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## Tourism promotion in eight destinations launched in Magway Region

**T**HE tourism promotion activities are underway in eight tourist destinations of Magway Region, said U Zaw Lwin Htet, director of the regional Directorate of Hotels and Tourism.

The tourism promotion in eight tourist destinations includes sharing data on destinations with travel agencies for visitors from Thailand and conducting awareness campaigns for local tourist guides, hotels, motels and guesthouses.

“The region boasts eight destinations that the local and foreign travellers visit. We conduct an awareness campaign to ensure that visitors can visit here safely and share the history of these sites. We also negotiate with relevant officials to provide better transport services. The tourists from Thailand and Russia have already explored these sites and so we keep making preparations to promote the tourism industry,” he said.

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Pagodas are seen in the Sarle region of Yenangyoung Township which is described as the second Bagan.

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## Equity market in downward spiral in Oct

**T**HE continuous and block trading of the eight listed companies on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) dropped with 305,102 shares K771.89 million in October 2023, according to the monthly report released by the exchange.

The equity market showed an upward trajectory with a total trading value of K2.068 billion from 958,368 shares traded in July. Then, the trading values declined to K1.296 billion with 509,827 shares in August and K1.38 billion with 302,164 shares in September.

At present, shares of eight

listed companies — First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), TMH Telecom Public Co Ltd (TMH), the Ever Flow River Group Public Co Ltd (EFR), Amata Holding Public Co Ltd (AMATA) and Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Co Ltd (MAEX) were traded in the security market.

The total trading volumes were registered low at 9,910 shares of FMI worth K87.889 million, 113,662 shares of MTSH worth K336.27 million, 1,068 shares of MCB worth

K8.346 million, 104,218 shares of FPB worth over K176.594 million, 6,014 shares of TMH worth K15.539 million, 25,088 shares of EFR worth over K52 million, 5,123 shares of AMATA worth K25 million and 40,019 shares of MAEX worth K69 million respectively last month.

The share prices per unit fell to K8,800 for FMI, K2,950 for MTSH, K8,000 for MCB, K1,650 for FPB, K2,600 for TMH, K2,100 for EFR and K4,900 for AMATA and K1,750 for MAEX on the last day of October 2023.

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## Fuel readily available at Yangon filling stations, operating seamlessly as usual

AS some filling stations among 146 fuel stations in Yangon were facing higher demand, the Fuel Import, Storage and Distribution Supervisory Committee supplied more than 400,000 gallons of 92 Ron, more than 100,000 gallons of 95 Ron, more than 170,000 gallons of diesel and more than 270,000 gallons of premium diesel from terminals in Yangon Thilawa Port to these filling stations with the use of 334 bowsers on 11 November 2023.

Moreover, the supervisory

committee provided more than 300,000 gallons of 92 Ron, more than 75,000 gallons of 95 Ron, more than 140,000 gallons of diesel and more than 230,000 gallons of premium diesel to these filling stations with the use of 268 bowsers on 12 November.

Starting from 13 November, fuel is being sold at these filling stations as usual. If necessary, the supervisory committee will supply more fuel to the filling stations in time. So, people can buy fuel as necessary. — GNLM/TTA



Vehicles are seen refuelling at the petrol station in Yangon.

## Republic of the Union of Myanmar Union Election Commission Notification No 45/2023

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### Allowing People's Party of Myanmar Farmers and Workers to register as political party

AS of 13 November 2023, the People's Party of Myanmar Farmers and Workers, with its headquarters located at No 2, Tagaung Phaya Street, No 4 Ward of Pathein in Ayeyawady Region, has been allowed to register under Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law.

The registration number of the People's Party of Myanmar Farmers and Workers is 40.

*Sd/Thein Soe*  
Chairman

*Union Election Commission*

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Furthermore, block trading of YSX can be done with the minimum order quantity (10,000 stocks) or with the stocks of trading value of K30 million starting from 1 September 2022.

Next, the Securities and Exchange Commission of Myanmar (SECM) has allowed foreigners to invest in the local equity

market since 20 March 2020 to attract better capital inflows, and long-term and sustainable investment, encourage good corporate governance, and support market orientation.

The YSX conducts stock investment webinars and training courses to disseminate rules and regulations regarding the stock exchange and knowledge of share trading among the public. — KK

## Miss Myanmar to compete in National Costume Contest of Miss Universe 2023

MISS Amara Bo, representing Myanmar, will compete in the National Costume competition of the Miss Universe 2023 in a monetary tree dress.

Miss Universe 2023 is being held in El Salvador from 4 to 18 November. A total of 86 countries, including Myanmar, are competing in the Miss Universe 2023 pageant.

“I am going to compete in the National Costume in a Myanmar monetary tree dress.

The dress features the traditional

way of donating in Myanmar where religion is flourishing.

This dress also describes the traditional Myanmar culture of donating money to missionaries during the Kathina period.

This national costume was created by a designer named Ko Pyae Sone (Hpa-an),” said Miss Myanmar Amara Bo.

The final competition of Miss Universe 2023 will be held on 18 November at the National Gymnasium, San Sal-

vador, El Salvador.

The Preliminary and Final Competitions can be viewed only after purchasing online payment. — ASH/KZL



Miss Amara Bo (R) will represent Myanmar for the National Costume Contest in the Miss Universe 2023 being held in El Salvador on 4-18 November.

### COVID-19 report, 13 November 2023

NEW TESTS	NEW CASE	CASUALTIES
3,013	One	Nil

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



# NATIONAL

## DPM MoFA Union Minister receives Chinese Ambassador



China's Ambassador Mr Chen Hai calls on Deputy Prime Minister MoFA Union Minister U Than Swe yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Than Swe received Mr Chen Hai, Ambassador of the People's

Republic of China to Myanmar, yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on the matters in promoting bi-

lateral relations, cooperation in maintenance of peace and stability and the rule of law along the border areas between Myanmar and China. — MNA

## Yangon Mayor inspects livestock special zone project in Twantay, Hlinethaya

CHAIRMAN of the Yangon City Development Committee (Mayor) U Bo Htay, along with responsible officials, visited Twantay Township on 12 November. The visit included inspections of the special farming zone near Talokhtaw village, the fish farms in Farming Zone 1, the completion of goat poultry farms, Napier grass planting, and a visit to the broiler farm (Hyline Brown) at Golden Gate Global Myanmar Pte Ltd, U Win Thiha Maung and Shwe Htoo Min Company Limited. Additionally, the officials visited goat farms and rubber farms of Farming Zone 2 conducted follow-ups, inspected the conditions for Myanmar chicken farming, and gave necessary instructions.

In Zone 1 of Livestock Special Zone, there are 554

goats, 10,500 chickens, and 2,000 ducks. It is reported that the remaining breeding operations will continue to be implemented.

Afterwards, the mayor and his team checked 1,000 ducks and 60 pigs at the Hteinbin dump Hlinethaya (West) township, of the Urban Environmental Conservation and

Sanitation Department. They then visited concrete mixture plant of the Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges) on Magway Street, Ward 8 in Hlinethaya (East) Township. They inspected raising of 1,000 layers on the factory premises and addressed any identified needs. — MNA/KZW



Yangon Mayor U Bo Htay(L) is pictured during his inspection tours on 12 November 2023.

## Myanmar-Thailand border trade earns US\$3 bln in 7 months

MYANMAR'S border trade with the neighbouring country Thailand amounted to US\$3.034 billion in the past seven months (from April to October) of the current financial year 2023-2024.

The figures plunged from \$3.16 billion recorded in the year-ago period, indicating a sharp drop of \$125.558 million.

Myanmar conducts cross-border trade with Thailand via the Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Hteekhee and Mawtaung borders. Of them, the Hteekhee border performed the largest trade worth \$1.889 billion in the past seven months.

Moreover, the trade values stood at \$882.303 million at the Myawady border, \$94.397 million

at Tachilek, \$68.5 million at Myeik, \$89.226 million at Kawthoung and \$10.39 million at Mawtaung.

Among these border trade camps along Myanmar-Thailand, Mawtaung manages the least amount of trade including export and import activities worth \$10.39 million.

