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Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing encourages participants of the third tree-growing ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

## Forest conservation in watershed areas helps sustainability of freshwater resources

Only when everybody conserves forests, dubbed as natural resource inherit, will they hand down a lush and green environment with abundant natural resources to new generations.

### Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the tree-growing ceremony

1. It is necessary to emphasize the establishment of forests and greening landscapes steadfastly to ensure lush and green urban and rural areas.
2. Conservation of forests, which provide a variety of forest products and services to society, can be defined as shaping a better future for the State.
3. Forests must be protected to serve a national duty as these forests are crucial for the long-term development of the State, food security, alleviation of climate change, and prevention of natural disasters.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing stressed the need to emphasize the establishment of forests and greening landscapes steadfastly to ensure lush and green urban and rural areas. Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing planted a Gangaw

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**Twenty-two (22) days remain until the National Census.**



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Order 47/2024  
5<sup>th</sup> Waxing of Tawthalin 1386 ME  
7 September 2024

**Additional appointment of members to Myanmar  
National Human Rights Commission**

THE State Administration Council has appointed the following persons as members of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission under Section 419 of the Constitution.

1. U Win Hlaing Oo (aka) Cung Za Hmong  
Member of the Board of Trustees  
St Mary's Catholic Cathedral Church
2. U Than Win  
Member of the Board of Trustees  
Pinnaygon Jaame Mosque
3. U Tin Ko Ko  
Member of the Central Executive Committee  
All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation

By order,  
*Aung Lin Dwe*  
General  
Secretary

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
State Administration Council**

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**Retirement from duty allowed**

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

By order,  
*Aung Lin Dwe*  
General  
Secretary



**Objectives of 25<sup>th</sup> Myanmar  
Traditional Cultural Performing Arts  
Competitions 2024**

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

**Well Marked Low-Pressure Area Condition**

Issued at 19:00 hours MST on 7 September 2024

ACCORDING to the observations at 17:30 hours MST today, the Well Marked Low-Pressure Area over the Northwest and adjoining Central Bay of Bengal still persists. It is likely to move nearly Northwards and may further intensify into a Depression over the Northwest Bay of Bengal (off North Odisha- Gangetic West Bengal Coast, India) on 8-9-2024.

**Myanmar Daily Weather Report**

(Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 7 September 2024)

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**SPECIAL FEACTURES:** According to the observations at 18:30 hours MST today, the Typhoon "Yagi" crosses over Quang Ninh, Vietnam has moved Westwards and reached near Hanoi downgrade into a Severe Tropical Storm "Yagi". It is likely continue to move Westwards and downgrade into a Tropical Storm "Yagi" during next 12 hours.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 8 September 2024:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Sagaing Region and Kachin and Chin states, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Magway regions and Northern Shan, Rakhine and Kayah states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayri regions and Kayin and Mon state. Degree of certainty is 100%.

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The Cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Ayeyarwady Region and Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Mon state.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced in off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 mph. Wave height will be about 9-12 feet in off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Increase of rain in the whole country.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 September 2024:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 8 September 2024:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.



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International Literacy Day 2024



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# NATIONAL

## Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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



Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing inspects the thriving of trees planted in the 2024 first monsoon tree-growing ceremony in the Naypyitaw State Academy in Nay Pyi Taw during his inspection tour of the progress of the construction of the university yesterday.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo and council members, Union ministers and officials, yesterday morning inspected Naypyitaw State Academy and Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

At Naypyitaw State Academy, the Senior General inspected the thriving of trees planted in the 2024 first monsoon tree-growing ceremony on the university campus and the construction of the convocation hall and lecture halls and gave guidance to officials on the beautification of the university campus for students to learn education happily and peacefully.

On arrival at Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University, the Senior General viewed the thriving trees grown in the 2024 second monsoon tree-growing ceremony, the progress of construction tasks, and the construction of a stadium and gave guidance to officials.

The Senior General and party proceeded to Nay Pyi Taw

## SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on inspection tour of Naypyitaw State Academy, Naypyitaw State Polytechnic University



The Senior General visits the booth of documentary photos on the journey of the Lord Buddha in the Majjima region, at Nay Pyi Taw Budh Gaya Thatta Thattaha Maha Bodhi Pagoda, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Budh Gaya Thatta Thattaha Maha Bodhi Pagoda. The Senior General paid homage to the Buddha image in the pagoda with flowers and water and presented a cash donation for the overall renovation of the pagoda to an

official. After visiting the booth of documentary photos on the journey of the Lord Buddha in the Majjima region, the Senior General beat the Peace Bell.

The Senior General visited Mucalinda Lake and Nagayon

Pagoda, Isipatana Migadawunna forest, where the Lord Buddha preached the first-ever Dhamma, and the sal forest, where the Lord Buddha attained Mahaparinibbana. He inspected the halls for members of the Sangha and the

communal religious hall. In response to the reports of officials, the Senior General instructed them to clean bushes in the precinct of the pagoda, always carry out beautification tasks, systematically maintain the pagoda and other buildings for long-term existence, emphasize sanitation at the halls for members of the Sangha and systematically repair the ceiling and floor of the communal religious hall.

The Senior General offered flowers, water and lights to the Buddha Image in the Waziradhamma Zawtika ordination hall of Wazira Nandathubawdayon Monastery and paid homage to the abbot Sayadaw. After asking teaching student monks and the requirements of the monastery, the SAC Chairman donated alms and cash as nine prerequisites to the abbot Sayadaw. — MNA/TTA

# NATIONAL

## Forest conservation in watershed areas helps sustainability of freshwater resources

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(*Mesua ferrea*) tree at the third monsoon tree-growing ceremony 2024 at block 16 in Yanaungmyin forest reserve in Lewe Township of Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, the Senior General underscored that forests must be protected to serve a national duty as these forests are crucial for the long-term development of the State, food security, alleviation of climate change, and prevention of natural disasters.

He emphasized that systematic forest management, establishment of forests, growing of trees in watershed areas, environmental conservation and prevention of natural disasters can effectively reduce the risks of disasters.

The Senior General highlighted that the conservation of forests, which provide a variety of forest products and services to society, can be defined as shaping a better future for the State.

Deforestation of watershed forests is a root cause for floods and overflow of rivers and creeks, sediment of silt and weak maintenance of water flow.

As such, he pointed out that only when everybody conserves forests, dubbed as natural resource inherit, will they hand down a lush and green environment with abundant natural resources to new generations.

At the ceremony, SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, the

Council Secretary, the Joint Secretary, council members, Union-level dignitaries, Union ministers, departmental personnel, teachers and students from Nay Pyi Taw Council Area planted saplings at the same time.

The Senior General viewed round participation of attendees in the tree-growing ceremony.

At the ceremony, they grew 3,000 saplings of 15 species. From 2011 to date, state-level tree-growing ceremonies nationwide took place 1,584 times to plant more than 1.138 million saplings. A total of 22.85.6 million trees have been grown nationwide, including this year's occasions. — MNA/TTA



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing plants a Gangaw tree (*Mesua ferrea*) at monsoon tree-growing ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

## Film Development Centre hosts 'Film Production' free workshop



THE "Film Production" free workshop, organized by the Pro Creative Centre (PCC) Arts and Media School, was held at the hall of the Film Development Centre in Bahan Township, Yangon.

A member of the Film Development Centre delivered an opening speech at the ceremony. The Chairperson of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO), U Kyi Soe Tun also gave a speech. Director Win Tun Tun from

The "Film Production" free workshop, organized by the Pro Creative Centre (PCC) Arts and Media School, in progress at the Film Development Centre in Bahan Township, Yangon, on 7 September 2024.

Pro Creative Centre (PCC) provided an overview of the course. Then, Daw Swe Zin Htike lectured on "The Role of the Film Producer in the New Era," and Director Win Tun Tun also presented a lecture on "The Art of Directing and Cinematography" during the workshop.

