



State Administration Council Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing views round the activities of the second tree-growing ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University beautifies campus with tree planting initiative

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing emphasized Naypyitaw Technological University, established on 12 November 2022, conducts seven engineering major subjects for students.

As the second monsoon tree-growing ceremony 2024 in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory Area, Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing planted a Gangaw (*Mesua ferrea*) sapling on the campus of Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General said that applying modern technologies to conserve trees will contribute to the sustainable development of the nation.

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Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the second monsoon tree-growing ceremony 2024

1. Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University will teach computer science and computer technology in addition to engineering subjects to students in the coming academic year.
2. Naypyitaw Technological University, established on 12 November 2022, conducts seven engineering major subjects for students.
3. A total of 22.332 million saplings will be grown in State-owned plantations during this monsoon season as well as in areas outside forest land and in urban and rural areas.
4. It is necessary to grow trees and flowery plants on the campus of Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University to be established as the top university nationwide and turn out qualified engineers for the State with the aim of shaping Nay Pyi Taw as an educational city.

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The first session of the 17th plenary meeting of the Eighth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee in progress yesterday in Yangon.

17th plenary meeting of 8th 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee held

The first session of the 17th plenary meeting of the Eighth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was administrated at the Maha Pasana Cave on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon yesterday.

Present on the occasion were members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee led by Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Thanlyin Min Kyaung Pahtamapyan Monastery Aggamaha Pandita Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa, Union Minister for Religious

Affairs and Culture U Tin Oo Lwin and relevant officials.

State Sangha Mahamayaka Committee Chairman Aggamaha Pandita Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa presided over the event, and Joint Secretary Sayadaw Aggamaha Ganthavacaka Pandita Aggamaha Saddhammajotikadhaja Paññadhaja acted as the master of ceremonies.

Union Minister U Tin Oo Lwin reported on religious affairs-related matters.

Then, Sayadaws reported on Vinicchaya, religious affairs and educational matters. The Sayadaws discussed religious and Vinicchaya affairs and concluded the first session.

The Vinicchaya affairs and religious-related matters were discussed by Sayadaws in the second session at 1 pm.

Senior General Than Shwe (retired) Daw Kyaing Kyaing and other donors offered alms for the whole day to the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee member Sayadaws, who attended the ceremony yesterday. — MNA/KTZH

Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University ...

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Environmental engineering subject combined with biology, chemistry, ecology, geology, microbiology and hydrology are of great importance in enhancing environmental improvement, adding that environmental engineering plays a crucial role in the production of quality strains of crops, watershed management, biodiversity conservation and water and soil management.

The Senior General underscored that a total of 22.332 million saplings will be grown in State-owned plantations during this monsoon season as well as in areas outside the forest land and in urban and rural areas.

He instructed officials to grow trees along both sides of ASEAN Highways and expressways as well as railways.

He expressed that the tree-growing ceremony will comprise 1,426 trees from 10 species on the university campus.

He stressed the need to grow trees and flowery plants on the campus of Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University to be established as the top university nationwide and turn out qualified engineers for the State with the aim of shaping Nay Pyi Taw as the education city.

The Senior General planted a Gangaw (*Mesua ferrea*) sapling at the designated place.

The SAC Secretary, the Joint Secretary, council members, Union-level dignitaries, Union ministers, faculty members and students also grew saplings.

The Senior General also viewed round participation of attendees in growing trees. At the ceremony, a total of 1,426 saplings of 10 species were planted at the second monsoon tree-growing ceremony 2024.

After the ceremony, the Senior General inspected the construction of the viewpoint of the Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University, the progress of staff housing, including the three-storey main lecture building, hostels, sports grounds, the library and teaching aid buildings, completion of lecture halls and assembly halls and left necessary guidance to officials. — MNA/TTA

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Nay Pyi Taw*

NATIONAL



State Administration Council Chairman Premier Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the Union government meeting 5/2024 yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing underlined that if individuals cooperate with each other with security awareness and knowledge, security measures will be strong.

The Union government meeting 5/2024 took place at the meeting hall of the Office of the Chairman of the State Administration Council in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, with an address by SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General noted that farmers grow oil crops such as groundnut, sesame, sunflower, oil palm and soya bean. If they grow oil crops that meet the target cultivation, it will contribute significantly to local oil sufficiency. He added that regions and states need to strive for increasing per-acre yield of oil crops.

He added that agriculture, industrial and service sectors are interrelated in implementing the Gross Domestic Product.

He underscored that successfully undertaking the agriculture and livestock sector will help develop industrial and service sectors as well as increase the GDP of the State.

He underscored that the government strived for the development of ministries, regions, and states with the utmost efforts, for example, by building Naypyitaw State Academy, Nay Pyi Taw Technological University, and other roads and bridges. The Senior General pointed out that it needs to set records on loss

People need to increase security awareness, knowledge to reduce breakdowns

If security officials and administrative officials systematically manage the security of students, those students will have to learn education safely.



The screenshot showcases online participation of the regional and state chief ministers.

Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the government meeting 5/2024

1. If individuals cooperate with each other with security awareness and knowledge, security measures will be strong.
2. The agricultural, industrial, and service sectors are interrelated in implementing the Gross Domestic Product.
3. It needs to set records on loss and damage in the destruction of terrorists.
4. Myanmar exercises an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy with all countries based on five principles of peaceful co-existence.
5. Officials are urged to arrange for members of the Sangha to peacefully and pleasantly take Buddhist Lent.

and damage in the destruction of terrorists.

The Senior General contin-

ued that relevant departments need to emphasize the breakdown of security measures and

take action against those who break security measures.

He said that it is neces-

sary to join hands with the youths and businesspersons who are interested in the national cause to implement the development of the nation. He highlighted that it is essential to initiate the banking system to win the trust of the people.

He emphasized that Myanmar exercises an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy with all countries based on five principles of peaceful co-existence. Hence, he continued that regions and states sharing foreign countries and relevant ministries need to implement the foreign policy of the State correctly.

He highlighted that as part of preparations for the election, the population and household census will be enumerated in possible areas nationwide starting in early October. After collecting the census, voter lists will be compiled, he added.

In conclusion, the Senior General urged officials to arrange for members of the Sangha to peacefully and pleasantly take Buddhist Lent.

The Union ministers reported on relevant sectors. — MNA/TTA

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Myanmar, China to promote comprehensive strategic cooperation



Chinese Ambassador Mr Chen Hai pays a courtesy call on State Administration Council Vice-Chair Deputy PM Vice-Senior General Soe Win yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win received Mr Chen Hai, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar, who has completed his tour of duty, at the Credentials Hall of the Office of the State Administration Council Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Both sides cordially exchanged views on the progress of bilateral relations, proper conditions to establish a comprehensive strategic partnership, including further cooperation through thick and thin, efforts to develop the country, internal peace and stability in border areas and positive support of China.

Also present at the ceremony were Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs U Lwin Oo and relevant officials.

After the event, the Vice-Senior General and the Chinese Ambassador exchanged gifts. — MNA/KTZH

SAC member joins Myanmar Women's Day event

STATE Administration Council member Daw Dwe Bu attended the Myanmar Women's Day event held in the Kachin State Public Sports Ground in Myitkyina yesterday morning.

The ceremony was opened by members of Kachin State Women's Affairs Federation singing a song celebrating Women's Day.

SAC Member Daw Dwe Bu, in her opening speech, said that Myanmar Women's Day is held every year to recognize and honour the achievements of Myanmar women. She also added that she would like to encourage women's rights to be emphasized through people's organizations and their abilities to be developed.



The Myanmar Women's Day event in progress yesterday in Kachin State, graced by SAC Member Daw Dwe Bu.

Kachin State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan then gave a speech of honour. SAC member Daw Dwe Bu presented awards to Business Sector winner Daw

Lwin Lwin Maw, outstanding Red Cross award winner Daw Aye Ngwe, and Social Sector Excellence Award winner Daw Khin Lay May at the award ceremony.

The SAC member and officials toured the galleries displayed by the Department of Social Welfare commemorating Myanmar Women's Day.

In the afternoon, the SAC member, the Kachin State chief minister and officials visited the Social Welfare Department's in-house vocational training school in Shansutaung Ward, Myitkyina and provided cash. Next, they arrived at the Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha Monastery in Aung Nann Ward and provided necessary items to 156 flood victims of 25 households.