Myanmar carries out border trade with the neighbouring countries China, Thailand, Bangladesh and India. It exports agricultural produce, livestock products, fisheries, minerals, forest products, finished industrial goods and other goods, while it brings in capital goods, intermediate goods, consumer goods and raw materials by the CMP enterprises. — NN/EM



The image captures the panoramic scene of the Myawady border, a vital hub for trade exchange between Myanmar and Thailand.

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The eight tourism spots in Magway Region are Myathalun Pagoda and Magway Strand Road in Magway township, Setkeinte Pagoda and Nagawwat Hill in Minbu township, Minhla Fort and Kway Creek Fort in Minhla township, Beikthano City in Taungdwingyi township, Bogyoke museum in

Natmauk township, Sandaku Nantha Monastery in Pwintbyu township, Wetthegan in Salin township, Sarle region in Yenangyoung township, Yokesone monastery in Salle, Thihoshin pagoda, Tharakkhan pagoda, Shwegu pagoda, Shwemokehtaw pagoda and Pakhangyi ancient city in Pakokku township. — ASH/KTZH



# NATIONAL

## Myanansankyaw Golden Palace attracts over 10,000 tourists, homegrown visitors in Oct



MORE than 10,694 tourists and homegrown visitors flocked to the Myanansankyaw Golden Palace (Mandalay Royal Palace) in Aungmyaythazan Township in October, and the digits show a higher number of visitors than in September, according to the Department of Archaeology and

National Museum (Mandalay branch). In September, there were 5,600 visitors — 5,200 local visitors and 400 international tourists — to the palace.

Similarly, there were 8,920 domestic travellers and 874 foreign travellers, totalling 10,694 visitors in October. Therefore, the number of visitors in October is higher than that in September.

The Department of Archaeology and National Museum also makes efforts to upgrade the museums into digital museums across the nation. — ASH/KTZH

A tourist captures a scenic shot of the Mandalay Palace and its surrounding moat.

## 2023- 2024 FY H1 palm oil import saves US\$38 million compared to last year

DURING the first six months of the 2023-2024 financial year, the import of palm oil is 65,000 tonnes (28 per cent) more than the same period last year, but the cost for oil import was US\$38 million less than that of previous year, according to the official data.

In 2022, average 40,000 tonnes of edible oil were imported every month, and the imported prices of palm oil were around \$950 to \$1,380 per tonne, but in early 2023, the prices decline and are around \$850 to \$1,000 USD per tonne, respectively. The market price of palm oil in mid-August 2022 was around K10,000 kyats, but it decreased to K5,150 in early December due

to the supervision of the relevant authorities.

At the beginning of 2023, the palm oil wholesale price per viss was around K6,000, around K6,500 in April and July before climbing to K8,500 in August. At the end of this period, so called adulterated peanut oil were sold at a high price of around K10,000.

Currently, oil sold in yellow containers with the capacity of 18 litres become common in the market and the price of a viss of palm oil is K4,000 more than that of reference price. There are speculations that long queues beside roads to buy palm oil at the reference retail price of K4,500 per viss may pose traffic accidents.— TWA/TH

## Mandalay to host International Trade Fair & Investment Forum 2023

THE Mandalay International Trade Fair and Investment Forum 2023 is scheduled to take place at the Mandalay Convention Centre in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Region, as announced by the Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry (MRCCI). MRCCI Chairman U Win Htay stat-

ed that entrepreneurs from upper Myanmar and abroad will showcase their products in 262 booths at the forum, scheduled from 20 to 22 December.

“There are over 70 booths from China set to be opened. Indonesia also has a list of booths to participate in. The products that will be displayed

include foodstuffs, consumer goods, and agricultural materials,” mentioned U Win Htay.

Additionally, agriculture, livestock, tourism, and energy forums will be incorporated into the event.

The Mandalay International Trade Fair and Investment Forum was held in 2019 in Mandalay. — ASH/MKKS

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Mandalay Region Chamber of Commerce & Industry

**Mandalay International Trade Fair & Investment Forum 2023**

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## Security measures underway as KNPP, PDF terrorists try abducting education staff, students of Loikaw University

KNPP and PDF terrorists launched attacks on Loikaw University using heavy and small weapons yesterday morning and tried to forcibly abduct education workers and students.

The state government cooperated with the relevant officials to evacuate the faculty and students to safe places while KNPP and PDF terrorists intentionally launched such attacks. There are still armed engagements with terrorist groups.

KNPP and PDF terrorists

took positions in houses, religious buildings, health and educational buildings to commit terrorist attacks in Kayah State starting December 2021. They also attacked an arch opening ceremony in Loikaw Township marking the 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Kayah State Day (2023), which fell on 15 January.

Due to their attacks on non-military targets, university students and educational staff, some of the buildings in the university were destroyed and some security force mem-

bers were injured. The security measures are underway near the vicinity areas.

Because of their attacks, the examination in the third batch of the University of Distance Education that started yesterday was postponed indefinitely, and that was a huge loss for students.

Members of security forces keep conducting security measures and urged the locals in Kayah State to work together to ensure the peace and rule of law. — MNA/KTZH



## Tatmadaw successfully wipes out KIA, PDF terrorists in Htigyaing



Mine clearance operation in progress in Htigyaing Township.

KIA and PDF terrorists raided Htigyaing Township of Sagaing Region on 9 November, killed locals, resorted to collecting money, committed arson attacks on houses and departmental buildings, and planted mines.

Therefore, Tatmadaw columns conducted counter-terror

ism operations following the rules of engagement (ROE) and regained control of Htigyaing Township on 12 November. Tatmadaw launched the operation keeping in line with the rules of engagement (ROE)

On 12 November, terrorists committed arson attacks

on houses and departmental buildings in Htigyaing Township, planted mines and re-traced. Members of Security Forces are still taking security measures near the vicinity areas of the township.

During the attack, some of the security members died in action while some were injured. Moreover, the heavy and small weapons, ammunition, bombs, dead bodies of terrorists and explosives were seized. Members of Security Forces now deactivate the bombs planted by KIA and PDF terrorists, remove the debris in the township for the locals to reenter their places, repair the schools systematically and cooperate with the residents in conducting the rehabilitation processes. — MNA/KTZH

## Illegal timbers, industrial materials, foodstuffs, consumer goods, motorbikes and vehicles confiscated

A combined team under the supervision of the Yangon Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force seized a Chenglong tractor head with a trailer (approximately K100 million), headed to Yangon from Myawady, carrying 8,000 kilogrammes of BDPP film worth K20.16 million that was not declared in the Import Declaration (ID) at the Ywathagyi Dry Port on 10 November. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

The combined on-duty teams made inspections on 10 and 11 November and confiscated a total of 0.483 tonne of illegal teak, 0.867 tonne of hardwood and 1.571 tonnes of other wood worth K895,492 in Bago and Pyay districts, a Yutong bus (estimated value of K30 million), headed to Nay Pyi Taw from Thanbyuzayat, carrying three kinds of goods worth K12.519 million, including 516 one-litre bottles of vegetable oil (Two-Shrimp brand) without official documents, a total of 2.822 tonnes of illegal teak worth K1,082,532 in Toungoo and Pyay districts, a Hino truck (approximately worth K25 million), travelling from Myawady to Yangon, carrying three kinds of goods worth K11.508 million, including 3,110 Monstar LED bulbs that were not declared in the ID, near the Shwe Thanlwin Tollgate in Phayagyi and two vehicles, head-

ed from Kyaikto to Yangon and from Dawei to Yangon, carrying four kinds of goods worth K10.552 million, including 1,440 bottles of Kukuruyogurt and 170 bags of charcoal at the Nyaungkhashay x-ray station. The action was taken under the Forest Law and Customs procedures.

On 11 and 12 November, the combined teams captured two unregistered (Koroda and Scoopyi) motorbikes worth K1.5 million in Monywa township, a Nissan Diesel truck (estimated value of K25 million), travelling from Myawady to Yangon, carrying 2,000 kilogrammes of chipboard worth K2.4 million that were not declared in the ID, at the Mawanchaung permanent checkpoint and a Hino Ranger vehicle (approximately worth K40 million), travelling from Myawady to Mawlamyine, carrying five kinds of goods worth K7.282 million, including 6,000 bags of Yum Yum instant noodles, at the Kawkareik (Tadakyoe) combined checkpoint. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law and Customs procedures.

