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## Telecoms sector extends CSR support for flood-hit communities

**D**ue to severe flooding caused by heavy rainfall from Typhoon Yagi, mobile operators have stepped in to support flood-battered communities by offering free communication services as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.

From 13 to 19 September, mobile operators provided seven days of free calls and SMS to help flood-stricken mobile phone users maintain accessible communication. Further extending their efforts, various telecommunication providers have announced additional support for flood-hit regions.

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications (MPT) is offering 700 minutes of free calls and 700 complimentary SMS messages for mobile-to-mobile communication from 20 to 26 September. Likewise, ATOM Myanmar Ltd will provide 300 minutes of free calls and 300 complimentary SMS messages from 20 to 22 September. Meanwhile, Ooredoo Myanmar has announced unlimited free calls and unlimited free SMS from 20 to 26 September. Telecom International Myanmar Co Ltd (MYTEL) is also offering 1,000 minutes of free calls and 1,000 complimentary SMS messages from 21 to 30 September.

*The Ministry of Transport and Communications*



The No 12 Thazi-Yangon Down train prepares to depart from Thazi Railway Station to Yangon.

## No 11-up Yangon-Thazi train, No 12-down Thazi-Yangon train resume services

**H**heavy rainfalls triggered by Typhoon Yagi ravaged rail tracks and bridges on the Yangon-Mandalay section. Officials conducted repair works to resume train services that were suspended starting on 13 September, and repairing processes were completed for the Yangon-Thazi rail track. Therefore,

the passenger train and freight train services resumed on 20 September.

Along the Yangon-Thazi rail section, the No 11-Up train will leave Yangon Railway Station at 5 am on 21 September, and the No 12-Down train will depart at 6 am from Thazi Railway Station. Trains will stop at all railway stations. Ticket fees are

K17,000 per head for the upper class and K9,000 per head for the ordinary class.

Myanma Railways is making efforts to reopen the Thazi-Mandalay railway as rapidly as possible, and train operations from Yangon to Mandalay will restart in the not-distant future. — MNA/KTZH



S&R operations are underway in the flooded areas.



# NATIONAL



## Nine (9) days remain until the National Census.



## Announcement for people at home and abroad to donate cash and kind to flood-affected victims

- As flash floods caused by Typhoon Yagi occur in Myanmar, well-wishers may donate cash and kind for flood-affected victims.
- If they wish to donate cash in mobile payment, they can send cash to KBZ Pay through QR Code 70157401001 of KBZ Pay or scanning QR Code, Wave Money through scanning QR Code or mobile phone numbers 09 255001542 and 09 255001543 directly.



- Moreover, arrangements are underway for well-wishers to apply other electronic payment systems and mobile payment systems, and further information will be released.
- If well-wishers wish to donate cash through banking services, they can donate cash in Myanmar kyat into account number OA-011834 of Myanma Economic Bank in Nay Pyi Taw, and they can make donations as follows: -
  - They can donate cash directly through MEB in Nay Pyi Taw or via other MEB branches or private bank branches.
  - People can donate cash in Myanmar kyat from their accounts opened at State-owned and private banks at home through account transfer.
- If well-wishers wish to donate foreign currency, they can make cash donations to account number 011128400000063 at Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank in Yangon through the following ways: -
  - They can donate US\$, euro and Singapore \$ in cash at MFTB directly.
  - Well-wishers at home and abroad can donate foreign currencies through the following accounts: -
 

SWIFT CODE/BIC	-	MFTBMMMY
Beneficiary Name	-	Natural Disaster Management Fund
Beneficiary A/C No	-	0111284000000063
- Moreover, those wishing to donate foreign currencies can donate cash to foreign account number EDN-600018 opened at Myanma Economic Bank in Nay Pyi Taw

- through the following ways: -
- They can donate US\$, euro and Singapore \$ in cash at MEB directly.
  - Those with foreign accounts at MEB can donate cash through account transfer.
  - Well-wishers at home and abroad can donate foreign currencies through the following accounts: -
 

SWIFT CODE/BIC	-	MYEBMMMY
Beneficiary Name	-	Natural Disaster Management Fund
Beneficiary A/C No	-	EDN-600018

- Well-wishers wishing to make cash and kind donations can contact the following persons: -

Nay Pyi Taw	Yangon	Mandalay
Daw Lei Lei Aye Director-General Department of Disaster Management 067 3404050 09 2021491	U Than Soe Director Department of Disaster Management Office of Yangon Region Department 09 250123885 09 420740160	U Aye Min Thu Director Department of Disaster Management Office of Mandalay Region Department 09 420708827
U Win Shwe Deputy Director-General Department of Disaster Management 067 3404048 09 254170011	Daw Than Than Win Deputy Director Department of Disaster Management Office of Yangon Region Department 09 420740160	Daw Thet Thet Aye Deputy Director Department of Disaster Management Office of Mandalay Region Department 09 400502056
Daw Phyu Phyu Win Director Department of Disaster Management 067 3404316 09 43054844		

- Donated items can be sent as follows: -
    - to relevant region/state government offices
    - to Office 23, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Nay Pyi Taw
    - to Central Store Depot (Yangon), Department of Disaster Management, Ward 3, Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road, Yangon
    - to Central Store Depot (Mandalay), Department of Disaster Management, 65<sup>th</sup> Street between 34<sup>th</sup> and 35<sup>th</sup> Streets, Pyigyimyetshin Ward, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay
- Well-wishers can donate cash to Myanmar kyat accounting number OA-011834 and foreign accounting number 0111284000000063 at MFTB in Yangon and foreign accounting number EDN 600018 at MEB in Nay Pyi Taw.

**National Disaster Management Committee**

**Myanmar Gazette**

### Heads of Service Organizations confirmed and appointed

- THE State Administration Council has confirmed the appointment of U Aung Zaw Linn, Director-General of the Bureau of Special Investigation under the Ministry of Home Affairs, after the one-year probationary period.
- The State Administration Council has appointed U Aung Maw, Deputy Director-General (Admin/Support/Training), Office of the Supreme Court of the Union, as Director-General of the same organization on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

### Special Weather News

Issued at (19:00) hours MST on 20-9-2024

ACCORDING to the observations at (17:30) hrs MST today, the Low-Pressure Cell over Eastern part of Thailand has moved continuously Westwards and is crossing the inland area of Thailand. It was downgraded into a Low-Pressure Cell. The Low-Pressure Cell and remanant clouds are likely to continue to move Westwards and crossing to Kayah, Kayin, Mon States and Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions (Myanmar) and Northern Andaman Sea during next (24) hours. Thereafter, continue to move Westwards and it may intensify into a Low-Pressure Area over central Bay of Bengal on 23 September 2024. Due to the low-pressure cell and remanant of clouds, rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin, Mon States with regionally heavyfalls and scattered to fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay Regions and Southern Shan State with isolated heavyfalls and strong wind tonight upto 25 September 2024.

## 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)*

## Madame Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Spouse of the State Administration Council Chairman and Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar sent video speech to Fourth Eurasian Women's Forum

20 September 2024, Saint Petersburg

**S**POUSE of the Chairman of the State Administration Council and Prime Minister of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Daw Kyu Kyu Hla sent a video speech to the Fourth Eurasian Women's Forum, which was held under the theme of **"Women for Strengthening Trust and Global Cooperation"** from 18 to 20 September 2024 in Saint Petersburg, the Russian Federation.

The Opening Ceremony and Plenary Session were launched with the speech of the President of the Russian Federation Mr Vladimir Putin followed by the speeches of Ms Valentina Matvienko, Chairperson of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, and Mr Alexander Beglov, Governor of Saint Petersburg. In addition, the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation Mr Mikhail Mishustin sent his speech to the Forum. Then, the Plenary Session continued with the speeches delivered by the women leaders of international parliaments and government institutions around the world.

