

The Global **NEW LIGHT** of MYANMAR

Protected areas recognized as ASEAN Heritage Parks under conservation

Myanmar has 59 ecological protection areas featuring biodiversity, ecosystem and cultural heritages, which are recognized as ASEAN Heritage Parks.

The conservation of the environment and biodiversity policy is being conducted for the protected areas, and the ecosystem, natural plants, wildlife, migrant animals, resident flora and fauna are being conserved and scientific research, and sustainable heritage processes are also being conducted with public participation effectively.

Myanmar hosts eight ASEAN Heritage Sites, including Khakaborazi National Park, Natmataung National Park, Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary, Alaungtau Kathapa National Park, Mainmahla Island Wildlife Sanctuary, Lampi Marine National Park, Inlay Lake Wildlife Sanctuary, and Indawgyi Lake Wildlife Sanctuary. These regions support protection of the world's bird species as the majority of the migratory bird species use the East Asian-Australasian Flyway and Central Asian Flyway.

There are 49 ASEAN Heritage Parks. Brunei boasts one ASEAN Heritage Park, one in Laos, two in Cambodia, two in Singapore, three in Malaysia, six in Thailand, seven in Indonesia, eight in Myanmar, nine in the Philippines and ten in Vietnam.

Biosphere Reserves are the learning



Natural scene of Natmataung National Park and the surrounding areas of Natma Hill. **PHOTO: KANU**

areas for sustainable development under diverse ecological, social and economic contexts, touching the lives of more than 250 million people. Currently, there are over 700 biosphere reserves in more than

120 countries around the world, including 22 transboundary sites.

In Myanmar, the scientific reserve, national park, marine national park, natural reserve, wildlife sanctuary, geo-features

significant area, and community conserved protected area have been established under the Conservation of Biodiversity and Protected Areas Law (2018). — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH

Producing dried bamboo shoots with international technology underway



Photo shows some dried bamboo shoots using internationally accepted technologies.

BAMBOO shoot businesses in Myanmar are collaborating to produce dried bamboo shoots using internationally accepted technologies to meet a demand of nearly 200 tonnes per year from China, Japan, and Thailand, according to U Tin Aung Cho, an entrepreneur involved in the Nay Pyi Taw-based cluster of bamboo and bamboo shoot cultivation and production.

Currently, a total of 38 entrepreneurs from the cluster are conducting trials and planning to collaborate with other regions to obtain the required tonnage of dried bamboo shoot, as there may be difficulties in sourcing raw materials.

“Dried bamboo shoots are typically boiled twice and then dried. To meet international standards and expand beyond the local market, we are upgrading our pro-

duction process for locally available dried bamboo shoots to align with international market demands. This is a new endeavour for us, starting this year. While our product already has a domestic market share, we are now applying international technology, particularly from Japan and China, as they are major consumers. Our primary focus is on the Chinese market, where we can more systematically fulfil orders. We plan to begin this new initiative by introducing a sample of our product to the domestic market this year,” said U Tin Aung Cho.

In addition, they are working to establish a bamboo special zone in Nay Pyi Taw with the aim of bringing together bamboo cultivators, producers, and buyers in one place, while also sharing technology and market insights. — ASH/TH

NATIONAL PAGE 6



Myanmar sends 5,850 workers to South Korea under EPS from January to August 2024

BUSINESS PAGE 7



Myanmar delivers 24,000+ tonnes of fishery products to Thailand in Apr-Aug

NATIONAL



Twenty-one (21) days remain until the National Census.



Objectives of 25th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 2024

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

WEATHER

Depression No-02/2024

Issued at 19:00 hours MST on 8-9-2024

Depression Condition

ACCORDING to the observations at 17:30 hours MST today, the Depression over Westcentral Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay of Bengal has moved North-Northwestwards. It is centred at about 370 Nautical miles West-Southwest of Sittway, 440 Nautical miles West of Thandwe (Myanmar), 145 Nautical miles East of Kalingapatnam (India), 105 Nautical miles East-Southeast of Gopalpur, 100 Nautical miles South of Paradip and 190 Nautical miles South-Southwest of Digha.

Since it is not moving towards Myanmar coasts, the present stage of the Depression is coded as yellow stage.

Position of Depression, centre pressure and wind

THE Depression is located at Latitude 18.6 degree North and Longitude 86.6 degree East, centre pressure of Depression is 998 hPa and maximum wind speed near the center is 30-35 miles per hour at 17:30 hours MST today.

During next (24) hours forecast

THE Depression is likely to move nearly Northwards and may reach North Odisha-West Bengal coasts and may further intensify into a deep depression during next 24 hours. Thereafter, it is likely to move West-Northwestwards and cross Odisha and adjoining Gangetic West Bengal Coasts between Puri and Digha, India on 9-9-2024 afternoon.

General caution

UNDER the influence of depression, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions and Chin and Rakhine states with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavy-falls in some regions and states along with strong winds from tonight to 12-9-2024. Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 40 mph. Wave height will be about 9-12 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

Advisory

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

Comprehensive crackdown on illegal trade: Over K1.198 billion worth of goods seized in two days

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, measures are being taken in accordance with the law to combat illegal trade activities.

On 6 September, a combined team managed by the Kachin State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force conducted inspections at the 21st-mile checkpoint in Myitkyina. They seized 3,050 kilogrammes of ammonium nitrate, estimated to be worth K3 million, which was being transported without the necessary official documentation. The seizure was made under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

On 6 and 7 September, combined duty teams under the Customs Department's management carried out inspections. They discovered two types of illegal industrial and consumer goods, valued at over K500 million, from 19 containers at the Asia World container checkpoint, and two types of unlicensed medicines, valued at K63 million, at Myanmar Industrial Port. Hence, action was conducted following Customs procedures.

On 7 September, a combined team led by the Mandalay Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force inspected a vehicle at the Myitnge checkpoint and seized seven types of illegal consumer goods, worth over K4 million, along with a Toyota Hilux, valued at K20 million, which was transporting these goods. Additionally, two types of unlicensed industrial goods, valued at K14 million, were seized from an Isuzu truck valued at K35 million and various unlicensed items worth K42 million were found in a Mitsubishi Canter truck valued at K25 million at the



Confiscated illegal bicycles at the Asia World container checkpoint in Yangon.



Confiscated illegal sawn timbers in Mandalay Region.

Kywetseton and Yadanabon Bridge checkpoints. A Nissan Diesel Truck, estimated to be worth K55 million, carrying 4.28 tonnes of illegal teak worth over K36 million, was also confiscated near Aungtaumu Pagoda. Action was taken under Customs procedures.

On the same day, a combined team from the Bago Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force confiscated three types of illegal food, valued at K36 million, from four vehicles travelling from Mawlamyine to Yangon at the Nyaungkhashay X-Ray checkpoint. These vehicles included two Toyota Hiace, a Mitsubishi Fuso truck, and a Hino truck worth K130 million in total. Additionally, an Isuzu truck valued at K30 million carrying illegal industrial goods worth K4.5 million was seized at the city tollgate of Phayagyi. Action was also conducted under Customs procedures.

In Yangon Region, on 7 September, a combined team under the Yangon Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force performed inspection in Taikkyi Township, where they confiscated 0.159 tonne of illegal timber and one tricycle, valued at K7 million, under the Forest Law.

Furthermore, on 7 September, the Shan State Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force inspected the Kengpawng checkpoint and seized a Nidi truck, valued at K80 million, carrying two types of illegal consumer goods worth K23 million. This action was also taken under Customs procedures.

Overall, on 6 and 7 September, a total of 30 illegal goods seizures with an estimated value of over K1.198 billion were reported by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/ TRKM

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)

SAC member MoHA Union Minister leaves for 2024 Conference of Global Public Security Cooperation Forum

AT the invitation of Ministry of Public Security of the People's Republic of China, a Myanmar delegation led by State Administration Council Member Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae left Yangon for the People's Republic of China yesterday to attend the 2024 Conference of Global Public Security Cooperation Forum to be held from 8 to 10 September in Lianyungang, Jiangsu Province, the People's Republic of China.

The Myanmar delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein and officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs. — MNA/KZL



SAC member Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae is seen before leaving for People's Republic of China yesterday at Yangon International Airport.

Tatmadaw delegation arrives back after attending meetings in Laos



Myanmar Tatmadaw delegation, led by Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Soe Min Oo from the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), being welcomed back on its arrival at Yangon International Airport yesterday.

A Myanmar delegation, led by Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Soe Min Oo from the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Lt-Gen Kyaw Swa Lin and Maj-Gen Min Thu, attended the 21st ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces Meeting (21st ACDFM) and its related meetings, the 14th ASEAN Military Operations Meeting (14th AMOM) and the 21st ASEAN Military Intelligence Meeting (21st AMIM) in Laos and arrived back on 7 September.

The delegation was seen off by Myanmar Ambassador to the Lao People's Democratic Republic U Aung Ko, Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Khin Maung Soe, and officials from the Ministry of National Defence of Laos at Wattay International Airport in Vientiane.

