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## C-in-C (Navy) team wins overall championship shield in 2024 Tatmadaw Games

Yangon Command team claims championship in 61<sup>st</sup> Tatmadaw open-class football tourney



State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents the championship shield and cash awards to the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) team yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attended the awarding of the 2024 Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Sports Competitions at Zeyathiri Tatmadaw Sports Ground in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the 61<sup>st</sup> Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament 2024, the Central Command team and the Yangon Command team opened attacks in controlling football bilaterally as both teams were powerful enough to play the final match. In 37 minutes, the Yangon Command team scored an opening goal, and it led the game till the end of the first half. Both teams could not break the deadlock of the 1-0 result. As

such, the Yangon Command team won over the Central Command team with a 1-0 victory.

Next, Chairman of the Tatmadaw Sports and Physical Education Administration Committee Adjutant-Gener-

al Lt-Gen Soe Min Oo presented best player awards in relevant positions and the best player of the tournament to respective players and the fair-play award to the Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office team in the football tournament;

Lt-Gen Phone Myat of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), the third prize to the Commander-in-Chief (Army) team; Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Tun Aung, the second prize to Central

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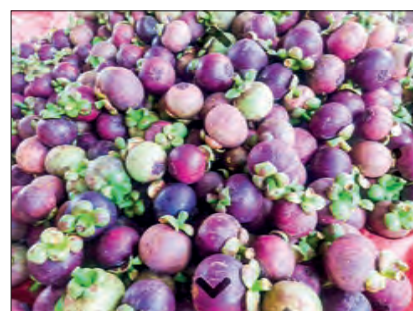
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Nationwide orders for Toungoo's mangosteen despite shortage

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**Nationwide Census Collection continues on the 12<sup>th</sup> day.**



## Boosting GDP: The Interconnected Growth of Agriculture, Industry, and Services

Agriculture, industry, and service sectors all support the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The agricultural sector, which includes agriculture, livestock, and forest products, is interrelated with the other industries and must be developed. Successfully advancing the agriculture and livestock sectors will help develop the industrial and service sectors, thereby increasing the State's GDP.

*(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the Union government meeting 5/2024 on 5 July 2024)*

## United Nations reports and discussions on Myanmar should acknowledge Myanmar's constructive endeavours

DURING the 57<sup>th</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council, which was convened recently in Geneva, the unfavourable interactive dialogues on the report of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar (IIMM) and the report of the High Commissioner for Human Rights were held on 9 September and 24 September 2024, respectively, in the absence of the country concerned, Myanmar. In 2024 alone, the Council has organized a total of six discussions targeting Myanmar. These discussions do not contribute to the development of Myanmar while exhausting the time and resources of the United Nations.

Since the mandate of the IIMM has stemmed from a politicized country-specific resolution that did not attain a consensus among the members, Myanmar has never acknowledged or accepted the mechanism since its inception. It is observed that the conclusions of the IIMM's report are drawn from unreliable sources. In addition, the vague modalities of IIMM, including unlimited terms, absence of supervision, and reliance on funds outside the regular budget, make its independence, impartiality, and objectivity questionable.

Since the report of the High Commissioner relies on unverified and misleading information, it fosters mistrust between Myanmar and the international community. Regarding the allegations of treatment of prisoners and mental health, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission has been conducting prison visits since 2021, offering recommendations on prison conditions and treatment of prisoners. Myanmar has also taken steps to address mental health issues through the implementation of a Mental Health Policy and Strategic Plan for Mental Health (2021-2024). The plan aims for a comprehensive approach to providing mental healthcare, both in hospitals and within communities.

The report also fails to verify allegations and neglects publicly available information provided by the government. The report particularly waters down the violence committed by PDF and various armed groups while focusing disproportionately on Tatmadaw's countermeasures despite following Rules of Engagement and domestic laws. Myanmar urges the United Nations and the international community to refrain from supporting the acts of terrorist groups and to cooperate with the government in combatting terrorism and preventing terrorist acts.

As the government is committed to the implementation of the Five-Point Roadmap, the successful launch of the nationwide population and household census on 1 October 2024 marks a significant step towards holding free and fair elections.

The government ensures that all available assistance reaches the needy population without any discrimination. All secured areas are granted access to UN agencies and international organizations for the provision of humanitarian aid. The government has been coordinating with the UN agencies to provide relief assistance to disaster-affected areas and facilitate the participation of donors in the distribution process.

The government has been deepening cooperation with the United Nations, particularly in the area of humanitarian assistance. Last August, Myanmar received the delegation of the United Nations Emergency Directors Group (EDG) from New York. Moreover, the government held two meetings with the UN agencies in 2024 on its policies and challenges in cooperation.

It is high time the United Nations acknowledged the unwavering efforts towards peace, stability, and democratization of Myanmar. Myanmar calls on the United Nations to end these repetitive mechanisms and foster constructive cooperation to address the challenges the country is facing rather than obstructing its development with redundant and duplicate mechanisms.

*Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Nay Pyi Taw  
11 October 2024*



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

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



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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)*

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Command team; and Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Htein Win, individual medals, the first prize trophy, the duplicate trophy and cash awards to Yangon Command team, respectively.

SAC member Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye awarded the third championship trophy of the Com-

mander-in-Chief of Defence Services and cash awards to the Central Command team, which secured the third largest number of medals in the 2024 Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Sports Competitions.

SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win handed the second championship trophy

and cash awards to the Yangon Command team, which won the second largest number of medals in the competitions.

The Senior General presented the overall championship shield and cash awards to the team manager, officer and athletes of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) team, which swept 65 gold, 43 silver and 41 bronze medals, totalling 149 in the competitions.

When 17 sports teams led by the parade commander left the sports ground, the Senior General, his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and guests waved to them.

In commemoration of the successful completion of the awarding ceremony, fireworks were launched to conclude the ceremony.

Also present at the ceremony were Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the Senior General,

Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of the Vice-Senior General, union-level dignitaries, Union ministers and their wives, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief and their wives, the commander of the Nay Pyi Taw Command, senior officer trainees from the National Defence College, Tatmadaw members and their families. — MNA/TTA

## 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN NCM continues in Myanmar with separate naval discussions

Myanmar hosted the 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Navy Chiefs' Meeting (18<sup>th</sup> ANCM) at M-Gallery Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on 10 October, and the high-ranking naval officials and representatives of Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines attended the event.

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Htein Win presided over the meeting, and a Welcome Video Clip was screened.

The Navy Chiefs and high-ranking naval officials of Myanmar, Brunei, Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam discussed the theme Sailing Together: Harmony to Peace and Pros-

perity in person, whereas the Navy Chiefs of Singapore, the Philippines, and Thailand via the Video Teleconference (VTC) and Navy Chiefs of Indonesia and Malaysia via video message.

Then, they openly discussed information exchange and future activities and approved the meeting minutes.

The Commander-in-Chief (Navy) made a conclusion remark and concluded the meeting.

He met ASEAN naval high-ranking officials and delegates separately. He discussed the enhancement of relations between the two naval forces, friendly cooperation among



The 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Navy Chiefs' Meeting in progress on 10 October 2024 in Nay Pyi Taw.

ASEAN countries, further collaboration in humanitarian and natural disaster prevention activities, and close cooperation of the two navies. Similarly, the delegates led by ASEAN high-ranking officials also met separately.

The Commander-in-Chief (Navy) hosted a dinner and handed over the chairmanship of the 19<sup>th</sup> ANCM to Malaysia.

Afterwards, they posed for documentary photos.

During the visit to Myanmar, ASEAN high-ranking naval officials and delegates visited Memorial to the Fallen Heroes (Nay Pyi Taw), Maravijaya, the world's tallest sitting marble Buddha image, Uppatasanti pagoda, white elephant camp, Gem Museum, National Mu-

seum (Nay Pyi Taw), souvenir shop of navy bases at M-Gallery Hotel, Shwedagon pagoda, Bogyoke market and Junction City in Yangon.