Daw Dwe Bu also inspected the volunteer work of the road department, city development committee members, and the fire brigade, who are cleaning up the soil with machinery due to the rise of the river in Legon Ward, Myitkyina. She presented cash to the volunteer staff for their excellent efforts. — MNA/KZL

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UNFPA Representative to Myanmar presents his Credentials to Deputy PM and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs

MR Jaime Nadal Roig, Representative of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) to Myanmar, presented his Credentials to U Than Swe, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the presentation of Credentials, they exchanged views on matters pertaining to the activities of UNFPA in Myanmar.

Also present at the meeting were senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Deputy Representative of UNFPA in Myanmar. — MNA



Deputy PM MoFA Union Minister U Than Swe receives Mr Jaime Nadal Roig, Representative of the United Nations Population Fund to Myanmar yesterday.

Myanmar participates in 4th China Xizang Trans-Himalaya International Cooperation Forum



Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi poses for the group documentary photo alongside other attendees at yesterday's forum in China.

MYANMAR delegation led by Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi attended the opening ceremony of the 4th China Xizang Trans-Himalaya Forum for International Cooperation at Lulang International Pearl Hotel in Nyanchi, Xizang Autonomous Region of China on Thursday.

At the ceremony, Mr Wang Junzheng, Secretary of the Communist Party of China Xizang Autonomous Regional Committee and Vice-Chairperson Ms Qin Boyong said

opening speeches regarding environmental protection, highland sport activities and tourism development, green development, balance in ecological development and environmental conservation.

Speaking at the event, the Union minister said Myanmar prioritizes environmental conservation activities, and 47 per cent of the country occupies the Himalayan regions and is connected to Indo-Myanmar; the mountainous region of southwest China and the ecological transition area of the Himalayan regions. Moreover, 2.59

per cent of the total land area has been established as eight protected areas, including the Khakaborazi National Park in the northern Kachin State.

The country also works with international organizations for research to conserve biodiversity. He then suggested drafting practical and solid policies and procedures for implementing biodiversity, forest and environment conservation, investment, and nature-based industries. He then pledged that Myanmar would actively cooperate in relevant sectors among the countries of the Himalayan Mountains region and the Silk Road.

Attendees then participated in the discussion. At noon, the Union minister replied to the questions raised by media in Nyanchi.

He also met Vice-Chairman Mr Sun Xianzhong of the Standing Committee of the People's Congress, and they exchanged views on forest and biodiversity conservation, ecosystem conservation and further cooperation in human resource development. — MNA/KTZH

Myanmar attends ASEAN ambassadors meeting in Jakarta

THE second meeting of the Jakarta-based East Asia Summit for Ambassadors was held on 3 July at Le Eminence Puncak Hotel Convention and Resort, West Java in Jakarta, joined by U Aung Myo Myint, Permanent Representative of Myanmar to ASEAN, as stated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Permanent Representative of Laos to ASEAN Mr Bovonethat Douanchak presided over the meeting, attended by ambassadors from East Asia Summit member countries and officials from the ASEAN Secretariat. The permanent representative of Timor Leste to ASEAN was present as an observer.

During the meeting, they focused on the implementation of the East Asia Summit Work Plan (2024-2028), regional development and security cooperation.

At the East Asia Summit, they exchanged views on issues to be implemented as a priority under the theme of ASEAN Chairman Laos depicting "Integrated Communication and Strengthening Resilience". — ASH/KZL



Permanent Representative of Myanmar to ASEAN U Aung Myo Myint (L) is seen during the second meeting of the Jakarta-based East Asia Summit for Ambassadors in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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Certificate Course in Enhanced Diplomatic Skills 7/2024 concludes

THE closing ceremony of the Nay Pyi Taw Session and Yangon Session of the Certificate Course in Enhanced Diplomatic Skills 7/2024 conducted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held yesterday concurrently at the Lawkanat Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Nay Pyi Taw) and the Winzinyarzar Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Yangon). On the occasion, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Lwin Oo delivered the closing remarks in Nay Pyi Taw.

Present at the occasion were the permanent secretary, the directors-general, and responsible officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, retired Myanmar ambassadors, senior diplomats, professors, lecturers, and trainees.

The Certificate Course in Enhanced Diplomatic Skills



The group documentary photo of the winding up ceremony of the Certificate Course in Enhanced Diplomatic Skills 7/2024 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

7/2024 was conducted in two sessions in Nay Pyi Taw and in Yangon, respectively, from 13 May to 5 July 2024. It was attended by 108 trainees, including civil servants from government entities and ministries as well as individuals from the private sector who are interested in diplomacy and international relations.

The eight-week course covered subjects related to Diplomacy, Contemporary International Affairs, International Relations, International Law, Economics and General knowledge. The trainees submitted group research papers on the topics associated with contemporary international affairs, global security and economic developments, followed by delivering the group presentations as a part of practical training on respective research papers. — MNA

Chinese Experts: SCO opposes sanctions



The SCO Media Delegations Round Table Meeting in progress in Shanghai on 4 July 2024, attended by Yangon Media Group Chair U Ko Ko (Ko Ko-Sethmu Tekkatho).

A Chinese expert claimed that the SCO (Shanghai Cooperation Organization) was against the sanctions at the Media Delegations Round Table Meeting of SCO.

Professor Pan Guang, a Senior Researcher from the Shanghai Academy of Social Science, said at the Media Delegations Round Table Meeting of SCO held at the China National Institute for SCO (CNISCO) International Exchange and Judicial Cooperation in Shanghai on 4 July.

The Media Delegations Round Table Meeting was held on the topic of international exchange and judicial cooperation, and Myanmar participated in the event together with media representatives of SCO member states.

At the meeting, the Chinese experts said the SCO is growing and opposes the sanctions as they impose deaths of children, women and the elderly in the world.

Ms Zheng Wai also said that SCO will conduct mutual communications amongst member nations and expand training and educational forums.

Yangon Media Group Chairman U Ko Ko (Ko Ko-Sethmu Tekkatho) attended the event at the invitation of the Good-Neighbourliness, Friend-

ship and Cooperation Commission of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (GNFCCSCO).

Prof Wang Wei of Shanghai University of Political Science and Law served as master of ceremonies, whereas the GNFCCSCO Secretary-General, Minister-Counselor Ms Zheng Wai of the Department of European-Central Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other experts led the discussion.

Twenty-six experts from SCO member states: India, Iran, Kazakhstan, China, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Russia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan; observer states: Afghanistan and Belarus, and the dialogue partners Azerbaijan, Armenia, Bahrain, Egypt, Cambodia, Qatar, Kuwait, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Turkiye and Sri Lanka participated in the discussion.

SCO members observed Food Delivery Element, China's second-largest food delivery service platform, Hozon New Energy Auto, the manufacturer of Neta EV, Yangshan Port and Shanghai Tunnel Engineering Company.

They will also tour Shanghai, Beijing, and Qingdao, hold discussions, and attend the Green Development Forum and Sub-Focalers of SCO from 1 to 9 July. — YMG/KTZH

Over 96,000 farmers qualify for 20% crop insurance payout

MORE than 96,000 loanee farmers having crop insurance are entitled to receive 20 per cent of compensation if crops are damaged due to flooding, deputy general manager U Kyaw Myo Swe of Myanmar Insurance's Life Insurance Department.

Farmers need to buy the crop insurance policy (two per cent) on agricultural loans starting from 1 June 2024. Over 96,000 farmers have been insured, and there is an insurance premium worth K1.365 billion for over 450,000 acres.

"Crop insurance has been covered across the country, excluding some three states. The policy period is from 1 July to the end of October. We can see whether this insurance policy will benefit the farmers or not. Earlier, crop insurance was based on the weather index. Now, the coverage includes flood damage. Unprecedented flooding happened in Myitkyina, and farmers there did not take an interest in insurance policy. We are raising awareness of the crop insurance policy so that farmers can cover some losses," U Kyaw Myo Swe said.

At present, 20 per cent of the payout will be distributed to the crop insurance policy covering rainfall less than minimum precipitation in upper Myanmar regions and torrential rainfall greater than the set maximum level in lower Myanmar regions.

The policy period is from 1 July to 31 October in the first term and from 1 September to 31 October in the second term. — ASH/EM



The image depicts some green farmland areas.

NATIONAL

Flood-affected villages in Tanai and Khamti: Residents evacuated and provided with food



A ceremony to distribute food aid, including rice, oil, salt, and dried noodles, to the people in villages affected by floods in Tanai Township, Kachin State, was held yesterday morning at the temporary flood relief camp in the township.

TATMADAW officers from the Northern Command, departmental officials, flood victims, and generous donors attended the event.