The delegation was welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Zaw Hein, and officials. — MNA/TH

Deputy Minister on inspection tour of regional development undertakings in Bagan, NyaungU

ACCORDING to the guidance of the Head of the State, the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development is contributing to dredging two of the 91 ancient lakes in the Bagan World Heritage Site.

Deputy Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Myint Soe inspected the excavation of Lake No 059 Paeain Lake near Taywintaing village yesterday. He stressed that the excavation be completed in time to collect water before the end of the monsoon season, in accordance with the specifications of the Department of Archaeology and National Museum.

Additionally, the Deputy Minister inspected progress of paving a four-furlong entrance road to Kontangyi village, funded by the 2024-25 financial year State budget from the Rural Development Department. He also viewed preparation for paving a one-mile concrete road and building a culvert.

While in Kontangyi village, he met with members of the Kontangyi Agricultural Production Cooperative Society, the Thant Sin Kyel Agriculture and General Business Cooperative Society, and the Phyauckseikkim Agriculture

and General Business Cooperative Society.

He also inspected progress of a gravel road from East Phwa Saw village to Zayaweri Lake, being built by the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development. He looked into construction of a 150-foot concrete culvert. He also viewed storage of rain water at Zayaweri Lake.

Next, he attended the graduation ceremony of the basic sewing machine training course opened by the Small-Scale Industries Department in Thahtaykan village. He inspected construction of a 20-foot culvert in Minnanthu Village, placing of gravels on all rural roads in the same village, dredging of Lake No 061 near Myaynelay village and inflow of water.

In Myinkaba model village, he inspected construction of rural gravel roads, drains and 10 slab culverts.

Afterwards, the Deputy Minister visited the Lowkananda Pagoda and also met with local vendors producing and selling value-added products such as shower soap, dry tea leaves, jam, beauty oil, and shampoo. He visited U Ba Nyein's lacquerware industry in Bagan Myothit. — MNA/TKO

NATIONAL

International Literacy Day 2024 celebrated in Nay Pyi Taw



The International Literacy Day 2024 ceremony in progress in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

TEACHING the people can reduce number of illiterates yearly as part of implementing the

guidance given by the Head of State, said Union Minister for Education Dr Nyunt Pe at the

ceremony to mark the International Literacy Day 2024 which took place at Office 13 in Nay Pyi

Taw yesterday morning.

He continued that in accord with the theme of the significant day for 2024 “Promoting multilingual education: Literacy for mutual understanding and peace”, literacy can benefit individuals as well as their State, social, economic, political, cultural and environmental measures of the country and the region.

The Union minister disclosed that Myanmar is implementing the formal education and non-formal education in order to reduce illiterate rate year by year.

Moreover, he added that it is necessary to manage continuous learning education and teach non-formal primary and middle school students in addition to raising reading habit

and increasing their incomes through employment opportunities.

Secretary General of Myanmar UNESCO National Commission Rector of Yangon University of Foreign Languages Dr Kyi Shwin read the message sent by the UNESCO Director General to the 2024 International Literacy Day, and a video clip on literacy campaign of Myanmar was presented.

After the ceremony, the Union minister visited the exhibition to mark the International Literacy Day 2024.

Also present at the ceremony were Union ministers, deputy ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council member, officials of Myanmar UNESCO National Commission, teachers and students. — MNA/TTA

New EV charging station opened in Mandalay

THE opening ceremony of the new charging station for electric vehicle constructed by Yar Zar Min Industry Co Ltd was held yesterday morning at the station located between 35th street and the Strand road in Mandalay City.

The event was attended by chairperson of the work committee for EV using and implementation of infrastructures, Deputy Minister for Construction U Win Pe, Mandalay City Mayor U Kyaw Hsan, Mandalay Region Minister for Transport U Aung Zaw Oo, and personnel from the Ministry of Construction and the company.

The Deputy Minister explained at the event that a total of 31 locations were chosen for the pilot project as per the guidance by the national-level committee for development of EV and related businesses in Nay Pyi Taw,

Yangon, Mandalay and on the Yangon-Mandalay expressway as following: six stations in Nay Pyi Taw, eight stations in Yangon, eight stations in Mandalay and nine stations on the Yangon-Mandalay expressway.

This newly opened EV station is known as the 20th station across the country. The EV charging stations located in Yangon, Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay cities can charge ten small vehicles simultaneously whereas the EV charging stations on the Yangon-Mandalay expressway can charge ten small vehicles and four buses at the same time. It is expected that more EVs can be used in Mandalay and surrounding areas thanks to this newly opening station.

What is more, an official from Yar Zar Min Industry Co Ltd explained the construction of the station. And the station



Officials view round the newly opened charging station in Mandalay on 8 September 2024.

was officially opened and photos were taken.

In the afternoon, the Deputy Minister inspected other construction projects in Mandalay such as construction of the

Central Bank of Myanmar (Mandalay branch), Taguntaing Tollgate, Ohtoketan mini tollgate, and Sagar-in tollgate, C junction tollgate and Theegon tollgate on Yangon-Mandalay expressway.

The Deputy Minister also visited the EV charging station which is being constructed by Yar Zar Min Industry Co Ltd at the Milepost No 284 on Yangon-Mandalay expressway. — MNA/TMT

Global NEW LIGHT of MYANMAR

www.gnlm.com.mm



CIRCULATION & DISTRIBUTION

(+95) (01) 8604532,
Hotline - 09 255597511

ADVERTISING & MARKETING

(+95) (01) 8604530,
Hotline - 09 251022355
marketing@gnlm.com.mm
subscription@gnlm.com.mm

Printed and published at the Global New Light of Myanmar Printing Factory at No.150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, by the Global New Light of Myanmar Daily under Printing Permit No. 00510 and Publishing Permit No. 00629.
gnlmnews@gmail.com,
newsroom@gnlm.com.mm
www.gnlm.com.mm

Write for us

We appreciate your feedback and contributions. If you have any comments or would like to submit editorials, analyses or reports please email aungthuya@gnlm.com.mm with your name and title.

Due to limitation of space we are only able to publish “Letter to the Editor” that do not exceed 500 words. Should you submit a text longer than 500 words please be aware that your letter will be edited.

NATIONAL

Volunteers join Bagan plastic campaign in Bagan NyaungU Ancient Cultural Zone

VOLUNTEERS joined the Bagan Plastic Campaign to keep Bagan NyaungU Ancient Cultural Zone clean and beautiful on the morning of 7 September, and they collected plastic waste along the sides of the NyaungU city with the use of trash vans.

It is reported that the collective clean-up activities is operated every week (every Saturday) under the leadership of the Bagan Plastic Campaign team in accordance with the slogan "Let's clean up plastic waste to make Bagan environment beautiful". The generous well-wishers served the volunteers with purified drinking water, Royal-D energy drink bottles and steamed

glutinous rice in the activities for the cleanliness and beauty of the Bagan-NyaungU ancient cultural zone.

Thanks to efforts of the Bagan Plastic Campaign team, the Bagan-NyaungU ancient cultural area is clean and beautiful, and people understand to avoid undisciplined disposal of plastic waste. In order to achieve good habits of properly disposing of waste in designated areas, plastic waste collection and clearing work is being carried out every Saturday pagoda stupas and religious buildings, in Bagan Ancient Cultural Zone, along both sides of public roads and inside and outside the city. — Ye Win Naing (NyaungU)/TKO



Volunteers from Bagan Plastic Campaign clean up plastics and other debris in Bagan Ancient Cultural Zone during a campaign on 8 September 2024. PHOTO: YE WIN NAING (NYAUNGU)



Lorries and trucks seen near the Myanmar-Thai border trade post.

Trade through Myanmar-Thai border posts surpasses US\$1.15 billion

ACCORDING to Daw Cho Thet Mu, Deputy Director of the Trade Policy Branch of the Department of Trade at the Ministry of Commerce, trade through Myanmar-Thai border posts amounted to over \$1.15 billion from April to August in the 2024-2025 financial year.

During this period, Myanmar exported goods worth approximately \$960 million to Thailand and imported goods valued at \$190 million.

Daw Cho Thet Mu noted, "From 1 April to 19 August 2024, we exported goods worth around \$960 million to Thailand and imported goods worth \$190 million. This has resulted in a trade surplus of \$770 million."

Border trade between Myanmar and Thailand occurs through several trade posts, including Myawady Trade Zone, Tachilek, Kawthoung, Myeik, Htikhee, and Mawtaung borders. — ASH/TMT

Renowned singers Chit Kaung and May Khalar to perform at Inya Lake Garden

THE concert titled 'Lu Kyan Gyi Hnint Bayinma' featuring renowned singers Chit Kaung and May Khalar will be held at Inya Lake Garden in Mayangon Township, Yangon, according to May Khalar.

The event will take place at 7 pm on 14 September, to the ac-

companiment of the HI BIRD Band.

