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Chairman of the National Disaster Management Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win hears the report of the flood-stricken areas in Pynmana Township in Nay Pyi Taw by Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Than Tun Oo yesterday.

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Vice-Senior General at the NDMC coordination meeting

1. Officials must inspect the endurances of 12 dams and 12 reservoirs in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area daily to inform people from relief camps about the situation of these facilities.
2. Each relief camp systematically keeps the management fund and five basic foodstuffs provided by Nay Pyi Taw Council to supply foodstuffs to people from the camps daily.
3. Officials from hospitals, station hospitals, rural dispensaries, and nurses from villages have to inform nearby treatment centres about people's health conditions so as not to cause diarrhoea, mosquito- and fly-borne diseases, and general infectious diseases.
4. Since floodwaters receded, it is essential to provide basic foodstuffs and purified drinking water, as well as healthcare services to those who returned to their native areas.

DMC to guide donors to appropriate relief camps for organized aid

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Chairman of the National Disaster Management Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win yesterday morning said so at the coordination meeting of the management

committee to address damage in flash flooding in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Senior General noted that flash floods, inundation and heavy rains in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, including Pynmana, Tatkon and Lewe townships, are based on impacts of global climate change.

He stressed the need to overcome the challenges of natural disasters by applying experiences obtained in the outbreak of cyclonic storms Mocha in

2023 and Nargis in 2008. Natural Disaster Management Committees not only in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area but also in Shan, Kayin and Mon States and Magway, Mandalay, Taninthayi and Bago Regions affected by Typhoon Yagi are conducting rescue and relief measures for the people in flooding and landslides.

He underlined that disaster management committees, which are open around the clock, have to direct well-wishers to relevant relief camps for flood victims in order to make donations systematically.

The Vice-Senior General urged the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation to submit daily reports to the State Administration Council on the inflow of water to residences, as well as serious and non-serious occurrences.

He pointed out that officials must inspect the endurances of 12 dams and 12 reservoirs in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area daily to inform people from relief camps about the situations of these facilities.

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Fifteen (15) days remain until the National Census.



Announcement for people at home and abroad to donate cash and kind to flood-affected victims

- It has already been announced that as flash floods caused by Typhoon Yagi occur in Myanmar, well-wishers can donate cash through the banking system at account number OA-011834, foreign account numbers 011128400000063 and EDN-600018, and released the QR code and phone numbers for KPay and Wave Money if they want to make donations via the mobile payment system.
- Currently, arrangements have been made for other mobile payment systems, such as CBPay, OK\$, and AyaPay, and well-wishers can contribute funds by scanning the following QR codes.








Objectives of 25th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2024

- To uplift national prestige and integrity and to preserve the cultural heritage and national characteristics
- To explore, preserve and uplift the traditional cultural heritage of performing arts of ethnic nationals and national cultural characteristics
- To explore and preserve the traditional cultural heritage for the young generation and further propagate the national spirit
- To serve as a national cultural entity for State development, peace, and stability

WEATHER

Deep Depression No 05/2024

Issued at 19:00 hours MST on 14-9-2024

Depression Condition

According to the observations at 17:30 hours MST today, the Deep Depression over the West Bengal (India) and adjoining Bangladesh has moved west-south-westwards and crossing the interior of Bangladesh.

During next 48 hours forecast

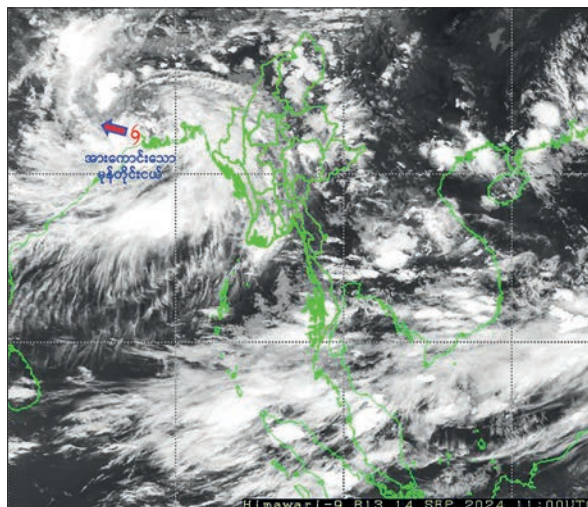
The Deep Depression is likely to continue to move westwards and may cross continue inland of India and weaken into a Depression during next 48 hours.

General caution

Due to the Deep Depression, rain or thunder-showers will be widespread in Magway Region and Chin and Rakhine states with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls and fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions with heavy rainfalls and strong wind from tonight to 15-9-2024. Squalls with rough seas are likely at times in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35-40 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 8-10 feet in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts.

Advisory

Under the influence of deep depression, people should be aware of heavy rain with strong wind, flash flood and landslide in the hilly areas and near small rivers and also domestic flight, trawlers, vessels and ships in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts.



Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 18:00 hours MST on 14-9-2024)

Flood condition of Dokhtawady River

According to the 17:30 hours MST observation today, the water level of Dokhtawady River at Myitnge has exceeded by more than 3.5 feet (111 centimetres) above its danger level 28.54 feet (870 centimetres). It may fall from the present water level by about 0.5 foot during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

Flood conditions of Sittoung River

According to the 17:30 hours MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo has exceeded by about 6.5 feet (196 centimetres) above its

danger level 19.69 feet (600 centimetres). It may fall from the present water level by about 1.5 feet during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

According to the 17:30 hours MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk has exceeded by about 2.5 feet (76 centimetres) above its danger level 35.10 feet (1,070 centimetres). It may continue to rise from the present water level by about 0.5 foot during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

Flood condition of Bago River

According to the 17:30 hours MST observation today, the water level of Bago River at Bago has exceeded by more than 0.5 foot (22 centimetres) above its danger level 28.87 feet (880 centimetres). It may fall from the present water level by about 0.5 foot during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

Flood condition of Thanlwin River

According to the 17:30 hours MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an has exceeded by more than seven feet (218 centimetres) above its danger level 24.61 feet (750 centimetres). It may continue to rise from the present water level by about 0.5 foot during the next one day and may remain above its danger level.

Advisory

It is especially advised to the people who settle near the river banks and low-lying areas in Toungoo, Bago, Hpa-an, Myitnge and Madauk townships, to take precaution measures. — DMH

NATIONAL

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)

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He highlighted that each relief camp systematically keeps the management fund and five basic foodstuffs provided by Nay Pyi Taw Council to supply food to people from the camps daily.

He continued that as some villages are facing one-two feet deep flood, it is necessary to distribute drinking water as well as life straws, bleaching powder and water-purified tablets to residents.

The Vice-Senior General underscored that officials from hospitals, station hospitals, rural dispensaries and nurses from villages have to inform nearby treatment centres about the health conditions of people not to cause diarrhoea and mosquito- and fly-borne diseases and general infectious diseases.

He explained that healthcare teams should be formed to despatch them to the villages which still face difficulties, and meeting discussions must be disseminated to remaining regions and states and attended to the needs.

Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman U Than Tun Oo and officials reported on flash floods in Tatkon, Pobbathiri, Zeyathiri, Pyinmana and Lewe townships starting from the morning of 11 September, overflow of Hsinthay Creek, conducting rescue and relief measures in difficulties in flooded water affected by Nawin, Mone and Kintha creeks, clearing of debris starting from 12 September, 42 deaths in incidents, floating of 33 houses, start of cleaning 3,819 flooded buildings, the progress of rescue, relief and rehabilitation, the opening of 82 relief camps to accommodate some 25,000 people.

The meeting was also attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, U Myo Thant, Dr Thet Khaing Win, Dr Soe Win, and U Min Naung and officials.

