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There are no landslides or road blockages along the Kampaiti-Waingmaw-Myitkyina trade channel and trucks are regularly seen flowing in and out of the Kampaiti border post. Snapshot captures the panoramic scene at the Kampaiti border.

Kampaiti border trade surpasses US\$55 million mark as of 11 Aug

Myanmar's Kampaiti border with the neighbouring country China amounted to US\$55.29 million as of 11 August in the current financial year 2023-2024 beginning 1 April, comprising exports worth \$47.139 million and imports worth \$8.152 million. The figure increased from \$39.75 million recorded in the correspond-

ing period last FY 2022-2023.

The Kampaiti border aims to achieve a trade target of \$3 million in August. About \$1.088 million worth of trade was carried out at the Kampaiti border as of the second week of August, accounting for 36.27 per cent of the trade target.

Tissue-culture bananas were mainly

exported and construction materials, intermediate goods, consumer goods, clothes and fruits were imported.

In the past two weeks of August, the Kampaiti border saw exports of 1,092 tonnes of tissue-culture bananas with an estimated value of \$375,101. It imported 1,264 tonnes of compound fertilizer; 19

tonnes of hollow pipe, 14.6 tonnes of iron pipe, 24 tonnes of iron sheet in coil, 51 tonnes of artificial grass, 10.2 tonnes of apple and 7,400 tonnes of ceramic tile plain, apple, tangerine, clothes, construction materials and capital goods.

There is no freight forwarder service running in the Kampaiti border. Companies transport with their own trucks. There are no landslides or road blockages along the Kampaiti-Waingmaw-Myitkyina trade channel and trucks are regularly seen flowing in and out of the Kampaiti border post. — TWA/EM

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Devotees reverently pay homage to the Maravijaya Buddha Image in Nay Pyi Taw.

Flocks of pilgrims visit world's tallest sitting marble Buddha image

THE Maravijaya Buddha Image, the tallest of its kind globally and situated within Nay Pyi Taw's Buddha Park, is drawing crowds of pilgrims. Supporters are generously providing vegetable biryani meals to those visiting the pagoda.

Moreover, the ample spaces for the pilgrims and religious organizations, 720 stone plaque chamber pagodas, and traditional Thudhamma public houses have attracted pilgrims, as have the water fountain square, Sasana Beikman Agga Dhipati ordination hall, and other religious and leisure areas in Buddha Park.

Public obeisance has been extended to 3 September free of charge, allowing peaceful homage to the Buddha Image. — MNA/KTZH



Arrival of electric vehicles, EV chargers at Yangon Port

A total of five Dongfeng EX1 Nano Box and two Dongfeng E70 electric vehicles have been imported by Asia Pacific Automaker Corporation Co Ltd, along with a total of 20 BAIC ARCFOX U T have been imported by Aung Gabar Motor Services Co Ltd and 20 electric vehicles chargers (EV charger, 7 kW) imported by Aung Gabar Motor Services Co Ltd and were allowed to claim them under Customs procedures. The importation of EVs and electric motorcycles is allowed with an exemption from Customs tariffs. — MNA/KZW



Officials check new arrivals of electric vehicles (EVs) at Yangon Port.

Pair of Myanmar artists set to participate in Nakhon Sawan International Art Workshop & Exhibition 2023 in Thailand

MYANMAR'S artist Chan Nyein Kyaw and artist Thet Mon will join Nakhon Sawan International Art Workshop & Exhibition 2023 to be held in Thailand, according to artist Chan Nyein Kyaw.

Thailand will convene Nakhon Sawan International Art Workshop & Exhibition 2023 from 21 to 28 August and the event organizing team invited the two Myanmar artists to the event. "We were invited to an International Art

Workshop & Exhibition to be held in Nakhon Sawan. Ko Thet Mon and I will join the event representing our country. It will be held between 21 and 28 August. It is like an event that we do not need to bring our work of art. When we arrive in Nakhon Sawan, we have to draw as much as we can together with them within the specific period for the workshop. By so doing, we can exchange opinions, perspectives and presentation styles with

international artists. It can also improve the friendship among the artist and make new friends. We have to draw new paintings at the workshop and I haven't thought about what to draw yet," said artist Chan Nyein Kyaw.

A total of 40 artists from Thailand, China, Indonesia, Japan, Myanmar, South Korea, the Philippines, Malaysia, Viet Nam, Singapore and Chinese Taipei will participate in Nakhon Sawan Interna-



One of the artists to join the exhibition.

tional Art Workshop and Exhibition 2023. — ASH/KTZH

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Review of microfinance interest rates aimed at supporting low-income communities

MICROFINANCE Business Supervisory Committee needs to review interest rates practised by microfinance organizations on savings and loans to be able to improve the socioeconomic situations of the low-income population, said the committee chairman U Win Shein, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Planning and Finance, yesterday.

The chairman made the above remarks at the committee's 2/2023 meeting held at the Ministry of Planning and Finance, Nay Pyi Taw on 18 August. The chairman said that the microfinance law was enacted in 2011 and the microfinance services have been allowed to facilitate rural and urban low-income populations and the MSME to be able to access financial services easily and affordably. The services have contributed to the reduction of poverty effectively and the service providers need



Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Win Shein addresses the 2/2023 meeting of the Microfinance Business Supervisory Committee yesterday.

to follow relevant laws, bylaws and procedures.

The Deputy Prime Minister also said under Registration of Associations Law 2014, the organizations that register as INGOs and NGOs and seek business licences are not allowed to operate financial businesses and the committee instructed

the INGOs and NGOs to register as companies. But Pact Global Microfinance Fund (PGMF), an international non-governmental organization (INGO) failed to transform into a company in time and so the committee is carrying out liquidation processes according to the laws.

The secretary of the committee,

the director-general of the Financial Regulatory Department under the Ministry of Planning and Finance presented in the meeting the measures relating to the current performances of microfinance services, the arrangement of INGOs and NGOs involved in financial businesses to register as companies, the

ongoing liquidation process of PGMF, the proposal to adjust the current interest rate and measures relating to microfinance organization.

The challenges faced in conducting internal professional skills training courses, collaboration with development partners and operation of microfinance business were also presented in the meeting. The chairman, the vice-chairman and the committee members discuss the matters presented and gave necessary inputs before the chairman made conclusion remarks.

In Myanmar, 180 microfinance institutions – one INGO, one NGO and 55 foreign companies, 115 local companies and eight joint ventures – in 15 states and regions have been operating their business activities in 2,309 wards and 27,722 villages in 266 townships with 3.60 million active clients as of July 2023. – MNA/TH

Myanmar delegation embarks for Indonesia to attend ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime



The Myanmar delegation is seen before departing for Indonesia yesterday.

RESPONDING to invitations from both the host nation, Indonesia, and the ASEAN a delegation led by Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, a Member of the State Administration Council and the Union Minister for Home Affairs, embarked on a flight from Yangon to Indonesia yesterday morning.

The purpose of the delegation's journey is to participate in the 17th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Combatting Transnational Crime, along with associated meetings set to convene

in Labuan Bajo, Indonesia from 20 to 23 August.

This important event will draw the participation of ministers and high-ranking officials from all ten ASEAN member countries, in addition to the ASEAN secretary-general and relevant officials.

A series of related meetings with ASEAN plus 3 (China, Japan and Korea) are also anticipated, along with individual sessions with each of the mentioned nations, and separate ministerial-level discussions. — MNA/TS

Myanmar-GCC Countries: Increasing diplomatic relations, cooperation in various sectors

AMBASSADOR Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Saudi Arabia and the UAE U Tin Yu underscored the increasing diplomatic relations between Myanmar and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries and there will be multi-sectoral cooperation between them, including business and investment sectors.

In such doing, there will be mutual visits by representatives from various levels of the two countries in the coming years, he continued.

The speech was given by Myanmar Ambassador U Tin Yu at the coordination meeting for the ASEAN-GCC Summit to be hosted by Saudi Arabia on 20 October. At the meeting, the efforts underway to implement exchange of visits of persons at various levels from the two sides in order to cooperate in various sectors in the coming years were discussed, in addition to the proceedings of the ASEAN-GCC Summit, Myanmar's current political developments, and the recent increase in diplomatic relations between Myanmar and GCC countries.