The course is designed for aspiring filmmakers seeking to explore the world of film arts. The Film Development Centre aims to foster the mental fortitude necessary for achieving artistic goals in young people who aspire to study and learn about the film industry through training, discussion, and connection. Fifty participants attended the workshop. — Thet Oo (FDC)/TRKM

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# NATIONAL

## Weekly Roundup

### 1 September

#### Tatmadaw members must be loyal to institutions and State



STATE Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing underscored that only when Tatmadaw members are qualified in training will they have high self-confidence and confidence over their arms to achieve accomplishments of missions, and they must be loyal to institutions and State with firm concept, at the meetings with Tatmadaw members from Hmawby Airbase, female cadets and

female officer trainees from the female officer platoon commander course from the Defence Services (Army) Officer Training School (Hmawby).

### 2 September

#### People have to thoroughly reply to census questions

EVERYONE must reply thoroughly to the questions, as this contributes to a data collection process of enumeration of the census that benefits themselves, their families, future generations and the State, said State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing in his video speech to mark the population and household census enumeration process.

### 3 September

#### STCC issues declaration of terrorist groups

THE Anti-Terrorism Central Committee declared the United League of Arakan (ULA)/Arakan Army (AA), Myanmar National Democratic Alliance Army (MN-DAA) and Ta'ang National Liberation Army (TNLA) as terrorists by exercising the authority mentioned

in Subsection (e) of Section 6 and Subsection (b) of Section 72 of the Counter-Terrorism Law, with the approval of the Union government.

### 5 September

#### Rehabilitation in Loikaw inspected

RESIDENTS have to collectively oppose the existence of armed groups to reduce terror acts, as these armed groups hamper the peace and stability of the region and destroy the security of residents, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with Kayah State cabinet and departmental officials in Loikaw.

### 7 September

#### Census coordination meeting held

VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister, Patron of the Central Census Commission Vice-Senior General Soe Win, stressed the need to make the utmost efforts to set a milestone in enumerating population and household census for 2024 without international aid at the coordination meeting of the commission. — GNLM/TTA

## Seeds, agrochemicals provided to farmers in Taikkyi



Officials observe the paddy cultivation processes using drum seeders in Utothaepya Village, Taikkyi Township, Yangon Region, yesterday. PHOTO: SAN KYAW OO (IPRD)

YANGON Region Chief Minister U Soe Thien, accompanied by regional ministers and departmental officials, attended the handover ceremony of seeds and agrochemical fertilizer to fully recover the flood-affected crops in Taikkyi Township yesterday.

During the ceremony, the chief minister underscored that the continuous rain in July caused floods in some villages of Taikkyi Township, and the rescue works were conducted. Moreover, the flood victims were also provided with basic

foodstuffs. A total of 62,902 acres of monsoon paddy of 8,708 farmers from 55 village-tracts were flooded, and 61,334 acres were affected. A total of 54,042 acres were destroyed, and 33,283 acres were cultivated, and it remains 20,759 acres to plant again.

He then mentioned the benefits of using seeders.

The chief minister and party provided the farmers with 90-day paddy seeds and agrochemicals and observed the paddy cultivation processes using a seeder in Utothaepya Village.

Due to the floods in Yangon, a total of 99,460 acres of monsoon crops — 99,205 acres of monsoon paddy, 90 acres of monsoon sesame and 165 acres of monsoon maize of 14,374 farmers of 215 village-tracts of 15 townships were flooded from 16 July to 30 August.

Therefore, 74,011 acres of monsoon paddy, 90 acres of monsoon sesame and 165 acres of monsoon maize were destroyed, and the cultivation was completed for 35,443 acres by 6 September. — San Kyaw Oo (IPRD)/KTZH

## Flood-prone regions urged to prepare in advance

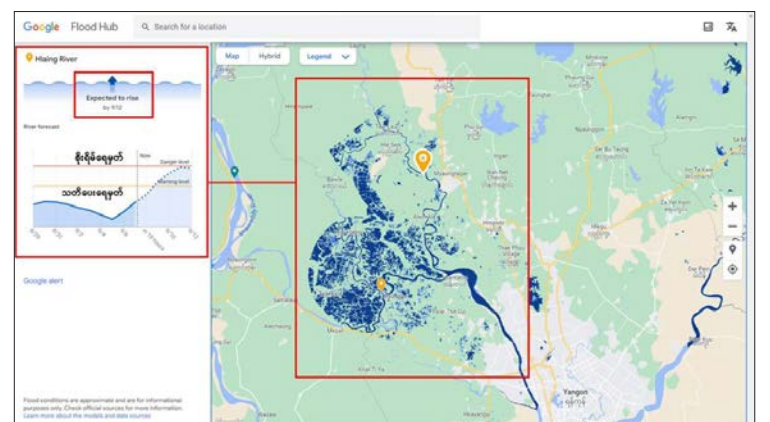
REFERRING to the GFH (Google Flood Hub) weather forecast at 1:50 pm on 7 September, meteorologist U Win Naing said on heavy rains following Yagi typhoon remnants and a possible depression in the Bay of Bengal that it is high time for previously flood-hit regions to prepare own embankment in advance.

According to the image, colours for the Ayeyawady, Hlaing, Bago and Sittoung rivers were changed from the previous green (standard) to orange (warning level), red (danger level) and crimson

(extreme level), and it was worsened by the underwater in the rivers.

In addition, heavy rains are likely in Sagaing, Mandalay regions, Nay Pyi Taw, and Shan State from 8 to 11 September due to the remnants of the Yagi typhoon. There is also heavy rainfall in lower Myanmar because of a likely depression.

Therefore, he forecast that it is high time to prepare flood preventive measures in flood-prone areas, including dams and dykes in the eastern and western parts of Bago mountain range. — TWA/ZN



Forecast images of the rising water level on the other side of the Hlaing River in Htantabin, Myaungtaga and Taikkyi. PHOTO: WIN NAING FB

# NATIONAL



Advertisement of the Thadingyut Market Fair to be held at the Secretariat Yangon.

## Secretariat Yangon to host Thadingyut Market Fair

THE Thadingyut market fair will be held in October at the Secretariat Yangon, formerly the ministers' office, in Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region, according to Dora Entertainment, the organizer of the early-monsoon market event.

The fair will take place from 16 to 18 October at the Secretariat Yangon Heritage Market Hall, featuring over 100 booths showcasing food items, con-

sumer goods, and various other products.

"This venue is easily accessible, with a spacious and attractive parking lot. Therefore, the fair is held annually each season. We are planning to host the Thadingyut market fair on 16, 17, and 18 October. Interested entrepreneurs are invited to participate. The number of designated booths is nearly 100, although the exact number of shops and

items for sale may vary," said Daw Thazin Soe, an organizer with Dora Entertainment.

The fair will also feature a Baby Talent Show as part of its entertainment programme, along with music performances by renowned artists. Additionally, free pottery and vase painting activities will be available for all children under the age of two at the Pot Villa in the Victoria Ladder Room. — ASH/MKKS

## Shooting underway for new TV series 'Khaung'



This photo depicts the cast for the new series.

A ceremony to mark the start of shooting for a new TV series titled 'Khaung', directed by Kyaw Za, was held at the Kyaikkasan Pagoda on 5 September, according to the series' scriptwriter Phoe Kyaw (Thanlyin).

Shwe Pyatthat writes the story for the series, which Shwe Pyatthat Production will produce. "Ko Kyaw Za approached me to write a story about the im-

portance of family. Think of it as a house with a leaky roof: if you don't fix it, the problem will only get worse. This story explores the challenges that arise when family bonds weaken and offers solutions for strengthening them," Phoe Kyaw (Thanlyin) said.

This new series will feature actors and actresses such as Nay San, Su Hlaing Hnin,

Shwe Bon Than Thar, Paing Sitt Hmue, Zay Yatu, Htin Linn Aung, Kyel Sin Linn Htoo, Phone Myat Min Thant, Win Myaing, Han Sett Lu, Theingi Myint, Ma Zin, Aung Pyae Shan, Thu Kha, Treasure as a special guest, and the Ko Lu Chaw group. The shooting of the 20-episode series will take place in Yangon starting on 11 September. — TWA/TRKM



Myanmar Ambassador to Serbia U Aung Min Oo is seen at the ceremony to mark the Constitution Day and the Armed Forces Day of the Slovak Republic in Belgrade on 5 September 2024.