After the meeting, the Vice-Senior General inspected the 190-foot-long and 28-foot-wide Nawin Creek Bridge, damaged by erosion on the Yangon-Mandalay highway and the construction of a Bailey bridge by officials and staff of the Department of Bridges.

The 100-foot-long and 24-foot-wide Bailey with a 24-foot-wide motorway can withstand 40 tonnes of load. Its construc-



SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win inspects preparatory works at the Nawin Creek Bridge damaged by erosion on the Yangon-Mandalay highway yesterday.

DMC to guide donors to appropriate relief camps for organized aid



Vice-Senior General Soe Win encourages flood-battered villagers at the Basic Education High School in Natthaye Village, Pyinmana Township, on 14 September 2024.

tion started on 11 September, and it can be used on 16 September.

The Vice-Senior General also inspected damage caused by flooding in residential wards and villages in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

In the meeting with some 600 flood victims from Hsinthay, Pawsankhaw, Peinnabin, Zeebyupin and Hnandaw villages of Pyinmana Township at the Basic Education High School in Natthaye Village, the Vice-Senior General explained

arrangements for food and accommodation, and rehabilitation and provided cash assistance and foodstuffs.

He also met some 500 flood-stricken people from flood-ravaged villages at Chanmyae Yeiktha Monastery in Tatkon Township and explained plans to provide aid for rehabilitation.

Union ministers who accompanied the Vice-Senior General discussed that as flooded water ebbed, basic foodstuffs and, purified drinking water and healthcare services must be provided for those who return to their native areas, adding people should not be fearful for misinformation about dams. They also presented cash assistance and food to the victims.

The Vice-Senior General also conversed with more than 1,000 flood victims at Tatkon BEHS No 1 and inspected the opening of a temporary clinic and stockpiling foodstuffs, clothes and relief supplies.

At flood-hit Tatkon Township Hospital (100-bed), the Vice-Senior General inspected repair works and comforted the patients.

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DPM MoTC Union Minister inspects damage and repair progress on railways, bridges



Member of State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister General Mya Tun Oo inspects the repair of railways damaged by flooding in Mandalay Region yesterday.

DEPUTY Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo led an inspection of railways and bridges in Mandalay Region yesterday, damaged by recent heavy rainfalls. Officials from the ministry and Myanmar Railways accompanied him.

During the morning inspec-

tion, General Mya Tun Oo arrived at Yamethin Station, where he boarded a railway inspection vehicle to examine damage caused by flooding along the Yangon-Mandalay railway. Specifically, between mileposts 271/16-17, both tracks of the Up and Down lines were found to have suffered erosion, with

around 30 feet of embankment washed away.

The inspection continued between Yamethin and Ingyinkan stations, where additional erosion damage was observed near milepost 277/1-3. Additionally, the inspection team checked bridge No 515, which had been severely impacted on its Man-

dalay side due to the erosion of its abutments near milepost 277/7-8.

Later in the day, the Deputy Prime Minister visited the site of bridge No 529, located between Shwedah and Pyawbwe stations. The bridge, a 100-foot Bailey structure, had partially collapsed due to the force of floodwaters.

At Pyawbwe station, he met officials from Myanmar Railways, including those from head office and regional divisions. They discussed the widespread damage caused by the recent storm that swept through the eastern parts of Myanmar, bringing torrential rainfall that severely affected railways across Bago Region, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and Mandalay Region. The lines most impacted included the Yangon-Mandalay railway and the southern Shan State route from Thazi to Shwenyaung-Taunggyi. Due to the damage, rail services had been temporarily suspended, disrupting passenger and freight transport.

To expedite the restoration of railway operations, the Un-

ion minister directed staff to allocate resources efficiently, including workforce, materials, and logistical support, across the affected regions. He emphasized the need for systematic supervision to ensure rapid repairs, especially on critical sections of the railway. He also highlighted the importance of setting appropriate speed limits once the repairs are completed, managing outdated tracks and sleepers, and ensuring the cleanliness and maintenance of station areas.

In the afternoon, General Mya Tun Oo inspected further erosion destruction along the Up and Down lines between Pyawbwe and Shanywa stations. He noted areas where rail ballast had been washed away and directed officials to increase the use of machinery to ensure faster, more effective repairs. He also urged adherence to safety standards throughout the repair process.

Repair and restoration work is ongoing, and authorities are taking all necessary measures to beef up repair work with use of heavy machinery. — MNA/KZL

MoALI Union Minister makes inspection tour of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Bo Bo Kyaw, inspected the work processes of the Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department regarding water inflow of dams and drainage system in vicinity areas of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 13 September.

First, the Union minister and party observed the Kintha Dam near Kyaukse village of Tatkon, and officials reported on the water storage; vast amounts of water flow into the dam during continuous rainfall, damage and other matters.

Then, the Union minister instructed officials to work with relevant departmental organizations to provide the

needed assistance for people in flood-affected areas and to conduct maintenance works.

Although the Kintha Dam was affected by the flood, only 230 feet out of the whole dam was destroyed. Some of the farmlands under the dam were damaged, and assistance will be provided for farmers to use fertilizer fully in the remaining farmlands to meet the target



Union Minister U Min Naung looks into the work processes of Kintha Dam affected by the flood in Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

cultivation. Then, the Union minister conducted field study trips to the flood-hit areas in

irrigated areas by the Yezin Dam. — MNA/KTZH

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The Vice-Senior General inspected the construction of a bailey bridge and approach roads on both sides by the Directorate of Military Engineers of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) for Nawin Creek Bridge (Thayaaye) destroyed by erosion and left instructions on the long-term existence of the Bailey Bridge with resilience of natural disas-

ter. The Bailey Bridge is scheduled to be finished in the last week of September.

He also viewed round the 360 feet long and 55 feet wide Thaikchaung Bridge, crossing Hsinthay Creek on the Pobbathiri circular road linking Zeyathiri and Pobbathiri townships. The bridge was eroded by flooding in Hsinthay Creek.

Roads and bridges damaged by flash flooding are repaired in Nay Pyi Taw

Council Area. At present, the inter-district road between Tatkon and Pysinmana townships is used to transport relief supplies and other goods so they are not delayed.

Torrential rains, which flew into the Hsinthay and Ngalaik creeks and Paunglaung River, caused casualties to five of eight townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. Hence, 82 relief camps are open in relevant towns and villages with efforts

of Tatmadaw members, Myanmar Police Force members, firefighters, departmental personnel and charity organizations for rescue, relief and rehabilitation measures.

Currently, the water level in the Sit-toung River is in danger, but people along the river have prepared to overcome the challenges of loss and damage caused by flooding. — MNA/TTA

Commander-in-Chief (Air) leaves for Cambodia to attend 21st AACC

THE Myanmar delegation led by Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung left Yangon for Cambodia yesterday by air to attend the 21st ASEAN Air Chiefs Conference (21st AACC), which will be held in Cambodia.

The Myanmar delegation led by Commander-in-Chief (air) General Tun Aung was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Zaw Hein and Tatmadaw officers. — MNA/KZL



Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung is seen off at Yangon International Airport before departing for Cambodia yesterday.

Donations given to flood victims; Relief and clean-up efforts ongoing

IN Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and various states and regions, water levels in creeks and rivers have risen due to continuous heavy rainfall, resulting in widespread flooding in wards and villages. Roads, bridges, electricity distribution posts, and buildings have collapsed or been damaged.

Authorities and rescue teams have been assisting flood victims by evacuating residents from affected wards and villages. On 14 September, Tatmadaw members, police, firefighters, departmental officials, and charity and civil society associations conducted evacuation and relief measures, and delivered food and supplies to people in Lewe, Pysinmana, Zeyathiri, and Pobbathiri townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. Additionally, personnel have cleared silt, broken tree branches, and debris from roads and bridges in the affected areas.



