a training pattern.

Then, Frigate Hsinbyushin and Frigate Kyansittha performed the CASEX A-2 exercise to conduct joint surveillance of submarines. The war vessels in the exercise changed the battle line formation to attack the targets of the enemy at the sea in the marine enemy defence operation zone and totally assaulted targets of enemies with



State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the officers and other ranks who participate in the Sea Shield-2022 exercises.

heavy weapons.

The Senior General aboard the war vessel Mottama viewed the practical firing of torpedos, naval artilleries and machine guns to the above and underwater enemy targets after com-

pletion of the operation on defending a range of submarines and the submarine operations.

The Senior General delivered a speech to the officers and other ranks who participated in the exercises. Officers and other

ranks from submarine Minye Theinkhathu and submarine Minye Kyaw Htin and other war vessels took the speech aboard war vessel Mottama.

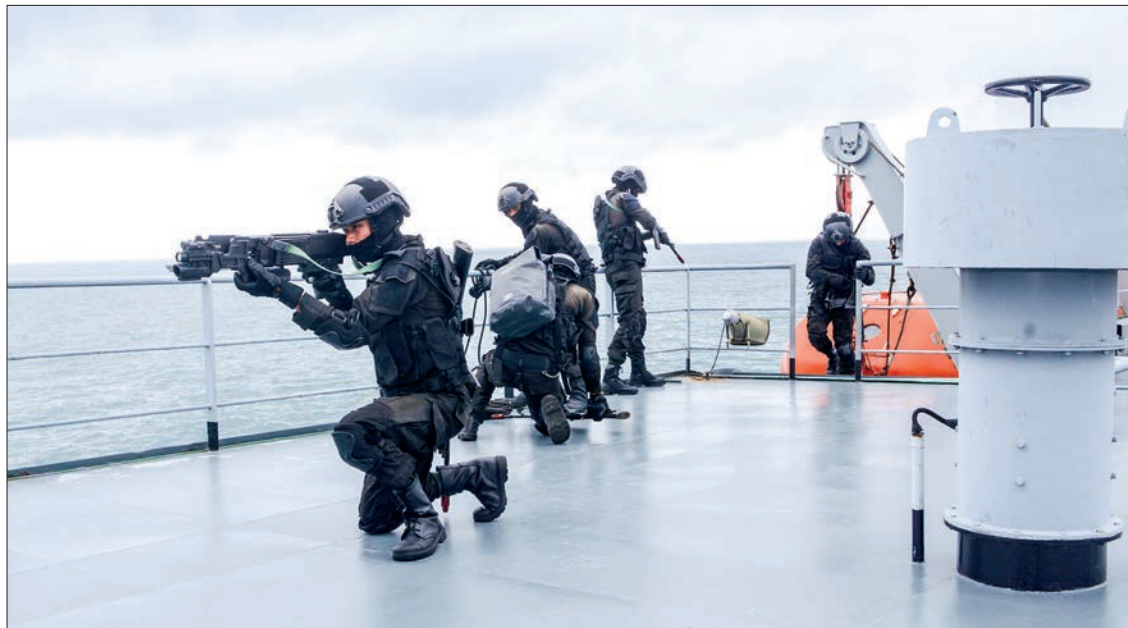
Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said the naval exercises were conducted as the naval and air force joint military exercises in 2009. These exercises improved year by year. Moreover, the nature and characteristics of exercises were thoroughly performed year after year. These exercises aim to enable Tatmadaw members to have friendliness with battlefields and have skills to utilize the power of the weapons. Only when participants in the exercise have good morale and capabilities will an exercise be successful. Although the naval exercises were held as naval and air force joint operations in the past, the Tatmadaw (Navy) has been upgraded to the three-dimensional combat-ready navy

at present. Last year's exercise used only one attack submarine. This year's exercise used two different types of submarines to have a great exercise experience.

The Senior General went on to say that Myanmar possesses some 1,300 miles of coastal line with more than 144,000 square miles of water territory. Hence, the Tatmadaw (Navy) alone cannot cover the vast water territory. At present, the Tatmadaw (Navy) is being upgraded to become the Three Dimensional Combat Ready Navy to fully protect the specific economic zone of Myanmar seas for the first phase.

He said that to become a naval troop with combat power, the Tatmadaw (Navy) must have the readiness of war vessels, readiness of weapons and systems and readiness of naval men similar to the Tatmadaw (Army).

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Naval men are pictured taking practical exercises.

War vessels including two submarines, helicopters ...

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Hence, it is not enough for operating capable war vessels in a three-dimensional operation arena but all need to always take training for combat readiness without forgetting the three readiness.

The Senior General presented gifts for officers and other ranks from the exercises to the naval division commander. The commander-in-chief (Navy) presented the honorary emblem of the Sea Shield-2022 to the Senior General. The Senior General and party left the war vessel Mottama by helicopter.



The Senior General on board the warship Mottama views the Sea Shield-2022 exercises (above and below).



Then, participants joined the exercises on battle damage assessment, RAS, fire fighting and damage control, search and rescue and towing.

The Sea Shield-2022 was successfully conducted with the participation of 20 war vessels including frigates, submarines and helicopters from the Tatmadaw (Air) amid the bad monsoon season at the exercise area. — MNA

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

THE Cambodian delegation led by Mr Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia and the Laotian delegation led by Mr Saleumxay Kommasith, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR, that attended the seventh Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Foreign Ministers' Meetings left Bagan yesterday morning from NyaungU Airport.

They were seen off by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Myo Htut, Minister for Mandalay Region's Natural Resources and Environmental Con-

servation U Myo Aung and departmental officials at the airport.

Mr Prak Sokhonn, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Cambodia, Special Envoy of ASEAN Chair left Yangon yesterday morning. He was seen off by Director-General U Zaw Phyto Win of the Strategic Studies and Training Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Cambodian delegation is seen off at Yangon International Airport.



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2022 Inter-State/Region Sepak Takraw Competition opened

THE opening ceremony of 2022 Inter-State/Region Sepak Takraw Competition jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs and the Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation was held at Wunna Theikdi Gymnasium (C) in Nay Pyi Taw at 9 am yesterday.

Members of the State Administration Council, Mahn Nyein Maung, Jeng Phang Naw Taung, U Mounng Har, U Sai Lone Saing, Dr Banya Aung Moe and U Shwe Kyein, Union Ministers, the chairman of the Union Civil Service Board, deputy ministers, departmental officials, officials from the Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation, team administrators, coaches and athletes from respective states and regions attended the event.

The event aims to help raise the standard of Myanmar Sepak Takraw sport and develop a new generation of athletes, to make the people interested in netball, cultivate friendship and patriotism among the competing athletes, and make the whole nation



SAC Members and dignitaries attend the opening event of the Inter-State/Region Sepak Takraw Tournament in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

healthy and strong, the Union Minister said.

Sepak Takraw is a sport that is enjoyed by people all over Myanmar and has won national honours at the Asian Games and the Southeast Asian Games.

It is also a sport for health in line with the motto of Myanmar Sepak Takraw motto, "Let us play Sepak Takraw for your health with low cost."

Myanmar Sepak Takraw team won 20 gold medals at

the Asian and Southeast Asian Games. A total of 75 medals were won, including 23 silver and 32 bronze medals.

At the 31st Southeast Asian Games held in Viet Nam, the Myanmar Sepak Takraw team won one gold medal and three bronze medals.

He called on the Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation officials and athletes to work together for the continued success at the Asian and Southeast Asian

Games.

The athletes who will compete in the State and Region Sepak Takraw Championships want to show their full potential for the victory of the team representing them and to do their best with full sports spirit.

He urged the Myanmar national team to produce good national athletes who can strengthen the national team through this competition and opened 2022 Inter-State/Region Sepak Takraw

Competition.