First, an official delivered an opening speech. Following this, K10 million in cash, 154

bags of rice, and other food items were distributed. An official accepted these donations on behalf of the beneficiaries and expressed gratitude.

Similarly, the water level of the Chindwin River is rising due to heavy rains in the Sagaing region.

In Khamti, the water level has reached 1,535 centimetres, exceeding the town's danger level of 1,360 centimetres by 175 centimetres.

The wards and villages are inundated, and relief efforts are underway. The flood-affected residents have been moved to temporary flood rescue camps and provided with necessary healthcare services.

— MNA/TRKM

Rescue and relief operations are underway in Kachin State. The image shows rescuers aiding a flood victim.

Counter-argument to false information

Misinformation: Tatmadaw uses gas bombs to attack TNLA terrorists in Nawngkhio

MALICIOUS news media are spreading false information that when TNLA terrorists attacked Nawngkhio Township, Shan State (North) on 4 July, Tatmadaw used gas bombs and eight TNLA terrorist members were poisoned and had to be treated.

Regarding the news, according to a security officer's statement, Tatmadaw did not attack using poisonous gas bombs. People already knew that the illegal subversive media had

written and disseminated false information that Tatmadaw bombarded with poison gas bombs in a previous attack in which terrorists were injured and killed due to Tatmadaw's air supporting fire and the practical support of ground weapons.

Fake news through subversive media said that Tatmadaw used poisonous gas bombs in this attack as well. It's just spreading false information and spreading propaganda. — MNA/KZL



The screenshot validates misinformation.

Media spreads misinformation: Security forces detain 100 residents in Myingyan

THE malicious media posted misinformation status on social networks, alleging that security forces detained about 100 residents in Kyaungphyukan village and torched 12 houses in Tuuyinboh village in Myingyan Township of Mandalay Region.

The media spread such news to mislead the public regarding the security forces who

were conducting security measures in Tuuyinboh, Kyaungphyukan villages and vicinity areas in Myingyan Township.

Security officials claimed that none of the residents were detained in Kyaungphyukan village, and there was also no fire in Tuuyinboh village.

In this regard, fake news was reportedly spread through



The screenshot validates misinformation.

malicious media, defaming the security forces. — MNA/KTZH

Illegal goods, vehicles seized in various states/regions

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, illegal trade is effectively prevented and prosecuted in accordance with the law.

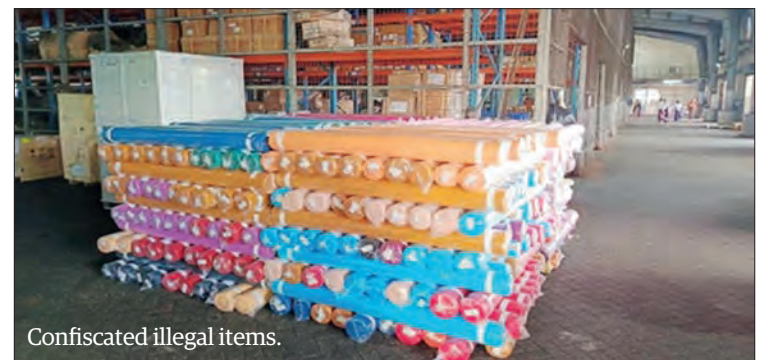
Combined task forces conducted inspections under the management of the Customs Department on 26 June and seized K638,559,130 worth of illegal goods, including 3,200 galvanized iron pipes from one container of Myanmar Port, 126,000-metre long 100 per cent polyester fabric and 127,809 kilogrammes of galvanized iron pipes from Asia World container, 5,000 sets of rechargeable sealed lead acid battery from one container of Thilawa Port, Car spare parts including 30 sets of High Beam LED Lamp, not mentioned in

Import Declaration form, at Yangon International Airport.

Similarly, the Bago Region Illegal Trade Eradication Special Task Force inspected and confiscated illegal goods worth K37,290,000, including 50 fans, 40 sacks of crunch roll chocolate and one Yutong bus near the Shwe Thanlwin checkpoint in Phayagyi Town on 4 July.

Likewise, the combined task forces of Yangon also seized 123 sets of illegal computer accessories, graphic tablets and toys worth K13,070,000 in Ahlon Township on the same day.

Thus, the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported nine arrests on 4 July with an estimated value of K688,919,130. — MNA/KZL



Confiscated illegal items.

OPINION

Follow dos and don'ts on control of COVID-19 pandemic

SINCE its emergence in 2019, the COVID-19 pandemic has affected diverse societies globally, with various virus variants causing widespread illness and death. Despite these challenges, scientists and medical experts have tirelessly worked to develop effective vaccines and treatments, aiming to save lives and control the pandemic. However, the ever-evolving nature of the virus, with new variants continually emerging, poses significant challenges to these efforts.

Currently, the COVID-19 variant KP-2 is spreading rapidly, causing immune deficiencies more quickly than the previous variant JN 1. The World Health Organization (WHO) has called for the development of new vaccines to combat the JN 1 variant. However,

before these vaccines could be produced, another variant, KP-1, emerged. In one neighbouring country of Myanmar, KP-1 infected 2,881 people between 9 and 15 June this year, resulting in seven deaths.

The WHO declared in May last year that COVID-19 was no longer a public health emergency. Nevertheless, the organization warned that the pandemic remains a global threat, with the virus still spreading. As of 2 June 2024, WHO statistics indicate that over 775 million people worldwide have been infected, and more than 7 million have died since the pandemic began.

Looking back, the Delta variant rapidly spread across the globe in May and June 2021. Subsequently, the Omicron variant severely impacted societies in December 2021 due to its high infection rate. Research has shown that Omicron variants have continued to spread worldwide since February 2022.

To combat the ongoing threat of COVID-19, it is crucial to follow certain dos:

to get vaccinated, wear masks, practice good hygiene, stay informed, maintain social distancing and don'ts: ignore symptoms, neglect quarantine rules, spread misinformation and complacency. By adhering to these guidelines and supporting ongoing scientific efforts, we can collectively work towards controlling the COVID-19 pandemic and mitigating its impact on society.

Currently, some neighbouring countries are being infected by new variants of the COVID-19 virus. As such, Myanmar needs to take care of the possibility of infection of the virus. Before the emergence of vaccines for the new COVID-19 virus, existing vaccines must be provided to necessary prioritized groups in time. However, it is inevitable that, regardless of the variants of COVID-19 that emerge, humans will overcome these challenges successfully in various ways and means. On the other hand, people need to follow the dos and don'ts of the pandemic as strictly instructed by the Ministry of Health.

The Burma Circle of the Geological Survey of India and their Contributions to the Geology of Myanmar

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Sethu Rama Rau

Sethu Rama Rau was a distinguished senior geologist with the Geological Survey of India (GSI), renowned for his extensive fieldwork in the Burma Circle. According to GSI records, Sethu Rama Rau continued mapping the Tertiary beds west of the Irrawaddy River in the Minbu and Pakokku districts. He completed the survey of the area covered by sheets 84K/11 and 84K/15, except for the portion already surveyed by Mr Cotter. Sethu Rama Rau returned to headquarters from the field on 31 May 1908. He was then assigned to Mr Pascoe's party in Burma and departed for the field on 27 October 1908. He returned to headquarters on 18 May 1911, rejoined the Burma party, and left for the field on 27 October 1911. Sethu Rama Rau returned to headquarters on 12 May 1912 and was granted a one-month and thirteen-day privilege leave starting 2 September 1912. He returned from leave on 15 October 1912, rejoined the Burma party, and departed for the field on 8 November 1912.

The systematic survey of Tavoy and Mergui was continued by a team consisting of Messrs. Coggin Brown, Heron, Sethu Rama Rau, and Vinayak Rao. By the end of 1919, the map of Tavoy on the scale of 1 inch to 1 mile was nearly completed, with only a small area of extremely inaccessible terrain remaining to be surveyed. Due to the increased attention now being paid to potential tin-bearing ground, work has accelerated in Mergui, both in the outer ranges and in the Tenasserim Valley. Sethu Rama Rau passed away in 1929, and his report, "The Geology of the Mergui District," was published in 1930. The concise account of his report is as follows: -

The Geology of the Mergui District

The geological survey of the Mergui district was the outcome of the operations to increase the output of wolfram for munitions during the War. On the completion of the geological survey of the Tavoy district, the systematic mapping of the Mergui district was taken in hand in 1918 and completed in the year 1925.

