

# The Global **NEW LIGHT** of MYANMAR

## Global political landscape faces power imbalance

Some nations use hate speech at global forums to undermine the globalization process.



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win addresses the first coordination meeting to hold the 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Day 2025 yesterday.

**V**ICE-SENIOR General Soe Win criticized the political landscape of the world as proving hegemony, contending between multilateralism and unilateralism and staging proxy governments.

Chairman of the Central Committee for Organizing the 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Day 2025 Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win said so at the first coordination meeting to hold the 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Day 2025 at the Office of the SAC Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw

yesterday afternoon.

In his speech, the Vice-Senior General highlighted that although concerted efforts have been made to regain independence for many years, situations can be seen in global countries to lose independence within one day or one morning.

He recounted that the Prime Minister had adopted the objectives of Independence Day with the essence of sustaining the independence of the State through united strength, not to lose sovereignty as big power countries are making attempts to shape Myanmar

as an independent country without sovereignty.

He pointed out that the countries having authority to make decisions without strings can be defined as sovereign countries.

The Vice-Senior General emphasized that some countries are independent but do not have sovereignty, whereas some countries are sovereign but do not have independence.

He criticized the political landscape of the world as proof of hegemony, contending between multilateralism and

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### Salient points from the speech delivered by the Vice-Senior General at the meeting to hold the 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Independence Day

1. The situation can be seen in global countries losing independence within one day or one morning.
2. The political landscape of the world proves hegemony, contending between multilateralism and unilateralism and staging proxy governments.
3. Some countries attempt to talk hate speeches in order to devastate the globalization process at the meetings of global countries.
4. The global political landscape currently shows a deterioration in the balance of power.

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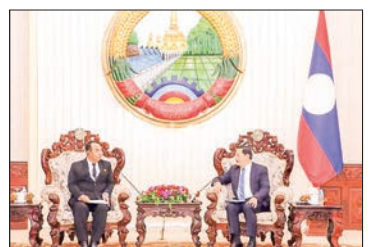
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# NATIONAL

## State Designates MNDA, TNLA, AA as Terrorist Groups: Collaboration Equals Terrorism

THE State designated the MNDA, TNLA, and AA armed groups as terrorist organizations on 2 September 2024. Therefore, anyone who engages with these terrorists is also participating in acts of terror.

*(Excerpt from the guidance given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting hall of the Eastern Command Headquarters on 3 September 2024)*

### Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Order No 50/2024

5<sup>th</sup> Waning of Thadingyut 1386 ME  
22 October 2024

#### Appointment and Duty Assignment of Deputy Minister

The State Administration Council has appointed and assigned U Ko Ko Kyaw to the duties of Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs under Section 419 of the State Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

*By order,*  
*Aung Lin Dwe*  
*General*  
*Secretary*

## Deep Depression News, No 4, 2024

22 October 2024 (22:30) MST Today

### Deep Depression

According to the observations at (21:30)hrs MST today, the Depression over Eastcentral Bay of Bengal has moved north-westwards and intensified into a Deep Depression. It is centred at about 215 nautical miles west of Hainggyigyun (Myanmar), 385 nautical miles south-southeast of Sagar Island West Bengal (India). The centre pressure of Deep Depression is 1002 hPa and maximum wind speed near the center is 35 miles per hour.

It does not intend to move towards Myanmar coasts at the present stage and therefore the Deep Depression is coded as yellow stage.

### Forecast

It is likely to move west-northwestwards and intensify into a Cyclonic Storm around 23 October 2024 and Severe Cyclonic Storm over Northwest Bay of Bengal around 24 October 2024. Thereafter, it is likely to move northwestwards and cross North Odisha and West Bengal Coasts between Puri and Sagar Island (India) early morning of 25 October 2024.

Due to the Deep Depression, rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Regions and Chin, Rakhine, Kayin, Mon States with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavyfalls and strong winds from tonight up to 24 October 2024.

Frequently squalls with rough to very rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (50-55) miles per hour and wave height will be about (11-15) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

### Advisory

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



Chief of Staff (Navy) Vice-Admiral Aye Min Htwe receives Captain 1<sup>st</sup> Rank Antsiferov Alexey Vatalievich and the delegation yesterday.

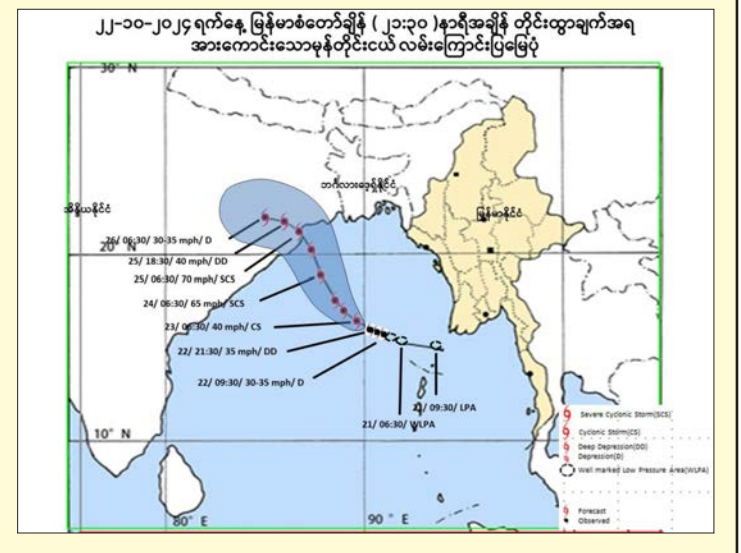
## Russian Pacific Fleet's goodwill delegation leader meets Myanmar naval commanders

A delegation led by Captain 1<sup>st</sup> Rank Antsiferov Alexey Vitalievich from the Russian Pacific Fleet, who arrived in Myanmar on a goodwill visit aboard Russian naval ships, met Chief of Staff (Navy) Vice-Admiral Aye Min Htwe

and his team at the Annawa Thiri Guesthouse of the Naval Training Headquarters yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they held frank discussions on exchanging maritime security information between the

two navies, training-related matters, mutual relations between the two navies, and the reciprocal visits of goodwill naval ships. After the discussions, they had a commemorative group photo taken. — MNA/KZL



# NATIONAL

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

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

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

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unilateralism and staging proxy governments.

The Vice-Senior General underscored that as Independence Day ceremonies are held in accord with the national objectives with full essence, relevant subcommittees have to serve their duties with awareness and diligence.

The Vice-Senior General

stressed the need to minimize loss and waste of the budget for the ceremony and hold the ceremony with security awareness and knowledge.

Officials from relevant subcommittees reported on their efforts to hold the Independence Day ceremony successfully.

Central committee member Union ministers, the Nay

Pyi Taw Council Chairman, the commander of the Nay Pyi Taw Command, deputy ministers, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) and officials also attended the meeting.

The 77<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Independence Day 2025 will be organized in accord with five national objectives: to control armed conflicts and different

opinions under the law to ensure non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty; to protect the State through unity of all citizens based on the Union spirit; to hold a free and fair, prestigious and correct general election for the emergence of a genuine, disciplined democratic system; to ensure harmo-

nized development of the entire Union in all aspects through the united strength of whole people; and to strive for the State to uplift politics, economic, defence, national characters and national spirit with firm perseverance, persistence and diligence in accord with the motto: Keep Moving Forward to Achieve Our Goal. — MNA/TTA

## Myanmar hosts 42<sup>nd</sup> ASEANPOL Conference

STATE Administration Council Member Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Yar Pyae attended the opening ceremony of the 42<sup>nd</sup> ASEANPOL Conference held at MICC I in Nay Pyi Taw as an honorary guest yesterday.

The event was also attended by special guests such as INTERPOL Chair Mr Ahmed Naser Al-Raisi, Chiefs of Police and Senior Police Officers of ASEAN and their wives, delegates of Dialogue Partners – Russia, Australia, China, INTERPOL and ASEAN Secretary-General Office, Observers- Timor-Leste, ICRC and the UAE, diplomats of ASEAN countries and invitees.

Before the opening ceremony, the INTERPOL Chair and leaders of delegations met SAC Member Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae.