Athletes then recited the four sports oaths. After that, members of the State Administration Council, the Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs and officials greeted the team administrators and athletes.

The competition will run till 15 July with men's and women's teams competing. People who are interested in the sport can enjoy the tourney for free, officials said. —MNA

MoI Deputy Minister meets IPRD offices, re-transmission stations officials, staff in Shan State



MoI Deputy Minister U Ye Tint meets teachers and students of the BEHS No 5 Taunggyi.

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Ye Tint met district heads

and staff, heads and in charge of MRTV re-transmission stations

from Mongpan and Kengtawng townships at the District IPRD

office in Langkho on 3 July.

On 4 July, the deputy minister inspected the MRTV re-transmission station in Maukmai and also met the district head, township head and staff and MRTV re-transmission station in charge at the township IPRD office.

Then, he went to the Public Library of Hsihseng IPRD together with Pa-O Self-Administered Zone Chairman U Khun Ye Htwe and met officials and staff of the Hsihseng (Naung Htaw) re-transmission station, and also looked into Kyauktal-ongyi IPRD office.

He inspected Taunggyi MRTV re-transmission station and met with staff yesterday.

During the visits, the depu-

ty minister stressed the need to serve the duties faithfully, conduct creative actions, departmental cooperation, prioritize the young people and students and conserve the office buildings, books and materials.

On 5 July, the deputy minister inspected BEHS of Langkho Township and No (5) BEHS of Taunggyi Township and met with the educational officials, headmistresses, teachers and students.

Then, he gave the journals and magazines provided by the Ministry of Information and sports materials by the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs and cordially greeted the teachers and students. —District IPRD/GNLM

Public Notification

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

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

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

Public Notification

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

- Auto telephone number - 067 409 881
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 - Fax - 067 409 887
 - Email address - antiillegaltradeoffice@gmail.com
- Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee*

MoH Union Minister attends handover ceremony for promotion to Senior Nursing Officer — Staff Officer (Nurse)

UNION Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win attended a handover ceremony of promotion letters to the rank of Senior Nursing Officer/Staff Officer (Nurse) held yesterday morning in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the ceremony, the Union minister congratulated 150 nurses who have been promoted to the position of Senior Nursing Officer/Staff Officer (Nurse) and Nursing Officer in charge/Deputy Nursing Officer.

The government is giving special priority to the health sector: Allowances for uniforms, night meals charges of night duty, and postgraduate allowance are being awarded. The Union minister said the ministry has taken the time to coordinate with other departments in plan-



ning to train nurses as officers, and a total of 150 nurses were systematically promoted based

on the annual performance records.

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being awarded. The Ministry of Health has taken the time to coordinate with other departments

in planning to train nurses as officers. Based on the annual performance appraisal records, a total of 150 nurses were systematically promoted. Work is underway for the remaining senior nurses to be promoted, he added.

He called for the promoted nurses to take the lead in the management of the relevant hospitals/departments as well as the patient care activities, with more effective management to ensure quality and safe health care.

The Ministry of Health has selected nurses from various regions/states based on their annual performance appraisal records. The new nurses will be trained at the Nay Pyi Taw Medical Services Department on 5 and 6 July. — MNA

People's Republic of China donates over 6 millions yuan worth of materials for COVID-19 containment measures in Myanmar

THE handover ceremony of over 6 million yuan (over 1,752,000,000 kyats) worth of materials for effective response to COVID-19 donated by the People's Republic of China to Kachin State government was held at Teng Chong City in Bao Shan Prefecture, Yunnan Province on 5 July. Vice Governor of Baoshan Prefecture Mr. Cheng Dejun handed over the donated materials to U

Thaw Tar Aung, Consul-General of Myanmar in Kunming.

At the donation ceremony, the Vice Governor of Baoshan Prefecture explained the purpose for the donation and the Consul-General of Myanmar expressed words of appreciation for the donation.

The donated materials will be transported to Kachin State via border gate.—MNA



56th meeting of ASEAN NTOs and Related Meetings held online



LAOS hosted the 56th meeting of the ASEAN National Tourism Organizations (NTOs) via videoconferencing yesterday.

The meeting was co-chaired by Indonesia and Laos. The Leader of the Tourism Authority of Director-General U Maung Maung Kyaw of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism joined the event together with the representatives from the ASEAN NTOs, the ASEAN Secretariat, the ASEAN-China Centre (ACC), the ASEAN-Japan Centre (AJC), the ASEAN-Korea Centre (AKC), ASEAN Travel Association, ASEAN Travel Research As-

sociation, US-ASEAN Business Council, World Tourism Organization, World Travel and Tourism Council, Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) and other relevant organizations.

The meeting discussed the implementations of the ASEAN Tourism Strategic Plan (2016-2025) of respective countries including Myanmar, ASEAN Tourism Marketing Strategy (2021-2025), Mutual Recognition Arrangement for ASEAN Tourism Professionals (MRA-TP) Work Plan 2019-2023, processes of tourism recovery plans in the post-COVID-19 period, regional tourism development

activities of ACC, AJC and AKC and other matters.

The related meetings of the 56th meeting of the ASEAN NTOs such as the 41st Meeting of ASEAN + China, Japan, Korea Tourism Ministers and the 28th Meeting of ASEAN-India Tourism Ministers will be organized on 6 July.

They will discuss human resource development in ASEAN regions, information exchange, tourism promotion, communication, a recovery plan for ASEAN tourism and cooperation works with partner countries in reopening safe and quality tourism. — MNA

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LOCAL BUSINESS

Myanmar ships over 550,000 MT of rice in April-June

MYANMAR delivered over 550,547 metric tons of rice and broken rice in the past three months this year (April-June), according to Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

In the past three months, around 38 exporter companies delivered over 516,954 MT of rice to foreign trade partners through sea trade, whereas 33,593 MT were sent to neighbouring countries via border posts. The export volume in cross-border trade significantly plunged compared to the previous year's record owing to trade delays triggered by China's strict border rules. Myanmar shipped rice and broken rice to China, regional countries,

countries in Africa and European Union member countries through maritime trade.

Myanmar exported rice to around 20 foreign markets, mostly to the Philippines (65,990 MT) and China (54,635 MT).

Additionally, Myanmar primarily conveyed 66,853 MT of broken rice to Belgium, over 66,846 MT to China and 27,500 MT to Spain.

The prices of rice for the export market are rocketing on low supply, according to the Bayintnaung Rice Wholesale Depot.

The prices of low-grade white rice varieties were approximately US\$320-360 per MT depending on the different varieties and grades. The export



Export rice bags are seen being loaded onto one overseas-going vessel at Yangon Port.

price of Myanmar's rice was relatively lower than the rates of Thailand and Viet Nam. Yet, the

prices were higher than those of market prices of India and Pakistan, MRF's data showed.

The export rice prices (low grade) move in the range of K29,000 and K30,000 per 108-pound bag depending on different varieties in the domestic market, according to Bayintnaung Commodity Centre.

Myanmar has shipped more than 1.4 million tonnes of rice and broken rice to foreign trade partners between 1 October and 31 March in the past mini-budget period (2021-2022), Myanmar Rice Federation stated.

Myanmar also generated an income of US\$700 million from 2 million tonnes of rice exports to foreign countries in the past 2020-2021 financial year. — KK/GNLM

Companies registered on MyCO exceed 6,400 in past six months: DICA

THE number of companies registered on the online registry system, MyCO, amounted to 6,443 in the past six months (January-June) this year, the statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) indicated.

The registration and re-registration of companies on the MyCO website commenced on 1 August 2018, keeping in line with the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

The figures of registered companies stood at 8,011 in 2021, 15,080 in 2020, 17,380 in 2019 and 8,506 in 2018, as per statistics of the DICA.

