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Stakeholders must adhere to NCA provisions and seek solutions through dialogue

STATE Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri

Thudhamma Min Aung Hlaing sent a message to the ceremony to mark the 69th Anniversary of Kayin State Day, which falls on 7 November 2024. The full text of

the message is as follows: -

Esteemed ethnic national brethren from Kayin State

I extend my greetings to all ethnic national brethren in Kayin State and across the Union with my best wishes for all
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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing shakes hands with Chinese Premier Mr Li Qiang during their meeting in Kunming, China, yesterday.

Myanmar and China pledge to strengthen ties and cooperation

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Chinese Prime Minister Mr Li Qiang hold talks in Kunming, China.

STATE Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is now in China to attend the summits, met Chinese Premier Mr Li Qiang at Haigeng Garden

Hotel in Kunming yesterday.

Premier Mr Li Qiang warmly received the Senior General, and both parties posed for commemorative photos to mark the occasion.

During the meeting, Mr Li Qiang expressed his warm welcome to the Senior General and party, highlighting the connection between the mountains and rivers
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Quality Seeds and Techniques: The Backbone of Agriculture

BASICALLY, thriving agriculture requires quality seeds, fertile soil, natural and inorganic fertilizers, an adequate volume of agricultural water, and proper farming techniques.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with the Magway Region government and district-level departmental officials on 24 May 2024 to talk about regional development)



U Thit Linn Ohn presents Credentials to President of Russian Federation

U Thit Linn Ohn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Russian Federation, presented his Credentials to Mr Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, President of the Russian Federation, on 5 November 2024, at the Grand Kremlin Palace in Moscow. — MNA

Special Weather News

Issued at (15:00) hours MST on 6 November 2024

ACCORDING to the observations at (12:30)hrs MST today, due to the South China Sea waves, development of cumulonimbus clouds and the convergence of warm air from the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal and cold air from the China high pressure system, cyclonic circulation which may form over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kayin, Mon States and fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah States with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavyfalls and strong wind from today noon up to 8 November 2024.

Advisory

People should be aware of the natural disasters such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning strikes, lightnings, hails, flash flood and landslide in the hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flight. — DMH

EARTHQUAKE NEWS

A slight earthquake of magnitude (3.4) Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about (46) miles east of Homalin), latitude 24.89°N, longitude 95.62°E, depth (10) kilometres, about (96) miles northeast of Tamu seismological observatory was recorded at (12) hr (59) min (33) sec MST on 6 November 2024. — DMH

Appointment of Cambodian Ambassador to Myanmar agreed on

THE Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Mr Cheng Manith as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Yangon.

Mr Cheng Manith was born in Siem Reap, Cambodia, in 1974. He obtained a Bachelor of Business Administration in 1996, and a Master of International Studies in International Relations from the University of Queensland, Australia, in 2008. He began his career at the Ministry of Commerce, where he served from 1996 to 2000. He then worked at the Department of ASEAN, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, holding various positions, culminating in his role as Deputy Director from 2000 to 2008. From 2008 to 2013, he served as Deputy Chief of Mission/Counsellor at the Royal Embassy of Cambodia in the State of Kuwait. Subsequently, he was appointed Director of the Department of International Cooperation from 2013 to 2017, followed by his role as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Cambodia to the Lao People's Democratic Republic from 2017 to 2020. He then served as the Deputy Director-General in the Department of Asia-Pacific from 2020 to 2021. Since September 2021, he has been serving as Director-General at the Department of International Cooperation. — MNA

Appointment of Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar agreed on

THE Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Mr Bounphieng Chanthavong as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar with residence in Yangon.

Mr Bounphieng Chanthavong was born in Vientiane, Lao PDR, in 1975. He obtained a bachelor's degree in Public Administration from the Institute of the Lao National Politics and Public Administrative in 1997, a diploma in Myanmar Language from Yangon University of Foreign Languages in 2001, and a master's degree in International Developmental Study from Lao National University in 2017. He served at the Department of Treaties and Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR from 1997 to 2004, at the Lao Embassy in Yangon from 2004 to 2010, at the Office of the National Boundary Committee, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR in various capacities from 2010 to 2020. Since October 2020, he has been serving as Deputy Director-General at the Office of the National Boundary Committee, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lao PDR. — MNA

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

ARMED terrorists have been launching attacks by using residential homes and administrative buildings in towns and villages as cover, where they have forcibly settled. They aim to shield themselves from Tatmadaw counterattacks while also persuading temporarily displaced persons to return to their native areas and recruiting new members. That enables terrorists to use civilians as human shields. Tatmadaw is committed to safeguarding the sovereignty of the State and will respond to these threats based on intelligence and prevailing conditions. Therefore, residents in areas where terrorists have taken control must prioritize their safety and protect themselves from being exploited by these groups.

(Excerpt from guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to Shan State cabinet members and state-level departmental officials on 3 September 2024)

Myanmar and China pledge to strengthen ties and ...

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of the two countries, sharing longstanding Pauk-Phaw friendship, and collaborating to overcome the changes and challenges in political affairs. He also expressed his willingness to enhance the bilateral relations and cooperation.

The Senior General expressed appreciation for the hospitality of the Chinese government and officials, and for successfully holding the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and the 3rd plenary session of the 20th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China.

He added that the meeting could discuss the existing bilateral relations and Pauk-Phaw friendship-related matters, and it could create close collaboration in regions and on the international stage in addition to the two countries. One China policy was adopted successfully over 70 years after the founding of China, and Myanmar has always supported the One China policy as it is a crucial cornerstone of China.

He also expressed gratitude to China for assisting after Typhoon Yagi hit Myanmar, saying China is the second largest investor among the 52 foreign countries investing in Myanmar, and a special focus is placed on the safety of Chinese investments, projects, and people.

He continued that Myanmar will work with China for assistance in economic and technology, as well as the enhancement of collaboration and energy security, aiming to develop the country. The Muse-Mandalay-Kyaukpuy railway road project will start in possible areas.

He then mentioned the innovative opinions and active



SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing poses for the documentary photo alongside his counterpart Chinese PM Mr Li Qiang at the MoU and MoA signing ceremony.

collaboration while meeting with Chinese entrepreneurs who make investments in Myanmar and those who want to invest in Myanmar while he is on his visit to Kunming. He also pledged to provide the needed assistance.

He also talked about Myanmar's ongoing strategies for the economic corridor under the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor project. He discussed the plans for the agricultural, sports, health, and rural development sectors.

Concerning peace, he continued that Tatmadaw declared a unilateral ceasefire in 2018 and worked for peace. Tatmadaw conducted a counterattack when the armed groups started fighting during the period of ceasefire. MNDA, TNLA, and AA rejected the government's peace talks in April 2022. The MNDA attacked the military outposts in the border area of Shan State (North) and Chin-

shwehaw on 27 October 2023 to re-establish their Special Region 1. Although it reached an agreement after the negotiation with the Chinese government, they broke the agreement and initiated attacks in towns and villages. The door of peace is always open if they genuinely want peace. The armed insurgents should do what needs to be done instead of giving priority to their needs and wishes. Moreover, the MNDA, TNLA, and AA should have clear and specific actions for peace so that dialogue can materialize. Stability and development in border areas are crucial for regional and State development, and only stability can promote cooperation in economy and trade. Therefore, illegal trading, the central pillar of armed insurgents in borders, should be wholly eradicated. Border trade plays a vital role, whereas yuan-kyat direct payment is in operation.

Then, the Chinese Premier

pledged to stand with Myanmar for internal peace and stability as an excellent neighbouring country.

Moreover, he appreciated the Myanmar government for inviting peace dialogues to solve armed conflicts without terror acts but with political means.

He continued that China agreed with a five-point roadmap of the State Administration Council and will continue to support holding the election successfully. The stability in northern Myanmar is crucial, and China reaffirms the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Myanmar and strongly opposes the actions that harm the interests of Myanmar.

Moreover, he mentioned that the border posts of the two countries should be under the control of governments, and proper measures will be taken to enhance China-Myanmar relations and trust politically.

He added that the China-Myanmar Economic Corridor project is a top project, so the work plans should be accelerated. Starting from the 75th anniversary of the establishment of China-Myanmar diplomatic ties, cooperation in various sectors will be made to consolidate bilateral friendship and deepen the collaboration between the two peoples. He then pledged that China would firmly stand with Myanmar on the international stage.