Rescue team evacuates flood victims in Nay Pyi Taw, on 13 September 2024.

As repairs to damaged roads and bridges continue, the Thaikchaung and Nawinchaung bridges in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area were replaced with iron frame Bailey bridges on 14 September. Furthermore, the bridge over Sinthay Creek, which connects Zeyathiri Township and

Pobbathiri Township, has been replaced with a temporary Bailey ridge, with construction completed on the afternoon of 14 September.

Temporary relief camps have been established in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory and various states and regions, providing nec-

essary healthcare services, food, and drinking water. Families of the Defence Services (Army, Navy, and Air), departmental personnel, and donors are contributing rice boxes, drinking water, and other foodstuffs.

Regional and state chief ministers, Lt-Gen Phone Myat

from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), commanders of relevant commands, and departmental officials have visited the affected areas to offer words of encouragement to flood victims.

Flooding has affected 462 villages and wards in 64 townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Bago, Mandalay, and Ayeyawady regions, as well as Mon, Kayin, and Shan (South and East) states. As of the evening of 13 September, the floods have resulted in 74 deaths and 89 people missing. Search and rescue operations are ongoing and led by authorities and search and rescue workers. In the flood-stricken areas, a total of 32,645 feet in length of roads, 24 bridges, 375 schools, one monastery, five dams, four pagodas, 14 transformers, 456 lamp-posts, and 65,759 houses have been destroyed. — MNA/TMT

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Over 187 relief camps operated in 7 states/regions as of 13 September

DUE to the severe flood that occurred in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Mandalay and Bago regions, Kayah, Kayin, Mon, and Shan states, more than 187 temporary relief camps were opened. A total of 59,413 households with 236,649 individuals from 37 townships were accommodated at 187 relief camps as of 13 September.

In addition, aid worth K12 million has been donated to the flood victims as of 12 September, according to Director Daw Lay Shwe Zin Oo of the Department of Disaster Management.

“We are supporting and aiding the required materials such as boats, life jackets, rescue materials and foodstuffs to the victims in Nay Pyi Taw where the flood hit the worst. We are also planning to assist in the places where houses and property lost and were damaged due to the flood, although the water level decreased,” Daw Lay Shwe Zin Oo said.

Moreover, departments under the Ministry of Health, regional administrative bodies, relevant departments and the public will be collaborating to carry out



This photo depicts personnel from the Disaster Management Department carrying out relief works for flood victims.

removing dirty water from the lakes and ponds, chlorination, and anti-dengue processes to prevent the potential outbreak of diarrhoea and dengue fever after the water level decreases. In addition, authorities are carrying out for supplying enough medicines and pharmaceuticals, 24/7 healthcare services, personal hygien-

ic matters, access to purified drinking water, water purification process, access to fresh and healthy foods, systematic garbage system, awareness raising for preventing infectious diseases and health knowledge at the relief camps, and to transfer the patients to the hospital in time.

Due to Typhoon Yagi, the water level increased in Ngalaik Creek, Hsinthay Creek, and Paunglaung Creek; flood swept; landslide; and power towers, buildings, roads and bridges collapsed in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area. Schools have been temporarily closed due to the severe flood. — ASH/TMT

False alert: Ngamoeyeik Dam water release

CURRENTLY, misinformation is spreading online that the Ngamoeyeik Dam will release water, potentially inundating Yangon.

The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology (DMH) has not announced that Yangon will be affected by flooding. Conditions at the Ngamoeyeik Dam are stable, and there is no immediate risk of flooding in Yangon.

The water levels of the Hlaing and Bago rivers, as well as the Ngamoeyeik Creek, are normal and not at critical levels. The rain has also stopped, so Yangon is not at risk of flooding,” said a person who regularly follows weather news.

The water level of the Ngamoeyeik Dam increased by two feet at 9 pm on 13 September, and the Mahuya Dam increased by 0.8 foot. These changes are within the normal range for these dams.

“If anyone wants to inquire about the situation, we invite them to the dam, and we will provide an explanation,” said an official from the Ngamoeyeik Dam.

The Sittoung, Thanlwin, and Ayeyawady rivers, which are currently overflowing, are far from Yangon.

“We need to consider the sources



This photo depicts the conditions of the Ngamoeyeik Dam on 14 September 2024.

of water that could affect Yangon. To the west, there is the Hlaing River, and the Ngamoeyeik Creek is in the centre.

The water levels are not at critical points. Water from the Bago Creek and Sittoung Canal will flow into the Bago River.

Low-lying areas in Thanlyin and Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) townships may experience flooding. If the rain

does not intensify, the tidal water is not expected to rise significantly between 17 and 21 September.

The depression is expected to move into India and away from Myanmar, so there should be minimal rainfall until 23 September. Considering these factors, we can forecast whether Yangon will be flooded or not,” said U Win Naing, a meteorologist. — Htun Htun/TKO



MAI to offer free cargo service for emergency supplies to flood-hit areas

MYANMAR Airways International (MAI) will provide free cargo service to deliver relief supplies and aid to areas affected by the flood, according to the airlines.

This service aims to ensure the smooth transport of relief supplies, foodstuffs, and medicine to flood-stricken areas such as Tachilek, Kengtung, and Heho in Shan State, as well as Mandalay and the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Volunteers and well-wishers who wish to use MAI's free cargo service to deliver emergency supplies can contact MAI's Cargo Operations Team. MAI will provide the service in accordance with regulations, approvals, or recommendations from relevant officials and will check available space to accommodate the aid items. — ASH/TKO

Yangon Tourism Committee approves 4 hotel licences, 1 guesthouse permit

YANGON Region Tourism Committee granted licences for four hotels and one guesthouse permit at its third meeting held at the meeting hall of the Yangon Region government office on 14 August.

The hotel businesses will bring in capital of over K7 billion. Additionally, the committee endorsed 19 tour licences (inbound/

outbound) and 13 outbound tour agency licences. Those businesses are to create 312 jobs for locals.

After the endorsement of the projects, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, chair of the committee, addressed tourism development activities at the meeting. — San Kyaw Oo (IPRD)/KK



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein talks about the development of tourism services in Yangon Region. PHOTO: SAN KYAW OO (IPRD)

CBM sells US\$230,000, 1.5M yuan, over 956,000 Thai baht on 13 Sept

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) injected US\$230,000, over 1.5 million yuan and over 956,000 Thai baht into the financial market on 13 September.

The CBM announced on 12 September that it would pump \$10 million into the fuel oil sector and \$7 million into the edible oil sector through the foreign exchange trading platform.

Following CBM's notification dated 14 August about contribution of \$100 million towards the fuel oil sector, it sold over \$9.498 million at exchange rate of K3,400 on 15 August, over \$89.975 million at exchange rate of K3,410 on 19 August, \$31 million at exchange rate of K3,440 on 22 August, over \$35 million

at exchange rate of K3,460 on 26 August and \$16.9 million at exchange rate of K3,472 on 28 August respectively.

CBM announced on 9 August that it would sell \$6 million, five million yuan, and 10 million baht in edible oil, fuel oil, and pharmaceutical sectors through online foreign exchange trading platforms in the coming weeks.

CBM sold \$5 million and five million yuan for fuel oil, edible oil and pharmaceutical sectors on 2 August, after selling 69 million baht and nine million yuan for those importing edible oil, fertilizer, pharmaceuticals and medical devices on 1 August.

Therefore, CBM injected over \$190 million, 19 million yuan and 79 million baht in August.

This move is 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



A glimpse of the general view of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Nay Pyi Taw.