The previously registered companies had to re-register on the MyCO and a total of 46,377 companies were re-registered on the MyCO between 1 August 2018 and 31 January 2019.

In addition, all registered companies need to file annual returns (AR) on the MyCO registry system within two months of incorporation, and at least once every year (not later than one month after the anniversary of the incorporation) under Section 97 of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

Under Section 266 (A) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017, public companies must submit



The office of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

annual returns and financial statements (G-5) simultaneously.

All overseas corporations must submit ARs in the prescribed format on MyCO within 28 days of the financial year ending, as per Section 53 (A-1) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

According to the DICA's report, 500 companies were suspended in May 2022 for failing to submit AR forms within the due date.

Newly established companies are required to submit ARs within two months of incorporation or face a fine of K100,000 for filing late returns.

The DICA has notified

that any company which fails to submit its AR within 13 months will be notified of its suspension (I-9A). If it fails to submit the AR within 28 days of receiving the notice, the system will show the company's status as suspended. Companies can restore their status only after shelling out a fine of K50,000 for the AR fee, K100,000 for restoration of the company on the Register, and K100,000 for late filing of documents.

If a company fails to restore its status within six months of suspension, the registrar will strike its name off the register, according to the DICA notice. — NN/GNLM

Potato acreage ends lower in Shan State due to high input cost

THE higher cost of agricultural inputs reduced the potato sowing acres in the southern Shan State this year.

Potato is primarily cultivated in Naungtaya, Heho, Pindaya and Nyaungshwe townships in the southern Shan State. Normally, the number of acreages was around over 40,000 acres. This year, it is down by one-third.

The cultivation cost was estimated at K2.5 million per acre in 2019, whereas it tremendously surged to K5 million per acre in 2021.

As a result of this, the growers reduced the sowing acreage from 20 to 10 acres. Some of them turned their eyes to other profitable crops.

The price of potatoes ranges between K450 to K1,200 per viss during the 2016-2019 harvest season. This year, the prices spiked to K1,300-K2,000 per viss.

Earlier, Chinese potatoes were mostly imported through border posts at cheaper rates. The dumping policy injured the pricing in the domestic market.

Nonetheless, border trade restrictions during the COVID-19 pandemic and the dropping sowing acres pushed the potato prices up in the local market.

Additionally, potatoes imported by China and Bangladesh are priced not lower than K1,000-K1,100 per viss. The locally

produced potato can compete in the market against those imported ones. Potatoes are expected to fetch a reasonable rate in the coming harvest season on account of the good quality, said potato growers in Naungtaya Town.

Potatoes are cultivated in the southern Shan State in the winter and rainy seasons. Monsoon potato cultivation starts in March and April and they are harvested in August and September.

The winter potato is grown in August-September and yielded in October and November.

The potato varieties were not imported in 2020. The old potato varieties were kept in the cold storages of Heho Potato Association (1,000 tonnes storage capacity) and Naungtaya Potato Association (2,000 tonnes storage capacity) and they were distributed to the growers.

This year, the growers' groups and associations purchased potato varieties from the Netherlands, China and India and distributed them. Some made purchase orders of new varieties from the Netherlands as well.

The growers directly purchase potatoes from the growers' groups and commodity depots in Aungban and Yangon markets.

There are two types of potatoes delivered to the snack food industry and the local market. — NN/GNLM

OPINION

Boost agriculture and livestock sectors in modernizing the nation

EVERYBODY needs to consume food on a daily basis for their living. Only when their foods are nutritious, can they make efforts for the standing of their life. Food is essential for daily personal goods. To do so, they do cultivation and livestock and then consume these products.

Myanmar is based on agriculture and livestock farms. Most of the rural people are operating agriculture and livestock farms. Agriculture and livestock cost is very cheap. As such, if they make utmost efforts for operating the agriculture and livestock farming works, the production volume will increase and a surplus of products can be exported.

Myanmar is engaged in the cultivation of crops on 33 million acres of farmlands in addition to 11.7 million acres of doubled crops and over 34 million acres of mixed crops, totalling more than 48 million acres. If crops can be cultivated on all sown acreage, it can increase the volume of agricultural produce, creating more job opportunities.

Not only agriculture and livestock sectors but others need the strengths of new generations to initiate the improvements of these sectors to be able to contribute much to the process of building the nation to have progress and prosperity in the restoration of perpetual peace.

fertilizer in agricultural farms.

As part of the effort to implement one of the economic objectives — To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy, the government is striving for boosting production of both agriculture and livestock farms with the purpose to penetrate the value-added products into the international market.

Farmers from both sectors need to observe modern techniques to be applied on their farms to ensure food sufficiency for the people as well as generate jobs for new generations. If so, those new generations need to catch up development of agriculture and livestock farms abroad by seeking the expertise and experiences of foreign experts.

Not only agriculture and livestock sectors but others need the strengths of new generations to initiate the improvements of these sectors to be able to contribute much to the process of building the nation to have progress and prosperity in the restoration of perpetual peace.

Cultural sympathy upon all with humane activities

By Aung Kyaw Thant

RECENTLY, I read a story on social media, that mentioned a good idea to review the nature of human life in the secular world. Let me retell it to all readers.

Retelling the story

Once upon a time, there was a king who wanted to know the histories of humans all over the world. So, the king ordered his royal counsellors to compile these kinds of histories. A few days later, a bullock cart-load of compiled leather sheets arrived in front of the royal palace. As it was no time to invent paper to be used for daily routine, all the inscriptions were compiled on leather sheets.

So, the king was surprised and asked his royal counsellors about the root cause. Royal counsellors supplicated that these were the leathers on which the histories of humans were compiled. They had collected these sheets compiled by some scholars for three years to the royal palace, he added.

Hence, the king gave an order to summarize the histories because he did not have enough spare time for reading all. But the royal counsellor made ready for doing something. He brought a separate leather sheet and gave it to the king.

The king asked him again what it was. The royal counsellor supplicated that such a leather

sheet brought the summarized human history from all parts of the world. How unbelievable it was! Could a leather sheet bring human history? Yes, it was. The leather sheet bore two sentences only, mentioning that they were given birth, and they died. That was life. It was a summary of human history.

A short period of human life

The preamble of human history starts with giving birth and ends with death. No one has been avoiding it up to now. On the other hand, it is a Universal truth. The period between giving birth and death is very short. All events of humans happen within 100 years. In fact, the life expectancy of a human is gradually declining year after year. Some countries have a large number

of more than 90 years old people. So, when they count the average life expectancy stands at more than 70 years for the people. If they do not have older persons above 90s, their life expectancy will decline.

During such a short period of life, all humans focus on committing exploitation, monopolization, dominance, occupation and interference over others on a daily basis. Most humans are committing malpractices, misdeeds and inappropriate acts and making trouble for others for their survival. They pave their way to the future with the life, limbs and blood of others. They all seem their behaviours and acts would be true and these would be the best ways for life.

Need to notice all events in

the society

Actually, these behaviours and acts are deceiving their minds to commit misdeeds over others. On one hand, these behaviours and acts motivate a situation to do some inappropriate acts against others with a view to causing a great disserve to others. When one does wrongdoing for a long time, one seems such an act would be true. As such, all the humans who do some acts many times for a long time seem it would be good acts and would be appropriate. Even if they do not have to commit something they do not invest consideration and critical thinking, they may seem their acts might be the best. Hence, all human beings need to avoid the wrong ways which would be basic to derail from the correct path.

In human history, all humans would do many things till their dying days. But these acts should be beneficial for all. Their acts should not harm others. They should not make trouble for any other. They should stand on the right track, marching toward the goal of life. They should not utilize others as a stepping stone to get a good result.