After the meeting, the two leaders warmly greeted the attendees.

Then, the exchange of MoU and MoA between China and Myanmar continued. The Myanmar Consulate-General Office in Kunming and the Chinese Consulate-General Office in Mandalay signed MoUs on the exchange of a land lease agreement, upgrading of training, chemical needs and a plant for pest and disease control for agricultural products, accurate measurement technology collaboration, and another MoA between Standardization Administration of China (SAC) and the Department of Research and Innovation (DRI) of Myanmar, including sports sector promotion. During that session, the relevant officials of the two countries inked seven MoUs and MoAs and exchanged them in the presence of the Senior General and the Chinese Premier.

The Senior General attended the dinner party for the Eighth Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Programme (GMS) Summit at Kunming Intercontinental Hotel on the same evening.

The Senior General had dinner with other officials, enjoying traditional Chinese dances and songs. — MNA/KTZH

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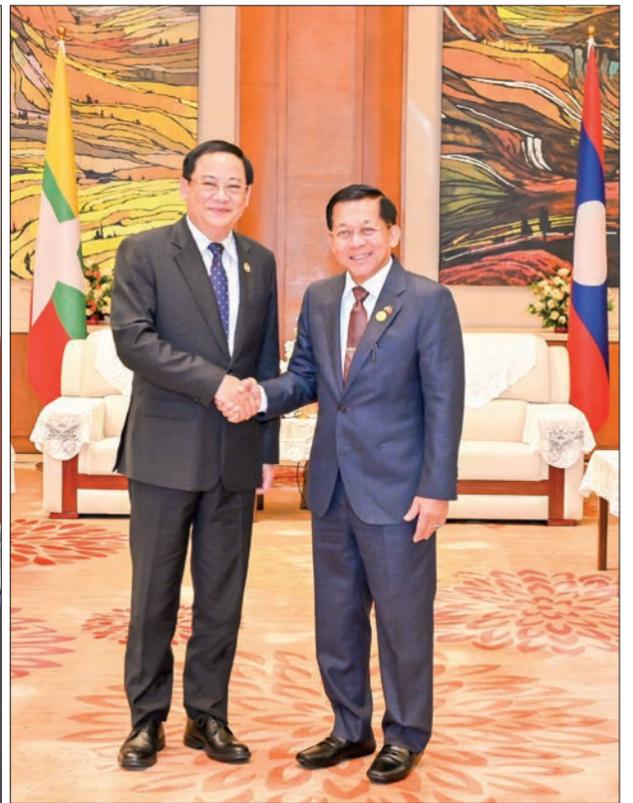
Myanmar and Cambodia, Myanmar and Laos to enhance friendly relations and cooperation

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Prime Ministers bound for attending summits in Kunming.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing yesterday held meetings with Prime Ministers who will attend the summits, including the Eighth Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Program (GMS) Summit to be held in Kunming of the People's Republic of China.

At the separate meetings yesterday morning, the Senior General met Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Hun Manet and party at the Green Lake Hotel and Prime Minister of Laos Mr Sonexay Siphandone and party at the HUALUXE Kunming Hotel.

They cordially exchanged views on the enhancement of friendly relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Cambodia and Myanmar and Laos, political progress in Myanmar and current actual situations, preparations to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election, the best cooperation of Myanmar in ASEAN, participation of Myanmar in ASEAN meetings, needs to resolve the situations of Myanmar peacefully, plans of Cambodia and Laos to provide aid to Myanmar as much as they can, measures on friendly ties,



SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets the Cambodian PM (L) and Laotian Premier (R) in Kunming, China.

diplomatic relations, and exchange of goodwill visits among Myanmar, Cambodia and Laos, enhancement of trade, investment, tourism, social and cultural

sectors between the two countries, and promotion of cooperation in other sectors.

After the meetings, the Senior Gen-

eral cordially greeted Prime Ministers from Cambodia and Laos and those attendees. — MNA/TTA

SAC members meet ethnic communities

MEMBERS of the State Administration Council Mahn Nyein Maung and Khun San Lwin, along with Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Jeng Phang Naw Taung, Kayin State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo, and U Saw Tun Aung Myint, Head of the Council's Central Advisory Committee met representatives of ethnic groups in Zweekabin Hall in Hpa-an, Kayin State. The meeting, held yesterday, gathered members from ethnic peace organizations, political parties, cultural associations, social organizations, government departments, and various community groups.

At the gathering, Mahn Nyein Maung discussed the council's efforts toward national peace,

stability, and development, emphasizing ongoing peace initiatives. Khun San Lwin spoke about the challenges faced due to armed conflicts and called for

public cooperation in anti-terrorism operations and strengthening health, education, and human resource development among ethnic communities.

Union Minister Jeng Phang Naw Taung elaborated on the government's support for ethnic languages, literature, and cultural preservation. Chief Minis-

ter U Saw Myint Oo highlighted regional development in Kayin State, including health, education, and agriculture sectors, alongside peace initiatives.

During the discussion, leaders from various groups shared their views on peace-building, elections, and local development. In response, SAC members, ministers, and officials provided clarifications and engaged in dialogues on these subjects.

Following the discussion, SAC members, the Union minister, the chief minister, and the advisory committee head awarded financial support to local ethnic literature and cultural groups. They also greeted the attendees warmly, offering words of encouragement. — MNA/KZL



The meeting between SAC members and representatives of ethnic groups in progress yesterday.

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Consulate staff urged to enhance political and economic measures, promoting State prestige

It is necessary to carry out mutual businesses between the two countries and seek opportunities in export and import measures through diplomatic relations.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, currently in Kunming, met staff families of the Myanmar Consulate-General and scholarship students in Kunming yesterday morning.

Coonsul-General U Thwin Htet Lin and staff reported to the Senior General on the discharging of duties and training attendance of scholarship students.

In his speech, the Senior General urged all to dutifully serve their duties and help each other while serving the State duties abroad. They have to seek the best solutions to develop the motherland while studying the history and nature of Myanmar and its development activities. As the economic drive is crucial in the development process of the State, it is necessary to carry out mutual businesses between the two countries and seek opportunities in export and import measures through diplomatic relations. Good public relations can help smooth the process in all measures of serving diplomatic missions.

Consulate staff have to dutifully serve their assignments in order to improve political and economic measures and the



The Senior General meets staff and families of the Myanmar Consulate-General and scholarship students in Kunming, China.

State interests while uplifting the prestige of the State. They have to comprehensively know political affairs and national causes and contribute to the State interests as much as they can. Scholarship students from military and civilian sectors need to learn techniques and knowledge taught carefully and constantly study them.

The Senior General explained the

political progress of Myanmar, efforts to strengthen the multiparty democratic route and process to ensure a genuine and honest democratic system, and preparations to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election successfully.

The Senior General presented gifts and cash awards for military and civil-

ian trainees studying in China and staff families of the Consulate-General to the Myanmar Ambassador to China, the Myanmar Military Attache (Army, Navy and Air), the Myanmar Consul-General in Kunming and trainees.

The Senior General had a look around in the Consulate-General. — MNA/TTA

MDD marks second anniversary, emphasizes national development and accurate reporting

THE Media Development Department (MDD) celebrated its second anniversary yesterday morning at the Ministry of Information's combined hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

The event was attended by Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, Permanent Secretary U Win Kyaw Aung, and senior departmental officials and staff. The ceremony opened with a documentary screening titled 'MDD for Media Development'.

In his address, Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn noted that MDD was established to support Myanmar's private



Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn speaks on the occasion of the 2nd Anniversary of the Media Development Department under the Ministry of Information yesterday.

media sector, helping it play a meaningful role in national development as the "fourth pil-

lar." He emphasized the crucial influence of media in shaping public life and highlighted the

importance of news and information as essential needs alongside food and shelter. Ac-



knowledging the spread of fake news on digital platforms, he called on media professionals and the public to work together to protect national interests and promote reliable information.

MDD has been fostering strong partnerships with domestic and regional organizations to clarify Myanmar's situation and provide accurate information nationally and internationally. The Union Minister expressed his hopes for the department's continued progress, noting its potential to enhance Myanmar's media sector in the coming years. — MNA/TMT

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physical and mental well-being on this auspicious occasion of the 69th Anniversary of Kayin State Day, today.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar is a sovereign nation that has possessed its own culture, literature and languages over the years. Historical evidence firmly shows that all national brethren have been residing in all parts of the nation in unison.

