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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing warmly greets the students from the five-year BEd Course No 6 of the University for the Development of the National Races yesterday.

### Salient points from the speech delivered by the Senior General at the meeting with UDNR students

1. Student youths must be under training to have good practices of following laws, rules and disciplines as responsible citizens.
2. UDNR students were urged to provide training to ethnic youths to keep Union spirit and good morale for serving the interest of the State.
3. If students learn primary, middle, high school and higher education, the accumulation of knowledge will improve their lives as much as they can.
4. All UDNR students have to build mutual respect, understanding and trust among the national brethren of the Union with correct perception and attitude in unison.

## UDNR students need to foster Union spirit and good morale of ethnic youths

If all national races work together in harmony, the country can achieve a leading position regionally and globally.

**S**enior General Min Aung Hlaing pointed out that UDNR graduates have to strive for the emergence of a society built with the knowledge to raise school enrolment rate, improve school education for students and increase learning grades at relevant schools where they are assigned.

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met students from the five-year BEd Course No 6 of the University for the Development of the National Races at the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

In his address, the Senior General emphasized that the Union spirit must be

cultured for all national people to forge the spirit of national brethren residing in the same land, to foster the spirit for all national races without separating hilly regions and plains to defend the State collaboratively and to initiate the family spirit of all to share the same fortune and future.

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## Citizens yet to be counted in Nationwide Census to be reassessed



- The 2024 Nationwide Census activities were conducted from 1 to 15 October.
- The people who have not completed census processes due to various reasons can contact the relevant ward and village census committees and township census committees to collect census data again.
- Individuals can also contact 067 431062, 067 431359, 067 431067, 067 431339. — Central Census Commission

## Residents Urged to Stay Vigilant as Terrorists Use Civilians as Human Shields

TERRORISTS launch attacks while hiding behind public houses in towns and villages.

Residents must exercise caution and awareness to avoid these groups, as they use people as human shields in their temporarily controlled areas to successfully combat terrorism.

*(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with members of the Kayah State government, state-level departmental officials, town elders and locals on 4 September 2024.)*

### BANK HOLIDAY

ALL Banks will be closed on 1<sup>st</sup> (Friday) November 2024 “Deepavali Day” being a Public Holiday Under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

**Central Bank of Myanmar**

## Cyclonic Storm “DANA” News 2024

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### Cyclonic Storm “DANA” Condition

According to the observations at 12:30 hrs MST today, the Severe Cyclonic Storm “DANA” that crossed North Odisha and West Bengal Coasts between Puri and Sagar Island close to Dhamara (India) has moved north-northwestwards and reached the interior of Odisha and weakened into a Cyclonic Storm “DANA”. It is likely to move northwestwards and continue may cross the interior of Odisha and gradually weaken.

This is the last news for the Depression. — DMH

## EVs made in Korea and China arrive at Yangon Port

KOREAN-MADE KIA EV6 electric vehicles imported by Super Seven Stars Motors Industry Co Ltd, and Chinese-made A I - QAR ICAR03 electric vehicles imported by Unitrust Enterprise Group of Co Ltd, with the approval of the steering committee on National-level Development of Electric Vehicles and Related Industries, have arrived at Yangon Port. These electric vehicles were claimed yesterday following Customs procedures. — MNA/TRKM



This photo showcases new arrivals of EVs at Yangon Port.

## Myanmar model contests Asia Model Festival in mid-Konbaung queen attire

AT the ongoing Asia Model Festival in South Korea, Myanmar’s representative model will compete in a costume competition, wearing the costume of a queen in the mid-Konbaung era, said the costume designer Myat Thinkha Nge, founder of Myat Tawwin.

The costume is inspired by a queen’s dress worn in royal ceremonies in the middle of Konbaung era.

“The national costume event is going to be held this evening. I created the royal dress of a queen in the mid-Konbaung era for Myanmar female models,” said the designer.

The costume is made of complete accessories and jewellery used by queens in the mid-Konbaung era, such as velvet blouse and silkware. — MT/ZS



A Myanmar model in national costume.

## Students explore media industry during Global MIL Week in NPT

TEACHERS, and students participated in the Global Media and Information Literacy Week activities organized by the Media Development Department under the Ministry of Information yesterday.

They visited Myanma Radio and Television (MRTV) in Nay Pyi Taw’s Tatkon Township and observed demonstrations, news broadcasts, and exhibits at the Diamond Jubilee Museum. The group also proceeded to newspaper offices and the Nay Pyi Taw printing factory in Zeyathiri Township.

UNESCO has been organizing the Global Media and Information Literacy Week annually since 2012 to review and celebrate the progress made towards media and information literacy for all, enhance information access, and foster a more informed and engaged citizenship. Myanmar joined this global initiative in 2018. — MNA/TRKM

# NATIONAL

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

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

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

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He noted that student youths must be under training to have good practices of following laws, rules and disciplines as responsible citizens.

UDNR students were urged to provide training to ethnic youths to keep the Union spirit and good morals for serving the interest of the State.

As such, he continued to say that all UDNR students have to build mutual respect, understanding, and trust among the national brethren of the Union, with correct perceptions and attitudes in unison.

The Senior General recounted that the Institute for Development of the National Races was established on 20 October

1964, and it was upgraded to a university on 10 May 1991, adding that it has so far turned out 14,288 graduates.

He underlined that those students have to lead pupils in forging the national unity and Union spirit by upholding Our Three Main National Causes to ensure the durability of the Union.

According to the current landscapes of Myanmar and the world, he spotted that now is the time for all Myanmar people to defend their own territory, nationality and sovereignty. As a civilian, serving their duties of protecting the State can be defined as guarding the entire nation and all citizens, he added.

The Senior General underscored that

if people have been steadfastly learning education to meet their ambitions since childhood, such education will provide more incredible benefits for their lives.

He stressed that if students learn primary, middle, high school, and higher education, the accumulation of knowledge will improve their lives as much as they can.

He highlighted that emphasis is being placed on staging campaigns to develop libraries for learning techniques and knowledge and to raise reading habits across the nation.

With regard to the electoral process, he disclosed that everybody knows preparations are being made to hold an election as an ultimate aim to flourish the genuine,

disciplined multiparty democratic system in Myanmar.

Chin ethnic Ma Myat Thinza Kyaw from Sedoktara Township of Magway Region, on behalf of the students, spoke words of thanks.

Two students presented the gift to the Senior General, who returned cash awards to those students.

Also present at the ceremony were SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Secretary General Aung Lin Dwe, Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, council members, union ministers, union-level dignitaries, the Nay Pyi Taw Council chairman and officials. — MNA/TTA

## SAC Vice-Chair DPM Vice-Senior General Soe Win receives Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar

VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win received Ms Ma Jia, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar, at the SAC Chairman Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, they exchanged views on the promotion of friendly relations and cooperation between Myanmar and China, peace and stability in

the border region and internal peace issues, and sector-wise cooperation, including technology and information between the two Tatmadaws.

Present at the meeting together with the Vice-Senior General were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Lwin Oo and officials. The Chinese Ambassador was accompanied by the Chinese Military Attaché to Myanmar and embassy officials. — MNA/TTA



Chinese Ambassador Ms Ma Jia pays a courtesy call on SAC Vice-Chair Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win yesterday.

# NATIONAL

## DPM MoTC Union Minister attends 14<sup>th</sup> collective blood donation event



Deputy Prime Minister Union Transport & Communications Minister General Mya Tun Oo views the collective blood donation yesterday.

THE 14<sup>th</sup> collective blood donation event of the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Transport and Communications was held yesterday at the Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (1,000-bed). Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister General Mya Tun Oo, Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win, deputy ministers and heads of department attended the ceremony.