The map on the scale of four miles to an inch has been reduced from the original one-inch standard sheets surveyed by Dr A H Heron, Rao Bahadur M Vinayak Rao, and the author. The published and manuscript reports of these officers have been made use of in this paper, as well as reports and maps by Mr J J A Page, late of the Geological Survey of India, who examined the tin mines of this district and surveyed many of the islands of the Mergui Archipelago. His reports have been freely used in the preparation of the paper and its maps.

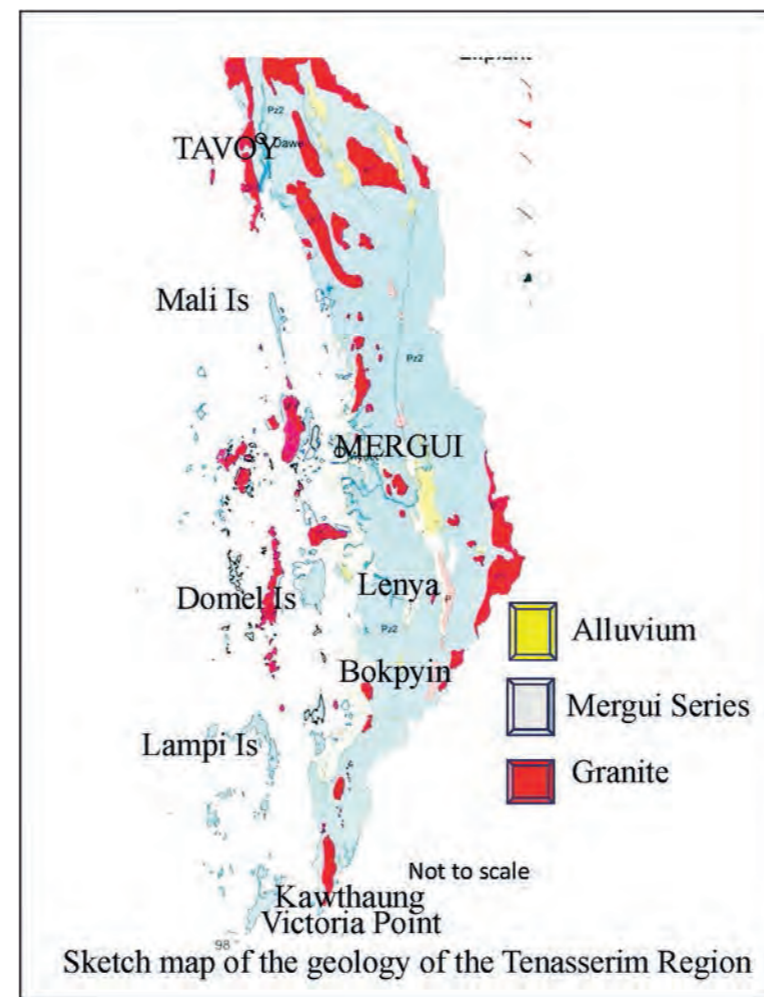
Since 1838, many observers have described various mineral occurrences in the Mergui district, and some of the information contained in the following pages has been derived from 46 published reports of the various GSI geologists from 1838 to 1926.

Physical Features

The Mergui district, the southernmost district of Burma, extends on the mainland from the Myinmoletkat mountain on the border of the Tavoy district in the north to Victoria Point at the mouth of the Pakchan River in the south and from the hill range forming the Siamese frontier on the east to the sea on the west, and include the islands of the Mergui Archipelago.

Mountains

The chief hill ranges lie in an N W – S E direction, coinciding with the strike of the sedimentary rocks of the district. The main rivers drain the valleys lying between, and the plains are restricted to the sea coast and the banks of the rivers. The Myinmoletkat peak, rising to 6,800 feet on the border of the Tavoy district, is the highest point southwards; the altitude gradually decreases to 1,000 feet north of



Victoria Point.

The range of hills forming the continuation of the 'Central Range' of the Tavoy district is represented by the granite peaks of Mo-taung, Ne-thi-taka-kye-taung, Pondaung, and Mau-taung, rising to heights above 3,500 feet; it is the southern extension of the Myinmoletkat range, and crossing the Tenasserim river reappears on its left bank. On the right bank, it is composed of a core of granite with sedimentaries on its flanks. The Wabyauk taung, with an average altitude exceeding 2,300 feet, marks the divide between the Palaw, flowing west, and the Tenasserim rivers. Further south, as far as Maliwun Peak, the general altitude is about 2,000 feet. The granite spurs of the Tamok, Mayinbingyi, Wabyauk, Tagu, Cheyadaw, Yanngwa, Karathuri, and Maliwun taungs, and the Manoron, Htaptan, Htongdon taungs, consisting of sedimentary rocks, mostly quartzite and slates, from the prominent features of the country in the south. The easterly range, corresponding to the 'Frontier Range' of the Tavoy district and forming a continuation of it, is situated on the left bank of the Tenasserim River and is made up of granite from the northern boundary of the district up to the sources of the Theinkun Chaung.

Rivers

The Great Tenasserim River takes its source in the Tavoy district and flows southwards in a narrow valley as far as the town of Tenasserim, where it joins the Little Tenasserim. The Theinkun and the Ngawun Chaungs rise in the granite ranges on the Siamese frontier to the southeast and flow in a northerly direction to form the Little Tenasserim. The united stream then flows westwards for some distance and again takes a northerly course till it bifurcates into the

Kyaukpya and Tenasserim branches. The river is navigable for country boats with the help of the tides up to the village of Tagu during the dry season and up to Tharabwin during the rains.

The Lenya River takes its origin in the eastern hill range forming the boundary with Siam, and flows in a northerly direction for a distance of sixty miles up to the town of Lenya; it then takes a westerly trend till it joins the sea near Shwegeny, excavating its channel through the western hills. This river is also navigable for small country boats, and the action of the tide is felt as far as Bonkun. The Pakchan River rises in the same range of hills as the Lenya River but has a southerly course for nearly 80 miles till it empties into the sea near Victoria Point. Cargo boats of small size can sail up to Pakchan with tides, and small launches can reach Maliwun without difficulty.

The Palauk River rises in the frontier hills of the Tavoy district on the slopes of Myinmoletkat peak and flows south-westerly down to the village of Kataungni. It then continues westward till it joins the sea. The upper part of the valleys of this river and its tributaries, from their source up to Kataungni, contain both tin and wolfram mines.

The Palaw River gathers its drainage waters from the western slopes of Kyunshu Taung and Kyaukthin Taung, lying west of the Great Tenasserim River and flows in a nearly northern direction up to Zadiwun village. The course of the river then takes a westerly trend till it meets the sea near Palaw. The tides reach up to Palawgon, and country craft can sail up to that village. The upper course of the Palaw River near Zadiwun and that of the Impo Chaung near Ninwin and Migyaungthaik flow along the mineralized zone, and many tin mines are situated in this belt.

Coast

The Mergui Archipelago stretches down the entire length of the coast, consisting of 804 islands, which are mostly hilly and forest-clad. The formation of islands is proceeding even today with the help of what is known as a galet — a Burmese word for a very narrow strait connecting two arms of the sea and dividing two islands. Tidal waves and marine erosion work on the rocks at the source of two streams flowing in opposite directions on the saddle-like ridge between them till they are base-levelled. Later, the channel is deepened, and a regular connection is formed, through which small boats can pass only at high tides. At low tide, the ridge of the strait is either dry or covered with shallow water. Such galets are many and range in width from ten to hundreds of feet. They are numerous off the coast of Karathuri, in the Cambell islands, the Selondaung Chaung Islands, near the Yamon, Pedaing, Lethit, Kyaukmo and Ahyn Chaung, south of Mergui town and in many other islands.

Lying off the coast, there are many large and small islands made up mostly of indurated rocks of the Mergui Series, i.e. agglomerates, quartzites, and slates. There are traces of islands composed of biotite granite, which are, doubtless, summits of a submerged continuous batholith. A group of small islands south of Ross Island extending from Warden's Island to Court's Island, and the long line of islands extending from the Pickwick group through the Domel islands southwards to High Island, are composed of granite, which may be in submarine continuity with the boss of Ross Island. The line of islands from Pulo Dana to Pulo Sum is another instance of the above. North Cone Island (11° 8'; 98° 36') and South Cone Island, and some others north of Pulo Dana, are small in size and conical. Others are rounded and flat, rising a few feet above sea level, the habitations of Malay and Burmese fishermen. Most of the islands are inhabited, but one sometimes finds fresh drinking water and groves of coconut palm fringing bays, marking the position of a deserted village. The coastline is never straight. Large islands, such as the Kissering, Domal, Sullivan, and Forbes Islands, have indented coastlines forming a series of bays with intervening

promontories, which afford shelter to boats during stormy weather.

