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SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to visit People's Republic of China

AT the invitation of the People's Republic of China, Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing will soon pay an official visit to the People's Republic of China.

During the visit, the Senior General will attend the Eighth Greater Mekong Subregion Economic Cooperation Programme (GMS) Summit, the 10th Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS)

Summit, and the 11th Cambodia-Lao PDR-Myanmar-Vietnam (CLMV) Summit to be held in Kunming, the People's Republic of China, on 6 and 7 November.

Moreover, the Senior General will hold talks with officials of the govern-

ment of the People's Republic of China to focus on friendly relations between the government and the people of both countries and the promotion of cooperation in economic and other sectors. — MNA/TTA

Traditional Medicine Conf dedicated to enhancing drug potency, therapy effectiveness

The 23rd Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference aims to elevate quality accreditation in traditional medicine education.



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win chairs the coordination meeting of the Leading Committee on Holding the 23rd Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and Myanmar Traditional Medicine Seminar yesterday.

VICE-SENIOR General Soe Win pointed out that Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners have to cooperate with international organiza-

tions in the traditional medicine sector in order to promote quality accreditation in traditional medicine education and medicines to penetrate the global community.

A coordination meeting of the Leading Committee for Holding the 23rd Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners'

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Salient points from the speech delivered by the Vice-Senior General at the meeting on holding the traditional medicine practitioners' conference and seminar

1. The research papers should cover traditional medicines of national ethnic groups, current therapies and drugs, and the strengths and weaknesses of Myanmar's medication in comparison to those of the international community.
2. Records for all measures of the conference and the seminar must be set systematically for new generations, and these records must be kept in the database, websites, and ministry servers.
3. Traditional medicine practitioners and traditional medicine producers were urged to invite subject-wise experts from neighbouring countries and other countries to the conference and the seminar.

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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

Towards a Prosperous Future: Achieving Harmonious Development in Myanmar's Key Sectors

MYANMAR must achieve harmonious development across the economic, social, educational, and health sectors to become a peaceful, prosperous, modern, and developed nation.

Education is essential for all.

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting to provide guidance to outstanding students for the 2023-2024 academic year on 26 April 2024)

1 special criminal appeal case, 11 special civil appeal cases passed judgements; 5 special civil appeal cases heard

A special appeal tribunal consisting of Chief Justice of the Union U Tha Htay and Judges of the Supreme Court of the Union U Thein Ko Ko, Daw Thin Thin Nwet, Daw Pyone Pyone Aye and Dr Ko Ko Naing was convened Monday morning at the Supreme Court of the Union and passed judgements for one special criminal appeal case — No 3/2024 (Mandalay) and eleven special civil appeal cases – Nos 52/2024 (Yangon), 55/2024 (Shan), 56/2024 (Mandalay), 62/2024 (Bago), 64/2024 (Yangon), 65/2024 (Mon), 53/2024 (Yangon), 57/2024 (Taninthayi), 66/2024 (Taninthayi), 67/2024 (Taninthayi) and 69/2024 (Magway).

In addition, a total of five special civil appeal cases – Nos 19/2024 (Yangon), 41/2024 (Ayeyawady), 45/2024 (Yangon), 46/2024 (Yangon) and 71/2024 (Ayeyawady) were heard. — MNA

YU marks geography faculty's centenary with Dr Daw Thin Kyi statue unveiling

THE ceremony for the unveiling of Dr Daw Thin Kyi's statue, marking the centenary of the geography faculty at Yangon University, took place on the morning of 3 November at the library of the university's Geography Department.

Dr Daw Thin Kyi began her tenure as Professor of Geography at Yangon University on 19 June 1951. In recognition of her contributions to Myanmar's independence struggle and her distinguished service, she was awarded the title of Naing Ngan Gonyi (second class) by the State in 1980. She retired in June 1977 and passed away on 13 October 1990.

Dr Daw Thin Kyi, who pioneered geography education and led significant research efforts that benefited the country, is often regarded as the "Mother of Geography in Myanmar".

The statue was created by Dr Myint San, a retired professor of sculpture at the National University of Arts and Culture. Additionally, a ceremony honouring past geography educators was held at the Arts Hall of Yangon University as part of the centenary celebrations. — Akar Lin/TKO



A bust statue of Dr Daw Thin Kyi.



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NEW TESTS	NEW CASES	CASUALTIES
9,959	6	Nil

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

Traditional Medicine Conf dedicated to enhancing ...

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Conference and Myanmar Traditional Medicine Seminar took place at the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon, with an address by Patron of the Leading Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Senior General highlighted that the conference aims to enhance quality accreditation in traditional medicine education, foster further development of traditional medicine, produce traditional medicines

in line with modern standards, increase the number of qualified traditional medicine practitioners, and foster respect and appreciation for Myanmar's traditional medical, cultural heritage.

He noted that the research papers should cover traditional medicines of national ethnic groups, current therapies and drugs, as well as the strengths and weaknesses of Myanmar's medication in comparison to those of the international community.

He underlined that records for all measures of the conference and the seminar should

be set systematically for new generations, adding that these records must be kept in the database, websites, and servers of the ministry.

The Vice-Senior General emphasized that it is necessary to produce traditional medicines mentioned in the research papers for public use and registration for these drugs under the law.

He continued that Myanmar's traditional medicine practitioners have to cooperate with international organizations such as the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, ASEAN, BIMSTEC, and Me-

kong in the traditional medicine sector in order to promote quality accreditation in traditional medicine education and medicines to penetrate the international community.

He stressed that the conference needs to focus on discussions to develop Myanmar's traditional medicine education and treatises of traditional medicines and potent drugs as a national heritage.

He urged traditional medicine practitioners and traditional medicine producers to invite subject-wise experts from neighbouring countries and other countries to the con-

ference and the seminar.

Chairman of the Leading Committee Union Minister for Health Dr Thet Khaing Win reported on preparations to organize the conference and the seminar successfully.

Director-General Dr Su Su Dwe of the Traditional Medicine Department presented the work process of the leading and work committees and plans to hold the conference and the seminar in detail.

The Vice-Senior General coordinated all measures discussed at the meeting and gave a concluding remark. — MNA/TTA

Central Committee on Multi-Modal Transport holds 1st coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Central Committee on Multi-Modal Transport organized its first coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Deputy Prime Minister Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo, who is also chairman of the central committee, attended the meeting.