Kayin ethnics have been living in Kayin State together with other ethnics in fraternity since yore. In 1885, our country lost its independence and fell under the colonial rule. After losing independence, all ethnic nationalities residing in various parts of the Union unitedly fought colonialists and fascists with patriotic spirit and anti-colonial spirit and regained independence. Afterwards, regions and states were established, and it was initiated to set the areas where most of the Kayin ethnics reside were designated as the Kayin State.

According to the 1951 Constitutional Amendment Act No 62, the Papun region of Thanlwin District was designated as the Kayin State. Moreover, Kya-in Seikkyi, Kawkareik, Hlaingbwe, Hpa-an and Thandaunggyi townships, totalling six townships, close to Thanlwin District, were added to the Kayin State as the second phase in accord with the 1952 Kayin State Expansion Act No 14. On 1 March 1960, Myawady was set as a township, and then it was added to the Kayin State as the seventh township. The date — 7 November 1955 — when the 1951 Constitutional Amendment Act for the emergence of Kayin State was approved was designated as the Kayin State Day. The yearly celebration of the significant day is held on a grand scale, and today's occasion is the 69th time. The Kayin State, formed with seven townships in four districts, was reconstituted with six districts, upgrading Kya-in Seikkyi and Thandaunggyi townships as districts at the time of the current government to initiate political, economic and social development activities effectively.

Kayin ethnics are living in the Kayin State together with Shan, Pa-O, Bamar, Mon and others amicably and peacefully. Kayin State, blessed with favourable weather and natural resources such as rivers and creeks, waterfalls and streams, high mountain ranges and lush and green forests, is located in the southeast of the country. In addition, the natural beauty of Mount Zwegabin is an excellent landmark of Kayin State. Moreover, Kayin State possesses ancient cultural heritage

such as stupas and temples, wonderfully natural caves and lovely traditional culture. Kayin 'Don Dance', which is an lively dance of Kayin ethnics, is the most significant together with sounds of the frog drum at Mount Zwegabin not only at home but abroad.

After the country had regained independence, the divide-and-rule administration of colonialists sparked armed conflicts in Kayin State due to misunderstandings among ethnic national brethren. Consequently, Kayin State experienced periods of conflicts and chaos. Later, a ceasefire agreement was signed to ensure the stability of the region with internal peace and peaceful results, which are the actual essence of the State. As emphasized in the agreements mentioned in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA), ethnic armed organizations signed the NCA and are implementing the provisions of the NCA together. As different political attitudes facing the State today are being resolved through armed struggle lines, fighting, and terror acts, residents from relevant regions are experiencing various hardships. I would like to urge all stakeholders to follow the provisions of NCA by seeking solutions through dialogue. Currently, the government is striving to fully foster peace and stability and the rule of law across the Union and pouring out utmost efforts for development amid hardships. Moreover, the government is carrying out the tasks in pursuit of the Roadmap, including "Emphasis will be placed on ensuring peace and stability and the full rule of law across the whole Union, and on successfully conducting a free and fair multiparty democratic general election".

Moreover, efforts are being made to forge durable peace for the entire nation, ensure peace and stability and the rule of law, strengthen a genuine, disciplined multiparty democratic system and build the Union based on democracy and federalism in accord with the political objectives to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election aligned with Myanmar. As such, I would like to urge ethnic people from various regions and states to ensure the peace and stability of the country and its overall development.

Esteemed ethnic national brethren,

The government is undertaking education, health, the rule of law and the development of road transport for the development of the State economy. In the economic sector, internal and external trade are being initiated through

maritime trade routes as well as land borders, including those of Kayin State. Although trade secures development based on figures, illegal trade is being conducted at border regions daily. So, the State economy cannot achieve as expected. Due to unacceptable charges and costs along the route to the border trade, prices of commodities can rise. As such, supervision is being conducted to ease restrictions in trade routes and resident ethnic people have to cooperate with the government in its measures. In addition, agriculture and livestock breeding tasks are being encouraged primarily to achieve progress in manufacturing and businesses in State economic promotion measures. Efforts are being made to secure the target production in growing paddy. It is an absolute necessity to export rice to ensure local food security.

It is necessary to emphasize the production process to develop micro, small and medium-sized enterprises. If these enterprises are operated with technology to produce value-added products, it will contribute to the development of the State economy. As MSMEs based on agriculture and livestock breeding farms operate in all parts of Kayin State in addition to the entire nation to improve the socioeconomic lives of ethnic people, other regional and state governments, including Kayin State, have to enhance the State economy. Efforts to develop agriculture and livestock farming tasks can help the more significant operation of manufacturing and industries, as well as the service sector. Hence, it can contribute to an increase in the State's GDP. As human resources play a crucial role in systematically operating agriculture and livestock breeding farms, it is necessary to produce those with skills in agriculture and livestock measures. Hence, the education sector is being encouraged to have comprehensive education to become educated in the human resources essential for the State.

In an effort to develop the education sector, 70 per cent of basic education schools have been reopened in the entire nation, with attendance of 92 per cent of students. When the schools which were temporarily closed due to violent acts and natural disasters are reopened, extra schooling times are set for students by teaching them to have actual school education. As the country is being shaped to become a Union based on democracy and federalism, people must have knowledge, techniques and correct ideology. Hence, all entire people are urged to take part in the process of teaching all

school-age children and nurturing youths to have five strengths and capabilities. With regard to the health sector, health staff, departmental personnel, and ethnic people overcome difficulties and crises based on the COVID-19 pandemic and natural disasters through collaborative efforts. The government is striving to ensure peace and stability of the State and development while managing to enable individuals in good health conditions, to have knowledge and jobs for earning income, and reduce poverty to improve the essential socioeconomic lives of citizens. Only when ethnic individuals have socioeconomic lives will the country develop. So, I would like to urge all to implement visions in relevant sectors and regions to enhance the socioeconomic lives of individuals. I deeply urge all ethnic people to join hands with the government in combatting instigations and terror acts of terrorist groups which are opposing the government without wishing to restore peace and stability of the State. The government firmly believes that it can overcome any crises and challenges that may fall on the State and the people through a patriotic spirit based on a genuine Union spirit.

Esteemed ethnic national brethren,

Moreover, all ethnic national brethren residing in Kayin State have to strive for the emergence of the Kayin State with more peace and prosperity. The strength of the nation lives within, and the strength of Kayin State is the collaborative efforts of national brethren residing in the State. At present, I would like to sincerely urge all ethnic national brethren to make collective efforts to overcome difficulties and challenges they face to strengthen a disciplined, multiparty democratic system and build a Union based on democracy and federalism that the entire national people aspire to.

I send this message with the best wishes that all ethnic people residing in Kayin State enjoy fruits of peace, prosperity and development of the region from this auspicious occasion of the 69th Anniversary of Kayin State Day to forthcoming years, and may they all have capabilities to unite the Kayin State through the unity and harmony within the peaceful, prosperous and developed Union.

Senior General
Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe
Thiri Thudamma Min Aung Hlaing
Prime Minister
Chairman,
State Administration Council

NATIONAL

MoI Union Minister receives strategic analyst from India

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn received Mr Atul Aneja, a strategic analyst from India, at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed issues related to pro-

moting friendly relations and the dissemination of factual news between Myanmar and India, as well as the media landscape in both countries, which are influenced by Western media. They also exchanged views on matters related to collabora-

tion not only in the media sector but also across other fields between the two nations.

The meeting was attended by U Win Kyaw Aung, Permanent Secretary of the ministry, departmental heads, and relevant officials. — MNA/TH



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn receives Mr Atul Aneja, a strategic analyst from India, yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.



Sitagu Sayadaw opens the Asia Buddhist Summit 2024 yesterday.

Sitagu Sayadaw attends Asia Buddhist Summit 2024 in India

AT the invitation of the International Buddhist Confederation, Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Sitagu Sayadaw attended the First Asia Buddhist Summit 2024, held at Asoka Hotel in New Delhi, India, yesterday morning.

The purpose of the meeting was to spread the teachings of the Buddha around the world. A total of 1,000 religious leaders,

professors, and scholars from more than 30 countries attended the ceremony.

Sitagu Sayadaw first opened the ceremony by offering flowers and lighting candles. Afterwards, venerable Sayadaws discussed the recognition of Pali as a classical Indian language. The ceremony came to an end in the evening. — MNA/TKO

MNA announces November flight schedule for tourism

MYANMAR National Airlines (MNA) will operate specific routes in November to support beach tourism and pilgrimage travel.