"Come and enjoy an exceptional evening as U Chit Kaung and me perform a selection of our greatest hits. Don't miss this unforgettable night of music. Join us at Inya Lake Garden," said May Khalar. — ASH/ TRKM

Embassy announces cancellation of health insurance requirement for E-visa

AMONG the requirements for an E-visa application is that health insurance would be cancelled, the Myanmar Embassy to Japan said in a statement on 6 September.

In the statement, the embassy states that the Ministry of Immigration and Population submitted a notification which says the Ministry of Health has removed requirements for public health, which is why the requirement for providing health insurance would be cancelled.

E-visa can be applied at the Ministry of Immigration and Population's E-visa website: <https://E-Visa.moip.gov.mm/>.

Japan is one of the destinations where the majority of Myanmar migrant workers go to work, according to employment agencies. — MT/ZS

NATIONAL

Myanmar Red Cross Society issues flood preparedness guidelines amid heavy rain warnings

THE Myanmar Red Cross Society has issued essential guidelines to help the public prepare for potential flood hazards, as heavy rains increase the risk of flooding across the country. The advisory outlines precautionary measures to take before, during, and after a flood.

Before flooding, the MRCS recommends: stocking up on drinking water and long-lasting food for at least three days; gathering essential medicines and first-aid supplies; raising household items to prevent water damage; identifying and preparing alternative shelter locations; securing important documents, such as birth certificates and identity cards in waterproof containers; giving extra care to the elderly, children, and those with disabilities; staying informed through flood warnings and weather updates; keeping a flood alert calendar if living in flood-prone areas; and ensuring homes are built to withstand potential flooding.

During a flood, the society advises: relocating systematically if necessary; thoroughly cooking food and keeping it



Red Cross volunteers assist in flood-affected areas in Tachilek, with significant rainfall and flooding reported on 24 August. **PHOTO: NYAN MYINT OO (TACHILEK RED CROSS BRIGADE)**

covered; avoiding contact with contaminated water and preventing water-borne toxic animal bites; staying indoors and avoiding

unnecessary exposure to floodwaters; and turning off electricity to prevent accidents. After a flood, they recommend: not

returning to flood-damaged areas until it is safe; using safe lighting when re-entering homes; reporting any damaged power or telephone lines; not using electrical appliances that have been submerged; and boiling water for safe drinking.

Additionally, the Myanmar Red Cross Society urges people to avoid travelling to flood-affected areas unless necessary and emphasizes the importance of following these safety measures to reduce flood-related risks.

According to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology's statement on 8 September 2024, heavy rains are expected to continue in various regions, including upper and lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay regions, northern and southern Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin, and Mon states. They have also warned of intermittent storms with strong winds and high waves along Myanmar's coastlines and offshore areas. Wind speeds could reach up to 40 miles per hour, with wave heights ranging between 9 and 12 feet. — TWA/KZL

Myanmar citizens returning from Thailand to be sent back to hometowns

ACCORDING to U Aung Cho, Township Administrator of Kawthoung Township General Administration Department in Taninthayi Region, a total of 131 Myanmar citizens who entered the country from Thailand via the Ranong-Kawthoung route on 6 September were admitted and they will be sent back to their hometowns.

The returnees were Myanmar migrant workers and those

arrested for various reasons in Thailand and consisted of 122 men and nine women. U Aung Cho and officials from various departments and organizations provided healthcare for the returnees at the Nawarat Gymnasium. Relevant departments and NGOs have collected and verified the personal data of the returnees and will arrange their systematic return to their respective hometowns.— TWA/TKO



Myanmar nationals entering from Kawthoung Port.

Myanmar sends 5,850 workers to South Korea under EPS from January to August 2024

A total of 5,850 Myanmar workers were sent to the Republic of Korea (ROK) under the Employment Permit System (EPS) between January and August 2024, primarily for the construction, agriculture, and livestock industries.

Myanmar regularly sends workers to the ROK for manufacturing, construction, agriculture, and livestock sectors, with the majority employed in manufacturing. However, the number of workers sent in July and August was the lowest in eight months.

The Overseas Employment Agency under the Ministry of Labour manages the sending of workers to the



Some Myanmar workers were going to the ROK under EPS in 2024.

ROK through the EPS. In 2023, a total of 10,611 Myanmar workers were sent, with a target of approximately 11,000 for 2024. Additionally,

this year marks the first time that Myanmar will send female workers to the ROK for the service industry.— TWA/TMT

Advertise with us / Hotline



09 454237515, 09 255597511

Taninthayi Township expands coffee and cocoa cultivation to boost farmers' income



Department of Agriculture's nursery nurtures coffee and cocoa saplings which are provided to farmers in Taninthayi Township. **PHOTO: MYINT OO (MYEIK)**

IN the 2024-2025 financial year, 197 acres of coffee plants were cultivated in Taninthayi Town-

ship, Myeik District, Taninthayi Region, to provide additional income for local farmers. The

Taninthayi Township Department of Agriculture also facilitated the growing of 30 acres

of cocoa trees.

"Due to the decline in areca nut prices, which has reduced local farmers' income, our department encouraged farmers to diversify by planting coffee and cocoa trees as mix-crops in the areca palm plants to boost their incomes. As a result, we were able to expand the cultivation by growing 30 acres of coffee and cocoa trees," said U Zaw Zaw, Head of the Taninthayi Township Agriculture Department.

This year, the Department of Agriculture provided 85,000 coffee saplings and 12,000 cocoa saplings to local farmers free of charge to support their efforts. A total of 227 acres of land will be placed under coffee and cocoa plantations by the end of the year to meet the target acreage.

Rubber and areca palm plants are the main perennial crops in Taninthayi Township. By encouraging the planting of coffee and cocoa as mixed crops in rubber and areca palm plantations, the department aims to improve land use efficiency, increase farmers' incomes, and raise socioeconomic life. The initiative also seeks to provide more employment opportunities and penetrate Myanmar's coffee into the global market by offering farmers with technical support and free seedlings.

As of 31 August 2024, local farmers have grown 197 acres of coffee and 30 acres of cocoa meeting the target. A total of 114 acres of horticultural farm and 183 forest reserved were utilized as 227 sown acres of coffee and cocoa plants. — Myint Oo (Myeik)/TKO

YeU onion price steady, mainly transported to Yangon, Pakokku

PRICE of onions produced from YeU Township has been steady and Yangon and Pakokku are its main markets, at present.

"Onion has high domestic consumption. Onion is essential for all dishes. Onion price is announced by Yangon's Bayinnaung and Pakokku which are our main markets. In YeU, onion price is regular," said an official from Ko Hla Myo onion trading in YeU Township.

Although onion has foreign demand, there are some delays due to transportation barriers.

"Demand is likely to surge if roads unblock. For now, we have to export through alternative route. We have foreign demand too though, we can't rely on foreign market only. We have to rely on domestic market as well, because there are some delays for exporting to foreign market due to transportation difficulties," he said.

In March, onion price was pretty good as a result of high in foreign demand, however gradually declined back since the supply became abundant. — Thit Taw/ZS



Onion produced from YeU.



Fisheries products designated to be exported to Thailand.

Myanmar delivers 24,000+ tonnes of fishery products to Thailand in Apr-Aug

MYANMAR exported 24,031 tonnes of fishery products worth US\$25.63 million between April and August of the current financial year 2024-2025, according to Myeik District's Fisheries Department in Taninthayi Region.

Myanmar delivers fisheries to Thailand through Mawtaung and Kawthoung-Ranong borders, said U Zaw Min Oo,

deputy director of the Fisheries Department.

"Fisheries are supplied from Myeik District to Taninthayi Region. The export volume is estimated at 24,031 tonnes in April-August. More than 20 fisheries are exported to Thailand through Mawtaung, and dried fish meal is sourced from Kawthoung. Kyunsu and Palaw townships are the main

suppliers of fisheries. Plans are underway to expand saltwater shrimp breeding projects in those townships," U Zaw Min Oo said.

Myanmar ships fish, shrimp and other products from Kawthoung, Dawei and Myeik districts to Thailand and also conveys them to other export markets through Yangon Region. — ASH/KK

OPINION

Avoid the danger of misusing pills for senior citizens

THE advancement of drugs and healthcare has significantly increased life expectancy. In Myanmar, senior citizens are highly respected and considered the pride of their families. However, with age comes the necessity to take medication regularly, making it essential for seniors to use the right drugs and avoid harmful habits related to pill consumption.

Senior citizens belong to a vulnerable group when it comes to the dangers of medication. The World Health Organization (WHO) reports that they are at high risk of experiencing adverse effects from drugs, especially during intensive care, emergency treatment, or surgical procedures. While medication is crucial for treating various health conditions, incorrect use or abuse of drugs can lead to severe consequences.

Certain drugs pose higher risks, especially for the elderly. For example, powerful antibiotics, medications for reducing swelling, cardiac drugs, and those for managing hypertension can be particularly dangerous if misused. Therefore, it is vital for seniors to follow the prescriptions and guidance provided by their physicians or surgeons. Self-medication, or following drug advice found on social media, can have harmful consequences.