The deputy director-general of the Transport Planning Department, in the capacity of the joint secretary of the central committee, clarified the Multi-Modal Transport Law and Rules, and central committee members, relevant departmental officials under the ministry, presidents, and



Deputy Prime Minister MoTC Union Minister General Mya Tun Oo chairs the first coordination meeting of the Central Committee on Multi-Modal Transport yesterday.

executive members of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), Myanmar Transport and Logistics Federation (MTLF) and Myanmar International Freight Forwarders Association (MIFFA) coordinated the discussion.

The Central Committee on Multi-Modal Transport was formed to implement the stipulations provided in the Multi-Modal Transport Law and Rules under Section 6 of the Multi-Modal Transport Law and to promote the multi-modal transport services and logistics sector. — MNA/KTZH

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Ministry athletes urged to compete with team spirit: MoI Union Minister



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn warmly greets the ministry's sports contingent yesterday.

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn met administrators, coaches and athletes who will participate in the Fifth National Sports Festival 2024, representing the ministry, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the event, the Union minister said the ministry will compete in six different sports. The opening and closing events will be held at a national level, and athletes also should compete with sports spirit. The national sports festival is intertwined with health, politics and national political affairs.

He then mentioned the intention of the festival and urged them to com-

pete with a positive attitude, showing unity and following the rules.

He also encouraged them to show their mutual understanding and tolerance and to promote the dignity of the ministry and the country with team spirit.

Then, the Union minister and officials viewed sportswear, gear, medicines and other materials on display.

The ministry will compete in golf (open), Sepak Takraw (men's), football (men's), athletics (men's, women's), volleyball (men's), and futsal (men's), with administrators, coaches and athletes totalling 114.

— MNA/KTZH

Myanmar delegation attends 2024 Global Rural Development Forum in China

THE 2024 Global Rural Development Forum took place from 29 October to 1 November, organized by China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs and led by the International Poverty Reduction Centre (IPRCC) in Beijing, People's Republic of China.

Permanent Secretary U Khant Zaw led a Myanmar's delegation from the Ministry of Cooperative and Rural Development.

The forum included Zhang Zhili, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China, alongside ministers and deputy ministers from 21 countries, such as Brazil, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Grenada, Cambodia, Laos, and Malaysia. Also present were representatives from embassies, the International Poverty Reduction Centre, United Nations



A commemorative group photo of the Myanmar delegation to the 2024 Global Rural Development Forum on 29 October-1 November in China.

agencies, and academic experts from Liaoning University and the University of Oxford.

On 30 October, the delegates visited Siji Yangkun Agricultural Technology Development Co Ltd in Beijing to examine its

initiatives for boosting farmers' incomes through e-commerce. They also explored a practical training base developed with primary and secondary schools in Daxing District, designed to promote modern agricultural

methods. They visited a 79-acre watermelon farm showcasing technology-integrated cultivation practices.

The delegation later visited Longtou Village and Lijiachang Village in Lixian County, areas

known for their natural beauty and traditional culture, where they reviewed the "Agricultural Produce Exhibition and Food Street" project.

On 31 October, ministers, deputy ministers, and international delegates gathered at the Beijing International Convention Centre to discuss strategies for rural development. They outlined future projects and collaboration plans, with Permanent Secretary U Khant Zaw actively contributing to the discussions.

In addition, representatives from various countries and UN organizations participated in group discussions on poverty reduction and rural development. They exchanged experiences and best practices, focusing on joint strategies to support continuous development goals. — MNA/TMT

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Travel agencies offer snow-draped mountain tours

TRAVEL agencies are ready to provide the best climbing tours to ice-capped mountains this dry season, according to Puta-O Travel Agency.

Visitors can get to Puta-O from Yangon by a three-hour flight, and travel agencies in Myitkyina and Puta-O townships arrange tours to Kaunghmulon Pagoda, Mid-water Natkyun Pagoda and rocky plaque in the Malikha River, traditional culture and local food of ethnic people, Myoma morning market and Garhtu market.

“The tours being in open season. Although there are no visitors to Indawgyi Lake due to certain regional conditions, the trips to Myitkyina and Puta-O snow-draped mountains start. Four travel agencies in Puta-O arrange glacier-topped mountain trips. The main business in the local dry season is climbing trips to snowy summits,” said U Khine Oo, director of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism.

Puta-O is mainly packed with visitors and climbers. Although the number of travellers declined due to high prices of commodities and transport difficulties this year, local guides and luggage carriers can earn proper income from the regular arrivals of travellers.

“Traveller arrivals might decline this year more than last year due to difficulties, including air ticket fees. Those who eagerly want to visit here do come regardless of their difficulties this season.



Photos show travellers scaling frosted heights and the scenic beauty of glacier-topped Mount Phonyinrazi in northern Myanmar. **PHOTO: PUTA-O TRAVEL AGENCY**

We, the travel agencies, prepare to offer the best services,” said U Yaw Sett from Puta-O travel agency.

Travel agencies arrange a 10-day

trip to Mount Phonkanrazi for beginners and a 12-day trip to Mount Phonyinrazi. Moreover, they prepare dry rations and gather luggage carriers and guides for

trips in advance. People can enjoy the beauty and experience of scaling snow-capped mountains from November to April. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

Union Ministers inspect opening/closing venues for 5th National Sports Festival

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan and Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Daw Nu Mra Zan inspected preparatory works for the opening and closing ceremonies for the Fifth National Sports Festival at Wunna Theikdi Stadium yesterday evening.

During the inspection, Union Ministers checked the venues for opening and closing events, LED installation sites, entry and exit of performers and athletes and arrangements for different songs, and gave the necessary instructions.



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn, Union Minister U Min Thein Zan, Deputy Minister Daw Nu Mra Zan and responsible officials check venue preparations for opening and closing events yesterday.

They also watched practice sessions of the Free Fall squad and gave proper instructions. — MNA/KTZH

Approved passport renewal list released

THE approved list of passport renewals has been announced, and new passports can be taken out on the appointed date, said the Myanmar Embassy to Malaysia.

This is the approved list of candidates for passport renewal applied from 11 to 15 March 2024. Of 1,211 Myanmar nationals working in Malaysia, including Kyaw Aye Thein, 898 were found to have complete data, and 275

were found to have incomplete data.

Candidates can check names at www.myanmarembassykl.org, and those on the approved list can seek appointment dates at <https://www.mekl.org>.

Original Citizenship Scrutiny Card, copy of the household list and copy of CV provided by the embassy are required to take out passport, it said. — MT/ZS



This photo shows the Myanmar Embassy to Malaysia.