The coastlines of the mainland and some of the islands are fringed by extensive flats of soft mud exposed for miles at low tide and submerged at high tide. These merge gradually into mosquito-infested swamps, marshes, and low-lying fields, which are sparsely inhabited by Malays, Shans, and Burmans, whose principal means of livelihood is fishing. It is common in exposed situations to find the steep rocky slopes being denuded and disintegrated at their base by the waves. In the outer islands, the coast is usually a sandy beach, but that of the mainland consists generally of laterite.

Changes of level

The coastline adjoining Maliwun and Champang, including the bays, mangrove swamps and galets, the alluvial flats of the Palaw, the Lenya, the Pakchan, and the Tenasserim rivers, and some of the areas shown as 'submerged periodically' on the maps, mark the position of a belt of the country which was once submerged under water and formed part of the estuaries of streams. The Palaw valley is filled with recent alluvium, with a few conical hillocks; rounded and water-worn pebbles of quartz occur at the base of the latter. On the eastern and western slopes of the Maliwun range near the villages of Maliwun and Champang, rounded hillocks covered with lateritic soil are exposed at a height of about 50 feet above the present sea level. The coastline from Kalagyun Island in the north to Bungal Baleingyi shows many boulders of laterite. Further, extensive mud flats, covered with soft mud and submerged at high tide but exposed at low tide, occur on the coast west of Bokpyin and Karathuri. All these facts afford evidence that the present coastline was once submerged and has been raised above the water during sub-recent times.

Geological formations

The following table gives an approximate correlation of the formations found in the Mergui district and their probable age.

Tenasserim Division	Shan States	European Formations
Olivine basalt of Medaw Island	x	
Mepale oil shale of the Amherst	x	
Lenya Tertiary rocks	x	Tertiary
Theinkun oil-shale	x	
Red Sandstone Series	Kalaw Red sandstone of SSS.	Jurassic?
Granite intrusives	- - - -	Pre-Jurassic
Moulmein Series	Plateau limestone	Upper Carboniferous to Carboniferous to Permo-Carboniferous
Mergui Series	Chaung Magyi Series	Pre-Cambrian? possibly Older Palaeozoic

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NATIONAL

DICA blocks I-Wealth company for cryptocurrency advertising



A general view of the office of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

THE Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) put I-Wealth company on the blacklist from 2 July 2024 for advertising to invest in digital currency such as cryptocurrency, bitcoin (BTC) and Ethereum

(ETH) on its Facebook page, DICA notified.

DICA has already notified that the registrar will publicly declare the denylist and weak compliance matters on the DICA's website if companies registered on

the online registry system (MyCO) fail to comply with the existing law, rules and bylaws of the government institutions concerned and provisions stipulated in the Myanmar Companies Law. — TWA/KK

K5.9 billion Hypermarket with 164 shops to be built in Hpa-an



This image depicts a scale model of Hypermarket to be built in Hpa-an, Kayin State.

ACCORDING to U Aung Than, chairman of KSD Co Ltd and in charge of the Hypermarket construction project, the facility, which will feature 164 shops, is set to be built in Hpa-an, Kayin State, with an investment of K5,900 million.

Aung Ngwe Phu Company Limited will construct a market that complies with the

guidelines set by the Kayin State Development Public Company on a 3.642-acre plot of land near Shweyinmyaw Pagoda, Ward No 2, Hpa-an. The project includes ten new high-end, two-storey residential shops made of reinforced concrete (RC), each measuring 20 feet wide and 50 feet long, as well as another building of similar de-

sign measuring 30 feet wide and 50 feet long. Additionally, RC four-storey Hypermarket buildings, each measuring 100 feet wide and 100 feet long, will be constructed. The shops will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

A ceremony to lay the foundation of the market was held on 4 July in Ward No 2 of Hpa-an. — ASH/TKO

GEFS to award foundation scholarships to 2 Myanmar students

THE Myanmar Embassy in Seoul announced that two Myanmar students will be awarded the Global Elim Foundation Scholarship (GEFS).

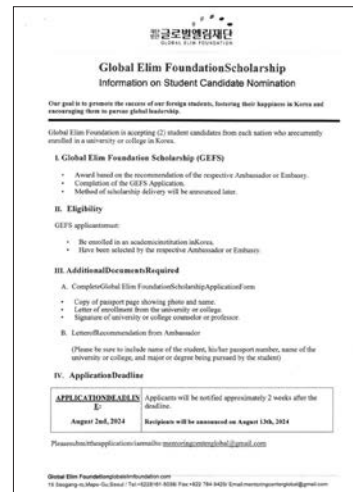
The Global Elim Foundation is providing financial aid to two Myanmar students who wish to pursue a master's or doctoral degree at a university in South Korea without the requirement of a mandatory Korean language course. This scholarship program aims to assist students facing financial hardship by cov-

ering their tuition fees and living expenses.

Applicants who meet the qualifications can submit their application by 31 July in person at the foundation's office located at Hannam-daero 28-gil 12, Yongsan-gu, Seoul, 04418, by mail, ensuring that their application arrives before the deadline, or via email to mentoringcenter.global@gmail.com.

The Myanmar Embassy in Seoul is working to collect all applications submitted to Seoul and forward them directly to the Global Elim Foundation by 1 August. Therefore, applicants are notified to submit their applications by 31 July, and those received after the deadline will not be considered.

The Myanmar Embassy in Seoul is collecting all applications submitted there and will forward them directly to the Global Elim Foundation by 1 August. Therefore, applicants are advised to submit their applications by 31 July, and applications received after the deadline will not be considered. — TWA/TRKM



This image depicts a scholarship form for the Global Elim Foundation Scholarship (GEFS).

YBS drivers with assistants permanently banned from service

YBS drivers who used assistants have been permanently banned from driving YBS, according to Yangon Region Public Transport Committee (YRTC)'s joint secretary U Lyan Cing Mang.

"CNG for YBS vehicles with driver assistants is suspended for three months. For diesel cars, it is suspended for one year. The drivers are permanently banned from driving YBS. They can drive other cars. They cannot drive YBS buses. We have been taking action. It is not about fines. Our aims are for YBS services to be disciplined, safe and better public transport services," he said.

The stickers "No conduc-

tor allowed" will be placed on buses, he added.

"We will put stickers saying "No conductor allowed" on the buses. By doing so, commuters will know that conductors onboard are not legal, and they can report it. With conductors, the drivers used to compete to drive faster, fight with each other and demand extra fares. So, we plan to eradicate the presence of unauthorized conductors on the buses. We will put these stickers at three locations on the buses," he said.

According to YRTC's data, more than 3,600 buses on 131 bus routes carry about 1.4 million commuters every day. — MT/ZN

Consumer Alert: MRF warns against scams on Facebook

AFTER the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) announced direct delivery to home service for premium Pawsan rice on 25 June 2024, deceptive scams on Facebook were found impersonating MRF's Facebook page to cheat buyers' money.

MRF reminded the consumers to check before they make a purchase. They need to verify a Facebook Page with a blue mark. MRF's Facebook page has 80K Followers and 65K likes. For purchase, consumers can contact MRF's Viber numbers at

09 400067240, 09 400067250, and 09 400067260 and email sales@mrf.com.mm. While making payments with mobile wallets (KBZ Pay, AYA Pay, A+ Wallet), individuals need to execute payment only with a merchant account of MRF under the name of Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) Incorporated.

MRF is making efforts to prosecute those scammers with fake Facebook pages under the existing laws. MRF is open to suggestions and enquiries as well. — NN/KK

MSF to launch free business English course batch 2 on 8 July

THE Myanmar Seafarers Federation (MSF) will open Business English Course batch 2 for seafarers who will work on cruise ships on 8 July. Lecturer Daw Cho Cho Pyone will offer a five-day intensive course from 8 to 12 July at MSF's office that helps male and female seafarers learn professional communication skills and knowledge of terms used in business English. Those who want to join the course need to register by scanning the QR code or <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdqA1oneKwOMFqcCCJxqTtTnKQPhftQ0tsQSSy2QKVBtnUsrg/viewform>.

The maximum number of trainees is only 40. If the number of students who enrol in the course exceeds the limit, they are entitled to join the next batch. Individuals can enquire in detail through contact numbers 09 400066702, 09 777767182 and 09 666058868, MSF stated. — EM/KK



A general view of the Sedona Hotel in Yangon.