HIFCE invites Myanmar business delegates from F&B industry

THE second Hainan International Tropical Food Supply Chain (Expo) (HIFCE) 2024, which is scheduled to take place on 17-20 October 2024 in Haikou, Hainan Province, China, cordially invited Myanmar businesspeople engaged in the food and beverage industry, according to Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

It was co-organized by China National Food Industry Association, China Fisheries Association, China Chamber of International Commerce, Hainan Chamber of Commerce, Hainan Food Production and Distribution Association and Haishihui Exhibition Group (Hainan) Co, Ltd.

The theme of the second HIFCE is "Focusing on good international and domestic food, creating a dual-circulation trade platform".

The expo is 60,000 square metres wide, including five expo halls and 21 pavilions. Conferences such as the 2024 China (Hainan) International Tropical Food Supply Chain Development Conference, the Golden Coconut Award 2024 Top 100 International Good Food Category Competition, the Golden Spoon Cup 2024 China (Hainan) International Good Food Cooking Innovation Competition will be held at Hall

1 at the centre.

Foreign embassies and consulates general to China were invited to join the expo to attend the conferences and events and showcase unique and quality food products. The expo will bring a platform to exchange ideas with professionals in the food and beverage industry, leaders, investors, and media outlets to explore cooperation opportunities.

Those embassies and consulates general which want to participate in the expo are notified to bear booth installation costs through the organizing committee or construct themselves unless they wish to go above 108 square metres of booths at the national hall for free. The committee arranged for those who want to take 36 by 9 square metres of four exhibition booths with 8,000 yuan near the main entrance. The nine-square-metre wide booth is provided free.

The Myanmar consulate-general will connect Myanmar business persons and institutions with the organizers, so they are asked to submit their registration to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization through contact number 067 408622 or email: event.td.myanmartrade@gmail.com. — NN/KK

OPINION

BOOKRACK POEM

Actively protect the Ozone layer for the safety of society

THE ozone layer is located in the Earth's stratosphere, starting at an altitude of 15-50 kilometres and spanning a thickness of about 56 kilometres. It absorbs harmful ultraviolet-B and C rays from the sun, protecting animals on Earth and reducing the risk of skin cancer, cataracts, and other health problems in humans. Additionally, the ozone layer helps safeguard ecosystems, regulates climate, and minimizes damage to plastic, wood, and rubber products.

Man-made chemicals such as Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), Hydrochlorofluorocarbons (HCFCs), and Bromochloromethane (BrCH₂Cl) can damage the ozone layer. These substances are released from refrigerators, air

conditioners, fire extinguishers, pesticides, fossil fuels, and industrial gases and chemicals, all of which harm the ozone layer. Natural events such as volcanic eruptions and forest fires can also release substances that contribute to ozone layer depletion.

Myanmar has established a national ozone unit to work actively on ozone layer conservation. As a member of the Montreal Protocol, Myanmar cooperates with other countries to protect the ozone layer and mitigate climate change. While the country has relatively low production of ozone-depleting substances, it fully complies with the commitments of the Montreal Protocol.

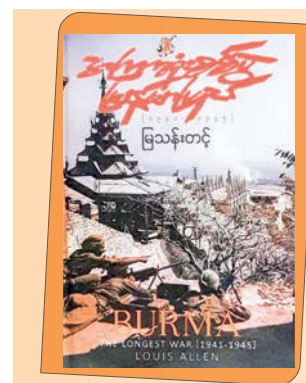
António Guterres, Secretary-General of the United Nations, stated: "On this World Ozone Day, let's commit to making peace with our planet. Let's build on the success of the Montreal Protocol to show what international cooperation at its best can achieve." It is essential for all global countries and people in individuals to thoroughly understand the value of the ozone layer in protecting themselves and the whole world and ensuring a sustainable future as part of saving their lives and generations.

The 28th meeting of the Montreal Protocol members adopted the Kigali Amendment to reduce the production and use of hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) to control substances harmful to the ozone layer. Through the Kigali Amendment, climate action is being accelerated, with countries

committing to phase down HFCs – powerful climate-warming gases that replaced ozone-depleting substances. If fully ratified and implemented, this Amendment could prevent up to 0.5°C of warming by 2100.

The Montreal Protocol is rightly hailed as a success story of multilateralism. It united the world to phase out ozone-depleting substances, setting the ozone layer on a path to recovery and protecting all life on Earth. On this World Ozone Day, countries celebrate climate action in line with the 2024 theme, "Montreal Protocol: Advancing Climate Actions."

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Ahkyarhsone Sitpwe Myanmar Pyi

Burma: The Longest War (1941-45); By Louis Allen

We are all used to hearing some people say, "Sit Hso Yin Yay Daung Sit Ma Thauk Chin Boo," which for a working translation into English will be, "Not willing to hear the word war; we even hate to drink water going through a sieve (which in Myanmar means sit – i.e.)" Such an utterance is mainly made by the older generation who had gone through the periods of war throughout successive eras under the British colonialists, the Japanese fascists and the Revolutionary Council. Their bitter experiences have made them unable to bear to hear the word 'war'.

Some people shout the word 'peace' at the top of their voices;

however, they do not really know the value of peace. Matter-of-factly, how can those who have never undergone a period of war know the value of peace? The woes and sorrows caused by the wars are of astronomical figure. People can learn a host of lessons from the wars. Nevertheless, peace can sometimes be achieved only by launching wars. That is the reason why waging a war is sometimes called making the peace. If one party can defeat the other by war, peace will prevail.

There are 12 episodes in this book. Maps for illustration purposes accompany the writings. During World War the Second, Myanmar was the soil on which

the Japanese fascist troops suffered dramatically. For the British, they have had to wage the longest war in Burma. The original English version of the book is the most comprehensive one about the Second World War in Myanmar. What also appeals to the writer of the book review is Saya Mya Than Tint, who is one of the best translators in our country, translated this book under review. Saya Mya Than Tint is famous not only for his excellent translation but also for his painstaking effort in translating the thickest books like War and Peace.

This book was translated part by part and published in a

long series in the excellent magazine Pay Phoo Hlwar. Louis Allen writes Burma, the Longest War, 1941-45. This book is a very detailed account of the War in Burma, not a campaign but the entire war that lasted from December 1941 to the end of the war. Everything worthy of note is contained in the book, including a number of personal accounts that make the conflict and suffering much alive to the readers.

Louis Allen was a brilliant lecturer who, over the years, at conferences, seminars and other academic gatherings, delivered papers which were informative, provocative, often entertaining, and always revealed enormous knowledge of and infectious enthusiasm for the topic under consideration.

His last performance, the paper on Burma: the Longest War, which he presented from his wheelchair at the Imperial War Museum on 5 December 1991, was vintage Louis, and those who were there will long remember it. It was a moving account that combined the knowledge that comes from direct experience and that which comes from books. This book really deserves a place on the bookshelf of the readers.



Book Title - Ingaleik-Myanmar Sitpwekhit Ko Dway Myar
Experiences of A Jungle-Wallah by Nibs (Hugh Nisbet)
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Ingaleik-Myanmar Sitpwekhit Ko Dway Myar

Experiences of A Jungle-Wallah by Nibs (Hugh Nisbet)

A jungle-wallah is a jungle fellow, i.e. someone rude, uncivilized, lacking manners. This word, 'wallah', is used in India. This is a Hindi word suggesting fellow, and so, the word – jungle-wallah is a mixed Hindi and English word. The book, "Experiences of A Jungle-Wallah", was written by Hugh Nisbet, who worked for a timber company in Myanmar at the time when the Third Anglo-Burman War was imminent. In this book, Hugh Nisbet shared his experiences with the Bombay Burma Timber Company as well as those about the conflict between Burma and the British

and the respectable courage of the ethnic leaders.

