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MoALI departments to lead flood recovery for agri/livestock

THE Department of Agriculture, the Department of Fisheries, and the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department will collaborate on rehabilitation efforts for farming in areas affected by floods across the nation.

“The Department of Agricultural Mechanization will handle land preparation for submerged farms using heavy machinery, while the Department of Agriculture will provide farmers with short-duration rice seeds,” an official stated.

Additionally, the Myanmar Livestock Federation and the National Economic Promotion Fund are contributing funds to help restore lost farm animals and farming cattle in seven states and regions. Plans are also in place to rehabilitate damaged fish ponds and supply fish species to affected farms.

The recent floods have caused the loss of approximately 100,000 acres of agricultural land, a total of 200,000 livestock, including cattle, sheep, goats, chickens, and pigs, as well as nearly 2,000 acres of fish farming ponds in six regions and states. — ASH/MKKS



This panoramic photo captures a white shrimp farm in Myeik, Taninthayi Region. Boiled shrimp is exported to China, while frozen shrimp is shipped to Japan.

Myanmar exports white shrimp (Vannamei) to China, Japan

Myanmar white shrimp (Vannamei) produced by commercial farms in Taninthayi Region are mainly exported to China and Japan.

The foreign demand for Vannamei white shrimp is high due to its fine quality. The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and China signed an MoU for cooperation in the marine export sector, and the MoU brings opportunities for saltwater white shrimp export in addition to sea fish and prawn export. Marine businesspeople become interested in saltwater shrimp farming, which ensures foreign income. At the same time, fish resources are scarce in the sea, and there are high transport charges and unstable market status.

From two to four million shrimps are bred in 2.5 acres of pond with six feet in depth. Out of 100 acres of shrimp ponds, 40 acres are used to store clean seawater, and the shrimp are kept in the rest of 60 acres.

The shrimps are marketable after three or four months and exported to Thailand. The shrimp farming company earns over US\$10 million, and some companies face losses as they only produce 20 tonnes

of shrimp.

“We export Myanmar white shrimp (Vannamei) to China and Japan. This year, we received high rainfall, and the shrimp species were not good, so the production rate declined. We have to buy white shrimp species from Thailand as well as the feed. The boiled shrimp is exported to China,



Merchants assess export shrimp at the fishery market in Myeik. **PHOTO: KANU**

and the frozen shrimp is exported to Japan, depending on the desires of the clients. As we have to compete with other countries in the export sector, if we can operate the tax and feed procurement licence sector properly, we can compete with other countries. We are allowed to export to China officially, and we can earn more foreign income when we expand the Vannamei white shrimp farming. If so, the companies will be in good condition. Myanmar Vannamei white shrimp will become popular again in the fishery market,” said U Thet Soe, secretary of Taninthayi Region Fisheries Federation. In Kyunsu township, Myeik district, there are 105 white shrimp breeding ponds on 832 acres of land operated by Pyae Phyo Tun Company and 53 ponds on 531.05 acres by Khine Zin Yaw Company (Ma San Par), 25 ponds on 299.77 acres by Shwe Kan Maw company in Pulaw township, 10-15 ponds by Htoo Htoo Toe Company and Awba San Company. The Vannamei white shrimp is produced from over 200 breeding ponds once every four months, and they are exported to China and Japan. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/KTZH

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Nationwide Census Collection continues on the fourth day.



Quality Seeds and Techniques: The Backbone of Agriculture

BASICALLY, thriving agriculture requires quality seeds, fertile soil, natural and inorganic fertilizers, an adequate volume of agricultural water, and proper farming techniques.

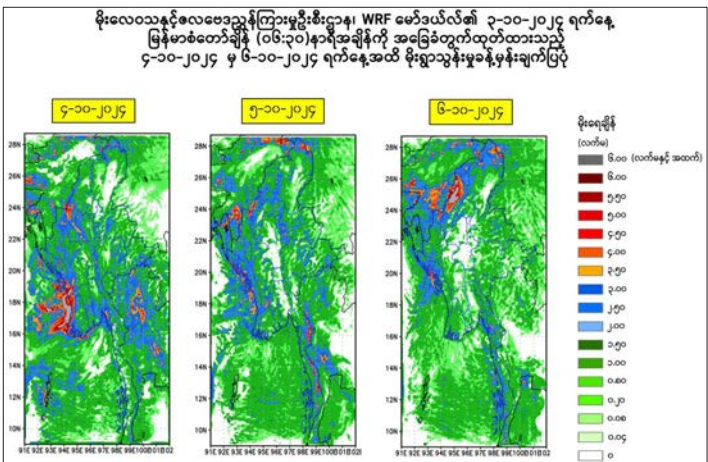
(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with the Magway Region government and district-level departmental officials on 24 May 2024 to talk about regional development)

Special Weather News

Issued at (19:00) hours MST on 3-10-2024

ACCORDING to the observations at (17:30)hrs MST today, due to the western disturbance, development of cumulonimbus clouds, the low-pressure cell over the southeast Bangladesh and the cloud moving from the East, rain or thundershowers are likely to be widespread in Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Kachin, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavyfalls and scattered to fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon Regions and Shan, Kayah States and strong wind from tonight to 6 October 2024.

Advisory
People should be aware of natural disasters such as the heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning strikes, lightning, hail, flash floods and landslides in hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flights. — DMH



Myanmar consuls-general attend 75th Anniversary of Founding of PRC



This picture captures the celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Founding of the People's Republic of China.

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar's consuls-general participated in events celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China in Kunming and Chongqing on 29 September.

Myanmar Consul-General U Thwin Htet Lin attended the anniversary celebration at the Green Lake Hotel in Kunming, Yunnan Province. The reception was also attended by Mr Wang Yubo, Deputy Secretary of the CPC Yunnan Provincial Committee and Governor of Yunnan Province, officials from the Yunnan Provincial People's Government, consuls-general from various consulates in Kunming, and invitees among others.

Similarly, Myanmar Consul-General U Kyaw Zeyar Linn attended the anniversary celebration at the Yuzhou Guesthouse in Chongqing on the same day. — ASH/TMT



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INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (2024)

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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 inspects livestock breeding, MSME sector in Myitkyina

STATE Administration Council Member Daw Dwe Bu, accompanied by Kachin State Chief Minister U Khet Htein Nan, inspected the implementation of an integrated farm system using capital investment of K1 million from the State Economic Promotion Fund in Nga-Oh model village of Myitkyina Township yesterday.

The SAC member and party also observed the paddy field, fruits and vegetables, and animals in the farmyard and provided agrochemicals for breeding

and plantation.

They then checked the plantation of double-cropping soybean by the Agriculture Department and corn plantation on 2.5 acres of land by farmer U Soe Nyunt, Super One dairy cattle farming and distribution of dairy produce run by U Soe Nyein under the fund in Shwenyaungpin ward and TOP ready-made food production factory in Sitapu (Sutngaintaung) ward, and instructed proper actions to promote the local products.

At noon, the SAC member met



SAC Member Daw Dwe Bu and officials observe the paddy field in Myitkyina Township yesterday.

members of the Kachin State cabinet and discussed conducting awareness programmes on legal affairs, holding general elections, developing the country's development programmes, and

enumerating households and censuses.

She also inspected the construction site of the new state Hluttaw building beside Sumprabum Road in the Mankhein ward of Myitkyina. — MNA/KTZH

DPM MoFA Union Minister attends 3rd ACD Summit in Qatar

AT the official invitation of the State of Qatar, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe participated in the 3rd Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) Summit, which was held on 3 October 2024 in Doha, the State of Qatar.

The Heads of State/ Government, Foreign Ministers and representatives of the ACD Member States attended the 3rd ACD Summit, which was held at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Doha. At the meeting, the delegations welcomed the theme of the host of the 3rd ACD Summit, i.e. "Sports Diplomacy", and delivered their respective country statements.

On the morning of 3 October 2024, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe delivered a statement at the 3rd ACD Summit.