A total of 20 arrests were made on three consecutive days from 10 to 12 November, with an estimated value of K342.899 million, as reported by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/MKKS



(L&R) The debris seen in the aftermath of the brutal attacks on civilian buildings by KIA and PDF terrorists.



# NATIONAL

## Green gram, pigeon pea price plunge persists following FOB prices dip

THE prices of pigeon peas (red grams) and green grams were on a downward trend in the Yangon market, along with FOB prices decline.

The FOB prices stood at US\$1,320-1,340 per tonne of pigeon peas, \$720-740 per tonne of green grams from central regions, and \$900-930 per tonne of green grams (Shwewah) between 9 and 11 November. The prices slid to \$1,290-1,310 per tonne of pigeon peas, \$710-730 for green grams from central regions and \$890-920 for green grams (Shwewah) on 13 November.

The current FOB prices showed a decrease of \$60 per tonne of pigeon peas and \$40 per tonne of green gram compared to those recorded on 12-14 October. The prices hit K2,580-2,835 per viss of green grams from the Pakokku area and K3,580 per viss of green grams (Shwewah) on 8 November and decreased to K2,500-



The photo shows a sample of some pulses found in the market.

2,835 per viss of green grams from Pakokku area and K3,500 for green grams (Shwewah) on 13 November.

The pigeon pea prices plunged to K3.9 million per tonne on 3 November from K4.075 million per tonne between 29 Sep-

tember and 3 November.

Black gram prices dropped to K2.85 million per tonne on 13 November after it touched

a high of K2.937 million on 31 October. The FOB prices of black gram remained unchanged at \$1,070-1,090 per tonne on 9-13 November.

India accounts for 90 per cent of Myanmar's pigeon pea exports and 60 per cent of black gram exports. Meanwhile, green grams are shipped to the European Union member countries, China and other external markets beyond India.

Pigeon pea price this year increased to two-thirds of the price recorded in the previous years. Growers expect to earn a handsome profit in the upcoming pigeon pea harvest season in December, said a grower from Mahlaing Township.

Black grams and pigeon peas will be cultivated under an intercropping system in lower Myanmar regions after the harvest of monsoon paddy. They are likely to flow into the market in February 2024. — TWA/KK

## Traders curtail chilli pepper prices amid sluggish market

WITH the chilli pepper market slow-moving, traders cut prices of chilli pepper when there is a deal, U Hla Han, a trader of Seinpan Street at Bayintnaung Commodity Centre told the Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM).

The prices of long chilli peppers processed at cold storage were K13,500-14,500 per viss in the wholesale market at present. As the market is sluggish and the possibility of a price rise is extremely low, we have to reduce the price, U Hla Han stressed. The prices indicated a decrease of K1,000-2,000 per viss these days depending on different varieties.

Chinese bell peppers flowed into Yangon's market at K17,500 per viss in the last week of October. Then, the price increased to K18,000 per viss and was back in decline at K17,000-17,500 per viss.



The photo shows a stockpile of chilli pepper (Mohtaung variety) at a warehouse in the Aungban area, Shan State.

Sinphyukyun bell pepper processed in cold storage fetched K19,000-22,000 per viss at present. The prevailing price plummeted from K31,000 per viss recorded on 17 November 2022. Despite the rocking kitchen grocery prices, the prices of various chilli peppers are still

on the low side this year. Especially, the bell pepper price in November 2023 was down by around K10,000 per viss compared to that of last year.

Thus, traders who keep the huge stocks in their hands are forced to reduce the price in the market. — TWA/KK

## First-day draw results for apartments in Thukha Dagon public housing

A total of 928 people, including civil service personnel and retirees, were fortunate on the first day of the drawing lots for 928 apartments in 58 buildings on 13 November.

The drawing lots for 800 apartments in 50 apartment buildings will reportedly take place on 14 November.

There are 194 apartment

buildings in the Thukha Dagon public rental housing complex in Dagon Myothit (South) Township with each building having four storeys and sixteen apartments.

The drawing lots for 1,376 apartments in 86 buildings will be held in April 2024, and applications for it will be sold in February 2024. — TWA/MKKS



A drawing-lots event in progress for the Thukha Dagon housing on 13 November 2023.



## Domestic fuel oil prices gain

THE prices of Octane 92 and 95 have risen in the Yangon's market on global cues.

The fuel oil prices were K2,060 per litre of Octane 92 and K2,160 per litre of Octane 95 on 11 November. The prices jumped to K2,130 for Octane 92 and K2,250 for Octane 95 on 13 November. However, diesel prices stayed on the low side of K2,145 per litre of diesel and K2,245 for premium diesel.

The price index set by Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS), the pricing basis for many refined products in southeast Asia, heavily influences domestic fuel prices, according to the Supervisory Committee on Oil Import, Storage and Distribution of Fuel Oil.

With the MOPS's price index climbing in August 2022, the oil prices hit the highest of K2,605 per litre for Octane 92, K2,670 for Octane 95, K3,330 for premium diesel and K3,245 for diesel. The committee is therefore steering the fuel oil storage and distribution sector effectively so as not to have a shortage of oil in the domestic market and to

ensure price stability for energy consumers.

Of 146 petrol stations in Yangon, some stations experienced a high demand for Octane 92 in recent days. Distribution by three terminals did not meet the demand and it was out of stock on 10 November.

However, the petrol stations were urgently filled with stocks on the night of 10 November. Oil tankers docked at port terminals on 11 and 12 November and 15 more are slated to arrive at the Port. This being so, the oil will be distributed to the filling stations in a timely manner as per the committee.

At present, there is a fuel oil security in the market, with stocks of over 13 million gallons of Octane 92, over three million gallons of Octane 95, over 29 million of diesel and over 20 million gallons of premium diesel.

The Petroleum Products Regulatory Department, under the guidance of the committee, is issuing the daily reference rate for oil to offer a reasonable price to energy consumers. The reference rate in Yangon Region



One of the filling stations in the city of Yangon.

is set on the MOPS's price assessment, shipping cost, premium insurance, tax, other general costs and health profit per cent.

The rates for regions and states other than Yangon are evaluated after adding the transportation cost. The retail reference rates daily cover the state-run newspapers and are posted on the media and official website and Facebook page of the department on a daily basis starting from 4 May.

The committee is inspecting the fuel stations whether they are overcharging or not. The

authorities are taking action against those retailers of fuel stations under the Petroleum and Petroleum Products Law 2017 if they are found overcharging rather than the set reference rate. As per the statement, 90 per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally. The domestic fuel price is highly correlated with international prices. The State is steering the market to mitigate the loss between the importers, sellers and energy consumers. Consequently, the government is trying to distrib-

ute the oil at a reasonable price compared to those of regional countries.

Some countries levied higher tax rates and hiked oil prices compared to that of Myanmar. However, Malaysia's oil sector receives government subsidies and the prices are about 60 per cent cheaper than that of Myanmar. Every country lays down different patterns of policy to fix the oil prices. Myanmar also levies only a lower tax rate on fuel oil and strives for energy consumers to buy the oil at a cheaper rate. — NN/EM

## YGN palm oil wholesale reference price rebounds this week ending 19 Nov

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil for the Yangon market bounced back to K4,680 for a week from 13 to 19 November 2023 after price declines in two consecutive weeks, according to the Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution.

The wholesale price was set at K4,725 per viss for the week ending 30 October. The rate was set a bit lower to K4,570 per viss for a week from 31 October to 5 November and continued to decline to K4,560 per viss during the week ending 12 November.

The figures showed an increase of K120 per viss this week compared to that recorded in the previous week.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been close-



Palm oil being organized for sale at the market in Yangon.

ly observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil weekly.

Nevertheless, the market price was higher than the ref-

erence price. To deal with the overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed the consumers of lodging complaints overcharging through the call centre's hotline in late August. The Department urged

consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices.