Staff of the Ministry of Transport and Communications in Nay Pyi Taw and volunteers totalling 35 donated blood, and Union ministers, deputy ministers and heads

of department encouraged and provided foodstuffs and medicines.

The Union minister for the Ministry of Health presented certificates of appreciation to blood donors, and the Deputy Prime Minister returned gifts.

The nationwide collective blood donation events of the Myanmar Posts Telecommunications were organized in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Magway and Shan State (East). A total of 210 blood donors donated blood at relevant hospitals and blood centres nationwide for the 14<sup>th</sup> time. — MNA/TS

## DPM MoFA Union Minister addresses Myanmar diplomatic staff on overseas assignments

DEPUTY Prime Minister and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Than Swe met diplomatic staff assigned to Myanmar embassies, permanent missions, and consulate-general abroad. The meeting was held yesterday afternoon at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw, where the Union minister delivered guidance to the departing officials.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Ko Ko Kyaw, directors-general, deputy directors-general, and officials designated for overseas postings. During the session, officials introduced the countries where they had previously served and their upcoming duty locations.

In his address, the Union minister underscored the importance of loyalty to the nation, urging diplomats to embody Myanmar's values with integrity. He stressed the role of diplomats in fostering peaceful relations, emphasizing that a successful diplomat must approach their mission with dedication and character. He remarked that diplomatic responsibilities demand excellence and prudence, with diplomats expected to fulfil significant tasks even with minimal resources.



Deputy Prime Minister MoFA Union Minister U Than Swe meets diplomatic staff assigned to abroad.

The Union minister also highlighted the need for officials to stay informed of international developments, act prudently to enhance Myanmar's interests and maintain strong diplomatic ties. He encouraged diplomats to continually hone their negotiation skills and language proficiency, particularly in widely used languages and those relevant to their assigned countries. By working in unity, the Union minister noted, the collective effort of the team can lead to more effective outcomes. — MNA/KZL

## Myanmar, China vow to enhance media cooperation

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn received Ms Ma Jia, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They cordially discussed matters pertaining to further cooperation in the Myanmar-China media sector; strengthening reciprocal visits of media units of the two countries, beneficial collaboration between people in addition to the two governments, and media role.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister U Ye Tint, the permanent secretary and departmental officials. — MNA/KTZH



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# NATIONAL

## 5<sup>th</sup> National Sports Festival initiates national reconciliation

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, who is also Chairman of the Working Committee on Organizing the Opening and Closing Events, presided over the fifth coordinating meeting of the committee in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In his speech, he noted that the festival is to be held on a grand scale that is full of essence and aims to scale up national consolidation. The festival will show off the skills and talent of youths, and a national spirit will be vigilant. Moreover, arrangements will also be made for all the citizens and people around the nation to enjoy

the event. Therefore, particular emphasis should be placed on the ceremony.

The committee secretary and attendees discussed event planning, functions of Free Fall squad carrying region/state flags and the sports festival flag, stage design, opening and closing event plans, performance, technological preparations, access to electricity, firework decoration and live streaming plans. — MNA/KTZH

Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn chairs the fifth coordination meeting of the Working Committee on Organizing the Opening and Closing Events yesterday.



The commemorative group photo session takes places at the 12<sup>th</sup> AMMDM on 23-25 October in Brunei.

## Myanmar attends 12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management

THE Myanmar delegation led by Dr Soe Win, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, attended the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Disaster Management-AMMDM, held from 23 to 25 October in Brunei.

On 24 October, the meeting discussed the completion of the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, humanitarian assistance of the ASEAN Secretariat to Myanmar, disaster information sharing programmes of the AHA Centre in 2024, training programmes of ASEAN's Emergency Coop-

eration Centre (EOC), relief items for ASEAN countries including Myanmar, plan to supply relief items at warehouses of ASEAN, meeting of three organizations that implement the ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response and other matters.

The ASEAN-China disaster cooperation meeting was held, and the leaders discussed the establishment of the ASEAN-China emergency response centre, sending of MoU on cooperation to China, progress in the implementation of 23 key points of AADMER Work

Programme and drafting of the ASEAN-China disaster risk reduction framework.

During the ASEAN-Japan disaster cooperation meeting, they also emphasized the ASEAN-Japan disaster management plans, the implementation of ASEAN-Korea disaster management plans, completion in 2024, and a joint statement regarding disaster management.

The Union minister also attended the signing ceremony of the MoU on disaster management between India, Germany, the EU and the AHA Centre. — MNA/KTZH

## Myanmar continues 46<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Meeting

MYANMAR hosted the online 46<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Meeting (AMAF) and its related meetings. Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Min Naung presided over the 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three yesterday.

The meeting was co-chaired by Agriculture and Forestry Ministers and superior officers from China, Japan and Korea and attended by representatives of ASEAN countries, Timor-Leste, China, Japan and Korea, Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN and officials of the ASEAN Secretariat.

The meeting emphasized implemented works in 2023-2024 under the ASEAN Plus Three Cooperation Strategy on Food, Agriculture and Forestry (2016-2025), such as the ASEAN Plus Three rice reserve, information system for ASEAN food security, development on bio-energy, sustainable forestry management, health control on plant and animals, human resource development, quality agricultural product production and market operations and research development programmes.

Moreover, they approved the joint statement.

Then, they announced that the Philippines would host the 24<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry in person in 2025, and tourism promotion video clips of the Philippines were screened.

At noon, the Union minister led the eighth ASEAN India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry. Mr Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Indian Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, co-chaired the meeting.

The meeting discussed the progress in the Medium-Term Plan of Action for ASEAN-India Cooperation in Agriculture and Forestry (2021-2025), scholarships for agriculture-related science subjects, ASEAN-India Cooperation in Smart Farming and Soil Health Card, AI, utilizing cutting-edge technologies such as artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things, and machine learning. Then, they approved the joint statement.

The Indian delegation leader announced the ninth ASEAN India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry in 2026. — MNA/KTZH

# NATIONAL

## YCDC to publish YGN map book with demographics

THE Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) will publish the Yangon Map book, including population statistics, according to U Aye Min Oo, leader of the Yangon Map Publishing Team.

The Yangon Map book will feature maps and population data for the Yangon Region, as well as detailed information on the area of each township, main roads, street names, rivers, creeks, lakes, water canals, sluice gates, railways, bridges, and flyover bridges. The team has connected with relevant organizations down to the ward level to ensure accuracy.

“In addition to the map book, detailed data can be easily viewed on a mobile phone. Currently, the first step is to use the QR code system, and the second step will allow the public to download the information,” said U Aye Min Oo.

The Yangon Map Publishing Team was set up by the Public Relations and Information Department of the YCDC to produce a new map of Yangon city for the Visit Myanmar Year in 1996. Design Printing Services Company published the Yangon Map book for the 1996 Myanmar Tourism Year.



This image showcases maps of townships in Yangon Region.

Currently, the Yangon Map Publishing Team, led by the Public Relations and Information Department of the YCDC, is set to publish the Yangon Map book. — ASH/MKKS

## CBM sells US\$100,000, 8.2M Thai baht on 24 Oct

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over US\$100,000 and 8.2 million Thai baht on 24 October 2024.

CBM sold over \$2.5 million and 16.5 million baht after announcing upcoming sales of 20 million baht to importers on the foreign exchange trading platform on 23 October.

It pumped over \$7.5 million and about 150 million baht in the private sector on 22 October, again after sales of \$2.2 million and 1.5 million yuan on 21 October.

CBM announced the sale of \$35 million for those engaged in the fuel oil and edible oil sectors as per its notification dated 20 October.



The photo shows the logo of the Central Bank of Myanmar on its signboard.