During the opening ceremony, the Chief of Myanmar Police Force made a greet-



SAC Member Union Minister Lt-Gen Yar Pyae poses for the group documentary picture at the opening of the 42<sup>nd</sup> ASEANPOL Conference yesterday.

ing speech, inaugurated the programmes to mark the establishment of ASEANPOL, a video clip depicting activities of ASEANPOL conducted from

1981 to date was played, the special guest made remark, the honorary guest made opening speech and launched the 42<sup>nd</sup> ASEANPOL Conference.

They then posed for a documentary photo together and concluded the opening event.

Then, the First Plenary Meeting, Forum of Leaders of

Delegation, Meeting of Leaders of Delegations and Dialogue Parties, Commission A, B, and C meetings were held.

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## MoL Union Minister discusses labour affairs with Lao PM

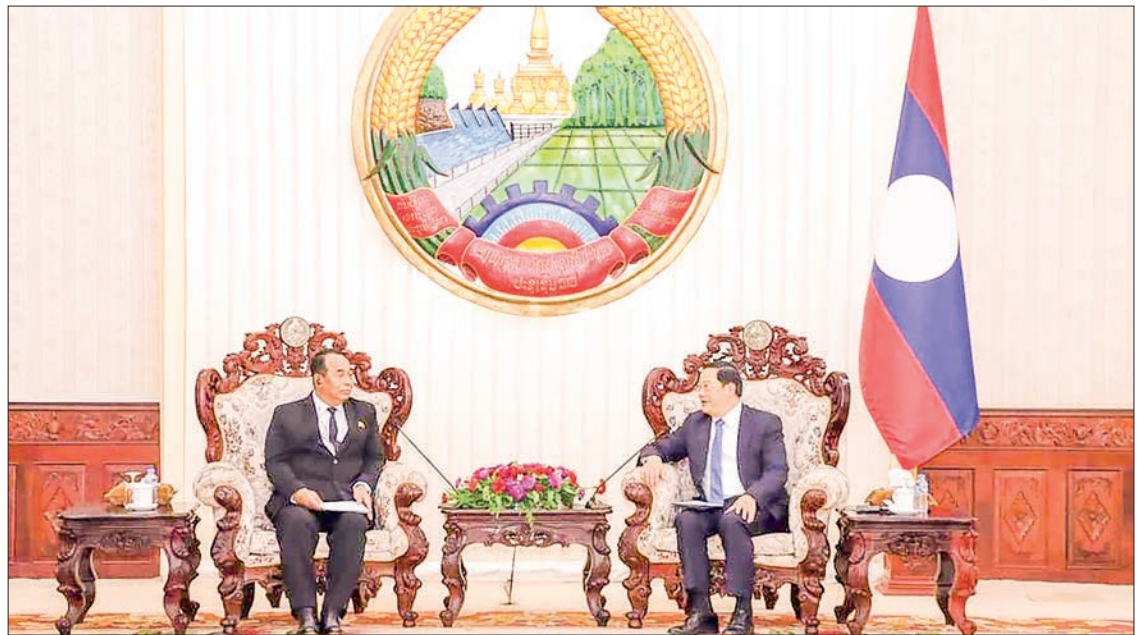
UNION Minister for Labour U Myint Naung called on Mr Sonexay Siphandone, Prime Minister of Lao PDR, in Vientiane yesterday.

During the meeting, they signed the MoU and MoA on cooperation in labour affairs. They also discussed matters related to the migration of regular labourers, issuance of documents for border-crossing labourers and enhancement of bilateral cooperation in solving the challenges regarding regional

labour affairs.

At noon, the Union minister visited the factory of Alpilao International Sole Limited in Vientiane and met Myanmar migrant workers.

During the meeting, he clarified the remittance of their salary of at least 25 per cent to their families via the official banking system or the banks with a Remittance Business Licence (RBL) of the Central Bank of Myanmar and the need to transfer once a month or



Union Minister U Myint Naung calls on Lao Prime Minister Mr Sonexay Siphandone yesterday in Vientiane, Laos.

once every three months, with earnings. at least 25 per cent of the total

Then, he presented gifts to

workers, marking the Thadingyut Festival. — MNA/KTZH

## MoST Union Minister receives Russian TSU representatives



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Kyaw holds talks with the Russian Tomsk State University delegation yesterday.

UNION Minister for Science and Technology Dr Myo Thein Kyaw received Mr Vorozhtsov Alexander Borisovich and representatives from Tomsk State University of the Russian Federation at the Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

They frankly discussed students' education for inter-university cooperation between Myanmar

and Tomsk State University (TSU), the signing of memorandums of understanding between the universities, cooperation programmes for research development, Myanmar-Russian collaboration in science, technology and engineering, visit exchange for experts and young scientists and undergraduates, and post-graduate students. — MNA/TS

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The Commission A and B meetings discussed illicit drug trafficking, terrorism, arms smuggling, trafficking in person, wildlife crime, maritime fraud, commercial crimes, bank offences and credit card fraud, cybercrime, fraudulent travel documents and transnational fraud. The Commission C meeting discussed the database system (e-ADS), mutual support for criminal cases, training for ASEAN police forces and es-

establishment of the ASEANPOL forensic science network.

The wives of guests visited the Uppatasanti Pagoda and National Museum in Nay Pyi Taw.

Myanmar became an ASEAN member in 1997, together with Laos, and a member of ASEANPOL in 1998. After two years of membership, Myanmar hosted the 20<sup>th</sup> ASEANPOL Conference in Yangon in 2020, and the 32<sup>nd</sup> ASEANPOL Conference in Nay Pyi Taw in

2012.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> ASEANPOL Conference's theme is Strengthening Regional and Global Partnerships to Combat Transnational Crime. The ASEANPOL Conference was established on 23 October 1981, and the Myanmar Police Force presided over the conference for the first time in 2024 after 43 years of establishment. The 42<sup>nd</sup> ASEANPOL Conference will continue on 23 and 24 October. — MNA/KTZH

## National Complaint Mechanism (NCM) to deal with forced labour complaints

THE Myanmar government has been dealing with forced labour complaints in cooperation with ILO and relevant ministries since 2007. Since 2020, forced labour complaints have been settled through the National Complaint Mechanism (NCM), which includes representatives of the National Human Rights Commission, employer organizations, employee organizations, and relevant ministries, including the Ministry of Labour.

Nowadays, it is reported that forced labour

victims can safely contact and complain to the Office of the State Administration Council, Region and State governments, the Nay Pyi Taw Council, the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, the ILO Liaison Office (Yangon) and other organizations or to the Ministry of Labour Office No 51, Nay Pyi Taw, in person or in writing via 067 3430184, 067 3430229, 067 3430274 and [directorgeneral.dol@gmail.com](mailto:directorgeneral.dol@gmail.com), [moloffice51@gmail.com](mailto:moloffice51@gmail.com), and [research.org.dol.mm@gmail.com](mailto:research.org.dol.mm@gmail.com). — MNA

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# NATIONAL

## Bullock cart caravan highlights Myanmar novitiate ceremony



**T**HE bullock cart is the most suitable type of vehicle for Myanmar's traditional donation ceremony, especially the novitiate ceremony. The bullock was formerly called Hleyinkyawt (decorated cart) and Shwehle (golden cart). More than 70 per cent of the over 50 million people in Myanmar rely on agriculture for their livelihood.

In the dry season like Thadingyut, Tazaungmone and Nataw, the production rate of crops is in proper condition in rural areas. Meanwhile, the farmers reap proper incomes, donate Katina's robe, and organize a novitiate ceremony for boys and an ear-piercing ceremony for girls, fulfilling an essential duty of parenthood.

For such traditional donation events, the elephant, horse and bullock carts and vehicles are beautifully decorated and go around the townships and monasteries. At the same time, the people with drums and Ohsi are entertaining.

Although renting elephants, horses, and vehicles is easy for the procession, it

is challenging to hire a bullock cart. Personal communication in rural areas plays a crucial role in renting bullock carts, and it is hard to hire even 14 or 15 carts.

"It is tough to find bullock carts in up-country. If there are cart associations, it might be easy to hire carts for donation ceremonies. The rental fee is only K20,000 and K25,000 per cart. However, one village

can get only one or two carts, so it is hard to get 10 or 15 carts. However, we have to arrange them properly as they represent tradition and culture," said U Thet Tun, chairman of Chanthagyi Social Welfare Association in Minbu.