Studies show that people often make mistakes when taking medication. These errors can include taking the wrong pills, miscalculating dosages, or failing to follow warnings about the potential side effects of drugs. Such mistakes can lead to dangerous outcomes, which is a global issue in healthcare. According to the WHO, the cost of errors related to medication, including taking the wrong pills, amounts to approximately US\$42 billion annually.

A major concern is the misuse of antibiotics, which can lead to antibiotic resistance. When this happens, treating infections becomes more challenging. This issue can affect anyone, but senior citizens are particularly vulnerable. Drug resistance can have severe consequences for their health and may even be life-threatening. Medications used to treat swelling, cardiac conditions, and hypertension can cause significant harm if not taken correctly.

While medication plays a crucial role in maintaining the health of senior citizens, it must be taken with care. Senior citizens should always adhere to their doctor's instructions, avoid self-medication, and be cautious about the information they receive from unofficial sources like social media. Proper use of medication can help senior citizens prevent dangerous situations and live healthier lives. If not, they have to take pills with the help of family members or any helpers at the set time, strictly in accord with the prescription and directives of physicians and surgeons.

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

By THAN HTUN (GEOSCIENCE MYANMAR)

EPISODE:43

Duncan John Sloss and Sir Laurance Dudley Stamp

Rangoon College was established in 1878 as an affiliated college of the University of Calcutta and was managed by the Education Syndicate set up by the British colonial administration. The college was renamed Government College in 1904 and University College in 1920. Rangoon University was founded in 1920 when the University of Rangoon Act merged University College and Judson College. Rangoon University became one of the most prestigious universities in Southeast Asia and one of the top universities in Asia, attracting students from across the region. Duncan John Sloss was the first principal, and Laurance Dudley Stamp was the first professor of Geology and Geography at Rangoon University College. I would like to present Professor Stamp's contributions to Myanmar geology during his tenure in Burma.

Duncan John Sloss

Before introducing Prof L D Stamp, it is important to mention Principal Duncan John Sloss, as both were assigned to work at Rangoon University. D J Sloss, a British scholar, was born in the Toxteth Park area of Liverpool on 19 June 1881. Sloss attended Oulton School, a secondary school for aspiring teachers, and studied at Liverpool University under the distinguished scholar Oliver Elton, where he earned an MA. Sloss had considerable experience teaching in English schools. In 1907, he became a founding member of a Rugby Football Club known as The Aliens, which at the time restricted membership to schoolteachers. He returned to his alma mater in 1911 as a 29-year-old university tutor at the University of Liverpool.

Sloss spent his early professional years in British colonial India, joining the Indian Education Service in 1920. He helped establish and organize University College, Rangoon, serving as its Principal from 1923 to 1937. Under

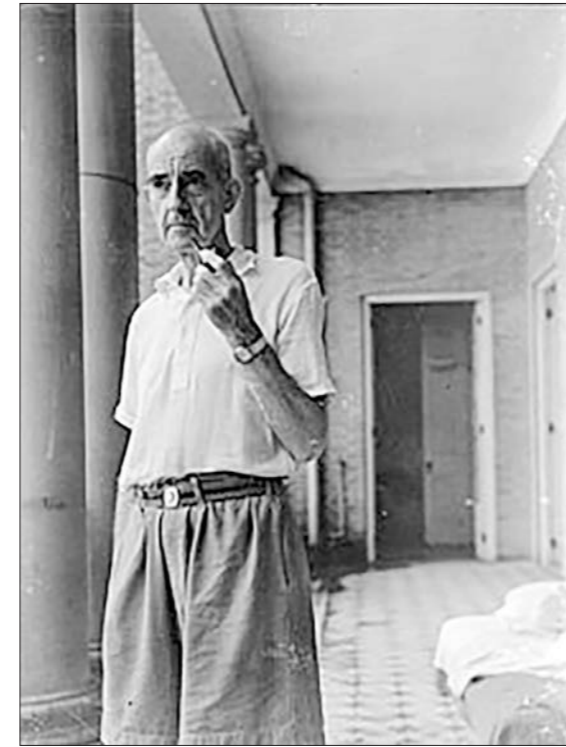
his leadership, the University grew from fewer than 500 students to well over 2,000 by the 1930s. However, Sloss faced challenges, including the 1936 student strike led by Ko Nu and editor Aung San, which spread across the country and lasted until 11 May 1936. Afterwards, he moved to Hong Kong and became vice-chancellor of the University of Hong Kong, a position he held from 1937 to 1949. Sloss passed away in Oxford on 29 July 1964.

Sir (Laurance) Dudley Stamp

Sir Laurance Dudley Stamp (9 March 1898 – 8 August 1966) was the first professor of geology and geography at Rangoon University and the London School of Economics and one of the most internationally renowned British geographers of the 20th century. Stamp was born in Catford, London, in 1898, the seventh child of a shopkeeper. He attended University School, Rochester (1910-13), where he joined the Rochester and District Natural History Society. He then studied for a BSc at King's College London, graduating with first-class honours in 1917. Following military service, he returned to King's as a demonstrator. Stamp sat for the BA in 1921 and again achieved first-class honours. He was awarded a DSc in the same year. Stamp spent the early 1920s as a petroleum geologist in what was then British Burma and became a professor of geology and geography. In 1923, Professor L D Stamp was appointed by the University of Rangoon to organize the new Department of Geology and Geography. The Stamp papers, held at the Department of Geography, University of Sussex, contain extensive information on his organization of the Land Use Survey, as well as personal and professional papers illustrating his life and career.

During his tenure as a professor of geology and geography at the University of Rangoon, Stamp contributed the following reports to the geology of Myanmar: -

The Irrawaddy River (1940), Some evidence tending to prove



Duncan J Sloss (1881 - 1964); Laurence D Stamp (1898 - 1966) SOURCE: WIKIPEDIA

a Mesozoic Age for the Granites of Tenasserim (1926), An Outline of the Tertiary Geology of Burma (1922), Geology of Part of the Pondaung Range, Burma (1922), Seasonal Rhythm in the Tertiary sediments of Burma (1925), Note on some Fossiliferous Localities in the Pegau Range of Central Burma (1927), The Igneous Complex of Green Island and the Amherst Coast, Lower Burma (1926), and Some Remarks on the Tectonics of Burma (1922). Then Stamp wrote several books such as The Vegetation of Burma (1925), A New Geography of India, Burma and Ceylon (1948), Asia, and Regional and Economic Geography (1929). Of all his informative reports, due to limited space, the significant points of 'An Outline of the Tertiary Geology of Burma' could be extracted as follows: -

An Outline of the Tertiary Geology of Burma

Introduction

For more than a quarter of a century, the Tertiary geology of Burma has been the subject of investigation from the point of view of the country's petroleum resources. A vast amount of detailed information must be stored in the private files of the various

oil companies operating in Burma, and it is a source of continual regret to the geologist that at least some of this information – much of which has great scientific but little commercial value – cannot be made public. Although there exists Dr Noetling's important but misleading monograph on the supposed "Miocene Fauna of Burma", published in the *Palaeontographia Indica*, 1901, it is only within the last decade that the Tertiary stratigraphy has been seriously considered from a palaeontological standpoint, and for this progress, the officers of the Geological Survey of India are almost entirely responsible. In this direction, immensely valuable results have already been obtained, though the study is scarcely more than in its infancy.

The object of the present paper is to bring together in the form of a summary the results of previously published investigations, to fill in at least a few of the gaps by including the results of the writer's observations in certain extensive areas in the Chindwin Districts and elsewhere in Burma, but more especially to apply certain important principles which have deduced as a result of the study of the Tertiary deposits of

North-Western Europe.

Physical Geography of Burma

Burma falls very simply into well-marked natural regions, the physiography of which is controlled mainly by the geology, whilst minor subdivisions can be made on a climatological basis. The main divisions are as follows: -

The Shan Plateau

It occupied the whole of the east of the country. It is a region of highly folded Pre-Palaeozoic, Palaeozoic, and early Mesozoic rocks, the folds running mainly north and south. Bounding this region on the west is a great line of dislocation, which has a rough north and south direction for hundreds of miles. This may be termed the Shan Boundary Fault, and the change from the central lowlands to the plateau is at once abrupt and sharply defined. Immediately to the east of the fault, there is usually a strip of crystalline rocks. The Shan Plateau is, on average, between 3,000 and 4,000 feet above sea level and is continuous with the plateau of Yun-nan. As a contrast to the fine highland scenery of the Palaeozoic rocks, well known to the frequenters of Burma's favourite

hill-stations-Maymyo and Kalaw - there are broad, level tracts marking the sites of lake basins of some importance as yielding brown coal (as in the coalfields of Lashio, Namma, etc.), and in one case oil-shale. Some of the basins are still occupied by lakes (such as Lake Inlay). It may be noted, *en passant*, that the coals of the Shan States belong to two distinct groups: firstly, the Late Tertiary or Pleistocene lignites occurring almost horizontal beds in the basin already mentioned; secondly, the humic coal of early Jurassic age occurring in strata which have been subjected to the same intense folding as the Palaeozoic sediments. The coals of Kalaw (Loi-an) belong to the latter group.