CBM injected \$6 million and 200 million 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

## YRIC endorses two projects to create over 600 jobs in Oct



This photo shows a glimpse of diligent workers working at the garment workplace.

THE Yangon Region Investment Committee (YRIC) gave the green light to one domestic project made by Myanmar citizens and one joint venture with an estimated capital of K860 million and US\$1.103 million at the recent meeting 10/2024 held on 23 October, creating 622 jobs for locals.

Those projects will pump investments into the hotel sector and manufacturing sector on a Cutting-Making and Packing basis.

“YRIC gave the go-ahead to one wholly domestic project in the hotel sector and one JV in the manufac-

turing sector during the YRIC's meeting held on 23 October. YRIC has endorsed a total of 10 new projects this FY so far, creating 2,594 jobs,” said U Nyi Nyi Min, secretary of the Yangon Region government.

Furthermore, there is a capital expansion and an increase in the labour force of the existing enterprises in October. The regional investment committee has been endorsing investment projects in accordance with rules and regulations under the Myanmar Investment Law to spur investments and create more job opportunities. — ASH/KK

## CBM offers petty cash special sales to those going abroad

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) announced on 24 October 2024 that it has been selling foreign currencies for those going abroad as petty cash under a special programme in Yangon, Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw and Taunggyi, in cooperation with authorized banks and money changers, according to its notification on 14 June.

With a view to facilitating the purchase of foreign currencies in addition to internationally accepted debit cards and credit cards and curbing forex market manipulation by illegal money changers, those studying abroad, working abroad and travelling abroad for medical treatment are entitled to buy foreign cur-

rencies that are equivalent to US\$300-500 per person at the authorized banks' foreign exchange counters and money changers at the Yangon International Airport starting from 31 May 2023, while those going on a pilgrimage and those leaving for the designated countries to attend the meeting as per the invitations of the foreign governments and institutions are allowed to buy the petty cash from 18 August 2023. Those authorized money changers sell a US dollar by adding K10 to the daily online trading rate of the CBM.

Additionally, CBM also sells foreign currencies under a special programme for those going abroad for other purposes to



Counting green back notes at the exchange counter.

stabilize the foreign exchange market.

CBM joined hands with three domestic banks (KBZ, AYA Bank PCL, and UAB) and registered money changers (Eastern

Lad Co Ltd and Golden Money Services Co Ltd) for those going abroad to buy foreign currencies in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay and Taunggyi cities under the special scheme.

Authorized dealers (private banks) announced their branches were available to buy foreign currencies as petty cash on their websites and Facebook pages. Authorized foreign exchange companies also revealed the details on their respective pages.

Additionally, CBM has been arranging for those MoU workers working abroad under the Ministry of Labour's plan to purchase foreign currencies for their flight tickets on CBM's foreign exchange online trading platforms. CBM also injected over \$1 billion into the private sector for importers, edible oil and fuel oil dealers between April and October 2024 through its foreign exchange online trading platform. — NN/KK

## No price hike urged for gold dealers following misinformation

YANGON Gold Entrepreneurs Association (YGEA) asked on 24 October 2024 gold dealers not to escalate prices in the belief of misinformation.

Domestic gold prices have risen, tracking the uptick in global gold prices. Some unscrupulous people are manipulating the foreign exchange market because of the closure of Chinese borders. The statement revealed that the kyat depreciated at K4,750 against the US dollar on 24 October in the black market, pushing up the gold prices. There is widespread false information on social networks that gold price is expected to stay at K8 million per tical (0.578 ounce or 0.016 kilogramme) when the

dollar is stable in the local foreign exchange market. If the dollar gains against the kyat, the gold price is likely to soar up to K10 million per tical.

Consequently, YGEA requested gold dealers not to hike the gold prices because of malicious news, and their cooperation would be highly appreciated, YGEA stated.

YGEA urged gold shops to strictly adhere to the set reference prices when making gold transactions. The spot gold price hit a record high of \$2,740 per ounce, while the YGEA set the reference gold price at K5.6 million per tical on 25 October 2024. — NN/KK



Gold ornaments are displayed for sale at Yangon's gold outlet.

## Myanmar ships 68+ tonnes of coffee beans to Belgium in Oct



This photo shows farming workers plucking coffee fruits.

GREEN Gold Cooperative in southern Shan State exported 68.16 tonnes of coffee beans to Belgium in October 2024.

The Green Gold Cooperative is a cooperative of coffee farmers from Loilem and Hopong townships in southern Shan State.

They have delivered up to 102.24 tonnes of coffee beans to international markets as of

October in the current financial year beginning 1 April.

Myanmar's coffee bean is primarily grown in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Region and Shan State and its plantation is also found in Kayin and Chin states. There are 50,000 acres of coffee plantations across the country, comprising about 38,000 acres of Arabica plantation and 12,000 acres of Robus-

ta plantation, the Agriculture Department said.

Myanmar's annual coffee production is estimated at over 9,000 tonnes. Myanmar's Arabica coffee penetrates global markets, including Switzerland, Chinese Taipei, China, Thailand, the US, the Islands, the UK, South Korea, Japan, Germany and the UAE. — ASH/KK

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# OPINION

## Wash hands with soap to control infectious diseases

**S**INCE around 80 per cent of virus transmission from communicable diseases occurs through hand contact, individuals need to wash their hands carefully to reduce the spread of infectious diseases among people, as well as the risk of infection from clinics and hospitals. Hence, everybody needs to recognize that the hand-washing process is the best way to prevent the spread of infectious viruses among people.

Unclean hands can lead to outbreaks of diseases such as cholera, dysentery, diarrhoea, hepatitis, polio, and worm-borne diseases. Similarly, unclean skin can cause scabies, dandruff, itching, abscesses, and other conditions. The Ministry of Health frequently notes that these communicable diseases are not easy to treat, and people need to take proper preventive measures to avoid infection.

Most viruses that cause communicable diseases are invisible, yet humans come into contact with them daily, often without realizing it. Therefore, it is essential to wash hands thoroughly with soap to prevent disease transmission. Everyone should be aware that clean hands significantly contribute to overall health.

Surveys indicated that currency notes used daily in society can harbour E coli bacteria, highlighting the importance of washing hands thoroughly with soap after handling these currency notes. Proper hand-washing is an effective practice to prevent viral infections and save many lives. It is a simple yet powerful step for individuals. These surveys showed that hand-washing can reduce pneumonia infections by 23 per cent, diarrheal infections by 30-50 per cent, and respiratory tract infections by 20-45 per cent.

Actually, everyone needs to wash their hands carefully using the correct technique. Simply rinsing hands with water, without soap, and not taking enough time to wash their hands are not effective hand-washing practices. That is why hands should be washed for at least 20 seconds to remove viruses from their hands effectively.

Most viruses that cause communicable diseases are invisible, yet humans come into contact with them daily, often without realizing it. Therefore, it is essential to wash hands thoroughly with soap to prevent disease transmission. Everyone should be aware that clean hands significantly contribute to overall health.

The World Health Organization (WHO) urges people in all parts of the world to prioritize proper hand-washing. However, the majority of people around the globe do not maintain appropriate hand hygiene, which can lead to various diseases. According to records, around 3.5 million children die each year due to diseases caused by a lack of hand-washing.

In 2018, statistics showed that one-fourth of the 40 per cent mortality rate among children under five years old in Myanmar was due to preventable diseases like cholera and pneumonia. These tragic outcomes were primarily attributed to the carelessness and lack of health knowledge among adults responsible for the children.

**T**HIS proposed roadmap for Myanmar's future is not without its challenges. The deep-seated conflicts and mistrust that have plagued the nation for decades cannot be resolved overnight. However, by drawing inspiration from successful models of governance and reconciliation, such as China's remarkable progress, Myanmar can chart a course towards stability and prosperity.