The Department is making concerted efforts to steer the high volatility in palm oil prices in the retail market and offer fairer prices to the consumers, in coordination with the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association and oil importing companies.

The complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs Department or sent to the Facebook page of the Department and the region and state departments concerned.

Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association formed a task force for edible oil price stability and started informing the lists of wholesale/retail shops of each company on 28 August, including

the address of the shops in the respective townships and the number of available barrels.

The task force will govern the market to meet the satisfaction of the end-users in the supply chain and get easy access to the consumers.

It will also supervise the market to ensure the palm oil sales at wholesale prices are not higher than two per cent of the net profit margin and retail prices are not higher than 10 per cent margin.

The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at 1 million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. To meet the domestic demands, about 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia. — NN/EM



# OPINION

## Adjust employers and employees to build workplaces

CREATING harmonious workplaces requires a mutual adjustment of expectations between employers and employees. Both parties bear entitlements and liabilities in the establishment of work environments, emphasizing the need for a shared commitment to maintaining pleasant workplaces and contributing to relevant societies.

Employers play a pivotal role in this dynamic, initiating the process by recruiting individuals to contribute to the production of goods or the operation of businesses. Despite a surplus of candidates, employers hold the authority to curate a shortlist, selecting the best fit for their workplaces. While those not selected may possess exceptional qualifications, they lack the grounds to contest the employer's decision. The interview process provides candidates an opportunity to showcase their skills, but ultimately, employers retain the autonomy to shape their workforce.

The successful operation of workplaces, in the long run, necessitates compromise and complete satisfaction between employers and employees. Aligning their expectations ensures a smooth and convenient work process, contributing to the overall success of the workplace. Ultimately, employers and employees must be willing to adjust their anticipations to establish conducive workplaces that foster mutual growth and shared futures.

On the flip side, employees are obligated to fulfil their assignments dutifully in exchange for the agreed-upon salaries or wages. The unwritten agreements and worksite rules form the foundation of the employer-employee relationship. It is a compromise where both parties accept the selection process and commit to serving each other without causing detriment. The candidates who miss chances to join the workplaces and do not pass the personal interviews do not have a chance to tarnish the image of the workplaces and employers. Reversely, employers do not have a chance to defame the candidates for failure in personal interviews.

The successful operation of workplaces, in the long run, necessitates compromise and complete satisfaction between employers and employees. Aligning their expectations ensures a smooth and convenient work process, contributing to the overall success of the workplace. Ultimately, employers and employees must be willing to adjust their anticipations to establish conducive workplaces that foster mutual growth and shared futures.

Candidates, aspiring to secure positions in these workplaces, willingly subject themselves to personal interviews, where they can highlight their qualifications. However, they must accept that the employer's decision to shorten the list is final and beyond dispute. If a candidate decides against joining a workplace, they have the option to withdraw from the interview process or forgo collaboration with the employer.

The initial selection process is crucial for employers, who must choose candidates that align with their preferences. Employers, though, cannot compel a candidate to join their workforce. Once selected, however, employers are bound by legal obligations to provide necessary rights and commitments to their employees without fail. If so, the workplaces will be pleasant.

# Let's prevent Diabetes Mellitus



Diabetes screening in progress to mark World Diabetes Day from the previous year.

IN this 21<sup>st</sup> century, people are not only facing communicable diseases like COVID-19, tuberculosis, and diarrhoea, but they also have to encounter non-communicable diseases. Non-communicable diseases are the result of a combination of genetic, physiological, environmental and behavioural factors and cause premature death around the world. Among the non-communicable diseases, diabetes accounts for a huge global health problem.

### Prevalence of Diabetes

According to the International Diabetes Federation's 2021 data, approximately 537 million adults (20-79 years) are living with diabetes. The total number of people living with diabetes is projected to rise to 643 million by 2030. Most of the adults with diabetes live in low- and middle-income countries. And about half are not diagnosed. Moreover, the International Diabetes Federation reported 6.7 million deaths worldwide among adults with diabetes as a result of diabetes or its complications, in 2021.

In Myanmar, according to the WHO step survey conducted in 2014, the prevalence of diabetes in adults (25-65) year is 10.5 per cent. In other words, one in every 10 people is having diabetes. The

prevalence of Pre-Diabetes is 19.7 per cent. They will become diabetic in a few years.

### Diabetes Mellitus

Diabetes is a chronic metabolic disorder in which the body has high sugar levels for prolonged periods of time. It occurs either when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin or when the body cannot effectively use the insulin it produces. Insulin is a hormone that regulates blood glucose. This increase in blood glucose level causes serious damage to blood vessels resulting in coronary artery disease, stroke, renal failure, blindness, neuropathy and peripheral arterial disease leading to limb amputation. Therefore, people who are at risk of diabetes, should test early, and those who already have the disease, should try to have strict glycemic control, to attain a healthy normal life span.

### World Diabetes Day

World Diabetes Day (WDD) was created in 1991 by IDF and the World Health Organization in response to growing concerns about the escalating health threat posed by diabetes. It is marked every year on 14 November, the birthday of Sir Frederick Banting, who co-discovered insulin along with Charles Best in 1922. WDD

is the world's largest diabetes awareness campaign. The campaign draws attention to issues of paramount importance to the diabetes world and keeps diabetes firmly in the public and political spotlight. The slogan for 2023 is "Know your risk, Know your response". This year's campaign focuses on the importance of knowing your risk of type 2 diabetes to help delay or prevent the condition and highlighting the impact of diabetes-related complications and the importance of having access to the right information and care to ensure timely treatment and management.

### Who is at risk of having diabetes?

Increasing age (>40 years), family history of diabetes, overweight, unhealthy diet, physical inactivity, high blood pressure, ethnicity, impaired glucose tolerance (IGT), and history of gestational diabetes are the risk factors for diabetes. IDF has created an online diabetes risk assessment which aims to predict an individual's risk of developing type 2 diabetes within the next ten years and this can be accessed at [www.worlddiabetesday.org](http://www.worlddiabetesday.org). Women who had gestational diabetes during pregnancy have a high risk for developing diabetes

and thus should maintain healthy body weight and glycemic status should be checked regularly. A baby born to a mother who has gestational diabetes, also has an increased risk of diabetes in later life, thus maintaining a healthy body weight, and healthy lifestyle is of great importance.

### How can we prevent diabetes?

Lifestyle changes can help prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes. It includes eating a healthy diet and maintaining an active lifestyle. A healthy diet means, avoiding food high in sugar, high in salt and saturated fat, and eating more fresh fruits and vegetables, lean meat, nuts and fibre. Doing exercises such as jogging, walking, and cycling, approximately 30 minutes per day (at least 150 minutes per week) can prevent the development of diabetes.

### Symptoms of diabetes

The symptoms of diabetes can be mild or absent. If anyone has symptoms like frequent urination, excessive thirst, weight loss, fatigue, numbness in feet, or slow healing of wounds, should check the blood sugar level.

### Testing for diabetes

Diabetes can be diagnosed by doing a blood sugar test. Criteria

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for diagnosis are:

- Fasting blood sugar -  $\geq 126$  mg/dL (or)
- Two hours after drinking 75 grammes glucose -  $\geq 200$  mg/dL (or)
- HbA1c (glycated hemoglobin) -  $\geq 6.5\%$  (or)
- Symptoms of diabetes and random blood sugar -  $\geq 200$  mg/dL

### Pre-Diabetes

- Fasting blood sugar - between 100 to 125 mg/dL (or)
- Two hours after drinking 75 grammes glucose - 140 -199 mg/dL (or)
- HbA1c (glycated hemoglobin) - 5.7 - 6.4%

### Prevention of complications

Diabetes can cause a variety of serious complications including coronary artery disease, stroke, renal failure, blindness, amputation etc. Diabetes costs lives. Because of high health care cost, combined with loss of income, forces millions of people into poverty. It imposes a huge burden on families as well as on the nations.

To prevent the development of diabetes complications, people with diabetes should follow the following factors.