On the eve of the novitiate ceremony, the vehicle carrying the Buddha statue goes around leading the line, followed by



the elephant, horse and bullock carts carrying novices-to-be, fathers and mothers of novices-to-be and girls carrying robes and gifts for the monks. Moreover, the dance troupes carrying drums and Ohsi actively participate in the event. Therefore, the novitiate ceremony intends to conserve the caravan of bullock carts as part of Myanmar tradition and culture. — Zeyar Htet (Minbu)/KTZH

Photos capture a caravan of bullock carts lined up for the traditional Myanmar novitiate procession.

## MTB and MYF sign MoU for youth internship programme



The ceremony of signing a memorandum of understanding between Myanma Tourism Bank and Myanmar Youth Fellowship.

AIMING to relieve challenges between education and career opportunities Myanmar youths have been facing and help them find a brighter future and fulfil their hopes, Myanma Tourism Bank and Myanmar Youth Fellowship signed a memorandum of un-

derstanding on collaborating in an internship program.

The signing of the MoU was held at MTB headquarters located on Sule Road on 21 October. MTB said in a statement that the MoU was signed by MTB's CEO U Win Lwin and MYF's Chair U Gam Moon,

and witnessed by MTB's executive director Daw Theingi Lin and MYF's General Secretary U Kyaw Yin.

MBT's CEO and MYF's founder and mind professor Dr Kim JongHo delivered the opening speech at the ceremony. — MT/ZS

## Deputy Ministers receive Tomsk State University delegation separately

DEPUTY Minister for Cooperatives and Rural Development U Myint Soe received a delegation from Russia's Tomsk State University, led by Mr Vorozhtsov Alexander Borisovich, Vice-Rector for Research and Innovation, yesterday.

The meeting took place at the ministry's reception hall, where they discussed various educational and research programmes currently offered by the university. These embody the fields of agriculture, economics, and research innovation alongside the bachelor's, master's, and PhD degree programmes available to Myanmar students. They also deliberated on the possibility of signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for future cooperation between Tomsk State Universi-

ty and Myanmar's Cooperative University, which would focus on academic exchanges, joint research, seminars and webinars. Scholarship opportunities for Myanmar students were also among the topics of the discussion.

In a separate meeting on the same day, Deputy Minister for Education Dr Zaw Myint also received the delegation at his office in Nay Pyi Taw. During the talks, both sides explored the status of mutual degree recognition agreements by signing the MoU between Myanmar and Russia, further collaboration between Myanmar universities and Tomsk State University, and increasing the number of Myanmar students sent to study in Russia under scholarship programmes. — MNA/KZL

# NATIONAL

## Myanmar Embassy participates in ACC Games and Family Day in Canberra

ACCORDING to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Myanmar Embassy in Canberra showcased traditional handicrafts and utensils at the ASEAN Committee in Canberra (ACC) Games and Family Day, held on 19 October in Australia.

The event took place at Lennox Gardens District Park in Canberra and was organized by the Philippine Embassy, in collaboration with other ASEAN embassies.

At the event, the ASEAN embassies, including the Myanmar Embassy, presented traditional handicrafts and utensils and provided food and drinks for attendees. The games aimed at promoting friendship and mutual understanding among the staff and families of the ASEAN embassies, with prizes awarded to the winners. — ASH/TMT



This photo shows embassy staff and families participating in the ACC Games.

## Mahar to air 'Zaw' series in HD from 27 Oct

THE Mahar Application has finished filming its original series 'Zaw', which will be broadcast in HD quality starting 27 October, according to director Arkar Soe.

The story was developed by Shwe Yee Shun Lae and Nya Hmwe Pan, with the screenplay written by Nya Hmwe Pan, Mu Dra, and the Star Script teams.

"This is the first original series that Mahar and I have worked on together. It's also the first suspense-filled drama to air on Mahar. 'Zaw' is packed with thrilling moments, sadness, and emotional scenes that will deeply resonate with viewers, as we've put our best efforts into this project," said Arkar Soe.

The series stars Hein Wai Yan, Academy Award-winners Soe Pyae Thazin and Myat Kaythi Aung, along with Moe Pwint Phyu, Min Arkar, Kay Nyein, Yoon Pwint Hlwah Aung, U Win Myaing, Gwan Pon Gyi, Aye Thidar, Thuzar Pwint, and many others. — ASH/TRKM



This image depicts actors and actresses of the 'Zaw' series by Mahar Application.

## Myanmar's Miss Earth departs for Philippines for Miss Earth 2024 competition



MISS Thawda San, who will represent Myanmar at the Miss Earth 2024 competition in the Philippines on 9 November, departed Yangon for Manila on the morning of 21 October.

"Since I participated in the Miss Universe Myanmar competition, I've been preparing for this event, including

This photo showcases Miss Thawda San, who will compete as a representative of Myanmar.

practising my catwalk. I feel about 99 per cent confident competing. I've prepared traditional Myanmar attire and cultural elements to showcase on the international stage. My biggest concern is that I couldn't represent Myanmar's culture and heritage at Miss Earth fully, but I will do my best," she said.

A total of 77 countries, including Myanmar, Indonesia, Thailand, Japan, Vietnam, and the Philippines, will take part in Miss Earth 2024. — ASH/MKKS

## Fisheries Dept issues guidelines to repair flood-stricken fish ponds

THE Fisheries Department issued guidelines on how to respond to flood-damaged fish farming ponds.

Fish farmers are asked to follow post-flood management rules in fish ponds. Flooding fish ponds can cause weeds, hazardous substances, toxic pesticide residue, waterborne diseases and bacteria to spread to the surroundings. Therefore, residents nearby are asked to boil water to make it safe to drink and use. The fish farmers need to do water quality testing, identify possible fish diseases in the



Fishery workers are sorting the caught fish from the pond.

pond, divide fish species and remove predatory fish.

Moreover, they need to restore the banks of ponds after being washed away during floods, place sandbags in low areas of fish ponds to increase height and capacity, fill sandbags for maintenance, plant grass to prevent erosion, put bamboo railing in fish farms to deter the invasion of cattle and pigs, repair and examine drainage channels to ensure sanitation level and avert fish diseases, along with maintenance measures of the fish ponds.

Then, clearing invasive 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. The department also announced that 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. — NN/KK

## CBM sells US\$2.2M, 1.5M yuan on 21 Oct

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$2.2 million and 1.5 million yuan on 21 October after it announced it would sell \$35 million for those engaged in the fuel oil and edible oil sectors as per its notification dated 20 October.

CBM injected \$6 million and 200 million Thai baht on 15 October, \$730,000 on 11 October, \$12.4 million and 38.7 million baht on 10 October, 660,000 yuan on 9 October and over 10 million baht on 7 October into the private sector.

CBM also pumped \$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 sold over \$76 million, 86 million baht and 4.8 million yuan 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



Greenback notes are displayed at the exchange counter.

## MRF offers foundation seed at K65,000 per basket



This photo shows dedicated workers neatly stacking rice bags in the warehouse.

THE 90-day short-matured paddy seed and foundation seed, as well as the progeny of breeder seed produced by the Department of Agricultural Research and Myanmar Rice Federation, can be purchased at K65,000 per basket, according to the notification of the Myanmar Rice Federation.

Interested buyers can contact MRF at 01 2301128, 012301129, and 09 420773222.

MRF has been carrying out rehabilitation activities

in flood-stricken areas affected by Typhoon Yagi in early September. They are joining hands with related institutions and departments for agricultural post-flood recovery programmes.

Moreover, MRF also contributed towards farmers who suffered due to unprecedented flooding, along with affiliated associations (Myanmar Rice Millers Association, Myanmar Paddy Producers Association, Myanmar Rice and

Paddy Traders Association, member companies). MRF put K500 million for the donation of rice bags, paddy seed and fertilizer and K1.25 billion of capital revolving fund to offer zero-interest loans for farmers through a Leading Group for the Protection of Farmer Rights and Enhancement of their Benefits under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation under those programmes. — NN/KK

## MGMA to provide Supervisor Level Industrial Engineering (IE) course Batch 82

MYANMAR Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA) will conduct a Supervisor Level Industrial Engineering (IE) course (Batch 82) from 28 October to 8 November at Myanmar Garment Human Resources Development Training Centre (MGHRDC).