In human history, many events proved most of the persons cruelly utilized and exploited others to have the better result in their interests without sympathy and empathy. Some persons commit the acts of taking strengths from others to apply them in their works, identified as one kind of exploitation. Most of the powerful countries exercise bullying over other small countries, seeming that all the

acts they do are always fair. Such a nature can be seen among the people of the society. They seem they themselves are saviours in all measures. It may be (maybe) true sometimes but generally, their acts are extremely away from the correct path. Their acts can be dubbed as posing pressure and tension to sufferers.

Do you agree to renew human history?

Human histories in successive eras have been bringing wars, conflicts and disputes in a distinct manner. Global people whether they agreed or disagreed solved these problems with the lives of humans. They rewrote the histories again and again with the bloody wars and weeping people. Whatever it may be, all the problems for humans

ended at death. Those humans were given birth to serve the world with their lives. Many wars, conflicts and disputes will come out one after another in continuation till the infinity periods. It can be said these events will be endless. In solving events, innocent humans lost their lives but no one emphasizes it.

Even though the eras of the world change one after another, the lives of pawn humans were wasted without sympathy. Truly, all humans should foster humanitarian acts and exercise doing something in conformity with the humane rules.

Giving birth and death are the universal truth for all. Whether anyone renews human history, all the global people should efficiently and correctly utilize such a short period of their lives with correct attitudes by beautifying the world and by benefiting society of humans.

Covid-19 misinformation fuels anti-vaccine movement

MORE and more parents are questioning the need for routine vaccinations for young children. Adults are also skipping shots, even with vaccines with a long safety record. The trend comes amid a wave of misinformation and disinformation about Covid-19 and the vaccines that have helped curb deaths from the pandemic. The politicization of Covid-19 vaccination has fueled the anti-vaccine movement and contributed to the decline in routine vaccinations against measles, polio and other dangerous diseases.

"They ask if these are really necessary or if we can give them at a later date," said Jason Terk, a Texas pediatrician and spokesman for the American Academy of Pediatrics. "That's not the majority of parents, but we're seeing a higher number."

The anti-vaccine movement has mushroomed as its messages on social media are amplified by conservative political figures and foreign influencers whose vaccine disinformation efforts predated the pandemic. As rates of routine vaccination fall, there are growing concerns about a resurgence of diseases

that have been largely eradicated in many parts of the world.

In the United States, the percentage of preschoolers with recommended immunizations fell one percentage point to 94 per cent in the 2020-21 school year, equivalent to about 35,000 unvaccinated children.

"I call it parallel contagion," Terk said. "This seems to have its origins in reluctance to vaccinate against Covid-19 and an increasing distrust of vaccines and the bodies we have come to rely on to keep us healthy and well."

Dramatic changes were seen in some states, particularly during the peak of the pandemic: Researchers found a 47 per cent drop in vaccination rates in Texas among five-month-olds and 58 per cent among 16-month-olds between 2019 and 2020.

The researchers, writing in the scientific journal *Vaccine*, said the declines were due to shelter-in-place restrictions and vaccine exemptions, but also to "an aggressive anti-vaccine movement in Texas".

Washington state reported a 13 per cent drop in childhood immunization rates in 2021 from pre-pandemic levels, and Michigan's infant immunization rate fell



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to 69.9 per cent last year, its lowest level in a decade.

Adults too

Adult and adolescent vaccination rates for vaccines to protect against diseases such as influenza, hepatitis, measles, tetanus and shingles have also fallen, according to health consultancy Avalere,

which analyzes insurance claims.

This has resulted in an estimated 37 million missed vaccine doses in adults and children aged seven and older from January 2020 to July 2021, according to Avalere.

Drops early in the pandemic can be attributed to community orders and social distancing, but "there is a risk of spillover" of mis-

information about Covid vaccines affecting other vaccines that have a long-standing safety record, noted Avalere Management director Jason Hall.

Social media has helped form a coalition that includes outright anti-vaccine, libertarian and conservative politicians. Those segments were reinforced by dis-

information actors from Russia and elsewhere, said David Broniatowski, a professor at George Washington University and associate director of the school's Institute for Data, Democracy and Politics.

"People have been against vaccines for as long as vaccines have existed, but they've gotten more sophisticated in the last 10 years, and a lot of that comes down to the ability to organize across borders on social media," Broniatowski said, researching vaccine disinformation.

He noted that while not necessarily coordinating, anti-vaccination activists, libertarians and foreign agents "have found common ground" in opposing vaccination mandates.

"One of the most important changes we've seen is the shift from focusing on vaccines per se as a health issue to a civil rights and political issue," he added.

According to a 2021 YouGov poll, conspiracy theories have surged during the pandemic, with 28 per cent of Americans and a sizable number elsewhere saying the truth about the harmful effects of vaccines is being "deliberately concealed."

SOURCE: AFP



BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 6 July 2022: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago Regions and Kachin, Kayah States and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay, Magway, Taninthayi Regions and Shan, Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squall with rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Wave height will be about (9-12) feet in off and along Myanmar Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase of rain in Bago, Yangon Regions and Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States. **FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 July 2022:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 July 2022: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 July 2022: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

EARTHQUAKE NEWS

A slight earthquake of magnitude (3.0) Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about (1) mile northeast of Yangon (Hline Township)), latitude 16.86°N, longitude 96.13°E, depth (10) kilometres, about (2) miles west-southwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (07)hr (39)min (03) sec M.S.T on 5 July 2022.

CURRENT AFFAIRS

One-day quarantine in Mae Sot needed for Myanmar MoU workers



Health workers are making preparations to test Myanmar workers for Covid-19 on the Myanmar-Thai border.

STARTING on 4 July, Myanmar workers with the MOU system, who are going through the Myawady-Mae Sot No (2) friendship bridge to Thailand for work in the past, need to stay for a day in the Mae Sot quarantine centre.

Instead of testing COVID-19 on the bridge as before, the health examination process is moved to Malkulam

village near Mae Sot where the quarantine centre is located. The Thai government announced MOU workers need a day of quarantine in the centre near the village.

Previously, MOU workers, who entered from the Myawady-Mae Sot No (2) friendship bridge, were tested for COVID-19, prepared for paperwork and delivered

directly to the factories and workplaces as per the contract without any quarantine by officials from Mae Sot.

MOU workers need to enter one-day quarantine but have some difficulties as some agencies ask K1.7 million for service fees in addition to 6,000 Thai baht for one-day quarantine at present. — TWA/GNLM

Over 150 CB Bank ATMs available for cash withdrawal

THE CB Bank made an announcement on 5 July saying that cash withdrawal will be available at its 151 ATMs across the country.

Cash can be withdrawn at a rate of K200,000 per day up to K500,000 a week from an old bank account, and K1 million per day up to K5 million a week

from a special account. In addition, ATMs in hotels, hospitals and public places will be refilled weekly.

Of 151 ATMs that are available for cash withdrawal, 74 ATMs are in the townships in Yangon Region and 77 ATMs in other regions and states. — TWA/GNLM



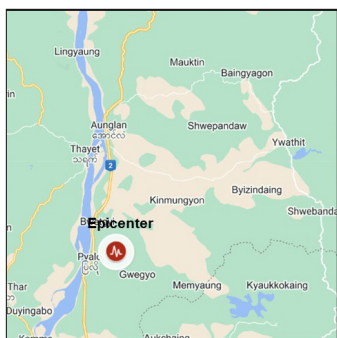
A customer is pictured withdrawing cash at one CB Bank ATM.