The important points to notice are: -

- (a) the main folding is post-early Jurassic and pre-late Tertiary,
- (b) the absence of early Tertiary deposits, which are of such enormous thickness in the central Tertiary region, makes it almost certain that the main folding and the initiation of the Shan Boundary Fault are pre-Tertiary,
- (c) from the slightly tilted late Tertiary deposits in the lake basins of the Shan Plateau must have played the part of a "stable block" during the late Pliocene folding of the main Tertiary region of Burma.

The Central Tertiary Belt

A strip of country 500 or 600 miles from north to south and averaging 130 miles wide, bounded by Shan Plateau on the east and by the great fold-range of the Arakan Yoma on the west. Whilst the boundary is sharply defined on the east, on the west, the Tertiary region rises somewhat gradually from the Irrawaddy Valley to the foot-hills of the Arakan. It is by no means a monotonous tract. Its southern half is occupied by the valleys of the Irrawaddy and Sittoung rivers on the west and east, respectively, separated by the low but somewhat inaccessible range of the Pegu Yoma. In the south, one

may distinguish it as a separate region, the great flat delta of the Irrawaddy, which drops very gradually to the shallow waters of the Gulf of Martaban. The northern half of the Tertiary region is occupied by the valleys of the Chindwin and the Irrawaddy on the west and east, respectively. Climatologically, the Tertiary belt, being on the lee of the Arakan Yoma and protected from the rain-bearing South-West Monsoon, enjoys a dry and healthy climate. The rainfall is about 20 inches in the latitude of Yenangaung, giving rise to a tract of semi-desert. The rainfall increases to the north and the south, as well as to the west as one approaches the Arakan Yoma, and the semi-desert with its thorny shrubs, Euphorbias, Cacti, and stiff-looking Toddy Palms passes gradually into shrubland and then into Monsoon Forest of teak-trees. Elevation and soil play an important part in the ecology of the country.

The Fold Range of the Arakan Yoma

The Fold Range of the Arakan Yoma forms an important barrier bounding the Tertiary region on the west. It stretches from the Naga Hills of Assam in the north to the extreme southwestern point of Burma in Cape Negrais, being continued by the rugged islands of the Andaman and Nicobar groups into Sumatra (Barisan Range) and Java. Topographically, the range is still largely unknown, with large areas being unmapped in detail, whilst geological knowledge depends on a few incomplete traverses. Throughout the length of the range, there is no line of transverse communication - not even a well-known forest track and large areas are uninhabited. As knowledge of their geology slowly accumulates, it becomes more and more certain that the structure of the Arakan Yoma is that of a complex anticlinorium. The core consists of pre-Tertiary rocks (including at least Triassic and Cretaceous-Cenomanian and possibly Danian). The core is flanked on either side by Tertiary

rocks. The core is flanked on either side by Tertiary rocks. Certain facts of considerable importance disengage themselves from the scattered scraps of available information: -

- (a) at or near the base of the Tertiary deposits on the eastern side, there is a very thick basal conglomerate (Paunggyi Conglomerate) which is lower Eocene in age.
- (b) even though the Eocene deposits take part in the folding and have been ridge into steep-limbed anticlines or overfolds, there is always a marked change from the comparatively unaltered Tertiary to the cleaved and puckered Cretaceous and earlier rocks.
- (c) there is a notable difference between the Tertiary deposits on two sides of the Arakan Yoma.

One is forced to conclude that the great fold of the Arakan Yoma was initiated in late Cretaceous times and, even as early as the Eocene, constituted a barrier between the areas of deposition on the east and west, respectively. In several cases where the junction between the Tertiary and pre-Tertiary rocks on the eastern side of the Arakan Yoma has been examined, it has been found that it is faulted. A great line of dislocation may exist between the two - between the Arakan Yoma and its foot - and if this were the case, the Tertiary region of Burma would, in reality, be a typical rift valley.

Bordering the Arakan Yoma

Bordering the Arakan Yoma on the west is a strip of wild, rugged country, deeply intersected by bays and gulfs and fringed by islands forming the Arakan coast. It consists of Tertiary rocks, which belong to the Assam Gulf deposition as distinct from the Burma or Pegu Gulf on the other side of the Arakan Yoma. (To be continued).

References:

1. Stamp, L Dudley. 1922: **An Outline of the Tertiary Geology of Burma, the Geological Magazine, Vol LXIX.**
2. [en.Wikipedia.org](https://en.wikipedia.org)

TECH/ENVIRON: WORLD

Lightning strikes kill 50 people in Cambodia in 8 months of 2024: official

People, especially in rural areas, are advised to seek shelter during storms.



50 people were killed by lightning strikes in Cambodia from January to August 2024, a 22% decrease from 64 deaths in the same period in 2023. **PHOTO: PIXABAY**

LIGHTNING strikes had killed 50 people in Cambodia in the first eight months of 2024, down nearly 22 per cent from 64 deaths over the same period 2023, a disaster control spokesman said on Saturday.

Besides the fatalities, thunderbolts injured 43 others during the January-August period this year, said Soth Kim Kolmony, the spokesperson for the National Committee for Disaster Management

(NCDM).

The provinces with the highest number of lightning strikes were Siem Reap, Battambang, Prey Veng, Tboung Khmum and Banteay Meanchey, he said.

“To avoid the dangers of lightning strikes, people, particularly those living in rural areas, should stay in houses or shelters when there is storm or rain,” he told Xinhua.

In addition to the casu-

alties from lightning strikes, storms had also claimed four lives and injured 32 others as well as caused collapses of 482 houses during the first eight months of this year, according to the spokesperson.

The Southeast Asian country on Monday launched a national action plan for disaster risk reduction (2024-2028), aiming at minimizing the impacts of disasters on people, economy and society. — Xinhua

Major Qatari plant to double solar capacity by 2030

A large new solar plant planned in Qatar will double the Gulf emirate’s previously projected renewable energy capacity by 2030, Qatari Energy Minister Saad al-Kaabi announced on Sunday.

The photovoltaic farm, which will be built in the Dukhan area some 80 kilometres (50 miles) west of the capital Doha, will increase the gas-rich state’s solar production capacity to four gigawatts by the end of the decade, Kaabi said.

The plant “that will be established in Dukhan area will produce 2,000 megawatts, which is twice more than the capacity of Qatar’s production of solar energy of the current projects,” the minister, who is also chief executive of state-owned Qa-

tarEnergy, said.

In October 2022, Qatar inaugurated its first large-scale solar farm at al-Kharsaah, west of Doha. The emirate announced in August of the same year another solar project with two plants at Ras Laffan in the north.

Qatar aims to generate 4,000 megawatts of clean energy by 2030, making up 30 per cent of its total energy production and reducing CO2 emissions by 4.7 million tonnes annually. Existing projects are expected to deliver 1.7 gigawatts of energy early next year. Additionally, Qatar plans to more than double its urea production, becoming the world’s largest producer by the decade’s end, increasing capacity from 6 to over 12.4 million tonnes annually. — AFP



Qatar has announced a target of five gigawatts of solar energy capacity by 2035. **PHOTO: AFP**

Google Photos upgrades Search with conversational AI



Users can now use natural, descriptive queries like “Gigi Hadid playing with daughter” to find specific photos. **ILLUSTRATION: PIX FOR VISUAL ART/ PIXABAY**

GOOGLE Photos is rolling out significant upgrades to its search functionality, aiming to make it easier for users to find specific images using more natural, descriptive queries.

With the new improvements, users can now enter queries like “Gigi Hadid playing with daughter” to locate relevant photos quickly, according to GSM Arena.

The updated search experience allows users to sort results by either date or relevance, enhancing the speed and accuracy of image retrieval. This feature is currently being released in English for both Android and iOS users, with plans to support additional languages in the coming weeks, according to GSM Arena.

In addition to this, select users in the US

are gaining early access to a new feature called ‘Ask Photos,’ available through Google Labs for those who are on the waitlist.

This feature leverages the advanced capabilities of Gemini AI to enhance search by understanding the context of users’ photo galleries.

For instance, you can ask ‘Ask Photos’ questions such as “When did we eat at the airport in Delhi?” and it will provide relevant details based on the context of your photos, such as the people, places, and activities depicted.

‘Ask Photos’ functions similarly to a chatbot, offering a conversational interface where users can refine their queries if the initial search does not yield the desired results.

— ANI

WWII air-raid shelters in southwest China get fresh breath of life

The shelters serve a practical purpose during extreme summer heat. Since July, 39 shelters have been reopened as free cooling centres.

AIR-RAID shelters hold special significance in southwest China's Chongqing, where residents sought refuge from Japanese bombings during the World War II.

Today, these shelters, once dug into the hilly cityscape, blend history with modern urban life, having been transformed into markets, restaurants and bookstores.

Recently, a similar air-raid shelter near Hongtudi Metro Station was converted into the "Pack Basket Market," a free marketplace that supports local farmers without permanent stalls.