The experts will share the economic climate of global garment businesses, the importance of line balance, roles of administrator, designs, production analysis, operation rate and practical knowledge about clothing materials.

Those who want to attend the training can enrol through contact numbers 09 940858350, 09 450723262, 09 9403912570, 09 784085794 and 09 952802635.

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The course will provide practical and technical approaches to sewing machines, different sewing methods, labour laws and practices.

This training will also help those hunting jobs from regions outside Yangon connect with the garment factories to create job opportunities. — NN/KK

## Chinlone named One Region, One Product in Thaboung

CHINLONE, a cane ball made from handwoven rattan, has become a product of Thaboung Township, Patheingyi District, under the One Region, One Product programme, citing a report by the Directorate of Consumer Affairs (Ayeyawady).

"Chinlone is made from rattan. The rattan is sourced from the nearest villages, and they are made step by step. Making a Chinlone costs K3,500. They are sent to Yangon and Mandalay. We produced 16,000 cane balls in 2023," U Myint Soe from 4<sup>th</sup> Street of the new town of Thaboung Township explained.

This MSME creates jobs for locals and boosts the livelihood of the region.

This One Region, One Product policy encourages the production of distinct goods that are specific to each region, leveraging the diverse geographical conditions and the abundance of raw materials available across the country.

The proliferation of micro, small, and medium enterprises that are implementing the One Region, One Product initiative could drive the state's economic growth. — KK/Source DOCA Ayeyawady



# OPINION

## Carefully conserve the coastal ecosystem

**T**HE growing global population and an increasing number of travellers are key contributors to pollution at ocean and sea beaches. Famous coastal areas worldwide are facing various forms of pollution, making it essential for countries with coastlines to conserve their coastal and marine ecosystems.

The coastal ecosystem includes natural infrastructures such as mangrove forests, coastal forests, and coral reefs. These ecosystems play a crucial role in absorbing large amounts of carbon dioxide, a critical factor in climate change. Damage to these ecosystems can worsen climate change, harm local biodiversity, and disrupt fish and prawn production, as well as fisheries that rely on mangroves, coral reefs, sea grass, and other coastal features.

Over the past 30 years, coastal ecosystems have deteriorated significantly, affecting the livelihoods of around 1.5 million people annually. Climate change is also taking a toll, with approximately 40 per cent of people living in coastal regions suffering from the impacts of cyclones each year. Myanmar, which holds three-fifths of the Bay of Bengal's ecosystem, boasts rich marine biodiversity but faces severe environmental challenges.

Myanmar's coastal ecosystems, including mangrove forests, coral reefs, and sea grass, are vital for supporting the country's products and services. Unfortunately, these natural infrastructures are rapidly deteriorating due to various factors. Urgent action is needed to conserve mangrove forests and improve the nation's climate resilience. One major problem is the disposal of large amounts of plastic, electronic waste, and agricultural debris into rivers and creeks by people living near coastal areas. Additionally, tourists visiting beaches leave plastic waste behind, contributing to the widespread presence of plastics in rivers, creeks, and oceans globally. These plastic particles are harmful not only to marine life but also to the human food chain.

Plastic products, although inexpensive and widely used, take hundreds of years to decompose. This long-lasting waste threatens both marine ecosystems and human health. Therefore, it is critical for individuals to reconsider their waste disposal habits, particularly when it comes to plastics. Proper waste management and conservation efforts are crucial to protect coastal ecosystems and mitigate the long-term damage caused by pollution.

Systematic conservation of seas and coastal areas contributes significantly to the food security of the country, the socioeconomic development of people, and the prevention of natural disasters. When it fails to control the undisciplined extraction of coastal resources, cleanup of beaches, and systematic disposal of plastic waste, everything will lead to the deterioration of the coastal ecosystem, bearing disadvantages to society.

**M**ORALITY means Sila in the Pali Language. Morality denotes being virtuous and abstaining from evil actions, both physical and verbal. It also prescribes virtuous conduct (Carita Sila, စာရိတ္တသီလ)

In our Theravada Buddhism, Morality is based on abstention or avoidance. Morality, which is based on the observance of abstention decreed by the noble Buddha, is Caritta Sila, စာရိတ္တသီလ Constant observance of the five precepts, etc. (Niece sila, နိစ္စသီလ) is fulfilled through abstentions.

By moral obligations, certain obligations must be fulfilled. In Buddhist ethics, certain moral obligations are incumbent on one, such as paying respects, welcoming, making obeisance, showing reverence and attending to elders who may be senior in age or in status, and one has to fulfil them.

Observing the precepts in abandoning sensual desire. The eight moral precepts consist of the observance of the following factors: -

- (1) Abstaining from killing any living being,
- (၁) သူ့ အ သ က် ဝ တ် ခြင်း မှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ခြင်း
- (2) Abstaining from taking what is not gives
- (၂) ပိုင်ရှင်မပေးသောပစ္စည်းဥစ္စာကို ခိုးယူခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ခြင်း
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- (4) Abstaining from telling

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(5) Abstaining from taking liquors and intoxicants, which can lead one to forgetfulness,

(၅) မူး ယ စိ မေ့ လျော့ စေ တ တ် သော သေ့ညှော်သေ့ရက် မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးများကို သုံးစွဲ ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ခြင်း

(6) Abstaining from taking food after mid-day,

(၆) နေ့ လွဲ ည စာ စာ ခြင်း မှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ခြင်း

(7) Abstaining from dancing, singing, playing musical instruments, seeing shows, wearing flowers and using perfumes,

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(8) Abstaining from using high and luxurious beds, seats, etc.

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Morality is always used to prevent and avoid the unbeneficial Akusala Kamma. Two types of actions may be discerned: -

- (1) Action which destroys the unbeneficial and produces the beneficial (Kusala Kamma)
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Character is power in our

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oped through a constant application of moral vigilance. A person who practices Hiri does not do anything rashly or without proper forethought but will always exercise precaution in all actions. Before doing anything, he wisely asks himself, "Is it right or wrong?" "Is it good or bad?" If he finds it to be wrong or bad, he will not do it, no matter what the temptation. If, however, what he intends to do is right and good, he will make an effort to finish the task and will not give up.

Hiri can be compared to the feeling of being over the fire, which a person who loves cleanliness may experience when he sees something disgusting. He may not, for instance, put his hand into a trash bag full of stinking garbage if he can avoid it. When he comes across a puddle of mud and dirt, he will stop aside to avoid getting himself and his clothes smudged.

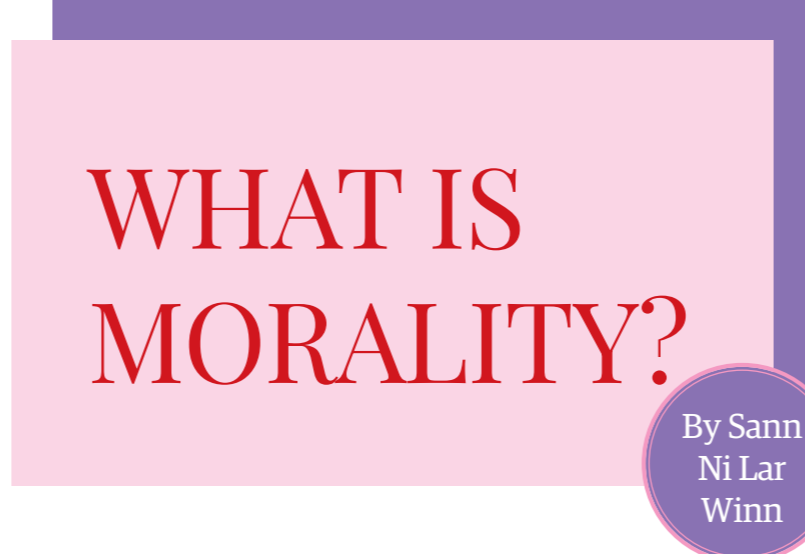
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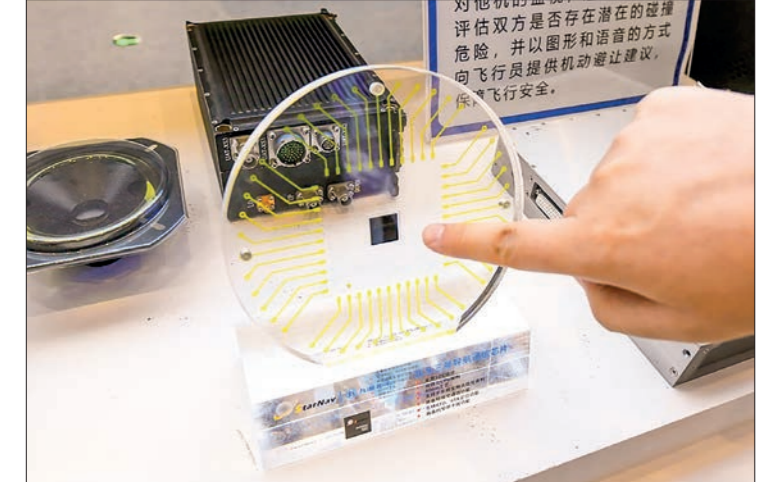
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A communication chip of China's BeiDou-3 Navigation Satellite System is on display at the 10<sup>th</sup> China (Mianyang) Science and Technology City International High-Tech Expo in Mianyang, southwest China's Sichuan Province, 16 November 2022. PHOTO: TANG WENHAO/XINHUA