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Drone aerial view of the illuminated Shwedagon Pagoda at night.

Shwedagon to host 36th Matho Thingan offering & Samañaphala Day event

THE 36th Matho Thingan (robe) Offering Ceremony and Samañaphala Day will take place at designated locations around the Shwedagon Pagoda on the eve of Tazaungmone full moon and the full moon day itself, as shared by U Bo Thin, a member of the pagoda's board of trustees.

“Devotional activities will begin with worship at the ancient Buddha statues by circumambulating the Pagoda the Pagoda at 6 pm on the evening before the Tazaungmone full

moon (14 November). The opening of the robe weaving competition will be held at the southwest corner of the Shwedagon Pagoda, followed by the awarding ceremony at 11 pm. The robes woven during the competition will then be crafted into the ‘golden lotus robes’. On the morning of 15 November, the full moon day, the golden lotus robe will be ceremoniously presented to the Padamyar Myetshin Buddha image on the upper terrace, along with other Buddha images throughout the

pagoda,” U Bo Thin stated. Further, the Samañaphala Day alms offering to the Shwedagon Pagoda and its senior monks will commence at 5 pm in the southern guest hall. Paritta chanting ceremonies are scheduled for 6 am.

Preparations are also underway to accommodate pilgrims attending the Matho Thingan Lotus Robes Offering and Samañaphala Day ceremonies, allowing them to spend the night at the Shwedagon Pagoda. — ASH/MKKS

112th Tazaungdine Festival set to celebrate in Dawei on 11-15 Nov

ACCORDING to the Shwetaungsa Pagoda Board of Trustees, the 112th Tazaungdine Festival will be celebrated in Dawei, Taninthayi Region, from 11 to 15 November.

The festival, known as a significant regional event, features a procession of 28 Buddha statues, temporarily housed at the Shwetaungsa Pagoda, which will be carried around the town for devotees to worship. Local religious groups from various neighbourhoods are expected to join the procession.

“The 28 Pagoda Festival,

commonly referred to as the Tazaungdine Festival, is a well-known celebration in Dawei. It will begin on 11 November, with the Buddha statues returning to the Shwetaungsa Pagoda on 15 November,” said U Hla Tin, a member of the Shwetaungsa Pagoda Board of Trustees.

The festival sees streets filled with devotees and individuals offering alms, making it one of the most vibrant events in the region. It attracts attendees from surrounding areas each year, creating a lively and spiritual atmosphere throughout Dawei. — ASH/TMT



This image depicts the pagoda festival in Dawei Tazaungdine in the previous year.



Photos capture Khaing Hnin Wai donating to flood-affected areas in Singaing Township.

Foundation donates over K600M to support post-flood rehabilitation

ACTRESS Khaing Hnin Wai announced that the Khaing Hnin Wai Foundation, alongside other well-wishers, has donated K30 million in cash and household goods valued at K25 million to support the rehabilitation of flood-hit villages in Singaing Township, Mandalay Region. In October, the Foundation

and its supporters also contributed K500 million, along with household items worth K50 million, to Tachilek Township in eastern Shan State. Additionally, a donation of K50 million was made to the Amae Yingwin Thathameemyar Charity in Kengtung Township. — ASH/TKO

Press show of ‘Zaw’ series held at Rangoon Cineplex

ACTOR Hein Wai Yan and actress Soe Pyae Thazin star as the lead roles in the new television series ‘Zaw’, whose press conference took place at Rangoon Cineplex in the Kanthaya Shopping Centre on 3 November, according to director Arkar Soe.

The series ‘Zaw’ is adapted from a novel by Shwe Yee Shoon Lei and Nya Hmwe Pan, with the screenplay developed by Nya Hmwe Pan, Mudra, and the Star Script teams. Directed by Arkar Soe, the series was produced for the Mahar Application.

“This is my first horror series with Mahar. It combines family drama with a twist, and I believe the audience will enjoy it. Currently, we’re on episode five of a sixteen-episode series,” commented director Arkar Soe.

The series has been airing in HD on the Mahar Application since 27 October, with new episodes released daily at 7 pm. The cast includes Hein Wai Yan, Academy Award winners Soe Pyae Thazin, and Myat Kaythi Aung, along with Moe Pwint Phyu, Min Arkar, Kay Nyein, Yoon Pwint Hlwar Aung, U Win Myaing, Gwan Pone Gyi, Aye Thida, Thuzar Pwint, and other supporting actors and actresses. — ASH/TRKM



This photo displays artistes seen at the press show of the ‘Zaw’ series.

YGN palm oil wholesale reference rate slightly increases

THE wholesale reference rate of palm oil for the Yangon market mounted to K6,595 per viss for a week ending 10 November from K6,320 per viss ending 3 November, according to the Supervisory Committee on edible oil import and distribution.

Figures showed a remarkable rise of K275 per viss this week compared to last week.

The Supervisory Committee on Edible Oil Import and Distribution under the Ministry of Commerce has been closely observing the FOB prices in Malaysia and Indonesia, adding transport costs, tariffs and banking services to decide the wholesale market reference rate for edible oil weekly.

Despite the reference price, the market price is way too high.

To control overcharging, the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce informed the consumers of lodging the complaints for overcharging through the call centre hotline in late August. The department urges consumers not to buy palm oil at high prices. The Committee notified that any person who is involved in price gouging and



Palm oil is arranged for sales at the market.

oil storage to attempt market manipulation will face legal action under the Essential Goods and Services Law.

The department is working together with the Myanmar Oil Dealers' Association and the cooking oil importing companies to offer affordable rates of imported palm oil for consumers.

Complaints for overcharging can be lodged over hotline 1535 of the call centre of the Consumers Affairs De-

partment or sent to the Facebook page of the department and the region and state departments concerned.

The domestic consumption of palm oil is estimated at one million tonnes per year. The local palm oil production is just about 400,000 tonnes. About 700,000 tonnes of palm oil are yearly imported through Malaysia and Indonesia to meet domestic demands. — NN/KK

CBM injects US\$91M, 610M Thai baht, 9.8M yuan in Oct

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) pumped over US\$91 million, over 9.8 million yuan and over 610 million Thai baht into the financial market in October 2024.

CBM sold over \$200,000 and over 700,000 yuan on 31 October, \$9.5 million, 2.2 million yuan, and 156.6 million baht on 30 October, and \$27,550 on 29 October. It announced the sale of five million yuan and 25 million baht on 28 October and sold US\$20 million, over one million yuan, and 18 million baht on that day.