The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) consists of member countries: Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). — ASH/CT

COVID-19 report, 18 August 2023

NEW TESTS	4,224
NEW CASES	2
CASUALTIES	0

NATIONAL

MIFER Union Minister participates in Day Two events of 2023 GMS Economic Corridor Governors Forum

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw attended the GMS Projects Roadshow and Lancang Border Economic Cooperation Zone event on the second day of the 2023 GMS Economic Corridor Governors Forum yesterday.

In his opening speech, the Union minister expressed hope that economic cooperation among GMS countries can be promoted through the establishment of the Lancang Border Economic Cooperation Zone.

He added that Myanmar approved 597 Chinese investments worth US\$21.863 billion amounted to 23.5 per cent of total FDI in the country. China's heavy investment flows into the power sector and so it should emphasize that sector for border area development.

He then highlighted the benefits of the China-aided Kunlong Bridge, and International Aquatic Products Processing Industrial Park project and was also invited to make investments in prioritized sectors of Myanmar.

He also urged the GMS countries to support technical cooperation among member states to provide food security and agricultural products.

The event included a briefing session on investment in the Lancang Border Economic Cooperation Zone and Dehong Pilot Free Trade Zone.

The Union minister on 17 August attended the GMS Project Roadshow and Lancang-Mekong Fruit Festival held at Yunnan Haigeng Convention Centre. — MNA/KTZH



Union Minister Dr Kan Zaw attends the second-day GMS Economic Corridor Governors Forum 2023 yesterday in Kunming, China.

MoH UM receives ICRC resident representative



The ICRC resident representative calls on Union Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win yesterday.

UNION Health Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win received the resident representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Ms Elena Ajmone Sessera, and her team at the ministry yesterday morning.

During the meeting, the Ministry of Health and the ICRC signed a regional agreement for cooperation in health

activities. They talked about more cooperation in the humanitarian assistance activities carried out by the ICRC in Myanmar, prosthetics manufacturing and installation in cooperation with the ministry. The ICRC delegation discussed issues related to obtaining visas for international staff and travel permission within the country. — MNA/KZW

MoC Union Minister meets Chinese media

UNION Commerce Minister U Aung Naing Oo, currently in Kunming, China, received representatives from China Media Group and Phoenix Television at the Green Lake Hotel yesterday morning.

During the meeting, the Union minister provided clarifications and answered questions raised by the media concerning matters of bilateral economic cooperation. — MNA/KZW



Chinese media personnel interview Union Minister U Aung Naing Oo yesterday in Kunming, China.

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NATIONAL

Union Information Minister-led delegation embarks on diplomatic tours in China

MYANMAR delegation led by Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn visited Yunnan Agricultural University, Luosiwan International Trade City and Kunming International Flora Auction Trading Centre along with the dignitaries of Mekong regions yesterday.

On arrival at the data centre of Yunnan Agricultural University, the tour group observed the collection of data through research, poultry farming-related educating programmes and food products produced by the students.

During the visit, the Union minister met two PhD students out of three from Yezin Agricultural University of Myanmar and enjoyed the launch with them after providing cash assistance.

At the Luosiwan International Trade City, they explored the formation of a city with over



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn pays observation tours around the Yunnan Agricultural University yesterday.



33,000 stalls, zonal planning and endeavours to become a great wholesale supplier to South Asia

and Southeast Asia. Additionally, they headed to the Kunming International

Flora Auction Trading Centre which is the second largest in the world and China's largest

fresh cut flower market and they observed its trade volume and export value. — MNA/KTZH



Crowds gather at Myanmar's booths during the Seventh China-South Asia Expo in Kunming, China yesterday.

Visitors flock to Myanmar's booths at 7th China-South Asia Expo

THE third day of the 7th China-South Asia Expo and the 27th China Kunming Export-Import Expo continued yesterday at Dianchi International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Kunming, China and cultural dances performed at the exhibition booth of Myanmar attracted crowds.

A delegation led by economic ministers of Myanmar's regional and state governments, who arrived in Kunming to attend the GMS Forum, visited the Myanmar gallery and the participating galleries from Myanmar.

In addition, eight groups of Myanmar busi-

nesspersons and Chinese businesspeople held business meetings and discussed the conditions for the export and import of goods between the two countries, such as logistics and forest products.

To facilitate the purchase and import of products from Myanmar and to easily find the necessary information, they discussed the status of online platforms established in Myanmar.

On the third day of the trade fair, Myanmar booths were crowded with buyers, and the trade fair will continue until 20 August. — MNA/KZL

Field Visit to Hngetawsan School for Boys by MNHRC

THE inspection team, led by Commissioners U Kyaw Soe and U Tin Aung from the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, inspected the Hngetawsan Boy's Training School in Kawhmu Township, Yangon Region, on 18 August 2023 under Section 43 and Section 44 of MNHRC's Law.

The inspection team inspected in accordance with the MNHRC's Law and procedures whether the young boys who are detained in the centre can get fundamental rights including healthcare services, food supply, adequate dormitories, provision of purified drinking water, right to education, right to reintegration, right to learn vocational training, a support programme for physical and mental development and right to freedom of religion.

MNHRC will send recommendations to the relevant department for necessary action based on the findings during the inspection. — MNHRC



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The photo shows front wing of University of Medical Technology in Yangon.

High-scoring students of 2023 matric exam allowed applications to medical, dental universities

ASPIRING students who have excelled in the 2023 matriculation exam now have the opportunity to apply for admission to medical universities, dental medicine universities, and medical-related universities. According to a recent report, the Department of Human Resources for Health under the Ministry of Health has invited applications for these competitive institutions.

Candidates who have achieved outstanding scores on matriculation exam are eligible to seek admission to medical universities, dental medicine universities, and specialized

medical-related universities. These institutions are under the purview of the Ministry of Health's Department of Human Resources for Health.

Additionally, those who are priority applicants for pharmacy universities, medical technology universities, nursing universities, and community health universities are required to submit their application envelopes to the 26 designated universities overseen by the Ministry of Education.

For applicants who are the top-priority candidates for admission to Universities of Medicine and Universities of Dental

Medicine, the application envelopes should be directly sent to the Human Resources for Health Department in Nay Pyi Taw, as well as the University of Medicine 1 and the University of Medicine 2 in Yangon, the same university in Mandalay and Magway, the University of Medicine in Taunggyi, the University of Dental Medicine in Yangon, and the University of Dental Medicine in Mandalay. The university admission application envelopes will be accepted from 25 August to 10 September, including weekends and public holidays, providing ample time for submissions. — TWA/MKKS

Free attendance at IATSS Forum in Japan with Young Leader's Programme Scholarship opportunity

THE Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) has announced that it is possible to attend the upcoming IATSS Forum in Japan for free and apply for a scholarship in the Young Leaders' Programme (YLP).

The purpose of the IATSS Forum is to enable young individuals from different countries in Southeast Asia to study and comprehend the roles of science, technology, and culture in modern Japan, fostering a profound vision for the development of their own countries. This empowers them to engage actively from a broader perspective.

The 65th IATSS Forum in 2024 will take place from May to July, and the 66th IATSS Forum is scheduled for September to November. A total of four individuals will be selected and approved by the IATSS Forum Committee as per its established procedures. If the people have the opportunity to attend the Forum, the round-trip flight and accommodation expenses will be covered by the Japanese side.

Individuals interested in attending forums in Japan have the opportunity to apply for the Young Leaders' Programme (YLP) scholarship, which includes the Master of Business Administration Course and the Master of Law Course, offered

by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology of Japan (Monbukagakusho: MEXT).

This programme is open to executives or employees of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and its sister associations, as well as directors, members, or employees of the federation's member companies, who meet the specified qualifications.

If they're interested in applying, please submit their application to the IATSS Forum Myanmar Committee by 31 October. Applications can also be submitted in person at the MIA Office, located on the 6th floor of the UMFCCI Office Tower.

If they are awarded the scholarship, they will receive a monthly allowance, education fees, and travel costs covered by the scholarship programme.

The purpose of this scholarship is to cultivate future leaders, enhance the quality of policy planning between Japan and Asian countries, and foster stronger friendship and understanding with Japan.