## How US export curbs are undermining EU's chip ambitions

*The US restrictions have disrupted ASML's operations and hindered EU chip ambitions, causing delays in investments from major companies like Intel and stagnation in expansion plans for firms like TSMC and Infineon.*

**D**UTCH semiconductor equipment maker ASML lost up to 60 billion euros (US\$65.25 billion) after its shares plummeted over 20 percent in just two days this week, primarily due to lower-than-expected 2025 sales and bookings.

The company is feeling the pinch of US-induced geopolitical tensions, as Dutch export restrictions, at the behest of the US government, are weighing heavily on the tech giant's outlook for 2025.

According to a CNBC report, ASML anticipates a decline in sales from China next year, citing US export restrictions as a significant factor.

Since 2019, the United States has pressured the Dutch government to implement strict controls on exporting advanced chip-making equipment to China, citing "national security" concerns. Initially focused on ASML's advanced extreme ultraviolet lithography machines, the ban was expanded earlier this year to include several mid-range deep ultraviolet lithography machines.

China, one of the world's largest semiconductor markets, has been crucial to ASML's business, with 49 per cent of its sales coming from the country in the first quarter of 2024. However, amid these export restrictions, ASML now expects revenue from China to drop to around 20 per cent of total sales next year, said ASML's Chief Financial Officer Roger Dassen.

ASML CEO Christophe Fouquet has criticized the US restrictions, stating that the campaign to limit exports to China, originally framed as a national security measure, has increasingly become "economically motivated." This trend raises concerns among tech companies that adherence to US restrictions could severely damage normal trade relations, disrupt the global semiconductor supply chain, and hinder the expansion of the EU's semiconductor industry.

**SOURCE: ANI**

## Study finds how bacterial vaccine demonstrates potential as treatment for cancer immunotherapy

**C**OLUMBIA researchers developed probiotic bacteria that train the immune system to eliminate cancer cells, paving the way for a new class of cancer vaccinations that take advantage of bacteria's innate tumour-targeting abilities.

These microbial cancer vaccines can be tailored to each person's specific original tumour and metastases, perhaps preventing future recurrences. In mice models of advanced

colorectal cancer and melanoma, the bacterial vaccine stimulated the immune system, causing primary and metastatic malignancies to shrink - or in many cases disappear entirely. All while leaving healthy body parts alone.

The findings were published in Nature.

Researchers at Columbia University have developed a novel bacterial vaccine that demonstrates greater efficacy than peptide-based therapeutic cancer

vaccines used in prior clinical trials. This innovative approach effectively activates the entire immune system, promoting a robust antitumor response, especially in challenging advanced solid tumor models.

The personalized vaccine targets unique genetic mutations specific to each tumor, utilizing genetically engineered E. coli bacteria to produce neoantigens — proteins that mark cancer cells for immune system attack.



Columbia researchers created a probiotic-based cancer vaccine that trains the immune system to target and eliminate tumors, showing promising results in mice models for advanced cancers. PHOTO: SHAMEERSRK/PIXABAY

The idea of using bacteria in cancer treatment dates back to the late 19th century when Dr. William Coley observed tumor regression in patients injected with bacteria.

Modern research has revealed that some bacteria can naturally migrate to tumors, thriving in low-oxygen environments and eliciting immune responses. However, these natural interactions often lack the precision needed to effectively target and destroy tumors.

The new bacterial vaccine begins with a probiotic strain of E. coli, which researchers have genetically modified to enhance its interaction with the immune system.

**SOURCE: Xinhua**



# NATIONAL

## MRF offers 90-day and Tunpu rice seeds



This photo captures a paddy field with a 90-day rice variety.

THE Myanmar Rice Federation has announced that people can contact it and purchase the high-quality rice varieties of 90-day and Tunpu foundation seeds at a rate of K 65,000 per basket.

MRF stated on 21 October that these seeds can be purchased by contacting 01 2301128, 01 2301129 and 09 420773222.

On 7 October, MRF elaborated on the conditions of the rehabilitation of farmers and

the damaged agricultural businesses in flood-hit areas. It has been carrying out rebuilding tasks in cooperation with donations from associate members such as the Myanmar Rice Millers Association, the Myanmar Rice Growers Association, the Myanmar Rice and Paddy Traders Association and member companies.

According to these programmes, K500 million was provided to donate rice bags, foundation seeds and fertiliz-

ers, and K 1,250 million was provided as fixed investment capital to issue interest-free loans for replanting paddy to the farmers via the Steering Committee on Protection of Farmers' Rights and Enhancement of their Benefits and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation. Moreover, it has been working together with governmental departments and organizations in rehabilitation programs related to agriculture. — MT/ZN

## Myanmar migrant workers seek extensions in Thailand

MYANMAR migrant workers wish to continue to be allowed extension as usual in Thailand.

It is still uncertain, but some issues, such as the absence of labour, may happen in workplaces, according to a labour affairs activist in Thailand.

Thailand employers have also demanded their lawmakers to continue allowing the extension quickly as usual.

"We've initially known that Myanmar migrant workers who are going to get expired will have to return to seek an extension in the border. But it is still uncertain. It is currently allowed inside Thailand, so Thai employers have also demanded to continue to allow it as usual. Employers think it is not fine at all if an extension is

required at the border because it will cost more, and many workers will be absent. Employers are worried that some delays will happen because there are millions of workers, and they are going to expire around February next year, so it will be quite difficult for them," he said.

Going back to the border area for an extension may be costly, and there may be some delay for workers, too, he said.

"It may take time and may be costly for those working at small-scaled factories and shops," he said.

A Myanmar migrant worker said it would be suitable for both parties if authorities continue to allow the extension as usual. — MT/ZS



This photo shows Myanmar migrant workers who will work in Thailand.

### Counter-argument to false information

## False news: Nearly 200 homes in Yaykyi pressured to relocate

REPORTS have emerged that nearly 200 local homes in Yaykyi Township, Ayeyawady Region, particularly in the villages of Sawpya and Seintgyi, were pressured to relocate to nearby villages, a claim linked to the circulation of false information by malicious news media.

Upon contacting a relevant local administrative officer regarding these reports, it was confirmed that there was no directive for residents to relocate. The officer indicated that the misinformation spread by the malicious news media aims to mislead the public and provoke anxiety, suggesting that these are deliberate attempts to spread propaganda through false news. — MNA/KZL

## Meteorologist advises avoiding large trees during severe weather alerts

PEOPLE are urged not to stay around big trees if they hear special weather news, said meteorologist U Win Naing.

"Upon hearing special weather news, people need to check whether their house is in a low-lying area or water used to enter the house. If so, they should move valuable items to higher ground. Then, if there are big trees near them, they can fall, the branches can break, and affect them. Landslides may occur. Therefore, don't stay around big trees, which can be dangerous. Branches should be cut in advance. Such dangers are present for Yangon and Ayeyawady regions where there are no dangers like torrent water," he said.

As there are dams in some areas

prone to landslides and torrent water, it is necessary to prepare in advance to prevent them from breaking.