Luo Qingxiu, a vegetable farmer from Shichuan Township, brought over 100 kilogrammes of homegrown corn to the market,



Citizens enjoy hot pot at a restaurant inside a former air-raid shelter in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, 14 June 2024. PHOTO: WANG QUANCHAO/XINHUA

selling more than half within the first hour. Chongqing's innovative use of repurposed air-raid shelters has created a unique urban experience, offering farmers climate-controlled markets and urbanites affordable fresh produce.

These shelters, once used for wartime protection, are now landmarks drawing curious visitors. Kira, a Russian student at Chongqing University, highlights a notable underground hotpot restaurant next to the "Pack Basket Market," where diners enjoy a blend of history and cuisine.

As Chongqing faces extreme summer heat, 39 shelters have been reopened as free cooling centres, providing relief to nearly 260,000 people since July. — Xinhua

Japan slow to cater for vegetarians despite growing demand



Many traditional Japanese dishes use "dashi" broth made from fish, such as bonito, making them unsuitable for vegetarians and vegans. PHOTO: TOKYO RESTAURANTS GUIDE

A surge in inbound tourism has boosted the number of vegetarians visiting Japan, but businesses in the country have not been able to fully meet demand by providing sufficient animal-free food options, a body that promotes vegetarianism said.

While Japanese food is often considered healthy, many dishes are made using "dashi" broth extracted from fish such

as bonito, meaning vegetarians and vegans cannot eat them.

Ruby Ramsden, a 25-year-old vegan studying at Waseda University in Tokyo, loves tempura soba but has yet to find a vegan version in Japan. Although she enjoyed vegan tempura soba at a restaurant in Melbourne, Japan lacks similar options. The traditional soba soup, often made with bonito broth, must use plant-based

ingredients like dried kelp or shiitake mushrooms for vegans. Additionally, vegan tempura batter must be free from eggs.

India has the highest rate of vegetarians among Japan's top visitor countries, followed by Chinese Taipei and Canada. With approximately 530 million vegetarians globally and 1.28 million visiting Japan in 2023, there is a significant demand for vegan options. — Kyodo

Halsey discusses acting's impact on her persona

SINGER-SONGWRITER Halsey has opened up on how her foray into acting has helped her separate her stage persona from her identity as a musician.

Known to fans as Halsey, the artist, whose real name is Ashley Nicolette Frangipane, has embraced two new roles in the films 'Americana' (2023) and 'Maxxxine' (2024). In an interview, she explained that acting has provided a refreshing break from her established identity as a musician, according to The Hollywood Reporter.

Initially, Halsey intended her stage name to be just a la-

bel, but it evolved into a persona she now feels detached from. Despite using the name in her acting roles, she finds acting a refreshing change, allowing her to step outside her singer persona and collaborate with others. Acting provides her a break from the solo artist's often lonely journey, which she finds preferable to being in a band. Halsey also spoke about her admiration for Britney Spears, reflecting on how Spears' career and struggles resonate with her own experiences, especially as she interpolates Spears' song "Lucky" into her new track. — ANI



Singer-songwriter Halsey has opened up on how her foray into acting has helped her separate her stage persona from her identity as a musician. PHOTO: ANI

ECONOMY WORLD

2024 Creative Economic Forum: Shaping India's Creative Industries for 2047

The forum is a groundbreaking event that unites leaders from diverse creative sectors such as film, music, fashion, gaming, publishing, handicrafts, arts, and museums.



Traditional music players in India often perform on a riverboat, blending their melodies with the serene waters of the country's scenic rivers. **PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

THE 2nd edition of the Creative Economic Forum 2024, Season 2, saw an impressive turnout of panellists and guests. Hosted by Supriya Suri, Founder of the Creative Economic Forum and President of Cinedarbaar, the event took place at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi.

This year's forum revolved around the theme "Roadmap for Creative Industries for Vikshit Bharat 2047," focusing on the future business and market opportunities for India's creative sectors as the nation approaches its centenary of independence. Organized by Cinedarbaar, an international platform dedicated to the cultural and creative industries (CCI), the forum stands as a pioneering event that brings together leaders from various creative fields, including film, music, fashion, gaming, publishing, handicrafts, arts, and museums.

The event featured a dis-

tinguished lineup of high-profile panelists, including Lily Pandeya, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Culture; Alison Barrett, MBE, Director India, British Council; Hon'ble Justice Prathiba M Singh, Delhi High Court; designer Anju Modi; Safir Anand; Kapish Mehra, Managing Director of Rupa Publications; Mugdha Sinha, IAS, Director General, Ministry of Tourism; Bizunesh Meseret, Supriya Suri, Founder of the Creative Economic Forum and President of Cinedarbaar, highlighted the event's goal of fostering collaboration among a diverse group of participants, including entrepreneurs, artists, legal experts, and various officials.

She expressed the forum's ambition to be a leading voice for India's creative economy. Notable attendees included ambassadors from Ethiopia, Jamaica, and the Slovak Republic, as well as ICCR's Deputy Director General Abhay Kumar. — ANI

IFA Berlin 2024 kicks off, featuring AI, sustainability

IFA Berlin 2024, the world's leading trade show for consumer electronics and home appliances, kicked off Friday, bringing together over 1,800 global exhibitors, 125 keynote speakers and more than 182,000 visitors from 139 countries, according to the organizer.

This year's event marks the 100th anniversary of IFA, with global tech giants showcasing their cutting-edge innovations like artificial intelligence, robotics, and even a flying car.

Leif Lindner, the CEO of IFA Berlin, highlighted the enduring appeal of the trade show, citing the strong demand from exhibitors.

"IFA has always been and will always be at the forefront of change and disruption, showcasing real-life innovation, with real consumers re-

sponding to new technology in real time," Lindner said.

According to the organizer, artificial intelligence and sustainability are the major themes of IFA 2024. During the five-day event, the world's first real flying car is expected to be demonstrated.

"IFA will continue to prove itself as a sustainable driver of growth and innovation in its anniversary year," said Sara Warneke, managing director of gfu Consumer & Home Electronics GmbH, which owns the trademark IFA. — Xinhua



This photo taken on 6 September 2024 shows an entrance of IFA Berlin 2024 in Berlin, Germany. **PHOTO: DU ZHEYU/XINHUA**



File photo shows a row of offshore wind turbines. **PHOTO: KYODO**

A quest to harness wind for offshore power generation in Japan

OFFSHORE wind power generation, which involves building giant wind turbines in the ocean, could play a key role in helping Japan attain carbon neutrality.

But despite its appeal for an archipelago nation, making the technology profitable for energy companies depends to a large degree on one essential factor — knowledge of the wind itself.

"The only source of income is the wind," said Teruo Ohsawa,

a professor at the Kobe University Graduate School of Maritime Sciences who works on predicting the complexities of ocean winds. "If the wind doesn't blow, there's nothing we can do."

Ohsawa produces highly accurate maps displaying wind velocities and other information that he makes available on the internet to find suitable sites for installing wind turbines. — Kyodo

China starts import of mutton products from Africa

A shipment of mutton from Madagascar was cleared at Changsha Customs in central China's Hunan Province on Sunday, marking China's first mutton imports from Africa and an important breakthrough in China-Africa meat trade.

Customs officials conducted an on-site inspection of the frozen mutton shipment, weighing 1,000 kilograms in total. The mutton was shipped by air from Madagascar to Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport in the capital of south China's Guangdong Province and then transported by road to Changsha, with the entire delivery time taking approximately 36 hours.— Xinhua

Malaysia launches aviation decarbonization blueprint

MALAYSIA on Thursday launched the Malaysia Aviation Decarbonization Blueprint (MADB) to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050.

The blueprint is targeting an 18 per cent reduction in emissions by 2050 for aircraft technology, the Transport Ministry said in a statement

The blueprint is also aiming for a 46 per cent reduction of traditional fuel through the increased use of biofuels and other sustainable alternatives.

It is also pursuing up to 30 per cent reduction by adopting carbon offset schemes and purchasing carbon credits.— Xinhua

India's housing sector poised for 10% CAGR growth: Jefferies

Government capital expenditure has tripled in the past five years but may be nearing its peak, leading to increased investment from the private sector.

INDIA'S housing sector is in the midst of a large growth phase, with a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 10 per cent in volumes expected over the next 3-5 years, according to a Jefferies report.

The government's capex has seen a three-fold increase over the past five years, but this growth may be reaching its peak. As the government steps back, the private corporate sector is set to take the lead. With strong corporate balance sheets and direct government incentives, companies are ramping up their investments, further fueling the capex cycle.

India's economic growth over the past three years has been driven by a robust capi-



India's housing sector is experiencing rapid growth due to increasing urbanization and a rising middle class. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/PIXABAY**

tal expenditure (capex) cycle, and the outlook remains positive as this investment cycle still has room to grow in the coming years.

The investment land-

scape in the country is currently divided across three key areas: corporate capex, housing, and government spending, with shares of 35 per cent, 40 per cent, and 25 per

cent, respectively.