Those who wish to apply can visit the HRD department of the federation by 16th August with the supporting documents that need to be submitted along with the application. — TWA/KZW

ME to waive 250 baht of OWIC card fee for Myanmar workers in Thailand

THE Myanmar Embassy to Thailand has announced that the OWIC card fee of 250 baht will no longer be charged for Myanmar workers in Thailand who have completed four years of the MoU and who hold PJ passports, but the passport book fee of 1,250 baht will be charged in the passport renewal process, starting from 18 August.

The announcement also stated that Myanmar workers must apply for an OWIC card at the relevant labour offices only

when they return to Myanmar and leave abroad.

In addition, PJ passports valid for five years are being issued to Myanmar workers who will come to work in Thailand under the MoU programme. They will have to return to Myanmar after working in Thailand for four years.

If they want to come back to Thailand through the U-Turn programme, they will have to go through the U-turn process of the MoU again in Myanmar. — TWA/CT

Untrusted traditional medicines sold on social networks, online media

THE Department of Traditional Medicine under the Ministry of Health has issued a notice to avoid using some traditional medicines that were sold on social networks and online media since they rarely have a registration number or licence to manufacture traditional medicine.

It is advised not to use these traditional medicines because quality, safety, and efficacy cannot be guaranteed.

The Department of Traditional Medicine of the Ministry of Health is continuously working to ensure that the public can use traditional medicines that are of good quality and safe. — TWA/CT



The Traditional Medicine Hospital (100-bed) in Pobbathiri Township of Ottara District, Nay Pyi Taw.

LOCAL BUSINESS

Myanmar rubber production must adhere to SNR guidelines for global market entry: Association

MYANMAR Sustainable Natural Rubber Association pointed out that Myanmar's rubber production needs to strictly follow the Sustainable Natural Rubber (SNR) guideline in order to grasp a firm market share in the competitive international market.

Only natural rubber manufactured as per the SNR guideline can be placed in the international rubber market in 2030. Therefore, Myanmar's rubber industry is required to conform to the SNR guideline.

Myanmar Sustainable Natural Rubber Association and Myanmar KOEI International Limited organized a coordination meeting at Summit Park View Hotel in Yangon on 16-17 August to develop a sustainable natural rubber initiative and set up principles to meet SNR criteria. Chair and executives of the rubber associations from states and regions, MSR Crumb factories and exporters attended that two-day meeting.

Dr Mya Han, vice-president of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry gave an opening remark. Dr Yu Sein, chair of Myanmar Sustainable Natural Rubber Association discussed principles for Myanmar's rubber to be SNR with greater consistency. Consultants from Myanmar KOEI International Limited also elaborated on the development prospects of Myanmar's rubber industry, requirements and standards.

The United Nations adopted sustainable development goals that set out a framework of 17 goals in 2016 for social, economic and environmental aspects. To implement the goals, World Business Council for Sustainable Development laid down guidelines to assess environmental and human rights impacts as industrial rubber plantations for the tyre industry linked to deforestation, biodiversity risks and rubber supply chains. — NN/EM



A coordination meeting takes place for SNR initiative and criteria on 16-17 August in Yangon.



Assorted pulses and beans are seen being neatly arranged for sale at a retail outlet.

Pulses prices hit new record

THE prices of black grams and pigeon peas hit a fresh new peak, as per the Yangon Reign Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Bayintnaung Commodity Wholesale Centre).

The prices touched a high of K3.15 million per tonne of pigeon peas and K2.345 million per tonne of black grams on 1 August. The prices swelled up to K3.65 million per tonne of pigeon peas and K2.485 million per tonne of black grams on 18 August, showing a sharp increase of K500,000 per tonne of pigeon peas and K140,000 per tonne of black grams.

India's demand is highly correlated with the prices of black grams and pigeon peas as the main buyer of Myanmar's beans. The prices hit a record high of K2.46 million per tonne of black grams on 14 June and K3.33 million per tonne of pigeon

peas on 5 June respectively on the back of strong demand by India. Therefore, the prevailing prices made a fresh new peak.

Myanmar shipped more than 580,000 tonnes of pulses, with an estimated value of over US\$460 million, to foreign countries over the past four months of the 2023-2024 financial year beginning 1 April, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar's pulses exports crossed over \$1.4 billion from over 1.9 million tonnes in the past financial year 2022-2023, the Ministry of Commerce's statistics indicated.

Myanmar primarily exports black gram, green gram and pigeon peas to foreign markets. Of them, black gram and pigeon peas are mostly conveyed to India while green grams are shipped to China and Europe.

India has growing demand

and consumption requirements for black gram and pigeon peas. According to a Memorandum of Understanding between Myanmar and India signed on 18 June 2021, India will import 250,000 tonnes of black gram and 100,000 tonnes of pigeon peas (tur) from Myanmar for five consecutive years from 2021-2022 financial year to 2025-2026 FY. This G-to-G pact will not affect the pulses' annual quota set by India. Myanmar's exporters are also entitled to deliver the pulses to India under that annual quota.

Black grams that India primarily purchases are commonly found only in Myanmar, whereas pigeon peas, green grams and chickpeas are grown in African countries and Australia, according to the Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association.

— NN/EM

Surging demand causes sharp rise in peanut prices

THE price of peanuts continued rising to K11,000 per viss in the Mandalay market on the back of strong foreign and domestic demand.

The prices moved up to K7,550-K11,000 per viss depending on different varieties presently.

The local oil millers and Chinese buyers have been increasingly purchasing them in the competitive market. Consequently, the peanut oil price jumped to over K15,000 per viss.

Myanmar has been exporting oil seeds (sesame seeds and peanuts) to foreign countries. Last April 2022, the world's top palm oil exporter Indonesia, which is one of the main oil suppliers to Myanmar, declared an

export ban on cooking oil export to reduce the domestic shortage. Consequently, Myanmar's Trade Department under the Ministry of Commerce temporarily suspended exports of oil crops (peanut and sesame) from 9 May 2022 to have oil self-sufficiency.

Exports of Myanmar's edible oil crops resumed as the world's top palm oil exporters returned to normalcy, according to a notification dated 5 July 2022 released by the Trade Department.

The country shipped more than 88,000 kilogrammes worth US\$13.698 million to foreign markets through seaborne and border trade channels over the past four months of the current financial year 2023-2024. — NN/EM



Myanmar's peanuts are seen at the market.

OPINION

Remember the sacrifices and contributions of humanitarians

ROOTED in the teachings of various religions, the call for humanitarianism resonates across cultures, urging individuals to embrace this principle of sharing goodness and happiness. This universal concept not only binds people and nations but also shapes a world founded on the four cardinal virtues, fostering a realm of prosperity and peace for all.

In Myanmar's rich traditions, humanitarianism takes the form of joyous sharing, an act that holds special significance. It is incumbent upon those who possess abundance to extend their aid to the less fortunate. Possessions that might otherwise remain unused due to various circumstances can find purpose when shared with those in need. Through this, these items transform from mere objects into tools of empowerment, accessible to those who genuinely require them.

The essence of humanitarianism lies in its pure commitment to safeguarding lives, offering essential sustenance, and igniting hope. Driven by compassion and a selfless focus on the welfare of others, humanitarians become steadfast companions to the communities they serve.

Humanitarians stand united by a shared purpose: to safeguard lives and ensure the well-being of those in jeopardy. Guided by unwavering principles, they navigate challenging decisions, constantly striving to serve the best interests of the individuals they support. These humanitarians are not mere volunteers; they are dignified champions who dedicate their lives to uplifting the underserved through acts of compassionate aid.

In the face of life's inevitable challenges and dichotomies, the aspiration for peace and prosperity unites all. Despite the unpredictability of existence, with its blend of joys and sorrows, individuals frequently seek support when confronted with hardships. Remarkably, humanitarians choose to set aside their own tribulations, prioritizing the aid for others.

The legacy of humanitarians is a testament to the boundless potential of human empathy and the power of selflessness. By upholding humanitarian values, societies can collectively contribute to a world that thrives on compassion, cooperation, and communal support. As reflecting on their sacrifices, let us not forget those humanitarians who embody the spirit of giving, resilience, and unity. Their actions inspire us to build a better future, one where the fruits of peace and prosperity are enjoyed by all.