1. Adopt healthy lifestyle
2. Strictly follow the instructions provided by the health care persons in managing diabetes
3. Take the medications regularly as directed by the health care providers
4. Monitor regularly to keep the blood sugar level within a target range
5. Maintain blood pressure and blood cholesterol within normal level
6. Check regularly for complications

### Ministry of Health taking proactive steps

The Ministry of Health has developed a National Strategic Plan to reduce the prevalence

of non-communicable diseases including diabetes, aiming for a 20 per cent reduction in the prevalence of diabetes by 2030. To implement this plan, training of basic health staff, continuing medical education programmes, development of guidelines and standard operative procedures, and public health education through multimedia have been carried out.

Inter-ministerial collaborative efforts to reduce the salt and sugar contents of food, and reduce the consumption of alcohol, tobacco and its products, and saturated fat.

Community health clinics (Wednesday-only Clinics), encompassing a total of (7,476) rural health centres (RHC) and Sub centres have been running as one of the non-communicable disease projects under the Ministry of Health since 2017. These clinics provide testing and treating of diabetes, supplying basic medicine, and health education. The Centre of Excellence for Diabetes has been established in tertiary hospitals under the supervision of specialists.

To enable every citizen to attain full life expectancy and enjoy longevity of life, which is the main objective of the ministry, the prevention of diabetes is of utmost importance. Therefore, as the slogan says, "Know your risk, know your response", people should know the risk of diabetes, adopt a healthy lifestyle, detect it early, treat it effectively, and prevent complications, which will lead to a better future.

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## Bay of Bengal Condition

Issued at (14:00) hours MST on 13-11-2023

ACCORDING to the observations at 12:30 pm MST today, a low pressure area may over the Southeast Bay of Bengal during next (24)hrs. It is likely to move West-Northwestwards and may further intensify into a depression over the West Central Bay of Bengal on 16.11.2023.

## Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(ISSUED at 7:00 pm Monday 13 November 2023)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 14 November 2023:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Eastern Shan, Fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region and Southern Shan State, scattered in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Mon State and isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Magway Region and Northern Shan, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon states. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (3-6) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and (Southern and Eastern)Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayah states.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 November 2023:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 November 2023:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14 November 2023:** Partly cloudy.

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# TECH/ENVIRON WORLD

IN a forest in northern California, a line of people spread out through the trees, setting fire to shrubs and fallen branches in an act of intentional arson aimed at making the woodland better able to cope with future conflagrations.

The operation near Santa Cruz is part of a growing number of prescribed burns intended to reduce the amount of fuel that can feed natural wildfires in an era when human-caused climate change is increasing the likelihood of devastating blazes.

“The best way to fight fire is with fire,” says Portia Halbert, senior environmental scientist with California State Parks, who is supervising the burn.

“It’s not a matter of if it burns, but when it burns: it’s going to burn eventually. And so we want to burn it... when it’s not going to be so extreme that it burns down people’s homes and causes loss of life and property.”

Before the undergrowth is ignited, the earth is turned with shovels to create a containment



(FILES) Ian Cook, a volunteer with the Central Coast Prescribed Burn Association, monitors a prescribed burn at Wilder Ranch State Park near Santa Cruz, California, on 13 October 2023. PHOTO: AFP

## Fight fire with fire: controlled burns stem California blazes

line.

Branches and shrubs too close to fully grown trees are re-

moved, and hoses are deployed to stop flames from getting out of control.

The idea is to encourage the fire to consume only the forest floor, without spreading

to the oaks and redwoods that loom over it.

When wildfire breaks out in the future — as it certainly will — it will have less fuel and will burn cooler and slower, without spreading to the tree tops.

### Native American practice

After around 20 years of drought and in a climate that is slowly aridifying, California has seen an alarming number of megafires over the last decade.

These blazes have destroyed millions of acres (hectares) of forest, killed over 200 people and wrought hundreds of millions of dollars of damage.

The scale and cost of these blazes has brought about an understanding that California’s long-established policy of stamping out wildfires as soon as they break out is wrongheaded and counterproductive.

With firefighters having rushed to quell blazes as soon as they could, forests have been transformed into fuel-stuffed tinderboxes — with disastrous consequences when fires inevitably get out of control. — AFP

## BMW probes Moroccan cobalt supplier over pollution claims

GERMAN carmaker BMW said Monday it had opened an investigation into a Moroccan cobalt supplier after allegations that its mining operations had polluted the environment.

The mine operated by Managem in Bou Azzer, southern Morocco, had released excessive amounts of arsenic, according to a joint investigation by German daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung and two broadcasters, which was released at the weekend.

“BMW immediately opened investigations and asked our supplier Managem” for an explanation, the Munich-based car giant said in a statement.

“If any wrongdoing on the part of the supplier is actually proven, the BMW Group will of course demand immediate corrective action.”

Dangerous levels of arsenic were detected in water samples from a valley near the mine, a chemist was cited as saying in the media reports.

Current and former employ-



The headquarters building of German carmaker BMW is pictured on 10 May 2023 in Munich, southern Germany. The shareholders’ meeting of the carmaker BMW is to take place in Munich on 11 May 2023. PHOTO: AFP

ees at the mine also reportedly claimed that Managem was breaching international standards for protecting workers.

Sueddeutsche Zeitung said that Managem rejected the allegations and said it adhered to high environmental and labour standards.

In 2020, BMW signed a cobalt supply contract with Managem valued at 100 million euros (\$107 million) that runs

until 2025.

Cobalt is among the critical minerals for making electric car batteries, and automakers are competing to secure supplies as the shift from the combustion engine gathers pace.

But manufacturers are facing challenges in finding suppliers that adhere to strict labour and environmental standards. — AFP

## South Asia worst in world for water scarcity: UN

MORE children in South Asia are struggling due to severe water scarcity made worse by the impacts of climate change than anywhere else worldwide, the United Nations said Monday.

“A staggering 347 million children under 18 are exposed to high or extremely high water scarcity in South Asia, the highest number among all regions in the world,” the UN children’s agency said in a report.

The eight-nation region, comprising Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Nepal, Maldives, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, is home to more than one-quarter of the world’s children.

“Climate change is disrupting weather patterns and rainfall, leading to unpredictable water availability,” the UN said in its report.

The report cites poor water quality, lack of water and mismanagement such as over-pumping of aquifers, while climate change decreases the amount of water replenishing them.

“When village wells go dry, homes, health centres and schools are all affected,” UNICEF added.

“With an increasingly unpredictable climate, water scarcity is expected to become worse for children in South Asia.”

At the UN COP28 climate conference in December in Dubai, UNICEF said it will call for leaders “to secure a livable planet”.

“Safe water is a basic human right,” said Sanjay Wijesekera, UNICEF chief for South Asia.

“Yet millions of children in South Asia don’t have enough to drink in a region plagued by floods, droughts and other extreme weather events, triggered increasingly by climate change”.

Last year, 45 million children lacked access to basic drinking water services in South Asia, more than any other region, but UNICEF said services were expanding rapidly, with that number slated to be halved by 2030. — AFP



## Barcelona's Sagrada Familia lights up new towers



Tourists attend a guided tour inside the Expiatory Church of the Sagrada Familia basilica in Barcelona on 19 September 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

A celebratory light show graced the newest towers of Barcelona's Sagrada Familia basilica on Sunday as the iconic attraction moves closer to completion 141 years after construction started.

The final two of the four Towers of the Evangelists, 135 metres (443 feet) high and dedicated to Matthew and John, were finished in September with the addition of figures representing a human bust and an eagle.

The other two, dedicated

to Luke and Mark and crowned by cow and lion sculptures, were completed last year.

Archbishop of Barcelona Juan Jose Omella blessed the structures in the basilica on Sunday before the light show kicked off.

The towers will be the basilica's third highest once the site is completed. Only the Tower of Jesus Christ, designed by famous Catalan architect Antoni Gaudi to be the building's summit, remains unfinished.

The developers expect to finish the tower in 2026, coinciding with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gaudi's death.

The basilica's construction committee initially set a 2026 target to complete the entire basilica, but the Covid-19 pandemic set back the project.