The journey ahead for Myanmar is complex and multifaceted. The country's rich tapestry of ethnic diversity, which has been both a source of cultural wealth and conflict, demands a nuanced approach to reconciliation. The Panglong spirit, which once united the nation in its quest for independence, must be rekindled and adapted to address the contemporary challenges facing Myanmar.

Critics may argue that such a plan oversimplifies the complex web of ethnic, political, and economic issues facing Myanmar. Indeed, the process will require immense patience, compromise, and good faith from all parties involved. The wounds of past conflicts run deep, and building trust between various factions will be a delicate and time-consuming process. Yet, the alternative – continued conflict and stagnation – is far more costly in terms of human lives and lost opportunities.

The first step, a complete cessation of hostilities,

is crucial but challenging. It requires not only a commitment from all armed groups but also mechanisms to monitor and enforce the ceasefire. It is necessary to ensure compliance and build confidence among all parties.

Honouring the Panglong spirit in the modern context will necessitate a comprehensive dialogue that includes all ethnic groups, political parties, and civil society organizations. This process should aim to address historical grievances, ensure equitable representation, and forge a new social contract that respects the rights and aspirations of all of Myanmar's people.

The constitutional reform process that follows must be transparent, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of all stakeholders. It should address critical issues such as power-sharing between the central government and ethnic regions, resource allocation, and the role of the military in politics. That may involve difficult compromises, but it is essential for creating a stable and sustainable political framework.

Developing a federal structure that balances regional autonomy with national unity will be a complex task. It requires careful consideration of administrative boundaries, financial arrangements, and mechanisms for inter-regional cooperation. Lessons can be drawn

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Temp (Beijing)

from other federal systems worldwide, but the solution must be tailored to Myanmar's unique context.

Throughout this process, building strong institutions that can support good governance, the rule of law, and economic development will be crucial. This includes an independent judiciary, professional civil service, and robust anti-corruption measures. Strengthening these institutions will help create the

stability and predictability necessary for both domestic and foreign investment.

International support will be crucial in this endeavour. Neighbouring countries, particularly China, with its vested interest in regional stability, could play a constructive role in facilitating dialogue and providing economic assistance. The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) could serve as a neutral platform for negotiations and offer its experience in regional integration.

However, it is imperative that any external involvement respects Myanmar's sovereignty and the will of its people. The international community should provide support and resources without imposing solutions, allowing Myanmar to chart its own course towards democracy and development.

Economic development must go hand in hand with political reform. Myanmar's abundant natural resources and strategic location offer significant potential for growth. Policies that promote inclusive economic development, reduce poverty, and create opportunities for all citizens will be essential for long-term stability.

Education will play a vital role in Myanmar's transformation. Investing in human capital, promoting critical thinking, and fostering a sense of national unity while respecting ethnic diversity should be priorities.

That will help create a new generation of leaders capable of guiding Myanmar through the challenges of the 21st century.

The path forward for Myanmar is undoubtedly challenging but not insurmountable. By embracing the spirit of Panglong, honouring its diverse heritage, and committing to a transparent and inclusive process of nation-building, Myanmar can aspire to the kind of stability and progress that its people have long yearned for.

The time for change is now, and with careful steps and unwavering commitment, Myanmar can write a new chapter in its history – one of peace, prosperity, and national unity. It will require courage, patience, and a willingness to compromise from all sides. But the potential rewards – a stable, prosperous, and united Myanmar that can take its rightful place on the world stage – are well worth the effort.

As Myanmar embarks on this journey, it can look to examples like China's transformation while forging its own unique path. The road ahead may be long and, at times, difficult, but with determination and a shared vision for a better future, Myanmar can overcome its challenges and build a nation that all its citizens can be proud of.

# The Role of Generative AI in Workforce Development

*The research aims to explore the transformative potential of GenAI in the modern workforce, specifically how it challenges traditional boundaries of knowledge work.*

**A** RECENT study conducted by the BCG Henderson Institute, in collaboration with BCG X and Emma Wiles from Boston University, has provided compelling evidence that Generative AI (GenAI) can significantly enhance the capabilities of workers, empowering them to undertake tasks that extend beyond their traditional skill sets.

Titled "GenAI Doesn't Just Increase Productivity. It Expands Capabilities," this research explores the transformative potential of GenAI in the modern workforce, specifically in challenging the conventional boundaries of knowledge work.

### The Essence of the Study

The research focuses on how GenAI can augment the skills of employees, enabling them to embrace new responsibilities with greater ease.

The study involved an experiment with 480 BCG consultants

who were tasked with completing two of three complex tasks typically associated with data scientists.

These tasks included writing Python code to merge datasets, building predictive models, and validating statistical analyses generated by ChatGPT. Each of these tasks posed significant challenges for individuals lacking prior experience in coding or statistical methodologies.

The study revealed that participants equipped with GenAI tools demonstrated remarkable improvement in their ability to execute coding tasks.

On average, they achieved 86 per cent of the benchmark performance established by experienced data scientists, marking a striking 49-percentage point enhancement compared to those who performed the tasks without AI assistance.

Furthermore, the GenAI-assisted consultants completed tasks approximately 10 per cent faster than their data scientist

counterparts, highlighting the efficiency gains attributed to the use of AI tools.

### Breaking Down the Results

The findings underscore a pivotal shift in the capabilities of knowledge workers. As Nipun Kalra, Managing Director and Partner at BCG India, remarked, "In an era of unprecedented technological disruption, the global study reveals a significant change in the knowledge workforce. Technology workers are not just learning faster; they are enhancing their skills in ways that substantially boost productivity and innovation."

For example, consultants who had no prior coding or statistical experience were able to write code, apply machine learning models effectively, and correct mistakes in statistical processes, all thanks to the GenAI tool powered by GPT-4 with advanced data analysis capabilities. This instant expansion



People visit a booth during the World Artificial Intelligence Conference (WAIC) in Shanghai on 4 July 2024. PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ AFP/ FILE

of capabilities demonstrates how AI can facilitate a steep learning curve, allowing workers to tackle complex challenges that would have previously been beyond their reach.

### The Limitations of GenAI

However, the study also identified areas where GenAI struggled to yield optimal results. Particularly, during the predictive analytics task, both the consultants and the GenAI tool faced significant hurdles. This was a revealing aspect of the research, as it highlighted the limitations of AI in specific domains where proficiency is critical. Despite these challenges, GenAI proved to be a valuable brainstorming partner, enabling participants to integrate their knowledge with AI-generated insights. This collaboration led to the discovery of new techniques and enhanced problem-solving capabilities.

The predictive analytics task exemplified a critical insight: while GenAI can augment capabilities, it does not guarantee mastery of complex skills. The study noted that neither the consultants nor the AI tool possessed a high level of proficiency in predictive analytics, leading to suboptimal outcomes. This raises an important question about the nature of learning in the context of AI assistance.

SOURCE: ANI



# NATIONAL

## People's Military Service Training 4 holds passing out parade

THE passing out parade for the People's Military Service Training 4 was held yesterday at the No 1 Basic Military Training Depot in Mingon village of Hlegu township in Yangon Region.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Soe Thein, cabinet members, Yangon Command Deputy Commander Brig-Gen

Tun Tun Oo and relevant officials attended the event.

The depot commandant and trainee companies saluted the National Flag, and the commandant took the salute of the company.

The commandant presented awards for outstanding trainees, including the model trainee award, military training

excellence award, sniper soldier award, and soldier's CoC award, and gave a speech to conclude the ceremony.