For travellers heading to Chaungtha and Ngwehsaung beaches, MNA will offer flights on the Yangon-Pathein route every Sunday (10, 17, and 24 November). For those visiting the pagodas in Bagan, flights will be available on the Yangon-NyaungU route every Wednesday (13, 20, and 27 November), and the NyaungU-Yangon route every Monday (11, 18, and 25 November).

The Yangon-Pathein flight departs at 11:30 am, arriving at Pathein at 12:10 pm; the Yangon-NyaungU flight leaves Yangon at 6:15 am and arrives at NyaungU at 7:35 am; the return flight from NyaungU to Yangon departs at 5:00 pm, arriving in Yangon at 7:00 pm.

Ticket prices are set at K160,000 for the Yangon-Pathein route, K290,000 for the Yangon-NyaungU, and K270,000 for the NyaungU-Yangon return. According to Myanmar National Airlines, all flights will operate on ATR 72-600 aircraft. — MNA/TKO

Team sports schedule draw held for 2024 National Sports Festival

IN preparation for the upcoming 2024 National Sports Festival, the organizing committee held a meeting yesterday morning at Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw to conduct the preliminary schedule draw for team sports. Based on the committee's decision, ten team sports, including football, futsal, volleyball, basketball, Sepak Takraw, badminton, traditional cane ball, table tennis, tennis, and cricket, will be featured in competitions across state and regional levels.

Deputy Minister U Htein Lin, chair of the National Sports Festival Organizing and Methods Committee, noted its importance in raising the country's athletic standards, fostering unity across states, regions, and ministries, and encouraging national participation in sports activities. The event aims to nurture future generations of athletes, particularly in preparation for the 33rd Southeast Asian Games and other international



The schedule draw for team sports in progress in the preparation for the 2024 National Sports Festival yesterday.

competitions.

The games will include six sports at the ministry level, 23 sports at the state and regional level, and four adaptive sports. To ensure fairness, participating teams will adhere to set guidelines for accommodation, transport, meals, and training.

Following this, the committee proceeded with the draw for team sports, determining initial groupings. Officials, department directors, and representatives from relevant sports federations and state and regional organizations attended the meeting. — MNA/KZL

OPINION

Strive to mitigate the impacts of any disasters

ALTHOUGH natural disasters are unavoidable, the government and communities can work together to prepare for them. Several factors, including the growing global population, expanding livelihoods, rising temperatures, climate change, and deforestation, influence natural disasters.

With regard to deforestation, which plays a crucial role in climate change, the UN World Food Organization issued a report stating that an average of more than 10 million trees were depleted each year during the ten-year period from 2010 to 2020. Deforestation contributes to rising global temperatures. In 2023, the world experienced a temperature increase of 1.45° Celsius compared to the 1850-1900 period. Surveys indicate that 2023 was the hottest year in the past 174 years.

The World Risk Index 2023 assessed the potential for loss and damage across 193 countries. The Philippines recorded the highest risk with an index of 46.8, followed by Indonesia at 43.5 and India at 41.52. Myanmar ranked sixth, with an index of 36.26 for loss and damage.

The year 2024 continues to witness severe impacts from natural disasters around the world, including in Pakistan, China, India, Korea, Vietnam, and several European countries. These regions have faced flash floods and landslides, highlighting the detrimental effects of climate change. In 2023 alone, a total of 399 flash floods resulted in the deaths of 86,473 people, with over 93 million individuals becoming flood victims. These disasters caused economic losses amounting to approximately US\$202.7 billion, according to data from the Emergency Events Database (EM-DAT). In nine regions and states of Myanmar, flooding and waterlogging have affected over 80,000 households and nearly a million people, who have experienced the dangers of flash floods. There have been 520 reported deaths or missing persons, and over 100,800 livestock have died. Additionally, more than 70,000 acres of paddy and crop fields have been damaged. Various sectors, including roads, bridges, schools, electricity, and telecommunications, have also suffered significant losses.

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Currently, the National Disaster Management Committee is actively developing hazard and risk maps, led by experienced local experts with extensive international experience in disaster management. The initiative aims to incorporate additional lessons into school curricula that focus on reducing natural disaster risks while aligning them with climate change considerations for raising student awareness. Actually, it is essential to empower the younger generation and ensure the participation of all citizens. If the public is educated about natural hazards and acts accordingly, the risk of loss and damage can be minimized.

FRANKLY enough, effective teaching comes from effective teachers simply because they are only able to help students learn. If so, what kind of people in the name of Heaven are called effective teachers? In actual fact, effective teachers' personal attributes can be categorized into three broad characteristics, namely motivating personality, orientation towards success, and professional demeanour.

In motivating personality, teachers usually possess enthusiasm for their students and subject matter, warmth and humour, and credibility and trustworthiness. First, teachers' enthusiasm that promotes student learning helps motivate students by keeping them persistent at tasks and making them feel more satisfied with their teaching. Enthusiastic teachers vary their voices, gestures, and expressions, move around the room from front to back and side to side, and maintain a quick lesson pace that involves expressions, move around the room from front to back and side to side and maintain a quick lesson pace involving high levels of interaction with students. Second, warmth and humour mostly seem to influence student learning indirectly by promoting an atmosphere that makes students feel free and motivated to participate. Teachers convey warmth as 'real' people by demonstrating concern for students' success and by being open. Humour can be spontaneous or planned. Teachers should be able to laugh at not only their mistakes but also themselves and avoid using sarcasm or teasing students. If overemphasized, warmth and humour actually reduce classroom learning. Thus, they

had best be used naturally and sparingly. Thirdly, credibility and trustworthiness create a relaxed, supportive environment in which students trust the teacher to help them succeed. Teachers develop credibility and trustworthiness not through their position or credentials but through open, honest teacher-student interaction. And these two qualities will exist only if students perceive them.

Effective teachers are positive people – they like to be oriented towards and optimistic about both their own and their student's success. Specifically, they have high expectations for success and are encouraging and supportive of students. They tend to believe in their own ability to help every student learn with success. Their expectations appear to influence their behaviour towards students, which in turn affects learning. When teachers expect certain students to fail, they are given to reduce the amount of time and attention devoted to those students, thus increasing the likelihood they will be unsuccessful. Even more critical than inaccurate initial expectations is the failure to modify these expectations when necessary. Hence, teachers must ensure that every student is successful most of the time. Students with low academic self-concepts should be successful almost every time until their confidence improves. Those with strong academic self-concepts will also be successful most of the time, but not quite often. Remediation, which is providing re-teaching when a student does not master the content, is an excellent way to convey high expectations and promote success. Moreover, effective teachers have a sense of

Personal Attributes and Characteristics of Effective Teachers

BY HU WO (CUCKOO'S SONG)



Effective teachers possess three key characteristics: a motivating personality, a strong orientation towards success, and a professional demeanour. ILLUSTRATION: PIXABAY

genuine respect for students and their individual abilities. Encouragement and support are most important, especially when students are reluctant to begin new tasks or when they experience difficulty

and frustration, in which teachers demonstrate encouragement and support by avoiding negative comments, noting improvement – not just perfection, and helping students reach realistic goals.

Lastly, effective teachers exhibit a professional but flexible demeanour in the classroom. Businesslike behaviour means the ability to be flexible and adaptable when necessary, and through

an understanding of the subject and pedagogy, learners, which means the ability to be flexible and adaptable when necessary, and through an understanding of the subject, pedagogy, and learn-

ers all enhance professional demeanour. Such teachers focus on providing learning in a variety of ways — they direct classroom activities towards helping students reach the established goals and objectives; they set the importance and seriousness of the subject and goals and convey this importance to students; instruction and its activities are deliberate and carefully planned to allow the teacher to be concise, thorough and efficient; the classroom and its activities are organized to help students to reach the desired goals. Furthermore, a professional demeanour includes the ability to calmly and effectively adapt to changing classroom circumstances and to 'read' what is happening in the classroom, the level of student understanding and motivation, changes in the classroom environment, and problems with instruction. In case these problems arise, teachers must 'flex' or adapt their instruction more effectively to reach the fixed goals. After all, teachers who show a professional demeanour are also knowledgeable about their subject, pedagogy, of their subject, pedagogy and students. Knowledge of the subject is most useful when it is integrated with that of pedagogy and learners. Only then can teachers select,

plan and implement the most effective instruction.