In his statement, the Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs expressed his thanks to the State of Qatar for hosting the 3rd ACD Summit. He acknowledged the leadership of Iran, the current Chair of ACD. Moreover, he recalled the successful holding of the 19th ACD Ministerial Meeting in June 2024 in Tehran, where all ACD Member States adopted the "Tehran Declaration" by consensus. The Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs



Deputy Prime Minister MoFA Union Minister U Than Swe joins the documentary group photo session at the Third ACD Summit in Doha, the State of Qatar, on 3 October 2024.

welcomed Thailand for its commitment as the incoming ACD Chair for the year 2025, and he assured Myanmar of full support for Thailand.

At the 3rd ACD Summit, the Heads of Delegation cordially discussed and exchanged views on matters related to ACD Cooperation mechanisms as well as regional and global issues. Moreover, the ACD Member States updated the meeting on the developments taking place in their respective countries.

At the meeting, the ACD Member States congratulated Ambassador Nasser Raden Thamer Al-Mutairi of Kuwait and Ambassador Mohammed Taghi Hosseini of Iran on their appointments as the

Secretary-General and Deputy Secretary General of ACD, respectively. In addition, the "Doha Declaration" was adopted by consensus as an outcome document of the 3rd ACD Summit.

During the meeting, the Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs updated the Myanmar Government's efforts to ensure peace, development, and democracy, as well as hold general elections in the country. He also updated the heads of delegation of ACD member states on the latest developments taking place in Myanmar.

On the afternoon of 3 October 2024, the Amir of Qatar HH Sheikh Tamim bin Hamad Al Thani hosted an official lunch-

eon in honour of delegations to the 3rd ACD Summit at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in Doha.

The Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) was inaugurated in June 2002 in Cha-Am, Thailand. Currently, 35 countries representing five (5) Regional Groups of South-east Asia, South Asia, West Asia, Central Asia and East Asia are members of the ACD. Myanmar is one of the founding members of ACD.

By and large, ACD aims to promote interdependence among Asian countries and transform the Asian continent into an Asian community. The ACD Secretariat was inaugurated in October 2013, with its headquarters in Kuwait City, the State of Kuwait.

At the moment, the Member States of ACD have agreed on six pillars of Cooperation that are in line with the "UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development", namely: 1) Connectivity; 2) Science, Technology and Innovation; 3) Education and Human Resource Development; 4) Food, Energy and Water Security; 5) Culture and Tourism; and 6) Inclusive and Sustainable Development.

The representatives from (32) ACD Member States have participated in the 3rd ACD Summit held in the State of Qatar. — MNA

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SAC Member reviews census collection, agricultural relief in Myanaung District

AS part of the 2024 Nationwide Census Collection, which runs from 1 to 15 October, State Administration Council Member Mahn Nyein Maung, accompanied by Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Tin Maung Win and other regional ministers, visited Myanaung District yesterday morning to observe the ongoing census activities.

The delegation first inspected the door-to-door census collection efforts in Ywathit and Myoma wards in Kyangin. Later, they visited flooded farmlands in Talinekwin Village, Kyangin Township, to oversee the distribution of fertilizers and provide food supplies to flood-impacted farmers. In Ward 2 in Ingapu and Tahngazel Ward (South) in Hinthada, the SAC member and his team observed the census collection process, with sup-



SAC Member Mahn Nyein Maung (2L) meets the flood-impacted farmers in Kyangin Township yesterday.

port teams assisting to ensure smooth communication, especially with language barriers.

They also noted the active participation of residents. Following inspections, the SAC member attended a meeting at the Hinthada Township General Administration Department, where he emphasized the importance of public cooperation with relevant authorities to maintain regional stability and peace.

The chief minister then addressed the need to replant crops in the damaged fields and provided updates on recovery efforts. Additionally, the SAC member and officials distributed paddy seeds and fertilizers to farmers from Hinthada, Zalun, and Laymyethna Townships, with SAC Member Mahn Nyein Maung delivering closing remarks at the event. — MNA/KZL

SAC Chairman Office Union Minister 2 receives UNHCR AP Regional Bureau Director

UNION Minister for the Ministry 2 at the Office of the Chairman of the State Administration Council U Ko Ko Hlaing received the delegation led by Ms Hai Kyung Jun, Director of UNHCR Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, yesterday at the parlour of the Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw.

They cordially exchanged views to cooperate between Myanmar and UNHCR to share updated information on the government's efforts for the relief, rehabilitation and recovery in the wake of current floods triggered by Typhoon Yagi, to provide humanitarian assistance effectively to the

victims of floods and people from hard-to-reach areas, implementing emergency response and rehabilitation programmes in accord with "No one left behind" principle of the government. The Union minister also advised them to follow the principle of existing Myanmar Disaster Management (SOP) and properly extend MoUs with the ministries concerned.

U Naing Swe Oo, Director-General and senior officials of the Ministry at the Office of the Chairman of the State Administration Council were also present at the meeting. — MNA



UNHCR Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau Director Ms Hai Kyung Jun calls on Union Minister U Ko Ko Hlaing yesterday.

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MoIP Union Minister receives UNHCR Asia-Pacific Director

UNION Minister for Immigration and Population U Myint Kyaing received Ms Hai Kyung Jun, Director of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau Office, and her delegation at the ministry's reception hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

They discussed the ongoing implementation of the repatriation process for displaced persons from Rakhine State under the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) be-

tween the Ministry, UNDP, and UNHCR, the extension of the MoU's term for continued cooperation, visa issues for UNHCR foreign staff and coordination with relevant departments for tax exemptions on imported goods.

The talks further covered arrangements for the travel and accommodation of local officials in Buthidaung and Maungtau, as well as the ministry's readiness to assist with any necessary preparations. They also explored plans for



The Director of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau Office calls on Union Minister U Myint Kyaing yesterday.

effective humanitarian aid delivery as Rakhine State stabilizes. Both sides exchanged views

openly on the current cooperation between the Ministry and UNDP-UNHCR, ensuring that

efforts would continue smoothly. — MNA/KZL

MoFA Deputy Minister receives Russian Ambassador to Myanmar

DEPUTY Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Lwin Oo received Mr Iskander Azizov, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, both sides cordially exchanged views on the further consolidation of friendship between Myanmar and Russia, the expansion of bilateral cooperation, including trade, education, and tourism sectors, and closer collaboration in regional and multilateral contexts. — MNA



Ambassador Mr Iskander Azizov of the Russian Federation calls on MoFA Deputy Minister U Lwin Oo yesterday.

MSWRR Deputy Minister receives UNHCR AP Regional Director



This photo shows MSWRR Deputy Minister U Soe Kyi receiving the UNHCR Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau Office Director.

DEPUTY Minister for Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement U Soe Kyi met Ms Hai Kyung Jun, Director of the Asia-Pacific Regional Bureau Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), at the ministry at 11:30 am yesterday, according to reports.

They discussed the findings from the Director's recent visits to Sittway in Rakhine State

and Taunggyi in Shan State. The conversation focused on the government's and ministry's continued support and rehabilitation efforts for those impacted by recent floods. Both sides engaged in a friendly and open dialogue, exploring the possibility of signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Ministry and UNHCR under appropriate conditions. — MNA/TRKM

Myanma Post to issue K200 worth stamp for UPU's 150th Anniversary

MYANMA Post, which operates under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, will release a new K200 worth postage stamp to commemorate the "150 Years of the UPU". The stamp will be available for purchase starting at 9:30 am on 9 October at the Central Post Office in Nay Pyi Taw, the General Post Offices

in Yangon and Mandalay, as well as at other regional and state post offices.

As part of a unique initiative, stamps purchased on 9 October at the Central Post Office in Nay Pyi Taw and the General Post Offices in Yangon and Mandalay will feature the date of purchase. — MNA/TMT

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Yangon vacationers expected to visit Bagan during Thadingyut holidays



This photo showcases domestic travellers visiting the Bagan Ancient Cultural Heritage Zone.