CBM injected \$20 million, 800,000 yuan and 200,000 baht on 25 October and \$100,000 and 8.2 million baht on 24 October into the financial market.

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. On 22 October, it again injected over \$7.5 million and about 150 million baht into the private sector after sales of 2.2 million and 1.5 million yuan on 21 October.

CBM announced that it would sell \$35 million to those engaged in the fuel oil and edible oil sectors, as per its notification dated 20 October.

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. Over \$190 million, 19 million yuan and 79 million baht were sold 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



The office building of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Yangon.

8,800+ e-commerce registrations granted over one year

THE Ministry of Commerce issued 8,890 e-commerce registrations for online sales businesses between 2 October 2023 and the end of October 2024.

The Ministry will grant a registration in January 2025 only after ground inspection. According to the Trade Department's notification 11/2024, released on 9 August, failure to seek registration is subjected to legal action.



The image shows a variety of shopping sites on the computer screen.

Under the Ministry of Commerce, the Trade Department released Notification 50/2023 dated 21 July 2023 regarding mandatory e-commerce registration through <https://www.ecomreg.gov.mm>. Those running online sales businesses who failed to obtain a licence six months after the notification date will face action under Section 5 of the Essential Supplies and Services Law.

Registration for owners of e-commerce online shops can be made through www.ecomreg.gov.mm from 17 June by paying the registration fee, according to the export-import bulletin 17/2023 of the Trade Department released on 28 December 2023. The ministry allowed those online sales business operators who registered between 2 October and 31 December 2023 to be exempt from registration fees for six months.

The validity of registration granted starting from 1 January 2024 is two years. The registration fees are set at K70,000 for companies or commercial institutions, with a renewal fee of K70,000 and an amendment fee of K3,000. Companies or commercial institutions with SME certificates must pay K50,000 for registration, K50,000 for renewal and K3,000 for amendments. Individuals will be charged K30,000 for registration, K30,000 for renewal and K3,000 for amendment fees. — NN/KK

OPINION

Steadfastly beware of disaster risks based on tsunami

PEOPLE around the world need to learn lessons taken from both sorrowful and joyful past events and apply those lessons to current circumstances. This is especially crucial for safeguarding the lives and property of the people globally.

On 26 December 2004, a catastrophic earthquake in the Indian Ocean triggered a devastating tsunami, claiming around 230,000 lives and affecting 14 countries. As an unforgettable event for the global people, such a disaster marked the first major global catastrophe of the 21st century and remains one of the deadliest occurrences in recent history.

The United Nations released a statement, saying that this year's World Tsunami Awareness Day theme focuses on "youth and future generations". The activities planned for the observance aim to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Indian Ocean Tsunami by passing on its lessons to a new generation of children and youth. Hence, all adults worldwide need to seek the best ways to overcome the challenges of tsunamis so as to save the lives of youth and future generations.

Search and rescue bodies must be ready at all times in order to conduct rescue, relief, and rehabilitation for victims of tsunamis. The government and people must facilitate all rescue bodies physically and mentally as part of acknowledging those bodies in their sacrifices. Actually, everybody needs to be aware of disaster risks based on tsunamis.

The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction-UNDRR is urging countries at risk of tsunamis to update evacuation routes, install new warning systems, and raise awareness among children and youth. They also encourage young people and educational institutions to engage with the Stop Disasters online game to learn how to save lives during disasters.

Globally, over 700 million people in low-lying coastal areas and Small Island Developing States are at risk from extreme sea-level events, including tsunamis, according to the World Health Organization. An effective early warning system relies on public awareness of tsunami risks and knowledge of emergency procedures. Therefore, all global countries need to enhance tsunami risk awareness and implement resilient building policies to ensure the safety of the people.

As disasters cannot be anticipated for everyone, Myanmar must take appropriate measures to prepare for the challenges posed by tsunamis. Public awareness campaigns and effective strategies should be implemented to mitigate the impact of tsunamis, especially considering the risks associated with climate change throughout the year. By doing so, everybody can avoid the regrettable consequences of tsunami-related events. Search and rescue bodies must be ready at all times in order to conduct rescue, relief, and rehabilitation for victims of tsunamis. The government and people must facilitate all rescue bodies physically and mentally as part of acknowledging those bodies in their sacrifices. Actually, everybody needs to be aware of disaster risks based on tsunamis.

THE fear of death is a universal human experience deeply embedded in the human psyche. While some may come to terms with the inevitability of death, most people harbour a strong desire to live as long as possible. One primary reason is the psychological fear of the unknown; death is often seen as a mystery, with no clear understanding of what follows, which creates anxiety. Socially, people want to live longer to spend more time with loved ones, achieve personal goals, and leave a lasting legacy. Existentially, individuals seek purpose and meaning in their lives, driving them to prolong their existence. These combined factors, from the fear of the unknown to the desire for connection and purpose, explain why so many people are reluctant to face an early demise.

One of the primary psychological reasons people fear death is the uncertainty that surrounds it. Death represents an unknown state, and whether there is an afterlife or complete cessation of existence remains a mystery that humankind has grappled with for centuries. This uncertainty is deeply unsettling for many, as the thought of ceasing to exist or transitioning into an unfamiliar realm provokes a profound sense of fear. Studies have shown that the fear of the unknown is a major contributor to death anxiety, demonstrating that people are naturally inclined to fear what they do not understand. This instinctive fear often stems from the lack of control and knowledge about what happens after death, causing many to cling to life and seek reassurance in familiar experiences. The ambiguity of death thus plays a pivotal role in the psychological distress surrounding it, influencing a strong desire to avoid an early demise.

The instinct to survive is deeply ingrained in our biology, a fundamental aspect of human nature shaped by millions of years of evolution. From an evolutionary perspective, the drive to stay alive has been crucial to the continuation and advancement of our species. This instinct is not just a theoretical concept; it actively manifests in the fight-or-flight response, a biological reaction that kicks in during life-threatening situations. When faced with danger, the body automatically responds by increasing adrenaline, heightening senses, and preparing either to confront the threat or to flee. This survival mechanism is hard-



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The Reasons We Don't Want to Leave The World Early

By Yin Nwe Ko

wired into us, ensuring that we prioritize self-preservation. Whether it's avoiding immediate dangers or taking steps to ensure long-term health and safety, this instinct drives many of our decisions and behaviours. The desire to survive is thus not only psychological but deeply rooted in the physical functioning of our bodies, emphasizing why most people have a natural aversion to early death.