## Myanmar Ambassador attends Constitution Day and Armed Forces Day ceremony of Slovak Republic

MYANMAR Ambassador to Serbia U Aung Min Oo attended the reception to mark Constitution Day and Armed Forces Day of the Slovak Republic, hosted by the Embassy of the Slovak Republic in Belgrade on 5 September 2024.

Senior officials from the ministries of the Republic of Serbia, ambassadors, chargé d'affaires, military attachés from embassies in Belgrade, and guests, among others, also attended the event. — ASH/TKO

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## Myanmar exports over 718,000 tonnes of rice in first 5 months of FY

MYANMAR'S rice and broken rice exports exceeded 718,000 tonnes in the first five months of the current financial year 2024-2025, beginning 1 April, with an estimated value of \$353 million, statistics of Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) showed.

Myanmar exported over 700,000 tonnes through maritime trade channels and 17,000 tonnes at border posts.

The export volumes are 111,862 tonnes worth \$55 million in April, 71,279.5 tonnes worth \$36 million in May, 162,325.75 tonnes worth \$84 million in June, 165,444 tonnes worth \$81 million in July and 207,369 tonnes worth \$97 million in August respectively.

The federation aims to achieve 2.5 million tonnes of rice exports in the 2024-2025 financial year (April-March).

The Ministry of Commerce has been cooperating with departments and institutions concerned to achieve export targets and beyond depending on the supply volume of rice, broken rice, pulses, maize, rubber and fisheries from the respective companies.

The Ministry of Commerce is working together with the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association, Myanmar



Export rice bags are seen being loaded onto the ocean-going merchant vessel at Yangon Port.

Garment Manufacturers Association, Myanmar Industries Association, Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association, Myanmar Fisheries Products Processors and Exporters Association to meet monthly export targets and facilitate exports.

The federation is projected to achieve 2.5 million tonnes

of rice export in the FY 2023-2024, generating earnings of \$1 billion. However, rice exports fell short of the target with 1.6 million tonnes worth \$845 million.

The Central Bank of Myanmar's monetary policy to control export earnings impeded rice exports, hurting exporters financially. The El Nino weather

condition also hampered rice export, the chairperson of the Myanmar Rice Federation affirmed.

Myanmar exported 2,261,203 tonnes of rice and broken rice to foreign trade partners in the past 2022-2023 FY (April-March), with an estimated value of \$853.472 million. — NN/KK

## Value addition of livestock products 2024 training set for Chiang Mai

TRAINING on value-added livestock products, organized by the Myanmar Livestock Federation (MLF) and the Department of Livestock Development-DLD of Thailand, will be conducted in Chiang Mai, Thailand, in November, MLF reported.

The training will offer technical know-how on value-added dairy and meat products at the Livestock Product Research and Development Centre in Chiang Mai, Thailand, from 17 to 23 November 2024.

MLF is making efforts to effectuate the development of the livestock sector and ensure food security and food safety for the people. The federation is joining hands with local and international organizations to enhance the value-added businesses on livestock products.

The professionals from Thailand will conduct practical and theoretical training. The Livestock Product Research and Development Centre adds new modules related to popular marketable items every year. The centre also asks for ideas from the trainees as well. Trainees can visit recreation areas in Chiang Mai.

Trainees must bear the Yangon-Chiang Mai-Yangon flight cost, training fees and



A chicken layer farm.

training materials.

Thanks to the negotiation of MLF and LPRDC, it is a customized course tailored to Myanmar trainees. The minimum number of trainees is 10 per course. Course modules and fees will be notified further. Training fees will be set at a much fairer rate.

Those who want to attend the train-

ing must have a passport with validity of six months at least on 16 November 2024. Those enthusiastic entrepreneurs and startups in value-added markets can enquire about the training programme through the contact number of MLF 09 752278795 and email [myanmarlivestock@gmail.com](mailto:myanmarlivestock@gmail.com). — NN/KK

### Firms to join ASEAN+3 Industrial & Supply Chain Partnering Conference

COMPANIES can register to join the ASEAN Plus Three Industrial Chain & Supply Chain Partnering Conference that will be held on 25 September 2024 in Nanning, China, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization during the 21<sup>st</sup> China-ASEAN Expo,.

The conference will hold a Plenary Meeting, Business Matchmaking and Industrial Park Visits in Nanning, China on 25 September 2024.

Registered companies can visit the latest information on the web portal <https://www.cabis.gov.cn>. — NN/KK

# OPINION

# BOOKRACK

ARTICLE/ POEM

## Strive to increase literate numbers in Myanmar

**M**YANMAR'S literacy rate stands at an impressive 92 per cent, but most students drop out after completing primary school. To address this, Myanmar needs to focus on raising the literacy rate among those who have completed at least a middle school education.

The government is currently implementing a 30-year Long-Term Education Development Plan under the KG+9 scheme, which aims to make school education compulsory and improve the education standard, particularly from primary to middle education levels. Meanwhile, the government initiated alternative education provided to children that were unaffordable to formal education so as to decline the illiteracy rate.

In addition to formal education efforts, literacy campaigns are held yearly to provide learning opportunities, especially in rural areas. Myanmar has a long history of literacy campaigns, particularly in its dry regions, spanning over 60 years. These initiatives aim to expand educational access and improve literacy rates, which are crucial for the nation's development.

Since 1967, International Literacy Day (ILD) has been celebrated annually on 8 September around the world. This event serves as a reminder to policymakers, educators, and the public of the vital role literacy plays in creating a more just, peaceful, and sustainable society. The theme for 2024 significant day is "Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace." This year's celebrations will focus on literacy in multilingual contexts, exploring how education policies and lifelong learning can contribute to lasting peace. Events will take place both in-person and online at various levels—global, regional, national, and local.

In Myanmar, literacy campaigns have historically focused on the 3 Rs — reading, writing, and arithmetic. These campaigns aim to empower people with the knowledge to discern right from wrong, thereby broadening their horizons. Myanmar's efforts in literacy were recognized internationally with the Mohammad Riza Pahlavi Prize in 1971 and the Noma Prize in 1983, both of which were awarded by UNESCO. These prizes serve as enduring symbols of the country's dedication to eradicating illiteracy.

To continue this progress, it is essential for educated citizens and teachers to participate in literacy campaigns to teach national races across the nation, including far-flung areas and border regions. Their involvement will help to equip the Myanmar people with the knowledge necessary for personal and societal growth, enabling them to make informed decisions in their daily lives. Promoting literacy also fosters mutual understanding and peace, contributing to a brighter future for Myanmar.



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### Bama Hellen

(The Autobiography of a Wartime Nurse) By Hellen Rodriguez

A war will definitely yield evil consequences regardless of where it breaks out. An armed conflict will not differentiate between the armed soldiers and the innocent civilians. All those in the conflict zone will be adversely affected.

This book is about a nurse who was a prisoner of war in the period between the withdrawal of the British troops and the invasion of the Japanese forces. This book has provided first-hand knowledge and/or information about the war as it is an autobiography.

She was awarded the Gallantry Medal by King George the Fifth for her self-sacrificing

spirit. The translator known as Saya U Win Nyein has translated this autobiography in such a way that the readers can imagine the woes and sorrows of the wartime nurse and feel sympathetic about her miserable life.

In the first episode, Hellen recalled her experience in Taunggyi, the Southern Shan State. She writes, "It was on 10th April. The tranquil town was overwhelmed with loud noises when the Japanese aircraft dropped bombs on the railway station at about 10 am. There were also reports of machine guns here and there. The town has turned into a

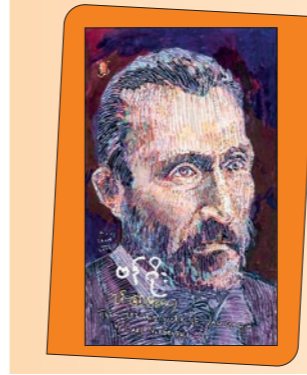
slaughterhouse within minutes. I was hearing the cries of the wounded. The planes were flying rather low, firing at the selected targets. The wooden and bamboo structures were torn into pieces, and some small pieces were seen flying above the ground."