By THAN HTUN
(GEOSCIENCE MYANMAR)

EPISODE:18

FREDERICK Richard Cowper Reed was a British geologist and palaeontologist who was born in London on 27 June 1869 and died in Cambridge on 8 February 1946. From Harrow, he went to Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1888, and was later elected a scholar. He was placed in the first class of the Natural Sciences Tripos Part 1 (1891) and Part 2 (1892) and was awarded the Harkness scholarship for geology and palaeontology. In 1901 he gained the Sedgwick Prize for his work on "The Geological History of the Rivers of East Yorkshire" and in 1941 took the degree of Sc. D. Reed was appointed assistant to the Woodwardian professor of geology in 1892, and retained that post for twenty-five years, his chief duties being curatorial in the Woodwardian (later the Sedgwick) Museum.

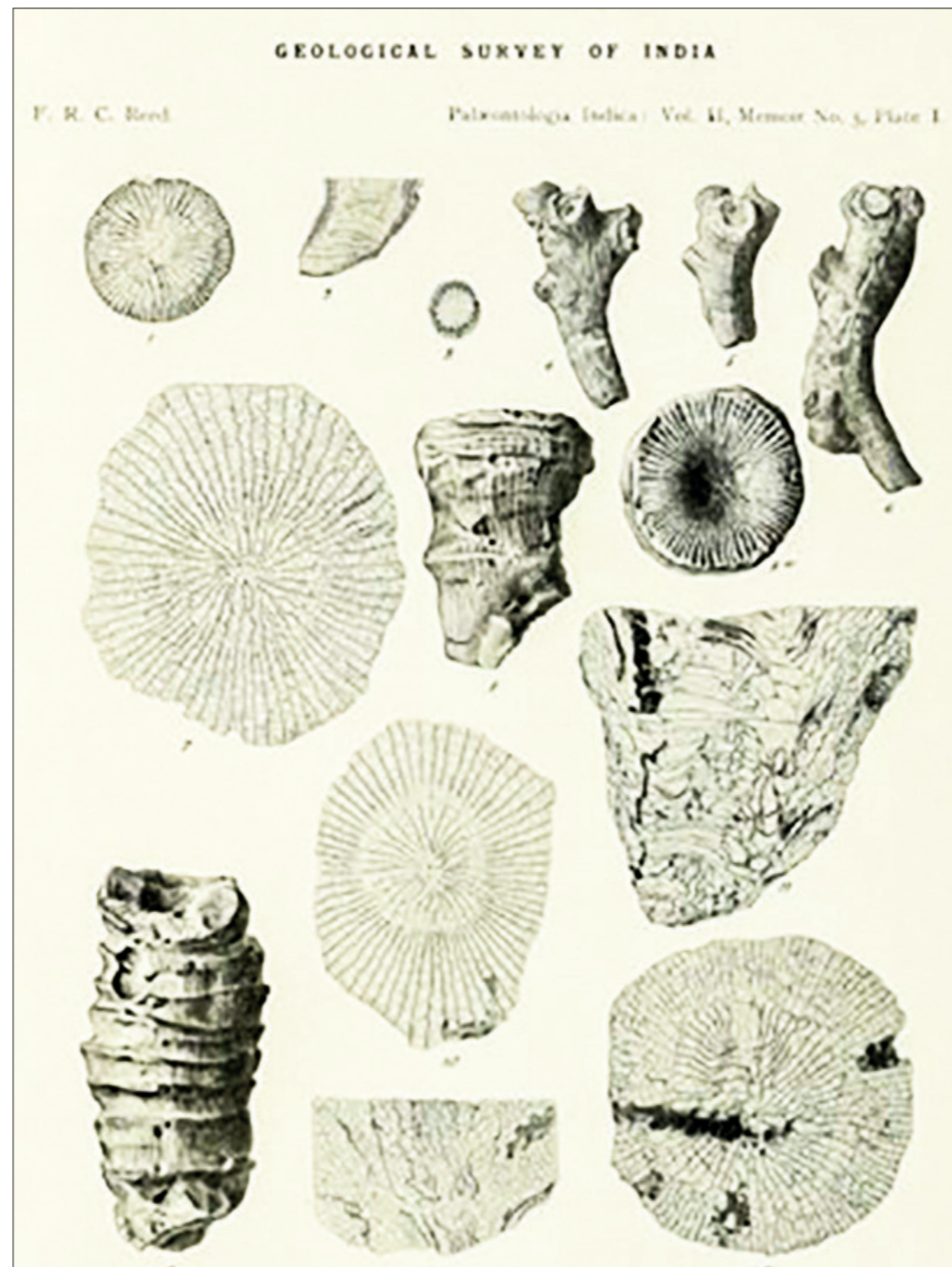
Reed spent most of the interwar period abroad, living in Southern Rhodesia from 1922 to 1933 where he helped to examine and identify remains of Massospondylus and Coelophysis. From 1933 to early 1935 he lived in the Tanganyika Territory where he worked on the remains of the Kentrosaurus before returning home to Cambridgeshire that July. Reed's work was on British palaeontology with interests in Brachiopods and Trilobites. He also contributed to the Palaeontologica India between 1906 and 1944. In 1921 he published a Geology of the British Empire based on travels through Africa, India, and Canada. After his retirement, he was able to devote himself entirely to research.

An Upper Devonian Fauna from the neighbourhood of Padaukpin, Northern Shan States.

Cowper Reed described "New Devonian Fossils from Burma" in the records of the geological survey of India in 1930. The concise account of his report could be extracted as follows:-

The locality from which Mr La Touche obtained the collection of Middle Devonian fossils described by the present author in 1908 was stated to be close to the western gate of the village of Padaukpin, and the general facies of the fauna as well as the occurrence of many well-known European species led to the conclusion that the horizon was that of the Calceola stage of the Middle Devonian.

In the course of the author's visit to the Shan States in 1927, a new exposure of a lithologically similar limestone was discovered in a small stream course on the jungle-clad slopes which descend steeply to the Kelaung Chaung valley about three miles S. S. E. of Padaukpin village. The solid rock here largely consists of masses of corals (Phillipsastraea, etc.), and in the stream bed and on its banks loose specimens of brachiopods and occasional isolated corals are found weathered out and mostly in a good state of preservation. The lithological character of the rock and the condition and



The Devonian Faunas of the Northern Shan States
(Source: GSI)

mode of preservation of the fossils are identical to those of the other occurrence at Padaukpin, but the assemblage of fossils is quite different, as is pointed out below, and another horizon is certainly represented.

Two visits that I paid to this locality accompanied by Mr Peter Leicester of the Geological Survey of India resulted in the collection of a considerable series of specimens, amongst which the new species or varieties described below. The exact locality is exceedingly difficult to find, as it is in the midst of a thick jungle some distance from any native cart road or foot-path, and the many small water channels amongst the trees are so closely similar in appearance that it is hard to locate the single fossiliferous one. The whole portion of the stream course from which the specimens were collected is not more than 15 yards in length, and above and below this stretch no trace of fossils could be found.

List of Species

Phillipsastraea orientalis sp. nov. (Stanley Smith).
" padaukpinensis sp. nov.
Endophyllum cf. priscum (Munst).

Cyathophyllum ceratites Goldf.
Striatopora cf. angulosa Gurich.
" cf. Tchichatschewi Von Peetz.
" cf. Suessi Penecke.
Alveolites suborbicularis Lam.
" ramosa Roem.
Aulopora serpens Goldf.
Favosites vicina sp. nov.
Orthis (Schizophoria) striatula Schlotth.
" "Ivanovi Tschern.
" "cf. hainensis Maur.
" (Dalmanella) tioga Hall.
Stropheodonta (Douvillina) imitatrix sp. nov.
Orthothetes (Schellwienella) umbraculum Schlotth.
Atrypa reticularis Linn. var. nov. subauriculata.
" Douvillei Mansuy, var.
Spirorbis amphalodes Goldf.

General Character of the Fauna

The chief features of the fauna collected from this locality are the presence of large masses of the coral *Phillipsastraea*, and the abundance of the three brachiopods, *Douvillina imitatrix* sp. nov. *subauriculata*. The

other fossils are only represented by a few or by single specimens.

We may note that there is a complete absence of such typical fossils as *Calceola sandalina*, *Stropheodonta interstitialis*, *Rhynchonella (Hypothyris) cuboides*, *Strophonella caudata* and the numerous other brachiopods and bryozoans which characterized the previously described occurrence of Devonian limestone at Padaukpin. Due to limited space details of Devonian fauna could not be mentioned in this article. Please see Records of GSI, Vol. LXII.