In her discussion on the topic **"Women for Strengthening Trust and Global Cooperation"**, Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, spouse of the Chairman of the State Administration Council and Prime Minister, highlighted that non-governmental organizations in Myanmar such as Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation (MWAFF), Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (MMCWA), and Myanmar Women and Children Development Foundation (MWCDF) have been supporting and promoting health, education and economic development for women, expectant mothers, young women, children,



Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the State Administration Council Chairman and Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, delivers the video speech to the Fourth Eurasian Women's Forum yesterday.



and the elderly and ensuring the safety of women's lives. She also said that she has been giving guidance to those organizations as the Honorary Patron. Half of the population of Myanmar are women, and thus, along with women from all over the world, Myanmar women play a pivotal role in strengthening trust and global cooperation.

She underscored that the world is facing challenges such as climate change, poverty, requirements for healthcare and educational services, technological development, violations of human rights, especially women's rights, trade conflicts and military conflicts. She further urged that the need for professionalism and efficient management skills of women is getting greater day by day.

She continued to say that as women mostly bear the burden of conflicts, it is essential to include women's participation in multi-sector cooperation for the successful implementation of mutual

understanding and trust, peace, security and development.

She underscored that it is very encouraging to notice the BRICS Women's Business Alliance's important mechanism for cooperation among BRICS countries.

She highlighted in her speech that it is the time to recognize and champion not only women's daily activities but also women's courage, self-confidence, perseverance, leadership, resilience and creativity in dealing with global issues. Myanmar attaches great importance to the significant role of women in achieving the international goals of the United Nations, she added.

She expressed her confidence that the Fourth Eurasian Women's Forum will contribute not only to the promotion of the interests of all women across the world but also to the enhancement of their collective strength for bolstering trust and global cooperation. She then

concluded by wishing the Forum continued progress and success.

Then, the Forum continued with the discussions under the themes of the Role of Women in "A New Agenda for Peace and Trust", "Economic Reality: Technologies and Innovations", "Healthy Society and Social Wellbeing", "Clean Planet and Food Security", "Preservation of Traditions and Cultural Diversity" and "BRICS Women's Forum". President Dr Thet Thet Zin of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation also delivered a video speech under the theme of **"Women for the Preservation of Traditions and Cultural Diversity"** at the Forum.

The Forum was attended by 1,500 attendees from 126 countries, including vice-presidents, chairs and vice-chairs of the parliaments, deputy prime ministers, ministers, deputy ministers, and women leaders and experts from space, environment, women's development and nuclear sectors. — MNA



# NATIONAL

## DPM MoTC Union Minister addresses Intellectual Property Rights Central Committee meeting



Deputy Prime Minister Union Transport & Communications Minister General Mya Tun Oo chairs the second meeting of the Central Committee on Intellectual Property Rights yesterday.

THE meeting 2/2024 of the Central Committee on Intellectual Property Rights was held yesterday afternoon at the Ministry of Commerce conference room in

Nay Pyi Taw. The meeting featured a speech from General Mya Tun Oo, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications, who chairs

the committee.

General Mya Tun Oo highlighted that the government has successfully implemented intellectual property laws, facilitat-

ing the application processes for trademark registrations, industrial designs, and copyrights. He noted that Myanmar's intellectual property registration system has begun to develop similarly to other ASEAN and global nations. He expressed the importance of member countries collaborating on intellectual property initiatives within the ASEAN region to establish Myanmar as a leading nation.

He emphasized the need for the government to support micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) through funding, technology, and other assistance while also enabling these businesses to protect their brands and creations through intellectual property rights. He stated that this would enhance MSME development and facilitate the marketing of innovations from universities and research centres.

Furthermore, he underscored the necessity of building an effective intellectual property

protection system aimed at improving the socioeconomic lives of the public. He urged relevant ministries and organizations to work together in line with the established national intellectual property strategy, encouraging participation from various stakeholders, including government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and experts in the field.

Following his address, the committee's secretary from the Ministry of Commerce reported on the decisions made during the previous first meeting and outlined the progress achieved.

Participants discussed various issues related to intellectual property and offered suggestions relevant to their respective sectors. The meeting concluded with a closing statement from General Mya Tun Oo, who expressed gratitude to all attendees for their contributions and officially adjourned the session. — MNA/KZL

## MoHA Union Minister consoles flood victims at relief camps in Hpa-an

UNION Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, who is also National Disaster Management Committee Vice-Chair 1, arrived at Mawlamyine in Mon State by flight yesterday.

He first met the staff of relevant departments at the meeting hall of the state government office and went to relief camps in Hpa-an of Kayin State. He comforted the flood-hit people and provided them with relief items.

He presided over the natural disaster-related coordination meeting at Pyidaungsu Yeiktha in Hpa-an, and Kayin State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo reported on the opening of relief camps, destructions, temporary closure of schools and plans for reopening, donations for flood victims, monsoon paddy fields inundated in floods and future work plans.

The Union minister and party also inspected cleanliness measures along the strand road of Hpa-an. They provided food-

stuffs to members of Tatmadaw, the police force, the fire brigade, the Red Cross Society, the development committee, and locals who participated in the cleaning process.

Then, the Union minister and party paid homage to Shwe Yin Hmaw Pyi Taw Aye pagoda's, Aung Chan Thar Buddha statue in Hpa-an and donated K 1 million for the all-round development of the pagoda.

During their arrival at the relief camp that opened in the pagoda compound, they cordially met with the flood victims and donated rice, cooking oil, eggs, and other foodstuffs to 1,439 people from 285 households. They also inspected the healthcare system of the Public Health Department and the cooking processes of the Kayin State Highways Department.

They then checked the cooking processes in the compound of Alinn Taik Library in Hlakamyin Kwatthit and greeted the students and locals who



Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae meets the Mon State departmental personnel in Mawlamyine yesterday.

were reading at the library. Then, they donated K 1 million to the librarian.

They met flood victims at the relief camp in the basic education middle school (branch) in Hlakamyin Kwatthit. They donated rice, cooking oil, eggs, instant noodles and other foodstuffs for 637 people from 147

households.

On arrival at the relief camp at No 4 BEHS, Hpa-an, the Union minister and officials donated foodstuffs for 970 people from 219 households.

The Union minister then met staff members of the relevant department at meeting hall 2 of the state government

office and urged them to follow the civil service rules, law, rules and ethics.

Afterwards, Kayin State Security and Border Affairs Minister Colonel Min Thu Kyaw reported on security measures, and the Union minister gave proper instructions. — MNA/KTZH



# NATIONAL

## Union Ministers deliver relief to flood victims in Tatkon, Pyinmana

NATIONAL Disaster Management Committee Members Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn and Union Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing, accompanied by relevant officials and artistes comforted the flood-affected people in Tatkon Township, Nay Pyi Taw and provided them with relief supplies yesterday.

Union ministers and party first visited the relief camp opened at Maha Zanaka Monastery in Tatkon. They paid homage to Patron Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vannaraya and donated offerings. They then cordially met flood victims at Maha Zanaka Beikman, and Union ministers and artistes explained the donation and comforted them.

Union ministers, officials of M Entertainment Channel and Elevate Broadcast Myanmar Co Ltd provided flood victims with commodities, foodstuffs and medicines.

Moreover, singers Yone Lay, Jenny, comedians academy Ohn Thee, Dein Daung, other artistes and MRTV's artistes entertained with MRTV band. The Union minister cordially greeted victims, asked about their difficulties and negotiated with officials.

The relief camp at the Maha Zanaka Monastery shelters 249 people of 81 households from Anawrahta ward, Bayintnaung ward and Myaukywaysu village.

Union ministers and party headed to the relief camp



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn (L) and Union Minister U Myint Kyaing (R) present relief donations to flood-impacted elderly people yesterday.

at Chanmyae Myaing Yeiktha. They paid homage to Patron Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sihanyana and donated offerings.

They cordially consoled flood-stricken people and explained the donation.

Union ministers and officials of M Entertainment Channel and Elevate Broadcast Myanmar Co Ltd handed over the relief items. Artistes also performed with MRTV music band for the flood-affected people.

The relief camp at Chan Myae Myaing Monastery hosts 420 people of 127 households from Anawrahta ward, Azone

Zigone, Shaukgone, Patpan-gone, Myauk Yway Su and Chaung Gwa villages.

The MRTV, M Entertainment Channel and Elevate Broadcast Myanmar Co Ltd donated K5,014,000 worth of commodities, foodstuffs and medicine supplies, and the Ministry of Immigration and Population donated commodities while artistes cash and foodstuffs.