Eight earthquakes hit Myanmar within eight days

DURING the eight days from 28 June to 5 July 2022, earthquakes jolted inside Myanmar eight times, according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

An earthquake with a 3.7 Richter Scale hit the area, 63 miles west of Kanbalu earthquake observatory camp at 12 hours 24 minutes 56 seconds MST on 28 June, and one more earthquake with a 4.7 Richter Scale in the area, 65 miles south-southeast of Tamu observatory camp at 00 hour 31 minutes 56 seconds MST on 30 June and another one with 5.4 Richter Scale in the area 22 miles east-southeast of Kengtung observatory at 1 hour 24 minutes 42 seconds MST on 30 June.

Similarly, a slight earthquake with a 3.8 Richter Scale shook in the area 10 miles east and southeast of Kengtung observatory camp at 17 hours 43 minutes 47 seconds MST on 1 July, and a moderate earthquake with a 4.8 Richter Scale in the area 36 miles northeast



The epicentre of the quake.

of Kengtung camp at 21 hours 31 minutes 37 seconds MST on 2 July, and another moderate earthquake with 4.8 Richter Scale in the area 82 miles west-northwest of Nay Pyi Taw camp at 8 hours 56 minutes 14 seconds MST on 3 July.

A slight earthquake with a 3.0 Richter Scale in the area, two miles west-southwest of Kaba Aye camp at 7 hours 39 minutes 03 seconds on 5 July and another one with a 3.5 Richter Scale jolted in the area 72 miles south west of Nay Pyi Taw camp at 22 hours 59 minutes 58 seconds MST on 5 July. — GNLM

Over 1,100 fruit stalls available for rent at Danyingon wholesale market

PLANS are underway to rent more than 1,100 fruit stalls at the Danyingon wholesale market, according to the Yangon City Development Committee.

There is a total of 1,120 fruit stalls at the market (1) of the wholesale market, one of the stall types is five feet by 11 feet and the other one is five feet by 13 feet. The cost

of the rent is K100,000 for the former and K125,000 for the latter. Those who want to rent can pay the rental fees each month and sign a one-year contract. — TWA/GNLM

Weekly update of Bayintnaung commodity prices

ACCORDING to sources at the Bayintnaung Market, Kyukok garlic and fresh peppers are leading the Yangon market with high prices between 29 June and 5 July.

The prices of black gram and pigeon pea are also fluctuating and the price of palm oil dropped by K200 per viss on 5 July, despite a sharp rise in prices on 4 July.

Onion, which is popular with daily buyers and sellers in the Yangon market, is less volatile in onion growing areas and the Yangon market. On 5

July, the highest price of onion in Seikphyu was K1,375, Yaw-sa type was K1,450, and Pale type was K1,525 respectively. One day, 150,000 visses of onion from various parts of the country entered Yangon. The opening price of the market was K1,150-1,450-1,550-1,650 per viss respectively for wholesale onion from the Seikphyu area, and K1,250-1,500-1,600-1,700 per viss for wholesale onion from Monywa.

Shan garlic prices fell slightly, while Kyukok garlic prices rose due to some prob-

lems at the border. On 5 July, the wholesale price of Shan garlic was K2,000-2,550-3,200-3,500 per viss and K2,850 per viss for Kyukok garlic.

On 5 July, the wholesale price of one viss of Shan potatoes was K1,550 and 1,650 and Chinese potatoes cost K1,700, and 60,000 pounds of potatoes arrived that day. The least volatile commodity in the market is sugar, jaggery, and tamarind. In terms of rice prices, the prices of raw and broken rice decreased slightly. — TWA/GNLM

NEWS IN BRIEF

Mecca businesses see hajj boom ending pandemic slump

"BUSINESS is back", exclaims Abdullah Mekhlafi at the shop where he sells prayer mats in Islam's holiest city, which is preparing for the biggest influx of hajj pilgrims since the coronavirus pandemic began. Two years of drastic restrictions on the number of pilgrims who could perform the hajj emptied shops and hotels across the Saudi Arabian city of Mecca. But business owners are hoping for a quick recovery as hundreds of thousands of worshippers flock to the region this week. "We had few customers (during the last two hajj seasons), but today business is back, thanks to God. It's the same as before, and even better," 30-year-old Mekhlafi told AFP.

One million people, including 850,000 from abroad, will be allowed at this year's hajj, one of five pillars of Islam which all able-bodied Muslims with the means are required to perform at least once in their lives.—AFP

COVID-19 cases increase in Kyrgyzstan

KYRGYZSTAN has seen rising COVID-19 cases in recent weeks, according to the country's Ministry of Health. Over the past week, 48 cases have been registered in Kyrgyzstan from 27 June to 3 July, the ministry said Monday, adding that nine of the cases were imported from Russia, Turkey, Uzbekistan and the United States.

Reportedly, 43 cases were detected in Bishkek, four in Chui Oblast and one in the city of Osh.

In total, 201,101 COVID-19 cases have been registered in Kyrgyzstan since the pandemic started in the country in March 2019. —Xinhua

Singapore president tests positive for Covid



The city-state, a trade and aviation hub, reopened its borders and lifted most virus restrictions after the number of cases fell and most of its population was vaccinated. Singapore joins other countries in the region that have recently dropped travel curbs as they shift to living with COVID-19. **PHOTO: AFP**

SINGAPORE'S president announced Monday she had tested positive for Covid-19, but said that her symptoms were mild as she had been vaccinated.

"Just tested positive for COVID-19 with mild flu-like symptoms," Halimah Yacob said

in a Facebook post.

"Thankfully, I have been vaccinated and boosted. I hope to recover soon and am sorry to have missed the events this week." Singapore's presidency is a largely ceremonial role, with the prime minister running the

country's affairs.

The city-state, a trade and aviation hub, reopened its borders and lifted most virus restrictions after the number of cases fell and most of its population was vaccinated, though people are still required to wear masks indoors.

But cases have risen recently, with the health ministry reporting nearly 6,000 new infections on Monday.

Apart from the president, two other senior government officials also tested positive for Covid-19: parliamentary speaker Tan Chuan-Jin and Minister for Culture, Community and Youth Edwin Tong.

"All good things must come to an end. My COVID-free days are over," Tan Juan-Jin said on Facebook. Tong's infection was announced during Monday's parliamentary session. At the start of the pandemic, the country of 5.5 million kept Covid-19 cases low through border closures and a tough lockdown.— AFP

China's Anhui ensures daily supplies amid latest COVID-19 resurgence

EAST China's Anhui Province, which is combatting the latest COVID-19 resurgence, has taken a range of measures to guarantee the supply of daily necessities.

From 26 June to 4 July, a total of 186 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 895 asymptomatic carriers had been logged in the latest epidemic resurgence in Anhui, with the majority of cases being reported in Sixian County, the provincial health commission said Tuesday.

More than 60 supermarkets have been arranged to supply daily necessities to residents in the virus-hit Sixian, where 52 confirmed cases and 164 asymptomatic carriers were reported on Monday alone.

To reduce people-to-people contact, residents can place orders online. Nearly 30,000 orders of individual and collective

buying are delivered per day on average in Sixian, according to Lu Qiang, head of the county's bureau of commerce.

"I bought two packages of chicken wings, four apples, eight steamed buns and some vegetables. It cost me less than 80 yuan (around 12 US dollars), which is about the same price at normal times," said a resident surnamed Yao, who did the grocery shopping online.

Local authorities are also monitoring prices and cracking down on illegal behaviours such as hoarding, fabricating information and price gouging. At present, daily necessities such as flour, rice, meat, cooking oil and more are in stable supply in Sixian. "We deliver about 3,000 orders of groceries per day on average," said Meng Tao, general manager of Jiamei supermarket in the county.—Xinhua

New Zealand detects Omicron subvariant BA.2.75 for 1st time

THE Omicron subvariant BA.2.75 has been detected in New Zealand for the first time as the country recorded 9,629 new community cases of COVID-19 and 24 more deaths, the Ministry of Health said on Tuesday.