India's equity markets have benefitted from a surge in domestic investor flows, with participation reaching all-time highs.— ANI



This shift signals a future with reduced reliance on fossil fuels, though fossil fuels still comprise 91 per cent of Australia's total energy consumption. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

Coal generates less than 50% of Australian electricity for first time

COAL generated less than 50 per cent of Australia's electricity in the last week of August, dropping to a record low as renewable production surged, data showed.

In August, coal generated 49.1 per cent of Australia's electricity, while renewables made up 48.7 per cent, thanks to storms that boosted wind power. This shift reflects a historically low coal share, driven by wild weather and reduced grid demand. Climate finance expert Tim Buckley noted that this low coal contribution signals a future with minimal

reliance on fossil fuels. Currently, fossil fuels account for 91 per cent of Australia's total energy consumption, including transport and industry.

With many coal-fired power stations set to close, Australia is ramping up investments in renewable energy, including six new battery projects to add 1,000 megawatts of storage by 2027. Energy Minister Chris Bowen emphasized the urgency of transitioning to renewables to meet both climate and economic demands.— AFP

Advertise

with us /
Hotline



09 255597511,
09 454237515

Changing Distributor for Registered Pesticide

Distribution of pesticide registered by Shandong Weifang Rainbow Chemical Co., Ltd is changing from RAINBOW AGROSCIENCES CO., LTD to Agroterrum Myanmar Co., Ltd. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein within 2 weeks.

No.	Name	Active Ingredient	Registration No
1	Chrole 240 SC	Chlorfenapyr 240g/L SC	P2022-5708
2	Nomita 20 SP	Acetamidrid 20% SP	P2022-5707
3	Prize 50 EC	Emamectin Benzoate 50g/L EC	P2022-5906
4	Rainbonil Pro 80 WG	Fipronil 80% WG	F2020-2521
5	Rainvin 75 WP	Thiodicarb 75% WP	F2021-3121
6	Cleanspray 96 SG	2,4-D Dimethyl Amine Salt 96% SG	F2020-2510
7	Rainbow Paung Shin 57 WP	Pyrazosulfuron-ethyl 10% + Quinclorac 47% WP	P2022-5967
8	Ricemaster 240 SC	Penoxsulam 240g/L SC	F2024-3106
9	Difree 250 EC	Difenoconazole 250g/L EC	P2022-5706
10	Gote Kyoe Super 525 SE	Propiconazole 125g/L + Tricyclazole 400g/L SC	P2022-5966

RAINBOW AGROSCIENCES CO., LTD
09456060160, 09441170170

ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

NEWS IN BRIEF

Over 100,000 protest in France against new prime minister

MORE than 100,000 left-wing demonstrators rallied across France on Saturday to protest against the nomination of the centre-right Michel Barnier as prime minister and denounce President Emmanuel Macron's "power grab".

The interior ministry said 110,000 people took to the streets nationwide, including 26,000 in Paris, while one leading left-winger put the turnout across France at 300,000.

Rallies took place in cities across France including Nantes in the west, Nice and Marseille in the south and Strasbourg in the east. — AFP

Mexico arrests alleged drug boss linked to 43 missing students

A suspected drug cartel boss allegedly linked to the disappearance a decade ago of 43 college students was arrested in Mexico after being released from prison in 2019, authorities said Friday.

Gildardo Lopez Astudillo, known as "El Gil," is an alleged leader of the Guerreros Unidos cartel implicated in the 2014 disappearance and presumed murders of 43 students from Ayotzinapa teachers' college. — AFP

Gaza war in its 12th month with truce hopes slim

Currently, 97 Israeli hostages are held in Gaza.

THE war between Israel and Hamas in Gaza entered its 12th month Saturday with little sign of respite for the Palestinian territory or hope for Israeli hostages still held captive.

The chances of a truce that would also swap Palestinian prisoners jailed by Israel for hostages held by Hamas appeared slim, with both sides sticking doggedly to their positions.

Hamas is demanding a complete Israeli withdrawal, but Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu insists troops must remain along the Gaza-Egypt border.

The United States, Qatar, and Egypt are working to mediate a ceasefire in the Gaza conflict, which has claimed at least



Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stands in front of a map of the Gaza Strip as he speaks during a press conference at the Government Press Office (GPO) in Jerusalem on 4 September 2024.

PHOTO: AFP

40,939 lives, primarily women and children, according to the UN.

The violence intensified after Hamas's 7 October attack on Israel, killing 1,205 people, most-

ly civilians. Currently, 97 hostages are still held in Gaza, with recent Israeli announcements of recovered bodies sparking widespread grief and protests in Israel. The conflict has also affected the West Bank, where over 662 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli forces or settlers. Tensions escalated further following the death of Turkish-American activist Aysenur Eygi, who was shot during a demonstration against Israeli settlements.

International condemnation of her death has been pronounced, with calls for an investigation. Meanwhile, fighting between Israel and Hezbollah in Lebanon continues, complicating efforts for a broader ceasefire. — AFP

DPRK top leader makes military inspections: KCNA



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un (3rd from L) inspects the site of a planned naval base. PHOTO: KCNA/KYODO

THE top leader of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) has made multiple military inspections lately concerning the country's artillery force training, navy construction and weapons production, state media said on Sunday.

Kim Jong Un, general secretary of the Workers' Party of Korea and president of the State Affairs of the DPRK, on Friday inspected O Jin U Artillery Academy, a major centre for training the country's artillery commanding officers, during which he asked

the academy officers to get well versed in artillery tactics and modern military hardware and equipped with full combat command capabilities of "rapidly, fully and overwhelmingly containing and wiping out the enemy in any situation of modern warfare," the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported. According to another two KCNA dispatches on Sunday, the DPRK leader made a field survey on the construction of a modern naval base and guided the country's shipbuilding work. — Xinhua



Exhibition in China's Xi'an marks 50th anniversary of Terracotta Warriors discovery

AN exhibition opened Sunday at the Emperor Qinshihuang's Mausoleum Site Museum in

This photo taken on 23 August 2023 shows a restored piece of the painted Terracotta Warriors at the Emperor Qinshihuang's Mausoleum Site Museum in Xi'an, northwest China's Shaanxi Province. PHOTO: WANG YUGUO/XINHUA

Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the discovery and excavation of the iconic Terracotta Warriors.

The exhibition showcases 230 cultural relics in eight categories, many being revealed to the public for the first time, offering a glimpse into the era of Emperor Qinshihuang of the

Qin Dynasty (221 BC-207 BC).

In 1974, local farmers accidentally unearthed clay fragments while digging a well, leading to one of China's most significant archaeological discoveries — the army of Terracotta Warriors — which was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List in 1987.

Around 2,000 life-size clay warriors and numerous weap-

ons had been unearthed from three pits surrounding Qinshihuang's tomb, covering an area of over 20,000 square metres.

After 50 years of excavation and research, over 10 above-ground building sites and more than 500 underground burial pits and tombs have been discovered in the mausoleum. Over 50,000 pieces of relics have been unearthed. — Xinhua

SPORTS

DEFENDING champions Shan United and second-placed Yangon United continued their winning streaks in the Fixture 9 of 2024-2025 season Myanmar National League held yesterday.

Shan United beat Ayeyawady United with a 2-1 victory at Patheingyi Stadium. Despite a recent managerial change, Shan United came from behind to secure the away win, maintaining their lead at the top of the table. Shan deployed most of their key players, including three foreign players, while their rival, Ayeyawady United also utilized a full-strength squad. The defending champions took the lead in the second minute, with Barkayoko scoring early.

Although Ayeyawady fought hard to equalize, Shan United goalkeeper Kyaw Zin Phyo's strong performance kept them ahead at halftime with a 1-0 lead.

Ayeyawady managed to

Shan, Yangon extend winning streaks in MNL competition



Shan United and Ayeyawady United in action during their match. PHOTO: MNL

level the score in the 62nd minute through a goal by Yan Naing Lin. Shan United responded by

making attacking changes, and in the 84th minute, striker Rintaro scored the winner from a

penalty. Ayeyawady goalkeeper Hein Htet Soe secured the Man of the Match for his outstand-

ing efforts.

In another fixture at Thuwunna Youth Training Centre, Yangon United secured a dominant 6-1 victory over Dagon Port FC. Yangon United, continuing their winning run, overwhelmed the newly promoted side with a half-dozen goals.

Winger Okka Naing netted a hat-trick, scoring in the 3rd, 37th, and 69th minutes. Additional goals came from Yan Kyaw Htwe in the 45+1 minute, David Htan in the 59th minute, and La Min Htwe in the 62rd minute. Dagon Port's consolation goal was scored by Sithu Naing in the 55th minute. Okka Naing was named Man of the Match for his hat-trick.

The final day of Fixture 9 will be held today, featuring Thitsar Arman FC against Myawady FC at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre, and Rakhine United versus Dagon Star United at the Yangon United Sports Complex. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Randhir Singh elected as first Indian President of OCA

At 77, Singh, hailing from Patiala, Punjab, is the first Indian to hold this position.