Licences for 4 hotels issued; construction permit granted

YANGON Region Tourism Committee granted licences for four hotels and one hotel construction permit at the meeting 2/2024 held at the meeting hall 4 of the Yangon Region government office on 1 July.

The committee issued four hotel licences and one

hotel construction permit, with an estimated capital of K20.74 billion and US\$4.63 million, on 24 October at the meeting.

Additionally, the committee endorsed 64 tour licences (inbound and outbound), 42 tour agency licences, 21 tour guide licences and 22 do-

mestic pilgrimage tour certificates. Those businesses are investment projects made by Myanmar citizens, creating over 433 jobs for locals.

After the endorsement of the projects, tourism development activities were addressed at the meeting. — NN/KK

Fisheries Dept alerts fish farmers to flood risks

THE Fisheries Department warned farmers to prevent flooding on fish farms.

Fish farming contributes to food security and export earnings. Fish farmers are warned of possible flooding on fish farms triggered by heavy rainfalls and river floods. Fish farms are asked to follow safety management to prevent flooding and mitigate loss.

The warnings include placing sandbags in low areas of fish ponds to increase height and capacity and prevent the banks of ponds from being washed away during floods,



This photo shows workers harvesting fish from a farm pond.

surrounding fish ponds with nets to stop the escape of fish during floods, filling sandbags

and putting bamboo railing in fish farms that lie next to water currents, prepare fishing nets,

motor boats and equipment to relocate fish if needed and prioritize large fish in relocation.

Additionally, fish feed and equipment must be relocated to safe places. Fish farmers must keep the fish from escaping with a regular feeding monitor inundated places that are vulnerable to flooding and the condition of fish ponds. They must be ready to inform the Fisheries Department of any unusual cases in a timely manner.

Moreover, fish farmers need to stay alert by listening to emergency meteorological warnings from state-owned radio and broadcasting agencies and reading daily newspapers for weather warnings. They are encouraged to disseminate information among them. They can ask for help from the nearest Fisheries Department in emergency cases, the Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation warned. — NN/EM

ECONOMY

WORLD/AD

G20 in Rio de Janeiro: Amitabh Kant leads Indian delegation to 3rd Sherpas Meeting

INDIA'S G20 Sherpa Amitabh Kant led the Indian delegation to the 3rd G20 Sherpas Meeting in Rio de Janeiro, the Ministry of External Affairs said.

In a post on X, the official spokesperson of MEA, Randhir Jaiswal wrote, "India's G20 Sherpa led the Indian delegation to the 3rd G20 Sherpas Meeting in Rio de Janeiro."

At the G20 Sherpas meeting, Kant highlighted the need for focus on economic growth, and sustainable development,

amongst other things.

Earlier in March, Officer on Special Duty (OSD) G20 Abhay Thakur participated in the G20 Development Working Group Meeting in Brasilia on 18-19 March.

During the meeting, he highlighted India's successful utilization of DPI-enabled national programmes across various sectors including rural development, social welfare, women's empowerment, education, and healthcare.

Notably, Brazil holds



India's G20 Sherpa, Amitabh Kant, played a crucial role leading the Indian delegation at the 3rd G20 Sherpas Meeting held in Rio de Janeiro, as confirmed by the Ministry of External Affairs. **PHOTO: ANI**

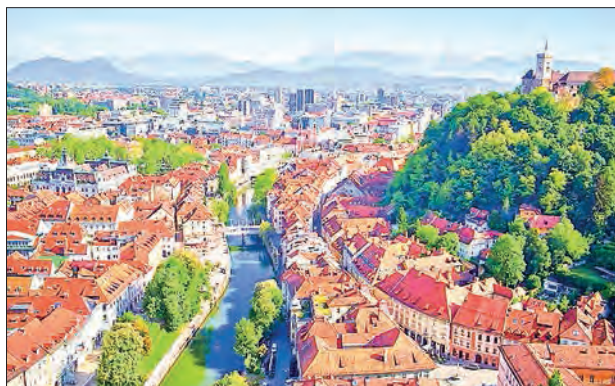
the G20 presidency from November 2024. The G20 Leaders' Summit is scheduled to be held in Rio de Janeiro from 1 December 2023, to 30 November 2024.

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ro from 18-19 November, with the presence of the leaders of the 19 member countries, plus the African Union and the European Union.

The G20 is made up of 19 countries - Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Mexico, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Russia, Türkiye, the UK and the US and two regional bodies: the African Union and the European Union. — ANI

Slovenia's unemployment falls to all-time low



The city of Ljubljana is the capital and financial centre of Slovenia. **PHOTO: WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

THE number of jobless people in Slovenia fell to 43,369 by the end of June, which is the lowest level since the country's independence in 1991, the national Employment Service said on Wednesday. It said the number was 1.6 per cent lower than in the previous month and 6.1 per cent lower than in June 2023.

Export-oriented Slovenia expects economic growth of some 2.4 per cent this year versus 1.6 per cent in 2023, according to the government's forecast. Its economy has been expanding ever since 2021.

Continuous growth led to higher job creation and

many companies are complaining that it is harder to find adequate employees.

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) issued a report on Slovenia on Wednesday, in which it said Slovenia's economy "proved resilient to external shocks" so far, but added that improving fiscal sustainability is "a key challenge".

Labour shortages are further increasing wage pressure. Gross wages rose by seven per cent year on year in the first four months of this year, according to recent figures published by the country's Statistical Office. — Xinhua

TENDER INVITATION

Bid Invitation No : Construction for Myanmar Women Football Academy (Mandalay)
Date : 6th July 2024

1. Tendering

Myanmar Football Federation (hereinafter referred to as "Employer") which is responsible for the construction of Myanmar Women Football Academy Project in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Division, hereby invites tenders for the supplying of material, fabrication and construction.

2. Project Overview

Myanmar Football Federation is endeavoring to improve the skills and technology in the implementing this Myanmar Women Football Academy Project in Mandalay, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Division.

3. Project Scope of Work

Construction of 3 Storey R.C.C Building (37,423 Sqft) with MEP Design Package

No	Description	Qty	Unit
A	Estimate (As Per Drawing)		
1	Civil Work (1) Sub Structure, (2) Super Structure, (3) Roofing and (4) Walling	1	Lot
2	Finishing Work (1) Floor Finishing, (2) Wall Finishing, (3) Ceiling Finishing, (4) Door & Window, (5) Handrail	1	Lot
3	Furniture Work (1) Reception Counter, (2) Kitchen Counter, (3) Basin Counter for Toilet, (4) Loose Furniture	1	Lot
4	MEP Work (1) MEP Design, (2) Electrical System, (3) Plumbing & Sanitary System, (4) ACMV System, (5) Fire Fighting System, (6) CCTV System and (7) Transformer (315 KVA)	1	Lot
5	Infra Work (1) Septic Tank, (2) Internal Drain & Apron, (3) Platform, (4) Road Kerb & Flower Box, (5) Concrete Pavement, (6) Car Parking, (7) Landscaping, (8) Logo, Signage & Room Name Plates and (9) Flag Pole	1	Lot
6	Sports Field (1) Mini Soccer Pitch (30m x 20m)	1	Lot

Please send Expression of Interest (EOI) Letter to sithuwin@mff-ma.com (from 8th July 2024 to 10th July 2024) if you are interested.

EOI submitted company may obtain Tender Documents at Myanmar Football Federation, Administration Office during office hours (from 11th July 2024 to 15th July 2024).

Tender inquiry : Si Thu Win, Deputy General Secretary, Myanmar Football Federation.
Ph: 09-785787878

Tender Closing Date and Time : 13th August 2024 (13:00 hrs)

Contact Address : Myanmar Football Federation, National Football Training Center, Waizayantar Road, Thuwunna, Thingangyun Township, Yangon.

Myanmar Football Federation

Shanghai international cruise ports report brisk traffic amid visa facilitation

OVER 180 entries and exits had been made by international cruise liners at Shanghai's cruise ports in the first half of this year; Shanghai border inspection authorities revealed on Thursday.

More than 840,000 people were aboard these cruise ships, according to the tally.

Furthermore, more than 45,000 entries and exits had been made by foreign visitors at the

Shanghai cruise ports in the first six months of this year, with 18,000 inbound visits facilitated by various visa-free policies.

On 28 June, more than 25,000 people entered and exited the Shanghai Wu-

songkou International Cruise Terminal, a record high number for a single day this year. Meanwhile, five international cruise liners used Shanghai as their home port, during the first half of this year. — Xinhua



Foreign visitor entries and exits at these ports totalled over 45,000, with 18,000 entries facilitated by visa-free policies. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Vietnamese real estate to prosper in 2025

THE period of Vietnamese real estate's prosperity will last from the second to the fourth quarter of 2025, Vietnam News reported Friday, citing Nguyen Quoc Anh, deputy general director of the property listing platform Batdongsan.com as saying.