The military training offered various subjects, including fitness, military operation, small arms, military tactics, engineering, administration and general. — San Kyaw Oo (IPRD)/KTZH



The passing out parade of the People's Military Service Training 4 in progress in Yangon Region yesterday.

## Graduation for People's Military Service Training 4 concludes successfully

GRADUATION ceremonies for the fourth batch of the People's Military Service Training Programme, designed to prepare Myanmar's citizens for national defence and security, were held this morning at military training depots across relevant military headquarters. In line with Myanmar's People's Military Service Act, effective on 10 February 2024, this programme aims to cultivate a robust and disciplined force of citizens ready to uphold the Union's sovereignty, unity, and security.

The ceremonies began with trainees performing precision drills as part of a structured parade programme, reflecting their discipline and skills. With the national flag held high, graduates took an oath of loyalty to Myanmar. Officials awarded top-performing trainees with distinctions in categories such as Model Soldier, Best Drill Performance, Exemplary Conduct, Best Marksmanship,



Trainees in a training session.

Best Mine Handling, and Leadership in Unit Strategy. The honours were given in recognition of their dedication, with additional remarks underscoring the importance of loyalty, discipline, and tactical proficiency for Myanmar's national security.

High-level officials, including the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairperson, chief ministers from various regions and states, commanders, and other senior personnel, attended the event. Each of these officials gave congratulatory speeches to the graduates, emphasizing

the commitment to national defence as outlined in sections 385 and 386 of the 2008 Constitution. These sections underscore that all citizens share the responsibility of defending Myanmar's independence and sovereignty, and participation in the military training programme supports this mandate. Officials reminded the graduates that in times of shifting global dynamics, their vigilance, patriotism, and solidarity are vital to maintaining Myanmar's stability and strength.

The fourth training batch, which started on 5 August 2024,



The concluding ceremony of the People's Military Service Training 4 in progress.

provided a robust curriculum covering both theoretical and practical aspects of military science. During the training period, participants engaged in diverse areas, including combat strategy, tactical deployment, and physical drills. Practical training included small arms handling, unit-based assault manoeuvres, mine handling, and battlefield engineering. Leadership and field administration modules were also incorporated to ensure trainees are well-rounded in both military operations and organizational management.

Graduates leave the programme equipped with skills in teamwork, strategic planning, and effective communication. The training also nurtured a sense of patriotism, commitment to national unity, and an esprit de corps that will support them in their assigned military units. Following their graduation, these trained individuals will take up defence roles across military bases, joining existing forces in ensuring Myanmar's security.

The voices of the dedicated graduates from the fourth batch of the People's Military Service Training Programme reflect their experiences, the valuable habits, beliefs, and principles they developed, and their readiness to continue serving within their designated battalions and units after graduation as follows:

The event concluded with an official dinner hosted for graduates. — MNA/KZL

## Theemwe banana trade increases in Toungoo

DESPITE the supply shortage, Theemwe banana trade has increased in Bago Region's Toungoo Township.

Most banana farms located along the Sittoung River in Toungoo were destroyed by this year's flood, leading to a decrease in banana production. However, the trade of Theemwe bananas produced from the highland area has been good.

"Banana supply has been short here. All banana farms by the Sittoung River were covered in water, but others

located in the highland area were not affected. Banana prices have risen about one-fold this year compared to last year. This year's harvest season is late. At present, all bananas freshly harvested have been sold; the production is low. We grow Theemwe," said Ko Myo Min, a banana farmer in Toungoo.

Pheegyan banana, mainly grown in the highland area, was affected the least by the flood.

"Pheegyan banana farms were not

damaged much because they are located at the highland. The price is high. Banana production peaks in winter beyond Tazaungine. Theemwe price will be the same with this month over next months. Banana market was not good last year, but it is fine this year," he said. — Thit Taw/ZS

A Theemwe banana branch produced from Toungoo.



# NATIONAL

## Thai climbing perch fish farmers increase amid handsome prices plus quick money

THERE are more breeders of Thai climbing perch as they are marketable in a short period, according to the fish hatchery market.

It is marketable in 90 days from breeding half-inch-size fishes, and a small-scale farmer can start a business from hundreds of thousands.

“Retailers farm catfish. The big businesspeople farm carp and river catfish. Lately, people have also been farming Thai climbing perch. These fish have a good price. If you breed small fish of five or four ticals, you can get more than K10,000 per viss at the market. You can earn within three months from the start of breeding. If you can feed them enough for 90 days, their weight can go up to four, five, six, seven, or eight ticals. People can start on a small scale. If you farm 1,000 fish, it will cost K250,000-K300,000. So, it is profitable in a small investment,” said the official of Ko Zaw Moe fish hatchery in Kayan Township.

At present, carp, river catfish and pomfret are selling briskly in the fish hatchery market, and people from various regions are also buying Thai climbing perch, which is good for a short-term business.

“Currently, carp, river catfish and pomfret are selling well.



Thai climbing perch fish are seen in the market.

Thai climbing perch are quick to get money. Then river catfish is also profitable in a short time. The maximum time is two and a half to three months. Thai climbing perch is farmed in many regions, such as Mandalay, Nay Pyi Taw, Magway, and Ayeyawady. There are many breeders in Wakema, Eainme and Mawgyun. Such farmers have increased,” he explained.

— Thit Taw/ZN

## First-semester exam to be held in Nov for Myanmar students

THE first-semester exam of the 2024-25 academic year of the basic education programme for Myanmar children abroad is set to be held next month, announced by the Myanmar Embassy in Singapore on 25 October.

From Grade 1 to Grade 5, it will be held on 15 November, and from Grade 6 to Grade 12, it will be held on 16 November at the embassy.

Registration numbers can be taken out correspondingly to grades on the exam day.

Timetable from Grade 1 to Grade 3 is from 9 am to 12 pm and Grade 4 and Grade 5 is from 9 am to 2:15 pm.

On 16 November, the timetable from Grade 6 to Grade 9 is from 9 am to 3:10 pm and from Grade 10 to Grade 12 is from 9 am to 4:05 pm. — MT/ZS

### Counter-argument to false information

#### False reports: Security forces engage in extortion, kidnappings in Sagaing



This screenshot validates misinformation.

FALSE reports emerged from malicious news media, alleging that security personnel were involved in extortion, kidnappings for ransom, and even detaining and harming villagers in Sagaing Region, as well as seizing vehicles and demanding varying fees for their release.

However, according to an official statement, these claims are baseless fabrications. Security personnel reportedly conducted security checks solely to ensure the safety and peaceful travel of the public. Reports appear to be part of a colluded act by malicious media to disrupt the activities of security forces and to mislead the public's perception with intentional misinformation. — MNA/KZL

## Illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth over K477M

EFFORTS to combat illegal trade, overseen by the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, are being carried out effectively by the law.

On 22 and 24 October, the combined on-duty teams impounded industrial materials worth K44.770 million without official documents from three containers at the Asia World Port Terminal container checkpoint and a Yutong express bus (estimated value of K60 million), heading to Mandalay from Hpa-an, carrying foodstuffs valued at K6.4 million without official documents at the Mayanchaung permanent checkpoint. The action was conducted in line with Customs procedures.

Similarly, on 23 October, the combined teams conducted inspections with the seizure of five kinds of consumer goods and two kinds of industrial materials valued at K56.624 million without official documents from a warehouse at the Industrial Zone 1 in Hpa-an Township, three kinds of industrial materials worth K12.104 million without official documents from a warehouse in Thamanya area, industrial materials and two types of foodstuffs worth K9.216 million without official documents from a warehouse in a rubber plantation in Thamanya area, six kinds of industrial materials and foodstuffs worth K29.2 million from two warehouses in Th-



Confiscated items in Mandalay Region.

manya area and a Mercedes Benz bus (estimated value of K70 million), travelling from Hpa-an to Mandalay, carrying two kinds of foodstuffs and six kinds of consumer goods valued at K45.564 million without official documents at the Thanlwin Bridge (Tayokhla side) combined checkpoint. The action was conducted as per Customs procedures.