IN the coming Thadingyut holidays, people who want to take a leisure trip from Yangon are likely to visit Bagan and related areas more, according to market sources.

“We will see a lot of people travelling to Bagan from our office for the Thadingyut holidays. There is a lot of interest. Most travellers will be from Yangon. Mount Popa areas are included in Bagan trips in addition to Bagan. Tourists are interested in that trip, and many people join it,” said an official from The Unlock Travels & Tour.

In the Bagan tour package, trips to Mount Popa, Alodawpyae pagoda, Nghetpyittaung, Shin Arah-an brick monastery, Gadawpalin, Myazedi, Manuha pagodas, Gupyaukgyi, Dhammayangyi, Shwesandaw,

Ananda, Buu pagodas, Tuyintaung tooth relic, Lawkananda tooth relic Shwezigon, Tamanipyae pagoda and five Pyae pagodas are included. Moreover, people can enjoy sunset views from the mound and other exciting places such as Minnanthu village.

As rehabilitation activities are underway in Taunggyi, Inlay, and Kalaw, which were hit by recent floods, more people will choose Bagan as their destination.

“The weather in Bagan is comfortable. It is in the dry zone, and there is not much rain. It doesn't rain as heavily as in Yangon. We arrange packages every week, and it is convenient. Visitors are more interested in the Bagan tour,” she said. — Thit Taw/ZN

Thukha Dagon Public Housing to offer 600 more rooms; tenants to be selected soon

FOR about 600 flats, which will be completed in the next phase at Thukha Dagon public rental housing under construction in Yangon Region's Dagon Myothit (South) Township, eligible tenants will be chosen soon, announced by the Department of Urban and Housing Develop-

ment on 1 October.

The public rental housing project, which has been implemented near the intersection of No 2 Highway and Yangon circular road, has provided rooms for people who have difficulty with accommodation and retired and serving civil servants.

In May, the list of completed buildings and eligible tenants was announced at township general administration offices.

YBS bus lines have been provided transport service for the convenience of residents at the housing. — MT/ZS

Botahtaung Pagoda to host 9,000 oil lamps festival on Thadingyut Full Moon

ACCORDING to U Thein Su, a member of the board of trustees of the Botahtaung Pagoda, a 9,000 oil lamps ceremony will be held at the pagoda in Botahtaung Township, Yangon Region, on the night of the Thadingyut full moon.

At 5:30 am on the morning of 17 October, the full moon day of Thadingyut, Buddha statues at the pagoda will be offered flowers, water, and light. From 7 am, there will be a recitation of the Abhidhamma on the NanU prayer hall to mark the Abhidhamma Day.

“Meals will be offered at dawn, and from 5:30 pm, oil lamps will be lit in the pa-



This photo captures the 9,000 oil lamps festival at Botahtaung Pagoda in the previous year.

goda's square,” U Thein Su explained. Beginning on the evening of 17 October, a total of 9,000 oil lights will be

lit in the extended square of the Botahtaung Pagoda to celebrate the Thadingyut Full Moon. — ASH/TKO



This photo shows Myo Sandi Kyaw (C) and Aung Gyi donating at Alodawpyae monastery in Tamway Township.

Donors contribute K100M for hospital in flood-hit area

ACCORDING to actress Myo Sandi Kyaw, one of the organizers of the project, well-wishers have donated K100 million to build a station hospital in a flood-impacted area.

The donors include Ashin Kumara from the Alodawpyae Monastery (Yangon), actor Acad-

emy Kyaw Ye Aung, actress Myo Sandi Kyaw, scriptwriter Aung Gyi, and others.

Donations for the project will continue, and coordination will be made with the Ministry of Health and other relevant departments to facilitate the construction of the hospital. — ASH/TRKM

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.

SCO Agricultural Expo welcomes Myanmar business delegates

SHANGHAI Cooperation Organization (SCO) Agricultural Expo, which is scheduled to be held on 25-29 October 2024 in Yangling Demonstration Zone, Shaanxi Province, cordially invited Myanmar delegates, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

China's Ministry of Science and Technology, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, China's National Forestry and Grassland Administration, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China National Intellectual Property Administration and the Governor of Shaanxi Province jointly organized this expo in Agricultural Hi-tech industry demonstration zone in China, integrating exhibition, investment promotion and trade and providing a platform for expanding intra-SCO cooperation, facilitating economic and development of agricultural civilization and ensuring regional food security.

The SCO agricultural expo will be subsequently held during the China Yangling Agricultural High-tech Fair. Myanmar embassy will get an 18-square metre booth for free. Myanmar business persons need to bear transportation and accommodation costs themselves if they join the expo. Individuals can enquire about details through Ms Zelda Zhang (+86 17798040104, WeChat: yomyfzsh, email: aetdazelda@163.com) and Ms Fanny (+86 13810944482, email: aetdafanny@163.com) and the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization (067 408622, email: event.td.myantrade@gmail.com). — NN/KK

ADVERTORIAL

Shinhan Bank Yangon Branch Delivers Flood Relief Funds

27 September 2024 – Yangon, Myanmar:

ON 27 September 2024, Shinhan Bank Yangon Branch donated K100 million to the Myanmar Red Cross Society to aid flood victims in severely affected areas.

During the ceremony in Botataung, Professor Dr Myo Nyunt, President of the Myanmar Red Cross Society, expressed gratitude for the support, highlighting contributions from Shinhan Bank and other Korean organizations during this emergency time. The Shinhan Bank Yangon Branch representative expressed hope that the funds would help speed up recovery efforts and provide



relief to those in need.

In addition to flood relief, Shinhan Bank Yangon Branch continues to demonstrate its commitment to social responsi-

bility such as awarding scholarships and taking proactive steps to support education by installing solar power facilities at the Thakayta Children's Centre.

Fisheries Dept issues rules to restore flood-stricken fish farms

THE Fisheries Department announced rules to restore fish farms, according to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

The statement revealed that drinking water contaminated by hazardous waste and materials, toxic chemical residues, infectious viruses, and bacteria after the flood needs to be boiled to kill disease-causing organisms. Additionally, hygiene testing for fish and fish farming ponds, dividing fish depending

on sizes and fish varieties, removing predatory fish, placing sandbags in low areas of fish ponds to increase height and capacity and planting grass to restore the bunds of ponds from being washed away during floods, putting bamboo railing in fish farms by making a barrier to prevent cattle entry, restoring irrigation channels, sanitation practices for fish farming ponds and preparing sandbags for further needs.

Moreover, clearing invasive



Diligent workers prepare fishing nets at a fish farm.

plants and sludge in fish ponds, fish tests to clear dead fish that may carry pathogens that could spread to other fish, not having buildings or lakes that could block wastewater channels, drawing layout plans to ensure sanitation and channels to have

a smooth flow to transport intermediate goods. Afterwards, water tests in fish farming ponds, water treatment, and incorporation of suitable fish and inputs into the pond will be carried out to redevelop fish ponds, the ministry announced. — NN/KK

CBM sells 1.2M yuan, 10.2M Thai baht on 2 October

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over 1.2 million yuan and 10.2 million Thai baht on 2 October.

CBM also injected over \$76 million, 86 million baht and 4.8 million yuan to financial markets in September.

Moreover, CBM sold 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

Betel farmers target winter for higher profits

BETEL cultivators from Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region, eye the winter growing season more than the monsoon season to reap significant profits, according to the Department of Consumer Affairs in Mandalay Region.

The erratic weather usually wreaks havoc on the betel farms in monsoon season. Also, pests destroyed farms,

resulting in yellowing, curling and crinkling in leaves. The yield dropped due to the pest invasion, strong wind, flooding and decreasing number of farmers, the agriculturalists emphasized. Growers said that the betel farms braced for output drops in winter, raising the price.

The betel leaf can be plucked after five to six months

of cultivation. They can be harvested for up to three to five years betel, depending on their varieties. The cultivation input costs approximately K2.5 million per 0.25 acre, including seed, inputs and wages. The betel leaves can be harvested within a ten-day interval. The output is estimated at 35-40 viss per month.