Born to a Portuguese doctor father and a Scottish nurse mother, Hellen was cut out to be a nurse. She was born in Myanmar. Unfortunately, the Japanese considered her to be a British spy. And so, the Japanese maimed and tortured her. Concerning this book, Philip Zregler said that he had once met Hellen Rodriguez, that

she was a stout woman who could provide good care to the patients, and that although she did not look good, she was liked by the patients for her courage and skills and that she suffered from a strong heart attack and since then she lost her strengths and abilities. He added that she could not go out for months, that when she could go out, she suffered tremendous pain because she had to take 11 minutes even to reach a distance of 30 yards and that she could move a few inches at a time. Walking a short distance from her car to the dining table at a restaurant made her exhausted, he wrote. Still, she could make jokes, looking happy all the time. I think she had no self-pity.

Additionally, she was humble enough, although she had won a gallantry medal from the King. She was never seen to be boasting of her successes and achievements. She died before her book was launched. She is said to have died of heart failure.

This book is strongly recommended to the readers because it deserves a place on their bookshelves.



Book Title	-	Van Gogh (The Life and Work of Van Gogh)
Writer	-	Carl Nordenfalk
Translator	-	Phone Myint (Mandalay)
Publishing House	-	Zawgyi Phowun
Publication Date	-	September 2024 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Edition)
Price	-	K18,000

### Van Gogh

(The Life and Work of Van Gogh By Carl Nordenfalk)

THE Life and Work of Van Gogh by Carl Nordenfalk is a comprehensive exploration of the life and art of the famous Dutch post-impressionist painter Vincent van Gogh. The book contains a detailed biography of Van Gogh, including his upbringing, his struggles with mental illness, and his relationships with family and friends. The book also features a comprehensive analysis of Van Gogh's artistic style, including his use of colour, brushwork, and composition. Nordenfalk examines Van Gogh's most famous works, such as The Starry Night and Sunflowers, and provides insight into the artist's creative process

and the themes that inspired his paintings. In addition to the biography and art analysis, the book includes a timeline of Van Gogh's life, a bibliography of his works, and a glossary of art terms. The Life and Work of Van Gogh is a must-read for anyone interested in the life and art of one of the most influential painters of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This scarce antiquarian book is a facsimile reprint of the old original and may contain some imperfections, such as library marks and notations. Because we believe this work is culturally important, we have made it available as part of our commitment to protecting, preserving,

and promoting the world's literature in affordable, high-quality, modern editions that are true to their original work.

There are a lot of books about Vincent Van Gogh in the field of international literature. Among these books, Lust for Life sold the best. This book was published in 1934, and when it was turned into a film in 1956, the book had won the director a film academy award. The books about Van Gogh were translated into the Myanmar language by Saya Mya Than Tint, Saya Tin Htwe and Saya Maung Htun Thu. Saya Phone Myint (Mandalay) has also translated a book about Vincent. The original

book titled, 'The Life and Work of Van Gogh' was written by Carl Nordenfalk, and the first Myanmar-translated version was published in 1988. Saya San Toe illustrated the cover of the book. This book has been quite popular among the readers.

The translated version of Saya Phone Myint (Mandalay) was published in 2024 by the Publishing House known as Zawgyi Phowun. Saya Moke Thone illustrated the cover. That is a 280-page book with the design laid out by Bagyi Linn Wunna. There are 40 colour pages of art paper for the paintings.

Van Gogh was born in a small village called Groot Zundert in the district of Dutch Brabant in the Netherlands and died in France. He is said to have committed suicide. He was found dead with gun wounds in a cornfield on 29 July 1890.

The readers will feel sympathetic about the sufferings of Van Gogh, who was down and down in many countries. He had lived a hard life to become an artist. As a matter of fact, he became more famous only after he had passed away. He had left great paintings to the world before he died.

## Teen Vaping Linked to Worse Mental Health

TEENAGERS' brains are wired to seek risk-taking behavior, one health official noted, which makes vaping addictive nicotine with friends the "perfect storm".

A new study has found that Australian high school students with symptoms of severe depression or poor wellbeing are twice as likely to have tried vaping.

The study also found that one-fifth of students in junior high school had moderate to severe symptoms of depression and demonstrated the need for early intervention for their mental health and vaping, The Guardian reported citing the study's experts.

The study, which was published in the Australian and

New Zealand Journal of Psychiatry, was part of the OurFutures vaping prevention program led by the University of Sydney's Matilda Centre. More than 5,000 students aged 12 to 14 were surveyed in 2023 for the study, with teens from 40 schools across Australia answering questions on various topics.

Those topics included drug use, vaping, possible future drug use, and mental health subjects including; depression, anxiety, stress and low wellbeing.

According to the study, 22 per cent of teens surveyed had moderate to severe depression, 20 per cent had moderate to severe anxiety, and one-third experienced low well-being.

Chief Investigator associ-

ate professor Emily Stockings said that while the survey found just eight per cent of students had used a vape, those with symptoms of severe depression were twice as likely to use e-cigarettes.

And those who reported moderate stress levels were 74 per cent more likely to have tried vaping, while those with high stress levels were 64 per cent more likely to have tried vaping.

"For those who had low well-being, they were 100 per cent more likely to vape and those with high stress were 74 per cent more likely to vape," she said. "So, this is a mentally not very well population."

SOURCE: SPUTNIK

### Khayay Flower

By Chit Ko Pe




*Blooming from the buds  
the petals are fully cast  
on a tree atop and up  
for a shorter period,  
before the wind touches  
getting them down to earth.*

*Due to the scent for cosiness,  
they are picked up soonest  
to make garlands with threads.  
They deserve their beauty back  
in a maiden's hair on the head.*

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### Life or Sentience

By Dr Daw Khin Kyi,  
Translated by Myint Zan



life, sentience, from whence it came  
nobody knows

life, sentience where does it go (after death)  
is there anyone who knows?

one cannot live as one wishes  
one cannot die even if one wants to

mind, matter, conditioned things:  
Anicca (Impermanence),  
Dukkha (Suffering Being Awry),  
Anatta (Non-Self)

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Composed in the original  
on 3 September 2021  
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Dr Daw Khin Kyi  
3 September 2021



# NATIONAL Entertainment



### Poe Mamhe Thar

Actress Poe Mamhe Thar portrays the 'Thethlya Khin' character in the 'Hnaung' movie. It is the story of Sayagyi Shwedone B Aung. Lwin Min Arnt authored the script, and director Awrattha directed the film for Shwenadi film production. It is about marriage life and a cheating husband with another woman.

## CELEBRITY

### BRIEF

### Writer Maung Thar Pyae

Best Seller author Maung Thar Pyae passed away at 78 on 4 September. Arr Mahn Thit and Jittuma publishing houses publish most of Saya Maung Thar Pyae's love novels. Author Maung Khit Tun made a comment, "We haven't met for a long time, although we met frequently before 88. He is a bestseller, and Jittuma Publishing House in Maung Htaw Lay Street mostly publishes his novels. He now sets forth a long journey. Rest in peace, friend."



### Ma Aye Lay

The signing event of the 'Bawa Bel Hmar' novel, marking the 77th birthday of famous author Ma Aye Lay, was held at Lantern House in the Secretariat (former Ministers' Office) on 7 September. Sayama Ma Aye Lay, fans and journalists attended it.



### Nyi Nanda

The opening ceremony of The Heritage Flavour was organized at the Secretariat (former Ministers' Office) on 7 September, and actor Nyi Nanda was recognized as the brand ambassador of The Heritage Flavour. Singer and actress May Khalar made positive comments regarding Nyi Nanda on her Facebook page.



### May Myint Mo

The 'Ayetsset Sone Anan' (Cruellest Kiss) was screened on 6 September. The first four fans who bought the tickets were given T-shirts bearing signs of actors and actresses. Lun Htar Htar's novel was scripted by Ingyin Han, Arts advisor Mee Pwar and directed by Soe Moe Min for Weflex Production. The casts are Tryon, Aye Chan Maung, academy Min Oo, academy May Myint Mo, academy Melody, academy May Than Nu and Zat Go Han. Academy May Myint Mo posted on her Facebook saying, "Thank you, everyone, I feel the love of each one".