He mentioned the fighting spirit of Bo Nan, a Myanmar patriot, who was quoted as saying, "In this life, I've fought you with all my might. And if we happen to meet in the next existence, I'll continue to fight you regardless of whether you believe in the existence of next life or not." That was uttered in his moribund stage. How patriotic Bo Nan is. He made a solemn vow even before he breathed his last.

The book is based on the facts and information provided by those who were personal-

ly involved in the Anglo-Burman War. The British colonialists had swallowed Burma in three gulps – i.e., they annexed Burma by waging three Anglo-Burman Wars. True, the book provides first-hand information and direct knowledge. Nonetheless, some views may not be perfectly comprehensive or even biased because the writer is a foreigner who may view things from a different perspective from a Myanmar national who knows Myanmar better than him. This being so, some views may not give full satisfaction to the Myanmar readers. Nevertheless, the

facts, information and events will be of some historical value.

Episode One deals with Bombay Burma Timber Company, which the King of Burma granted to do business in Pyinmana and Toungoo reserved forests. As they lacked investment funds, they established a joint venture with a local entrepreneur. The merged company was named Bombay Burma Trading Company, which was located on the Strand Road. Strictly speaking, it was situated in the place of the Strand Hotel nowadays.

Episode Nine is about the story of Saw Hla Phaw, a Kayin national leader. The readers will be able to have some information about him fighting in the Kayinni, the Red Kayin, and the Shan battles. During the reign of King Mindon, the Kayinni State was granted autonomy.

But they had to provide some percentage of their revenues to the King. In 1866, the Kayinni State was invaded by the Hsipaw Sawbwa from the Shan State. This book is also strongly recommended to readers as it contains some historical information.

ပုထုဇဉ်

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Worldling

By Mya Myint Moh, Translation by Myint Zan

this unsynchronised, ill-fitting (phenomenon) is such that reliance is made on the darkness stealing the light of the Sun and 'marrying' /using it

what sort of Moon is that? the interfering hands and the neck that comes forth is too bold

the earth is being beaten by the cold, big hand of the searing light 'tis not a view that merits seeing and watching

since (one) hates the moonlight (one also) hates the bright (Sirius) star the Milky Way galaxy the guest comet oh how (one) wishes to darken the entire sky to tumble it down

may one never has the chance to pay homage to the Maitreya Buddha*

OR (alternatively) may (I) have the chance to pay homage to the Maitreya Buddha**

First published in the vernacular in Mahaythi magazine January 1992

Myanmar Traditional Pho Wa Doll

By Mya Thae (Research)

- I have an affectionate doll, and take attachment very strongly.
- Round patch of Thanaka on his cheek, Tying two sides of hair; how lovely and sweet.
- Corpulent and call him Myanmar traditional Pho Wa, I evoke him very much.

(Based on the advertisement of Aungbarlay State Lottery)



Wisdom

By Chit Ko Pe

Avoid the thorn's prick when grasping a sprig. Donning a flower is worth it with an intelligent pluck.

သတိအသိ

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ချစ်ကိုပေ



NATIONAL Entertainment



New drama series 'Second Chance for Marriage' debuted

THE launching ceremony of the Mahar Original Series by Mahar Application was organized at Kyaikkasan pagoda in Yangon on 12 September, according to actress Thoon Set.

The story and script for the new series 'Second Chance for Marriage' was created by Hay Zal and directed by director Kyaw Hninzi.

"I portray Pale Myu as the character in this movie. It is about marriage. The drama is similar to a Kore-

an movie. Please support me. It is about romance, and the fans can taste it. All the artistes are good in their characters," said Thoon Set.

The series will include 25 episodes, and the cast is Htet Aung Shine, academy Ye Aung, Henry, Shwe Thamee, Thoon Set, Lin Zarni Zaw, academy Khin Zar Chi Kyaw and other artistes. The filming processes will begin in Yangon and Singapore in the last week of September. — ASH/KTZH

Khin Wint Wah

Academy Khin Wint Wah initiated a cash donation of K3 million for rehabilitation processes in flood-stricken areas together with the Online Donation Group. The actress announces those want to donate cash ranging from K500 and K1,000 can transfer to KBZ (special account) 04551104501667601/ KPay - 09 254088877 (Wai Phyo Aung) and those want to donate foodstuffs and clothing to 09 254088877 (Wai Phyo), 09 954074774 (Soe Soe Min), and 09 797279000 (Zin Min Htike).



U Win Kyi (Sein Htay)

The group of the 'Thabin Thel Mya Hninzi' film produced by Sein Htay Film Production donated K1 million together with producer U Win Kyi for flood victims on 13 September. They donated via the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization, and Patron U Aung Myint Myat accepted the donation.



Yadana Bo

Actress Yadana Bo initiated a K3 million donation for flood victims and posted on her Facebook page, calling on all to donate ranging from K1,000, K2,000, and K5,000 by transferring their donations via KPay 09 976861177 (Khin Nilar Khant).



Thu Htoo San

Academy Thu Htoo San and his family donated K100,000 for the 47th respect-paying ceremony of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization, and Chairman U Kyi Soe Tun accepted it.

CELEBRITY BRIEF

Cherry Thin

Singer Cherry Thin participated in a charity event for flood victims together with the Firecracker band and Mandalay's artistes at Anyathu Café in Mandalay. Those who want to donate can contact KPay 09 423559469 (Kyawt Theint Theint) and KPay 09 970008036 (Thet Paing Phoo).



Totty Swe

Artists are also actively participating in charity events for flood victims, and artist Totty Swe from Mandalay sold his 11-inch by 15-inch watercolour painting at K400,000 on his social media network for donation. — Htun Htun/KTZH



NATIONAL

Weekly Roundup

8 September

New members added to MNHRC

THE State Administration Council has appointed U Win Hlaing Oo (aka) Cung Za Hmong, Member of the Board of Trustees, St Mary's Catholic Cathedral Church, U Than Win, Member of the Board of Trustees, Pinnaygon Jaame Mosque, and U Tin Ko Ko, Member of the Central Executive Committee, All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation as members of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission under Order 47/2024 in accord with Section 419 of the Constitution.

Economic Affairs Minister of Chin State retires

THE State Administration Council has allowed U Hang Cin Zam, Minister for Economic Affairs of the Chin State government, to retire from his duty due to his health condition under Order 48/2024 in accord with Section 419 of the Constitution.

10 September

Tatmadaw upholds Geneva Convention with comprehensive measures



CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Ms Mirjana Spoljaric Egger, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) at the Office of the State Administration Council Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw to talk about undertakings of the ICRC to provide humanitarian aid in Myanmar; the need to cooperate with relevant ministries to actually distribute necessary assistance to the people in need rather than falling into

the hands of unrelated organizations, and all measures being taken by Tatmadaw in accord with the Geneva Convention.

Mon Unity Party allowed registering

IN its announcement 5/2024, the Union Election Commission allowed the Mon Unity Party to register under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law as its party number 52 as of 9 September.

12 September

Trains suspend as flood becomes barriers



HEAVY rain has caused rivers to overflow and flood some townships and villages in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, and relief works are being conducted.

Due to Typhoon Yagi, the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology released flood warnings for those residing in low-lying areas and villages along the rivers as Ngalaik, Hsinthay and Paunglong rivers in Pinyinmana Township are expected to increase.

On 10 September, floods occurred in Zeyathiri Township, at the Kintha junction of Tatkon Township, low-lying wards, and villages in Pinyinmana Township. Members of Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force, the Fire Brigade and social welfare organizations provided assistance and healthcare services, and the well-wishers donated foodstuffs. Some road sections along the Yangon-Mandalay highway connecting Tatkon from Nay Pyi Taw were also closed due to flooding.