New Fossils from the Zebingyi Beds

(In 1969, Zebingyi Area was my 3rd-year geology field excursion supervised by Jimmy Than Tun)

Locality 1: During the author's visit to Burma and the Shan States in 1927 a small collection of fossils was made from the Zebingyi Beds on the Mandalay-Maymyo road where the rocks are occasionally exposed in the cuttings. These exposures were not available when Mr T D LaTouche examined the beds in 1900 and subsequent years, and as some new species

have been obtained it is desirable to place them on record.

Near mile-post "31" on this road pink, white, and yellow soft shales yielded abundantly *Tentaculites elegans* and *Styliolina lacris*, with occasional examples of *Phacops aff. Shanensis* and crinoid stem joints. A small brachiopod which may be regarded as a variety of *Stropheodonta comitans* Barr. is described below, and is new to this locality. A small ostracod, perhaps referable to the genus *Aristozoe* also occurs at this locality, and a doubtful specimen of *Orthonychia* was collected.

At mile-post "32-7" on the same road some pygidia and fragments of *Phacops aff. Shanensis* (but no head shields) were obtained from similar beds which also yielded a few examples of the variety of *Stropheodonta comitans* Barr. A small badly preserved meristoid shell of rather doubtful generic reference and a pentameroid allied to *Pentamerus Krasnopolskii* Tschern were also found. It was remarkable that graptolites were practically absent, only one fragment of a *Monograptus* being obtained in the course of a detailed search in the various sections along this road.

The full description of the fauna of the Zebingyi Beds in this area was given by the author in 1906 with a few further remarks in 1915, while in 1913 Mr T D LaTouche described

the stratigraphical relations and occurrence of this interesting formation.

The following are the new fossils collected along this road:

Stropheodonta comitans Barr. var. nov. *subimbricata*.
Meristella cf. recta Barrois.
Pentamerus (Clorinda) aff. Krasnopolskii Tschern.

Locality 2: In the course of the same trip through the Northern Shan States a new locality for fossils in these beds was discovered by the author far to the North on the road from Lashio to Mongpyen. Here at mile-post "17-4" dark purplish fissile earthy shales occur in the bank by the road-side with interbedded layers of reddish ironstone and grey tough horny limestone, all gently folded. The shales yielded a few poorly preserved specimens including the following species, none of which has been previously recorded from the Zebingyi Beds, but the general close affinities or identity of the species with well-known Lower Devonian forms occurring elsewhere render the stratigraphical reference of the beds a matter of no uncertainty.

belonging to the 'Plateau Limestone' which has been identified by Dr Stanley Smith as *Lonsdaleia indica*, Waag., but no other fossil is available from this locality.

There is also a rather abundant coral belonging either to the genus *Syringopora* or to *Tetrapora* which occurs at Poila (A. 506).

The present author himself in 1927 visited some exposures on the road between Taunggyi and Mong Pawn and collected a few specimens near the 24th milestone which are also described, as they supplement the list given by Dr Diener from the same neighbourhood, and some of them show features of special interest.

The description of the new species of *Lophophyllum* from Htam Sang has been kindly furnished by Dr Stanley Smith, who has examined and cut several specimens of it for me.

With the exception of this coral, of which a considerable number of specimens occur in the collection from Htam Sang, only one or two examples of the various species described below have been available.

Locality 1: Htam Sang
List of fossils collected by Dr Coggin Brown.

Liebea indica, Waag.
Derbyia grandis, Waag.
" shanensis (Diener) etc.

Locality 2: Taunggyi
Lonsdaleia indica, Waag.

Locality 3: Poila
Syringopora ? sp.

Locality 4: Near 24th Milestone on the road from Taunggyi to Mong Pawn
List of fossils collected by Dr F R C Reed in 1927.

Derbyia? Sp.
Schuchertella semiplana, Waag.
Productus (Marginifera) bivius, sp. nov.
Aulosteges cf. tibeticus, Diener. etc.

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SCI/ENVIRON WORLD

Eight scientists win 2023 Future Science Prize



Scientists watched the announcement of the 2023 Future Science Prize laureates in Hong Kong, 16 August 2023. **PHOTO: CFP/XINHUA**

THE Future Science Prize announced eight laureates for 2023 on Wednesday in Beijing.

Chai Jijie, a chair professor from Westlake University, and Zhou Jian-Min, a researcher from the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), received the prize in life sciences for the discovery of resistosomes and the elucidation of their molecular structures and functions in plant immune responses against pathogens.

Zhao Zhongxian and Chen Xianhui, both CAS academicians, were awarded the prize in physical sciences for their seminal breakthroughs in the discovery of high-temperature supercon-

ducting materials and systematic advancements in elevating the transition temperature.

The winners of the prize in mathematics and computer science were He Kaiming, Sun Jian (deceased), Ren Shaoqing and Zhang Xiangyu. They made fundamental contributions to artificial intelligence by introducing deep residual learning.

The Future Science Prize has announced 35 winners since it was founded in 2016. It is a Chinese non-governmental science award jointly initiated by groups of scientists and entrepreneurs with the aim of advancing research in basic science. — Xinhua

UK lagging in switch to green energy, study warns

THE UK risks being left behind in the production of “green” electricity, despite having once been considered a leader in the energy transition, according to a new study.

“Of the world’s largest eight economies, the UK is forecast to have the slowest growth in low-carbon electricity generation between now and 2030,” said Oxford Economics.

The analysts said in a report for industry organization Energy UK that UK growth in low-carbon electricity output in that time would be 2.9 per cent, lagging France at 3.1 per cent and Japan at 3.2 per cent.

Italy was predicted to grow at 5.2 per cent, Germany at 5.8 per cent and Spain 6.0 per cent, with the top three United States (6.4 per cent), China (7.2 per cent) and India (10.6 per cent).

The study attributed the slow-down to “low levels of expected investment” as a “significant factor” in the gloomy forecast.

The weakened global investment climate has hit public- and private-sector funding of the move away from fossil fuels to renewable technologies, it added.

But Emma Pinchbeck,



Solar and wind power are driving a surge in renewable energy capacity. **PHOTO: INA FASSBENDER/AFP/FILE**

chief executive of Energy UK, said international competition such as that from the US Inflation Reduction Act had also contributed.

The IRA, passed last year, pledged \$370 billion for the energy transition, including the manufacture of batteries for electric cars and solar panels.

For its part, the European Union has stepped up its own tax reduction measures for investment in zero-carbon technologies.

“Given the current incentive schemes around the world, which are often much more generous than the UK, there is a risk that investment in green

energy infrastructure will be pulled from the UK to countries with more attractive regimes,” Oxford Economics said.

Warnings

Low-carbon energy is a high-growth sector and the Office for National Statistics estimated that the sector generated £54.4 billion in turnover and employed nearly 250,000 people in 2021.

But the study warned: “Unless the government ensures investment in the UK is attractive, the 480,000 jobs that a net-zero transition is estimated to support by 2030 will not materialize.” — AFP

Alarm raised over Australian miner’s methane emissions

MAJOR Australian mining group Whitehaven Coal is set to double its methane emissions by 2030 as it expands operations, an energy think tank warned Thursday, questioning the company’s estimates.

If all its plans go ahead, Whitehaven’s coal mines are on track to release more than 60,000 tonnes a year of the potent greenhouse gas by 2030 — about twice current levels, said the study by Ember, a UK-registered group that uses data analysis to promote clean energy.

“This flies in the face of Australia’s climate commitments and asks serious questions about the amount of risk these expansion plans pose,” said Ember’s

climate adviser Chris Wright.

Australia, one of the world’s largest coal exporters, has committed to cutting carbon emissions by 43 per cent by 2030 from 2005 levels, on a path to reaching net-zero emissions by 2050.