At noon, Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn proceeded to MRTV and inspected the broadcasting programmes of MRTV using two 1,250 kVA generators until 15 September, ac-

cess to water for the main building and staff housing pumping water from an 80,000-gallon water tank using 16 kVA generator and groundwater storage and distribution from a 60,000-gallon water tank. During the inspection, he gave instructions on how to use generators and maintain them systematically, how to be ready with spare parts, how to store water in the tanks, and how to make preparations for fire.

Afterwards, the Union minister and artistes went to the relief camps at the Thabyay-tawya Monastery and

Maha Leti San Monastery and cordially comforted the flood-affected people and explained the donation.

The Union minister, officials and artistes presented relief supplies to the flood-affected people. Then, artistes academy Ohn Thee and Dein Daung sang songs.

The Thabyaytaung Tawya Monastery accommodates 350 flood-stricken people, and Maha Leti San Monastery hosts 399 flood victims. The Ministry of Information donated K5 million worth of commodities, foodstuffs and medicines. — MNA/KTZH

## Agriculture Dept to support post-flood farm recovery

THE Agriculture Department has urged farmers to grow cash crops in flood-damaged fields. It will provide effective support to replant crops in time before the season ends, Dr Ye Tint Tun, director-general of the Agriculture Department.

Devastating strong winds and heavy rain in the wake of Typhoon Yagi swept Myanmar, battering farmlands. The officials from the Agriculture Department are conducting field trips to

flood-hit areas in each township. A team led by Dr Ye Tint Tun visited the farms in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and discussed matters related to support for post-flood farm recovery, ways to tackle crop loans, the need to maintain high-yielding crops by reducing input costs, including seeds, analyzing climate-resilient crops suitable for each region and the needs.

The department will support short-matured rice paddy seeds

if farmers want to replant them before season-end. If they have difficulties replanting paddy, they are urged to grow cash crops to mitigate their loss and circulate capital for the next growing season.

The department has been joining hands with related organizations to provide technical assistance and agricultural needs. He reiterated that he would make concerted efforts on this.

Similarly, a team led by the

director of the paddy crop division and head of Nay Pyi Taw's Agriculture Department instructed a farmer U Nyunt Tin, to have ratooning on its 0.5-acre flooded field in Kyitaunggan village-tract, Zeyathiri Township, on 19 September during their field trip. Then, they also demonstrated a pesticide collaboration campaign to prevent pesticide risks during their visit to U Myo Win Tun's 2 acres of monsoon paddy field.

The Ministry of Agriculture,

Livestock and Irrigation has urged the farmers to replant crops after the flood. At present, the ministry has been arranging to provide suitable seeds and equipment for ploughing to repair farmland and prepare seed beds in flood-stricken areas. Therefore, irrigation channels are being restored to reach unaffected farm areas. Those farmers in need can enquire about the nearest Agriculture Department and Agricultural Mechanization Department to get access to seeds and equipment, the ministry notified. — NN/KK



# NATIONAL

## Financial aid, relief materials provided to flood victims in Nay Pyi Taw



Photos reveal officials from the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Department of Disaster Management assisting flood victims in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

AS a result of the flood that occurred on 11 September, aid and relief materials were provided to the flood-hit people in Pobbathiri Township, Zeyathiri District in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory on 18 September.

Officials from the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, along with the Department of Disaster Management, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Min Oo, and officials and Uttara District Disaster Management Department, provided financial assistance of K1,800,000 for the six people who died due to flash floods in Pobbathiri Township. Additionally, K7,500,000 was allocated for construction materials for 75 houses that were destroyed entirely. Authorities also distributed emergency kits each

containing 16 relief items, each worth K107,678, to 75 flood-stricken households.

The National Disaster Management Committee announced on 18 September that the government will provide K500,000 from the National Disaster Management Fund and K300,000 from the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement for a total of K800,000 per person who died due to natural disasters.

Similarly, according to the National Disaster Management Committee, the relevant regional and state governments will provide additional support. Additionally, it is planned to continue providing necessary assistance based on the condition of the injured and the extent of the damage to the

houses.

Due to the subsequent heavy rains and floods caused by Typhoon Yagi, 56 townships in eight states and regions, including Nay Pyi Taw, were flooded, damaging roads, bridges, residences, office buildings, schools, and other infrastructure.

As of 18 September, 268 people had been killed, 47 were injured, and 88 were missing. The National Disaster Management Committee was established by the State Administration Council (SAC) with Notification 225/2023 on 6 November 2023 to anticipate natural disasters that may occur in the country, respond, and provide relief and assistance during such events. — Htun Htun/TKO

## Myanmar Ambassador attends 'Intra Jatra' Festival in Kathmandu

MYANMAR Ambassador to Nepal U Myo Myint Maung attended the 'Intra Jatra' Festival on 18 September at the Hanu-mandhoka Durbar Square in Kathmandu, Nepal, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The 'Intra Jatra' Festival is a prominent religious celebration for the Nepali people and

was attended by Nepal's President Mr Ramchandra Paudel, Vice-President Mr Ram Sahaya Prasad Yadav, Prime Minister Mr KP Sharma Oli, cabinet members, heads of embassies based in Kathmandu, officials from the Nepali Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and invitees. — ASH/MKKS



This photo showcases the 'Intra Jatra' Festival. on 18 September.

## Myanmar Islamic organization donates food to 3,000 flood-hit households in Bago and Nay Pyi Taw

THE All-Myanmar Islamic Religious Organization donated food to 3,000 flood-stricken families in the Bago Region and Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, according to the organization's Natural Disaster Relief Committee.

The committee began providing food to 3,000 flood-battered individuals in Toungoo Township in Bago Region, and Tatkon Township in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area on 19 September.

"We are donating rice and oil for a week to 3,000 households.

That is the committee's first donation, and we consult with locals to determine the items needed for specific areas. We will continue to assist," said U Win Tun Soe, the focal point of the Natural Disaster Relief Committee.

To help the flood-hit individuals, the All-Myanmar Islamic Religious Organization has formed a Natural Disaster Relief Committee consisting of 45 members, including five patrons.

— ASH/MKKS



This photo shows foodstuffs being donated by the All-Myanmar Islamic Religious Organization.

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## CBM announces sales of US\$30M for fuel oil importers

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 20 September that it would inject US\$30 million into the fuel oil sector.

It sold over \$8.5 million and two million Thai baht on 19 September and over 3.2 million baht on 18 September. It disclosed on 17 September the sale of 10 million baht for importers on 18 September.

It also injected \$30,000 on 17 September, \$5 million on 16 September, \$230,000, over 1.5 million yuan and over 956,000 baht on 13 September into the financial market.

CBM announced on 12 September that it would pump \$10 million into the fuel oil sector and \$7 million into the edible oil sector through the foreign exchange trading platform. It sold \$12.4 million and 80 million baht on 4 September, \$90,000 on 5 September and \$100,000 on 6 September, respectively.

Following CBM's notification



A fuel bowser refills a petrol station tank.

dated 14 August about contribution of \$100 million towards the fuel oil sector, it sold over \$9.498 million at exchange rate of K3,400 on 15 August, over \$89.975 million at exchange rate of K3,410 on 19 August, \$31 million at exchange

rate of K3,440 on 22 August, over \$35 million at exchange rate of K3,460 on 26 August and \$16.9 million at exchange rate of K3,472 on 28 August, respectively.

CBM announced on 9 August that it would sell \$6 million, five

million yuan and 10 million baht into the edible oil, fuel oil and pharmaceutical sectors through online foreign exchange trading platforms in the coming weeks.

CBM sold \$5 million and five million yuan for the fuel oil, edible

oil and pharmaceutical sectors on 2 August, after authorized banks sold 69 million baht and nine million yuan for those importing edible oil, fertilizer, pharmaceuticals and medical devices on 1 August through a foreign exchange trading platform.

Therefore, CBM injected over \$190 million, 19 million yuan and 79 million baht in August.

CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and the currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March, it has been joining hands with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

## LBVD distributes ducklings at cheaper prices

THE Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation has been distributing ducklings at cheaper prices.