Strong emotional bonds with family and friends provide a powerful motivation for people to continue living. These connections create a sense of belonging and purpose, making the thought of death even more daunting. People often fear the emotional and practical impact their death would have on their loved ones, from the grief it would cause to the potential disruption of family stability. This fear is not just about self-preservation but also a deep concern for the well-being of those left behind. Research indicates that social connections are vital for mental health and overall well-being, reinforcing the importance of maintaining these relationships. The thought of leaving behind loved ones, especially children, partners, or close friends, can generate significant anxiety and reinforce the desire to live longer. These relationships provide emotional support, companionship, and meaning, making the fear of an early death even more profound. The social ties we form, therefore, act as a strong deterrent against the acceptance of death, as people want to be present for their loved ones and continue contributing to their lives.

Many individuals derive a

significant sense of purpose and identity from their roles in society, whether through their careers, volunteer work, or other contributions to their communities. This sense of purpose often drives people to avoid an early death, as they feel the desire to continue fulfilling their responsibilities and reaching personal goals. For many, the thought of leaving behind unfinished business, be it professional aspirations or societal contributions, creates a strong motivation to keep living. Studies have shown that having a sense of purpose is directly linked to longer life expectancy, as individuals who believe they have more to accomplish are less likely to accept the idea of premature death. This feeling of responsibility not only gives meaning to life but also helps individuals maintain a positive outlook and work towards future achievements. Whether it's providing for a family, contributing to a larger cause, or simply completing personal projects, the desire to leave a meaningful legacy makes the thought of dying early especially distressing. The drive to continue making societal contributions and achieving personal milestones, therefore, becomes a key reason why many people strive to live as long as possible.

The concept of non-existence is profoundly difficult for the human mind to comprehend, creating a significant source of fear for many individuals. The idea

of losing consciousness, identity, and all personal experiences forever can be overwhelmingly unsettling. This existential dread stems from an instinct to cling to life and make sense of one's existence. Philosophical and psychological literature frequently addresses the fear of non-existence as a central theme in discussions of death anxiety. This fear is not merely an abstract concern; it is deeply ingrained in human consciousness, influencing thoughts and behaviours throughout life. People often grapple with questions about the meaning of life, the permanence of death, and the implications of disappearing from the universe. The notion of non-existence challenges the fundamental understanding of self and reality, leading many to reject the idea of early death in favour of pursuing a life filled with meaning and connection. Ultimately, the fear of non-existence becomes a powerful motivator for individuals to seek prolonged existence as they strive to affirm their identity and make their mark on the world before the inevitable end.

The desire for fulfilment plays a crucial role in motivating individuals to seek longevity, as many people harbour dreams, aspirations, and goals they are eager to achieve. Whether it's pursuing a successful career, nurturing meaningful relationships, or engaging in creative endeavours, the ambition to fulfil these per-

sonal ambitions creates a strong impetus to continue living. Psychological theories, particularly Maslow's hierarchy of needs, highlight self-actualization as a fundamental human drive, emphasizing that individuals strive to reach their full potential. This pursuit of personal fulfilment acts as a powerful motivator to avoid an early death, as the thought of leaving ambitions unfulfilled can be particularly distressing. For many, the journey toward realizing their dreams is integral to their identity and sense of purpose; thus, the desire to live longer becomes intertwined with the quest for

our potential. This desire fuels our motivation to overcome obstacles and face challenges head-on, reinforcing the importance of living fully. Ultimately, the interplay of these psychological, social, and existential factors reveals a profound truth: the desire to live is not merely a fear of death but a deep-seated yearning to experience life in all its complexity, to connect with others, and to leave a meaningful legacy behind. This understanding encourages us to reflect on our own lives, urging us to appreciate the present while actively pursuing the aspirations that define us. The reasons people

self-actualization. The urgency to achieve personal goals, experience growth, and find satisfaction in life fosters a deep-rooted fear of dying prematurely, reinforcing the determination to embrace life fully and pursue every opportunity for fulfilment. In contemplating the reasons behind the human desire to avoid an early death, it becomes clear that our fears and motivations are intricately intertwined with our psychological, social, and existential experiences. The fear of the unknown looms large, as the ambiguity surrounding death creates anxiety about what lies beyond this life. Similarly, the instinct to survive and the bonds we share with family and friends remind us of our interconnectedness and the responsibilities we bear toward one another. These elements collectively shape our perception of life, urging us to seek longevity and well-being will become increasingly important. By nurturing our emotional connections, pursuing our passions, and addressing our fears, we can cultivate a more fulfilling life experience that honours our inherent desire to live fully. Ultimately, embracing the complexities surrounding death can empower us to appreciate life more profoundly and motivate us to create a legacy that resonates with future generations. No matter what, the thought that "I will still be here tomorrow" remains deeply ingrained in each of us as human beings.

don't want to die early are multifaceted, encompassing psychological, social, and existential dimensions that reflect the complexity of the human experience. Fear of the unknown, survival instincts, emotional bonds, societal roles, the dread of non-existence, and the desire for fulfilment all play significant roles in driving the human urge to extend life. By understanding these factors, we can gain deeper insights into the nature of death anxiety and the universal longing for longevity that permeates our lives. As society continues to evolve, it is essential to foster open discussions about death and dying, encouraging people to confront their fears and find meaning in their existence. Predictions suggest that as advancements in medicine and technology extend life expectancy, the emphasis on mental health and well-being will become increasingly important. By nurturing our emotional connections, pursuing our passions, and addressing our fears, we can cultivate a more fulfilling life experience that honours our inherent desire to live fully. Ultimately, embracing the complexities surrounding death can empower us to appreciate life more profoundly and motivate us to create a legacy that resonates with future generations. No matter what, the thought that "I will still be here tomorrow" remains deeply ingrained in each of us as human beings.

Japan taps into AI bear surveillance to warn of dangers

UNTIL bears settle in for the winter, people should remain vigilant on roads, even in urban areas, following a record number of bear sightings in Japan earlier this year. Conventional wisdom suggests that bears descend from mountains or explore new trails in search of food. Some public data also link the frequent recent sightings of bear cubs in residential areas to the fact that their parents were killed or captured by hunters, leaving the cubs to roam alone in the wild. In an effort to reduce the danger bears pose to humans, several municipalities across Japan have begun using an artificial intelligence-assisted surveillance system to pin-

idents when bears are spotted, helping to ensure public safety. The system was jointly developed by Hokutsu Co, a communications systems company based in Kanazawa, Ishikawa Prefecture, and a special laboratory of Hokuriku Electric Power Co. It is currently used by nearly 20 prefectural and city governments.