"Due to storms, mountain water will fall in the places with dams. To prevent them from breaking, respective organizations need to prepare in advance. Now we see that the dams are releasing valuable information for the people living below, such as overflowing points, water level and spillway condition. This is very good," he said.

In case of a flood after the storm, people should prepare by storing clean water, food, and essential documents and carrying them in advance. In areas where mountain water can flow down, people should seek shelter in monasteries, schools, and build-

ings in high-altitude regions.

"If the current storm comes, the flood will start. So, people need to keep important documents, and the main thing is drinking water. When a flood starts, clean water is no longer available. You need to store bottled water. They need water for one week till the time the water recedes. They also need to store dry food for two or three days. People living near river banks or flood-prone areas should stay away from them. They need to stay in high places, either in a monastery or a school. As we don't know when the flood will occur, people should prepare in advance," said Ko Aung Phyoo Min, the Pay Set Thu Toe Nhalonetha Parahita group chairperson. — Thit Taw/ZN

## Japan 'zombie' train spooks passengers ahead of Halloween

*The shinkansen holds great potential for future creative events that enhance passenger engagement and redefine traditional rail travel.*

IT'S usually a serene two-and-a-half-hour ride on Japan's famously efficient bullet train. But the journey quickly descended into a zombie apocalypse, with passengers screaming in terror. Organizers of Saturday's adrenaline-filled trip, less than two weeks before Halloween, touted it as the "world's first haunted house experience on a running shinkansen".

On board one chartered car of the shinkansen — the Japanese word for bullet train — were around 40 thrill-seekers, ready to brave an encounter with the living dead between

Tokyo and the western metropolis of Osaka.

Inspired by the 2016 South Korean film "Train to Busan", a unique zombie-themed experience took place on a bullet train in Japan.

As the train departed peacefully, actors strategically placed in seats transformed into rampaging zombies, creating an intense and immersive atmosphere.

Event organizer Kenta Iwana, from the group Kowagarasetai, aimed to depict how quickly a normally safe environment could turn chaotic.



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Attendees, including tourists like 31-year-old Joshua Payne, felt as if they were part of a movie, enjoying the surreal combination of travel and performance.

Central Japan Railway, adapting to post-pandemic trav-

el changes, has explored various events on its shinkansen, including sushi restaurants and wrestling matches.

Marie Izumi, from JR Central's tourism subsidiary, initially doubted the zombie concept but now sees new possibilities

for future entertainment, such as concerts and comedy shows.

The two-and-a-half-hour experience balanced horror with light-hearted moments, keeping passengers engaged and entertained throughout the journey. — AFP

## Cher, Mary J Blige, Ozzy Osbourne among Rock Hall of Fame inductees



Cher, shown here performing at the 2024 Victoria's Secret Fashion Show, is among this year's inductees into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. **PHOTO: AFP**

CHER, Mary J Blige and Ozzy Osbourne were among this year's Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductees, an elite group formally introduced into the music pantheon Saturday at a star-studded concert gala.

Kool & the Gang, Dave Matthews Band, Foreigner, A Tribe Called Quest, and Peter Dinklage round out the 2024

class of honorees, artists honoured at the ceremony held in Cleveland, Ohio, home of the prestigious hall.

Big Mama Thornton, Alexis Korner and John Mayall received special honours for "musical influence", as Jimmy Buffett, MC5, Dionne Warwick and Norman Whitfield received awards for "musical

excellence".

Suzanne de Passe, a trailblazer for women executives in the music business, who was big in Motown, won the night's award for non-performing industry professionals.

Dua Lipa kicked off the evening with a performance of "Believe", with Cher joining the pop star onstage to finish her 1998 smash hit, which was credited as the first song to use auto-tune technology as an instrument. "I changed the sound of music forever," she said in her acceptance speech, less than a year after railing against the hall for not having yet added her to the ballot.

"It was easier getting divorced from two men than it was getting in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame," she quipped Saturday night.

Performers included Kelly Clarkson, Sammy Hagar, Slash and Demi Lovato, who all appeared for Foreigner. — AFP

## Six-time Olympic cycling champion Chris Hoy says he has terminal cancer

SIX-TIME Olympic cycling champion Chris Hoy revealed Saturday that he has terminal cancer and has been told by doctors he has "two to four years" to live.

The 48-year-old announced in February that he had been diagnosed with the disease and was undergoing chemotherapy but insisted the treatment was "going really well".

However, he has told The Sunday Times that he knew at the time his illness was terminal and when he asked doctors how long he had left, he was told: "Two to four years". — AFP



Great Britain's Chris Hoy poses on the podium after winning the gold medal in the London 2012 Olympic Games men's keirin final cycling event at the Velodrome in the Olympic Park in East London on 7 August 2012. Six-time Olympic cycling champion Chris Hoy revealed on 19 October that he has terminal cancer and has been told by doctors he has "two to four years" to live. **PHOTO: AFP**

# ECONOMY WORLD

## FTZ reforms deepen China-ASEAN economic, trade ties

IN a bustling fruit processing facility in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the air is sweet with the luscious aroma of mangoes. Workers diligently manage a state-of-the-art, fully automated production line, preparing to send the delectable products to eager markets across Southeast Asia.

In recent years, with the deepening of economic cooperation and the trade exchange of agricultural products between China and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the complementary advantages of agricultural products trade between Guangxi and ASEAN have become more prominent. The geographical advantages of land and sea links with ASEAN have also injected vitality into the continuous expansion of

Guangxi's fruit exports.

According to data from the Nanning Customs, in 2023, Guangxi imported 16.71 billion yuan (about US\$2.4 billion) of ASEAN agricultural products, a year-on-year increase of 43.1 per cent. At the same time, Guangxi's special fruits, such as orah mandarins and sweet tangerines, have also been well received in the ASEAN market.

The thriving fruit trade has also spurred related companies to invest and establish their operations in Guangxi.

Guangxi Junyi Agricultural Science and Technology Co Ltd, a mango-processing company established in 2020 in the Chongzuo area in the China (Guangxi) Pilot Free Trade Zone (FTZ), is the region's first border-based fruit processing enterprise with an



A tourist from northeast China picks an orah mandarin with the help of a staff member in Wuming District in Nanning, south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, 11 January 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

annual main business turnover of at least 20 million yuan.

"The pilot FTZ's policies, including tax incentives, stream-

lined trade procedures and financial innovations, have not only laid fertile ground for growth but also provided substantial cost

benefits to businesses," said Shen Wuyang, the company's deputy general manager. — Xinhua

## Hyundai Motor India shares fall on debut after record IPO

HYUNDAI Motor had a lacklustre Indian market debut on Tuesday after raising \$3.3 billion in the country's biggest-ever initial public offering, with shares closing 7.1 per cent down from their issue price.

A booming stock market in the world's fifth-largest economy has stoked an IPO frenzy over the last two years, with start-ups and established companies alike scooping up billions of dollars from investors.

The IPO had valued Hyundai's India unit, the country's second-largest car maker by sales, at about \$19 billion, with the South Korean parent firm putting up a 17.5-per-cent stake for purchase.

Shares of the automaker fell in the first day of trade on the Mumbai bourse to 1,820 rupees (\$21.65), down from their issue price of 1,960 rupees.

"Our journey in India began in 1996... and now, 28 years later, we are going public by launching India's largest IPO



Executive chair at the South Korean automaker Hyundai Motor Group Euisun Chung (L) speaks during the listing ceremony of Hyundai Motor India for its initial public offering (IPO) at the National Stock Exchange (NSE) in Mumbai on 22 October 2024. PHOTO: AFP

in history," Hyundai Motor Group executive chair Euisun Chung said at the listing ceremony in Mumbai.

"From the beginning, we knew that India was the future," he added. "Today's IPO... demonstrates our commitment to this great nation."

While shares in Hyundai Motor India's IPO were over-subscribed more than two

times, retail investors snapped up only half the tranche reserved for them.

Some analysts had noted that the company's valuation could limit listing gains.

Mihir Manek of Aditya Birla Capital said prior to the listing that while Hyundai's outlook in India "continues to be strong", the offering was at a "rich valuation". — AFP

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### S Korea sees higher irregular workers amid lower regular employees

SOUTH Korea saw higher irregular workers amid lower regular employees, statistical office data showed Tuesday.