The betel cultivation

needs systematic management and practices with antifungal activity. Moreover, betel vines need soil, yet they should not be soaked wet with excessive moisture to prevent them from dying and foot and root rot disease.

The betel cultivation is a labour- and income-intensive business suitable for small-scale farmers. — KK

OPINION

Sustain non-violent activities in Myanmar society

THE International Day of Non-Violence, established by General Assembly resolution A/RES/61/271 on 15 June 2007, serves as an essential occasion to “disseminate the message of non-violence and express the desire to cultivate a culture of peace, tolerance, understanding, and non-violence.” This resolution reaffirms the universal relevance of the principle of non-violence and expresses the desire to cultivate a culture of peace, tolerance, understanding, and non-violence.

Authorities must work diligently to raise awareness about the advantages of non-violence. Everyone should uphold non-violence policies, refraining from encroaching on others both physically and mentally. Acts of aggression — whether verbal, religious, political, or racially motivated — constitute violations of others’ rights and must not be tolerated.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres emphasized the power of non-violence by quoting Mahatma Gandhi, who believed that “non-violence was the greatest force available to humanity—more powerful than any weapon.” Gandhi, a global icon for initiating non-violent resistance during India’s independence struggle, serves as a model for promoting non-violence in all aspects of life.

In Myanmar, individuals widely condemn acts of violence. Violence is not accepted within families, and special protections are afforded to women against abuse. Social organizations, such as the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, play a crucial role in safeguarding women’s rights and empowering them in various ways.

Additionally, violent behaviour is rejected across different segments of society. There is no justification for violent acts; problems can be resolved through established laws and legal frameworks. Society does not condone the hegemony of the powerful over the weak through violence or weapons. It is vital for everyone to adhere to public ethics, ensuring that they do not intentionally or unintentionally commit violent acts against others.

The people of Myanmar should adapt the tactics of Mahatma Gandhi to suit their own society. This adaptation should emphasize the importance of not violating others’ rights and aligning with democratic practices. Furthermore, mutual respect among individuals is essential. When people commit to sustaining non-violent actions, they contribute to creating a more prosperous and safer society.

In summary, fostering a culture of non-violence requires collective effort and commitment. By promoting education and awareness, empowering individuals, and resolving conflicts peacefully, societies can build a more harmonious future. Only through such dedication can individuals hope to establish a world where non-violence prevails, benefiting all members of the community. Such a teaching of non-violence will be a good legacy for new generations.

Introduction

Peace treaties have been essential tools in global diplomacy, marking the end of conflicts and establishing frameworks for reconciliation. Historically, these treaties shaped borders dictated terms of surrender, and laid the groundwork for rebuilding nations. However, the nature of peace treaties has evolved significantly in the 21st Century, reflecting changes in international law, geopolitics, and the complexity of modern warfare. This article explores the evolution of peace treaties in the 21st Century, focusing on the changing actors, mechanisms, and challenges shaping these agreements.

The Historical Framework

Peace treaties in previous centuries often followed similar patterns. For instance, the Treaty of Westphalia (1648), which ended the Thirty Years’ War, established the modern concept of state sovereignty, emphasizing the principles of non-interference in internal affairs and the balance of power between European states. Similarly, the Treaty of Versailles (1919) concluded World War I by imposing heavy reparations on Germany, redrawing national borders, and creating the League of Nations in an effort to prevent future global conflicts. The Cold War era added new dimensions, where ideological struggles and superpower rivalry influenced treaties, but the actors were still predominantly nation-states. For example, military pacts like NATO and the Warsaw Pact reflected these rivalries, serving as deterrents while promoting the interests of their respective blocs. Similarly, arms control treaties, such as the SALT agreements, were negotiated under pressure to limit nuclear proliferation amidst fears of mutual destruction.

With the end of the Cold War, peace processes took on new forms, focusing on the integration of former adversaries into international systems, as seen with treaties following the breakup of Yugoslavia, most notably the Dayton Agreement (1995). However, the 21st Century has introduced unique geopolitical dynamics that have altered the way peace treaties are negotiated and implemented.

21st Century Peace Treaties: New Actors and Complexities

The 21st Century introduced new dimensions into the art of

The Evolution of Peace Treaties in the 21st Century

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peacemaking, primarily due to the rise of non-state actors, globalization, and technological advancements. Unlike previous centuries, where peace treaties typically involved state actors, today’s agreements often need to address insurgent groups, terrorist organizations, and multinational corporations.

For example, the Afghanistan Peace Agreement of 2020 involved negotiations between the United States and the Taliban – an insurgent group rather than a recognized state government. The complexities of this agreement highlight the challenge of dealing with non-state actors whose motivations are often ideological or extremist in nature. The inclusion of such groups in the peace process is a significant evolution in treaty-making and raises questions about legitimacy, enforcement, and compliance.

Additionally, peace treaties now have to consider global networks. The use of cyber warfare, economic sanctions, and international legal mechanisms can either enforce or undermine peace agreements. These factors add layers of complexity that make treaty enforcement more difficult than in the past.

The Role of International Organizations

Another defining feature of modern peace treaties is the increasing involvement of international organizations like the United Nations and the European Union and regional bodies such as the African Union. The Colombian Peace Agreement of 2016, for instance, which ended a 50-year conflict with the FARC rebels (The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia), was brokered with significant international oversight, including the involvement of the UN and neighbouring countries.

These organizations now often act as guarantors or mediators of peace agreements, providing neutral platforms and ensuring



Image Source: Signing the Treaty of Peace at Pretoria, John Henry Frederick (after) Bacon, <https://www.meisterdrucke.de/>

that the terms are monitored and adhered to. While this offers a higher chance of stability, it also requires multilateral cooperation, which is challenging to maintain in a geopolitically polarized world.

Geopolitical Influences and Major Powers

The influence of global powers continues to shape the nature of peace treaties. The 21st Century has seen a shift towards a multipolar world, where the dominance of the United States is being contested by rising powers such as China and Russia. This contest often leads to proxy conflicts, where peace agreements become strategic tools in a broader geopolitical struggle.

For example, peace agreements in the Middle East, such as those involving Syria, have been heavily influenced by external powers like Russia, the US, and Iran. These agreements often reflect the interests of these powers rather than the local populations, leading to fragile outcomes that are susceptible to collapse.

The Minsk Agreements (2014-

2015), designed to resolve the conflict in Eastern Ukraine, show how peace treaties are often negotiated under the influence of great power politics. Despite being signed, these agreements have largely failed to bring lasting peace, in part due to the competing interests of Russia and Western nations, illustrating the challenges of reaching consensus in a fragmented world order.

The Role of Technology in Modern Peace Agreements

One of the most significant changes to peace treaties in the 21st Century is the role of technology. Cybersecurity, disinformation campaigns, and technological warfare are now central considerations in any peace process. Conflicts no longer take place solely on the battlefield; they unfold in cyberspace, affecting the terms and conditions of modern treaties.

For instance, agreements now frequently contain clauses addressing the misuse of technology, ensuring the prevention of cyber attacks or regulating the use of social media to inflame tensions.

The rise of autonomous drones, artificial intelligence in warfare, and cyber sabotage has made peace treaties much more complex, as they now need to cover these technological dimensions alongside traditional military terms.

Future Trends: What Lies Ahead for Peace Treaties?

Looking forward, peace treaties in the 21st Century will likely continue to evolve to meet new global challenges. Climate change, resource scarcity, and migration crises are likely to become focal points of future conflicts, influencing the nature of peace agreements. The South China Sea, for example, is becoming a strategic area of interest due to territorial disputes and natural resources, and future peace agreements may need to include clauses about resource-sharing, navigation rights, and conflict resolution. Moreover, as the world becomes more interconnected, peace processes will increasingly require cooperation across multiple sectors, from civil society to the private sector. Technology companies, for instance,

may play a role in ensuring that communication networks are not used to spread disinformation or incite violence during peace negotiations.