Whitehaven runs three open-cut and one large underground coal mine in New South Wales, with plans to expand with another open-cut mine in the state. It is also seeking approval for a new open-cut mine in Queensland. The company, which describes itself as Australia’s leading producer of premium quality coal, reported that it had pulled more than 18 million tonnes of coal out of its mines in the year to 30 June 2023. — AFP



Large Australian coal mines will be among the polluters required to cut emissions by 4.9 per cent a year under the new law. **PHOTO: AFP**

German cabinet approves plans to legalize cannabis for recreational use

THE legislation would allow adults to possess up to 25 grammes (0.9 ounces) of cannabis and grow up to three plants for personal use. People would also be allowed to join non-profit “cannabis clubs” of up to 500 members where the drug can be legally cultivated and purchased.

The bill still needs to be approved by lawmakers in the German parliament, who return from their summer break on 4 September.

Health Minister Karl Lauterbach called the draft law “a turning point” in Germany’s attitude towards cannabis.

The more relaxed approach would crack down on the black market and drug-related crime, ease the burden on law enforcement and allow for safer consumption of marijuana, he said at a Berlin press conference.

Minors will still be prohibited from using the drug, and the government will launch a campaign warning of the health risks for young people especially, he added. “The concept we’re presenting is one of controlled legalisation,” he told reporters.

“We want to limit consumption and make it safer,” Lauterbach said. — AFP



Cannabis, also known as marijuana or weed, is a plant that contains compounds called cannabinoids, some of which have psychoactive effects. PHOTO: AFP

Young Chinese reconnect with historical city through “Citywalk”

OVER the summer break, a wave of fashionably dressed young people flocked to Kaifeng in central China’s Henan Province to explore the city that was the ancient capital of eight dynasties through a trendy “Citywalk”.

They eagerly shared fresh perspectives and travel encounters on various social media platforms, adding new layers of appreciation to the city’s rich tapestry.

“Citywalk”, or meandering through the urban landscapes, means the act of walking freely along city streets unburdened by exhaustive plans and cumbersome bags. Such a convenient form of travel has emerged

as a prevailing trend among young people in China, offering them an avenue to intimately experience urban culture and local traditions.

Nestled in the eastern expanse of Henan and along the southern banks of the Yellow River, Kaifeng’s historical roots extend over two millennia.

“Kaifeng is one of China’s first national historical and cultural cities, boasting a deep-seated cultural heritage. It’s an ideal destination for unhurried exploration, encouraging visitors to take a leisurely pace as they step into Kaifeng’s embrace,” said Wei Peishi, head of the city’s cultural, radio, film and tourism bureau. — Xinhua



Lucasfilm’s achievements extend to successful ventures like the Indiana Jones series, crafted by George Lucas and directed by Steven Spielberg. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Disney to shut Lucasfilm studio in Singapore

LUCASFILM’S visual effects and animation studio in Singapore will close down in the coming months due to economic reasons, parent firm Disney said on Tuesday.

The Singapore studio was set up in the 2000s by Industrial Light & Magic (ILM), which was founded by Star Wars creator George Lucas and is a division of Lucasfilm.

For years, its home in Singapore was the striking Sandcrawler building, named after

the Star Wars transport that inspired its design. Lucasfilm sold the building in 2021.

“Over the next several months, ILM will be consolidating its global footprint and winding down its Singapore studio due to economic factors affecting the industry,” Disney said in a statement.

It did not say how many employees will be affected in Singapore. Disney said in February it was cutting 7,000 jobs worldwide -- part of a reorgan-

isation as its traditional television business erodes and in the face of stiff competition and eroding subscriber numbers for its streaming service, Disney+.

“Lucasfilm’s decision to wind down its Singapore operations is in response to changes in the industry and business conditions,” Singapore’s Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) and the Economic Development Board (EDB) said in a joint statement. — AFP

US court restricts access to abortion pill, ruling on hold

A US federal appeals court on Wednesday imposed restrictions on a widely used abortion pill, but the ruling will remain on hold as the Supreme Court decides whether to hear the case.

The ruling by a three-judge panel of the New Orleans-based 5th Circuit Court of Appeals would limit use of mifepristone to the first seven weeks of pregnancy, instead of 10, and block it from being distributed by mail.

It would also require the abortion pill, which accounts for more than half of the abortions in the United States, to be prescribed by a doctor.

Despite the ruling by the panel of conservative judges, two of whom were appointed by former president Donald Trump and one by former pres-



Mifepristone, also known as RU-486, is a medication used for medical abortion (abortion induced by medication) and for the treatment of certain medical conditions. PHOTO: ROBYN BECK/AFP

ident George W Bush, the drug will remain on the market for the time being. Anti-abortion groups are seeking to have mifepristone banned, claiming

despite its long track record that it is unsafe. The case is the latest skirmish in the battle over reproductive rights in the United States. — AFP

ECONOMY WORLD



The year-on-year fall in exports, the first since February 2021, cast a cloud over the outlook for the Japanese economy. **PHOTO: KYODO**

Japan back in red with July deficit of 78.7 bln yen as exports sag

JAPAN'S trade balance fell back into the red in July with a deficit of 78.7 billion yen (\$538 million) as exports dropped for the first time in over two years, raising uncertainty over economic growth prospects, government data showed Thursday.

Exports dipped 0.3 per cent from a year earlier to 8.73 trillion yen as a rise in auto

shipments failed to offset declines among other products like semiconductor-related equipment. Imports, meanwhile, fell 13.5 per cent to 8.8 trillion yen, according to the Finance Ministry.

The year-on-year fall in exports, the first since February 2021, cast a cloud over the outlook for the Japanese economy, which marked its

fastest pace of growth since 2020 in the quarter to June.

The latest figures came a month after Japan reported its first trade surplus in nearly two years, though concerns persist about the impact of aggressive monetary tightening in the United States and Europe, and slowing growth in China. — Kyodo

Colombian president wants to amend free trade accord with US

PRESIDENT Gustavo Petro announced Wednesday that he wants to renegotiate a free trade accord that Colombia has with the United States, the main destination for its exports.

In a meeting with coffee growers, Colombia's first leftist president said that the treaty in effect for 11 years bars Colombia from growing local strains of corn, instead obligating it to plant only strains produced in the US and Canada.

"I want to announce publicly that the renegotiation is starting," Petro said, drawing a standing ovation at the meeting

in the southern town of Pitalito. He gave no details.

During the campaign for the presidential election in 2022 that brought him to power, Petro announced he wanted to amend the free trade accord with the United States so as to protect Colombian agriculture from what he called cheap US imports.

"We import almost all of our corn from the United States and Canada. If I wanted to replace that corn with Colombian corn I would create 1.2 million more jobs. In other words, wealth," said Petro. — AFP



A worker fixes a pipeline at an oil facility in the town of Acacias in Colombia in February 2023. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Ireland's fishermen fear species migration as sea temperatures soar

WHEN he finished school Daragh McGuinness knew he wanted to join a fishing crew but now, at 23, he fears climate change may kill off the industry that has sustained his family for generations.

"It's a massive problem," he told AFP in the pilothouse of the Atlantic Challenge trawler, where he works as a deckhand, docked in the port of Killybegs in northwest Ireland.

"It could really finish the fishing, in Ireland anyway at least."

Soaring temperatures in the North Atlantic Ocean over the summer months have raised fears that fish could be pushed to colder waters, heaping pressure on the already struggling industry.

At the end of July, the US

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) announced that average surface temperatures in the North Atlantic had reached a new record high of 24.9 degrees Cel-

sus (76.8 degrees Fahrenheit).

The Atlantic Challenge, like many vessels sailing out of Killybegs, catches blue whiting and mackerel, which are highly prized on international

markets, returning to port one or two days after a catch so produce is fresh.

Sean O'Donoghue, chief executive of the Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation, said climate change was having a "dramatic effect" on white fish stocks such as cod which prefer colder waters.

Extreme

He feared it was "only a matter of time" before so-called pelagic fish such as mackerel, blue whiting and herring move north permanently.

"If we continue with the warming of the waters, it is inevitable, the pelagic species will move totally out of the waters. And we could end up that we have very little fish," he said. — AFP



Fishermen in Killybegs, northwest Ireland, fear sea temperature rises will force species to migrate to colder waters. **PHOTO: PAUL FAITH / AFP**

Big potential for green hydrogen in North Africa: report

BY 2050 North Africa could become a leading exporter of green hydrogen with Europe its main market, according to a recent report projecting the future of an industry still in its infancy.

So-called green hydrogen is set "to redraw the global energy and resource map as early as 2030, creating a \$1.4 trillion-a-year market by 2050," according to the report from accounting consultancy Deloitte.