ASEAN high-ranking naval officials and delegates to the 18<sup>th</sup> ANCM left Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, and senior Tatmadaw (Navy) officers saw them off at the airport. — MNA/KTZH

# NATIONAL

## MoI Union Minister inspects MRTV, attends charity show for flood victims

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn inspected the work processes at MRTV in Yangon and watched the fundraising charity show 'Kunyi Kan Sat Gita Lat Phyt' for flood victims yesterday.

At the reception hall of MRTV, the Union minister, who is also Chairman of the Working Committee on Organizing the Opening and Closing Events, received a K15 million cash donation from Trusty Pay Company for a Mascot to be used at the opening ceremony of the fifth National Sports Festival that will take place in December 2024. The Union minister then inspected the filming process at Studio 1, the installation of new lighting and testing, and MTV shootings of two songs for the multiparty general election at Studio 2. During the visit, he donated cash awards to the participants. He observed the building to be used as the office for temporary MRTV and broadcasting council in the MRTV compound and of-



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn watches MTV shootings of two songs for the multiparty general election at MRTV Studio 2 in Yangon



rice rental of Borderless Broadcast Co Ltd, partner of MRTV. At noon, he enjoyed the kid-friendly game show at Studio A and gave presents to the children who participated in the show.

In the evening, he watched the fundraising charity show for flood victims organized by

the Myanmar Music Association (Central) at the National Theatre in Yangon.

The event was also attended by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, regional ministers, the Russian Ambassador to Myanmar, the China Culture Centre in charge, patrons and chairpersons of the Myanmar

Motion Pictures Organization, music and theatrical associations, invitees, and music lovers.

After the show, the Russian Ambassador to Myanmar and MKCS Co Ltd officials donated cash to the Union Minister and Yangon Region Chief minister. The fundraising event will be

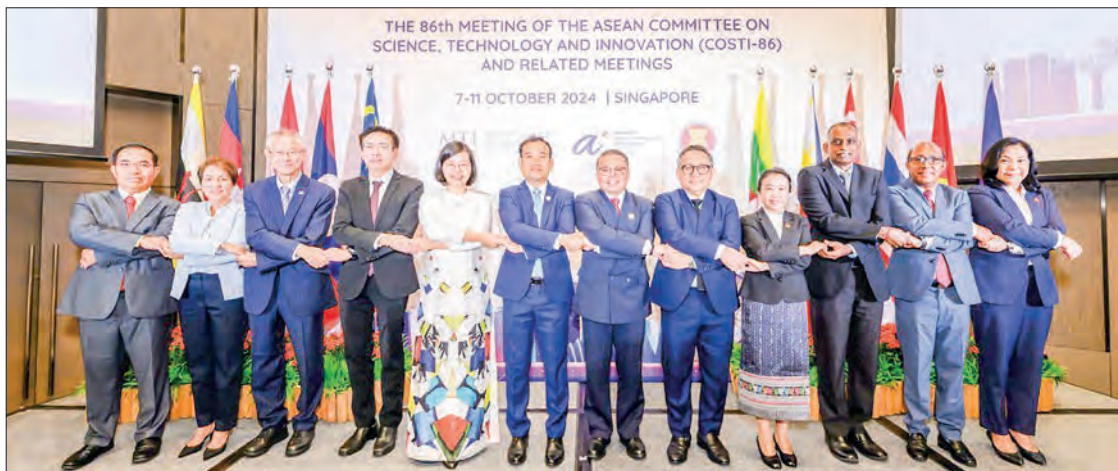
broadcast via MRTV NRC, Farmers Channel, MRTV Application, Radio MRTV, MRTV Telegram, 5Plus, MRTV-4 Ethnic Channel, Hey Play TV channel, and the replay will be from MRTV HD, Channel 7 HD, Fortune HD, Channel K, YTV and Mahar HD channel. — MNA/KTZH

## 86<sup>th</sup> ASEAN COSTI meetings held in Singapore

THE 86<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology, and Innovation (COSTI) meetings, along with related events, were held in Singapore from 7 to 11 October.

The Myanmar delegation, led by the National COSTI Chair and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Dr Sai Kyaw Nang Oo, participated alongside representatives from ASEAN member states, the ASEAN Secretariat, and dialogue partner countries.

The meetings discussed



The commemorative group photo of the 86<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Committee on Science, Technology and Innovation Meeting and related meetings held on 7-11 October in Singapore.

outcomes from subcommittee meetings under COSTI, focusing on critical areas such as disease control, climate change, energy and food security, inclusive sustainable industrialization, mobility, and water management. They also explored the ASEAN Plan of Action on Science, Technology, and Innovation (APASTI 2026-2035) and prioritized collaboration between ASEAN member states and development partners to promote growth in these sectors. — MNA/KZL

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## ASEAN workshop on rehabilitation and mental health support for ordnance victims held

THE National-Level Workshop on Physical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Needs Support for Explosive Ordnance Victims in the ASEAN Region was organized in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the event, Union Minister of Social Welfare, Relief and Rehabilitation Dr Soe Win said the explosive ordnance victims suffer mental issues, and it impacts their families and surroundings to a certain extent. The rehabilitation process for the victims should be long-term operation, and therapy, vocation-

al training, mental health counselling, and proper methods to ease their pain also should be provided.

The meeting will set a better roadmap for the explosive ordnance victims based on the data found during the field study.

Then, Executive Director Ms Rothnia Buth of ASEAN Regional Mine Action Centre (ARMAC) remarked, and attendees discussed the assistance for mine victims, international mine action standards, and fieldwork findings. — MNA/KTZH



The opening of the National-level Workshop on Physical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Needs Support for Explosive Ordnance Victims in the ASEAN Region in progress, addressed by Union Minister Dr Soe Win yesterday.



Union Minister Dr Soe Win receives donations for flood relief yesterday.

## School supplies donated to flood-hit areas

THE Myanmar Gems and Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association held a donation ceremony yesterday afternoon for schools impacted by the flooding. The association donated school furniture and writing materials, and the ceremony took place at the Disaster Management Centre (DMC) under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement. Union Minister Dr Soe Win

received the donations and expressed gratitude, presenting a certificate of appreciation in return.

The association contributed K50 million worth of 450 sets of desks and chairs, 470 dozens of notebooks, and 2,700 pens. These supplies were sent in advance to 16 basic education schools under the Ministry of Education on 10 October. — MNA/KZL

## EV vehicles arrive at Yangon Port

WITH the approval of the Steering Committee on National-level Development for Electric Vehicles and Related Industries, NPKMotors Co Ltd has successfully imported a fleet of electric vehicles from China. Yesterday, a shipment of Leapmotor C11

and MG MG4 electric vehicles arrived at Yangon port, followed by a consignment of GAC Toyota bZ4X electric vehicles from Qingdao CRRC Sifang Rolling Stock Co Ltd, and the vehicles were allowed to be claimed according to the procedures. — MNA/TRKM



This photo depicts EV vehicles at Yangon Port.

## MWA to conduct basic writing course on 4-28 Nov

AWARD-WINNING veteran writers will share fundamental guidelines for poetry, articles, news writing, and novels in the basic writing course that is scheduled to be organized by the Myanmar Writers' Association from 4 to 28 November 2024.

Winners of the National Literary Award for Lifetime Achievement –

Sayagyi Tekkatho Myat Thu, Dr Tun Tint, Ledwintha Saw Chit, Maung Khin Min (Danubyu), Thura Zaw, Kyu Kyu Thin, Ma Sandar, Myinmu Maung Naing Moe and other literary and international literary award winners Ma Moe Myay, Ma Hnin Phway, Maung Nyein Thu (Gyobingauk), Maung Sein Naung (Lewe), Myat Soe (Hlaing), Pathein

Aung Than Oo, Aung Kyi Nyunt (University), and Swe Zin Nyunt will share their experiences.