FORMER Indian shooter and veteran sports administrator Randhir Singh was officially elected unopposed as the first Indian President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) at the 44th Olympic Council of Asia General Assembly at the Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan in New Delhi on Sunday.

Randhir Singh, a veteran sports figure from Patiala, Punjab, has been unanimously elected as the President of the Olympic Council of Asia (OCA).

In a statement to reporters, the 77-year-old emphasized the importance of preserving heritage and the global need for yoga, noting its benefits in rejuvenating the body.

Singh's distinguished career spans both athletic and administrative achievements. He won multiple medals in trap shooting across Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games and was honored with the Arjuna Award



Raja Randhir Singh has taken over as chief of the Olympic Council of Asia. PHOTO: AFP

and Maharaja Ranjit Singh Award.

His sports administration roles include serving as the Secretary General of the Indian Olympic Association, the Sports Authority of India, and the OCA. Singh also played significant roles in the 2010 Delhi Commonwealth Games and

the Afro-Asian Games Council.

Internationally, he was a member of the IOC and WADA boards and held leadership roles in various Olympic committees. He has received numerous accolades, including the OCA Award of Merit and the Olympic Order, Silver. — ANI

Para swimming sensation Jiang bags home seven golds from Paris

CHINESE para swimmer Jiang Yuyan enjoyed an amazing journey at the Paris Paralympic Games by grabbing a total of seven golds in ten days.

"It's a perfect tournament for me," said the second time Paralympian after clinching the title in the women's 100m backstroke S6 event with a new world record on Saturday. "I was not sure if I could win this event". The 19-year-old suffered from severe period pain on Friday but still managed to win her sixth gold in Paris in the women's 400m freestyle S6 event.

"My mom did suggest me that maybe I could quit today's competition, but I came a long way to be here and I am in a good form. I still wanted to give it a go even though I was not sure if I could win," revealed Jiang. "I just

asked myself to spare no effort and have no regret."

Jiang, who lost her right arm and leg after she was involved in a car accident when she was four years old, started her gold-collecting journey from the first competition day on 29 August when she won the women's 50m S6 freestyle in a Paralympic record of 32.59 seconds. — Xinhua



Jiang Yuyan of China reacts during the awarding ceremony for the women's 100m backstroke S6 final of swimming event at the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games in Paris, France, 7 September 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

Gaza war in its 12th month
with truce hopes slim

PAGE 14



WORLD

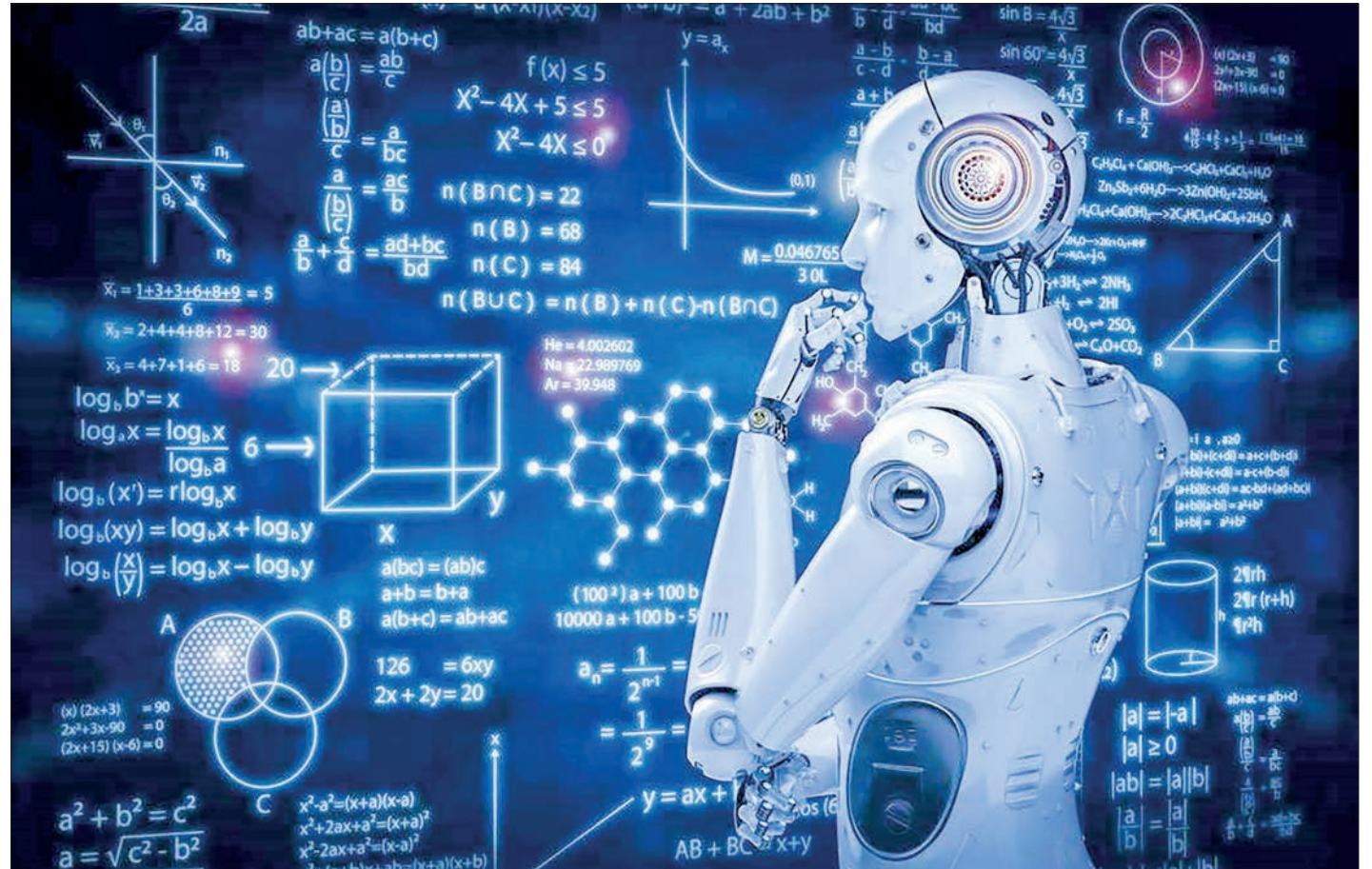
G7 legislative leaders agree on further regulating AI

The three-day meeting, which included parliamentary leaders from Canada, the US, the UK, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the European Parliament, highlighted the need for each country's parliament to contribute to creating governance frameworks for AI.

NATIONAL legislatures have a key role in charting the course for artificial intelligence (AI) and assuring cyber-security going forward, according to a statement agreed Saturday by representatives from the Group of Seven (G7) countries at the close of a summit in Italy.

The three-day G7 Speakers' Meeting in the northern Italian city of Verona included the leadership from parliaments in G7 member states, which comprise Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, and Japan. The European Parliament speaker has also been invited.

The statement confirmed that the parliament of each country must contribute to "drafting the corpus of rules (governance) that will ensure the sound use of AI within the framework of the principles and rights to which we all sub-



Italy, holding this year's G7 presidency, focused on developing international AI standards, with discussions also touching on geopolitical security and development. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/KYODO-PR.COM

scribe," as well as to promoting public awareness on the issue and supporting more discussions on the related labour

market. During this year's G7 presidency, Italy has stressed the need to develop international standards for AI.

Geopolitical security and development were also discussed during the meeting. — Xinhua

Central London site revealed for Queen Elizabeth II memorial

The memorial is designed to be a fitting tribute, offering space for contemplation and community, reflecting Queen Elizabeth II's impact on the UK, the Commonwealth, and the world.



Queen Elizabeth II died on 8 September 2022 at her Balmoral estate in northeast Scotland. PHOTO: POOL/AFP/FILE

A national memorial to Britain's Queen Elizabeth II will be located in London's St James's Park, which holds "historical and constitutional significance and personal

connection" to the late monarch, the UK government said Saturday.

The site is close to the ceremonial route of The Mall and to the Buckingham

Palace home of her son King Charles III.

It is also near statues of her parents King George VI and Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

"The memorial is intended to provide not only a fitting monument but also a space for contemplation and community, and will be of an appropriate scale and ambition to match the impact of Queen Elizabeth II on national life, The Commonwealth and indeed the rest of the world," said the government.

There will be other memorial projects in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Prime Minister Keir Starmer said that the queen's "enduring legacy of service and devotion to our country will never be forgotten". "The national memorial will be located in St James's Park, right in the heart of the capital, providing everyone with a place to honour the Late Queen and connect with the shared history we cherish," he added. — AFP

The potential impact

Australia to conduct biosecurity drill on avian influenza outbreak

AUSTRALIA'S ability to respond to an outbreak of a deadly strain of avian influenza will be tested on Monday in a major national exercise, the federal government said on Sunday.

Australia is the only continent that has not recorded a case of the H5N1 strain of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI).

According to the federal government, representatives from biosecurity agencies, environmental authorities and industry groups will meet on Monday to test Australia's response to the H5N1 strain.

A global H5N1 outbreak has led to the death of millions of birds and thousands of marine mammals in South America. — Xinhua