Preliminary figures from the country's environment ministry on the number of bear sightings from April through July totalled 10,704, far exceeding the 8,536 cases over the same period last year, which saw the largest number of human casualties on record.

As of July, 2,471 bears had been killed or captured, while from April to August, there were 56 incidents involving human casualties,

identifying bear locations when they wander onto farmland roads and into urban areas.



Photo taken on 6 September 2024, shows a camera installed in Komatsu, Ishikawa Prefecture, to monitor bears using an artificial-intelligence based system. PHOTO: KYODO

Cameras have been installed along riversides, mountain roads and in residential areas with the cooperation of private companies. The images captured by these devices are analyzed 24 hours a day to notify authorities and res-

affected 58 people, including two fatalities. Brown bears in Hokkaido and black bears in Honshu and Shikoku are the two species that inhabit Japan, living in at least 34 prefectures, according to the ministry. However, the number of "urban bears" venturing into human settlements in search of food is on the rise.

Source: Kyodo

NATIONAL

Local ginger market boosted by demand for PyinOoLwin ginger wine

AS there are orders for the production of PyinOoLwin ginger wine, there is demand in the local ginger market.

At present, although the price of ginger is slightly down, there are producers and sellers of ginger wine in PyinOoLwin, so there is demand in the ginger market.

“The price of ginger is fall-

ing, and the yield of ginger is still low. Sales depend on the season. The price of ginger will recover around June. The demand will depend on ginger wine. Some produce ginger wine in PyinOoLwin, and they order ginger for wine production,” said a ginger trader in PyinOoLwin Township.

“It’s the dry season in the

country. So, sales are good. They sell them on festival days. They make ginger wine all year round. Every year, when ginger is plentiful, they buy ginger and make ginger wine and sell it. The market is not bad. It’s a market that people from all walks of life can buy and drink,” he continued.

At present, because the export of ginger is less, they have

to rely on the domestic market. Despite the fall in ginger price, there is only a slight increase in wholesalers’ purchasing price, the farmers said. — Thit Taw/ZN

The photo showcases ginger wine produced in PyinOoLwin.



5-day illegal trade nationwide crackdown seizes goods worth K1.23B

UNDER the supervision of the Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee, efforts to combat illicit trade are ongoing and effective by the law.

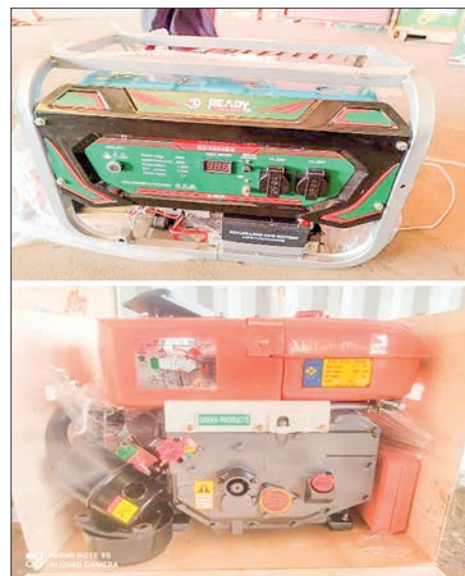
On 29 and 30 October, combined teams from the Customs Department seized four types of industrial materials worth approximately K575 million, which were found in 11 containers without official documentation at the Asia World Port Terminal container checkpoint. Additionally, they confiscated three types of industrial materials valued at around K646 million from another 11 containers at the Myanmar Industrial Port. The operation was conducted following Customs procedures.

On 1 and 3 November, further inspections were carried out, resulting in the seizure of foodstuffs worth K183,000, lacking

official documents in Kalay Township. In Kyangin Township, 4.468 tonnes of illegal timber valued at K2.32 million were seized. Furthermore, 19 types of smuggled consumer goods worth K9.19 million were discovered piled alongside the road beyond the Sinphyu border in Muse Township. The action was taken under the Forest Law and Customs procedures.

On 4 November, authorities seized 2.924 tonnes of illegal teak and 3.278 tonnes of illicit hardwood in Nyaunglebin District, with legal action taken under the Forest Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported 21 arrests on 29 and 30 October, as well as 1, 3, and 4 November, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K1.23 billion. — MNA/MKKS



Seized illegal items in different states and regions.

Over K3.23B worth of stimulant tablets seized in Tachilek

THE Myanmar Police Force has reported the seizure of over 4 million stimulant tablets and 202 kilogrammes of methamphetamine, known as Ice, in Tachilek, valued at more than K3.23 billion.

Acting on a tip-off, a combined team comprising anti-narcotics police apprehended Sai Yi Lok and Aik Kaung, who were found in possession of 4.036 million stimulant tablets, 202 kilogrammes of Ice, 75 kilogrammes of incense powder (Vanillin), 360 litres of incense solution, and an Isuzu D-Max

vehicle. This operation took place at the residence of Sai Keng (also known as Ye Lang) in Tachilek Township at approximately 5 pm on 1 November.

Further investigations led to the discovery that Sai Keng and another suspect, Anjelo, had hidden the seized drugs, intending to transport them to the Tachilek border. Legal action has been initiated against offenders, and investigations are ongoing to identify and apprehend additional individuals involved in the case. — MNA/MKKS



Offenders are seen alongside seized drugs and vehicle.

Counter-argument to false information

Misinformation about arson in Kawthoung and Dawei townships denied

MALICIOUS media outlets spread false information claiming that security forces set fire to residential houses in Maliwan Village, Kawthoung Township, during a clash on 1 November.

A security official on the ground clarified that the actual event involved attacks by PDF terrorists on security forces conducting operations in the vicinity of Maliwan Village. These terrorists used handmade weapons, which detonated within the village and caused damage to the houses.

Additionally, some subversive media outlets falsely alleged that security forces looted valuables and burned down homes in Maungmeshawn Village, Dawei Township. This fabricated news is inaccurate and deliberately intends to mislead the public and create a negative perception of security forces who are working to maintain order in the region. — MNA/TKO



This screenshot shows false claims.

Paddington 'high jinx' is back in third movie: Bonneville

PADDINGTON is back and he has lost none of his "charm" and "high jinx", according to Hugh Bonneville who again guides the trouble-prone bear through the third film in the hit series that saw its premiere on Sunday.