Those interested aged 16 and above can enrol in the class at the office of the association located at Office No 173-175 on the seventh floor in Pansodan Street (Middle Block), Kyauktada Township, by 28 October, with a

course fee of K50,000, three photos and course form. They must strictly follow the rules of the class. The basic writing course will be conducted from Monday to Friday from 1 to 4 pm on 4-28 November. Individuals can enquire about details through the contact numbers of the association: 01 252417 and 09450090486. — NN/KK

# NATIONAL

## Shwethaungyan Beach welcomes over 16,000 domestic visitors in Sept

SHWETHAUNGYAN Beach in Patheingyi Township, Ayeyawady Region, welcomed a total of 16,546 domestic visitors during the rainy season in September 2024, according to Daw Cherry Myint, an Executive Officer of the Myanmar Tourism Federation (Shwethaungyan Beach).

The beach hosts more than 20 hotels and guest houses, providing year-round services to visitors.

“Visitors primarily come here for day trips. There is also a Kyaukmaungnama elephant camp at Shwethaungyan Beach, making it a popular destination throughout the year,” said Daw Cherry Myint.

Currently, measures are being implemented at every hotel on Shwethaungyan Beach before the peak season to ensure cleanliness along the beachfront, enhance the land-

scapes and roads within the hotel compounds, and maintain overall cleanliness in public areas. Additionally, preparations are underway to offer local cuisine to guests staying at the hotels.

Local products and souvenirs are sold along the beach, while services such as bicycle rentals, motorboat rides, horse carts, and horseback riding are also available. — ASH/MKKS



Visitors enjoy elephant rides at Shwethaungyan Beach in September.

## Myanmar Ambassador attends lunch on migrant worker social protection in Malaysia



This photo shows Myanmar Ambassador to Malaysia U Aung Soe Win and officials concerned posing for a group documentary photo.

SOCIAL Security Organization, a government agency under the Ministry of Human Resources, hosted a working lunch, with the title of “A Shared Vision for Foreign Workers’ Social Security Protection in Malaysia”, on 10 October at Sheraton Imperial KL Hotel and Myanmar Ambassador U Aung Soe Win to Malaysia, thereby he exchanged ideas and discussed shared matters regarding social welfare and social protection coverage of

the foreign workers in Malaysia, according to Myanmar’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Dato’ Sri Subahan Kama, Chairman of the Social Security Organization, and Dato’ Sri Dr Mohammed Azman Aziz Mohammed, Group Chief Executive Officer and Director-General, officials concerned with the embassies in Malaysia, and representatives of recruitment agencies were present at the lunch. — ASH/KK

## YGN National Library to host children’s programme ahead of Thadingyut

THE National Library (Yangon) in Pabedan Township, Yangon Region, plans a pre-festival activity programme for children ahead of the Thadingyut Festival, according to the facility.

The programme will take place on 12 October, and children and their parents are invited to participate.

“Before the Thadingyut holiday, a pre-festival activity programme for children will be held at 1 pm on 12 October. The programme includes storytelling and a session where they can make colourful lanterns together. There will also be a lecture about the upcoming festival,” said Dr Kaythi Aye, the director of the library.

The children’s library at the National Library (Yangon) also conducts a storytelling programme for children every Saturday, where guest storytellers share stories and respond to questions based on the children’s interests related to the story’s content.

Additionally, documentaries are presented at 12:30 pm every Saturday for the public to enjoy. One documentary film per week is shown for free in the audio-video room on the first floor of the National Library (Yangon). — ASH/TKO

## Yangon Zoo to host Thadingyut Market Fair

YANGON Zoological Gardens will host a Thadingyut Market Fair Festival from 16 to 20 October, according to U Than Myint Tun, the warden of the zoo.

During the festival, the gardens will feature a bustling market filled with diverse offerings. Visitors can also enjoy a variety of entertainment, including captivating performances by models from the Glory Talents & Models Agency and lively musical shows featuring famous singers.

“This year, we’ve packed the festival with exciting new activities. It will be the perfect event for children during the Thadingyut holidays. For pet lovers, we’ll present beloved animal performances showcasing clever elephants, monkeys, snakes, and bears. Don’t miss the magical shows and the chance to take photos with adorable animals like cubs, birds, and other young creatures. We’ve also add-



This photo depicts kids from JEWEL Advanced Pre-School who are on an excursion to Yangon Zoological Gardens.

ed elephant rides and educational programs for families about these amazing animals. For the little ones, there will be free drawing activities and engaging quiz games with exciting prizes. And, of course, there will be a variety of food and consumer goods stalls for everyone. So, gather your family and friends and join us for a fun-filled day at the Yangon Zoological Gardens,” said U Than Myint Tun.

Comprehensive plans have

been implemented to ensure a safe and relaxing experience for families visiting the Yangon Zoological Gardens. On Sundays and public holidays, the zoo anticipates approximately 2,500 visitors, while around 1,000 visitors are expected on weekdays.

The Yangon Zoological Gardens span an area of 57 acres and are home to approximately 350 species of animals, totalling around 1,400 individual animals. — ASH/TRKM

## CBM sells \$12.4M, 38.7M Thai baht on 10 Oct

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$12.4 million and 38.7 million Thai baht on 10 October, after its sales of over 660,000 yuan and over 10 million baht to those engaged in the private sector on 7 October.

CBM pumped US\$13.1 million and 288,000 yuan on 4 October, \$780,000, 1.2 million yuan, and one million baht on 3 October, and over 1.2 million yuan and 10.2 million baht into the financial market on 2 October.

CBM also injected over \$76 million, 86 million baht, and 4.8 million yuan into 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



Thai baht banknotes displayed at the exchange counter.

## Myanmar ships 930,000 + tonnes of rice to international markets in H1 this FY



A stevedore carefully arranges rice bags for loading onto an overseas-bound merchant vessel at Yangon Port.

MYANMAR'S rice and broken rice exports exceeded 930,000 tonnes in the first half of the current financial year 2024-2025 beginning 1 April, with an estimated value of \$458 million, statistics of Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) showed.

Myanmar exported over 900,000 tonnes through maritime trade channels and 20,000 tonnes at border posts.

The export volumes are 111,862 tonnes worth \$55 million in April, 71,279.5 tonnes worth \$36 million in May, 162,325.75 tonnes worth \$84 million in June, 165,444 tonnes worth \$81 million in July, 207,369 tonnes worth \$97 million in August and over 219,560 tonnes worth \$104 million in September respectively.

The federation aims to achieve 2.5 million tonnes of rice exports in the

2024-2025 financial year (April-March).

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

Ministry of Commerce is working together with the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association, Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association, Myanmar Industries Association, Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association, Myanmar Fisheries Products Processors and Exporters Association to meet monthly

export targets and facilitate exports.

The federation is projected to achieve 2.5 million tonnes of rice and broken rice export in the FY 2023-2024, generating earnings of one billion dollars. However, rice exports fell short of the target with 1.6 million tonnes worth \$845 million.

The Central Bank of Myanmar's monetary policy to control export earnings impeded rice exports, hurting exporters financially. The El Nino weather condition also hampered rice export, the chairperson of the Myanmar Rice Federation affirmed.

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

## Pesticide Registration Board revokes pesticide registration

THE Pesticide Registration Board announced that 11 types of pesticides were revoked, and 12 were deleted from registration.

According to the meeting outcome of the 43<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the board held on 28 August, those 11 pesticides with expiry of more than six months and renewal failure were notified for revocation.

They were revealed to be Chao Xin, K-Nofos 72 EC, Piperonyl Butoxide, Golden Frog Mosquito Coil, Sieuheck 700 WP, Erapizole, Agro Sulf Frey 50 SC, Halocide 5 SC, RDF Granary, Pancozole 25 per cent WDG and VANIDA PACLO. If they are found to be distributed

in the market, they will face legal actions under Pesticide Law.