Of course, it is not always so easy for a teaching person to become an effective teacher in this so many teachers' world. Most effective teachers only state that their instruction will give learning achievement and success to students for certain. However, some teachers will or will not accept this norm in the teaching-learning process. For certain teachers, their instruction should boost students' morale rather than just their lesson completion and accomplishment, whereas, for others, their teaching ought to offer the solution to future life problems rather than just their lesson completion and accomplishment, whereas, for others, their teaching ought to offer the solution to future life problems only instead of lesson attainment. However, what we had herein better consider is that successful teaching and learning may involve students' high morale and how to best solve their life problems in the future to some extent. Despite this, some teachers are in name only, that is, the main reason why they come to the world of teachers is nothing but earning their living. They do not follow their natural bent of instruction, continuous study, life-long learning or practice. Such teachers will never turn out to be successful teachers or successful teachers in the educational field. Simply and clearly, only effective teachers can do effective teaching and learning. If a person wishes to be an effective teacher in the area of instruction, they must grasp the above-mentioned three points at least as much as possible. ■

Pandemic accord deal in sight as talks resume

COUNTRIES reconvened on Monday in a bid to finalize a landmark global agreement on handling future pandemics, with the spectre of Mpx, Marburg and H5N1 adding fresh urgency to seal a deal.

After more than two years of talks, hopes are high of completing an accord by 15 November, though the heart of the document — how to share pathogens and vaccines — is set to be worked out later.

In December 2021, fearing a repeat of the devastation wrought by COVID-19 — which killed millions of people, crippled health systems and crashed economies

— the World Health Organization's 194 member states agreed to draft an accord on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response.

The emergence of a new strain of Mpx, the deadly Marburg virus outbreak in Rwanda and the spread of H5N1 bird flu in recent months have given the talks a jolt.

"You face a balancing act between concluding your work in a timely manner and reaching the strongest possible text. I urge you not to allow the perfect to become the enemy of the good," WHO chief Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told country negotiators as the talks round opened.

"Time is not on our side. Covid is still circulating; Mpx is a global health emergency; we have an outbreak of Marburg, and H5N1 spillover. The next pandemic will not wait."

Equity battle

Adding to the momentum, G20 health ministers meeting in Rio de Janeiro last Thursday voiced support for concluding an agreement that is "ambitious, balanced, effective and fit-for-purpose, including equitable access to medical countermeasures during pandemics".

Many of the draft text's 37 articles were concluded during the 11 previous rounds of talks.

The key outstanding section revolves around the sharing of pathogens detected within countries, and subsequently of vaccines and other pandemic-fighting products derived from that knowledge.

It has turned into a stand-off between wealthier nations with major pharmaceutical sectors, and poorer countries who felt cut adrift during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The roadmap on the table would defer thrashing out how the proposed Pathogen Access and Benefit-Sharing System (PABS) would work in practice until after the broader agreement has been concluded.

Sangeeta Shashikant, the Third World Network NGO's intellectual property and development coordinator, said many of the PABS proposals put forward by developing countries had been "diluted and deleted".

SOURCE: AFP



Countries are reconvening to finalize a landmark global agreement on pandemic preparedness, with increasing urgency due to recent health threats like Mpx, Marburg, and H5N1. ILLUSTRATION: GRAPHIC REPRESENTATION ARTWORK

NATIONAL

Notice for mineral (gold) trading licence

THE Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation released Notification 038/2024 on 25 October 2024, designating mineral (gold) trading services as an essential service.

The notification released on 30 October 2024 stated that businesses intending to operate in this field are required to apply for a licence according to the notification, and whoever fails to follow the notification will be taken action under Section 5 of the Essential Supplies and Services Law.

Businesspeople or companies that apply for licences for mineral (gold) trading as per Notification 055/2024 dated 25 October 2024 can make applications at the initial assessment group secretary offices of the Union Territory or regions or states starting from 18 November 2024 during the office hours, and the addresses are as follows: -

- (1) Union Territory, No 2 Mining Enterprise, Pyinmana/Yemathin Mining Project Office, Pyinmana Township
- (2) Kachin State, Department of Mines, Myitkyina Township
- (3) Kayah State, Department of Mines, Loikaw Township

- (4) Kayin State, Department of Mines, Hpa-an Township
- (5) Chin State, Department of Mines, Haka Township
- (6) Sagaing Region, Department of Mines, Monywa Township
- (7) Taninthayi Region, Department of Mines, Dawei Township
- (8) Bago Region, No 2 Mining Enterprise, Mining Project Office, Bago
- (9) Magway Region, Department of Mines, Magway Township
- (10) Mandalay Region, Department of Mines, Mandalay Township
- (11) Mon State, Department of Mines, Mawlamyine Township
- (12) Rakhine State, Department of Mines, Salt Enterprise Office, Sittway Township
- (13) Yangon Region, Department of Mines, Yangon
- (14) Shan State, Department of Mines, Taunggyi Township
- (15) Ayeyawady Region, Department of Mines, Slat Enterprise Office, Patheingyi Township

Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation

Illegal trade crackdown yields K618M in goods seized over 3 days



Confiscated illegal items at Myanmar Industrial Port.

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to combat illicit trade are continued effectively by the law.

On 4 and 5 November, the combined teams captured ten kinds of industrial materials worth K128.2 million without official documents from three containers at the Myanmar Industrial Port, a Hino Profia truck (worth approximately K60 million) carrying vehicle spare parts worth K14.8 million at the Ywathagyi Dry Port, an unregistered vehicle and an unregistered motorbike valued at K6.1 million in Magway

and Minbu Districts and illegal crude oil weighing 165 gallons worth K577,500 in Chauk Township. The action was conducted under Customs procedures, the Export-Import Law and the Public and the Public Property Protection Law.

Similarly, the combined teams conducted inspections and seized two unregistered vehicles (worth approximately K82 million) in Taikkyi Township, illegal teak weighing 0.754 tonne and illegal timbers weighing 0.060 tonne valued at K199,552 in Hlegu Township, a Dongfeng tractor head with a trailer (worth approximately

K76 million) carrying a kind of foodstuffs valued at K91.875 million without official document near the Singaing Toll-gate, a Zhonetong bus (worth approximately K35 million) carrying two types of vehicle spare parts worth K38.77 million without official document at the 360-Milepost on Yangon-Mandalay road, and two vehicles (worth approximately K50 million) carrying six kinds of industrial materials worth K22.48 million without official documents at the Yethaya vehicle temporary checkpoint. The action was taken under the Export-Import Law, the Forest Law and Customs procedures.

On 5 and 6 November, illegal teak weighing 9.929 tonnes, illegal hardwood weighing 2.895 tonnes and illegal timbers weighing 5.730 tonnes valued at K12 million were captured in Toungoo and Nyaunglebin Districts. The action was conducted under the Forest Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported 20 arrests on 4, 5 and 6 November, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K618 million. — MNA/MKKS

Counter-argument to false information

Malicious media spread false claims about security forces in Kanbalu

MALICIOUS media outlets fabricated and spread false stories, claiming that security forces entered and set fire to Lese Ward in Zeegon, Kanbalu Township, and detained civilians on 5 November. Upon investigation, it was found that these allegations were entirely false.

According to a local security official, security forces did not carry out any such operations in Zeegon's ward. Instead, they conduct regular security patrols in Kanbalu Township to prevent terrorists from infiltrating and engaging in destructive activities. The official confirmed that there were no incidents of burning wards or villages or the unlawful detention of civilians by security forces. Only insurgents are known to carry out such violent actions, often targeting villages that do not support them by burning property, detaining civilians, or even committing acts of violence.

This event demonstrates how these malicious media outlets



This screenshot shows false claims.

continue to conceal the activities of terrorists while attempting to mislead the public's perception of security forces engaged in security efforts. The motive behind such false news is clearly to distort public opinion and shield the actions of insurgents. — MNA/KZL

The people are urged to receive vaccination of Covid-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of Covid-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.

NATIONAL

Botahtaung Pagoda to host 40th Golden Lotus Robe Weaving Contest

THE 40th Golden Lotus Robe Weaving Contest is scheduled to be held at Botahtaung Pagoda on the evenings of 14 and 15 November, coinciding with the eve and full moon day of Tazaungmone, according to U Thein Su, a member of the pagoda board of trustees.