The LBVD is selling Day Old Ducklings raising for eggs at fairer rates. Those ducklings are produced from incubation machines owned by the department with the aim of enhancing duck farming businesses. The institutions and those individuals need to make pre-orders one month in advance through the contact numbers of Dr Ye Nanda (farm in-charge) Ph: 09 401617035, 067 3408175, 067 3408020 and Dr Thein Zaw (Phayagyi duck farm in charge) (09 43043152) and U Naing Win Soe (Shwemyo) (09 794926509). — NN/KK



This image shows a flock of ducks at the farm.

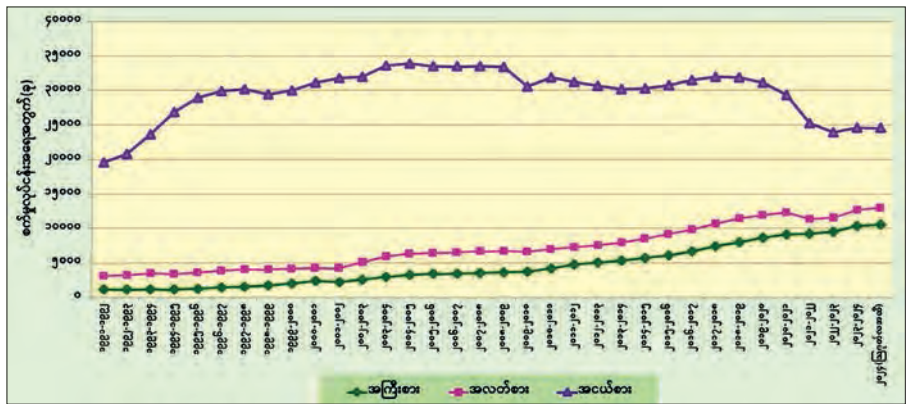
## Registered private industries with DISI exceed 48,000 by end of August

A total of 48,053 private industries have been registered with the Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection so far, according to the Ministry of Industry's data.

The registered private industries grew to 47,609 in the previous financial year 2023-2024. A total of 444 sectors were officially listed in April-August of the current FY 2024-2025.

Almost 50 per cent of the registered private industries are engaged in the food group. The lists of registered private sectors are classified into 24 business groups: food, tobacco, clothing, wood and finished wood slabs, printing, chemical, rubber and plastic, essential minerals, computer and electronic devices, unclassified machines, beverages, fabric, leather, paper and paper products, charcoal fuel, pharmaceuticals, non-metallic minerals, metal refining equipment, electronics, vehicle and trailer, furniture and machines and equipment repair and installation.

Private industries registered with the Department of Industrial Supervision and Inspection



This image features a diagram of private industries registered with the Department of Industrial Supervision and Inspection.

With the private industries growing domestically, the DISI is providing services for small and medium enterprises to get access to technical assistance and funding, explore markets, register the private industrial enterprises in accordance with existing laws and conduct safety inspections of boiler

and electrical usage at worksites and environmental impact assessment.

Yangon Region, a commercial hub of Myanmar, is home to private industries with 8,114 registered businesses, followed by Mandalay Region with 6,810 and Ayeyawady Region with 5,713. — KK

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# OPINION

## Really honour peacemakers for entire people

THE global community faces numerous challenges, including armed conflicts, financial crises, hegemonic ambitions, external interference in domestic affairs, the effects of natural disasters, and health issues. Despite a universal desire for peace, stability, and well-being, achieving lasting peace requires more than mere hope. It demands relentless effort, sacrifice, and sometimes, the giving up of lives. Those committed to peace often face daunting obstacles and may even encounter setbacks, but their sacrifices are crucial.

This year marks the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly's adoption of the Declaration and Programme of Action on a Culture of Peace. The theme for 2024 of International Day of Peace, "Cultivating a Culture of Peace", underscores the importance of not only preventing conflict but actively engaging in dialogue and mutual understanding to resolve disputes.

The UN's declaration emphasizes that true peace extends beyond the mere absence of conflict. It involves a dynamic and inclusive process that promotes dialogue, cooperation, and empathy. To build a more harmonious and prosperous world, individuals and communities must embrace empathy, compassion, and sympathy, fostering a culture where peace thrives.

For people worldwide, including those in Myanmar, the call for peace is urgent. Achieving peace can mitigate the negative impacts of uprisings, riots, and chaos. A stable and peaceful environment allows governments to address the needs of diverse communities and focus on development initiatives. In such an environment, ethnic youth can engage in productive activities, contributing to agricultural and livestock sectors, which benefits both themselves and their communities.

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ACCORDING to the World Health Organization, every individual is entitled to quality healthcare. It is the responsibility of governments to lead and manage healthcare systems, ensuring public access to medical services that meet established standards. Whether in developed or developing nations, governments must take the initiative to implement healthcare policies that are tailored to the specific needs of their country and region.

Since Myanmar's independence, the Department of Health has been established to ensure the systematic and efficient delivery of public healthcare services. The Ministry of Health has consistently followed the health policies of successive governments as a guiding framework, assuming the ongoing responsibility for public health initiatives. To address the need for qualified healthcare professionals, the Ministry has established medical universities and training schools, producing new generations of skilled health workers.

The Ministry of Health has set the goal of ensuring that all individuals can lead fulfilling lives free from disease. To achieve this, the Ministry focuses on preventive measures to reduce the occurrence of diseases. In cases where illness does arise, guidelines are established to provide effective healthcare management based on the country's available resources. Comprehensive plans are continuously developed and

implemented to support these objectives.

The state has taken responsibility for public healthcare, working to establish universities and academies to train medical professionals, construct hospitals and clinics, and provide essential medical equipment despite various limitations. However, significant challenges remain. When assessing healthcare infrastructure and human resources in relation to the size and population of townships, noticeable gaps still exist. Over the years, government officials have consistently sought to address and mitigate these challenges.

For a public hospital, it is crucial to maintain regular healthcare procedures to ensure continuous clinical management. When routine healthcare services are not fully provided, the public is often forced to seek treatment at private hospitals or clinics, leading to out-of-pocket expenses. This continuity of medical care in public hospitals is especially vital in areas where the population has limited access to alternative healthcare options. Thus, public hospitals are the primary and often sole source of medical services.

After 1 February 2021, public hospitals in Myanmar experienced significant disruptions in their operations. However, efforts were made to reorganize hospital management and staff members to restore normal functioning. Through timely and necessary support, consistent and equitable governance was

## Let's Fill the Gaps

By Dr Zeyar Win



Commissioning ceremony for State civil servant doctors on 31 July 2024, attended by Union Health Minister Dr Thet Khaing Win.

established, allowing public hospitals to resume operations within a short period. The Ministry of Health also established hospital management committees and support committees at each hospital to streamline healthcare services and enhance hospital efficiency. Furthermore, public hospitals have ensured 24-hour emergency care while minimizing the costs of essential medica-

tions, diagnostic procedures, and treatment activities to alleviate the financial burden on patients.

Following the directive from the head of state that "every hospital must have a doctor at least," efforts have been made to swiftly address doctor shortages, with the goal of providing quality medical care and ensuring the full operation of public hospitals. In line with national government guidelines, the Ministry of Health has overseen the direct appointment of medical graduates who have completed their internship training, effectively filling vacancies and enhancing the capacity of healthcare facilities.

On 31 July 2024, a total of 581 newly graduated doctors were appointed as civil service gazette officers, helping to address the demand for medical professionals in public healthcare to a moderate extent. Additionally, as of June 2024, more than a thousand medical graduates who passed the final Part B exams from various medical universities are currently serving as interns in teaching hospitals across the country. This effort further contributes to strengthening the healthcare workforce.

Doctors appointed directly as civil servants are committed to advancing their clinical practice and enhancing their proficiency in medical sciences to meet the operational needs of public hospitals. These doctors have been assigned to public hospitals under the guidance

of senior specialists, which allows them to focus on their professional development while simultaneously addressing the healthcare needs of the state and the public. Consequently, these newly appointed doctors will have the opportunity to focus on their individual professional development while addressing the healthcare needs of both the state and the public.

As assistant doctors who have been appointed previously and have been working alongside senior doctors in public hospitals for a year or more, they are now set to be transferred to smaller public hospitals where there is a significant need for medical doctors. This transfer will be especially beneficial for improving healthcare access for residents in various regions enhancing overall public health.