### Kaung Htet Zaw

MRTV 4 programme host Kaung Htet Zaw donated K111,000 for painting the 180-foot-high Buddha Dhat Kaba Hlwanchone Pagoda in 80-Arahat Pawtawmu Monastery in Shwetaung. He will serve as a master of the ceremonies together with Kyaw Htet Aung, Htet Htet Tun, and Treasa Khine for the lot-drawing event of the Zwe Htet Gold and Jewellery shop. That event will be broadcast live through MRTV4. — Htun Htun/KTZH



## Ni Ni Khin Zaw releases new song on 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday

VOCALIST Ni Ni Khin Zaw released her new song 'Metta Poh' marking her 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday on 31 August.

The song was written by Ni Ni Khin Zaw, music by Thawng Ling, mixing and mastering by Myo Zaw Htet, and lyrics

video by Studio Flux. People can listen on her Facebook and YouTube channels.

"Thank you to everyone who made birthday wishes for me. I also release a new song for each of my fans. You can all listen to it on YouTube and other

streaming platforms," she said. The song is famous among TikTok users. The singer released a new duet song, 'Asin Mapyay Tae Khana' with Oak Soe Khant recently, and she made a concert at '360 Degrees Concert'. — ASH/KTZH



# NATIONAL

## Thai catfish and tilapia breeders increase across Myanmar

ACCORDING to the fish hatchery market, there is an increase in breeders across Myanmar of Thai catfish and Thai tilapia, which can be farmed on a small scale to earn money in a short time.

The profit margin from farming these fish is about two-thirds, leaving more benefits in the short term than other fish.

“For example, if we farm a thousand fish, medium-sized feeds can be given to large fishes. It can be about four cans. So, feed cost is K400,000 to K550,000, and production can be 200 visses. The price can be K6,000-K7,000 per viss. So, the profit margin is two-thirds. Compared to other fish, these fish will make money in a short time. We deliver this fish to all over Myanmar. People can farm them in a small scale. You don’t have to have an acre of land; you can farm them in a ten-foot-wide plot in your own compound. And you can make a good income in a short time,” said an official from Thazin hatchlings and various fish trading firm.

These types of fish grow faster than others, can withstand the weather, and are easier to breed than normal fish with short farming periods. One of their advantages includes being 100 per cent less prone to diseases. “There are four types of Thai catfish sizes. If a small size is farmed, it needs more than three months. It depends on the size. If a large size is bred, it needs just over two months, so it is shorter in time. Tilapia has to be farmed for five or six months, and it cannot get supplements. The guarantee is six months. It must be marketable within six months,” he said. — Thit Taw/ZN



Photos showcase Thai catfish and Thai tilapia hatchlings.

## Mpox test in Kyaikto returns negative



During the preliminary examination of an Mpox suspect patient at the Kyaikto Township Hospital. PHOTO - KYAIKTO TOWNSHIP HOSPITAL

TESTING result of an Mpox suspect found at Mayan Chaung inspection gate, Kyaikto township, Mon state, was negative, according to Kyaikto’s Public Health Department.

As a 45-year-old man on a highway bus from Hpa-an at the gate on the evening of 5 September developed the symptoms of fever, body pain, and blisters and rashes on his

face and skin, he was quarantined as a Mpox suspect at the Kyaikto hospital. Health workers conducted a general health examination on the 46 passengers who were travelling together with the patient on the bus, and they were allowed to continue the journey after taking their records since no suspected person was identified.

Samples from the patient’s blisters were taken and sent to the National Health Laboratory Department (Yangon) on 6 September in the morning. That evening, the laboratory test showed that no Mpox virus was detected and that skin lesions just resulted from the patient’s weak immune system. The patient’s condition is stable and sound, according to the Kyaikto hospital. — MT/ZN

## ME announces approved list for PP renewal in Malaysia

MYANMAR Embassy to Malaysia has announced the list of approved persons, out of applicants for passport renewal, who can seek appointment dates before they come to take out their passport.

It was the list of approved persons among those who submitted applications for passport renewal from 2 to 10 January 2024, along with the original Citizenship Scrutiny Card (CSC) and a copy of the household list.

Applicants can check whether their names are included or not in the approved list at [www.myanmarembassykl.org](http://www.myanmarembassykl.org), and those

on the list can seek appointment dates at <https://www.mekl.org>.

The embassy reminded that applicants need to bring an original Citizenship Scrutiny Card, a copy of the household list, and a resume issued by the embassy.

It stated that further announcements will continue for the remaining applicants.

On 16 August, the embassy announced the list of approved persons out of applicants who submitted from 29 January to 2 February 2024 and from 5 to 9 February 2024. — MT/ZS

## Taunggyi single-clove garlic garners high demand, good prices across Myanmar

ACCORDING to sources from the Shan garlic market, medicinal single-clove garlic from Taunggyi, Shan state, is being supplied all over Myanmar.

With popularity and considerable consumption, the price of medicinal garlic has been good since August.

“This garlic is medicinal, it’s popular, and the price is a little bit high. It’s a single-clove garlic. Some

intentionally search and buy it. We deliver it to many towns, including Pyay, Yangon and Nay Pyi Taw. People from Tachilek also buy it,” said a garlic wholesaler and retailer in Taunggyi township.

The price of this medicinal single-clove garlic was low at the harvest time, and the more it dried, the better the price, he added.

“The price has improved a little

since last month. Not very high. The price of one clove of garlic is the same as the price of the big twins,” he said.

Allicin contained in garlic can reduce bad cholesterol in the blood, and it is suitable for the heart. The chances of blood clotting can be decreased by regular garlic consumption. In addition, garlic is ideal for patients with hypertension as it can lower blood pressure. — Thit Taw/ZN



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# ECONOMY WORLD

## Germany supports renewable energy transition in India

*This event is part of the GSDP Conversation Series, which explores various aspects of India's renewable energy objectives and promotes cooperation between India and Germany.*



Visitors enter the venue of the International Solar Festival, held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, India, on 5 September 2024. **PHOTO: ANI**

THE German Embassy in New Delhi, under the aegis of the Indo-German Partnership for Green and Sustainable Development (GSDP), will host a critical conversation titled 'Financing the Renewable Energy Revolution' on Friday.

The GSDP Conversation Series addresses political, financial, and social aspects

of India's renewable energy goals, fostering Indo-German cooperation, a press release by the German Embassy to India said.

The event takes place in the context of the International Solar Festival at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. It will bring together leaders from political, financial, and social

fields to discuss the multifaceted challenges and opportunities in advancing India's renewable energy ambitions.

India is pursuing an ambitious target of 500 GW of renewable energy capacity for electricity generation, along with 125 GW for green hydrogen production by 2030.

— ANI

## UK meets bridge milestone on new high-speed rail track

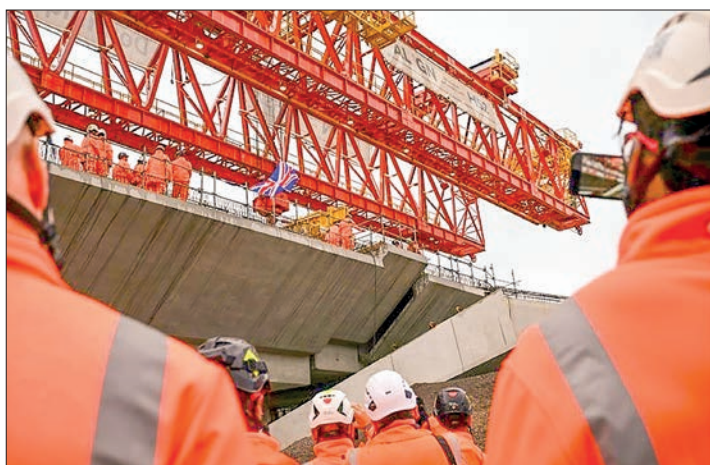
BRITAIN on Thursday finished building its longest-ever rail bridge after fitting the final

segment of the Colne Valley Viaduct for the new high-speed HS2 train line, company boss-

es announced. The curved 3.4 kilometre-long structure northwest of London is set to carry high-speed trains running to and from the capital at speeds of up to 320 kilometres per hour, HS2 Ltd said in a statement.