The Sagrada Familia "will be finished in 10 years maximum" barring major problems, the head of the committee's board, Esteve Camps, told local newspaper La Vanguardia on Sunday. — AFP

## Pampered pooches: Nepal's day for dogs festival

DOGS in Nepal were decked with marigold garlands and bright vermilion paint on Sunday to celebrate a day dedicated to them as part of a Hindu festival.

Kukur Tihar, the second day of the five-day Tihar festival, is reserved for worshipping dogs as agents of Yamaraj, the god of death, and for appreciating their loyalty and companionship to humans. Businessman Sujit Dongol, who celebrated the festival at home, told AFP that his dog was part of the family.

"He is a companion to everyone and is always happy and playful like a child," he said, holding his one-year-old American Bully in his arms.

"We feel happy worshipping a dog that lives with us."

Dog lovers also offer treats and toys to their pets and street dogs during the celebration.

The Armed Police Force held a special ritual to honour and worship their canine force, which is often used during natural disasters and in the detection of explosives and drugs.

"It is a special day," said Ramesh Pokharel, chief of the Animal Health and Dog Handler section of the Armed Police Force.

"Our dogs have helped us a lot, so the security personnel feel happy to celebrate this."

Inspired by Nepal's festival, a similar annual celebration began in Mexico in 2016.

But animal welfare groups say the special treatment should not be limited to a single day and inhumane treatment towards street dogs, such as poisoning them to cull the population or to prevent rabies, must be stopped. — AFP



Nepal Armed Police dog handlers along with their dogs attend an event to mark the Hindu festival Tihar, at the Armed Police Dog Training School in Kathmandu on 12 November 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**



A member of the congregation displays his T-shirt commemorating England World Cup winner and Manchester United legend Bobby Charlton, as he leaves the Charlton's funeral service at Manchester Cathedral in Manchester, northern England, on 13 November 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Thousands line Manchester streets to bid final farewell to Bobby Charlton

THOUSANDS of people lined the streets of Manchester on Monday to pay their final respects to Manchester United and England great Bobby Charlton, who died last month at the age of 86.

The 1966 World Cup winner, widely regarded as one of England's greatest players, died after an accidental fall at his care home on 21 October.

Crowds clapped warmly and held banners as the funeral cortege drove past United's Old Trafford ground on its way to a

private funeral service at Manchester Cathedral.

The hearse passed the famous "United Trinity" statue immortalizing Charlton, Denis Law and George Best and through a guard of honour made up of members of the club's Under-18 and Under-21 squads.

There were numerous black-and-white photographs depicting Charlton's long and illustrious career as a player and then as a director at the club. Around 1,000 guests including former

United manager Alex Ferguson, England boss Gareth Southgate and Prince William, the Football Association president, arrived for the private funeral service, which started at 1400 GMT, along with current and former players.

Former United captain Bryan Robson, speaking outside the cathedral, told the BBC: "For a player to win the World Cup, win the Champions League and have such a long and successful career you've got to be a fantastic player to be able to achieve that. — AFP



# ECONOMY WORLD

## Viet Nam's 2024 pepper inventory forecast at lowest level

THE amount of Viet Nam's pepper inventory for 2024 will be the lowest level in recent years because the country's pepper output of the 2022-2023 crop has all been exported, Vietnam News reported Monday citing the Viet Nam Pepper Association.

In the long term, Viet Nam's pepper supply is expected to be in short supply due to fierce competition from other crops such as durian and passion fruit, according to the association.

The Ministry of Industry and Trade's Import-Export Department forecast that Viet Nam's pepper exports will remain at a low level because the domestic supply is no longer abundant and consumption demand in the US and EU markets has not really improved.

In the last months of this year, the enterprises will export the imported and pre-existing inventory pepper with a volume of about 50,000 tonnes, the ministry said.

By the end of October 2023, Viet Nam exported 223,578 tonnes of pepper of all kinds with a total export turnover of 750.8 million US dollars, according to the General Department of Viet Nam Customs. — Xinhua

## Cambodia announces US\$ 50 mln loan package to support tour operators in Siem Reap

**C**AMBODIAN Prime Minister Hun Manet on Monday announced a 50 million US dollar loan package to support tour operators in the northwestern Siem Reap province, which was hard hit by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The state-owned Small and Medium Enterprise Bank of Cambodia will release an initial loan of 50 million US dollars, with a competitive interest rate, to tour operators in Siem Reap province," he said at the 19<sup>th</sup>

Government-Private Sector Forum in Phnom Penh.

Tour operators play an important role in helping attract international tourists to the kingdom, he said, adding that the move was to revitalize the tourism sector in the province.

"Siem Reap has suffered the worst of all tourist destinations in Cambodia, so it is es-

sential for the government to set out strategies to revitalize the tourism sector in the province," he said.

Hun Manet said the Southeast Asian country has also initiated a "Visit Siem Reap 2024" special campaign to recover tourism in Siem Reap province to the pre-pandemic level.

Siem Reap is home to the UNESCO-listed heritage Angkor Archeological Park, which is the kingdom's most popular tourist destination.

The 401-square-kilometre ancient park recorded 602,570 foreign visitor arrivals in the first 10 months of 2023, a year-on-year increase of 256 per cent, earning nearly 28 million US dollars in revenue from ticket sales, according to the state-owned Angkor Enterprise.

The figures remained low if compared to 2.2 million foreign tourists the park received in the pre-pandemic era in 2019, with a gross revenue of 99 million dollars from ticket sales. — Xinhua



Tourists visit the Angkor Wat temple complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in Siem Reap province on 16 January 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Australian ports reopen after cyberattack

MAJOR ports handling 40 per cent of Australia's freight trade have reopened, operator DP World said Monday, three days after they were crippled by a cyberattack.

DP World cut its systems from the internet when the attack was detected Friday, preventing trucks from unloading or picking up cargo at ports in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Fremantle.

"DP World Australia is pleased to announce that operations resumed at the company's ports across Australia," the operator said in a statement.

The firm said it had successfully tested key systems overnight before reopening.

It said it expected to move 5,000 containers out of the four terminals during the day -- not far



Gantry cranes adorned with logos for ports operator DP World is seen at Port Botany in Sydney on 13 November 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

from industry estimates of their usual daily traffic. Investigations and efforts to protect systems may still cause "some necessary, temporary disruptions" to port services in the coming days, the company said.

DP World said its investigation and remediation work were likely to take "some time".

Shipping bodies said operations at the ports had restarted slowly early in the morning, with priority given to getting imported containers out of the terminals. — AFP

## Stocks advance on eve of US inflation data

ASIAN and European stock markets climbed Monday as traders awaited this week's key US inflation data, with traders still concerned the Federal Reserve could lift interest rates again.

Decision-makers at the central bank had lined up last week to warn that more tightening could be warranted to bring prices under control, tempering optimism that the hiking cycle had come to an end.

That sparked a wide sell-off on Friday, though a tech-led surge on Wall Street before the weekend provided traders some support on Monday and the positivity spilled over into Europe.

However, with focus firmly

on Tuesday's upcoming US consumer price index data, equity gains were limited while the dollar was mixed.

"The forthcoming CPI report holds the potential to reintroduce the possibility of a rate hike," said Stephen Innes at SPI Asset Management. Investors fret over interest rate hikes because they ramp up the cost of borrowing for businesses and consumers alike, and therefore crimp economic activity. Fears that global rates could remain elevated for an extended period were fanned by European Central Bank President Christine Lagarde, who on Friday forecast a resurgence of inflation. — AFP





A Boeing 777-9 jetliner aircraft is pictured on the tarmac during the 2023 Dubai Airshow at Dubai World Central - Al-Maktoum International Airport in Dubai on 13 November 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Emirates airline announces \$52 bln order for 95 Boeing planes

EMIRATES airline announced a \$52 billion order for 95 Boeing planes on Monday in the biggest sale so far at the Dubai Airshow.

A purchase of 55 Boeing 777-9s and 35 777-8s comes alongside an upgrade to an existing order for 30 787 Dreamliners, which rises to 35.

"This order represents a significant investment that demonstrates Dubai's commitment to the future of aviation," Emirates CEO Sheikh Ahmed bin Saeed Al Maktoum told a press conference.