Conclusion

The evolution of peace treaties in the 21st Century reflects the complexity of modern conflicts, the changing nature of global power dynamics, and the rise of new actors and technologies. While traditional treaties focus on land, sovereignty, and cease-fires, modern agreements must address a broader range of issues, from ideological insurgencies to cybersecurity. As the world continues to shift towards multipolarity, the success of peace treaties will depend on the ability to adapt to these new challenges, ensuring that peace remains sustainable in an increasingly complex global landscape.

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Can music help plants grow? Study suggests sound boosts fungus

With the plant world facing many human-driven challenges, finding ways to promote plant growth and sustainable food systems is crucial.

PLAYING a monotonous sound stimulates the activity of a fungus that promotes plant growth, a study suggested on Wednesday, raising the potential that playing music could be good for crops and gardens.

Whether or not blasting Mozart could help plants grow has long been a matter of scientific debate. The US TV show “MythBusters” even tested it out, finding that plants exposed to death metal and classical music grew a little better than those left in silence, but deeming the results inconclusive.

However, with the plant world facing a raft of human-driven challenges — including erosion, deforestation, pollution and a burgeoning extinction crisis — the future of the world’s biodiversity and crops are increasingly feared to be under threat.

According to the new study in the journal *Biology Letters*, “the role of acoustic stimulation in fostering ecosystem recovery and sustainable food systems remains under-explored”.

Based on previous work that exposed *E. coli* bacteria to sound waves, the team of Australian researchers set out to assess the effect sound has on the growth rate and spore production of the fungus *Trichoderma harzianum*.

This fungus is often used in organic farming for its ability to protect plants from pathogens, improve nutrients in the soil and promote growth.

The researchers built little sound booths to house petri dishes full of fungi.

Instead of pop bangers, they were played “Tinnitus Flosser Masker at 8 kHz”. This was the audio from one of many white noise videos on YouTube which are intended to relieve tinnitus or help babies fall asleep. “Think of the sound of an old-school radio in between channels,” lead study author Jake Robinson of Flinders University told AFP.

SOURCE: AFP



The researchers built sound booths to house petri dishes with fungi and played a monotonous sound (8 kHz “Tinnitus Flosser Masker”) to stimulate the fungus. ILLUSTRATION: VISUAL REPRESENTATION/EARTH.COM

NATIONAL

45th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters held

THE 45th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters (ASOD) commenced yesterday morning, hosted by the Philippines. Myanmar's delegation, led by Officiating Police Brig-Gen Thant Lwin Maung, Joint Secretary of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control and Head of the Drug Enforcement Division, attended the meeting virtually from Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, Myanmar handed over the ASOD chairmanship to the Philippines, with the Philippines' representative

delivering a welcome address. The Myanmar delegation highlighted the need for continued regional cooperation to ensure ASEAN is free from drug-related threats. They also expressed gratitude to the ASEAN Secretariat and member states for their support during Myanmar's chairmanship.

The meeting was attended by representatives from ASEAN member states, the ASEAN Secretariat, AFP, UNODC, and the Colombo Plan, who discussed international, regional, and national efforts to combat illegal



Myanmar joins the online 45th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters (ASOD) yesterday.

drug activities. Topics included past decisions, ASEAN's 2016-2025 work plan, and prepara-

tions for the 46th ASOD meeting.

On 2 October, meetings of five ASOD task forces – Prevention and Education, Treatment and Rehabilitation, Law Enforcement, Research, and Alternative Development – were held, attended by representatives from all 10 ASEAN member countries. They discussed public awareness campaigns, drug rehabilitation, and collaboration on controlling precursor chemicals and addressing the growing synthetic drug problem. The 45th ASOD will continue until 4 October. — MNA/KZL

Counter-argument to false information

Media accuse enumerators of spreading race, religion propaganda

THE malicious media spreads false information, claiming that the State Administration Council staff who participated in the Nationwide Census Collection made propaganda regarding religion and race during the census-collecting processes.

The subservice media intentionally spread fake news to mislead the public over the government. The census data is collected precisely and accurately as they are the focal information for political, economic, social, defence and public affairs management sectors. The precise data can support the development of individuals and all citizens and the interests of the entire people. These unscrupulous media outlets and underground groups attempt to disturb the State development by any possible means and circulate such fake religious propaganda, according to an official of the Ministry of Immigration and Population. — MNA/KTZH



This screenshot reveals false claims.

Illegal trade crackdown leads to seizures worth K3.459M in two days

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

On 2 October, combined teams managed by the Customs Department conducted inspections. They seized nine kinds of industrial materials and a kind of consumer goods worth about K1.155 billion without official documents from 30 containers at the Myanmar Industrial Port, seven kinds of industrial materials and three consumer goods valued at about K1.313 billion without official documents from 35 containers at the Asia World Port Terminal container checkpoint, six kinds of industrial materials and a kind of consumer goods worth K798.6 million without official documents from 15 containers at the Thilawa Port Terminal, a Nissan Diesel truck (approximately worth K55 million) carrying two kinds of consumer goods and a kind of industrial materials worth K30.48 mil-



Confiscated illegal goods across states and regions.

lion that were different from the Import Declaration (ID) at the Ywathagyi Dry Port, a kind of foodstuffs and a kind of consumer goods valued at K7.2 million without official documents from an Asia Star Express bus (approximately K70 million), at the Mayanchaung permanent checkpoint. The action was taken under Customs procedures.

Similarly, a combined on-duty team conducted inspections and seized three unregistered motorbikes (worth approx-

imately K4.5 million) in Magway District, two unregistered vehicles (estimated value of K13 million) in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) and South Okkalapa Townships, and a kind of industrial materials valued at K3.15 million that were piled up in the highway bus terminal in Kawthoung Township. The action was carried out according to the Export and Import Law and Customs procedures.

Also on 3 October, combined teams managed by the Sagaing Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force conducted inspections. It seized an unregistered Dathaisu Hijet (worth approximately K8 million) in Kalewa Township. The action was taken under the Export and Import Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported that 46 arrests were made on 2 and 3 October, resulting in the seizure of illegal goods worth approximately K3.459 billion. — MNA/MKKS

3-year-old left on bus reunited with father

A three-year-old child left on the YBS 94 bus line was handed over to her father; the Ludu Mateswe Public Relations Team said.

Ludu Mateswe said on 1 October that a child was found without parents or guidance at 8:45 pm when the bus ended at the finishing stand.

Father U Saw Lwin came to enquire at the bus stand the following day at 2:45 pm.

Bus stand officials transferred the child, Ma Su Myat Mon, 3, to her father

at 5:40 pm after they checked the CCTV record.

“According to the CCTV record, the father and the daughter took the bus from Yangon Railway Station. She sat at a seat at the front, and her father sat at the back, and he got off alone when the bus stopped at Whitetaw and forgot the child,” said an official from the bus line.

Bus line officials and drivers gave K50,000 to the child, said the bus line's public relations team.— MT/ZS



This photo captures the reunion of a three-year-old child who is left on a bus, with her father on 2 October 2024.

NATIONAL

MSWRR Union Minister accept rice donations for Typhoon Yagi relief

A ceremony to donate rice bags to those affected by Typhoon Yagi, which struck the South China Sea, was held yesterday afternoon at the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. Union Minister Dr Soe Win received the donations, expressed grati-

tude, and presented certificates of appreciation.

In collaboration with the International Relations Committee of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the National Disaster Management Committee facilitated the donation of 4,000 rice bags weighing 100 tonnes and valued at K200 million from

U Wan Jia Hua (aka) U Myint Swe, a businessperson from the Cambodian DV Group. Additionally, 400 rice bags weighing 10 tonnes and worth K20 million were donated by Chein Chwin of Senachy Cooperation Co Ltd.