Buyers and investors will pay more attention to investment and price appreciation, and land and villas will finally come to the party, he said.

He said the country's

real estate market was now in the "exploration" stage, the sentiment index is flat and buyers are waiting for positive signals.

He expected the consolidation period to begin in the first quarter of 2025, with buyers still prioritizing their own housing needs and good cash flows.

In 2026, the market will enter a stable development period, and people will look for investment opportunities again, he said. — Xinhua

Samsung Electronics forecasts major Q2 profit jump

SAMSUNG Electronics said Friday it expects second-quarter operating profits to rise more than 15-fold year on year as chip prices bounce back and demand for generative AI continues to grow.

The firm is the flagship subsidiary of South Korean giant Samsung Group, by far the largest of the family-controlled conglomerates that dominate business in Asia's fourth-largest economy.

The world's largest memory chip maker said in a regulatory filing that its April-June operating profits were expected to rise to 10.4 trillion won (\$7.54 billion), up 1,452.2 per cent from 670 billion

won a year earlier.

The expectation exceeded the average estimate by 25.8 per cent, according to South Korea's Yonhap news agency, which referenced its financial data firm.

Sales, meanwhile, are expected to rise 23.3 per cent to 74 trillion won, Samsung said.

Semiconductors are the lifeblood of the global economy, used in everything from kitchen appliances and mobile phones to cars and weapons. And demand for the advanced chips that power AI systems has skyrocketed thanks to the success of ChatGPT and other generative AI products. — AFP

PESTICIDES TRADE NAME CHANGING

We, **Marga Min Co., Ltd** would like to change the Trade Name of the following products, (registered by Agro Icon Cropscience Pte., Ltd to Pesticide Registration Board, Myanmar), from former **Old Trade Name (Hmoe Yar Zar)** To **New Trade Name (Marga Tri), Marga Min Co., Ltd.** If any objection or enquiry, please contact to Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Bayint Naung Road, West Gyogone, Insein Township, Yangon, from here to next 14 days.

Marga Min Co., Ltd, 09 - 45 555 7861, 09 - 45 555 7862

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V PADIAN 4 VOY.NO. (0UV8ES1NC)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **6-7-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/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

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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S T12 LOGISTICS PTE LTD

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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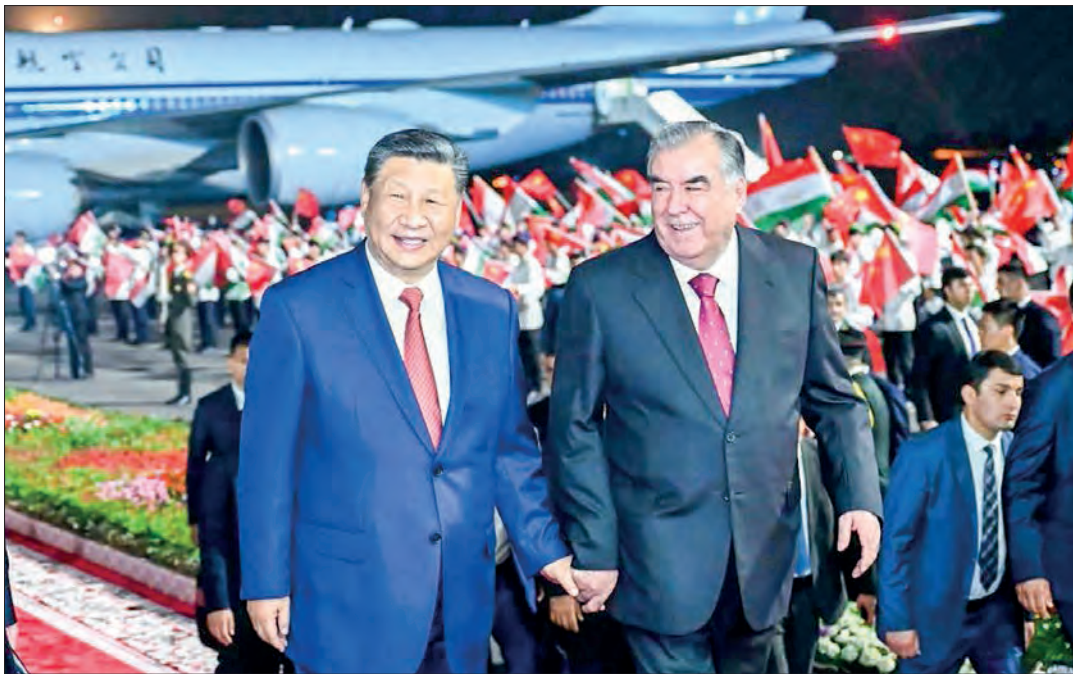
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ROLLING UPDATES: WORLD

Xi kicks off state visit to Tajikistan, eyeing new heights in bilateral cooperation

Xi expressed eagerness to enhance China-Tajikistan relations amid new circumstances.



Tajik President Emomali Rahmon holds a grand welcome ceremony for Chinese President Xi Jinping at the airport in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, 4 July 2024. Xi arrived here Thursday for a state visit to Tajikistan. **PHOTO: YAN YAN/XINHUA**

CHINESE President Xi Jinping arrived here on Thursday night, commencing his state visit to Tajikistan following a busy schedule at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit in Astana, Kazakhstan.

Tajik President Emomali Rahmon welcomed Xi at

the Dushanbe International Airport with a grand ceremony, where around 1,500 Tajik youths in traditional attire dancing and waving the national flags of China and Tajikistan.

Upon arrival, Xi expressed his anticipation for discussions with Rahmon to formulate new plans and arrangements for

the development of China-Tajikistan relations in light of the new circumstances.

Xi said with concerted efforts from both countries, this visit is expected to be a complete success, elevating all-round cooperation between China and Tajikistan to new heights. — Xinhua

Voting starts in Iran's presidential runoff

VOTING started in a presidential runoff in Iran early Friday, in which reformist Masoud Pezeshkian and principlist Saeed Jalili race for the presidency, Iranian Interior Minister Ahmad Vahidi announced.

Vahidi called on Iranians to go to the polling stations and cast their votes in the early hours of the day, noting a total of 58,638 polling stations were set up across the country.

The voting, which started at 8 am local time (0430 GMT) and will continue until 6 pm (1430 GMT), may be extended by the Interior Ministry if necessary.



Masoud Pezeshkian, centre right, and former Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, centre left, gesture after voting in Tehran on 5 July 2024. **PHOTO: ATTA KENARE/AFP**

The candidate with the highest number of votes at the end of the runoff will be the next Iranian president. — Xinhua

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Laos, Kazakhstan sign deal for visa exemption

LAOS and Kazakhstan have signed an agreement on the exemption of visa requirements for diplomatic and official passport holders.

The deal was inked on Thursday between Lao Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Bounleua Phandanouvong, and Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Laos Kanat Tumysh, Lao National Radio reported on Friday.

Under the agreement, citizens of the two countries who hold a diplomatic or official passport, when entering, passing through, staying in and leaving each other's territory will be exempt from visas for a maximum of 90 days within 180 days from the date of entry.

The agreement is an important step in enhancing relations between the two countries, especially through reciprocal visits by government delegations at all levels and stepping up cooperation in areas of mutual interest and strength, such as trade, investment and energy. — Xinhua

Japan reports surging heatstroke cases as summer heatwave continues

AS Japan faces an intense summer heatwave, surging numbers of heatstroke cases have been reported across the country.

The rainy-season heat claimed a life in the southwestern Japanese prefecture of Oita, where a 90-year-old woman collapsed while working on her farm on Thursday afternoon and was pronounced dead due to heatstroke despite being taken to a nearby hospital, according to local police.

As of 3 pm local time Friday, some 55 people in Tokyo, aged 23 to 90, were rushed to hospitals with suspected heatstroke, according to the Tokyo Fire Department, after the previous day saw a single-day record of 99 people taken to hospital due to the illness.

Two men in their 70s were in serious condition, with nearly 80 per cent of the patients being over 60 years old.

On Friday, the mercury rose above 35 degrees Celsius by mid-morning in many areas, with the temperature exceeding 36 degrees Celsius in Tokyo. Heatwave conditions were reported at over 140 locations nationwide during the day, doubling the number from the previous day. — Xinhua

Spain PM's wife to testify in graft probe

SPANISH Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez's wife testifies before a judge Friday as part of a preliminary corruption probe into her business ties in a case that has infuriated the Socialist leader.