Separately, budget carrier flydubai announced an order for 30 Boeing 787-9s.

With the latest deal, Emirates' order book rises to 295 planes including 205 777X aircraft. The Middle East's biggest airline also ordered 202 GE9X engines to power its 777X fleet.

The 777-9s are expected for delivery in 2025 and the 777-8s are scheduled for 2030, Sheikh Ahmed said.

Also at the airshow on Monday, Boeing announced an order of 45 737 MAX aircraft from budget carrier SunExpress, while speculation is swirling about Turkish Airlines after reports it is poised to book about 350 aircraft.

A bumper week of deals would underline the sector's recovery from the Covid pandemic, which caused havoc in the sector as international travel ground to a halt.

Last week Emirates Group announced record half-year net profits of 10.1 billion AED (\$2.7 billion), up 138 per cent from a year earlier, driven by strong demand.

The company unveiled record annual profits of \$3 billion in May.

The Middle East's biggest airline posted a \$5.5 billion loss in Covid-ravaged 2020-2021, its first in more than three decades, after grounding its fleet and making heavy lay-offs.

Its losses shrank to \$1.1 billion in 2021-2022. — AFP

## S Korea's Hyundai Motor to build electric vehicle plant in homeland

HYUNDAI Motor, South Korea's biggest automaker, said Monday that it will build a plant dedicated to the production of electric vehicles (EVs) in its homeland in a bid to start mass production in 2026.

Hyundai held a groundbreaking ceremony earlier in the day for the new EV-dedicated plant in Ulsan, some 300 kilometres southeast of the capital Seoul. The company will invest about two trillion won (1.5 billion US dollars) in the 548,000-square-metre EV factory with a capacity to manufacture 200,000 EVs per year. It aimed to launch mass production in the first quarter of 2026,



A Hyundai Ioniq 5 is pictured plugged in to a charging station at the 44th Bangkok International Motor Show in Bangkok on 22 March 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

marking the carmaker's first factory construction in its homeland in almost three decades.

An electric sport utility vehicle (SUV) from Gene-

sis, Hyundai's luxury brand, will be the first model to be produced at the new plant, the automaker said. "The new EV-dedicated plant in Ulsan is the beginning of

a promising future for the next 50 years and the era of electrification," Chung Eui-sun, executive chair of Hyundai Motor Group, said. — Xinhua

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V KOTA RUKUN VOY.NO. (0120N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V KOTA RUKUN VOY.NO. (0120N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **14-11-2023** 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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Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

**M/S PACIFIC INTERNATIONAL LINES**

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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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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD

## Campaigners demand Thailand act on air pollution

CAMPAIGNERS on Monday demanded the Thai government urgently pass a "clean air act" as the kingdom braces for its annual peak pollution season.

The Thailand Clean Air Network (CAN), a group of academics and activists, submitted a proposed law to the government along with an open letter urging Prime Minister Srettha Thavisin to act swiftly to ease the "pain and suffering inflicted on the Thai public".

More than two million people sought medical treatment for problems linked to air pollution, according to the health ministry.

CAN warned in its letter to Srettha that "responsible government agencies are unable to effectively manage this problem", pointing to a lack of coordination between ministries.

"There are no management

systems in place to address this issue in a fully integrated manner, and as such, state agencies are continuously stuck in a vicious cycle, fixated in addressing only the repercussions of the problem," the letter said.

A draft clean air bill is expected to be put to cabinet this month, but CAN warned that without Srettha's endorsement, there was little chance of any proposal becoming law.

Emissions from industry, along with vehicle exhaust fumes and smoke from stubble burning by farmers, send air quality plummeting in Thailand every year. The worst pollution period is usually from December to February — coinciding with the peak tourist season — but an unexpected spike in Bangkok last month brought hurried promises of action from officials. — AFP



(FILES) Vehicles sit in traffic on a busy road amid high levels of air pollution in Bangkok on 18 October 2023. **PHOTO: AFP**

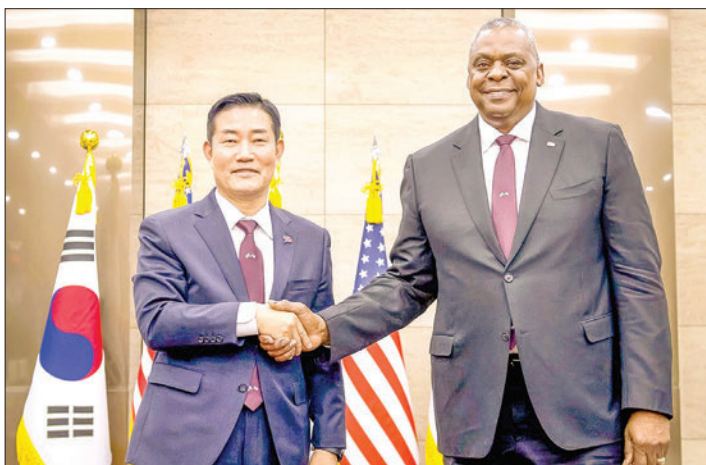
## S Korea, US revise deterrence strategy amid N Korea threat

SOUTH Korea and the United States revised a bilateral deterrence strategy on North Korea, the first revision in a decade, during the annual security talks on Monday, aiming to better respond to the country's growing missile and nuclear threat.

South Korean defence minister Shin Won Sik and his US counterpart, Lloyd Austin, met in Seoul and signed the updated Tailored Deterrence Strategy, adopted in 2013, the defence ministry said, though it did not reveal details of the revision.

Austin, referring to recent deployments of many US strategic military assets to South Korea, said at a press conference after the talks that the United States' commitment to providing the country "extended deterrence", which includes the full range of its nuclear, conventional and missile defence capabilities, remains ironclad.

"And through our regular combined exercises, we are continuing to strengthen our shared readiness and our ability to fight tonight if necessary,"



South Korean defence minister Shin Won Sik (L) and his US counterpart, Lloyd Austin, shake hands in Seoul on 13 November 2023. (Photo courtesy of South Korea's Defence Ministry). **PHOTO: KYODO**

Austin added.

The revision comes as North Korea has shown advancement in its nuclear and missile capabilities. In September last year, the country adopted a law authorizing the launch of pre-emptive nuclear strikes.

Shin said at a press conference that the two defence ministers also stressed the trilateral security cooperation with Japan for the peace and stability of the Indo-Pacific by

boosting military drills in quantity and quality. He added that a system to share real-time information on North Korean missiles is part of the cooperation.

Shin, Austin and Japanese Defence Minister Minoru Kihara affirmed the previous day that the system is "in the final stage" towards a year-end launch, Kihara told reporters in Tokyo after holding a virtual meeting with his US and South Korean counterparts. — Kyodo

## Joint efforts needed to bring China-US ties back to sound, stable development: FM spokesperson

CHINA hopes the US side will honour its promise of not seeking a new Cold War or conflict with China, and work together with China to bring bilateral relations back to the track of sound and stable development, a Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson said on Monday.

Spokesperson Mao Ning made the remarks in response to a query relevant to the upcoming China-US summit meeting.

According to media reports, an anonymous White House official on 10 November said the goals of the summit meeting were about "managing the competition, preventing the downside risk of conflict and ensuring channels of communication are open", when briefing the media on the upcoming meeting.

"China has already released information on President Xi Jinping's visit to the United States for the China-US summit meeting at invitation," Mao said, adding that the two presidents will have in-depth communication on issues of strategic, overarching and fundamental importance in

shaping China-US relations and major issues concerning world peace and development.

Mao said China always follows the guiding principles of mutual respect, peaceful coexistence, and win-win cooperation proposed by President Xi when viewing and dealing with relations with the United States. Major country competition is not in line with the trend of the times and cannot solve the problems of the United States or global challenges.

"China is not afraid of competition, but we are opposed to defining China-US relations by competition," said Mao.

The US side should earnestly respect China's reasonable concerns and legitimate development rights, instead of only emphasizing its own concerns and undermining China's interests, Mao added.

"The attempt to shape other countries according to its own will and model is wishful thinking from the very beginning, which is typical hegemonism and will not succeed," she said. — Xinhua



# SPORTS



Myanmar's soccer stars showcase the striking design of the national team's new jersey.