Bonneville, the Oscar-winning Olivia Colman and Antonio Banderas appear in "Paddington in Peru", directed by Dougal Wilson, that comes out seven years after the second movie in the live action-animation series. "Downton Abbey" star Bonneville is again Mr Brown, the father in the British family that adopted Paddington as he returns to his South American roots in the latest adventure. The film goes on general release in Britain on 8 November and in January in North America.

Paddington goes on holiday to Peru to visit his Aunt Lucy, with the Browns in tow, but they end up on an adventure hunting for the mythical golden city of El Dorado.

Bonneville acknowledged there had been a long gap from the last film, which he said was partly because of the Coronavirus pandemic. "It was really lovely to come back and see our furry friend again," Bonneville said as he arrived at the premiere.

"He's lost none of his charm or his high jinx or mischievousness, and to be reunited with the family was very special indeed."

Wilson replaced Paul King who directed the first two films in the series — in 2014 and 2017 — which earned more than \$500 million around the world.

"I was very apprehensive because, obviously, it's a bit of a tough act to follow the first two films, which are great. So I really hope people like this one and feel it's a fitting third instalment,"

Wilson told AFP. Paddington had been a hit because "he's got a lovely outlook on life, a lovely optimism, he's got a lovely indefatigable way of seeing the best in other people," the director said.



British director Dougal Wilson poses on the red carpet upon arrival to attend the world premiere of "Paddington In Peru" in London on 3 November 2024. PHOTO: AFP

Paddington is voiced by Ben Whishaw again, while Emily Mortimer replaces Sally Hawkins in the role of Mrs Brown. Olivia Colman plays a singing nun, while Banderas is the captain of an ad-

venture ship. Hugh Grant, who starred as Phoenix Buchanan — the main antagonist of Paddington 2 —, was also at the premier.

Author Michael Bond, who died in 2017, created Paddington

in the late 1950s after seeing a toy bear in a shop window. He bought it and gave it to his wife as a Christmas gift, naming it after the nearest London railway station to their home. — AFP

Music titan Quincy Jones dies aged 91



(FILES) US conductor Quincy Jones rehearses with the Lille orchestra during the Montreux Jazz Festival in Montreux on 11 July 1993. Music industry titan Quincy Jones, who collaborated with Michael Jackson and Frank Sinatra, died at the age of 91, US media reported 4 November 2024. His death was confirmed by his publicist, Arnold Robinson, in a statement that did not specify a cause, US media reported. PHOTO: PATRICK KOVARIK / AFP

MUSIC industry titan Quincy Jones, who produced some of Michael Jackson's best-known albums and collaborated with legends including Frank Sinatra and Count Basie, passed away at age 91, US media reported Monday.

His death was confirmed by his publicist, Arnold Rob-

inson, in a statement that did not specify a cause, US media reported.

A jazz musician, composer and tastemaker, his studio chops and arranging prowess connected the dots between the 20th century's constellation of stars.

From Frank Sinatra to Michael Jackson, jazz to

hip-hop, Jones tracked the ever-fluctuating pulse of pop over his seven-decade-plus career — most often manipulating the beat himself.

Born in 1933 in the south side of Chicago, Quincy Delight Jones Jr discovered a knack for the piano at a recreation centre and became teenage buddies with Ray Charles.

Jones briefly studied at the Berklee College of Music in Massachusetts before joining bandleader Lionel Hampton on the road, eventually relocating to New York, where he gained attention as an arranger for stars including Duke Ellington, Dinah Washington, Count Basie and, of course, Charles.

He played second trumpet on Elvis Presley's "Heartbreak Hotel", teaming up with Dizzy Gillespie for several years before moving to Paris in 1957, where he studied under the legendary composer Nadia Boulanger.

Jones later expanded into Hollywood, scoring films and television shows. — AFP

Chinese book reading classroom opens at university in Mongolia

THE Chinese Book Reading Classroom at the Mongolian University of Life Sciences was inaugurated here on Monday.

"All of our teachers and students are delighted that the Chinese Book Reading Classroom has opened at our school. We hope this classroom will help us learn more about China," said Gonchigdorj Enkhbayar, vice-director of the university, at the launch ceremony.

Xue Ming, deputy editor-in-chief of the Inner Mongolia People's Publishing House, spoke at the opening ceremony about the Inner Mongolia Publishing Group's commitment to strengthening cultural exchanges under the framework of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) cooperation with neighbouring countries.

He said that the Chinese Book Reading Classroom will undoubtedly yield positive results in fostering cultural exchanges and mutual learning between the two countries. Additionally, it will provide new impetus and contribute to mutual assistance, friendly relations, and win-win cooperation. The Chinese publishing group donated more than 800 Chinese books across over 400 categories, including traditional culture, science, agriculture, medicine, literature, and dictionaries, to the reading classroom. Chinese Book Reading Classrooms have been gradually established in major universities in Mongolia since 2019, aimed at showcasing and introducing Chinese culture to Mongolian readers. Currently, there are six such classrooms.

The opening of the reading classroom at the Mongolian University of Life Sciences is part of a series of activities titled "Feel China", co-organized by the Chinese Embassy in Mongolia, the Ministry of Culture, Sports, Tourism, and Youth of Mongolia, and the Information Office of the People's Government of China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. — Xinhua

ECONOMY

WORLD/AD

Egyptian firms gear up for China's import expo, eyeing huge market



Workers move packed tomato paste at a production line of the Egyptian Swiss Group company in Sharqia Governorate, Egypt, 27 October 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

AS the countdown is ticking for the 7th China International Import Expo (CIIE), participating Egyptian businesses are gearing up, hoping to find opportunities in the expansive Chinese market.

Among the Egyptian firms heading to this year's CIIE, scheduled in Shanghai on 5-10 November, is Linah Farms, a leading producer of Medjool dates in Egypt and the Middle East. The company has already started shipping high-quality Medjool dates to China, exporting over 150 tonnes last year, and aspiring to expand its

presence in this vast Asian market.

"The demand in the Chinese market is increasing day by day. Hopefully, we can return from the expo with some extra deals," said Ahmed Abdel-Hady, export manager of Linah Farms.

The company's packing and sorting station operates like a beehive, producing 30 tonnes of finished product each day. Approximately 80 per cent of Linah Farms' production is designated for export, while the remaining 20 per cent is sold in the local market.