Similarly, the railway services for Yangon-Mandalay and Thazi-Shwenyaung trips were temporarily suspended starting from 11 September as Tatkon-Magyee-pin, Magyee-pin-Nyaunglon, Yamethin-Ing-yinkan, Pyawbwe-Shany-

wa, Thabyaytaung-Thedaw sections on Yangon-Mandalay route, Thazi-Hlinetet, Hlinetat-Phayangasu, Pyayangasu-Yinmabin, Myindaik-Kalaw, Kalaw-Aungban, Hthitsein-Pawmu sections on Thazi-Shwenyaung route, and in Aungban railway station yard were flooded.

13 September

Message sent to 12th Myanmar's Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day event

SAC member Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae remarked, "Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking". I believe that we can prevent the human trafficking of women and children by accelerating the activities of protecting the rights of victims of human trafficking, particularly the rights of women and children, prioritizing their safety and security and protecting them from physical, mental and social harm, at the ceremony to mark the 12th Myanmar's Anti-Trafficking in Persons Day.

14 September

Urgent management of rescue, relief, and rehabilitation needed

ON his inspection tour of townships in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing urged officials to continue rescue and relief measures as quickly as possible with full strength, mentioning that relief aid must be distributed to flood victims rapidly.

Announcement issued for cash donations to flood victims

THE National Disaster Management Committee announced that well-wishers can send cash to KPay through QR Code 70157401001 or KPay by scanning the QR Code, Wave Money by scanning the QR Code or mobile phone numbers 09 255001542 and 09 255001543 directly.

Well-wishers can also donate cash to Myanmar kyt account number OA-011834 and foreign account number 011128400000063 at MFTB in Yangon and foreign account number EDN 600018 at MEB in Nay Pyi Taw. — GNLM/TTA

Myanmar repatriates Chin and Rakhine female nationals from Iraq

THE government has been actively working to repatriate Myanmar nationals facing hardships overseas. By collaborating closely with the Myanmar consulate-general and relevant foreign embassies, authorities are striving to ensure the safe return of citizens who are encountering difficulties abroad. The Myanmar Embassy

in Cairo communicated with the authorities of the Kurdistan Regional Government by sending diplomatic letters and cooperating with the SEED Organization to repatriate Chin national Lal Lawm Tluangi and Rakhine national Ma Sandi Lin, who faced difficulties in Erbil of Iraq with all due speed. They got exit permits

and arrived back in Yangon at 11:30 am on 14 September on the Erbil-Istanbul-Bangkok-Yangon flight.

The Myanmar consulate-general is assisting Myanmar citizens facing hardships in the Middle East in returning home. Additionally, the government, in collaboration with the Myanmar



Ma Lal Lawm Tluangi. PHOTO: KANU



Ma Sandi Lin. PHOTO: KANU

embassies and the Myanmar consulates-general, is repatriating Myanmar nationals who have encountered difficulties while working abroad. Workers and

families express their gratitude to the government, the Myanmar Embassy and the Myanmar consulate-general for their efforts. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/TRKM

ECONOMY WORLD

S Korea's money supply grows for 14th month in July

The expansion is due to strong demand for short-term financial instruments, including time deposits and profit-making securities.



This rise has been ongoing since June 2023 driven by strong demand for short-term financial instruments such as time deposits and profit-making securities. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

SOUTH Korea's money supply grew for the 14th consecutive month due to solid demand for deposits and securities, central bank data showed Friday.

The seasonally-adjusted M2, or broad money, gained 0.4 per cent to 4,053.9 trillion won (US\$3.05 trillion) in July compared to the previous month, continuing to rise since June 2023, according to the Bank of Korea (BOK).

The continued expansion

was attributed to strong demand for short-term financial instruments such as time deposits and profit-making securities.

The M1, or narrow money, reduced 0.3 per cent in July on a monthly basis, keeping a downward trend for the fourth straight month.

Expectations ran high for the BOK to lower its policy rate by the end of 2024 amid an expected rate cut in the United States.

The M1 refers to currency in circulation, demand deposits and transferable savings deposits equivalent to cash. The M2 adds money market funds, time deposits and financial products that mature in less than two years. The liquidity of financial institutions, called Lf, increased 0.2 per cent in the cited month, while the liquidity aggregate, the broadest measure of money supply, stood unchanged. — Xinhua

Deadly floods bring relief to Moroccan farmers

WHEN powerful thunderstorms hit Morocco's arid south, they brought deadly floods but also provided some relief to farmers as the country grapples with its worst drought in nearly 40 years.

The torrential rains at the weekend triggered floods that killed at least 18 people in areas of southern Morocco that straddle the Sahara desert.

While the rain was devas-

tating in part, it also brought some relief to farmers growing crops like almonds, dates and cereals.

"These rains will bring a breath of fresh air" to the south, said agronomist Mohamed Taher Srairi.

"But it has not rained elsewhere, and the country remains under a heavy structural drought."

Recent powerful thunder-

storms in southern Morocco, which experienced some of the worst droughts in nearly 40 years, have had a dual impact.

Over the weekend, torrential rains caused deadly floods, claiming at least 18 lives and significantly affecting the Sahara desert region. Despite the devastation, the rainfall offered partial relief to farmers growing crops like almonds, dates, and cereals. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

Witnessing 'Staggering' economic devastation across Gaza, West Bank

ISRAEL'S war against Hamas has decimated Gaza's economy, shrinking it to less than one-sixth of its 2022 level, amid an "alarming decline" in the West Bank, the UN said Thursday.

Since the war erupted in the Gaza Strip more than 11 months ago, the United Nations said economic devastation has taken place at a "staggering scale".

The war erupted after Hamas's 7 October attack inside Israel, which resulted in the deaths of 1,205 people, mostly civilians, according to an AFP tally based on official Israeli figures, which includes hostages killed in captivity.

Israel's retaliatory military offensive has killed at least 41,020 people in Gaza, according to the Hamas-run territory's health ministry. The UN rights office says most of the dead are women and children. — AFP

Egypt calls for reforming global financial system

Sisi highlighted the necessity of international cooperation to ensure universal access to water.

EGYPTIAN President Abdel-Fattah al-Sisi on Thursday called for reforming the structure of the global financial system and boosting the engagement of developing countries in economic decision-making mechanisms.

He made the appeal in a virtual speech at the UN event "Global Call on the Summit of the Future".

The event convenes amid growing international crises, both politically and economically, he said, underscoring the grave escalation in the Middle East in particular.

Sisi deemed it a priority to

strengthen the role of the United Nations in international economic governance, which will significantly contribute to facilitating the Global South's access to essential funding.

He called for enhancing efforts to eradicate poverty and hunger globally while addressing the challenges of food security.

"International cooperation to secure universal access to water and to uphold international law in the management of cross-border rivers is necessary to ensure harmony among the concerned countries and prevent any harm to any country," said Sisi. — Xinhua



Egypt relies heavily on the Nile River, which is essential for the livelihoods of its people. **PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

China's tyre factory begins mass production in Serbia

The factory initially creates over 1,200 jobs, with a projected increase to 1,835 jobs in the second phase.

MASS production officially began at Linglong's new tyre factory in Zrenjanin, Serbia, on Friday, marking China's first tyre manufacturing facility in Europe.

The 990-million-US-dollar investment represents a significant milestone for both Linglong Tyre and Serbia, positioning the factory as one of the most advanced tire production sites globally, according to a statement

from Linglong Tyre.

Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic, who attended the launch alongside Chinese Ambassador to Serbia Li Ming and Linglong Tyre Co, Ltd Chairman Wang Feng, underlined the economic importance of the project.