On behalf of the donors, the director-general of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other



Union Minister Dr Soe Win accepts cash and kind donations yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

officials handed over the rice to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement

for prompt distribution to the flood-impacted areas. — MNA/TRKM

Healthcare, donation efforts continue in flood-hit areas

IN light of the recent floodings in areas such as Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, as well as townships in various states and regions, ongoing relief and rehabilitation efforts continue with vigour. Aid measures are ongoing in flood-stricken wards and villages, with dedicated collaboration among the relevant ministries and humanitarian organizations.

In particular, yesterday's efforts extended to areas within Nay Pyi Taw, as well as Kalaw Township in southern Shan State and Loikaw Township in Kayah State. Troops, police members, firefighters, Red Cross members, and social rescue and relief teams, working alongside locals, have been actively involved in relocating necessary items, conducting clean-up operations at monasteries, schools, hospitals, clinics, and departmental buildings, and clearing debris, fallen trees, and other remnants left

behind by the flooding.

In temporary flood relief camps, healthcare teams provide essential medical services and conduct health awareness talks for displaced citizens. Donations, including crucial supplies, clothing, and food, have been distributed to the affected families, along with financial support from various donors. Local officials are closely monitoring these relief activities, ensuring timely distribution of supplies and adjusting efforts as needed to meet any arising requirements.

Additionally, work is underway to repair roads and bridges damaged by the floods to restore transport links as quickly as possible. Temporary Bailey bridges have been built as replacements for damaged structures, with further repairs scheduled to ensure the rapid recovery of critical infrastructure. — MNA/KZL



Post-flood cleanup measures are underway.

Riverine residents along Panlaung evacuated to safer places



Search and rescue (S&R) measures are ongoing in flood-hit areas of Myittha Township.

19,845 people of 5,226 households, 4,872 houses of 15 villages in six wards of Myittha township, and 27 temporary relief camps were opened for 4,157 people of 1,190 households of 1,180 homes. Members of Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force, the fire brigade, departmental organizations and civil society organizations evacuated these flood victims and provided them with foodstuffs and healthcare services, and no one was killed in the flood.

DUE to the western disturbance, the development of cumulonimbus clouds, the convergence of warm air from the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal and cold air from the China high-pressure system, rain or thundershowers were widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, and some regions and states starting from 30 September.

The regions upstream of the Panlaung River received continuous rainfalls, and the heavy water flows from mountains caused flooding in the Panlaung River in Myittha township of Mandalay Region on 1 October. Therefore, the river water level rose about four feet in Ywakhinegyi, Aeinshaetaung, Kasun, Myitsongyi and Shwepawkyun villages along the river, while about five feet in Kyuntaw ward, Myoma



Tatmadaw members help evacuate flood victims to safer locations.

(East/West) and Buta ward of Myittha, Kyunhla, Mashet, Nwakulay, Laungtawoo, Ywamongyi, Yway, Letpanseik and Ohngon villages in Myittha township, and three feet in Mingon, Shanpwe, Shwethahtay and Ohnshitgon wards of Myittha.

Therefore, the flooding hit

People should be aware of natural disasters such as heavy rainfall with strong wind, thunder, lightning strikes, lightning, hail, flash floods and landslides in hilly areas and near small rivers and inland water transport and domestic flights. — MNA/KTZH

ECONOMY WORLD

UAE oil giant ADNOC to buy German chemicals firm for 12 bln euros

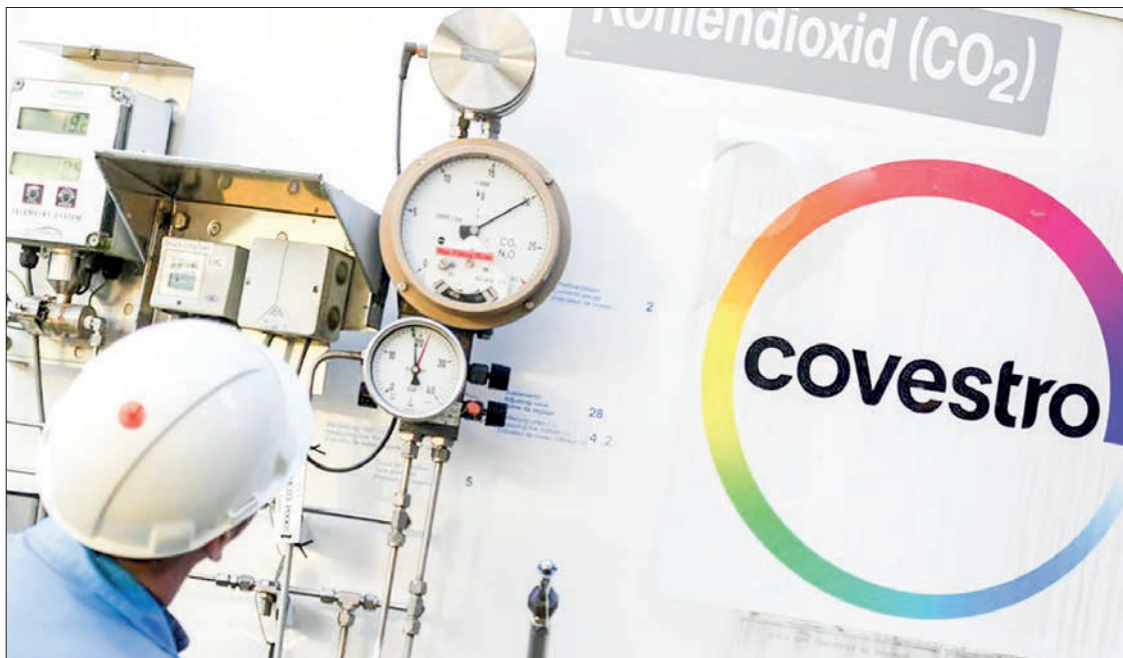
The agreement stipulates that ADNOC will make a public offer for all outstanding shares of Covestro at a price of €62.00 per share.

GERMAN chemicals group Covestro said Tuesday it had accepted a takeover bid from the United Arab Emirates state energy company ADNOC, valuing the plastics-maker at 12 billion euros (\$13.3 billion).

The agreement signed between the two groups “stipulates that the bidder will make a public takeover offer for all outstanding shares of Covestro at a price of 62.00 euro per share”, Covestro said in a statement.

The takeover offer by the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) had a “minimum acceptance rate of 50 per cent plus one share”, Covestro said.

Covestro, which is based in Leverkusen and has expertise in areas such as chemical recycling,



UAE state energy giant ADNOC will buy German chemicals firm Covestro for 12 billion euros (\$13.3 billion). **PHOTO: INA FASSBENDER / AFP/FILE**

clung, has been a key target for ADNOC as it looks to diversify its operations.

It comes as the German chemicals industry has been gripped by crisis since the Russian invasion of Ukraine, which saw supplies of natural gas to Germany slashed and sent energy prices soaring.

The deal remains subject to a set of “closing conditions, including merger control, foreign investment control and EU foreign subsidies clearances”, the statement said.

The German group said it “welcomes and supports the bidder’s announced takeover offer” and would in all likelihood recommend shareholders accept the terms of the deal. — AFP

Spain welcomed record number of tourists this summer



Spain is the second most popular tourist destination in the world. **PHOTO: PIXABAY**

SPAIN welcomed a record 21.8 million international visitors to its shores this summer, official data showed on Wednesday, an influx of tourism that triggered some protests in the country.

That figure was a 7.3 per cent rise on the summer of 2023, the national statistics

institute (INE) said.

Spain, which is the second most popular tourist destination in the world, welcomed 10.9 million visitors in July and as many again in August, INE said.

The deluge of tourists has not pleased all Spaniards,

though, with protesters making their feelings known in recent months, notably in Barcelona, Malaga in Andalusia, the Balearic Islands and the Canaries.

Protesters complained about a strain on infrastructure, pollution and noise pollution.

They were also angered at rising rental prices due to many properties being let out short-term to tourists at lucrative prices.

Several regions have reacted, with Barcelona saying it would end apartment rentals to tourists by 2029.

The socialist government of Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez is working on creating a register of tourist and seasonal lodgings.