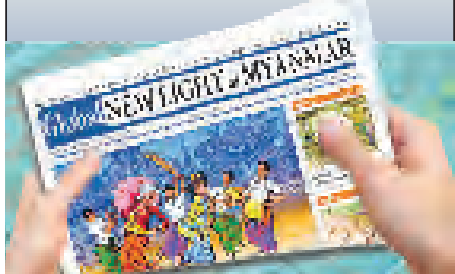
Companies requested to delete 12 types of pesticide from registration during that meeting, including Byter Spy, Trounce 40 per cent EC, Programme, Poe Special, Jumbo Mosq Coil, Jumbo 1 Mosquito Coil, Shwe Taung Thu Star-1 25 SL, Hmoe Weik Sar, Gold Medal, Hmoe Doctor, Myay Bayin, and Super 10 G. Distribution of those non-registered will result in strict actions under the law.

The Pesticide Registration Board has issued permits for 4,237 pesticides as of the 42<sup>nd</sup> meeting. — NN/KK



Pictured: A pesticide shop.

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# OPINION

## Welcome migratory birds as good guests

**E**ACH winter, migratory birds flock to Myanmar, seeking refuge in its natural environment. These birds temporarily settle in lakes and wetlands like Inlay, Indawgyi, Moeyungyi, and Sunye, making the country an essential wintering destination.

To protect these seasonal visitors, successive governments in Myanmar have established wildlife sanctuaries, natural parks, Ramsar sites, and special habitats. These efforts help safeguard wildlife, including migratory birds, which arrive through two major flyways: the Central Asian Flyway and the East Asia-Australasian Flyway. Moeyungyi Lake is one of the key destinations for these birds during the colder months.

The 2024 World Migratory Bird Day campaign focuses on the importance of insects for migratory birds as its theme. Insects are not just food sources during breeding seasons; they also provide essential energy for migratory birds during their long journeys. The decline in insect populations threatens the success of bird migration, impacting both the timing and outcomes of these annual movements.

The conservation of migratory bird habitats is vital not only for protecting wildlife but also for fostering ecotourism and ensuring environmental sustainability. Authorities from relevant areas need to raise public awareness for the protection of migratory birds and encourage those people to take pride in the arrival of migratory birds in their regions as environmental conservation.

Migratory birds and their habitats are deeply interconnected. Protecting these habitats not only ensures the birds' survival but also promotes tourism in Myanmar. International and local visitors who wish to observe these migratory species contribute to the country's tourism industry, creating economic benefits while supporting wildlife conservation. For the birds, these protected habitats provide essential resting and hibernation spaces as they travel from colder northern regions.

Conserving these habitats is crucial for the survival of migratory birds. Global efforts must focus on habitat preservation to prevent the extinction of these seasonal

guests. Environmental conservation while maintaining healthy ecosystems can prevent outbreaks of diseases like avian influenza, which may arise from human, animal, or environmental factors.

One of the most pressing threats to migratory birds is the use of pesticides and herbicides, which kill insects that birds rely on for food. A shortage of energy- and protein-rich insects weakens birds, leading to decreased reproduction rates and increased mortality. The 2024 campaign stresses the need for conservation measures such as reducing pesticide use and adopting organic farming practices. Additionally, efforts to maintain and connect areas of natural vegetation in agricultural landscapes will provide food and shelter for birds, enhancing their chances of survival during migration.

The conservation of migratory bird habitats is vital not only for protecting wildlife but also for fostering ecotourism and ensuring environmental sustainability. Authorities from relevant areas need to raise public awareness for the protection of migratory birds and encourage those people to take pride in the arrival of migratory birds in their regions as environmental conservation.

**A** little fat is good, but too much fat is not good not only for human beings but also for other creatures. The aged people gather fat and become fatter and fatter. Some people do regular exercises to remove the fats. Some used thin medicine to forbid fatness. But it is profoundly harmful to people. Because of the fatness, you can cause plentiful diseases such as high blood pressure, diabetes, and heart disease. The differences in fatness between men and women are as follows: For women, fats are gathered in the hipbone, thigh, and buttocks. Fats appear and gather at the abdomen of men. The men gradually become fatter and fatter daily, and they look like U Ba Yoke dolls. U Ba Yoke doll is celebrated every Tazaungdine in Mawlamyine. A big U Ba Yoke doll and crowded people come to the street from the street by performing the audience with Myanmar traditional songs and dance.

Fats gather in sex organs in women, according to scientific work. But women become less beautiful if their fats gather deeply. If the fats gather broadly at the abdomen in the men, they look very ugly. Moreover, they invite harmful diseases and threaten life by the diseases. Generally, most of the women are fatter than by seeing percentage. All the boys and girls when start born till six years fats gradually increase over twice. Thus, the body becomes fat. But at the age of six, girls are more gathering fat than boys.

## The difference in fatness between men and women



Excess fat accumulation can diminish women's physical appearance, affecting their confidence and societal perceptions of beauty, leading to emotional and psychological challenges. **ILLUSTRATION: VISUAL REPRESENTATION/YOUTUBE**

From the age of six to 13, healthy boys and girls have less increased fat. The fat children gather fats increasingly throughout their lives. At the age of over 13, girls are more than twice as fat as boys.

Fat cells become more extensive and increase in girls. Fats gather hipbone, thigh, and buttocks in the women. Little fats gather in the breast, and hormones increase. But the women who

take care of their health never increase fats.

Similarly, men who exercise regularly and perform matters that can attain healthy profits cannot become fatter and fatter.

It is more challenging to remove fats from the thigh, hipbone, and buttocks than any parts of the body in women. Breastfeeding mothers, throughout their baby breeding, increase fat cells, but

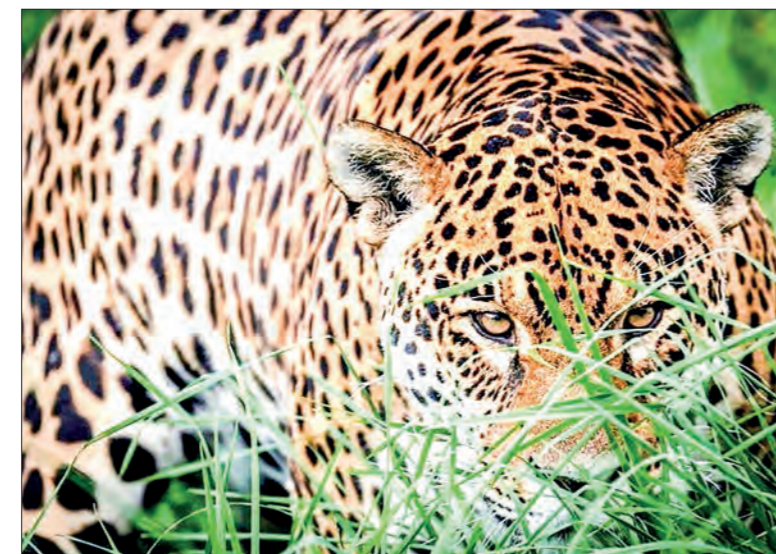
the storage of fats decreases. But at the same time, in the breeding tissue, the storage of fats is more profound. Fats gather in the thigh, buttocks, and hipbone in women, making storage of energy for producing breeding. However, bad benefits occur if a lot of fat is in the thigh, buttocks, and hipbone. It can cause swollen skin disease. To avoid these diseases, women must exercise regularly and eat.

The abdomen and chest are the places where the men gather fat. Most men gather fats in their abdomen because they drink a great deal of alcohol. When they avoid alcohol, fat men become thin and handsome paunchy men can get heart disease, diabetes, and high blood pressure. In paunchy men, the appearance of metabolism is faster than in other men. Therefore, paunchy men control their lifestyle. Avoiding alcohol is the best for chubby men. Actually, fat is needed for the body, and it happens to be used for energy and vitamins, as well as to support the brain tissue. Moreover, fats prevent the organs of the inside body. But when you get old, fats are deeply accumulating in the body and can cause harmful health problems.