“This weaving contest is an annual event with around 20 teams participating each year. Prizes will be awarded just as in previous years,” said U Thein Su. — ASH/MKKS



This photo shows the golden lotus robe weaving contest at Botahtaung Pagoda in the previous year.

Busan University’s Myanmar language students visit Myanmar Embassy

MYANMAR language students from the Busan University of Foreign Studies in Busan, South Korea, visited the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul on 4 November, according to the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul. The visit included 12 undergraduate students specializing in Myanmar language, along with Dr JiHye Kim, a professor, and an assistant.

During their educational visit, the students were welcomed at the embassy by Ambassador U Thant Sin and embassy staff. The meeting covered various topics, including diplomatic relations between Myanmar and South Korea, economic investment,

people-to-people exchanges, and collaborations in education and culture. The ambassador also explained the embassy’s efforts to support Myanmar citizens, including Myanmar workers, in South Korea.

The students engaged in a question-and-answer session with the ambassador, who also hosted them for refreshments and presented a commemorative gift to Dr JiHye Kim. The visit concluded with group photos and a guided tour of the embassy.

Around 30 students are now enrolled in Myanmar language studies at Busan University of Foreign Studies. — ASH/KZL



This photo captures Myanmar language students from Busan University of Foreign Studies visiting the Myanmar Embassy in Seoul.



Ambassador U Kyaw Tin Shein (C) of Myanmar paying a visit to Ambassador Ahmed Shaheen, Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, to discuss further cooperation and areas of mutual interest on 3 November.

Myanmar and Egypt discuss further cooperation and areas of mutual interests

THE Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Kyaw Tin Shein, paid a courtesy call on Ambassador Ahmed Shaheen, Assistant Foreign Minister for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt, at the New Administrative Capital on 3 November to exchange views on further bi-

lateral cooperation and matters of mutual interests between the two countries.

Myanmar Ambassador U Kyaw Tin Shein also attended the 274th ASEAN Cairo Committee - ACC Meeting on 31 October at St Regis Hotel in Cairo, alongside other ASEAN Heads of Missions.

The meeting, chaired by

the Singaporean Ambassador, who currently holds the ACC chairmanship, focused on reviewing the ACC’s activities completed in 2024, discussing ongoing initiatives to be carried over into the remainder of the year, and exploring opportunities to strengthen relations between Egypt and the ASEAN member nations. — ASH/TH

Myanmar film ‘Voucher’ to premiere nationwide after Yangon preview



This image showcases actors of the “Voucher” movie at the premiere show.

ACCORDING to veteran actor Khin Hlaing, the Myanmar film ‘Voucher’ will premiere in major cinemas nationwide on 8 November, following a preview screening on 5 November

at the Thamada Cinema in Dagon Township, Yangon Region.

The story and screenplay of the film, written by Thet Oo Maung and directed by Soe Moe Min for Bo

Bo Film Production, explores themes of romance, comedy, and the supernatural.

“I play Htet Kaung, a friend of the lead character Myint Myat, and we filmed in both PyinOoLwin and Yangon,” Khin Hlaing shared. “Many scenes were shot at night, which was quite tiring, but the results are fantastic. I believe fans will enjoy this film”.

The cast of the ‘Voucher’ film includes Academy Award winner Myint Myat, Min Boon Myat, Chu Lay, Chu Sis Han, Cho Madi Thwin, Hla Nu Tun, Honey Zaw, Moe Moe, Mummy Thet, along with veteran actors Ayai and Khin Hlaing. — ASH/TKO

NATIONAL BUSINESS

CBM to sell 7M yuan, 20M Thai baht to importers

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 5 November that it would sell seven million yuan and 20 million Thai baht to importers on foreign exchange trading platforms.

It sold US\$15 million, 1.5 million yuan and 100.8 million baht on 4 November.

CBM injected over \$91 million, over 9.8 million yuan and over 610 million

baht into the financial market in October 2024. CBM also sold over \$76 million, 86 million baht and 4.8 million yuan in September. Moreover, CBM sold over \$190 million, 19 million yuan and 79 million baht in August.

CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and the currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March, it has

been joining hands with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK



This photo shows the facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw.

No 3 Heavy Industries Enterprise seeks bids for A-grade long-staple cotton

THE No 3 Heavy Industries Enterprise under the Ministry of Industry invited a tender to purchase 500,000 visses of A-grade long-staple cotton in the current financial year 2024-2025.

A tender form will be sold on 31 October, and the tender closing date is 13 November. Individuals can enquire about details through the contact number of the production department of No 3 Heavy Industries Enterprises located at Office No 37 in Nay Pyi Taw (phones: 067 3408138, 067 3408439, and 067 3408492).

The No 3 Heavy Industries Enterprise informed the Myanmar Cotton and Cotton Products Merchant Association of a tender invitation situation with its notification (002/2-7/001/2024-2025) (1095) on 31 October.

In order to source raw materials for cotton ginning factories operated under



Farm workers pick cotton wools on the plantation.

the No 3 Heavy Industrial Enterprise, open tender biddings to purchase 500,000 visses of long-staple cotton were advertised in the Myanmar Alin Daily Newspaper on 31 October and the Mirror Daily

Newspaper on 1 November. The enterprise asked the association to coordinate matters with cotton suppliers and traders to submit tenders by 13 November 2024, as per its notification. — NN/KK

'Kayaykaya' as One Region One Product in Myanaung Township

KAYAYKAYA, a popular dessert made of sticky rice flour mixed with toddy palm or sugar syrup, is contributed to micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) in Myanaung Township, Ayeyawady Region. It is a popular traditional snack and delicacy of Myanaung Township in Ayeyawady Region, according to a report by the Department of Consumer Affairs (Ayeyawady).

Kayaykaya is showcased at the MSME products exhibition of Myanaung Township and sent to other regions and states. The ingredients of this snack are sticky rice flour, coconut, sugar, condensed milk, butter and salt, etc. Myanaung Township's signature Kayaykaya is cooked with tamarind wood, which adds rich flavour, colour and taste. Therefore, it earned a good reputation and became a popular souvenir.

Kayaykaya culinary businesses were considered MSMEs, creating jobs for locals and enhancing the livelihood of the region.

The MSME products exhibition aims to enhance production, trade, investment, business networks and MSME resilience, effectuate the development of MSMEs, observe innovation and product quality, find solutions in the production chain to fulfil requirements, have closer relations between public, private and MSME sectors and penetrating international market beyond regional trade promotion.

The Ministry of Industry is committed to MSME development across the country. It also acts as a focal ministry for the development of the industrial sector. It also finances entrepreneurs through the MSME development fund and helps them get access to technical assistance through workshops, raw materials sourcing and digital technology support. — KK

CBM meets FATF recommendations on time

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) has been continually implementing recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on a set timeline, according to its statement on 5 November.

After a task force for anti-money laundering and combatting terrorist financing, led by CBM's governor, was formed in 2022

to implement FATF's recommendations effectively, Myanmar has been submitting progressive reports on implementations to Asia Pacific Joint Group every four months to complete the remaining action plans within a specific timeframe, participating in face-to-face meetings and FATF's plenary sessions, the statement revealed.

Myanmar has primarily addressed two action plans in 2021, one in 2022, one in 2023 and four in 2024 on account of accelerated efforts and progress, leaving seven outstanding items to be addressed.

With Myanmar's progressive reports, the statement of FATF's Plenary Meeting held in Paris, France, in October 2024 disclosed that six out of eight recommendations were left to be accomplished. FATF members are to apply enhanced due diligence measures in transactions

with Myanmar.

Thus, Myanmar set a timeline to address remaining action plans under the instructions of the task force, in cooperation with the Anti-Corruption Commission, Myanmar Police Force, Bureau of Special Investigation, Internal Revenue Department, Myanmar Customs Department, Department of Forest, FATF and monitoring authorities of related institutions and reporting agencies, CBM declared. — NN/KK

Obesity drug maker Novo Nordisk posts strong profit

DANISH pharmaceutical giant Novo Nordisk, maker of the blockbuster diabetes and weight-loss drugs Ozempic and Wegovy, posted Wednesday strong third-quarter earnings despite being held back by production constraints.

Europe's most valuable company and the main driver of the Danish economy said it expected its 2024 full-year sales to be up by 23 to 27 per cent from a year earlier, revising its earlier forecast of

22 to 28 per cent.