Last month, a Madrid court summoned Begona Gomez to testify on 5 July "as an investigated party" as part of a judicial enquiry into "the alleged offences of corruption in the private sector and influence peddling".

She is due to appear at 10 am (0800 GMT) for the proceedings, which won't be public.

The preliminary investigation was opened on 16 April following a complaint filed by the anti-graft NGO Manos Limpias (Clean Hands), which is linked to the far right.

The right-wing opposition has pounced on the affair as proof of their claims that Sanchez and his left-wing government are corrupt.

But he has denounced it as a smear campaign. — AFP

Martinez the shoot-out 'animal' roars again for Argentina

Emiliano Martinez, the Argentine goalkeeper known affectionately as 'El Dibu', showcased his exceptional talent once again in the Copa America quarterfinals against Ecuador.

ARGENTINA goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez, delivered yet another masterful performance in the Copa America quarterfinals, securing a 4-2 penalty shoot-out victory against Ecuador with two crucial saves.

It will be tough for Argentina goalkeeper Emiliano Martinez to top his penalty shoot-out heroics from the run to World Cup glory in Qatar in 2022 but that certainly won't stop him trying.

The keeper, known as 'El Dibu' by his adoring fans, produced two brilliant diving saves in the shoot-out to earn his team a 4-2 win on penalties against Ecuador in the Copa America quarterfinals on Thursday.

The game had ended 1-1 in normal time and with no extra time in the Copa, until the final, the game went straight to penalties.

When Lionel Messi chipped the opening attempt against the top of the bar, the almost 70,000 fans in NRG Stadium could have been forgiven for thinking Argentina's title defense was about to end. But Martinez had other ideas.

Just as he had done against Colombia, in the Copa semifinal in Brazil in 2021 and then against the Netherlands in the quarterfinal of the World Cup when he saved two Dutch spot-kicks, the Aston Villa keeper turned the game in his team's favor.

"Dibu is an animal. The truth is that what he is doing is crazy. He deserves it. He loves to wear these colors. He gives us a lot of security and peace of mind. We try to do the same for him, but in these important moments he's always there, he's always there," said midfielder Rodrigo De Paul. — AFP



ONE Friday Fights 69: Soe Lin Oo beat Pongsiri in 2nd stanza

MYANMAR'S Lethwei icon Soe Lin Oo crushed Muay Thai star Pongsiri during the second round of the ONE Friday Fights 69 event held in Bangkok, Thailand, yesterday.

In the first round, Soe Lin Oo used his powerful punches near the end of the first round as he was guessing the match situation. Pongsiri could not

match Soe Lin Oo's majesty, so he only attacked with kicks and knee strikes.

Soe Lin Oo launched an open attack at the start of the second round, and Soe Lin Oo's punches hurt Pongsiri. At 29 seconds into the second round, a single punch from Soe Lin Oo knocked Pongsiri down, and he couldn't get up.

As Soe Lin Oo won by knockout, ONE Championship CEO Chatri Trisripisal presented an additional bonus of 350,000 baht to the Myanmar fighter.

The Myanmar star has fought three fights this year after working with ONE Championship, winning all three by knockout. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



Argentina keeper Emiliano Martinez denied Ecuador's Alan Minda with a brilliant save in the penalty shoot-out win on Thursday. PHOTO: AFP

England hopes for Foden breakthrough against Switzerland

MIRRORING England's bumpy journey at Euro 2024, headlines in the British media haven't been overwhelmingly positive back home.

That Gareth Southgate's team made it into the quarterfinals seems to have disappeared into the jungle of criticism. The upcoming match against surprise package Switzerland now seems to deliver the chance to change things for the better.

England's resilience seems to open doors for a breakthrough, but coach Gareth Southgate is yet to receive appreciation for his leadership.

England's hopes ground on the expectation from Manchester City midfielder Phil Foden.

The Premier League's 2023-2024 Player of the Season, with 19 goals and eight assists, the 24-year-old has been

short of goals in Germany this summer, despite eight promising opportunities to score.

Three years ago, England made their way into the final, narrowly losing against Italy on penalties.

As far as Foden is concerned, the midfielder has returned to Germany after the birth of his third child. A few days ago, he had left the team's base camp to support his wife. — Xinhua

Paris 2024 closing ceremony rehearsals begin in secret location near Paris

WHILE public attention is focused on the grand opening ceremony of the Paris Olympics set to be held on the Seine River, the Paris Organizing Committee has already commenced rehearsals for the closing ceremony.

Xinhua, as the only invited Chinese media outlet, visited this "secret" rehearsal site on Wednesday.

The closing ceremony performance, themed "Records", will be held in the evening of 11 August at the Stade de France. Like the opening ceremony, the closing

ceremony is created and directed by renowned French director Thomas Jolly.

To avoid potential instability, the rehearsals are being conducted at a location about an hour's drive from Paris. The organizing committee selected a spacious secret venue and built a stage the same size as the one to be used for the closing ceremony.

The rehearsals are held outdoors at night to simulate the conditions on the day of the closing ceremony.

Reporters observed that during rehearsals, all accompanying music was not played through speakers; instead, performers wore headphones. Staff members explained that this was all for "the sake of secrecy".

In an exclusive interview at the rehearsal site, Jolly stated that the idea for the closing ceremony show will be significantly different from that of the opening ceremony, as he will use various artistic forms to tell an "imaginary story about the Olympics." — Xinhua

Xi kicks off state visit to Tajikistan, eyeing new heights in bilateral cooperation

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi noted India's collaboration within the SCO framework to develop a roadmap for AI cooperation. The remarks reflect India's proactive stance in leveraging technology for societal progress on a global scale.



Chinese President Xi Jinping poses for a group photo with leaders attending the 24th Meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) at the Independence Palace in Astana, Kazakhstan, 4 July 2024. PHOTO: JU PENG/XINHUA

We have to make technology creative, apply it for welfare of our societies: PM Modi at SCO Summit

STARTING that the 21st century is the century of technology, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday emphasized the need to make technology creative and apply it for the welfare of societies.

The Prime Minister also highlighted that India's commitment to 'AI for All' is also reflected in working within the SCO framework on a Roadmap on AI cooperation.

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar delivered these remarks on behalf of PM Modi at the Shanghai Cooperation Organization Council of Heads of State (SCO Summit) being held under Kazakhstan's Presidency in Astana.

"The 21st century is the century of technology. We have to make technology creative and apply it to the welfare and progress of our societies. India is among the countries to formulate a National

Strategy on Artificial Intelligence and the launch of an AI Mission. Our commitment to 'AI for All' is also reflected in working within the SCO framework on a Roadmap on AI cooperation," Jaishankar posted on X.

PM Modi stated the need for developing connectivity, while also emphasizing that respect for "sovereignty and territorial integrity" is also essential. Further, in his remarks at the SCO Summit, Prime

Minister Modi recalled the deep civilizational ties between India and Central Asia, and said that New Delhi has prioritized the interests and aspirations of the region.

Highlighting India's focus on people-centric cooperation, PM Modi pointed to events like SCO Millet Food Festival, the SCO Film Festival, and the International Conference on Shared Buddhist Heritage, that were held under India's presidency last year. — ANI

Keir Starmer officially appointed UK prime minister: palace

BRITAIN'S head of state King Charles III officially appointed Labour leader Keir Starmer as prime minister on Friday during an audience at Buckingham Palace.

A photograph released by the palace showed the monarch shaking hands with Starmer, whose party won a landslide election victory. The king earlier accepted the resignation of Conservative leader Rishi Sunak.

"The King received in Audience The Right Honourable Sir Keir Starmer MP today and requested him to form a new Administration," a palace statement read.

"Sir Keir accepted His Majesty's offer and kissed hands upon his appointment as Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury." — AFP



Britain's main opposition Labour Party leader Keir Starmer delivers a speech during a campaign event in Glasgow on 3 July 2024 on the eve of the the UK general election. PHOTO: AFP

THE LEGAL BATTLE

Streaming platforms challenge order to fund Canada broadcasting

STREAMING platforms including Netflix, Disney and Paramount have launched court challenges to an order requiring them to help fund Canadian broadcasting, the Motion Picture Association said Thursday.

The association said it filed an appeal in federal court and a request for judicial review of the Canadian broadcasting regulator's "decision to force global entertainment streaming services to pay for Canadian local news".

Music streaming platforms such as Apple and Amazon also filed similar legal challenges this week. — AFP