**Ref: 2006 American Scientific "Why fat deposits on different areas for men and women"**

**By Patric J Bird**

## Wildlife populations plunge 73% since 1970: WWF



The report found that populations under review had fallen 73 per cent since 1970, mostly due to human pressures. **PHOTO: AFP**

*Wild animal populations have declined over 70 per cent in 50 years, with some regions seeing losses up to 95 per cent, primarily due to human impact.*

**W**ILD populations of monitored animal species have plummeted over 70 per cent in the last half-century, according to the latest edition of a landmark assessment by WWF published on Thursday.

Featuring data from 35,000 populations of more than 5,000 species of mammals, birds, amphibians, reptiles and fish, the WWF Living Planet Index shows accelerating declines across the

globe.

In biodiversity-rich regions such as Latin America and the Caribbean, the figure for animal population loss is as high as 95 per cent.

The report tracks trends in the abundance of a large number of species, not individual animal numbers.

It found that populations under review had fallen 73 per cent since 1970, mostly due to human

pressures.

The index has become an international reference and arrives just ahead of the next UN summit on biodiversity, which will spotlight the issue when it opens in Colombia later this month.

"The picture we are painting is incredibly concerning," said Kirsten Schuijt, Director-General of WWF International, at a press briefing.

**Tippling points**

"This is not just about wild-life, it's about the essential ecosystems that sustain human life," said Daudi Sumba, chief conservation officer at WWF.

The report reiterates the need to simultaneously confront the "interconnected" crises of climate change and nature destruction, and warned of major "tipping points" approaching certain ecosystems.

**SOURCE: AFP**

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor-in-Chief,

As a regular reader of The Global New Light of Myanmar and an occasional contributor, I am writing to request the reinstatement of the Sunday Supplement (Sunday Special Section).



This section was halted during the COVID-19 period and hasn't yet returned. I have noticed the value of this supplement since my childhood. Back then, I had the privilege of reading grammar explanations by the renowned CTO (U Chit Thein Oo) on a weekly basis, and I cannot forget the gratitude I felt for being able to share that knowledge with my students when I first started teaching. I passed on those lessons for nearly a year.

That goes back to 1979, long before the newspaper was rebranded as The Global New Light of Myanmar. At that time, it was still known as The Working People's Daily. The GNLM is a well-established paper with a rich history, but I have missed the extra content from the supplement in recent years, especially since the pre-COVID days. The Sunday Supplement was becoming even more enjoyable with a mix of entertaining essays—around four each week. These gave a refreshing break from the usual local and international news. I found myself looking forward to my Sunday mornings, sipping a hot cup of coffee and indulging in those delightful reads.

Aside from the essays, the supplement also included grammar tips, which I cherished as a young learner. For the current generation of English learners, finding such content again in the Sunday Supplement would be truly beneficial. The insightful articles, accompanied by photos from across the nation, made the supplement something to anticipate eagerly. It's no exaggeration to say that it was a pleasure to see young writers showcasing their talent through essays that evoke emotions like joy, sadness, serenity, strength, and even frustration. The supplement helped clear our minds after a week full of news and kept us engaged with fresh perspectives.

Another important point is the platform it provides for young people aspiring to improve their English skills. Unfortunately, there are not many such platforms in Myanmar today. As it stands, GNLM is the only newspaper in Myanmar publishing in English. To draw a comparison with India, where English has flourished, many newspapers and magazines are still published in English. Although India gained independence from British rule not long before Myanmar, India has managed to not only preserve but also strengthen the legacy of the English language, which the British sowed. While I won't mention specific publications, it's clear that India's use of English remains strong. I recall that when I first graduated, The Guardian magazine was still being published in Myanmar, but it has since disappeared. Nevertheless, The Global New Light of Myanmar's Sunday Supplement was undoubtedly a valuable tool for young Myanmar learners of English.

I understand that increasing the number of pages would raise costs, and more editorial work would be needed to curate the articles. If these factors make it impossible to reintroduce the Sunday Supplement, I fully understand. However, if feasible, I kindly request that you and the other decision-makers reconsider reinstating it.

Sincerely,  
**Min Zan**  
A Regular Reader



# NATIONAL

## MSME market fair, music show at People's Square during Thadingyut

MSME Product Market Fair and Music Show will be held during the Thadingyut Festival (16-18 October) at People's Square in Yangon.

A work coordination meeting to organize the MSME Product Market Fair and Music Show was held at the Yangon Region government office on the morning of 11 October.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein delivered a remark at the meeting that the Prime Minister gave instructions to boost locally made prod-

ucts for import-substitution and export growth. Leveraging market events like market fairs and industrial products expo is to promote MSME products and other products, increase exposure to a broader local audience, attract more customers, and exchange technical ideas and the nature of products among MSMEs.

The market fair will include 420 shops showcasing industrial products of Industrial Zones in the Yangon Region, MSMEs, Small-Scale Industries



The coordination meeting to organize the MSME Product Market Fair and Music Show in progress yesterday. **PHOTO: SAN KYAW OO (IPRD)**

Department, Cooperative Department, and Yangon Region Investment Committee, local products from regions and states, and food stalls.

There will be charity food events and music shows featuring famous

artists during the festival. Ferries are also arranged for the smooth transport of visitors. Yangonites can enjoy the Thadingyut Festival, which features flowers, lantern decorations, and fun events. — San Kyaw Oo (IPRD)/KK



This photo showcases mangosteen produced in Toungoo.

## Nationwide orders for Toungoo's mangosteen despite shortage

MANGOSTEEN has now been short of supply in Bago Region's Toungoo Township. However, orders have been placed from different regions and states, including Yangon and Mandalay.

Mangosteen is a locally grown fruit of Toungoo, and its consumption is high.

In 2023, mangosteen yield was massive and slightly declined this year due to floods and landslides.

"Mangosteen is grown at Kayin villages in Toungoo. It is harvested in around April and May. It is still available but is short of supply. The majority of production is delivered to other cities. Last year's production was larger than this year's. Floods and landslides caused the fall of the fruit production," said a mangosteen trader.

In previous years, tens of hundreds of mangosteens were traded online, and local farmers enjoyed profit. — Thit Taw/ZS

## Weather

### Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Friday 11 October 2024)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Weather is a few cloud over the Northeast Bay and Eastcentral Bay of Bengal. Monsoon is weak over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 12 October 2024:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region and Eastern Shan, fairly widespread in Sagaing and, Mandalay Regions and Kachin, Southern Shan and Mon States, scattered in Magway, Yangon and, Ayeyawady Regions and Chin and, Kayin States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is 100%.

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and, Taninthayi Regions and Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and, Mon States. The area along the Cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain, thunder, lightning and hail may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance these phenomena.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height

will be about 3-6 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Weak monsoon over the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 October 2024:** Isolated light rain or thundershowers with sunny period. Degree of certainty is 60%.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 October 2024:** Partly cloudy and likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

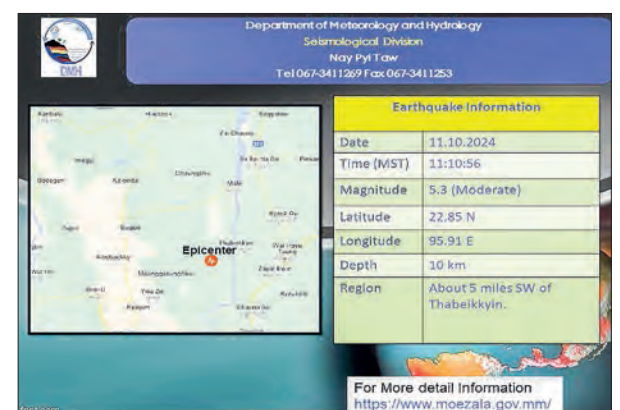
**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12 October 2024:** Isolated light rain or thundershowers with sunny period. Degree of certainty is 60%.

**WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, scattered in Yangon Region and fairly widespread in Mandalay Region. — DMH

## EARTHQUAKE NEWS

(Issued at 11:30 hour MST)

A moderate earthquake of magnitude (5.3) Richter Scale with its epicentre inside Myanmar (about five miles southwest of Thabeikkyin), latitude 22.85°N, longitude 95.91°E, depth ten kilometres, about 35miles southeast of Kanbalu seismological observatory was recorded at 11 hour 10 minutes 56 seconds MST on 11 October 2024. — DMH



# NATIONAL

## Hotels & Tourism Ministry plans foreign language courses

IN addition to hospitality and tourism training courses, the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism has planned to conduct global foreign languages courses too, said Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine in her attendance at the opening of the YGE training centre by Yangon Global Enterprise at Bahan Township in Yangon Region on 10 October.

She added that surveys should be conducted to facilitate the development of human resources and should seek opportunities to expand the market for training schools' products.

During her visit to MHTi-M Hospitality and Tourism Institute located in Kamayut Township, she instructed lecturers to teach under laws and standards enacted by respective ministries and ASEAN and international criteria. She urged them to participate in the ministry's recognized training courses.

She continued that the labourers under the ministry should be systematically trained to become a skilled workforce, and certificates and job opportunities should be provided after they complete training. She also highlighted that Myanmar



This photo shows Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism Dr Thet Thet Khine visiting training schools.

traditional foods should be included in cooking courses.

The ministry has conducted travel and hospitality courses, language devel-

opment courses, and vocational courses to facilitate human resource development in the country's tourism sector. — Htun Htun/ZS

## Yellow-breasted bunting spotted at Kyonkapyin-Tapseik Wildlife Conservation Area

THE presence of a rare species of the yellow-breasted bunting bird has been recorded in the Kyonkapyin-Tapseik Wildlife Conservation Area this year, said the Kyonkapyin-Tapseik Wildlife Conservation Group (KTCG).

It is initially known that the yellow-breasted bunting bird (critically endangered species - CR) has come to Myanmar and other neighbouring countries, where winter has come according to the cycle of the season.

The KTCG informed us that it has continued to record the presence of such rare birds in its area this year.

It has been seven years since the KTCG recorded this bird, and the population of this bird has been increasing not only in other world areas but also in Myanmar.

Thanks to suitable habitats around the Kyonkapyin-Tapseik Wildlife Conservation area, an abundance of food, and joint conservation of locals and surrounding villages, it has been found that the number of yellow-breasted bunting birds is increasing every year.

The KTCG, in cooperation with locals and experts, is carrying out regular censuses, collaborative conservation of their habitats, as well as the distribution of awareness posters on the conservation from their arrival until the time the yellow-breasted bunting birds return to their breeding areas, it said. — MT/ZN



Kyonkapyin-Tapseik Wildlife Conservation records visiting rare yellow-breasted bunting birds this year.

## Illegal trade crackdown nets K1.025B in seizures over two days



Confiscated illegal items.

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

On 9 October, the combined teams supervised by the Customs Department captured a Genlyon tractor head with a trailer (approx-

mately K90 million), heading to Yangon from Hpa-an, carrying a kind of industrial material, a kind of foodstuff and a kind of consumer goods worth K16.74 million without official documents at the Mayanchaung permanent checkpoint, two types of industrial materials valued at K383,768,466 without official documents from six containers at the Myanmar Industrial Port, 25 types of machinery parts and a kind of industrial material worth K286,846,707 without official documents from seven containers at the Asia World Port container checkpoint and four types of industrial materials and a kind of consumer goods worth K136,816,206 without official documents at the Yangon International Airport. The action was conducted in line with Customs procedures.

Similarly, on 9 and 10 October, the combined teams conducted inspections in the seizures of smuggled coal weighing 38.40 tonnes

worth K1.2 million in Nyaungdon Township, a Sunglong bus and a truck (approximately K70 million), heading to Yangon from Myawady, carrying three kinds of foodstuff, a kind of industrial material and a kind of consumer good worth K12.026 million without official documents at the Nyaungkhashay x-ray station, illegal teak weighing 12.094 tonnes worth K3.874 million in Pyay Districts, two unregistered vehicles and an unregistered motorbike worth K24 million in Thaton District and an unregistered motorbike (estimated value of K500,000) in Myaung Township. The action was taken under Customs procedures, the Forest Law, and the Export-Import Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported that 24 arrests were made on three consecutive days on 9 and 10 October, resulting in the seizure of illegal goods worth approximately K1.025 billion. — MNA/MKKS

### Counter-argument to false information

## False reports claim security forces braze nearly 80 houses in Mindat

MALICIOUS news media are spreading false reports alleging that security forces burned down almost 80 uninhabited houses in Mindat, Chin State.

According to a security official

from Mindat, the claims that security forces set fire to uninhabited houses are entirely false. Malicious news media spread these fabricated reports to incite fear among residents and discourage locals from



This screenshot validates misinformation.

returning to their homes. The propaganda aims to create panic and prevent the resettlement of the area. — MNA/KZL

# ECONOMY WORLD



With nearly 270 billion euros in green transition projects pending, the potential economic benefits, including increased tax revenues and GDP growth, could be enhanced further through tax relief and regulatory reforms. **PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/PIXABAY**

## Green investments could boost Finland's GDP: report

*A report by the Confederation of Finnish Industries suggests that implementing just 20 per cent of Finland's planned green investment projects could boost the country's GDP by three billion euros annually and create 12,000 new jobs each year.*

FINLAND'S gross domestic product (GDP) would see an annual increase of three billion euros (US\$3.29 billion) if just 20 per cent of the planned green investment projects were implemented, according to a report published by the Confederation of Finnish Industries (EK) on Tuesday.

The report highlights that nearly 270 billion euros worth of green transition projects are currently pending, with the

majority still in early planning stages. Analyzing the potential impact over the next 30 years, the report suggests that if 58 billion euros worth of projects — roughly 20 per cent of all the plans — were implemented, Finland's GDP would rise by approximately one per cent annually, accumulating to 96 billion euros in three decades.

In addition to GDP growth, the report projects an annual increase of 12,000 persons in

employment and an extra 540 million euros in tax revenues each year.

Ulla Heinonen, EK's head of green growth, noted that these economic effects could be even higher if tax relief measures were introduced for green investments, along with regulatory reforms to streamline permit processes and boost Finland's competitiveness in the global market. (1 euro = US\$1.10) — Xinhua

## International diamond regulator opens head office in Botswana

THE head office of the international diamond regulator Kimberley Process Secretariat (KPS) officially opened on Tuesday in Gaborone, Botswana's capital city. The opening and handover ceremony followed the signing of the Host Country



Agreement between the government of Botswana and the Kimberly Process Secretariat in April.

Botswana's Minister of Minerals and Energy Lefoko Moagi said it is a significant milestone for the KPS to have a permanent home in Botswana. "It is only befitting that Botswana hosts the KPS office to demonstrate our position as a leading producer of diamonds by value in the world," said Moagi.