The most common nationality of tourists in Spain over the summer was British, with 4.17 million UK visitors. — AFP

US private sector adds more jobs than expected in September

US private sector hiring picked up in September, with employers adding more jobs than anticipated, according to data released Wednesday by payroll firm ADP.

ADP data showed private sector employment rose by 143,000 jobs, significantly higher than the 120,000 figure that a consensus by Briefing.com expected.

The labour market in the world’s biggest economy has been under heightened scrutiny

as the 5 November presidential election approaches, with polls consistently showing economic concerns are a top priority for voters.

The Federal Reserve has also been closely monitoring employment data, as it walks a tightrope of tackling inflation without triggering an economic downturn. “Job creation showed a widespread rebound after a five-month slowdown,” ADP said in a report. — AFP



Data from payroll firm ADP showed private sector employment rising in September by a higher-than-expected 143,000 jobs. **PHOTO: ANGELA WEISS / AFP/FILE**

French luxury goods giant LVMH in F1 sponsorship deal

FRENCH luxury goods giant LVMH on Wednesday announced a 10-year sponsorship deal as a global partner of Formula One. The multinational based in Paris like F1's governing body the FIA, is best known for brands like Louis Vuitton, Moet Hennessy and Tag Heuer. The link up with Formula One, estimated at hundreds of millions of dollars, comes on the back of its close sponsorship with the Paris Olympics and

Paralympics.

LVMH, owned by one of the world's richest people Bernard Arnault, joins F1's other main sponsors like DHL, Heineken, MSC Croisieres, Pirelli and Qatar Airways. The company in a statement explained Wednesday's announcement follows their successful backing of last year's Las Vegas Grand Prix. The deal will start next season when F1 celebrates its 75th anniversary. — AFP



One will benefit from a new tie-up with French luxury goods giant LVMH. **PHOTO: LILLIAN SUWANRUMPHA / AFP/FILE**

TotalEnergies plans to grow oil and gas production until 2030

FRENCH energy giant TotalEnergies has announced plans to increase its oil and gas production until 2030, as it seeks to reassure investors about its fundamentals.

CEO Patrick Pouyanne has a raft of ambitious projects aimed at propelling growth through the decade, not least a \$10 billion offshore investment in Suriname that received a green light Tuesday. The company on Wednesday attempted to buoy investors at its annual strategy and outlook meeting in New York, as energy prices have fallen since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022. — AFP

Toyota to delay EV production in US to 2026 from 2025

TOYOTA Motor Corp said Thursday it will delay the start of electric vehicle production in the United States, with sources saying the schedule will be pushed back by several months to 2026 in an effort to ensure the quality of its products.

The world's largest automaker by volume had originally planned to begin producing three-row electric sport utility vehicles at its Kentucky plant in 2025. The delay comes as Toyota has reviewed its EV global output target for 2026 amid slow demand for the all-electric vehicles.

In a statement, Toyota said the schedule for the

start of EV production in North America "has been delayed from the initial plan" as it reviewed the timing in the hope "to deliver better products" to consumers.

Toyota said in February it will invest \$1.3 billion in the Kentucky factory. It also plans to produce EVs in Indiana from 2026 with an investment of \$1.4 billion, making it the company's second EV production site in the United States.

Joining other global automakers that reconsidered their strategy due to decelerated sales of EVs, Toyota also lowered its global production target for



The world's largest automaker cited slow demand for all-electric vehicles as a factor for reassessing its EV output targets. **PHOTO: KYODO/FILE**

EVs for 2026 by around 30 per cent, saying it now aims to produce around one million units, sources familiar with the matter said earlier.

The global EV market initially experienced explo-

sive growth thanks to popular models made by Tesla Inc and China's BYD Co. But sales in the segment have slowed partly due to high costs and a lack of charging stations. — Kyodo

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

2024 Nobels offer glimmer of hope as global crises mount

NEXT week's Nobel Prize announcements will crown achievements that made the world a better place, a glimmer of optimism amid a spiralling Middle East conflict.

The prize winners will be announced between 7 and 14 October.

For the Peace Prize, the most prestigious of the six Nobels, experts say it is harder than ever to predict the Norwegian Nobel Committee's pick, to be revealed on 11 October.

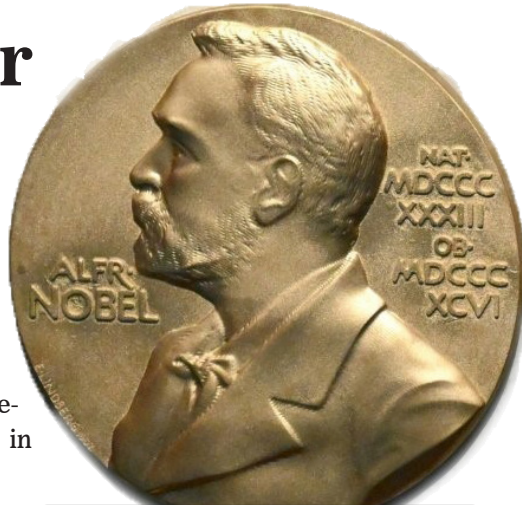
Swedish philanthropist

Alfred Nobel created the prizes in his 1895 will, stipulating that they go to those who have "conferred the greatest benefit on humankind".

But given the bleak state of world affairs, perhaps no one should get the Peace Prize this year, suggested Dan Smith, the head of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

"Maybe this is the time to say, 'Yes, many people are working very hard, but it's not getting there and we need more people and world

The Nobel Prize announcements are set to take place between 7 and 14 October, with the Peace Prize being revealed on 11 October.



Alfred Nobel created the prizes in his will to award those who have 'conferred the greatest benefit on humankind'. **PHOTO: AFP**

leaders to wake up and realise that we are in an extremely dangerous situation," he said. Not awarding a Peace Prize would be viewed as an acknowledgement of failure by the award committee, and is therefore deemed unlikely.

A total of 286 nominations are known to have been submitted for the Peace Prize this year, though the committee keeps the names sealed for 50 years.

Those entitled to nominate are however allowed to reveal their picks. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

China launches crackdown on illegal online news services

CHINA'S cyberspace regulator has launched a three-month special campaign to better regulate online news information services and rectify illegal conduct in this regard.

The Office of the Central Cyberspace Affairs Commission has issued a circular on the campaign, noting that the move is aimed at ensuring a clean online environment. The campaign will mainly target violations such as spreading disinformation, fabricating news information, or using clickbait or other distortive or misleading tactics. It will also crack down on the abuse of power in presenting news or search results as a means of blackmail. —Xinhua

Dead tigers in southern Vietnam test positive for H5N1

TWO samples taken from dead tigers in southern Vietnam have tested positive for H5N1 bird flu virus, local media reported.

Twenty tigers and one leopard have died since early September at Mango Garden eco-resort in Dong Nai province.

The animals refused to eat, showed fatigue and had fever after having eaten chicken meat and chicken heads provided by a local company. Phan Van Phuc, head of the Department of Infectious Disease Prevention and Control at the Dong Nai Centre for Disease Control, said it was likely that the deceased tigers were infected with the H5N1 virus from infected chicken meat, Vietnam News Agency reported. — Xinhua

India-Japan strengthen collaboration in science & tech to mark 70 years of diplomatic relations

INDIA and Japan see increased collaboration and engagement on the fronts of science, technology and innovation at the universities levels as the two countries celebrate the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations.

The Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST) observed that the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between India and Japan is a milestone moment in the relations of the two countries, based on the special strategic and global partnership of the India-Japan cooperative relationship.

JST is a national research and development agency of Japan that Science promotes science and technology. According

to their website, "JST comprehensively implements diverse projects in collaboration with universities, research institutions, and industries in Japan and overseas, and makes contributions to the sustainable development of society and the creation of science, technology, and innovation."