It surpasses in length the 3.3-kilometre Tay Bridge linking Fife and Dundee in Scotland, a record that stood since 1887.

"Lowering the Colne Valley Viaduct's final deck segment into place today marks the culmination of more than 10 years of planning, design and construction," said HS2 senior project manager Billy Ahluwalia. — AFP



The last segment of the viaduct was lowered into place on Thursday. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Mexico rules out US trade rupture due to reform row

MEXICO'S outgoing President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador on Thursday ruled out the risk of a rupture in trade relations with the United States due to his controversial judicial reform plan.

"We need each other," Lopez Obrador said at a press conference. "A break in trade relations with the United States would no longer be possible — it would be chaos for them and also for us because we complement each other," he added.

The most contentious of the changes proposed by Lopez Obrador — who will be replaced by

his ally and fellow leftist Claudia Sheinbaum on 1 October — would see judges selected by popular vote.

The United States, Mexico's main trading partner, has warned that the changes would "threaten" a relationship that relies on investor confidence in the Mexican legal framework.

The reforms could pose "a major risk" to Mexican democracy and enable criminals to exploit "politically motivated and inexperienced judges," US Ambassador Ken Salazar said last month. — AFP



A man walks past a mural depicting Tesla boss Elon Musk in Monterrey, where construction on the electric car maker's new factory appears to be delayed. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

### SUMMARY: ECON

#### US trade deficit widest in two years on imports surge

THE US trade deficit in July expanded to its largest since mid-2022, according to government data released Wednesday, as imports rose more quickly than exports.

Overall, the trade gap widened to \$78.8 billion, from a revised \$73.0 billion in June, the Department of Commerce said.

Imports jumped 2.1 per cent to \$345.4 billion, boosted by capital goods like computer accessories and industrial supplies.

Exports, meanwhile, edged up 0.5 per cent to \$266.6 billion.

Among segments, exports of semiconductors rose but auto shipments and that of consumer goods fell as well.

US consumer demand has held up in the face of high interest rates, even as the central bank hiked the benchmark lending rate in recent years to counter soaring inflation. Households have continued spending, dipping into savings, supported by a robust jobs market.

A reduction in interest rates, widely expected later this month, could bring the world's biggest economy a further boost.

Exports have had a harder time with global demand weakening and with a strong dollar, analysts earlier noted. — AFP

## Germany's exports in July down 1.2% year-on-year

GERMANY'S exports in July shrank by 1.2 per cent year-on-year while imports were nearly flat, according to figures published by the Federal Statistical Office on Friday.

The total value of German exports in July, which is calendar and seasonally adjusted, reached 130 billion euros (US\$144 billion) while imports stood at 113.2 billion euros, down 0.1 per cent year-on-year.

On a monthly basis, exports in July rose 1.7

per cent from June while imports went up by 5.4 per cent.

For the first seven months of this year, the total exports amounted to 929 billion euros, down by 1.1 per cent over the same period last year.

The decline in exports is more pronounced in trade with EU member states, dropping by 1.3 per cent from January to July. In contrast, exports to non-EU countries decreased by 0.9 per cent. (1 euro = \$1.11) — Xinhua

## Tea exchange nurtures blossoming China-African trade opportunities

*Chinese tea is popular in Africa, where it is considered a daily necessity.*

DURING the rainy season in Kano State, Nigeria, the muggy and humid weather didn't dampen the enthusiasm of 54-year-old Saleh Haruna for work.

As an overseas warehouse manager of the Chinese company Huangshan Jinyuming Food Co, Ltd, he and four other local employees were busy packaging 180 tonnes of Chinese tea which would be sent to some African countries.

It's widely known that Chinese tea is popular in

Africa, said Haruna, adding that China and Afri-

ca are closely connected through various trade and

exchanges including tea exchange.

As one of the three major beverages in the world, tea originating from China is a daily necessity for many Africans to quench their thirst and cool off in hot and dry conditions. According to the Tea Industry Committee of the China Association for the Promotion of International Agricultural Cooperation, of China's top 10 tea-exporting countries and regions, seven are in Africa. — Xinhua



Boxes of tea to be exported to African countries are carried by a robotic arm at Huangshan Jinyuming Food Co, Ltd in Huangshan, east China's Anhui Province, 21 August 2024.

PHOTO: FAZHENG/XINHUA

## August floods cause damage to Bangladesh's agriculture

FLOODS in August have inflicted 33.46 billion taka (US\$280 million) in damage on agriculture in Bangladesh's eastern area.

According to the latest data from the agriculture ministry, more than 200,000 hectares of cropland have been damaged, out of a total of 372,733 hectares of land affected by floods in the country.

The deluge, as a result of upstream mountain runoff and heavy rainfall, began on 20 August and quickly spread to many districts including Feni, Cumilla, Chattogram and Noakhali in south-eastern Bangladesh.

Mohammad Zakir Hossain, agriculture ministry's senior information officer, said over 1.4 million farmers have been affected by the floods. The ministry has planned a recovery programme to support the affected farmers. — Xinhua

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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### Changing Distributor for Registered Pesticides

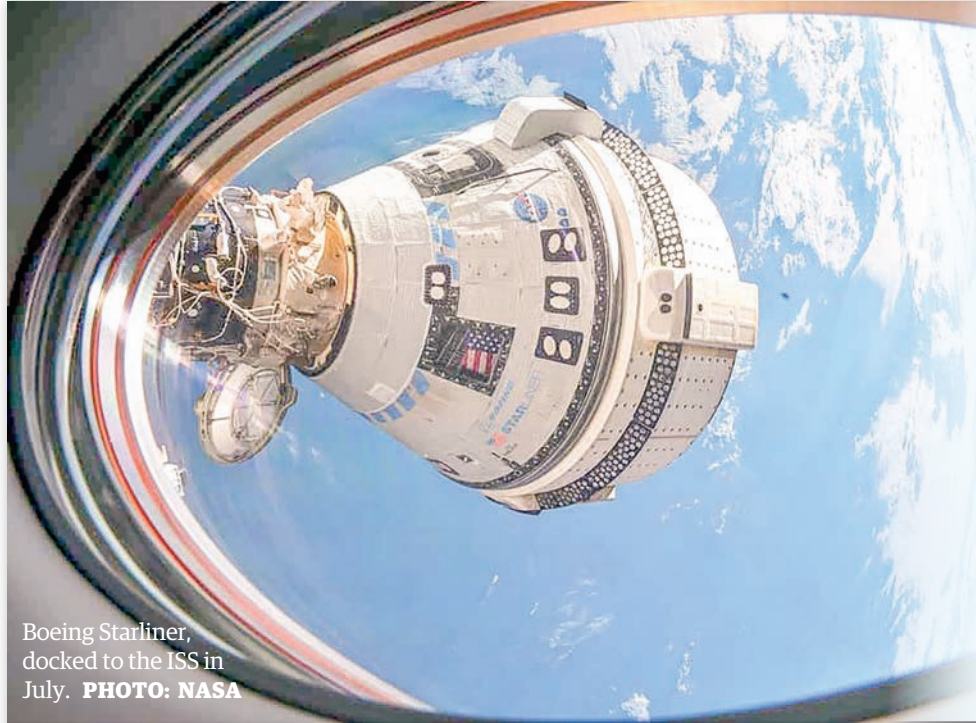
Distribution of pesticide registered by Hanearl Science Ltd. (Korea) is changing from Royal Distribution Co., Ltd. to Hanearl Science Ltd. (Myanmar) Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection division, West Gyogone, Insein within 2 weeks.