It cited in a statement "the expectation of continued volume growth and capacity limitations at some manufacturing sites."

The group reported a 21-per-cent rise in net profit to 27.3 billion kroner (\$3.94 billion) for the July-to-September period.

Sales jumped by 22 percent to 60 billion kroner, slightly under analysts' expectations. — AFP

Tesla shares soar pre-market as Trump hails 'genius' Musk

SHARES in Tesla soared in pre-market trading Wednesday after Donald Trump claimed victory in the US presidential election and hailed the electric car company's boss Elon Musk as a "genius".

Tesla shares were up more than 15 per cent at \$289.44 in after-hours deals before the opening bell on Wall Street.

Investors welcomed the prospect of a Trump victory as Wall Street futures — bets on what the price of a stock will be at a later date — jumped as the

former president appeared poised to defeat Vice-Pres-

ident Kamala Harris.

Musk shared a photo

to on his social media platform X showing him with Trump at an election watch party in Florida, and the Republican candidate singled him out during a celebratory speech.

"We have a new star, a star is born: Elon," Trump said, marvelling at Musk's SpaceX rocket and the deployment of the Starlink satellite internet service during Hurricane Helene.

"He's an amazing guy," Trump said. "He's a character, he's a special guy, he's a super genius." — AFP



Tesla shares were up more than 15 per cent at \$289.44 in after-hours deals before the opening bell on Wall Street. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Honda cuts FY 2024 net profit outlook, China sales fall short of plan

HONDA Motor Co on Wednesday cut its net profit outlook for this business year to 950 billion yen (\$6.2 billion) from the previous estimate of 1 trillion yen due to weaker-than-expected auto sales in China.

The projected net profit for the year through March 2025 represents a 14.2 per cent decrease from the previous year. — Kyodo

Notice for change of distributor

Notice is hereby given that the official distributor – Corteva Agriscience (Myanmar)Co., Ltd. to Myanmar Arysta LifeScience Co.,Ltd. has been changed for the following pesticide manufactured by Corteva Crop India Private Limited.

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The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
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Central Committee for Holding Myanmar Gems Emporium
The Information about Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2024

- The significant **Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2024**, under the supervision of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, will be held from November 18 to 27, 2024 at Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw. Genuine Myanmar pearl, gems and rough jade lots will be sold at the Emporium.
- The local gems entrepreneurs who got the permit and the local gems merchants who got the license to operate in the finished gemstone making and dealing under the Myanmar Gem Law, will be allowed to attend and purchase the Lots at **Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium, 2024** according to the terms and conditions.
- For further information in detail about granted admission to purchase Lots at **Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium, 2024**, any merchants can inquire and keep contact with Emporium Central Committee, Myanmar Gems Enterprise (Head Office), Myanmar Pearl Enterprise (Head Office) in Nay Pyi Taw.

Emporium Central Committee

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MSC ANDREA F VOY.NO. (SB443A)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MSC ANDREA F VOY.NO. (SB443A)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **7-11-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** 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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY S.A

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD



Notre-Dame de Paris on an embankment of the Seine River. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

Notre Dame reopening ceremony will cost 10 million euros

The Notre-Dame reopening ceremony on 7 December will cost 10 million euros, with Macron inviting 160 leaders. Donations fell short.

THE reopening ceremony of Notre Dame Cathedral on 7 December after a fire and reconstruction, where French President Emmanuel Macron will speak to world leaders, including outgoing US President Joe Biden, will cost 10 million

euros (\$10.9 million), the *Canard Enchaîné* magazine reported.

According to the publication, Macron invited 160 heads of state and government to the ceremony.

Initially opposed to Macron's speech inside No-

tre-Dame, the Paris archdiocese faced high costs for a ceremony with 1,500 guests. The budget was halved to 10 million euros, with donations falling short. The church will cover costs, with state police funding. — SPUTNIK

Interpol says over 2,500 arrests in human trafficking crackdown

INTERPOL said Wednesday that a six-day international police operation against human trafficking had led to more than



The week-long raids were Interpol's biggest-ever operation against human trafficking and people smuggling. **PHOTO: AFP**

2,500 arrests and the rescue of over 3,000 potential victims.

The operation, called "Liberterra II", took place between 29 September and 4 October and was the largest-ever operation against human trafficking and people smuggling by the global law enforcement organization.

People rescued included minors forced to work on farms in Argentina, migrants in nightclubs in North Macedonia, people coerced into begging in Iraq or to serve in private

households across the Middle East, Interpol said.

Interpol's recent operation rescued 3,222 potential human trafficking victims and identified 17,793 irregular migrants. The operation included raids, border reinforcement, flight monitoring, and hotspot patrols.

Nearly eight million checks were made against databases, resulting in 2,517 arrests, including 850 for human trafficking or migrant smuggling. — AFP

BRIEFS: WORLD

Israel PM Netanyahu fires Defence Minister

ISRAEL Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu fired his Defence Minister Yoav Gallant citing lack of trust, *Times of Israel* reported.

Gallant, who was a longtime rival from within the Likud Party, will be replaced by Israel's Foreign Minister Israel Katz. Minister without Portfolio Gideon Sa'ar will replace Katz, as per *Times of Israel*.

Times of Israel quoted a statement from the Prime Minister's Office which stated that Netanyahu informed Gallant that his tenure as the Defence Minister would end "48 hours from the receipt of this letter". "I would like to thank you for your service as defence minister," the curt letter concluded, as per *Times of Israel*. — ANI

Lebanon files UN complaint against Israel over pager attacks

LEBANON said Wednesday that it had filed a complaint with the United Nations' labour agency over deadly attacks on communication devices across the country in September, which it blames on Israel.

Lebanese Labour Minister Mustafa Bayram called the attack an "egregious war against humanity, against technology, against work", saying his country had filed the complaint with the International Labour Organization in Geneva.

"It's a very dangerous precedent," he told journalists in the Swiss city at an event organised by the UN correspondents' association ACANU. The move comes after Israel escalated its air raids on Hezbollah strongholds in south Lebanon, Beirut and the eastern Bekaa Valley on 23 September, after nearly a year of cross-border fire, and a week later sent ground troops into southern Lebanon. — AFP

Report shows inequality, risk of poverty hardly change in Germany

INEQUALITY and risk of poverty have hardly changed in Germany, despite increases in overall wealth in recent years, according to a report published on Wednesday. In 2021, the top 10 per cent of households in Germany held 56 per cent of the country's total wealth, placing Germany among the most unequal nations in Europe, according to the 2024 Social Report, jointly published by the Social Science Research Centre

Berlin (WZB), the Federal Statistical Office (Destatis), and the Federal Institute for Population Research. The disparity in wealth distribution is particularly stark between East and West Germany. On average, East German households hold just 150,900 euros (US\$ 161,782) in wealth, compared to 359,800 euros in the West — a gap that has seen little improvement over the past decade, the report noted. — Xinhua



The town of Spremberg in eastern Germany. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

SPORTS

Myanmar exits ASEAN Futsal Championship after group stage

THE 2024 ASEAN Futsal Championship concluded its final group stage matches on 6 November in Thailand, where Myanmar's team faced a tough defeat, resulting in their exit from the tournament.

In the final round of group matches, Indonesia defeated Myanmar 5-1, while Australia triumphed over Cambodia 9-2, Malaysia won 2-0 against Timor-Leste, and Vietnam secured a 3-2 victory over Thailand. Despite Australia's overwhelming win, Myanmar needed a minimal loss to Indonesia to secure a place in the semifinals, but their goal difference fell short, and they were unable to advance.

Myanmar scored just one goal in the first half, but conceded four more in the second half. Ko Ko Lwin scored Myanmar's sole goal in the second half. Despite accumulating the same number of points as Australia, Myanmar finished in third place due to the goal difference. After the group stage, Group A saw Vietnam finishing in first place with 12 points, and the defending champions, Thailand, secured

second place with nine points. In Group B, Indonesia topped the group with nine points, while Australia finished second with 4 points, both teams advancing to the semifinals. Myanmar, along with Cambodia, Malaysia, Timor-Leste, and Brunei, was eliminated from the competition. The semifinals will take place on 8 November, with Indonesia facing Thailand and Vietnam meeting Australia. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Myanmar competes against Indonesia. PHOTO: MFF

Madrid heading for crisis with Kroos gone and Mbappe floundering

JUST six months on from their Champions League triumph, Real Madrid are sinking into a state of crisis.