## Warrix unveils striking design for Myanmar national football team's jersey

MYANMAR Football Federation unveiled the new design of the Myanmar national football team's new jersey, created by Warrix, to the audience on 13 November. The Myanmar team's uniform is gaining popularity among ASEAN football fans, according to social media.

When the Myanmar National Football Team's uniform design was revealed on the ASEAN Football Facebook page, football fans from various ASEAN countries commented and expressed their liking for the new design, encouraging their national teams to adopt similar styles.

The new shirt design includes the updated logo of the Myanmar National Football Team with

patterns symbolizing progress throughout their history of achievements.

The Myanmar National Football Team plans to debut the new jersey in the 2026 World Cup qualifying match (second round) against Japan on 16 November. This jersey will be utilized by the Myanmar National Teams in the 2026 World Cup qualification competitions, the 2027 Asian Cup qualification competitions, and the 2023/2024 international competitions.

Warrix Myanmar will handle the distribution of the new jerseys, and details will be published on <https://www.facebook.com/warrixmyanmarofficial/>. — Htun Htun/MKKS

## OBITUARY

### Daw Angela Nyo Dun

*Retired Teacher from Teacher Training School*

IT is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that we announce the passing of Daw Angela Nyo Dun, a beloved daughter, sister, and aunt. Daw Angela, retired teacher from teacher training school got a call from her heavenly Father on 12 Nov 2023, Sunday night 7:45 at her home.

Born to late (T. Nyo Dun) and (Naw Juu May), she was the cherished younger sister of Saw David (USA), and the guiding elder sister of Saw Than Htaw (Insein) and Saw Say Pha-Naw Anna May Say Pha (USA). She was a loving aunt of Naw Cynthia, (Naw Moo Khu), Naw Jean, (Saw Carl), Saw Danar Du Saw, Naw Karra Phaw Pha, Saw Kabaw Duu, Naw Lynn Lynn Juu.

Funeral service will be held at 09:00 am on 14 Nov 2023 Tuesday, in Patheingyi. The family appreciates the thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

## Maguire says patience rewarded after reclaiming Man Utd place

HARRY Maguire says he feels vindicated over his decision to stay and fight for his place at Manchester United after forcing his way back into Erik ten Hag's team. The 30-year-old England defender's future appeared to lie away from Old Trafford after he lost his starting place last

season and was stripped of the captaincy but he ended up staying put. Maguire remained confident he would win his place back and has started the club's past eight matches in all competitions. Asked it feels like personal vindication for staying at United, he said: "Of course.—AFP

## Klinsmann targets end to S Korea Asian Cup drought

COACH Jurgen Klinsmann on Monday set his sights on ending South Korea's Asian Cup title drought in Qatar next year, and told fans to blame him if they fall short.

South Korea are regional powerhouses who reached the 2002 World Cup semi-finals as co-hosts but they have not lifted the continental title since 1960. Klinsmann has had mixed results since replacing Paulo Bento in February, failing to win in his first five games before racking up three straight victories.

The German legend said he would accept nothing less than the Asian Cup

title when the pandemic-delayed tournament kicks off in January. "We want to go there and win the Asian Cup," the former Germany and United States boss told reporters. "Win it and not say 'maybe the final four' or 'maybe, maybe, maybe'. Not maybe — we go there to win it." South Korea will start as one of the Asian Cup favourites, with Klinsmann able to call on star names like Tottenham's Son Heung-min, Bayern Munich's Kim Min-jae and Paris Saint-Germain's Lee Kang-in.

The Taeguk Warriors lost to Australia in the 2015



South Korea's head coach Jurgen Klinsmann (C) speaks to his players during a training session at Mokdong Stadium in Seoul on 13 November 2023, ahead of the 2026 World Cup qualifying match between South Korea and Singapore.

PHOTO: AFP

Asian Cup final and were bundled out by Qatar in the quarter-finals four years later. Klinsmann said it was "right" that fans expect his team to lift the trophy and accepted that he will be to blame if they don't. "We have to aim for the highest goal, and if we don't reach it then it's the fault of the coach — no problem," he said. "But you have to set the goals, clear goals. This is what we will do."

South Korea kick off their 2026 World Cup qualifying campaign at home to Singapore on Thursday, before travelling to face China five days later. — AFP



Campaigners demand  
Thailand act on air  
pollution

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# WORLD



Climate activists chant slogans and hold banners as they march to demand drastic reduction in global plastic production during the Break Free From Plastic Movement March ahead of the third meeting of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC-3) in Nairobi on 11 November 2023. PHOTO: AFP

## Indonesia election commission confirms presidential candidates

INDONESIA'S election commission on Monday announced the candidates for next year's presidential vote when the world's third largest democracy is due to pick a successor to incumbent leader Joko Widodo.

The February election will see three contenders vying for the Muslim-majority country's top office, with defence minister and former special forces general Prabowo Subianto battling former Central Java governor Ganjar Pranowo and former Jakarta governor Anies Baswedan.

Nearly 205 million people are eligible to vote on 14 February, with the winner set to succeed Widodo after he completes the maximum two terms ruling Southeast Asia's biggest economy. The country's General Elections Commission (KPU) said the three registered candidates were all confirmed for the vote after a series of eligibility and health screening checks, an announcement that marked the start of election season.

"Anies Baswedan and Muhaimin Iskandar, Ganjar Pranowo and Mahfud MD, Prabowo Subianto and Gibran Rakabuming Raka have been declared eligible as presidential and vice-presidential candidate pairs for the simultaneous elections in 2024," KPU commissioner Idham Holik told a press conference. — AFP

## Nations negotiate terms of plastics treaty in Nairobi

THE latest negotiations towards a global treaty to combat plastic pollution opened in Nairobi on Monday, with tensions expected as nations tussle over what should be included in the pact. Some 175 countries agreed last year to conclude by 2024 a UN treaty to address the plastic blighting oceans, floating in the atmosphere, and infiltrating the bodies of animals and humans.

While there is broad consensus a treaty is needed, there are very different opinions about what should be in it.

As the talks formally opened, Peru's Gustavo Meza-Cuadra Velasquez, chair of the forum's intergovernmental nego-

tiating committee, warned that plastic pollution posed "a direct threat to our environment, human health, and the delicate balance of our planet".

"We have the collective power to change this trajectory," he said. Negotiators have met twice already but the 13-19 November talks are the first to consider a draft text of the treaty published in September and the policy options it contains.

Around 60 so-called "high ambition" nations have called for binding rules to reduce the use and production of plastic, which is made from fossil fuels, a measure supported by many environment groups.

It is not a position shared by many plastic-producing economies, including the United States, which have long preferred to focus on recycling, innovation and better waste management.

The draft presenting the various ways forward will form the basis for the high-stakes deliberations at the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) headquarters in Nairobi.

With more than 2,000 delegates registered, and advocates from environmental and plastic groups also in the room, the negotiations are expected to get heated as the details are hammered out. — AFP

## All 40 workers in India tunnel collapse 'safe'

RESCUE workers in northern India said Monday they had made contact with 40 workers trapped for over 24 hours after the road tunnel they were building collapsed.

"All the 40 workers trapped inside the tunnel are safe," Karamveer Singh Bhandari, a senior commander in the National Disaster Response Force told AFP, from the site in the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand. "We sent them water and food."

The collapse occurred early Sunday morning, with rescue teams using heavy excavators to clear piles of debris in desperate efforts to reach the 40 men.

Oxygen was being pumped into the blocked portion of the tunnel, with food sent through a water pipe.

Initial contact was made via a note on a scrap of paper, but later rescuers managed to connect using radio handsets.

"Some small food packets were sent in through a pipe which is also taking oxygen inside," rescue official Durgesh Rathodi told AFP from the site.

Rathodi said excavators had removed about 20 metres (65 feet) of heavy debris, but the men were 40 metres beyond that point. — AFP



Rescue workers gather near the site after a tunnel collapsed in the Uttarakhand district of India's Uttarakhand state on 13 November 2023. PHOTO: AFP