No.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration Type and No.
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4	3 View 2 SC	Hexaconazole 2% SC	Full 2022-3968
5	Epokil 1 EC	Lambda-cyhalothrin 1% EC	Full 2022-3969
6	HE Mancozy 80 WP	Mancozeb 80% WP	Full 2022-3970
7	Meta Gold 25 WP	Metalaxyl 25% WP	Full 2022-3971
8	Pencol 6 GR	Metaldehyde 6% GR	Full 2022-3972
9	Presto 14 EC	Pretilachlor 14% EC	Full 2022-3973
10	Karu Q 25 EC	Propiconazole 25% EC	Full 2022-3974
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20	Topline 25 WP	Dimethomorph 25% WP	Full 2022-3985
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# WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



Boeing Starliner, docked to the ISS in July. PHOTO: NASA

## Starliner returns, leaves 2 astronauts behind

7 SEPTEMBER

Boeing's Starliner spacecraft landed at the US state of New Mexico early Saturday after a journey of approximately six hours from the International Space Station (ISS), with no astronauts on board, as two astronauts were forced to remain in space until next year due to a technical malfunction.

An uncrewed Starliner spacecraft autonomously detached from the ISS and landed at White Sands, New Mexico, marking

the end of its first human spaceflight mission.

NASA astronauts Wilmore and Williams, initially scheduled for an eight-day stay, spent three months due to technical issues. NASA decided it's too risky to send them home on Starliner; instead, they'll return on a SpaceX Dragon in February 2025.

This delay represents a major setback for Boeing's Starliner programme, which has faced ongoing issues. — Xinhua

6 SEPTEMBER

## US export controls spark industry backlash

US export control measures in semiconductor and quantum sectors on the grounds of national security have drawn pushback from industry insiders and observers.

The US Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) is implementing export controls on several semiconductor, quantum, and additive manufacturing items "for national security and foreign policy reasons", according

to documents released Friday.

Authorities will allow a 60-day period for public feedback before making a final decision.

The US is intensifying efforts to curb China's advancements in AI and computing, impacting global semiconductor supply chains. Dutch firm ASML and other companies face economic pressures from US restrictions on Chinese exports. — Xinhua

5 SEPTEMBER

## President Xi proposes elevated China-Africa alliance

**CHINESE** President Xi Jinping on Thursday proposed that the overall characterization of China-Africa relations be elevated to an all-weather China-Africa community with a shared future for the new era.

Xi made the remarks when delivering a keynote speech at the opening ceremony of the 2024 Summit of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) in Beijing.

He also proposed that bilateral relations between China and all African coun-

tries having diplomatic ties with China be elevated to the level of strategic relations.

Thanks to nearly 70 years of tireless efforts from both sides, the China-Africa relationship is now at its best in history, Xi said.

The Beijing Summit and Ninth FOCAC Ministerial Conference was held in Beijing from 4 to 6 September 2024. China, 53 African nations, and AU leaders attended the summit. — Xinhua

4 SEPTEMBER

## Japan eradicates mongooses after rabbit crisis

JAPAN has wiped out all mongooses on a subtropical island, officials said, after the animals ignored the venomous snakes they were brought in to hunt and preyed on endangered local rabbits instead.

In the late 1970s, venom-resistant mongooses were introduced to Amami Oshima to control the deadly habu pit viper population.

However, the mongooses, primarily active during the day, preyed on the island's endangered Amami rabbits instead. By 2000, the mongoose population had surged to about 10,000, prompting a lengthy eradication effort involving trained sniffer dogs.

On Tuesday, Japanese authorities declared the island mongoose-free, nearly 50 years after the introduction. The case highlights the significant ecological impacts and costs associated with invasive species. — AFP

3 SEPTEMBER

## South Korean shipyard begins US Navy repairs

A South Korean shipyard started providing maintenance, repair, and overhaul services for a US Navy vessel on Tuesday, the first time Seoul has been able to undertake this sensitive work.

The United States has begun looking for overseas shipyards for its navy to use as concerns rise over the expansion of China's fleet and potential conflicts in the Strait of Chinese Taipei.

Under current protocols, war-damaged American ships must return to fa-

cilities in US territory for repairs.

South Korean shipbuilder Hanwha Ocean said Tuesday it would overhaul a 40,000-tonne US Navy dry cargo and ammunition ship, a task that can only be undertaken by companies holding a Master Ship Repair Agreement (MSRA), a certification needed to meet US requirements. The company said it was "a pivotal moment" which could transform the maintenance, repair, and overhaul (MRO) market for US naval ships. — AFP

2 SEPTEMBER

## EU pandemic recovery funds slow to distribute

BILLIONS of euros available for EU states to boost their economies hit hard by the coronavirus pandemic are not reaching citizens and businesses fast enough, the bloc's spending watchdog warned Monday.

The European Union's 800-billion-euro Recovery and Resilience Facility (RRF), created to aid recovery from the pandemic, has faced delays in fund disbursement and project implementation, according to the European Court of Auditors.

By late 2023, less than a third of the funds had been used, jeopardizing recovery and resilience goals. Despite the EU's efforts and the Commission's support for timely fund use, complex processes and slow absorption may hinder achieving the RRF's objectives before its August 2026 deadline.

The fund, established after contentious negotiations, is crucial for countries like Italy and Spain. — AFP

1 SEPTEMBER

## Iraq imposes curfew for first census in decades

IRAQ will impose a two-day curfew in November for the country's first census in 27 years, the authorities announced on Sunday.

Iraqi Prime Minister Mohamed Shia al-Sudani announced a nationwide curfew on 20-21 November for a population census, the first since 1997.

Previously delayed due to conflict and political tensions, the census aims to provide accurate demographic data for better policymaking and growth.

Iraq, with an estimated 43 million people, has partnered with the UN Population Fund to carry out this crucial initiative.

The initiative plays a crucial role in equipping Iraq with accurate demographic information, facilitating effective policymaking, and promoting inclusive growth. — AFP

## Myanmar grabs bronze at 37<sup>th</sup> Thailand King's Cup

IN the ongoing 37<sup>th</sup> Thailand King's Cup Sepak Takraw Tournament, which is taking place from 1 to 8 September, Myanmar's women's Sepak Takraw team has secured a bronze medal in the Women's Team Regu competition.

The Myanmar team managed to claim the bronze medal after losing two matches to Vietnam in the preliminary rounds. The final standings saw the Thai team winning the gold medal, the Vietnamese squad taking a silver, and Myanmar, along with South Korea, sharing the bronze.

As of the evening of 7 September, Myanmar's Sepak Takraw team, which includes six coaches and administrators, 12 male players, and 11 female players, has competed in seven event categories, including Men's Team, Quadrant, Mixregu, Mixquadrant, and Women's Team, Quadrant and Hoop. To date, Myanmar has earned one gold, one silver, and two bronze medals, bringing their total medal count to four. The tournament will continue until 8 September, with participant teams from across Asia and other regions. — MNA/KZL



Gold medallist Team Myanmar (Women).

## Says sorry after tough loss in Catchweight Bout, Aung La



While the referee declares Shamil Erdogan (R) the winner, Aung La N Sang congratulates him with a fist bump. **PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP**

AFTER the catchweight fight at ONE Championship on the morning of 7 September (Myanmar time), Myanmar's MMA legend Aung La N Sang expressed his disappointment, stating, "I'm sorry to have let everyone down. It pains me to lose like this".

In the bout, Turkiye's Shamil Erdogan secured a second-round TKO victory against Myanmar's Aung La N Sang. Despite high hopes from his

fans following Aung La's return after a year and four-month hiatus, the Burmese Python didn't seem to be in his best form.

Following the loss, Aung La took to his social media, saying, "Tough night in the office. I'm so sorry I let you all down. I don't know what it was, but I just couldn't get started tonight. Physically, I'm fine, and I want to thank you all for your unwavering love and support.

I appreciate each and every one of you. God bless you all".

Although Erdogan, five years younger than Aung La, lacked extensive experience in the ONE Championship, he showcased an impressive performance against his veteran opponent. During the first round, Erdogan focused on grappling and exploiting Aung La's vulnerabilities on the ground. A seasoned fan, Ko Thein Htwe, remarked to the Global New Light of Myanmar (GNLM), "Shamil Erdogan's strategy to wear down Aung La in grappling was spot on".