Serbian President Vucic hailed a new factory as Serbia's largest green-field investment, creating over 1,200 jobs initially

with a projected increase to 1,835 in its second phase. The factory, a product of the Belt and Road Initiative and partnership with China, will boost Zrenjanin's economy and infrastructure. The facility will produce 13.62 million high-performance tyres annually using advanced technologies. Ambassador Li noted the growing Chinese investment in Serbia due to favourable conditions. — Xinhua



Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic (2nd R) visits the tyre factory as he attends the inauguration ceremony for serial production in China's first tyre manufacturing facility in Europe, in Zrenjanin, Serbia, 13 September 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

Italy court orders toxic steelworks retrial

AN Italian appeals court Friday scrapped the convictions of the former owners of one of Europe's largest steelworks for failing to curb toxic emissions, ordering a retrial, lawyers told AFP.

Brothers Fabio and Nicola Riva were sentenced to 20 and 22 years, respectively, in 2021 by a court in the southern city of Taranto after years of the plant's non-compliance with environmental controls. But the Rivas' legal team appealed, arguing there was a conflict of interest in trying the case in Taranto, where judges may feel directly

affected by the vast plant, which runs along one side of the coastal city. The objection was accepted by an appeals court, which ordered a retrial in Potenza, a city in another region in southern Italy, lawyer Pasquale Annicchiario told AFP. Charges against the Rivas included conspiracy to commit environmental disaster and wilful failure to take precautions in the workplace.

Twenty-six people were convicted in the original trial, including Nichi Vendola, the former president of Italy's Puglia region where the plant is located. — AFP



The steelworks date from the 1960s and have been dogged by battles over their killer emissions. PHOTO: ANDREAS SOLARO/AFP

Boeing workers strike after rejecting contract

THOUSANDS of Boeing factory workers in the United States walked off the job Friday after voting overwhelmingly to reject a contract with the embattled aviation giant, its first strike in 16 years. Union leaders called for the strike to start just after midnight on Friday (0700 GMT), hours after hourly workers in the Seattle region in the Pacific Northwest spurned the tentative contract with a vote of 94.6 per cent and to strike with 96 per cent.

A strike will shutter two major plane assem-



Workers with picket signs outside the Boeing Co. manufacturing facility during a strike in Renton, Washington, US, on Friday, 13 September 2024. PHOTO: AFP

bly plants for the 737 MAX and 777 in the Puget Sound region and sidelines some

33,000 workers, further delaying the financially stressed company's turn-

around efforts.

"Our members spoke loud and clear tonight," said Jon Holden, president of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers District 751, after the vote.

"We strike at midnight."

Picketers were out in front of the Renton plant — where Boeing's flagship 737 Max aircraft is produced — in the early hours of Friday, holding signs reading "On strike against Boeing", according to Bloomberg. — AFP

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SITC QIUMING VOY.NO. (2412S)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SITC QIUMING VOY.NO. (2412S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **15-9-2024** 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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M.V HANSA HARBURG VOY.NO. (434W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V HANSA HARBURG VOY.NO. (434W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **15-9-2024** 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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WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



The BRICS Media Summit takes place in Moscow from 13 to 17 September, with the World Trade Centre serving as the main venue. **PHOTO: TV BRICS**

BRICS Media Summit opens in Moscow

14 SEPTEMBER

THE BRICS Media Summit is being held in Moscow from 13 to 17 September, with participation from leaders and top specialists from over 60 media outlets across 45 countries. The main venue for the forum is the World Trade Centre.

The Media Summit is being conducted for the first time as a new format of the BRICS Media Forum—an independent, nonprofit platform for dialogue among leading media from the member states.

The Media Forum was established in 2015 at the initiative of Chinese state news agency Xinhua and has since been held in the BRICS chair country.

The upcoming BRICS summit will be a global sensation, said Russian Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova at the opening of the seven BRICS Media Summit. — SPUTNIK

13 SEPTEMBER

North Korea reveals uranium facility

NORTH Korea released images of its uranium enrichment facility for the first time on Friday, showing leader Kim Jong Un touring it as he called for more centrifuges to boost his nuclear arsenal.

The country, which conducted its first nuclear test in 2006 and is under rafts of UN sanctions for its banned weapons programmes, has never publicly disclosed details of its uranium enrichment facility.

North Korean leader Kim Jong-un recently visited a facility producing highly enriched uranium, crucial for nuclear warheads.

He emphasized expanding centrifuge numbers and introducing advanced models to boost nuclear weapon production. Despite UN sanctions, North Korea continues its nuclear programme. — AFP

12 SEPTEMBER

Peruvians mourn polarizing ex-president Fujimori

PERUVIANS began three days of national mourning Thursday for polarizing former president Alberto Fujimori, who ruled his country with an iron fist and then spent 16 years in prison for crimes against humanity.

Fujimori, who died on Wednesday aged 86 after a long battle with cancer, lay in state at the national museum where hundreds of supporters lined up to pay their respects at his open casket.

Alberto Fujimori, Peru's president from 1990 to 2000, was admired for stabilizing the economy and defeating leftist guerrillas but criticized for human rights abuses and authoritarianism. Supporters hailed him as the best president Peru ever had, while others condemned his brutal tactics. Fujimori was released from prison on humanitarian grounds before his recent death. A state funeral is planned for Saturday. — AFP

11 SEPTEMBER

Chesterfield unveils 9/11 memorial tribute

A new 9/11 memorial was unveiled in Chesterfield, New Jersey, on 11 September to honour the victims and heroes of the 9/11 terror attacks.

This is an initiative of Sewa International's South Jersey Chapter in partnership with Chesterfield Township, according to a press release by Sewa International.

The solemn ceremony, was attended by over 350 people, including local officials, state senators, assembly members, and first responders.

During the event, three key monuments symbolising the Twin Towers, the Pentagon, and Flight 93 were unveiled.

State Senator Latham Tiver and Assemblywoman Andrea Katz stressed daily values of care and kindness, while Mayor Matthew Litt praised the memorial for fostering reflection and unity. Sandesh Kamath from Sewa highlighted the memorial's symbolism of unity and collective effort. Sridhar Talanki from Sewa International USA emphasized that collective action can help build a future where everyone can thrive. — ANI

10 SEPTEMBER

Royal family embraces modern communication

A slick video by Catherine, Princess of Wales announcing that her chemotherapy has finished marks a dramatic shift in communications for the British royal family, media and commentators said Tuesday.

Kate, as she is widely known, posted the three-minute footage on social media on Tuesday, some six months after she dramatically revealed in another video that she was being treated for the condition.

But the intimate portrait of the 42-year-old princess, her husband Prince William and their young children was notable for its departure from the stiff formality of traditional royal public relations.

PR consultant Mark Borkowski describes the royal family's new approach as a significant shift in image control.

By releasing a polished, emotional film about Kate's personal journey, they maintain dignity while appearing relatable. — AFP

9 SEPTEMBER

Gonzalez Urrutia flees to Spain

EDMUNDO Gonzalez Urrutia — who insists he, not Venezuelan strongman Nicolas Maduro, is the legitimate elected leader — said Monday he fled to Spain “so that things can change” and appealed for “dialogue”.

Gonzalez Urrutia arrived in Madrid late Sunday after weeks in hiding. The opposition says it can prove he won the 28 July elections in which Maduro — in power in the oil-rich but cash-poor country since 2013 — claimed a widely disputed victory.

Gonzalez Urrutia, 75, left Venezuela to foster change and dialogue, seeking to reunite the nation.

He hopes his gesture will be reciprocated and continues to fight for freedom and democracy. Spain granted him asylum, citing safety concerns amidst repression. — AFP

8 SEPTEMBER

Bangladesh lifts cash withdrawal limit

THE central bank of Bangladesh has lifted a limit on cash withdrawals from banks from Sunday.