Analysis of whole genome sequencing has confirmed two cases in New Zealand with BA.2.75. Before testing positive for COVID-19, both cases had recently travelled to India, where this subvariant has been detected, the ministry said in a statement.

"At this stage, there is no evidence that BA.2.75 requires a shift in public health settings already in place to manage other Omicron variants," it said, adding that there is no current evidence that it leads to more severe disease, although assessing the evidence is at a very early stage.

BA.2.75 is a recently identified second generation subvariant of BA.2, the dominant



A convoy of trucks and other vehicles sit parked on the streets in front of Parliament in Wellington on 8 February 2022, during a demonstration against Covid restrictions, inspired by a similar demonstration in Canada. **PHOTO: MARTY MELVILLE / AFP/FILE**

variant circulating in New Zealand at this stage. BA.2.75 has only been recently identified as distinct from BA.2, and evidence on its transmissibility, immune evasiveness and severity is still preliminary and emerging, the statement said.

In addition, 47 new cases of COVID-19 were detected at the border over the past 24 hours.

Currently, 493 patients are being treated in hospitals due to COVID-19, including 11 in intensive care units or high dependency units.— Xinhua

ECONOMY WORLD

China asks US to scrap tariffs, sanctions before expected summit

CHINA has asked the United States to remove additional tariffs and sanctions imposed on Beijing, state-run media reported Tuesday, amid growing expectations that the leaders of the world's two major powers may hold talks in the near future.

Vice-Premier Liu He, China's chief trade negotiator with

the United States, and US Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen exchanged views on economic and trade issues during a video call on Tuesday, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

"The Chinese side expressed its concern about issues including the lifting of additional tariffs on China and sanctions by the US side, and fair treat-

ment of Chinese enterprises," according to the news agency.

Liu and Yellen agreed to maintain communication, Xinhua reported. The White House said late last month that US President Joe Biden is likely to have an opportunity to speak with Chinese President Xi Jinping within the next few weeks.—Kyodo



A container ship berthing at the port in Qingdao, in China's eastern Shandong province. **PHOTO: STR / AFP**

Gas consumption set to contract due to Russia: IEA

GAS consumption will contract slightly this year due to high prices and Russian cuts to Europe, with only slow growth over coming years as consumers switch to alternatives, the IEA said Tuesday.

The International Energy Agency chopped its forecast for global gas demand by more than half in its latest quarterly report on gas markets. It now expects growth of just 3.4 per cent by 2025, an increase of 140 billion cubic

metres (bcm) from 2021 levels, which is less than the 175 bcm jump in demand registered in 2021 alone. "The consequences of Russia's invasion of Ukraine on global gas prices and supply tensions, as well as its repercussions on the longer-term economic outlook, are reshaping the outlook for natural gas," said the IEA.

"Today's record prices and supply disruptions are damaging the reputation of natural gas as a reliable and affordable energy

source, casting uncertainty on its prospects, particularly in developing countries where it had been expected to play a growing role in meeting rising energy demand and energy transition goals," it added.

While Russia has cut supplies to Europe and European nations have pledged to wean themselves off Russian gas, the impact quickly rippled throughout the world. European nations are trying to make up the shortfall by importing more liquefied natural gas (LNG) shipped by tanker, which the IEA said is creating supply tensions and leading to demand destruction in other markets. It warned that the scramble for LNG risked not only causing economic harm to other more price sensitive importers, but pushing up prices and thus contributing to additional revenues for Russia. "In this context, an accelerated phase-out of Russian gas should primarily focus on reducing gas demand and scaling up domestically produced low-carbon gases" such as biogas, biomethane, and green hydrogen, said the IEA.—AFP



This picture taken on 29 March 2022 shows gas pipelines at the Barcelona's Enagas regasification plant, the oldest in continental Europe, located at the Muelle de la Energia in the port of Barcelona, during a visit for the international press. **PHOTO: JOSEF LAGO / AFP**

LATEST DEVELOPMENTS

Saudi to hand out billions to ease inflation pain

SAUDI Arabia announced Monday it was disbursing billions of dollars directly to citizens to ease the effects of inflation amid growing online expressions of frustration over rising prices.

"A generous royal order was issued approving the allocation of financial support in the amount of 20 billion riyals (around \$5.3 billion) to face the repercussions of rising prices globally," the official Saudi Press Agency reported, attributing the decision to King Salman.

Roughly half that amount would come via direct cash transfers to social security beneficiaries, the SPA report said.

Earlier on Monday, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman "stressed the need to take into account the neediest citizens in the face of international developments that resulted in rising costs of some basic needs", a separate SPA report said.—AFP

I.Coast eyes cassava for its bread as wheat prices surge

AS wheat prices are pushed up by the war in Ukraine, bakers in the West African state of Ivory Coast are beginning to use locally produced cassava flour to bake bread.

The baguette, the baguette very popular in the former French colony, is commonly considered a measure of the cost of living.

But Côte d'Ivoire does not produce wheat domestically, instead importing up to a million tons of the grain a year, mostly from France.

Soaring wheat prices have fueled concerns about the impact in a country of 25 million people, where the average wage is less than 250,000 CFA francs (\$400) a month, and which was rocked by a spate of violence less than two years ago.—AFP

German central bank urges caution on ECB crisis tool

THE European Central Bank should only use a planned tool to fight elevated borrowing costs in the eurozone in exceptional circumstances, the head of the Bundesbank said Monday.

The ECB said mid-June it would design an instrument to limit differences in the borrowing costs faced by members of

the currency club, which have increased in response to as the eurozone's central bank moves closer to hiking interest rates later this month.

Controlling the divergence is "right at the core" of the ECB's mandate of price stability, President Christine Lagarde has said.

But Bundesbank President Joachim Nagel said the move could only be justified in "exceptional circumstances".

Assessing whether elevated borrowing costs for more indebted members of the eurozone were fundamentally justified or not is "virtually impossible", he told a financial conference in

Frankfurt via videoconference.

"Monetary policy must not be driven by what are often very short-lived developments in the financial markets," added Nagel, who sits on the ECB Governing Council that sets interest rates.

The German central bank has been one of the more con-

servative concerning monetary policy and has opposed measures that could be seen as underwriting the borrowing of eurozone governments.

It would be "fatal" if eurozone members assumed the ECB would always step in to "assure favourable financing terms", said Nagel.—AFP

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**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(16/2022-2023)**

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats.

Sr No.	Tender No.	Description	Remarks
(1)	DMP/L-031(22-23) (Retender)	Mud Chemical (4) Items	Ks
(2)	DMP/L-069(22-23) (Retender)	Assorted Sizes of Pipe Fittings (11) Items	Ks
(3)	DMP/L-175(22-23)	Spares for JC-70 B Drawwork Ex ZJ 70L Drilling Rig (21) Items	Ks

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from **6 July 2022** at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the **Technical Specifications and Commercial Quotation with Original Bid Bond in each separate sealed envelopes** on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than **12:00 pm on 20, July 2022**.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time – **20-7-2022, 12:00 pm**

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V TRIESTE TRADER VOY.NO. (225W/226E)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **6-7-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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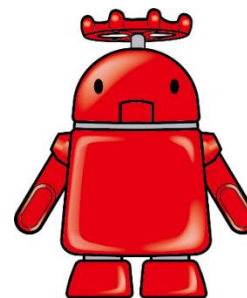
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Suez Canal records highest ever annual revenue of \$7 bn

EGYPT'S Suez Canal Authority announced Monday an all-time revenue record, earning US\$7 billion during the last fiscal year following a series of toll hikes for vessels transiting the vital waterway.