The number of irregular workers was 8,459,000 in August 2024, up 337,000 compared with the same month of last year, according to Statistics Korea.

The reading for regular employees reduced 147,000 to 13,685,000 in the cited month, marking the first decrease in three years.

The proportion of irregular employees to the total wage and salary workers advanced 1.2 percentage points to 38.2 per cent, recording the second-highest since relevant data began to be compiled in 2003. — Xinhua

#### Vietnam records highest coffee export value in single season

VIETNAM'S coffee exports reached US\$5.43 billion in the 2023-2024 crop year that lasted from 1 October 2023 to 30 September 2024, the highest level ever in a coffee season, Vietnam News cited the Coffee and Cocoa Association on Tuesday.

The export value soared by 33.1 per cent compared to the previous crop year, marking the first time the country's coffee export turnover exceeded the US\$5 billion mark in a single season, said the report.

Nguyen Nam Hai, the association's chairman, attributed the value increase to the hiked prices.

Vietnam's average export price in the cited crop year was \$3,673 per ton, nearly 50 per cent higher than in the previous year. — Xinhua

# Foreign trade of China's economic powerhouse hits record high

GUANGDONG Province, a powerhouse of China's economy, has reported a new record in its foreign trade for the first three quarters of the year, with imports and exports reaching 6.75 trillion yuan (about US\$951 billion), a year-on-year increase of 11.1 per cent.

The province's exports stood at 4.39 trillion

yuan in the period, up 9.1 per cent year on year, while imports totalled 2.36 trillion yuan, a year-on-year growth of 15 per cent, Zhang Ke, deputy director of the Guangdong sub-administration of the General Administration of Customs of China, said at a news conference on Monday.

Guangdong's foreign

trade now represents 20.9 per cent of the nation's total, maintaining its leading position with a major contribution to the nation's growth. The province's foreign trade growth rate outpaced the national average by 5.8 percentage points.

The new historic high of Guangdong's foreign trade scale for the same



Visitors look at a new energy vehicle during the Canton Fair in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province, 15 October 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

period has demonstrated the strong economic resilience and vitality of the province, Zhang said.

The city of Shen-

zhen, a national tech hub in Guangdong, also achieved a record high with a total foreign trade volume of 3.37 trillion

yuan for the same period, surging by 20.9 per cent year on year, according to Shenzhen customs. — Xinhua

# Qualcomm unveils first mobile platform featuring world's fastest mobile CPU

US leading chip manufacturer Qualcomm on Monday unveiled its first Snapdragon Mobile Platform featuring the world's fastest mobile CPU.

The platform, named Snapdragon 8 Elite, was launched at Qualcomm's annual tech summit in Maui, US state of Hawaii.

The platform powers a new era of on-device generative AI, built to handle the complexities of multi-modal AI seamlessly while prioritizing privacy. Snapdragon 8 Elite,



Qualcomm CEO Cristiano Amon introduces the mobile platform, named Snapdragon 8 Elite, at Qualcomm's annual tech summit in Maui, Hawaii, the United States, on 21 October 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

featuring Qualcomm's next generation custom-built Oryon CPU, is the most powerful and world's fastest mobile system-on-a-chip ever, according to Qualcomm. The platform delivers improved performance and power efficiency across the board and transforms on-device experiences with support for multimodal generative AI, redefined AI photography, gaming and studio-quality audio -- all backed by AI-enhanced connectivity. — Xinhua

# GM results top expectations on strong auto pricing

GENERAL Motors raised some of its full-year profit projections Tuesday following solid earnings as strong vehicle pricing compensated for lower auto sales.

The big US automaker reported \$3.1 billion in third-quarter profits, essentially flat with the year-ago period. Revenues jumped 10.5 per cent to \$48.8 billion despite an 8.8 per cent drop

in global auto deliveries that reflected lower sales across GM's markets.

In a letter to shareholders, GM chief executive Mary Barra pointed to "above-average pricing" in GM's home market of the United States, where the Detroit giant has managed to avoid deep discounting despite a bounce in vehicle inventories. — AFP

# More Japan firms extend food expiration dates to reduce waste

EFFORTS to reduce food waste are gaining momentum in Japan, with many companies extending expiration and best-before dates for processed foods, although small businesses have been notably slower to do so, a recent survey showed.

The survey, conducted by a Consumer Affairs Agency panel and targeting 585 food manufacturers, found that expiration or best-before dates had been extended for 43 per cent of the 935 products covered.

But while large and

medium-sized companies have actively adopted such measures, over half of small businesses had no plans to follow suit, citing difficulties such as maintaining consistent product quality and managing the associated costs, the survey said.

The government has set a goal of halving food waste by fiscal 2030 compared with fiscal 2000. Data for fiscal 2022, released this year, showed that the business sector has already met this target, although household waste remained short of the goal. — Kyodo

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SITC HUIMING VOY.NO. (2414S)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SITC HUIMING VOY.NO. (2414S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **23-10-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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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# ROLLING UPDATES

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File photo taken in Tokyo on 5 August 2024 shows Makoto Suwa (R) and Ayu Yoneda. **PHOTO: KYODO**

## Japan's space agency officially approves 2 astronauts after training

JAPAN'S space agency said Tuesday that it has officially approved two candidates who underwent domestic training as astronauts, with expectations growing that they may join NASA's mission to the Moon.

Makoto Suwa, 47, a former disaster prevention specialist at the World Bank, and Ayu Yoneda, 29, who served as a surgeon at the Japanese Red Cross Medical Centre, plan to move to the United States to

enhance their knowledge and skills in space activities.

At the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Johnson Space Centre in Houston, Suwa and Yoneda, who were certified as astronauts on Monday, hope to be part of the Artemis Moon exploration programme.

The Artemis programme aims to send people to the lunar surface in 2026, more than half a century since the last Apollo

mission. Japan, a close US ally, is seeking to become the second country after the United States to land an astronaut on the Moon.

Since being selected as candidates by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency in February 2023, Suwa and Yoneda have engaged in basic training, including piloting a plane, health management in outer space and electrical engineering. — Kyodo

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Thailand takes steps to combat air pollution as haze season nears

THAILAND'S Pollution Control Department (PCD) on Monday unveiled a comprehensive plan to address a potential surge of air pollution, particularly in the capital Bangkok and surrounding areas during the upcoming haze season.

Despite the Southeast Asian country seeing an 11-per-cent decrease in average 24-hour PM2.5 concentrations compared to last year's critical period, the greater Bangkok area still recorded 97 days of airborne dust exceeding the national safety standard, said PCD Director-General Preeyaporn Suwannakes.

The Thai government has prioritized combatting PM2.5 pollution and outlined a multi-layered approach involving national, regional and provincial levels with a focus on prevention, mitigation and public awareness, Preeyaporn said in a statement. — Xinhua

#### British Airways extends flight suspension to Israel

FLAGSHIP airline British Airways announced on Monday that it has extended the suspension of flights to Israel until the end of March 2025. In late September, the British airline suspended flights between London's Heathrow Airport and Ben Gurion Airport near Tel Aviv for three days due to the security escalation in the region, but it has not resumed operations in Israel since then.

The airline stated that the current flight suspension until the end of March "will give greater certainty to our customers, who we're contacting to advise them of their options, including a full refund." — Xinhua

#### Blast causes several buried at ordnance factory in central India

SEVERAL people were buried under the debris of a building which collapsed following a huge blast inside an ordnance factory in India's central state of Madhya Pradesh on Tuesday, police said. The blast occurred inside the Central Security Institute Ordnance Factory in Khamaria area of the state's Jabalpur district. According to an online report by NDTV, bombs and explosives were manufactured inside the ordnance factory. "Three injured people, who are employees of the factory, have been rushed to a private hospital for urgent treatment and their condition is said to be critical," the report said. — Xinhua



People arrive to cast their ballots at Miami-Dade County Elections Department during early voting in Doral, Florida on 21 October 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Harris and Trump push for every vote with just 14 days to go

ONE of the tightest US election races of modern times enters its final, two-week stretch Tuesday, with Republican Donald Trump making a special pitch to Latino voters as Democratic rival Kamala Harris sits down for a national network interview.