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Most populous Australian state issues warning over spike in Mpox cases



Sydney, New South Wales, Australia. **PHOTO: VISUAL REPRESENTATION/ WIKIMEDIA COMMONS**

HEALTH authorities in Australia's most populous state have urged people at risk of contracting Mpox to get vaccinated amid a spike in cases.

New South Wales (NSW) Health on Thursday reported that there have been 433 confirmed cases of Mpox in the

state since 1 June, the largest outbreak in NSW since its first case of the infectious disease was confirmed in May 2022.

Of those cases, 37 per cent were fully inoculated — having received two doses of a vaccine — 14 per cent had

received one dose and 46 per cent were not vaccinated.

"The rapidly rising numbers of Mpox cases detected across the state are very concerning, with 26 people requiring hospitalization due to the severity of their symptoms," Kerry Chant, NSW's chief health officer, said in a statement.

"The majority of cases of hospitalization have been among people who are unvaccinated or have received only one dose of vaccine.

While cases of Mpox are occurring in vaccinated people, the cases tend to be milder and for a shorter period."

She said that no cases of the fast-spreading clade 1b strain of Mpox that has been circulating in Central and West Africa have been detected in Australia. — Xinhua

SPORTS



Kylian Mbappe in action for Real Madrid against Lille in the Champions League on Wednesday / © AFP Messi returns to Argentina squad for World Cup qualifiers. PHOTO: AFP

Mbappe left out of France squad for Nations League games

FRANCE captain Kylian Mbappe has been left out of his team's UEFA Nations League matches this month after coach Didier Deschamps on Thursday named his squad.

The Real Madrid star returned from a short spell on the sidelines, with a thigh injury, to appear as a substitute in the surprise 1-0 defeat at Lille in the Champions League on Wednesday.

However, the 25-year-old will play no part in France's games against Israel and Belgium, a decision clearly made in order to allow Mbappe to rest and work on his fitness.

France play Israel on Thursday, 10 October in an away fixture moved to Budapest due to the security situation in the Middle East.

Les Bleus, Nations League winners in 2021, will then take on Belgium in Brussels on Monday, 14 October.

France have three points after their first two outings in Group A2, which is topped by Italy with six points.

Thursday's squad announcement was the first by Deschamps since vice-captain Antoine Griezmann retired from international football at the beginning of this week.

Chelsea's Christopher Nkunku, who won the last of his 10 caps in June last year, returns to the squad. — AFP

Real, Atletico to face tough rivals in La Liga before international break

THE ninth round of matches in La Liga kicks off on Friday to end an intense period before the second international break of the season.

Nearly every team in La Liga, especially those playing in European competitions, will welcome the rest after a period that has seen them play seven games in less than four weeks.

League leaders FC Barcelona has a difficult visit to play Alaves on Sunday after a Jekyll and Hyde week which began with a team full of youngsters losing 4-2 away to Osasuna, before a more recognizable starting 11 brushed past Young Boys 5-0 in the UEFA Champions League on Tuesday. With five days to prepare for the trip to Vitoria, Barca coach Hansi Flick will presumably play his strongest 11 against Alaves, with the return of Ansu Fati and Frenkie de Jong giving him more options in attack and midfield.

Real Madrid drew away to Atletico Madrid in last Sunday's controversial derby, but has a difficult home game against Villarreal. Marcelino Garcia Toral's side has had a positive start to the season and despite the loss of Jeremy Pino through injury, they have plenty of pace in attack, with in-form Ayoze Perez, Alex Baena and Nicolas Pepe all able to exploit any spaces in the Madrid midfield and defence.

Real Madrid was desperately poor in its 1-0 defeat away to Lille on Wednesday in the Champions League, but will presumably have Kylian Mbappe available after injury. — Xinhua

Messi returns to Argentina squad for World Cup qualifiers

LIONEL Messi has returned to Argentina's squad for FIFA World Cup qualifiers against Venezuela and Bolivia, the South American country's football association said on Wednesday.

Messi, 37, missed the Albiceleste's September qualifiers against Chile and Colombia because of an ankle injury but has since returned to action for his club Inter Miami. Argentina will play Venezuela away on 10 October and Bolivia in Buenos Aires five days later. The reigning World Cup and Copa America champions currently lead the 10-team South American group with 18 points from eight games, two points ahead of second-placed Colombia.



Lionel Messi has returned to Argentina's squad for FIFA World Cup qualifiers. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

The top six teams will automatically qualify for the 2026 World Cup, to be co-hosted by the United States, Mexico and Canada. The seventh-ranked side will advance to an intercontinental playoff. — AFP

Real Madrid, Arsenal in race to sign Brazilian teenager Reis

REAL Madrid and Arsenal are leading the race to sign highly rated Palmeiras teenager Vitor Reis, according to media reports in Brazil.

The 18-year-old, who has represented Brazil at under-17 and under-20 levels, has also attracted the interest of Barcelona, Chelsea

and Liverpool, news outlet Lance reported on Wednesday.

It added that Real Madrid and Arsenal have already approached Palmeiras to enquire about the defender's availability.

Reis is contracted to the Brazilian Serie A club until December

2028 and is understood to have a release clause of 100 million euros (around US\$110 million).

An athletic center-back who stands at 186 centimetres (six feet and one inch), Reis has made 15 first-team appearances for Palmeiras and scored two goals. — Xinhua



Russia, China intensively developing defence industry cooperation: Lavrov



This aerial drone photo shows people visiting a navy vessel at the Qingdao International Sailing Centre pier in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, 22 April 2024. The Chinese People's Liberation Army Navy holds open day events in multiple coastal cities including Qingdao around 23 April to mark the 75th anniversary of its founding. **PHOTO: MA JIEWEN/XINHUA**

“The article underscores the historical significance and ongoing importance of the Russia-China partnership in the current geopolitical landscape.”

The article is dedicated to the 75th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Russia and China.

“At the same time, our actions are absolutely transparent, are taken in strict accordance with international law and are not directed against third countries,” the minister said.

He said that despite the various restrictive measures imposed by the United States and its satellite states, the economies of Russia and China continue to develop dynamically. — SPUTNIK

MOSCOW and Beijing are intensively developing military and defence industry cooperation, while their actions are absolutely transparent and not directed against third countries, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said.

Top diplomat added Russia-China partnership is based on “the high level of mutual trust”.

“The high level of mutual trust allows us to intensively develop military and military-technical cooperation, conduct joint military exercises, organize air and sea

patrols, and carry out friendly interaction in the area of the common border.

“All this helps to strengthen the security of our countries, maintain international and regional stability, primarily in Greater Eurasia,” Lavrov said in an article for the Rossiyskaya Gazeta daily.

CAUSING A MASSIVE FIRE

Israel launches airstrike in central Beirut

ISRAEL launched an airstrike early Thursday morning targeting the Health Authority Centre affiliated with Hezbollah in the al-Bachoura area, central Beirut, causing a massive fire, al-Jadeed local TV channel reported.

TV footage showed heavy black smoke rising from the building.

The airstrike also led to significant damage to nearby houses and parked vehicles. Ambulances and civil defence teams have rushed to the area for rescue.

According to Lebanon's Ministry of Public Health, at least five people were killed in the airstrike in the al-Bachoura area. — Xinhua

New Japan PM to vow to promote nuclear power use in 1st policy speech

JAPANESE Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba is expected to pledge support for promoting nuclear power in his first policy speech since taking office, despite having previously called for phasing out the energy source, government sources said Wednesday.

In his speech to parliament scheduled for Friday, Ishiba will emphasize that the security alliance with the United States is the “linchpin of Japan's diplomacy and security”. However, he will not address the revision of the Status of Forces Agreement, which serves as the framework for how US troops stationed in Japan operate, the sources said.

Ishiba, who took office on Tuesday to succeed Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, will pledge to promote the establishment of a new disaster management agency, one of his key policies, to strengthen

and expedite responses to earthquakes, typhoons and other natural disasters that frequently impact the country, the sources said.

Ishiba plans to promote nuclear power for energy self-sufficiency while advocating for renewable energy to support decarbonization. — Kyodo



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