Bangladesh Bank spokesperson Md Mezbaul Haque made the announcement on Saturday, saying the restriction on cash withdrawals will no longer be in effect as of Sunday.

Bank account holders can now withdraw unlimited amounts after weeks of restrictions due to the political turmoil following Sheikh Hasina's resignation on 5 August.

Initially capped at 100,000 taka, the limit was gradually increased to 500,000 taka before being lifted entirely. The central bank has removed the daily withdrawal cap to stabilize the situation. — Xinhua

SPORTS

MNL: Yangon draws; ISPE cruises to 4-1 victory

THE 2024-2025 Myanmar National League (MNL) season continued yesterday with fixture 10, where Yangon United and Dagon Star settled for a draw, while ISPE FC sealed a dominant victory.

At the Yangon United Sports Complex, Yangon United faced Dagon Star United in a closely contested match that ended 0-0. Yangon United, eager to keep the pressure on top-of-the-table Shan Unit-

ed, stumbled with this result, missing the opportunity to narrow the gap, leaving them four points adrift.

Both teams utilized their core players. The encounter remained intense as both sides mainly consisted of domestic players. Despite several chances, neither team could capitalize, resulting in a goalless draw.

Meanwhile, at the Thuwunna Youth Training Cen-



Yangon United and Dagon Star United are seen in action during their Myanmar National League match. PHOTO: MNL

tre, ISPE FC delivered a commanding performance with a 4-1 win over Thitsar Arman FC.

Although all the goals came in the second half, the match saw a total of five goals,

with ISPE emerging victorious. ISPE's goals came from Than Toe Aung in 51 and 85 minutes, Kyaw Zaya in 73 minutes, and Thein Zaw Thiha in 83 minutes. Thitsa Arman

managed a consolation goal in 68 minutes, courtesy of Myat Phone Khant.

Fixture 10 action will continue today, with Rakhine United facing Ayeyawady United at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

About 70,000 people applied for free tickets to attend the parade, which will include athletes, volunteers, and public sector workers.

France to bid final farewell to Olympics with Champs-Elysees parade



The final party comes as venues are being dismantled around Paris. PHOTO: AFP

FRANCE is to bid a final and reluctant farewell to the Paris Olympics on Saturday with a parade on the Champs-Elysees followed by a concert featuring artistes from the opening and closing ceremonies. The final event of a highly acclaimed summer of sports has been organized at the behest of President Emmanuel Macron who is set to decorate many of France's medal winners with the country's top award, the Legion d'Honneur.

Around 4,000 police are expected on duty, with the security services facing one final test after winning almost unanimous

praise for the way they kept the Games and their 12 million spectators safe. Around 70,000 people have applied for free tickets for the parade of athletes, volunteers and public sector workers on Saturday which will be followed by music on a stage that has been erected all around the Arc de Triomphe monument. "We're delighted to be able to offer another great moment to celebrate the France team's athletes at a strategic location," chief organizer Tony Estanguet told reporters on Friday. — AFP

Tokyo Olympic double gold medallist Ohashi retires

JAPANESE swimmer Yui Ohashi, the women's 200- and 400-metre individual medley gold medallist at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021, had the last race of her career Saturday at the National Sports Festival.

The 28-year-old Ohashi finished second behind Shiho Matsumoto in the 200-metre individual medley final at Saga Sunrise Park in Saga, southwestern Japan.

"I had a dream career as I got to win Olympic gold medals," Ohashi said. "Japanese swimming isn't in a good state. I hope to get involved in its comeback." — Kyodo



Yui Ohashi of Japan celebrates after winning the women's 200-metre individual medley final of the Tokyo Olympics on 28 July 2021, at Tokyo Aquatics Centre. PHOTO: KYODO/FILE

Messi set for Inter Miami return

LIONEL Messi is poised to return to action for Inter Miami this weekend after more than two months on the sidelines due to injury.

The 37-year-old Argentina captain has

not played since suffering ankle ligament damage during the Albiceleste's 1-0 victory over Colombia in the Copa America final in July.

But he has returned to full training

and will almost certainly be called upon for Inter Miami's home clash against Philadelphia on Saturday. "Yes, he's fine," Inter Miami manager Gerardo Martino told reporters on Friday. — Xinhua



The Ushiku Daibutsu giant Buddha statue is pictured in Ushiku of Ibaraki Prefecture, Japan. At 120 metres tall, it holds the Guinness World Record as the tallest standing bronze statue worldwide. **PHOTO: VISIT.IBARAKIGUIDE.JP**

Japanese climbers clean up world's tallest bronze Buddha

THE 120-metre (393-foot) structure is spruced up once a year by the two men, who have been entrusted with the job for nearly a quarter of a century.

"It's a very unusual task," one of the veteran cleaners, 54-year-old Kazuyoshi Taguchi, told AFP.

When Taguchi and Kazumi Minowa first took on the annual "soot removal" for Ushiku's massive Buddha statue, they faced numerous challenges, including harsh winds.

On Monday, they used ropes and buckets to clean the statue, climbing through its coils and removing dirt from its ear.

Despite having no prior climbing experience, they

The annual "soot removal" is a significant tradition in Japanese Buddhism, symbolizing reflection and renewal for the year ahead.

are proud of the task. This tradition, important for Japanese Buddhism, symbolizes reflection and renewal for the year ahead. — AFP

Van Gogh 'Sunflowers' brought together in London show



Visitors look at a painting made by late Dutch artist Vincent Van Gogh "Sunflowers" 1888, during a press preview for "Van Gogh: Poets and Lovers" exhibition at the National Gallery, in London, on 9 September 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

The show features masterpieces like "Starry Night" and previously unseen works.

A century after acquiring one of Vincent Van Gogh's "Sunflowers", Britain's National Gallery in London will showcase three of his works side-by-side for the first time.

This display, part of the major exhibition "Van Gogh: Poets and Lovers", highlights the artist's prolific period in the south of France from 1888 to 1890. The exhibit includes well-known masterpieces like "Starry Night" and others never previously shown publicly.

A key feature is the presentation of two "Sunflowers" paintings flanking "The Lullaby" in a room with yellow walls, reflecting Van Gogh's original vision to comfort sailors at sea. Exhibition co-curators emphasize Van Gogh's bold artistic evolution and his deep connection to nature and personal relationships during this transformative period. — AFP

UK to restrict junk food ads in childhood obesity fight

The policy has faced criticism from the political right as "nanny state" interference. Over one-third of children are obese by age 11.

THE UK will ban junk food advertising on the internet and daytime TV in a bid to tackle childhood obesity, sparking criticism on the political right over "nanny state" meddling.

The measure was included in the Labour manifesto that won Keir Starmer's Labour a resounding victory in July, and is due to be introduced on 1 October 2025, the government said Thursday.



The UK will ban junk food advertising on the internet and daytime TV starting 1 October 2025, to combat childhood obesity, as part of Labour's recent reforms. **PHOTO: SHUTTERSTOCK**

The announcement came after Starmer promised wide-ranging reforms to the crisis-hit National Health Service (NHS), in particular by placing a greater emphasis on prevention.

Junior health minister Andrew Gwynne said in a written statement to parliament that more than one in five children in England are "overweight or living with obesity by the time they start primary school" at age four or five.

By the time they leave at aged 11, the figure is more than one third, he added.

The UK government is introducing restrictions on advertising unhealthy foods to protect children, banning such ads before 9 pm on TV and entirely online.

Supported by Boris Johnson's Conservative Party but criticized by some as an infringement on personal freedom, the measure aims to counteract unhealthy dietary influences.

Other proposed measures include banning energy drinks for under-16s and expanding sugar taxes. — AFP