Furthermore, on 24 October, the combined team confiscated consumer goods worth K6.6 million that were smuggled and piled up by the side of the road over the Sinphyu border in Muse Township and industrial materials worth K11 million that were smuggled and piled up by the side of the bank in Kawthoung Township, following Cus-

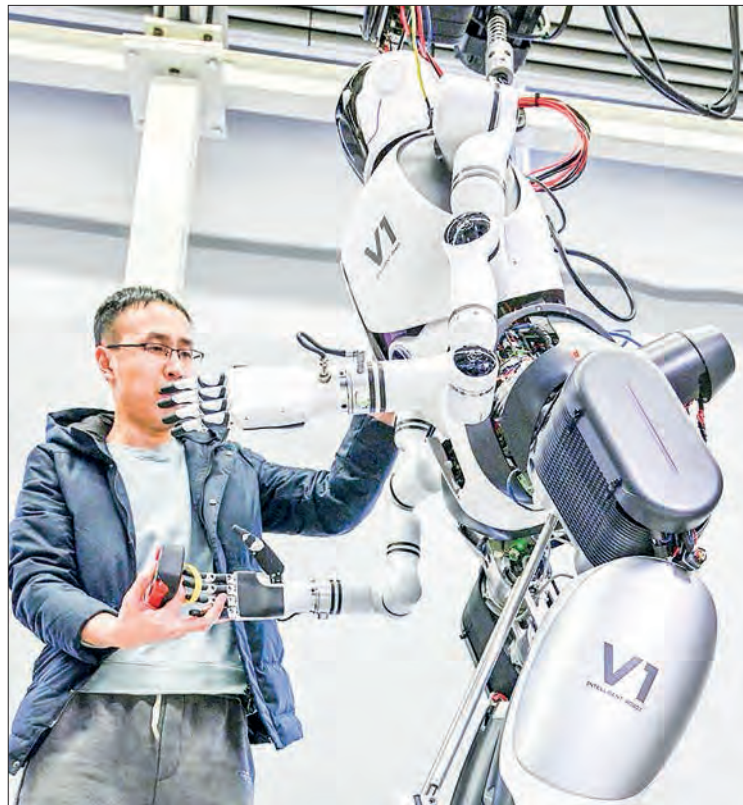
toms procedures.

The combined on-duty teams managed by the Mandalay Region Illegal Trade Eradication Task Force captured a Nissan AD station wagon (estimated value of K29 million) heading to Mandalay from Muse, carrying five kinds of industrial materials worth K16.052 million at the 16<sup>th</sup>-Mile Kyaukchaw checkpoint and a Jin Bei mini-bus (estimated value of K45 million) that was parked carrying 21 types of consumer goods and 14 kinds of industrial materials worth K25.963 million in Paleik. The action was conducted according to Customs procedures.

Additionally, illegal timbers weighing 2.946 tonnes worth K1.178 million were seized from a vehicle (approximately K8.5 million) in Taikkyi Township. The action was taken under the Forest Law.

Overall, from 22 to 24 October, 41 arrests were made, leading to the seizure of illegal items worth approximately K477 million. The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee has reported that unlawful trade poses a significant obstacle to the country's economic development and significantly impacts the socioeconomic sector. Consequently, the committee has stated its commitment to intensifying efforts against illegal trade. — MNA/MKKS

# ECONOMY WORLD



A researcher adjusts a humanoid robot at an AI laboratory on 31 January 2024. "Q Family" humanoid robots developed by the research team of the Institute of Automation, Chinese Academy of Sciences, recently made their public debut in Beijing. **PHOTO: PIX FOR VISUAL PURPOSE/ CHEN YEYHUA/XINHUA**

## Cambodia, China-ASEAN Information Harbour sign MoU to boost digital infrastructure, economy

*The agreement seeks to leverage advanced digital infrastructure and technologies to promote economic development and improve the quality of life in the region.*

CAMBODIA and the China-ASEAN Information Harbour Co Ltd. (CAIH) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to boost technological innovation, digital infrastructure, and digital economy, said a news release on Thursday.

The deal was inked here on Wednesday between Cambodia's Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology & Innovation (MIS-

TI) and the CAIH under the presence of MISTI's Undersecretary of State Hul Seingheng.

The MoU marks a significant step for Cambodia towards enhancing technological innovation and connectivity in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the news release said.

"This agreement aims to leverage advanced digital infra-

structure and cutting-edge technologies to promote economic development and improve quality of life across the region," the news release said. Seingheng said the partnership builds on years of collaboration, which gained momentum after a MISTI delegation visited the CAIH in June 2024 and that the visit laid the groundwork for this formalized agreement. — Xinhua

### BRIEF: ECON

#### India provided financial support to its neighbours much before IMF

UNION Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has said that India provided financial support to its neighbours in times of distress with no conditions attached much before the International Monetary Fund (IMF) reached some countries in the neighbourhood.

While participating in a panel discussion on the 'Bretton Woods Institutions at 80: Priorities for the Next Decade', organized by the Centre for Global Development, Sitharaman spoke on how India has extended a line of credit to many African nations to build their institutions, bridges, secretariats and railway stations.

Pointing towards the slow process adopted by the IMF, she said, "Much before the IMF's of the world reach some countries in our neighbourhood and I'm not saying this with a sense of boast.

I'm saying it more with a sense of responsibility and again, sorry, I have no axe to grind with the IMF. But with no conditions attached, we have given sums of money, which I don't want to name here, number here, because my neighbours are very dear to me." — ANI

#### Vietnam considers abolishing credit growth quota

THE State Bank of Vietnam is studying a roadmap to gradually abolish the credit growth quota policy following the National Assembly and the government's directions, Vietnam News cited the bank's Deputy Governor Pham Quang Dung as saying on Thursday.

Credit growth quota has been allocated to commercial banks in Vietnam since early this year.

Some banks registered high credit growth rates, even doubling the growth rate of the entire system, while some saw slow credit growth, even negative growth. This unevenness is a problem of the credit growth quota policy, Vietnam News reported. — Xinhua

## Stopping gas transit through Ukraine will increase European prices: Vulin

THE Ukrainian occupation of the Russian town of Sudzha and the possible cessation of gas transit through Ukraine may lead to higher gas prices in Europe, but Belgrade will not suffer thanks to a long-term contract with Moscow, Serbian Deputy Prime Minister Aleksandar Vulin said in an interview with Sputnik.

There is a gas metering station in Sudzha in the Kursk Region, through which Russian energy giant Gazprom supplies Russian gas for transit through Ukrainian territory.

"That can be a problem. That can be a problem for all of us, for entire Europe, not just for Serbia. But speaking [about it], we can do nothing about it.

If you expect that Ukraine will listen to what Serbia said - no, it will not happen. But are we expecting [an] increase in price for gas? Yes, of course. But luckily, we have an agreement with Russia. So we will not be damaged by that," Vulin said on the sidelines of the BRICS summit, answering a relevant question. — SPUTNIK



The Amur Gas Processing Plant, located in the Amur Region of Russia, is a major facility designed to process natural gas and contribute to the country's energy supply. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

# German big business fears Trump victory: survey

*Companies with strong economic ties to the US expect the most negative consequences, while those without direct export connections also fear indirect effects as suppliers.*

A survey of German companies published Thursday found nearly one in two expect negative impacts if Donald Trump wins the US presidential election over Kamala Harris, with just five per cent expecting positive effects.