Between July 2021 and June 2022 — Egypt's fiscal year — some 1.32 billion tonnes of cargo were shipped through the canal, Suez Canal Authority (SCA) chief Osama Rabie said.

The income is over a fifth higher than the previous fiscal year's \$5.8 billion in transit fees, and the highest figure ever record-



Egyptian coast guards patrol as a ship navigates the Suez Canal on 30 March 2021. **PHOTO: TAREK WAJEH / AFP**

ed. "Global crises have proven the importance of the Suez Canal to ensuring the sustainability of global supply chains," Rabie said Monday.

Connecting the Red Sea and the Mediterranean, the canal accounts for roughly 10 per cent of global maritime trade. —AFP

China mulls dipping into pork reserves to rein in costs

CHINESE authorities said Tuesday they could dip into pork reserves

A resident buys meat at a supermarket in Songjiang District of east China's Shanghai, 10 May 2022. **PHOTO: XINHUA/LI HE**

and ordered suppliers to slaughter more pigs in a bid to rein in the cost of the staple meat, after prices soared by almost a third year-on-year.

Beijing's top economic planner was forced to respond after pork prices in

the country spiked, with regulators blaming suppliers for "blindly holding supplies" and being reluctant to sell.

The National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) said that reluctance was aimed at

boosting profits, ordering major suppliers to kill pigs at a "regular pace" and stop hoarding, Xinhua said.

Late last month the meat sold for 32 per cent more than in June 2021, it added.—AFP



GLOBAL AFFAIRS

Georgians rally en mass for EU, urge government to quit

GEORGIANS held a new mass rally on Sunday demanding the resignation of the government for failing to formally secure its candidacy for membership of the European Union.

The Black Sea nation has been in the grip of mass protests since EU leaders decided in late June to delay Tbilisi's bid for membership pending deep political reforms.

The largest demonstrations in decades, which saw at least 120,000 people take to the streets on 20 June, are being

organized by leading pro-democracy groups and backed by opposition parties.

More than 35,000 demonstrators gathered in front of the Georgian Parliament on Sunday evening, blocking traffic on the main thoroughfare of the Georgian capital, Tbilisi, according to an AFP local correspondent.

Demonstrators waved Georgian and EU flags and sang the national anthem, while many held up placards reading "We are Europe".

"Our demonstration focuses on the historic goal of Georgia's European integration," one of the organizers of the rally, prominent writer and civil rights activist Lasha Bugadze, told the crowd.

"The government's response to our constructive, peaceful and non-violent protests has been grossly inadequate," he said. The ruling party accuses the opposition of "plans to overthrow the authorities by organizing anti-government rallies." — AFP



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S. Korea holds 1st talks of body on wartime labour during Japan's rule

SOUTH Korea said Monday that it held the first meeting of a public-private body it has set up to resolve the wartime labor issues during Japan's colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula, pledging to work toward a solution to the

issue.

"The government will listen to opinions of those who were directly involved in the wartime forced labour issue and of various fields while making continuous efforts in seeking a reasona-

ble solution" through the future meetings of the public-private body, the Foreign Ministry said in a statement.

Experts and lawyers of South Korean plaintiffs who won compensation cases against

Japanese companies will be requested to give their views on the issue in the meetings, the ministry said.

Last month, local media reported that the public-private body would be established to

prevent the liquidation of assets of the two Japanese companies that the plaintiffs have seized. Japan has protested against the liquidation as Tokyo sees the issues as settled decades ago.—Kyodo

RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

Putin orders Russians to fight on after key Ukraine city falls



Young men ride bicycles among debris in Lysychansk, Ukraine. **PHOTO: AFP**

PRESIDENT Vladimir Putin on Monday ordered Russian troops to press their offensive deeper

into the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine after Moscow's forces seized the strategic city of Lysy-

chansk. Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu told Putin at a meeting that Moscow's forces were now in full control of the Lugansk region. In a sign there would be no let-up in the fighting and that Russia now had its eyes on the entire Donetsk region, Putin told Shoigu that troops stationed there must continue their operations.

"Military units, including the East group and the West group, must carry out their tasks according to previously approved plans," Putin said. "I hope that everything will continue in their direction as has happened in Lugansk so far." —AFP

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

East region falls

UKRAINIAN forces are withdrawing from the strategic eastern city of Lysychansk and handing over control of much of the industrial Donbass region to Russia, which it has vowed to "liberate". The Ukrainian army says the decision to withdraw from the last remaining state-controlled city in the Donbass region, Lugansk, was made "to save the lives of Ukrainian defenders in the face of superior Russian firepower".

Lysychansk is the second Donbass city to fall in less than two weeks, after neighbouring Severodonetsk. Russia's victory in Lugansk frees its forces to advance deeper into neighbouring Donetsk.

Dead in Donetsk

UKRAINIAN President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said Russian shelling killed six people, including a nine-year-old girl, in the city of Sloviansk as the battle for Donbass shifted west to Donetsk. According to local authorities, two more people were killed and three injured during a strike over the weekend in the town of Dobropillia, southwest of Sloviansk.

SOURCE: AFP

Wheat war: Ukraine conflict raises hunger fears

RUSSIA'S invasion of agricultural power Ukraine has severely disrupted the global wheat market, prompting warnings that the conflict could lead to hunger in some countries.

Why is wheat irreplaceable?

Wheat is milled into flour to make a huge range of foods, from bread to pasta to desserts.

"Everyone eats wheat, but not everyone is capable of producing it," says Bruno Parmentier,

an economist and author of the book "Feeding Humanity".

Only around a dozen countries produce enough wheat to be able to export it, too.

China is the world's top producer but is also a major import-

er of the commodity to feed its 1.4 billion people.

Russia, the United States, Australia, Canada and Ukraine are the world's top exporters.

Egypt, Indonesia, Nigeria and Turkey are among the top

importers.

Why are wheat prices high?

Grain prices were already high before Russia began its invasion of Ukraine in February.—AFP

Chile president receives draft constitution



The president and vice-president of Chile's constitutional convention Maria Elisa Quinteros (L) and Gaspar Dominguez (R), respectively, hand the final draft to President Gabriel Boric, at the National Congress in Santiago. **PHOTO: AFP**

CHILE'S constitutional convention on Monday handed its proposed new constitution to President Gabriel Boric ahead of a planned September referendum on adopting the text.

The convention, made up of 154 members who are mostly political independents, spent a year creating the new document to replace the constitution adopted during the Augusto Pinochet dictatorship (1973-1990). The impetus for rewriting the constitution came from massive social unrest that erupted in October 2019, initially against a hike in metro fares but that morphed into general anti-government protests over inequality.

"We should feel proud that

during the deepest crisis... in decades that our country has lived through, we Chileans have chosen more democracy, not less," said Boric during a ceremony in Santiago.

He immediately signed a decree calling a referendum on 4 September, where voting in the deeply polarized country of 19 million people will be obligatory. Rewriting the dictatorship-era constitution was a major demand of protesters who flooded onto the streets in 2019 and kept up weekly demonstrations for months before the coronavirus pandemic curtailed them.

"Once again, the people will have the final word on their destiny. We are beginning a new stage," said Boric.—AFP

Police arrest suspect after gunman kills six at US 4 July parade

POLICE arrested a suspect Monday after a mass shooting left six dead at a US Independence Day parade in a wealthy Chicago suburb, casting a dark shadow over the country's most patriotic holiday.