As a founding member of the Kimberley Process, Botswana was motivated to bid to host the KPS because of the value and importance diamonds have had on the country. — Xinhua

### BRIEF: ECON

#### Sri Lanka cabinet approves agreement to facilitate trade with Russia

SRI LANKAN cabinet approved an agreement to facilitate legally valid trade activities with Russia through transparent, predictable customs procedures, a statement from the government's information department on Tuesday. According to the department, although the cabinet approval was granted on 15 November 2021 to sign a bilateral agreement to provide facilities for legally valid trade activities through transparent and predictable customs procedures after a series of bilateral discussions between the Sri Lankan government and Russian government, it has not been signed. — Xinhua

#### South Africa to train 2,300 tourism monitors

SOUTH Africa will train 2,300 monitors nationwide to boost security in tourism centres, Deputy Minister of the Department of Tourism Maggie Sotyru said on Tuesday. Sotyru made the remarks in Polokwane, the capital of Limpopo Province, during the opening of the National Tourism Careers Expo (NTCE), which is scheduled to run from Tuesday to Thursday. "For this financial year, the department has planned to train 450 unemployed youth in various skill development programmes and 2,300 tourism monitors through Expanded Public Works Programme funding," said Sotyru. — Xinhua

## Egypt's urban inflation edges up in September



Egypt's annual urban consumer price inflation slightly increased to 26.4 per cent in September, up from 26.2 per cent in August, despite being lower than 40.3 per cent a year prior. **PHOTO: AFP**

EGYPT'S annual urban consumer price inflation rose slightly in September, reaching 26.4 per cent from 26.2 per cent in August, according to data released Wednesday by the country's statistics agency, CAPMAS.

Despite the uptick, the rate remains significantly lower than the 40.3 per cent recorded in September 2023. The year-over-year decline in inflation can be partly attributed to recent economic developments, including a substantial foreign investment influx.

In February, Egypt secured a 35-billion-US dollar deal with

the United Arab Emirates to develop Ras Al-Hekma, a new resort city on the country's northern coast.

On a month-to-month basis, inflation increased by 2.3 per cent from August to September 2024. CAPMAS attributed this monthly rise primarily to a 5.1 per cent increase in electricity, gas, and fuel prices, as well as a 2.9 per cent rise in food costs.

However, recent hikes in fuel prices and public transport fares, particularly for the Cairo metro, contributed to the slight monthly increase in inflation. — Xinhua

# Automaker Stellantis says CEO will retire in 2026

THE struggling auto giant Stellantis said late Thursday that its CEO Carlos Tavares will retire in 2026 when his contract runs out and it is now looking for a successor.

The US-French-Italian company whose brands include Chrysler, Citroen, Fiat and Jeep is going through a rough patch, in particular with sales in North America, its cash cow. Late last month, Stellantis reduced its profit forecast due to challenges in the US market and increased competition from Chinese automakers.

The company, which produces brands like Ma-



The multinational company, which includes brands like Chrysler, Citroën, Fiat, and Jeep, is a collaboration between the US, France, and Italy. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

serati and Dodge, now expects an adjusted op-

erating income margin of 5.5 to 7.0 per cent, down from previous double-digit projections. — AFP

### Notice of Name Change

I, Khin Yamone Phoo, also known as Candy Choo, daughter of U Min Thu and Daw Khin San Win, residing in Mahaaungmyay Township, Mandalay, am officially changing my name to Sann Yamone Phoo, effective immediately. Thank you for your understanding.

Sann Yamone Phoo

### Corrected Announcement

The Announcement published on page 13 of the Global New Light of Myanmar newspaper on 11 October 2024 incorrectly stated the company name as “Eurofins Assurance Myanmar Ltd.”

The correct company name is “Nielsen Media Myanmar Ltd.”

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## Uniqlo owner reports record annual earnings

Uniqlo's parent company Fast Retailing on Thursday announced “a record high performance in fiscal 2024” with domestic profits in Japan boosted by hot summer weather and a tourism boom.

The company also reported “significant increases in both revenue and profit” for international stores of casual-wear giant Uniqlo. Fast Retailing – the world's third biggest clothing manufacturer and retailer after Zara owner Inditex and Sweden's H&M – reported a 25 per cent on-year jump in net profit to 371.9 billion yen (\$2.5 billion). The firm's earnings have hit new records for several years running since the Covid-19 pandemic eased as it pursues an aggressive international expansion strategy. Warm weather over the winter squeezed sales slightly for Uniqlo stores in Japan, famous for their down jackets. — AFP

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V HANSA BITBURG VOY.NO. (438W)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V HANSA BITBURG VOY.NO. (438W)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **12-10-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT/MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Shipping Agency Department  
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

**M/S MAERSK A/S**

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Myanma Port Authority

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**M/S BEN LINE AGENCIES (S'PORE) PTE LTD**

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**M/S RK SHIPPING & TRADING PTE LTD**

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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD

## PM Modi expresses India's commitment to deepen bilateral ties with Laos

*The meetings highlight India's dedication to regional partnerships, aligning with its 'Act East' policy and the broader Indo-Pacific vision.*



Prime Minister Narendra Modi met Laos President Thongloun Sisoulith to strengthen India-Laos ties. **PHOTO: ANI**

**PRIME** Minister Narendra Modi held a meeting with Laos President Thongloun Sisoulith on Friday and expressed India's commitment to further deepen the close partnership

between the two nations.

In a recent post on X, the Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's diplomatic

engagements in Laos, where he met President Thongloun Sisoulith of Laos and emphasized the historical ties between India and Laos.

Modi also met South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol during the East Asia Summit, expressing pleasure at the interaction. Earlier, he held discussions with Thailand's Prime Minister Paetongtarn Shinawatra, focusing on enhancing bilateral trade and cultural connections.

Modi congratulated Shinawatra on her new role and discussed collaborative opportunities in sectors like defence, shipping, and digital innovation.

The meetings underscore India's commitment to strengthening partnerships in the region, which align with its 'Act East' policy and the broader vision for the Indo-Pacific, marking a decade of this strategic initiative. — ANI

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### One killed, 12 people trapped in Colorado gold mine

One person died and a dozen people remain trapped deep in a disused Colorado gold mine after the shaft's elevator system malfunctioned during a tour Thursday, local police said.

"We're just trying to keep down the worry of what's going on, so that nobody gets excited," added Mikesell.

The mine outside the small city of Cripple Creek, around 100 miles south of Denver, offers a chance to "Experience the 'Old West' as it was for hard rock gold miners of 'The World's Greatest Gold Camp,'" according to its official website.

During the Mollie Kathleen Gold Mine Tour, a mechanical failure in the elevator system resulted in one fatality and four minor injuries among visitors 1,000 feet underground. While 11 people were safely brought to the surface, 12 remain in a tunnel with a mine employee until the elevator is deemed safe. — AFP

#### Hurricane Milton death toll rises to 14

THE death toll from Hurricane Milton has risen to at least 14 after another fatality was reported in Hillsborough County, which includes Tampa, CNN reported.

A woman in her late 70s lost her life while working on post-hurricane restoration efforts when a large tree branch fell on her. This incident occurred shortly after 11:00 am ET on Thursday, as stated in a news release from the city.

"Although the storm has passed, its devastation has tragically taken the life of one of our community members," said Tampa Police Chief Lee Bercaw. "Our thoughts are with the family as they grieve their loved one."

More than 2.9 million utility customers across Florida were without power. The storm made landfall as a Category 3 hurricane, down from the initial Category 5, according to a report by Al Jazeera.

Twenty-five people have been rescued from a mobile home park in St Lucie County that left six dead, the county Sheriff Keith Pearson told CNN. — ANI

## Global anti-piracy body calls for continued vigilance off Somalia coastline despite falling attacks

**INTERNATIONAL** Maritime Bureau (IMB), a global anti-piracy body, has emphasized the need for continued vigilance, despite a sharp decline in piracy attacks off the Somalia coastline during the first nine months of 2024.

The IMB said in the latest report available to Xinhua that three vessels were hijacked, two were boarded and fired upon, and one reported an attempted approach in the waters off Somalia and the Gulf of Aden in the period.

"IMB has not received reports of any maritime piracy incidents from vessels transiting these waters between July and September, possibly due to the prevalence of monsoons," said the report.

The IMB Piracy Reporting Centre (PRC) cautioned vessel owners and operators against complacency, highlighting that recent incidents demonstrate Somali pirates' continued capability to target ships more than 1,000 nautical miles from the



This photo taken on 3 August 2024 shows the beach area near the Lido Beach hotel in Mogadishu, the capital of Somalia. **PHOTO: HASSAN BASHI/XINHUA**

Somali coast.