Hydrogen fuel — which can be produced from natural gas, biomass or nuclear power — is considered "green" when hydrogen molecules are split from water using electricity derived from renewables such as solar and wind that do not produce carbon emissions.

Less than one percent of the world's hydrogen production presently qualifies as green. — AFP

S Korea's district court dismisses suit over Fukushima water release

A South Korean district court on Thursday dismissed a lawsuit filed by a civic group demanding that Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings Inc halt its plan to discharge treated radioactive water from the crippled Fukushima nuclear power plant into the ocean. The ruling comes as the company, with the Japanese government's approval, forges ahead with its plan to start releasing the water this summer amid opposition among some quarters in South Korea, though Seoul announced its support for the plan in July after the International Atomic Energy Agency assessed it as safe. The Busan District Court said in its ruling that the plaintiff's claim was



Members of a civic group and others protest in Busan on 17 August 2023 against the Busan District Court's ruling that dismissed a lawsuit filed by the group demanding that Tokyo Electric Power Company Holdings Inc halt its plan to discharge treated radioactive water from the crippled Fukushima nuclear power plant into the ocean. **PHOTO: KYODO**

based on an international treaty that regulates the dumping of waste at sea. But the treaty, known

as the London Convention, is only applicable between countries, the court explained.— Kyodo

BAE agrees to buy Ball Aerospace for US\$5.55 billion

BRITISH military equipment maker BAE Systems announced on Thursday that it had agreed to buy US company Ball Aerospace from the Ball Corporation for about \$5.55 billion. BAE said it hoped to complete the acquisition of the aerospace firm in the first half of 2024, with an anticipated tax credit taking the “underlying

economic consideration for the business” to \$4.8 billion. The proposed deal will be funded by a combination of new external debt and existing cash resources, it added.

Colorado-based Ball Aerospace supplies spacecraft, mission payloads, optical systems, and antenna systems, and counts the US Department of De-

fense and civilian space agencies among its clients. It has more than 5,200 employees, of whom over 60 per cent hold US security clearances.

The business is “well positioned to capture expected increases in demand for missiles and munitions”, BAE said in a statement announcing the acquisition.— AFP

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD



Photo taken on 5 April 2022 shows the Bayon Temple in the Angkor Archeological Park in Siem Reap province, Cambodia. **PHOTO: VAN POV/XINHUA**

Cambodia records 3 mln intl tourists in 7 months

CAMBODIA registered 3,037,344 international tourists in the first seven months of 2023, a significant rise of 308 per cent from 743,459 over the same period last year, said a Ministry of Tourism's report released on Wednesday.

Thailand topped the chart among the international arrivals to the Southeast Asian country during the January-July period this year, followed by Viet Nam and China, the report said.

According to the report, 1,065,233 foreign tourists visited Cambodia by air, up 237 per cent and 1,972,111 by land and waterways, up 362 per cent.

"Based on this figure, Cambodia is expected to attract at least five million international tourists in 2023," Tourism Minister Thong Khon said, noting that the kingdom received only 2.27 million foreign travellers in 2022. — Xinhua

Japanese turn to wearable tech to beat the heat

SELLING jackets with built-in fans, neck coolers and T-shirts that feel cold, Japanese firms are tapping into a growing market for products to help people handle the summer heat.

Japan — like other countries — is seeing ever-hotter summers. This July was the warmest in 100 years, with at least 53 people dying of heatstroke and almost 50,000 needing emergency medical attention.

Workman, which makes



The wearable tech jackets are designed to be worn with battery-powered fans (R), which are sold separately, inside the lining to keep the user cool in the summer heat. **PHOTO: RICHARD A. BROOKS / AFP**

clothes for construction workers, launched a version of their fan-fitted jackets adapted for the high street in 2020 as demand grew.

The mechanism is simple — two electric, palm-sized fans powered by a rechargeable battery are fitted into the back of the jacket.

They draw in air to then deliver a breeze — at variable speeds — onto the wearer's body.

The jackets retail for 12,000

to 24,000 yen (\$82-164).

"As the weather gets hotter, people who have never worn fan-equipped clothing before want to find ways to cool down... so more people are interested in buying it," Workman spokesman Yuya Suzuki told AFP.

"Just like you feel cool when you are at home with a fan, you feel cool just by wearing (the jacket) because the wind is blowing through your body all the time," he said.

— AFP

Canada far north city ordered to evacuate as wildfires advance

RESIDENTS of one of the largest cities in Canada's far north were ordered Wednesday to flee amid warnings that raging wildfires could reach it by the weekend.

The crisis in the town of Yellowknife is the newest chapter of a terrible summer for wildfires in Canada, as flames spread quickly across the country, forcing tens of thousands of people to evacuate and charring large swathes of land.

More than 1,000 wildfires are currently burning across the vast country, including about 230 in the Northwest Territories, in

Canada's taste of a very hot and destructive summer in much of the Northern Hemisphere.

"Unfortunately, our wildfire situation has taken another turn for the worse with a fire burning west of Yellowknife now representing a real threat to the city," Shane Thompson, the Northwest Territories' environment minister, told a news conference.

He ordered the city's nearly 20,000 residents to leave by noon Friday. There is only one highway open to the south. Commercial and military flights were also being arranged. — AFP

'Nuclear' material found in Australian home raid: media

AUSTRALIA'S border police raided a home in the south of Sydney on Thursday, finding what local media described as "nuclear isotopes".

The home, in the suburb of Arncliffe, was the target of an early morning raid and remains cordoned off with tape warning of a toxic, nuclear or biological hazard inside.

The small brown-brick apartment building was cut off from the road by red and yellow tape saying: "Contaminated area - do not enter - hot zone".

Local commercial broadcaster Channel 10 reported that mercury and uranium isotopes

were found inside, while the Daily Telegraph said officers had found nuclear isotopes.

The Australian Border

Force (ABF) would not confirm media reports about the presence of radioactive material at or near the property. — AFP



The home, in the suburb of Arncliffe, was the target of an early morning raid and remains cordoned off with tape warning of a toxic, nuclear or biological hazard inside. **PHOTO: AFP**

SPORTS

England's golden girl Russo finds scoring touch

ALESSIA Russo shot to fame as one of the faces of England's Euro 2022 victory on home soil and is now closing in on conquering the world with the Lionesses.

Russo scored four times at the Euro, but her stunning backheel finish through the legs of Swedish goalkeeper Hedvig Lindahl in a 4-0 semi-final rout saw her instantly become a social media sensation.

Sponsors flocked to the 24-year-old, who could reportedly become the first Women's Super League (WSL) player to earn more than £1 million-a-year through bonuses on England duty, her club salary and commercial deals.

Ahead of the World Cup, she fronted an Adidas campaign

alongside David Beckham, whose daughter is among her cast of fans.

Arsenal saw a world record £500,000 bid for a women's player turned down by Manchester United in January despite Russo having only six months left on her contract. She has since joined the Gunners on a free transfer.

But all has not been plain sailing for Russo in 2023. She was outscored by teammates Rachel Daly and Bethany England in the WSL last season and her place as England's number nine coming into the tournament was in question.

Those doubts lingered during an inauspicious start to the World Cup by Sarina Wiegman's side. — AFP

Yangon United to play decisive AFC Cup qualifiers

Myanmar club Yangon United will play an away match as the deciding match for the 2023-2024 AFC Cup ASEAN zone qualifiers.

Yangon United won the AFC Cup ASEAN zone pre-qualifiers against Brunei DPMM 2:1 and qualified for the play-off stage.

The ASEAN Zone Qualifier Play-off matches will be held on 23 August, and Indonesian club Makassar will fly in the face of Myanmar club Yangon United. Meanwhile, the Singapore club Tampines Rovers will go up against the

Cambodian club Phnom Penh Crown.

The qualifiers will be held in one round and team Yangon's play-off match will be played away. Makassar is the top club in the Indonesian League, and Yangon United is likely to struggle.

Two Myanmar clubs are allowed to compete in the upcoming AFC Cup, and Myanmar National League defending champion Shan United will have to compete in the group stage. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



The Yangon United players celebrate the victory in an international tourney. PHOTO: THAW GYI

Lunin will start for Madrid despite Kepa arrival, says Ancelotti



Andriy Lunin kept a clean sheet in Real Madrid's opening win over Athletic Bilbao. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

ANDRIY Lunin will continue in goal for Real Madrid this weekend despite Kepa Arrizabalaga's loan move from Chelsea, coach Carlo Ancelotti said on Friday.