In summary, we hope that civil service doctors will achieve a successful career by effectively balancing their professional responsibilities for their assigned duties. As reflected in the lyrics of Htoo Eainthin's song:

"လူတွေအကုန်...ကျန်းမာရေးအတွက်... ကွက်လပ်ဖြည့်လိုက်ပေါ့ကွယ်... ကျေးလက်က ဒေါက်တာသူငယ်ချင်းရယ်... စိတ်ဓာတ်ကလေးဖြူစင် သန့်ရှင်းတယ်... အားလုံးအတွက် တာဝန်တွေထမ်းဆောင်မယ့်... မင်းတို့အတွက်ဂုဏ်ယူလိုက်ပါတယ်"

"we are pleased and proud to see them filling the gaps in healthcare services needed by our nation and its people."



## Climate Change Adaptation and Actions

By Dr Than Lwin Tun

CLIMATE change adaptation refers to actions that help reduce vulnerability to the current or expected impacts of climate change, like weather extremes and hazards, sea-level rise, biodiversity loss, or food and water insecurity. Many adaptation measures need to happen at the local level, so rural communities and cities have a big role to play.

**Why do we need to adapt? And why is it so urgent?**  
Scientific studies show that the Earth is now about 1.1°C warmer than it was in the 1800s. This warming is causing widespread and rapid changes in our planet's atmosphere, ocean and ecosystems. As a result, weather

and climate extremes are becoming more frequent in every region of the world.

According to climate models, without significant climate action, the world is headed for a 2.5 to 2.9°C temperature rise above pre-industrial levels this century, which is well above the safety limits established by scientists.

With every fraction of a degree of warming, the impacts of climate change will become more frequent and more intense – and adaptation will become that much harder and more expensive for people and ecosystems.

The urgency is especially great for developing countries, which are already feeling the impacts of climate change and are particularly vulnerable due to a combination of factors, including their geographical and climatic conditions, their high dependence on natural resources,

and their limited capacity to adapt to a changing climate. Adaptation is also particularly important for women and young children, older populations, ethnic minorities, Indigenous Peoples, refugees and displaced persons, who are shown to be disproportionately affected by climate change.

Even in very positive scenarios in which we manage to significantly and swiftly cut greenhouse gas emissions, climate change will continue to impact our world for decades to come because of the energy already trapped in the system.

**What is the Global Goal of Adaptation?**  
The Global Goal on Adaptation, often referred to as "GGA", is a key component of the Paris Agreement. It

commits all 196 Parties of the Paris Agreement to enhancing resilience, reducing vulnerability, and supporting adaptation actions. Its inclusion in the Paris Agreement was significant because it underscores the equal importance of adapting to climate change alongside efforts to reduce emissions. It also recognizes the vulnerability of developing countries to climate impacts and encourages support for their adaptation efforts.

At COP28 in Dubai, as part of the Global Stocktake, world leaders took decisions on the GGA, now named the "UAE Framework for Global Climate Resilience". Countries agreed to global time-bound targets around specific themes and sectors – for example, in areas such as water and sanitation, food and agriculture, and poverty eradication and livelihoods – as well as under what's called the "adaptation cycle", a global framework guiding countries on the steps necessary to plan for and implement adaptation.

The world is in a climate emergency. Unless greenhouse gas emissions fall dramatically, warming could pass 2.9°C this century. Unless greenhouse gas emissions

fall dramatically, warming could pass 2.9°C this century, which would have catastrophic consequences for life on this planet.

Climate change adaptation involves strategies and actions to cope with the impacts of climate change and reduce vulnerability to its effects. These actions are crucial for building resilience in communities, ecosystems, and economies. The following are some key adaptation activities: -

- 1. Infrastructure Improvement**
- Flood Defences:** Building or enhancing levees, sea walls, and flood barriers to protect coastal and low-lying areas.
- Stormwater Management:** Implementing rain gardens, green roofs, and permeable pavements to manage runoff and reduce flooding.
- Building Codes:** Updating building codes and standards to ensure structures can withstand extreme weather events, such as hurricanes and heat waves.

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# NATIONAL

## Cleanup, health services begin in Myanmar's flood-hit areas

FLOOD-AFFECTED regions across Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, states, and regions have been receiving essential cleanup and health services as water levels recede.

Efforts remain robust, with Tatmadaw members, police officers, fire brigade members, Red Cross volunteers, and local relief teams all joining forces to assist in the recovery process. Coordinated efforts have focused on cleaning public spaces such as schools, monasteries, hospitals, and government buildings in Nay Pyi Taw, including Zeyathiri, Pyinmana, Tatkon, Lewe, and Pobbathiri townships, and further afield, Shwenyaung and Kalaw townships, in Shan State (South) and Mandalay Region's Tada-U and Yamethin townships, alongside Toungoo in Bago Region. Fallen trees and debris are also being removed while locals work alongside the response teams in these areas.

In addition, health teams



Tatmadaw members, police, firefighters, Red Cross volunteers, and locals are actively engaged in cleanup efforts.

are actively providing medical care and conducting health awareness sessions in temporary shelters, monasteries, and villages. Military person-

nel, government departments, and charity groups continue to distribute relief items, including clothing, food, daily essentials, and donations to

flood victims.

Lt-Gen Phone Myat of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Commander Maj-Gen Soe Min of the Nay

Pyi Taw Command, and other officials visited the flood relief camp at Ywathitgyi Buddhism Learning Centre in Zeyathiri Township. They offered donations to the presiding monk and distributed food and medicines to flood victims. They also inspected ongoing health services, including water purification being provided by Tatmadaw mobile units.

Following their visit to the relief camp, the officials inspected the damaged Hsinthay Bridge, which connects Thayagon Village in Zeyathiri Township and Nyaungbintha Village in Pyinmana Township. The bridge serves as a vital link for students travelling to BEHSS in Pyinmana.

Efforts to repair flood-damaged roads and bridges are ongoing. Temporary Bailey bridges have been installed to restore connection as quickly as possible, with more repairs expected to follow swiftly. — MNA/KZL



This image showcases MGMA's flood relief donation poster.

## MGMA donates K200+ mln in cash, clothes, medicines, and food for flood relief

CASH, clothes, medicines, and food totalling more than K200 million have been received for flood relief donations from member garment factories, according to the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) on 19 September.

With MGMA's fund worth K20 million, donations will be made through the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Com-

merce and Industry (UMFCCI) at flood-hit villages in Nay Pyi Taw.

Donations will include immediate assistance for basic needs, which are essentially needed in inundated villages.

MGMA urged its member factories to continue contributing to its flood relief donations called the 'Giving Hand Donation Package'. — MT/ZS

## MAEX, Dagon Group to donate K500M for flood relief and rehabilitation

ACCORDING to Myanmar Agro Exchange Public Ltd (MAEX), MAEX Public Co Ltd and Dagon Group will jointly contribute K500 million for the relief and rehabilitation of people affected by recent floods. It will be provided under the theme of "Extending Sympathetic Helping Hands Together 2024". At 10 am on 19 September, as the first relief trip, they visited Kalaw. They provided basic needs such as rice, oil, medical aids, mosquito nets, blankets, pillows, clothes, drinking water bottles, toothpaste, canned fish, candles,

vermicelli and noodle packs, and pots and pans to the victims.

Moreover, they managed to travel to 200 flood-hit households in villages from Inbyin, and Lwe-an village-tract in Kalaw and physically supplied the victims with rice, cooking oil bottles, mosquito nets, pillows, single blankets, twin blankets, warm clothes, garments, water bottles, toothpaste, sardine cans, candles, vermicelli and noodle packs, pots and pans, essential home-use medicines and bamboos. — MT/ZN



MAEX Public Co Ltd and Dagon Group are seen donating to flood victims on 19 September.



# NATIONAL

## Illegal timber, consumer goods seized nationwide

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to curb illegal trade in accordance with the law continue effectively.

At the permanent checkpoint in Mayanchaung, an Isuzu Giga truck valued at K52 million was seized, along with K12 million worth of consumer goods lacking legal documentation on 18 September. The action was carried out as per Customs procedures.