However around 51

per cent of the companies surveyed said it would make no difference whether Trump or Harris wins the 5 November vote, the survey by the Ifo institute said.

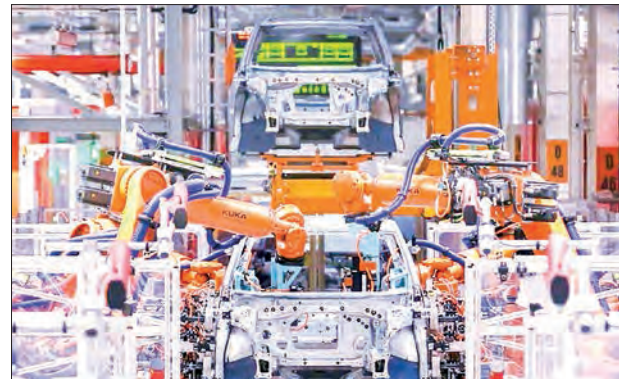
Trump has threatened tariffs on imports to the United States if he wins a

second term in office. This spells danger for industry in Germany, for which the United States is now the top trade partner.

US-German relations took a hit under Trump's 2017-2021 presidency. He berated it and other allies on trade issues and

for what he said was insufficient spending on the NATO defence alliance.

"Companies with close economic ties to the USA in particular expect negative consequences if Trump wins the election," said Ifo researcher Andreas Baur. — AFP



Limited Action: Only 4 per cent of surveyed companies are considering concrete actions, such as relocating production facilities to the US, if Trump wins the election.

PHOTO: AFP/FILE

## New models help Renault maintain sales in third quarter

RENAULT said Thursday it managed to post an increase in third quarter revenue, weathering the overall slowdown in auto sales better than many rivals thanks in part to the introduction of new models.

Overall revenue at the French carmaker edged 1.8 per cent higher to 10.7 billion euros (\$11.6 billion) in the third quarter, although auto sales dipped 0.5 per cent to 9.3 billion.

The results beat analyst expectations.

"The product offensive is becoming visible," said the group's chief financial officer,

Thierry Pieton.

Renault recently launched an electric version of its Scenic MPV and Symbioz and Rafale SUVs.

Its budget Dacia brand rolled out an updat-

ed version of its Duster SUV.

After 10 new models in 2024, Renault plans to launch seven in 2025.

"This appealing and competitive line-up, with

both electric and ICE & hybrid vehicles, demonstrates our flexibility to adapt whatever the pace of EV transition and remains a key support for the Group's performance together with cost reduction," Renault said in a statement.

Renault shares revved more than seven per cent higher during morning trading on the Paris stock exchange.

Unlike other automakers, Renault maintained its 2024 financial guidance of a group operating margin of 7.5 per cent or higher and a free cash flow 2.5 billion euros or higher. — AFP



Renault has big hopes for its little R5 to boost its sales of electric cars, tapping into nostalgia for a popular model of the 1980s and 1990s. PHOTO: AFP

## S Korea's Hyundai Motor logs record revenue in Q3

SOUTH Korea's biggest automaker Hyundai Motor logged its record third-quarter revenue thanks to strong demand in domestic and North American markets as well as favourable currency rates, the company said Thursday.

Revenue increased 4.7 per cent from a year earlier to 42.93 trillion

won (US\$31.1 billion) in the July-September quarter, marking the highest third-quarter figure in the carmaker's history.

Hyundai sold 1,011,808 units across the world in the third quarter, down 3.2 per cent compared to the same quarter of last year.

Despite the overall sales decrease, the reve-

nue gained ground on the back of stronger demand for high-end vehicles and favourable currency rates.

Hyundai's domestic automotive sales rose 1.8 per cent to 169,901 units, and sales in North America grew 9.3 per cent to 300,319 units.

Sales of electrified models, including hybrids, plug-in hybrids, battery

electric vehicles and fuel cell electric vehicles, jumped 19.5 per cent to 201,849 units.

Operating profit, however, shrank 6.5 per cent from a year earlier to 3.58 trillion won (2.6 billion dollars) in the third quarter, and net income dwindled 3.0 per cent to 3.21 trillion won (2.3 billion dollars). — Xinhua

### MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

AS the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the **1st November 2024 (Deepavali Public Holiday)**, Loading, Unloading and delivery for Goods will be received on Payment as Holiday Fees.

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V BANGKOK VOY.NO. (190N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BANGKOK VOY.NO. (190N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **26-10-2024** 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.

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# ROLLING UPDATES

## WORLD

## “India is an anchor of stability in South Asia,” German Chancellor says

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz emphasized the potential for a thriving partnership in skilled labour and sustainable technologies, marking a significant milestone in the 25-year collaboration between India and Germany.

AFTER meeting with PM Narendra Modi, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz said that Germany supported India's stance on peace and stability in the region.

Spokesperson of the Ministry of External Affairs, Randhir Jaiswal said on Thursday that PM Modi and Scholz's valuable guidance on India-Germany B2B engagements is critical to scaling up the partnership.

Chancellor Olaf Scholz emphasized Germany's respect for a rules-based international order and commended India's commitment to achieving lasting peace, particularly in South Asia.

Scholz highlighted the urgency of achieving a ceasefire and a political process leading to a two-state solution in the Middle East, while also advocating for the freedom of maritime trade in the Indo-Pacific.

Scholz expressed Germany's desire to attract skilled labour from India, particularly in sectors such as medicine, care, and IT, presenting a specific agenda to enhance this partnership.

He stressed the importance of collaboration in environmentally friendly and sustainable technologies, such as digitization and semiconductor production,



After their meeting, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz praised India's dedication to peace and stability, reinforcing Germany's commitment to a rules-based international order. **PHOTO: ANI**

and acknowledged India's potential as a global hub for green hydrogen.

Reflecting on the 25-year partnership between India and Germany, Scholz noted that their

cooperation has become increasingly trusting and substantial. — ANI

## Rice prices hit record rise as inflation key issue in Japan election

TOKYO rice prices in October soared a record 62.3 per cent from a year ago, government data showed Friday, as rising living costs have become a key issue in Japan's general election being held this weekend.

The surge in rice prices, the largest increase since comparable data became available in 1971, comes as farmers pass rising labor and fertilizer costs on to consumers. Rice prices have been trending upward in recent months, particularly in urban areas, also due to short supply following last year's hot summer and increased demand from restaurants.

With the Tokyo figures



File photo shows rice sold in bags at a supermarket in Koshigaya, Saitama Prefecture, on 18 October 2024. **PHOTO: KYODO**

serving as a bellwether for the national trend, analysts expect the costs to remain high, dis-

pellling hopes that the arrival of new rice in the fall might lower prices. — Kyodo

## Europe's future should not 'depend' on US vote

TOP EU official Charles Michel has said the bloc's future should not rely on the result of the US election, as he suggested both Donald Trump and Kamala Harris would stick to protectionist policies.

“There are some differences between Harris and Trump for sure,” outgoing European Council president Michel said in an interview Thursday with the European Newsroom of which AFP is a

part.

EU countries are anxious about the upcoming U.S. election, fearing former President Trump's return could disrupt NATO and US-EU relations. — AFP

## Commonwealth struggles to overcome splits over brutal past

BRITAIN'S King Charles deflected calls to atone for his country's colonial past Friday, as a summit of Commonwealth allies turned into a factious debate about the legacy of slavery and empire.

Leaders from the 56-nation Commonwealth — made up mostly of British ex-colonies — gathered for a summit in Samoa, hoping to prove the bloc is united and still relevant.

But instead of finding common cause on pressing issues like climate change, Charles III's maiden summit as king has been overshadowed by history.