Ukrainian Lunin played in Real's 2-0 victory at Athletic Bilbao in their opening game of the La Liga season last weekend, after first-choice goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois was ruled out for the majority of the campaign with an anterior cruciate ligament injury he suffered in training.

Ancelotti said before that match that he had faith in Lunin despite the 24-year-old's lack of experience, but he has since signed Arrizabalaga until the end of the season. — AFP

England's Walcott retires from football at 34

THEO Walcott, one of the outstanding young English talents of his generation, announced Friday he has retired from professional football at the age of 34.

In an 18-year senior career the winger made more than 560 club appearances for Southampton, with whom he started and ended his career, Arsenal and Everton, scoring 129 goals.

He was controversially included in then England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson's squad for the 2006 World Cup

without having played international football.

But he went on to become both the youngest player to represent England in a senior men's international and, at the age of 19, score a hat-trick for the national side. In all, Walcott — whose career was blighted by injuries — scored eight goals in 47 appearances for England.

"The first moment I put my football boots on aged 10, was the start of a special journey for me," Walcott wrote on Instagram. — AFP



Retired Southampton forward Theo Walcott (L). PHOTO: AFP

Myanmar to face off against Cambodia today in AFF U-23 Championship

MYANMAR U-23 football team will compete against Cambodia in the Group A match of the AFF U-23 Championship in Thailand today.

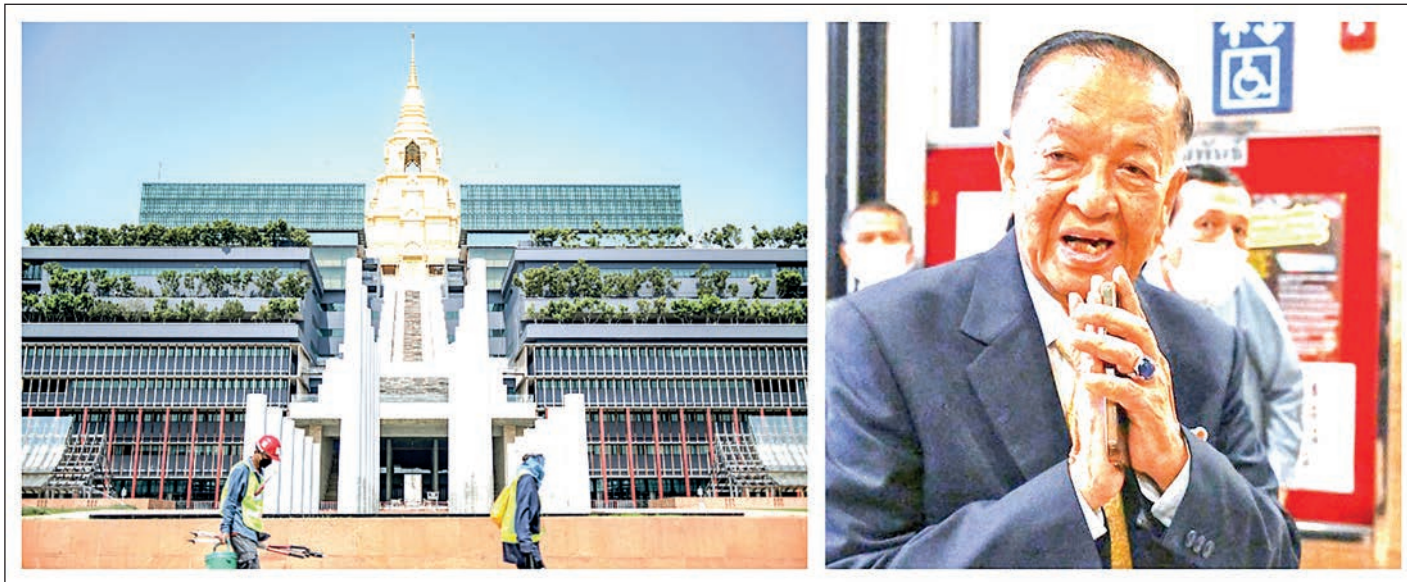
Myanmar will tackle Cambodia in the group match at 3:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time while host Thailand is grappling with Brunei at 7:30 pm MST.

In the previous matches, Thailand defeated Myanmar 3-0 and Cambodia trounced Brunei 5-0. The tournament is divided into three groups, and only the top three teams

from the three groups and the best one of the second-placed teams (four teams in total) will be able to join the semi-finals.

Especially the game against Cambodia, with which Team Myanmar will play today, is important, and only if they win, the Myanmar team can hope to continue.

The Myanmar squad lost to the Thai team in the first match of the group by many goals, but they were able to showcase skilful play and were unable to use the scoring opportunities they had. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



In this photo taken on 4 March 2023, workers walk in front of the Thai Parliament complex in Bangkok. (L); The speaker, Wan Muhamad Noor Matha. (R). **PHOTO: LILLIAN SUWANRUMPHA/AFP**

Thailand parliament to hold vote on new PM next Tues : house speaker

THAILAND'S parliament will vote to select a new prime minister next Tuesday, the lower house speaker said, after the Constitutional Court's recent ruling in favor of the parliament's rejection of the renomination of liberal candidate Pita Limjaroenrat.

The speaker, Wan Muhamad Noor Matha, said Thursday a parliamentary panel agreed on the date for the second vote, following the first on 13 July in which Pita failed to win a majority due to strong opposition to his attempts to amend the country's harsh law against

insulting the monarchy.

Pita, whose Move Forward party garnered the most votes in the 14 May general election, was not permitted to stand in a vote on 19 July after parliament voted down his renomination attempt.

In the wake of the resistance from conservative-leaning lawmakers, the Pheu Thai party, which won the second-most votes in the election, said earlier this month that it dissolved its coalition with Move Forward and will form a new coalition, seeking to nominate its own candidate for prime minister.

Next Tuesday's vote is expected to finally elect a prime minister and end weeks of chaos hindering the formation of the new government. But the new nine-party coalition led by Pheu Thai does not hold a majority in parliament, leaving the outcome of the vote uncertain. — **Kyodo**

Spain Socialists win first parliamentary battle, securing speaker role

SPANISH lawmakers on Thursday elected the Socialist party's candidate for parliamentary speaker following a closely-watched vote that bodes well for Pedro Sanchez's efforts to return as prime minister. Thursday's session was widely seen as a trial run ahead of a crucial investiture vote — which determines who forms the government — after an inconclusive July election.

Francina Armengol, 52, was named parliamentary speaker — the third-highest office in Spain after the king and the prime minister — with an absolute majority of 178 votes in the 350-seat chamber.

Her election was secured following a last-minute deal with the hard-line Catalan separatist party JxCat, which has been cast in the role of kingmaker. — **AFP**



The vote was a welcome victory for the Socialists of acting Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez and their radical leftist ally Sumar, headed by acting Labour Minister Yolanda Diaz. **PHOTO: AFP**

Ten killed in plane crash near Malaysian capital

A light plane crashed into a four-lane road near Malaysia's capital on Thursday, killing eight people on board and two motorists on the ground, the local police chief said.

The plane exploded into a fireball on impact, with thick black smoke seen rising from the site, video clips from the scene showed.

"For now, I can say at least 10 people were killed in the plane crash. Two passing motorists — one in a car and one on a motorcycle — also perished together with the eight on board the plane," Mohamad Iqbal Ibrahim told AFP.

Johari Harun, a state assemblyman in central Pahang state in charge of housing and the environment, was among the plane passengers killed, police said.

Malaysia's civil aviation authority said in a statement that six passengers and two flight crew were on board the Beechcraft Model 390 aircraft when it crashed.

The plane took off from the northern resort island of Langkawi and was approaching Sultan Abdul Aziz Shah Airport, in Selangor state west of the capital Kuala Lumpur, civil aviation authority chief No-razman Mahmud. — **AFP**



Members of the fire and rescue department inspect the crash site of a plane on a street in Shah Alam, Malaysia's Selangor state on 17 August 2023. **PHOTO: SHAH ALAM/ AFP**