In Magway Region, inspection teams seized 240 gallons of illegal crude oil, an unregistered motorcycle, and 0.562 tonne of illegal timber, followed by legal procedures.

On 19 September, the task force in Mandalay Region stopped two vehicles at the Yadanabon Bridge checkpoint carrying K73.625 million worth of food products without proper documentation. Additionally, two Higer buses valued at K125 million were seized. Further, at the Kywetatson checkpoint, a vehicle carrying K25.552 million worth of industrial goods without legal documentation and a Toyota HiAce worth K48

million were confiscated. Another operation near the Myitnge Bridge led to the seizure of K70.001 million worth of industrial goods and two Isuzu Giga trucks valued at K116 million.

In Bago Region, inspection teams caught a truck transporting K4.5 million worth of industrial goods without documents and a Foton truck worth K30 million at the Bago checkpoint. Additionally, 9.141 tonnes of illegal teak and 0.950 tonne of hard wood (valued at K4.462 million), and an unregistered Toyota Alphard worth K12 million were also seized. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

In Shan State, inspections near Muse resulted in founding of K43.75 million worth of industrial goods stored along the roadside without customs clearance. The items were seized, and legal proceedings were underway.

On 18 and 19 September, 20 cases were recorded, amounting to an estimated value of K618.389 million, according to the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee. — MNA/KZL



Confiscated illegal goods in states and regions.

## YRTC to temporarily revoke smart cards and licences for traffic violations



This photo showcases YBS buses running in downtown Yangon in 2023.

THE Yangon Region Public Transport Committee (YRTC) has decided to include another action, revoking the driver's licence issued by the Road Transport Administration Department for a certain period, in addition to YBS driver smart card cancellation for traffic rule violations.

An awareness seminar 1/2024 was held on 19 September at the YRTC head office training hall for YBS drivers who violated the rules more than three times by driving with the side door open and overtaking. Vice-Chairperson U Chit Ko Ko delivered an opening

remark, which was attended by the joint secretary, members of the YRTC, and 100 YBS drivers who broke the rules.

As there are 21 YBS companies under the management of YRTC, and 131 bus lines commute about 1.4 million passengers daily by 4,000 buses out of 5,500 registered buses, the safety of about 400 passengers in each ply is in the hands of each YBS driver, he said.

Therefore, the YRTC will not tolerate YBS vehicles overtaking each other, reverse driving, driving through red lights and overspeeding. In addition

to cancelling the driver's smart card from YRTC for such violations, the Yangon Region Traffic Safety Council has decided to take action to revoke the driver's licence by setting a time.

The YRTC monitoring and action-taking measures are based soundly on the evidence obtained by high-tech telematics devices from the Traffic Control Centre, CCTV records, and drug abuse tests. When applying for a YBS driving license, those who have attended the driver's training course are allowed to drive only after passing the drug test. — MT/ZN

## Counter-argument to false information

### Media attempts to defame security forces

MALICIOUS media outlets are spreading false information on social media, claiming that security forces raided and robbed the houses in Wetlu village, convenience stalls and mobile phone showrooms along the main road in Natogyi Township, Mandalay Region, on 18 September.

According to a security official, the PDF terrorists attacked the Wetlu village using heavy and small weapons on

17 September, and the security forces conducted security measures. They retreated during the counterattack by security forces. On 18 September, they launched an attack against Wetlu village with heavy weapons and the houses were destroyed. The security forces did not take any property of the public.

Fake news was reportedly circulated through malicious media, defaming security forces. — MNA/KTZH



This screenshot reveals misinformation.

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



# ARTICLE/TECH WORLD

## Climate Change Adaptation and Actions

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### 2. Ecosystem-Based Adaptation

- **Reforestation and Afforestation:** Planting trees to restore forests which can help stabilize soil, enhance water cycles, and sequester carbon.
- **Wetland Restoration:** Restoring wetlands to improve flood management, water quality, and habitat for wildlife.
- **Coral Reef Protection:** Implementing measures to protect and restore coral reefs, which act as natural barriers against storm surges and coastal erosion.

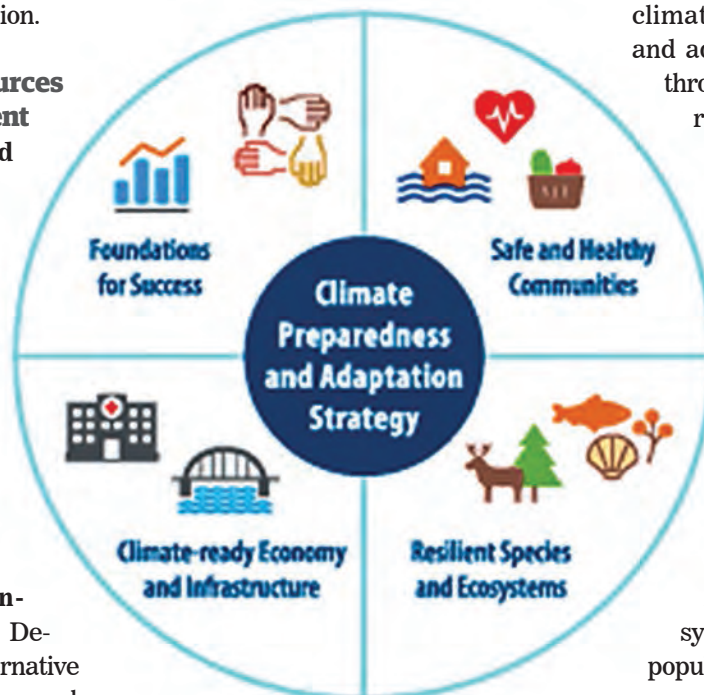
### 3. Agricultural Practices

- **Climate-Resilient Crops:** Developing and planting crop varieties that are more resistant to drought, heat, and pests.
- **Water Management:** Improving irrigation systems, such as drip irrigation, and using rainwater harvesting to ensure efficient water use.
- **Soil Conservation:** Implementing practices like no-till farming and cover cropping to maintain soil health and

prevent erosion.

### 4. Water Resources Management

- **Demand Management:** Promoting water conservation and efficiency measures in households and industries.
  - **Supply Enhancement:** Developing alternative water sources such as desalination plants or rainwater harvesting systems.
  - **Infrastructure Upgrades:** Repairing and upgrading ageing water infrastructure to prevent leaks and losses.
- ### 5. Public Health Initiatives
- **Heat Action Plans:** Creating strategies to protect vulnerable populations during heat waves, such as providing cooling centres and issuing heat advisories.
  - **Disease Surveillance:** Monitoring and controlling climate-sensitive diseases, such as malaria and dengue fever, which can spread due to changing climate conditions.



- **Emergency Preparedness:** Developing and implementing emergency response plans for extreme weather events and natural disasters.

### 6. Community and Social Adaptation

- **Education and Awareness:** Raising awareness about

climate change impacts and adaptation measures through community outreach and education programs.

- **Local Planning:** Engaging communities in developing local adaptation plans that address specific risks and vulnerabilities.
- **Support Systems:** Strengthening social safety nets and support systems for vulnerable populations to help them recover from climate-related shocks.

### 7. Economic and Financial Measures

- **Insurance:** Developing insurance products that cover climate-related risks, such as crop insurance for farmers.
- **Incentives:** Providing financial incentives for businesses and individuals to invest in climate-resilient technologies and practices.
- **Funding:** Securing funding for adaptation projects

through government grants, international aid, and private investments.

### 8. Research and Monitoring

- **Climate Data Collection:** Monitoring climate patterns and impacts to better understand changes and inform adaptation strategies.
- **Impact Assessment:** Conducting assessments to evaluate the effectiveness of adaptation measures and identify areas for improvement.
- **Innovation:** Supporting research and development of new technologies and approaches for climate adaptation.

Adaptation activities are diverse and context-specific, often requiring collaboration across sectors and levels of government. Effective adaptation not only helps mitigate the effects of climate change but also contributes to sustainable development and improved quality of life.

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## Microsoft-BlackRock team to raise \$100 bln for AI data centres

*This collaboration follows Microsoft's significant investment in AI, including over \$10 billion in OpenAI.*

MICROSOFT and investment powerhouse BlackRock on Tuesday said they have teamed up to raise as much as \$100 billion for data centres and infrastructure to power artificial intelligence.