Hammered 4-0 by rivals Barcelona in the Clasico at the end of October, Los Blancos slumped to a second consecutive home defeat on Tuesday in Europe, with AC Milan triumphing 3-1 at the Santiago Bernabeu.

Carlo Ancelotti's star-studded side was outclassed in front of their own supporters, as Kylian Mbappe fired blanks once more. The 25-year-old France captain has scored just once in his last six games, which is a worry given the team's lack of balance this season, in part to accommodate him.

Mbappe is far from Madrid's only problem, with the defence leaking and the midfield lacking patience and creativity. With Barcelona nine points clear at the top of La Liga and Madrid losing two of their opening Champions League fixtures, Ancelotti is coming under heavy scrutiny and does not seem to have the answers he needs. "The players have to take a step forward, and I have to with them," admitted the coach after Madrid's defeat by Milan. — AFP



Real Madrid's French forward Kylian Mbappe has netted just once in his last six games for the club. PHOTO: AFP

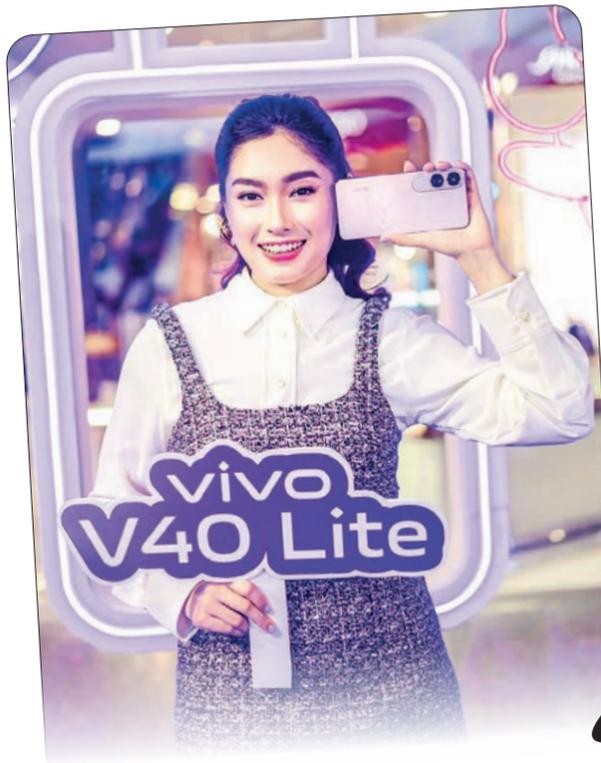
Thet Htar Thuzar: A defeat won't end my badminton career

EVEN though world-rated players in the Olympics defeated her in the Olympics, her badminton life won't end, Myanmar national badminton player Thet Htar Thuzar told the press in Vivo V40 Lite Roadshow.

"I faced a loss in Paris, but I felt satisfied with my performance. I will focus more on training because I want quality rather than quantity for the next competitions," she added.

Thet Htar Thuzar attended the event held at Myanmar Plaza promotion area as one of the special guests along with Alin Yaung, Zeke, Htet Yan, Alice Ong and Su Hlaing. — Htun Htun/ZS

This photo showcases Myanmar badminton star Thet Htar Thuzar attending the Vivo V40 Lite Roadshow as a special guest.



Sporting stun Man City in Champions League as Liverpool, Milan claim fine wins

VIKTOR Gyokeres scored a hat-trick as Ruben Amorim's Sporting stunned Manchester City with a 4-1 win in the Champions League on Tuesday, while Liverpool trounced Xabi Alonso's Bayer Leverkusen and AC Milan beat holders Real Madrid in Spain.

Sporting stole the show with their performance in Lisbon, but the Portuguese champions had to come from behind after Phil Foden put City ahead early on.

Amorim was hoping to sign off from the Champions League in style as Sporting coach before



Viktor Gyokeres starred with a hat-trick as Sporting hammered Manchester City in Lisbon. PHOTO: AFP

he leaves for Manchester United, and Gyokeres then took centre stage. The Swedish striker equalized seven minutes before half-time, holding off Champions League debutant Jahmai Simpson-Pusey as he ran through to finish. Sporting then went ahead 19 seconds into the second half as Maximiliano Araujo finished off a fine move, and shortly after that Gyokeres converted a penalty following a foul by Josko Gvardiol. — AFP

Notre Dame reopening ceremony will cost 10 million euros
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WORLD

FORMER President Donald Trump has won the US presidential election, beating Democratic Vice-President Kamala Harris, major US media said Wednesday.

The projected victory, which sets up the Republican Trump for a return to the White House in January following a four-year hiatus, prevents Harris from becoming the first female, the first Black woman and first Asian American US president.

Trump defeats Harris in US presidential election: US media



The election highlighted stark policy differences – Trump's defiance of the rule of law and "America First" doctrine versus Harris's commitment to liberal democracy and international cooperation. **PHOTO: AFP**

Tuesday's election was extremely close, with Harris and Trump essentially tied in national and swing state polls.

For US allies and partners from Europe to Asia, Trump's win could be a headache as he has doubted the power of multilateralism and collective action to tackle global challenges such as climate change.

Tuesday's election was seen as the country's tightest in decades, with polls showing Harris and Trump essentially tied nationally and across swing states even in the final stretch of the contest.

Trump will be sworn in as the 47th US president on 20 January, succeeding Joe Biden, who defeated him in the 2020 election. Although Biden is currently the oldest president in US history, Trump, 78, will be the oldest at time of inauguration

upon taking the oath for his second term.

In July, 81-year-old President Biden ended his reelection bid, citing concerns about his age and poor debate performance against Trump. Kamala Harris, entering the race this summer, presented herself as the future, contrasting with

Trump's "Make America Great Again" slogan. Though she energized the Democratic Party and younger, female voters, Harris struggled to overcome Trump's strength, particularly on issues like inflation and immigration.

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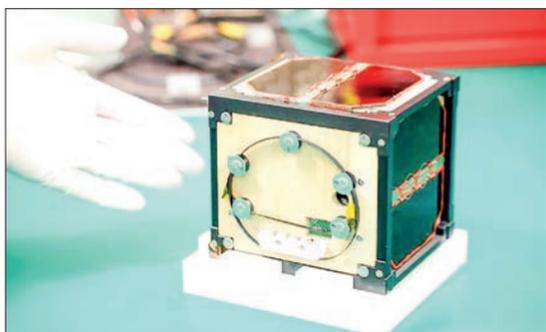
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The polarized election underscored America's divided vision for the future. — Kyodo

World's first wooden satellite launched into space

THE world's first wooden satellite has blasted off on a SpaceX rocket, its Japanese developers said Tuesday, part of a resupply mission to the International Space Station.

Scientists at Kyoto University expect the wood-



LignoSat, a satellite made from wood and developed by scientists at Kyoto University and Sumitomo Forestry, shown during a press conference in May 2024. **PHOTO: JJI PRESS/AFP/FILE**

en material to burn up when the device re-enters the atmosphere — potentially providing a way to avoid generating metal particles when a retired satellite returns to Earth.

The LignoSat experimental satellite, developed by Kyoto University and Sumitomo Forestry, has successfully launched into space from NASA's Kennedy Space Centre. Measuring just 10 centimetres on each side, the box-like satellite is designed to test the durability of non-metal materials in space.

Installed in a container prepared by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, LignoSat will be released into space after arriving at the International Space Station (ISS) within a month.

Researchers will monitor its response to temperature extremes and strain, aiming to advance satellite technology and reduce environmental and telecommunications risks associated with metal-based satellites. — AFP

PUBLIC HEALTH FOCUS

WHO identifies 17 pathogens in urgent need of vaccines

A new World Health Organization (WHO) study published on Wednesday in *BioMedicine* named 17 pathogens that regularly cause diseases in communities as top priorities for new vaccine development.

The WHO study is the first global effort to systematically prioritize endemic pathogens based on criteria that included regional disease burden, antimicrobial resistance risk and socioeconomic impact.

The study highlights critical vaccine research priorities, focusing on HIV, malaria, tuberculosis, and emerging antimicrobial-resistant pathogens like Group A streptococcus and *Klebsiella pneumoniae*.

WHO's Director Kate O'Brien emphasized the need for vaccine development driven by public health impact, not just financial return, aiming to reduce disease burden and medical costs globally. — ANI