Many nations in Africa, the Caribbean, and the Pacific are advocating for Britain and other European powers to pay financial compensation or make political amends for the historical injustices of slavery. — AFP



The Parliament of Samoa during the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) in Apia, Samoa. **PHOTO: AFP**

# SPORTS

## Myanmar rowing team wins gold in Dragon Boat World Cup & C'ships

THE Myanmar rowing team achieved a gold medal victory at the 2024 ICF Dragon Boat World Cup and the World Dragon Boat Championships held from 24 October to 3 November. These events are taking place

in Yichang, China, and Puerto Princesa, the Philippines. The competition, which commenced on 25 October, saw the Myanmar team secure first place in the men's 8-oar, 2,000-metre event, clinching the gold medal.



The Myanmar rowing team is seen after receiving the gold medal in China.

In the finals of this category, twelve teams competed fiercely, with Myanmar emerging as the champion, followed by Thailand with the silver medal, and China

taking the bronze. The Myanmar contingent, led by Myanmar Rowing Federation President U Thaug Htike Min, includes officials, coaches, and 20 male

and female rowers, totalling 23 participants. They are set to continue competing in other events throughout the championship. — Arkar Lin/KZL

## Sonrak shines with decision win; Eh Mwi falls short at ONE Friday Fights 84

MYANMAR fighter Sonrak secured a victory, while fellow Myanmar contender Eh Mwi suffered a loss at ONE Friday Fights 84 in Thailand last night.

Sonrak faced off against Japanese fighter Kasahara, winning by decision. Both fighters demonstrated skill, but Sonrak's strategic striking earned him the points advantage. Near the end of the first round, Sonrak scored with a left punch that briefly staggered Kasahara, and his knees and punches in the third round further solidified his lead. This marks Sonrak's third consecutive win.

In a separate bout, Eh Mwi battled Gambian-Swiss fighter Omar but was unable to se-



Sonrak and Kasaharara engage in a fierce battle. PHOTO: ONE CHAMPIONSHIP

cure a win, losing by decision. Though Eh Mu had won his debut match by KO, he struggled this time to land decisive strikes. The first round saw a close match-up, but from the

second round, Omar's precise punches and elbow strikes consistently connected with Eh Mwi's face, giving Omar the edge in the decision victory. — Shine Htet Zaw/KZL

## Myanmar U-17 squad stumbles again, falling to Vietnam in AFC Tournament



Myanmar and Vietnam compete for dominance on the field. PHOTO: MFF

IN the AFC U-17 Championship Group I on 25 October, the Myanmar team faced another defeat against host Vietnam.

On the second day of com-

petition, Vietnam smashed Myanmar with a score of 2-0, while Yemen secured a 3-2 victory over Kyrgyzstan. The Myanmar team made some

changes to their lineup after their previous match against Yemen. Despite showing resilience against the host nation Vietnam for 70 minutes, Myanmar conceded two goals in 71 and 90 minutes, resulting in their loss.

After two matches in Group I, Yemen leads with six points, followed by Vietnam with four points, and Kyrgyzstan with one point, while Myanmar is yet to secure any points. The Myanmar team is set to play their final group match against Kyrgyzstan on 27 October. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

## Guardiola backs Man City's Foden to emerge from slump

PEP Guardiola believes Phil Foden is set to emerge from his slump after the Manchester City forward admitted he has been suffering from burnout.

Foden was a key figure in City's Premier League title triumph last season, scoring 27 goals in all competitions to earn the Professional Footballers' Association player of the year award.

The 24-year-old has struggled to recapture that dynamic form this season and has started only one league game so far.

Foden revealed he has felt fatigued after his draining role in City's title success was immediately followed by England's run to the Euro 2024 final.

With little time to rest, he has been a shadow of himself after playing 69 games for club and country last term.

But Guardiola hopes his second goal this season in Wednesday's 5-0 rout of Sparta Prague in the Champions League was a sign he is finally getting back in the groove.

"I'm not concerned at all about how long it takes. When he is fine he will get it. He is a natural, incredible talent who solves the game for himself," Guardiola told reporters on Friday.

"In a career with many years already for Phil you have these bumps, these ups and downs. You try to make them smaller.

"In the game against Sparta, the first goal showed he figured it out. They are human beings, try

to be patient. Let them know we are with them".

— AFP



Manchester City's Phil Foden is fighting to recover his peak form. PHOTO: AFP

“India is an anchor of stability in South Asia,” German Chancellor says

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## Russia’s State Duma ratifies Russia–N Korea comprehensive strategic partnership treaty

**R**USSIA’S lower house ratified the treaty on comprehensive strategic partnership between Russia and North Korea during a plenary session on Thursday.

Russian President Vladimir Putin submitted to the Russian State Duma a bill to ratify the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership Treaty between Russia and North Korea earlier in October.

The Treaty on Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between Russia and North Korea, which provides for mutual military assistance, is defensive and is not directed against third countries, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Andrey Rudenko said on Thursday.

The document includes the provision of mutual military assistance “in accordance with Article 51 of the UN Charter in the event that one of the parties is attacked by any state, thus finding itself in a state of war,” the diplomat said during his address to the lower house.

“The content of the mentioned article clearly indicates that the treaty is defensive in nature, is not directed against the security of third countries, and is aimed at maintaining stability in the Northeast Asian region,” Rudenko said. — SPUTNIK

*The treaty includes provisions for mutual military assistance in accordance with Article 51 of the UN Charter, applicable in the event of an attack on either party.*



Russia’s President Vladimir Putin and North Korea’s leader Kim Jong Un attend an official welcoming ceremony at Kim Il Sung Square in Pyongyang, North Korea on 19 June 2024. **PHOTO: GAVRIIL GRIGOROV/SPUTNIK/FILE**

## Venice to continue tourist entry fee in 2025

VENICE authorities said Thursday they would extend to next year a controversial experimental system that charges day tourists an entry fee to visit the floating city.

Considered one of the most beautiful cities on



A picture taken on 17 July 2019 shows the San Marco’s bell tower (L) and the “Palazzo Ducale”, seen from San Maggioro’s bell tower on San Giorgio Maggiore island in front of Venice.

**PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

the planet, Venice is a top tourist destination — but is drowning under the droves of sightseers who visit each year.

A trial of entry fees for day visitors began in April, when tourists who were not staying overnight in hotels were required for the first time to buy a five-euro (\$5.4) ticket for entry into the UNESCO World Heritage site.

The 29 days in 2024 chosen to try out the scheme — mostly crowded weekends and holidays — would be increased to 54 next year, Mayor Luigi Brugnaro said Thursday.

“Next year it will start on 18 April and will be active on 54 specific days,” Brugnaro wrote on social media.

Tourists who book at least four days in advance will pay 5 euros, while last-minute bookings will increase to 10 euros. Venice’s Mayor Brugnaro describes this as a “first step” to manage tourist flows and encourage visitors to choose less crowded times. — AFP

### ACHIEVEMENT OF FOREIGN POLICY

#### Bolivia joining BRICS as partner nation

BRICS member states have approved Bolivia’s admission to the organization as a partner nation, Bolivian President Luis Arce said on Friday.

The Bolivian president added that this step represented the most significant achievement of Bolivian foreign policy, with the results being multidimensional.

“Our Plurinational State of Bolivia is taking a fundamental step towards its entry into BRICS, having been informed of the acceptance of the member states to become an associated state,” Arce wrote on Telegram.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said earlier that BRICS member states had agreed on a list of partner states during the summit in Russia’s Kazan.

The BRICS Summit was held in Kazan from 22-24 October. The event focused on strengthening multilateralism, integrating new members of the bloc and addressing regional challenges. On Wednesday, the leaders of the BRICS member states issued a joint declaration. — SPUTNIK