Both campaigns are pumping hundreds of millions of dollars into a final push for any wavering, undecided voters who could tilt the balance in their favour, with

polls consistently showing their candidates in a dead heat ahead of Election Day.

Whatever the outcome, Americans will make history on 5 November: they will either elect the first woman president in the world's leading superpower — or they will put the first convicted felon into the White House.

Polls appear to be giving Trump, who at 78 is the oldest nominee from a major party in US

history, a slight edge recently — but all within the margin of error, making them little comfort for a former president making his third consecutive White House run.

Vice-President Harris — who only threw herself into the race in July, when President Joe Biden made the stunning decision to drop out and endorse her instead — will give a television interview to NBC on Tuesday. — AFP

# SPORTS



Bayern Munich's Belgian head coach Vincent Kompany speaks with Bayern Munich's Portuguese midfielder (16) Joao Palhinha during the German first division Bundesliga football match between Holstein Kiel and FC Bayern Munich in Kiel, northern Germany, on 14 September 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Palhinha's unexpected chance changes Bayern's game structure ahead of Barca clash

WHEN Bayern coach Vincent Kompany urgently called for Joao Palhinha just eight minutes into the match, it likely came as a surprise for the Portuguese midfielder.

German international Aleksandar Pavlovic received on-pitch treatment for a broken collarbone, and Palhinha, who had endured frustrating weeks on the bench, quickly prepared to step in during the league match against Stuttgart.

Pavlovic's injury, after missing the 2024 UEFA Euro due to illness, means he will be absent ahead of Bayern's UEFA Champions League clash against Barcelona this Wednesday. This turn of events provides an unexpected opportunity for the 33-time capped Portuguese international and alters Bayern's tactical approach.

Despite being on Bayern's radar for some time, Palhinha's summer 2024 move almost didn't happen. The 50-million-euro signing from Fulham found himself behind Bayern's 20-year-old rising star Pavlovic.

"I am here to fight for my chance," the 29-year-old midfielder said, with disappointment evident on his face. Unaccustomed to being a substitute, Palhinha had to exercise patience.

With Pavlovic now sidelined for several months, Bayern gains a traditional midfield sweeper. Former Bayern coach and incoming England manager Thomas Tuchel had long called for a "holding six" and had previously identified Palhinha as his preferred choice. — Xinhua

## Neymar returns for Al Hilal in Al Ain thriller

BRAZIL superstar Neymar returned to action on Monday following more than a year out, with the Al Hilal forward appearing as a second-half substitute in his side's gripping 5-4 win against Asian champions Al Ain in the UAE.

The former Barcelona and Paris

Saint-Germain attacker, 32, had not played since rupturing his meniscus and anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee while on international duty in October last year.

Neymar, who underwent surgery and a sustained period of rehabilitation,

is his country's all-time leading goalscorer, with 79 goals in 128 appearances.

Named on the Hilal bench for the first time since his injury, he was introduced on 76 minutes of the Asian Champions Elite encounter at a heaving Hazzan Bin Zayed Stadium in Al Ain. — AFP

## AFC U-17 Championship: Pre-match press conference for team Myanmar held



Myanmar U-17 team head coach U Aung Zaw Myo (L) with other coaches at the AFC U-17 Championship pre-match press conference. **PHOTO: MFF**

A pre-match press conference for the AFC U-17 Championship Group I, set to be held in Vietnam in 2025, took place on

22 October. Head coach U Aung Zaw Myo of the Myanmar team, as well as coaches from Yemen, Vietnam, and Kyrgyzstan,

attended the event.

Head coach U Aung Zaw Myo stated, "Before the tournament, we played two friendly matches against the Qatar U-17 team in Doha, winning one and losing the other. After the ASEAN tournament, we made several tactical adjustments to the team. We also have senior school players in our squad. We respect our competitors in the group and will do our best to achieve a good result".

Group I consists of Yemen, Vietnam, Kyrgyzstan, and Myanmar. Myanmar will face Yemen today at 3:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time, followed by a match between the host team Vietnam and Kyrgyzstan at 6:30 pm. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

## Myanmar, Hong Kong women's football teams to face off today

THE first friendly match between the Myanmar women's national football team and the Hong Kong women's national football team will take place today (4 pm) at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre in Yangon.

Although the Myanmar women's team has not participated in any international tournaments this year, they have been engaged in friendly matches, including two games against the India women's team in July. This match against Hong Kong marks a return to competitive play following their encounter in the group stage of the 19th Asian Games last year, where Myanmar secured a 1-0 victory.

A pre-match press conference was held on 22 October, attended by the coaches and players of both teams. Myanmar's head coach, Yuki, stated, "We have faced Hong Kong before, and we are fully prepared to secure a positive result again. Although we haven't had international competitions this year, we are focused on winning our friendly matches. I believe our players will do

their best to satisfy the fans. We are ready to face Hong Kong".

Hong Kong head coach Ricardo Rambo remarked, "Myanmar is a strong team, and this match will be beneficial for us. We also have

some players who play abroad. We have selected a mix of experienced and young players to build

the team. Although we will play on two different pitches, we are prepared to perform at our best". — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



Myanmar women's national team training ahead of the match against Hong Kong. **PHOTO: MFF**

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# WORLD



Russia's President Vladimir Putin meets with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in Kazan on 22 October 2024. PHOTO: ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO / POOL / AFP

## India-Russia privileged partnership continue to develop actively: Putin

**D**URING a meeting with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russian President Vladimir Putin highlighted the special privileged strategic partnership between Russia and India.

Putin emphasised the importance of

cooperation with India within the BRICS framework, underscoring the strong ties between the two nations and their collaboration on key global issues.

Relations between Russia and India continue to develop actively and have a character of privileged partnership, the president added.

The participants of the BRICS summit in Russia's Kazan must make important decisions to expand and strengthen cooperation, Putin said. On 22-24 October, the BRICS summit will be held in Russia's Kazan with the participation of heads of state, as well as representatives of several international organizations. — SPUTNIK

## Embracing national currencies in BRICS would reduce global risks: Putin

INCREASING settlements in national currencies of BRICS countries will increase the financial independence of states and reduce geopolitical risks, Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Tuesday.

The New BRICS Development Bank has financed projects worth \$33 billion since 2018, Vladimir the Russian President mentioned.

"Since 2018, I think 100 projects have been financed for a total of \$33 billion," Putin said during a meeting with Dilma Rousseff, the head of the BRICS New Development Bank, calling the bank a good and promising institution. — SPUTNIK



Russia's President Vladimir Putin arrives for a meeting with South African President Cyril Ramaphosa on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in Kazan on 22 October 2024. PHOTO: ALEXANDER NEMENOV / POOL / AFP

## Luong Cuong elected as Vietnam's president



Luong Cuong attends a swearing-in ceremony in Hanoi, Vietnam, 21 October 2024. PHOTO: VNA/HANDOUT VIA XINHUA

LUONG Cuong, member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of Vietnam (CPV) Central Committee and permanent member of the CPV Central Committee Secretariat, was elected as Vietnam's president on Monday, Vietnam News Agency reported. The ongoing 8<sup>th</sup> session of the 15<sup>th</sup>-tenure National Assembly (NA) elected Cuong as president for the tenure until 2026. All 440 deputies present at the meeting, equivalent to 91.67 per cent of the total number of NA deputies, voted in favor of Cuong as president. Taking the oath, the new president pledged to fulfill the tasks assigned by the party, the state, and the people. Born in Phu Tho Province, northern Vietnam in August 1957, Cuong has long served in the Vietnamese military. — Xinhua

## Iran says neighbours won't allow use of their 'soil or airspace' for attack

IRAN'S neighbours have pledged they will not allow the use of their "soil or airspace" for any attack, Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said Tuesday, as Israel weighs a retaliation for the Islamic republic's missile strike.

"All our neighbours have assured us that they won't allow their soil or airspace to be used against the Islamic Republic of Iran," Araghchi told a press conference in Kuwait, weeks after Iran's 1 October missile attack on Israel. Before Kuwait, Araghchi was in Bahrain on Monday as part of a regional tour that has also taken him to Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, Iraq, Egypt and Turkiye. "We are monitoring closely the movements of American bases in the region and are aware of all their movements and flights," Araghchi said, adding: "If Israel attacks Iran in any form, Iran will respond in the same format." — AFP