The alliance includes Global Infrastructure Partners and the advanced technology investment firm MGX, created in Abu Dhabi this year, according to a joint release.

"We are committed to ensuring AI helps advance inno-

vation and drives growth across every sector of the economy," said Microsoft chief executive Satya Nadella.

"The Global AI Infrastructure Investment Partnership will help us deliver on this vision."

Microsoft has invested heavily in artificial intelligence, including pouring more than \$10 billion into ChatGPT-maker OpenAI.

"The capital spending needed for AI infrastructure and the



File photo shows a woman walking next to a logo of Microsoft during an event named Microsoft Build AI Day in Jakarta, Indonesia. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

new energy to power it goes beyond what any single company

or government can finance," said Microsoft president Brad Smith.

The partnership will initially seek \$30 billion of private equity capital from investors, looking to ramp up that amount as high as \$100 billion including debt financing, according to the companies.

Investments in expanding or building data centres and creating new sources of power for them will be mostly focused in the United States, with the remainder made in US partner countries, according to the group.

Leading AI chip maker Nvidia will support the partnership with expertise, and Microsoft will provide technical advice along with funding, the release said. — AFP



# Danish bank to pay \$7 mln fine in France in laundering probe

DANSKE Bank, Denmark's largest, has agreed to pay 6.3 million euros (\$7 million) to end legal pursuits in France linked to alleged money laundering in its Estonian subsidiary that resulted in heavy US penalties.

The fine was agreed on 27 August with France's national financial crime prosecutors and validated by a court Wednesday. The agreement does not involve any admission of guilt.

The bank's Estonian unit allegedly laundering some 200 billion euros through some 15,000 ac-

counts from 2007 to 2015, according to an independent auditor's report published in 2018.

Danske last December pleaded guilty in the United States and paid a \$2 billion fine.

The bank last October had set aside an amount roughly equal to its US fine in expectations of legal pursuits in several countries.

Probes are underway in Estonia, Denmark, and Britain.

France charged Danske in 2019 with organized money laundering, which it denied, saying it was

unaware of its Estonian subsidiary's activities.

Tracfin, the French finance ministry's anti-money laundering unit, had found suspect movements on two accounts linked to a Franco-Russian businesswoman who has since been handed a two-year suspended sentence.

At Wednesday's hearing, Danske's counsel Niels Heering said his institution was "happy to reach this accord which for us is a way to close this chapter", adding that "cracking down on financial fraud remains a priority" for the bank. — AFP

*This settlement, reached on 27 August and confirmed by a court, does not include an admission of guilt.*



Danske Bank to pay €6.3 million to settle French legal claims linked to money laundering in its Estonian subsidiary. PHOTO: SCANPIX DENMARK/AFP/FILE

# EU court confirms 239-mln-euro fine for Qualcomm

US technology firm Qualcomm will have to pay a fine of 238.7 million euros (US\$265 million) for abusing its dominant position, the European Union's General Court ruled on Wednesday.

The European Commission originally imposed a fine of 242 million euros on Qualcomm in July 2019,

saying it held a dominant position on the market of chipsets at a worldwide level at least from the start of 2009 till the end of 2011.

The Commission said that Qualcomm had abused its dominant position in those years by supplying some of its Universal Mobile Telecommunications System chipsets

to Chinese Huawei and ZTE at below-cost prices with an intention of eliminating Icera, its main rival at the time. Qualcomm sought to have the fine annulled or significantly reduced, citing procedural issues, including the excessive length of the investigation. However, the court dismissed all of Qual-

comm's arguments except one concerning the fine's calculation, which resulted in a slight reduction.

The court pointed out that the Commission substantiated Qualcomm's intention to eliminate Icera from the market "by providing both direct and indirect evidence." (1 euro = \$1.1) — Xinhua

# Fitch upgrades Mongolia's rating to "B+"

THE credit rating agency Fitch Ratings has upgraded Mongolia's long-term foreign-currency issuer default rating to "B+" from "B", maintaining a stable outlook, the country's central bank said Thursday, citing the agency's statement.

The upgrade reflects a reduction in Mongolia's public and external debt

burdens, driven by robust performance in the mining sector, surpassing Fitch's previous forecasts. Increased foreign exchange reserves, lower debt levels, and more manageable external debt maturities enhance Mongolia's resilience against shocks, such as potential corrections in commodity markets. — Xinhua

# Tupperware Brands files for bankruptcy

TUPPERWARE Brands and some of its subsidiaries filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on

Tuesday, the food container firm said in a statement.

The company, known for its trademark food stor-

age containers, has been hit by dwindling sales in recent years. Last year the New York-listed firm warned of "substantial doubt" about its ability to keep operating in light of its poor financial position. Tupperware has filed for bankruptcy due to a challenging macroeconomic environment that severely impacted its financial position, according to CEO Laurie Ann Goldman.

The company plans

to seek court approval for a sale process to protect its brand and advance its transformation into a digital-first business while continuing operations during bankruptcy. Tupperware aims to keep paying employees and suppliers and serve customers with its products. The firm has listed assets of \$500 million to \$1 billion and liabilities of \$1 billion to \$10 billion, with 50,000 to 100,000 creditors. — AFP



Tupperware has been hit by dwindling sales in recent years. PHOTO: SCOTT OLSON / AFP

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (V.129N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO WISDOM VOY.NO. (V.129N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **21-9-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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# ROLLING UPDATES WORLD



In this file photo taken on 30 June 2022, Financial Action Task Force (FATF) officials are seen on the fourth day of the plenary session in Berlin, Germany. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/FATF TWITTER/FILE**

## FATF praises India's efforts against illicit finance, warns of threats

*The joint FATF-APG-EAG report highlighted improvements in risk understanding and asset recovery, as well as India's effective use of financial intelligence and international cooperation.*

THE Financial Action Task Force (FATF) on Thursday praised India's efforts to tackle illicit finance, however, warned the country of serious terrorism and terrorist financing threats, including those related to ISIL or Al Qaeda.

"India achieved a high-level of technical compliance across the FATF Recommendations and has taken significant steps to implement measures to tackle illicit finance. Nevertheless,

India needs to continue to improve its system as its economy & financial system continue to grow," posted FATF on X. The joint FATF-APG-EAG report commended India for its effective anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing (AML/CFT) measures, highlighting improvements in risk understanding and asset recovery. Indian authorities are noted for their effective use of financial intelligence and inter-

national cooperation. However, the report urged India to expedite prosecutions and sanctions against terrorist financiers, emphasizing ongoing threats from groups like ISIL and Al-Qaeda.

While India has made strides in financial inclusion and digital payment reliance, it must tackle a backlog of money laundering cases and enhance its response to risks from human trafficking and drug trafficking. — ANI

## New Zealand links fifth death to 'suicide kit' sales

A New Zealand coroner has linked a fifth death to a "suicide kit" allegedly sold online by a former Canadian chef, according to findings released Friday.

Coroner Alexandra Cunninghame found that a 25-year-old killed herself in an Auckland hotel in April 2022 after

receiving an item ordered from an online business linked to Canadian Kenneth Law.

The coroner was unable to confirm whether the package actually contained the substance used in her suicide, but noted the "drug is heavily restricted, and therefore not

easily obtainable, in New Zealand".

Cunninghame has previously connected the deaths of three students and a personal trainer who took their own lives in 2022 and 2023 to purchases from a website associated with Law. — AFP

## Malaysia immigration officers arrested for facilitating illegal foreign worker entry

DOZENS of officers from Malaysia's Immigration Department, including a senior officer, have been arrested for their involvement in a syndicate facilitating the illegal entry of foreign workers.

The senior officer, in his 40s, is suspected to be the mastermind behind a "counter-setting" operation at Kuala Lumpur International Airport, where foreigners could enter without proper documents through designated lanes. Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission

(MACC) chief Azam Baki indicated that the officer, who has been with the department for about 20 years, had influenced around 50 immigration staff and allegedly distributed bribes among them.