In the second round, Erdogan capitalized on Aung La's fatigue and landed effective strikes from the top position. Unable to mount a strong defence, Aung La succumbed to the onslaught, and the referee stopped the fight at two minutes and 48 seconds of Round 2. With this victory, Erdogan now holds a flawless 2-0 record in the ONE Championship, continuing his rise with another dominant performance. — TWA/KZL

## Hanthawady triumphs 3-2 over Maha in MNL thriller

HANTHAWADY United emerged victorious in their Myanmar National League (MNL) fixture, defeating Maha United 3-2 at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon yesterday.

Hanthawady United's win not only gave them valuable points but also allowed them to continue applying pressure on current champions Shan United and Yangon United. Both teams had most of their first-choice players available, resulting in a competitive match with goals coming after the 30<sup>th</sup> minute. Win Moe Kyaw scored the first goal for Hanthawady in the 34<sup>th</sup> minute, followed by Aung Myat Thu's second goal in the 40<sup>th</sup> minute.

Despite Hanthawady's early lead, Maha United had a chance to close the gap with a penalty kick, but Soe Kyaw Kyaw's attempt was well-saved by Maha United's goalkeeper, Mun Htwe Aung. Hanthawady went into



Hanthawady United compete against Maha United. **PHOTO: MNL**

halftime with a 2-0 advantage. In the 62<sup>nd</sup> minute, Maha United's striker, Patrick, converted a penalty to bring his team back into the game.

The match remained tense until the final moments when Kyaw Myo Naing scored a third goal for Hanthawady in the 90+2<sup>nd</sup> minute. Maha United responded with a second goal from Win Ko Htay in 90+4 minutes. The standout player of the match was Hanthawady's

striker Aung Myat Thu.

Following this win, Hanthawady United has accumulated 22 points from nine matches, while Maha United has 13 points from their nine games. The next set of matches for Fixture 9 will take place on 8 September, with Ayeyawady United facing Shan United at the Patheingyi Stadium and Dagon Port clashing with Yangon United at the Thuwunna YTC. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

## Women's League: Yangon earn 2-0 victory over Shan

ON 7 September, Yangon United FC secured a decisive 2-0 win over Shan United FC in the 2024 Myanmar Women's League match, held at the Padonma Stadium in Yangon.

This win allows Yangon United to maintain their position in second place, continuing to apply pressure on the league leaders, ISPE FC.

Despite their efforts, Shan United could not change the game result and faced another defeat. The goals for Yangon United came early in the match, with Yoon Wadi Hlaing scoring in the third minute and Zin Moe Pyae adding another in the fifth minute.

In a separate match, which had been postponed due to heavy rain the previous day, Thitsa Arman faced YREO. This game was rescheduled for the evening of 7 September at the

university stadium, where Thitsa Arman claimed a 1-0 victory. Win Win scored the winning goal for Thitsa Arman in the 27<sup>th</sup> minute.

The match had to be resumed with 15 minutes remaining from the first half and a full second half of 45 minutes. Following the completion of the 15<sup>th</sup> round, the standings are as follows: ISPE leads with 32 points from 12 matches, Yangon United is in second place with 29 points from 13 matches, Ayeyawady holds third place with 23 points from 13 matches, Myawady is in fourth place with 20 points from 13 games, Thitsa Arman is fifth with 16 points from 13 matches, YREO is sixth with seven points from 13 matches, and Shan United remains at the bottom of the table with just one point from 13 games. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

## Iraqi date farmers fight drought to protect national treasure

**B**are feet pressed against the rough trunk of a palm tree, his back supported by a metal and fabric harness, Ali Abed begins the climb to the dates above. In Iraq, the date

ancient date-growing culture had already suffered from upheaval, especially during the 1980-88 war with Iran, before climate change became a major threat.

In central Iraq's Baby-



The number of date palms in Iraq has rebounded to levels not seen since the 1980s, but they face a growing threat of drought. **PHOTO: AFP**

*Iraq's date palm cultivation was already struggling due to the Iran-Iraq War (1980-88) before climate change became a significant threat.*

palm and its bounty are national icons, but they are being battered by drought.

Once known as the country of "30 million palm trees", Iraq's

lon province, date palms once thrived, but now face severe drought and neglect. Harvesters climb the trees at dawn to collect diminishing yields, as

water shortages have drastically reduced their output.

Despite government efforts to revive the date palm industry, including a rise in tree numbers

to over 22 million, many palms remain dead due to ongoing drought and environmental challenges. Iraq, vulnerable to climate change with declining

river levels and soaring temperatures, struggles to maintain its second-largest export, dates, which significantly contribute to its economy. — AFP

## Mobile phones not linked to brain cancer: review

*The review analyzed over 5,000 studies conducted between 1994 and 2022, focusing on the health effects of radio wave exposure from mobile phones.*



Despite the rise in mobile phone usage, the review found no increase in brain tumor rates. **PHOTO: PIXABAY**

MOBILE phones are not linked to head cancers, a World Health Organization-commissioned review by Australian government scientists has concluded.

Researchers from the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA) on Wednesday published the results of a systematic review into the potential health effects of radio wave exposure from mobile phones.

The review, commissioned by the World Health Organization (WHO), analyzed the results of over 5,000 studies conducted between 1994 and 2022, and found that brain tumor rates have remained steady despite a

widespread increase in mobile phone usage in the same period.

"When the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classified radio wave exposure as a possible carcinogen to humans in 2013, it was largely based on limited evidence from human observational studies," ARPANSA's Ken Karipidis, who led the review, said in a media release.

"This systematic review of human observational studies is based on a much larger dataset compared to that examined by the IARC, that also includes more recent and more comprehensive studies, so we can be more confident that exposure to

radio waves from wireless technology is not a human health hazard".

The research also concluded that there is no link between prolonged mobile phone use or the amount of mobile phone use and cancer.

Karipidis, who is also the vice-chair of the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection, said the results were consistent with previous ARPANSA research showing there has been no increase in the incidence of brain cancers over the last 20 years.

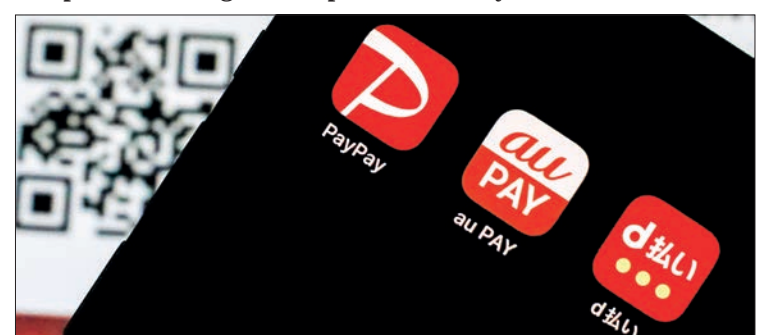
ARPANSA is the federal government's primary radiation protection authority. — Xinhua

## Ageing Japan struggling with slow adoption of cashless payments

WHILE cashless payments are spreading in Japan, the country still lags behind other major economies in adopting the technology amid an ageing population that still largely prefers cash transactions, recent government data showed. The total amount of cashless settlements in Japan stood at 126.7 trillion yen (\$885 billion) in 2023, or a record 39.3 per cent of overall consumption in the country, according to the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry. The government is aiming to attain 40 per cent by 2025. Still, the cashless ratio pales significantly in comparison with other countries.

In 2021, South Korea led in cashless payment adoption at 95.3 per cent, followed by China at 83.8 per cent, and Australia at 72.8 per cent, with Japan at 36.0 per cent. The slower adoption in Japan is attributed to its ageing population and strong cash preference. The Japanese government aims to increase the cashless ratio to 80 per cent and is promoting competition among service providers. — Kyodo

*Japan aims to increase the cashless ratio to 40 per cent by 2025.*



A smartphone screen shot in Fukuoka, southwestern Japan, in April 2024 shows icons of QR code payment apps. **PHOTO: KYODO**