Robert Crimo, 22, was identified as a "person of interest" and became the target of a massive manhunt across the town of Highland Park in Illinois, where a rooftop gunman with a high-powered rifle turned a family-focused 4 July parade celebration into a scene

of death and trauma. Firing into the holiday crowd, the shooter caused scenes of total chaos as panicked onlookers ran for their lives, leaving behind a parade route strewn with chairs, abandoned balloons and personal belongings. Emergency officials said around two dozen people, including children, were treated for gunshot injuries, with some in critical condition. After a brief car chase, Crimo was taken into custody "without incident", Highland Park police chief Lou Jогmen told reporters.—AFP

Lebanon gas row tops agenda as Israel PM visits Paris

ISRAELI Prime Minister Yair Lapid makes his first foreign trip as prime minister on Tuesday to Paris, where he will ask President Emmanuel Macron to intervene in a gas row with Lebanon.

Lapid took over as prime minister on Friday after the collapse of Israel's coalition government, which will see the country return to the polls in November for its fifth general election in less than four years.

The rising leader faced his first test a day later when the Lebanese Hezbollah movement fired three drones at an offshore gas field in the eastern Mediterranean.

"Hezbollah is continuing the path of terrorism and hampering Lebanon's ability to reach an agreement on a maritime border," Lapid said Sunday.

Lebanon rejects Israel's claim that the Karish gas field is within its territorial waters.

Israel and Lebanon resumed negotiations over their maritime border in 2020, al-



Israel's Prime Minister Yair Lapid arrives to attend the first cabinet meeting in Jerusalem on 3 July on Tuesday, Lapid is in Paris on his first foreign trip as premier. **PHOTO: POOL/AFP**

though the Karish site is outside the disputed area and is marked as Israeli on previous UN maps.

The US-backed talks were blocked by Beirut's demand that the UN maps be changed.

Bilateral talks in Paris will also include Hezbollah's backer Iran, as Israel firmly opposes

international efforts to revive a nuclear deal with Tehran.

Israeli officials fear that lifting sanctions on Iran in exchange for curbing its nuclear programme could allow Tehran to increase funding for Hezbollah as well as the Palestinian militant group Hamas.—AFP

Families' pain still raw ahead of Italy bridge trial



A playground under the new bridge will become a memorial park for victims of the disaster. **PHOTO: AFP**

THE screams of people trapped under a collapsed bridge in Genoa in 2018 still torment those who witnessed the deadly disaster, for which 59 people go on trial this week.

The Morandi highway in the northwestern Italian city gave way in torrential rain on 14 August four years ago, flinging cars and lorries into the abyss and killing 43 people.

"The sadness is unending," Egle Possetti, who heads a committee for victims' relatives, told AFP. Her sister Claudia died in the disaster, along with her family. "My sister was so happy. She had married Andrea a few days before the tragedy. They had just returned from their honeymoon in the United States", she said.

Claudia's children, aged 16 and 12, and her new husband Andrea were in the car with her as the ground dropped beneath them.—AFP



Myanmar players sign contracts with Thai clubs

AS the Thai league matches of the 2022-2023 season will start soon, the participating teams are preparing for the new season and signing contracts with Myanmar players.

As of 5 July, according to official press releases, four Myanmar players have joined the new club, with one signing a contract extension with the previous club.

Defender Zaw Min Tun has returned to his former club, Thai League-1 club Chonburi.



Myanmar defender Zaw Min Tun holds the insignia of the Chonburi FC after signing the contract with the club. PHOTO: CHONBURI FC

Mid-

fielder Nyein Chan Aung will play for Thai League-2 club Nakhon Si Thammarat and Than Paing has moved to Thai League 3 club Kanchanaburi with a one-season contract.

Striker Aung Kaung Marn signed a one-season contract extension with Thai League-2 club Udon Thani last season.

Among the newcomers, Zaw Min Tun has been playing for Thai clubs since 2019. He returned to Chonburi after playing for Thai League 2 club Trad.

Hein Phyo Win, Than Paing and Nyein Chan Aung are the first to arrive at foreign clubs.

Some Myanmar players have been playing for Thai clubs for the past few years, and the number has increased since the end of last year.

In addition to Thai clubs, Myanmar footballers also play in clubs in Malaysia, Thailand, Viet Nam, Cambodia and Laos and have more than 15 expatriates so far.

Some Myanmar footballers are also trying to play abroad and more transfers are expected this month. — 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.

Myanmar stamps class on Timor-Leste with 7-0 victory in AFF tourney

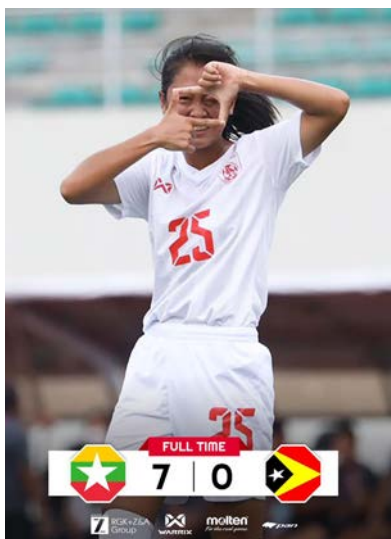


PHOTO: MFF

MYANMAR women's national football team made a big 7-0 win over Timor-Leste in the AFF Women's Championship 2022 at Binan Stadium in Laguna, the Philippines yesterday.

Myanmar got an icebreaker in the 15-minute mark and the opener was scored by Myanmar star player Naw Htet Htet Wai.

Next, the second and third goals were scored by July Kyaw at 19 and 32 minutes.

The fourth goal was scored by team captain Khin Malar Tun at 38 minutes and Wai Phoo Eain scored the fifth goal at 45 min-

utes.

Myanmar led the match with 5-0 at the first half end.

Timor-Leste more relied on their massive defence play in the second half.

The sixth and seventh goals for team Myanmar was scored at 59 and 74 minutes by Myat Noe Khin.

Myanmar celebrated with a big 7-0 victory over Timor-Leste in the final whistle.

Myanmar will next play against Cambodia on 9 July in their group match of the AFF tourney. — GNLM

Premier League clubs given green light to apply for safe standing

PREMIER League clubs have been told they can apply to use safe standing areas from the start of the 2022-23 season.

Chelsea, Manchester City, Manchester United and Tottenham took part in a safe standing pilot in the second half of last season, with second-tier Cardiff also joining the experiment. The scheme proved a success and the British government has given the green light for all clubs in the Premier League and Championship to request a safe standing licence if they wish.

"Thanks to a robust trial, thorough evidence and modern engineering, we are now ready to allow standing once again in our grounds," UK Culture Secretary Nadine Dorries said on Monday.

"We are not reintroducing terraces and only clubs which meet strict safety criteria will be permitted." Brentford, Wolves and second-tier QPR will offer designated standing areas for home and away fans in the coming season, with other clubs expected to apply. —AFP

Nadal ignores body language at Wimbledon as Halep eyes semis

RAFAEL Nadal has shrugged off fresh concerns over his fitness as he targets a place in the Wimbledon semi-finals on Wednesday.

The 36-year-old Spaniard played his last-16 clash at the All England Club on Monday against Botić van de Zandschulp with strapping across his abdomen.

Only last month, he won a 14th French Open with his troublesome left

foot anaesthetised before undergoing career-saving treatment.

Nadal refused to discuss whether or not his latest physical concern is a worry.

"I'm a little bit tired to talk about my body, all the issues that I am having. I prefer to not talk about that now," said Nadal.

"All respect for the rest of the opponents. For the moment I am healthy

enough to keep going and fight for the things that I want." Nadal is halfway to the first calendar Grand Slam by a man since Rod Laver in 1969.

After needing four sets in each of the first two rounds to progress, Nadal has since looked impressive, sweeping past Lorenzo Sonego and Van de Zandschulp to make the quarter-finals for an eighth time. —AFP



Moving on: Rafael Nadal. PHOTO: AFP