While the IMB continues to monitor the situation, it noted although only eight Somali piracy

incidents were recorded, several hijackings of dhows and fishing boats may have gone unreported.

The anti-piracy watchdog

advised all vessels to comply with the latest maritime regulations while transiting the area.

— Xinhua

# SPORTS

## Kim Sei-young sets new tournament record at LPGA Shanghai

SOUTH Korean major champion Kim Sei-young topped the leaderboard after the first round at the 2024 Buick LPGA Shanghai here on Thursday, setting a new single-round tournament record with a remarkable 10-under-par score of 62.

Kim's brilliant round included nine birdies and an eagle, offset by just a single bogey. "I really enjoy playing in China and always feel welcomed here. The environment helps me stay relaxed, which is probably why I often perform well in China," said the 12-time LPGA champion.

Despite experiencing shoulder discomfort during her pre-round warm-up, Chinese golfer He Muni chose to compete and delivered an impressive performance, finishing tied for fourth place with a 6-under 66, the best result of the opening day among the Chinese players.

"It's my fourth consecutive week of competition, and I feel the strain, but I've kept my expectations low, which helps me relax," said He, who aims for good results. Chinese veteran Lin Xiyu and defending champion Angel Yin both carded 5-under 67, tying for eighth place. — Xinhua



South Korean golfer Kim Sei-young celebrates during the first round of the 2024 Buick LPGA Shanghai at Qizhong Garden Golf Club in Shanghai, 10 October 2024. PHOTO: HANDOUT VIA XINHUA

## IOC candidates presentation to be held in January 2025

THE International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced on Thursday that the presentations of the candidates for the IOC Presidency will take place in Lausanne, Switzerland, on 30 January 2025.

Following the morning presentations by the seven candidates, the IOC will host an Extraordinary Session in the afternoon to decide the host city for the 2028 Winter Youth Olympic Games, with Italy's Dolomiti Valtellina as the sole contender after their Targeted Dialogue with the IOC earlier this year.

Sebastian Coe, Juan Antonio Samaranch Jr, Prince Feisal al Hussein, Kirsty Coventry, Johan Eliasch, David Lappartient, and Morinari Watanabe have all declared their candidacies for the presidency, with the election scheduled to be held at the IOC Session in Greece from 18 to 21 March 2025. — Xinhua



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Daichi Kamada scored in Japan's 2-0 win over Saudi Arabia in World Cup qualifying. PHOTO: AFP

## Kamada says Japan can close in on World Cup place against Australia

CRYSTAL Palace midfielder Daichi Kamada said an eighth straight World Cup appearance will be within Japan's grasp if they beat Australia next week, after extending their perfect record in qualifying.

Japan beat Saudi Arabia 2-0 in Jeddah on Thursday to

make it three wins out of three in the decisive third round of Asian qualifying.

They are five points clear at the top of Group C, with the top two teams securing direct passage to the 2026 World Cup and the third- and fourth-placed countries facing another qualifying phase.

Japan face second-place Australia in Saitama on Tuesday and Kamada said they can all but book their place at the

finals in the United States, Canada and Mexico with a win.

Kamada emphasized the importance of winning their next home game to bring the World Cup closer. He scored Japan's first goal against Saudi Arabia, followed by Koki Ogawa's late header securing the win. Despite struggling at Crystal Palace, Kamada noted the team's preparation and experience helped them succeed in Jeddah. — AFP

## Argentina held, Brazil leave it late in 2026 World Cup qualifiers

ARGENTINA were held to a 1-1 draw by Venezuela on Lionel Messi's return as Brazil got their 2026 World Cup qualifying campaign back on track with a last-gasp 2-1 victory over Chile on Thursday.

Messi, who missed Argentina's last round of fixtures in September due to injury, looked to have put the world champions on course for victory after his free-kick helped set up Nicolas Otamendi's 13<sup>th</sup>-minute opener in the Venezuelan city of Maturin.

But a battling performance by Venezuela in front of their home fans was rewarded midway through the second half when veteran striker Salomon Rondon met Yeferson Soteldo's cross with a header that flew past Argentina goalkeeper Geronimo Rulli. Despite the dropped points, 2022 World Cup winners Argentina remain firmly on course for a place at the 2026 finals, which are being staged in the United States, Canada and Mexico. In the expanded 48-team tournament, the top six from South America's qualifiers will qualify for the finals. Argentina leads with 19 points, while Brazil struggles, recently trailing 1-0 to Chile after Eduardo Vargas scored early against them. — AFP



## Xi extends greetings to elderly to mark Seniors' Day

President Xi Jinping urged improvements for the elderly ahead of Seniors' Day, emphasizing their contributions and well-being in society through volunteer initiatives.

**P**RESIDENT Xi Jinping extended greetings to the elderly ahead of the country's Seniors' Day, which falls on Friday, and he called on the silver-haired group nationwide to continue their pursuits to live a fulfilling life.

He also called for efforts to address the pressing concerns of the elderly, improve relevant policies and measures, ensure the protection of their rights

and well-being, and enable them to effectively contribute to society.

Xi, who is also general secretary of the Communist Party of China Central Committee and chairman of the Central Military Commission, made the remarks in a reply letter, dated Wednesday, to representatives of seniors who participate in a national volunteer initiative.

The Silver Age Action initiative was

launched in 2003 with the goal of leveraging the expertise of senior professionals across various domains to assist in improving underdeveloped areas.

More than seven million elderly volunteers have participated in the initiative, undertaking over 4,000 assistance projects. It has become one of the key platforms for promoting the active engagement of elderly people in social activities. — Xinhua



The Nobel committee said that Nihon Hidankyo, the Japanese grass-roots movement of "hibakusha", or atomic bombing survivors, have demonstrated that "nuclear weapons must never be used again". **PHOTO: MOE SASAKI/KYODO**

## Japan's atomic bomb survivors group wins Nobel Peace Prize

JAPAN'S leading organization of atomic bomb survivors, Nihon Hidankyo, won the 2024 Nobel Peace Prize on Friday, marking a milestone for the group that has campaigned over the years for the abolition of nuclear weapons.

The group, founded in 1956, was awarded the prize "for its efforts to achieve a world free of nuclear weapons and for demonstrating through witness testimony that nuclear weapons must never be used again," the Norwegian Nobel Committee said. It is the second time a Japanese person or organization has received the Nobel Peace Prize since 1974 when it was given to former Prime Minister Eisaku Sato, who introduced Japan's three non-nuclear principles of not possessing, producing or allowing nuclear weapons on its territory.

"The extraordinary efforts of Nihon Hidankyo and other representatives of the Hibakusha have contributed greatly to the establishment of the nuclear taboo.

"It is therefore alarming that today this taboo against the use of nuclear weapons is under pressure," the committee added. — Kyodo



A folk artist performs donkey dance for local seniors in Liaocheng, east China's Shandong Province, 10 October 2024. **PHOTO: ZHANG ZHENXIANG/XINHUA**

## POWER LINES VULNERABLE

### France's City of Light switches to climate-resilient power cables

TO maintain the glow of the City of Light, Paris is modernizing its underground electric cables, vulnerable to damage during heatwaves and dating back 60 years.

With power cables melting from Port-

land to Sicily, the world's 80 million kilometres (50 million miles) of power lines are largely unprepared to resist extreme temperatures, scientists have warned.

The French capital over the next few

months will be replacing its obsolete paper-insulated lead-covered cables (PILC), which are made of oil-impregnated paper encased in a lead sheath.

Enedis is replacing Paris's outdated

paper-insulated cables with modern plastic ones to improve resilience against heat.

This upgrade responds to increasing climate challenges and rising temperatures affecting cable reliability worldwide. — AFP