Following six months of intelligence gathering, the MACC detained him and others after a failed attempt to flee on 5 September. In total, 49 immigration officers, one policeman, two agents, and eight individuals linked to mule bank accounts have been arrested as part of the ongoing investigation. — AGENCIES



Kuala Lumpur International Airport serves as a key entry point for Malaysia. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

## Rocket barrage fired from Lebanon at N Israel, Golan Heights

ISRAELI media reported that more than 100 rockets were launched from Lebanon towards northern Israel and the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights on Friday afternoon, prompting the Israeli army to advise civilians in the region to stay close to bomb shelters.

Among the damage, a direct hit was reported on a building at a dairy farm in Kibbutz Ortal, located in the northern Golan Regional Council, an Israeli settlement in the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. A power outage

also occurred in Safed in Israel's Northern District due to the barrage. The conflict between Israel and Hezbollah sharply escalated on Thursday, with both sides exchanging deadly attacks and vowing further retaliation after explosions from pagers and handheld radios across Lebanon on Tuesday and Wednesday resulted in 37 fatalities and left 2,931 individuals injured.

Hezbollah attributed the explosions to Israel, while Israeli officials have not commented on the incident. — Xinhua



# SPORTS

## Thway Thit Win Hlaing falls to Uzbek fighter by decision

ONE Friday Fights 80 took place on 20 September in Bangkok, Thailand, where Myanmar fighter Thway Thit Win Hlaing faced off against Uzbek fighter Kakhkhorov and lost by decision after a complete three rounds.

Thway Thit Win Hlaing started strong in the first round, holding his own, but Kakhkhorov gained the upper hand in the second round with superior striking and precision. By the third round, the Uzbek fighter continued to

dominate, with Thway Thit Win Hlaing getting counted once by the referee, which marked a significant turning point. Unable to recover fully, Thway Thit Win Hlaing was ultimately edged out by Kakhkhorov, who secured the win via decision.

That marks Thway Thit Win Hlaing's second bout since joining ONE Championship. His first fight, held on 7 June, saw him lose by decision to Thai fighter Khunsuek. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL



Thway Thit Win Hlaing competes against Kakhkhorov at ONE Friday Fights 80. PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP



## Tun Tun Min auctions Championship Belt for K50M in flood relief fundraiser

Tun Tun Min and his team during their recent flood relief efforts in flood-stricken areas. PHOTO: TUN MIN TUN

IN a bid to raise funds for flood victims, Myanmar's Lethwei champion Tun Tun Min successfully auctioned his championship belt for K50 million. The auction took place yesterday morning at the Theinbyu Lethwei Arena in Yangon. The belt was won by an anonymous bidder who made the highest offer.

Tun Tun Min expressed his gratitude, saying, "An anonymous caller offered K50 million and won the auc-

tion. I'm extremely thankful for his generosity. The flood situation is more important than my fights. Many villages are suffering. Every cent from this auction will go directly to those in need. I won't keep anything for myself. After my upcoming match, I will personally deliver the donations to help rebuild homes and provide necessary supplies."

The Lethwei champion, along with his friends, had already made donations of

K1 million to Hseeinsu Village in Hpa-an on 15 September, K800,000 to Mya Nann Taw Philanthropy in Mandalay, and K500,000 to Yamethin, totalling K2.3 million.

Proceeds from the auction will be directed towards villages in Kalaw and Yamethin battered by the floods, with Tun Tun Min personally overseeing the distribution. Additionally, funds raised from his upcoming Lethwei match on 22 September will also be donated to flood-stricken areas. — Htun Htun/KZL

## Viral Korean Olympic shooter scores first acting role as assassin

SOUTH Korean pistol shooter Kim Ye-ji, whose skill and nonchalance won the internet at the Paris Olympics, has landed her first acting role — as an assassin.

The 32-year-old took silver in the women's 10-metre air pistol in July and her ultra-calm demeanour, combined with her wire-rimmed shooting glasses and baseball cap, turned her into a worldwide online sensation.

As videos of her shooting went viral, she drew praise from celebrities such as Elon Musk.

"She should be cast in an ac-



The 32-year-old won a silver medal in the women's 10 metres air pistol event in July, and her unique style—complete with wire-rimmed glasses and a baseball cap—captivated audiences worldwide. PHOTO: AFP

tion movie. No acting required!" Musk wrote on his social media platform X at the time.

Now she will play an assassin in "Crush", a spinoff short-form series of the global film project "Asia", a spokesperson for

Seoul-based entertainment firm Asia Lab told AFP on Friday.

Kim will star alongside Indian actress and influencer Anushka Sen, the company said in a separate statement, saying it was excited to witness "the potential synergy that will arise from Kim Ye-ji and Anushka Sen's new transformation into a killer duo".

Since winning silver, a short clip showing Kim at the Baku World Cup in May has gone viral, spawning fan art, endless memes and multiple edits setting the clip to K-pop.

Kim signed with a South Korean talent agency in August to assist her in managing her extracurricular activities and she has since been featured in a magazine photoshoot for Louis Vuitton. — AFP



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# WORLD



The declaration outlines strategies for addressing urban challenges, promoting regional connectivity through improved transport and digital infrastructure, and enhancing climate resilience. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ ASEAN.ORG

## ASEAN officials vow to promote sustainable urban development

*The declaration stresses the importance of sustainable urban planning and environmental protection in the face of increasing urbanization and climate risks.*

OFFICIALS from member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have reaffirmed their commitment to advance sustainable urban development.

“We reaffirm the commitment of ASEAN capitals and cities to foster innovations

and to mobilize resources in driving sustainable urban development in line with the 2030 Agenda, the Paris Agreement, and New Urban Agenda global goals,” Ardsaphangthong Siphandone, mayor of Vientiane, said at a press conference on Thursday following the ASEAN Capitals

and ASEAN Mayors Forum. A key outcome of the forum was the adoption of the Vientiane Declaration, a document that charts the path for ASEAN capitals to collectively address urban development challenges. The declaration called for bolstering regional connectivity by enhancing trans-

port networks and digital infrastructure. Strengthening these systems is essential for promoting economic growth, fostering cultural exchanges and facilitating closer cooperation among ASEAN cities.

The declaration also underscored the need to address climate resilience. With urbanization and climate change increasing risks to cities, the officials agreed to prioritize sustainable urban planning and environmental protection measures.

ASEAN capitals were committed to empowering local populations, especially vulnerable groups, by ensuring better access to education, healthcare and essential social services. The officials stressed that fostering a sense of ownership among citizens is vital for long-term sustainable urban growth. — Xinhua

### World better positioned against Mpox than for COVID

LESSONS learned from the COVID pandemic have left the world in a much better position to tackle the current Mpox epidemic raging in Africa, according to the Gavi vaccine alliance.

The COVID catastrophe brought with it “important learnings, and those learnings were drawn upon”, said Gavi chief Sania Nishtar. The former Pakistani health minister emphasized that lessons learned from the COVID-19 pandemic are now being applied to combat mpox. The pandemic highlighted global health unpreparedness and vaccine inequity, especially in Africa.

In response, Gavi, led by Dr Nishtar, established a \$500-million First Response Fund to ensure rapid vaccine access during emergencies. — AFP

## UK sets record as world's first to use autonomous robot to inspect fusion facility

THE United Kingdom has become the first country in the world to use an autonomous robot to inspect a fusion power complex, the UK Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) said.

“In a world-first, a fully autonomous robot has been used to inspect the inside of a fusion energy facility. The United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) and the Oxford Robotics Institute (ORI), University of Oxford, have achieved a first-ever autonomous robot deployment in a fusion facility,” the agency said in a statement on Thursday.

The four-legged robot was tested at the decommissioned Joint European Torus (JET) facility, which was one of the largest experimental fusion reactors in the world, the statement read, adding that the robot had to map the facility and take sensor readings of its environment, while avoiding obstacles and employees. The experiment shows that autonomous technologies can be used to maintain fusion power facilities where human access can be limited due to challenging conditions involving radiation, vacuum-level pressure and extreme temperatures, the statement said. — AFP



The United Kingdom has made history by becoming the first country to deploy an autonomous robot for inspecting a fusion power complex. UKAEA's Joint European Torus (JET) facility. PHOTO: UNITED KINGDOM ATOMIC ENERGY AUTHORITY