Another Egyptian company attending the 7th CIIE is the Egyptian Swiss Group, which aims to mainly export wheat flour to China, and hopefully pasta and tomato paste as well.

The company produces monthly about 45,000 tonnes of wheat flour, 8,000 tonnes of pasta, and 3,000 tonnes of tomato paste, according to its general manager Ahmed El-Sebaie.

"Seventy-five per cent of our production goes for the export business and 25 per cent for the local market," El-Sebaie told Xinhua. — Xinhua

NEWS IN BRIEF

Vietnam's monthly seafood exports back to US\$1 bln after more than 2 years

VIETNAM'S seafood export value exceeded US\$1 billion in October, marking the first time since June 2022 the figure reached the one billion-dollar mark, Vietnam News cited the Vietnam Association of Seafood Exporters and Producers as reporting on Monday.

Le Hang, the association's communication director, said China was the Vietnam's biggest and fastest-growing seafood importer in October with the significant surge of 37 per cent.

Other big importers like the US, the EU and Japan reported increases of 31 per cent, 27 per cent and 22 per cent, respectively. —Xinhua

Thailand's stock investor confidence remains bullish in October

THAILAND'S stock investor confidence remained bullish in October, mainly thanks to the government's economic stimulus measures and a policy rate cut by the central bank, a survey showed on Monday.

The investor confidence index, which predicts market conditions over the next three months, stood at 160.66 last month, easing from 175.64 in September but remaining in the "very bullish" zone for the second straight month, according to the Federation of Thai Capital Market Organizations (FETCO).

Investor morale across most categories weakened, with retail investors down six per cent, proprietary investors down 14.3 per cent, institutional investors unchanged and foreign investors down 10 per cent, the FETCO said in a statement. —Xinhua

8 OPEC+ members extend voluntary oil output cuts by one month



Photo taken on 30 November 2023 shows the headquarters of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) in Vienna, Austria. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

EIGHT member countries of the OPEC+ oil-producing group announced on Sunday to further extend their voluntary output cuts by a month, pushing the reductions through the end of December in response to ongoing weak oil prices.

OPEC+ comprises the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and its allies. The eight countries participating in these cuts are Saudi Arabia, Russia, Iraq, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Kazakhstan, Algeria, and Oman.

In a statement, OPEC confirmed that these countries have "agreed to extend the November 2023 voluntary production adjustments of 2.2 million barrels per day for one month until the end of December 2024". — Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MCL 9 VOY.NO. (07N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V MCL 9 VOY. NO. (07N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **5-11-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **TMT** 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.

Phone No: **2301185**

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
**M/S MAWLAMYINE CENTURY LOGISTICS
COMPANY LIMITED**

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V BANGKOK VOY.NO. (191N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BANGKOK VOY.NO. (191N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **5-11-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** 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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Agent For:
M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINE

Chinese carmaker BYD tops Israel's electric car sales in Jan-Oct

CHINESE auto giant BYD Auto topped the electric car market in Israel between January to October, with total sales reaching 15,778 units, according to figures released by the Israel Vehicle Importers Association on Sunday.

The company's best-selling models were the Atto 3 crossover, the Dolphin hatchback, and the Seal fastback sedan.

Next on the electric car sales list is Chinese manufacturer MG Motor, which offers five models in Israel and sold 6,057 units during the same pe-

riod, followed by US carmaker Tesla, with 5,898 units sold.

Chinese brands Chery and Zeekr have sold 4,037 and 2,284 electric models, respectively.

In the past ten months, Chinese brands accounted for 69.5 per cent of Israel's electric car sales, totalling 40,785 units.

Chinese brands also dominated Israel's overall car market with 55,115 units sold, followed by South Korean brands at 41,044 units and Japanese brands at 38,368 units. — Xinhua

Japan's soy sauce exports in 2023 top 10 bln yen amid washoku boom

JAPAN'S soy sauce exports in 2023 topped 10 billion yen (\$65 million) for the first time on record due to the surging global popularity of "washoku" traditional Japanese cuisine, according to Tokyo Customs data.

Exports are also surging at a record-breaking pace this year, with the figure from January to July exceeding 6.85 billion yen as the popularity of washoku continues to rise following its registration by UNESCO as an intangible cultural heritage in 2013.

In 2023, soy sauce exports rose to 10.05 billion yen, surpassing the 10 billion yen threshold for the first time since comparable data became available in 1988, Tokyo Customs



Japanese condiments are sold at a supermarket in Shanghai on 23 August 2024. PHOTO: KYODO

data showed.

The rise was largely influenced by the increasing number of Japanese restaurants around the world due to the popular-

ity of Japanese food, according to the Japan Soy Sauce Association.

The United States was the top export market for Japanese soy sauce by

value in 2023, accounting for 17.9 per cent of total exports, followed by China at 8.2 per cent and South Korea at 7.0 per cent, data showed. — Kyodo

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V SITC ZHENDE VOY.NO. (2416S)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V SITC ZHENDE VOY.NO. (2416S)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **5-11-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MITT** 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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Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:

M/S SITC CONTAINER LINE CO., LTD

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY.NO. (241N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **5-11-2024** 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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Agent For:

M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

Public Announcement

Pursuant to the instructions from and on behalf of my client, **YANGON GOLDEN PARAGON INVESTMENT COMPANY LIMITED**, I hereby make the following public announcement.

On June 30, 2024, July 7, 2024, and August 15, 2024, respectively, my client sent legal notices to the purchasers who, despite having bought following units from my client under the structured installment payment plans outlined in their agreements with my client, have failed to pay the remaining purchase price. The notices instructed the purchasers to resume payments and warned that, in the event of continued non-payment, their agreements would be terminated in accordance with the terms and conditions of the agreements.

Despite receiving these legal notices, the purchasers have continued to fail to pay the remaining balance and comply with the terms of their agreements. Therefore, I hereby announce that all agreements between the purchasers and my client have been terminated and are now void in accordance with the agreements' terms. Consequently, only my client retains the rights to own, transfer and sell the following units freely.

- (1) A 985.65-square-foot residential unit located at Room No. 2706, 27th Floor, Tower 2, Emerald Bay, Shukhinthar Mayopat Road, Thaketa Township, Yangon Region,
- (2) A 1548.61-square-foot residential unit located at Room No. 1905, 19th Floor, Tower 2, Emerald Bay, Shukhinthar Mayopat Road, Thaketa Township, Yangon Region,
- (3) A 985.65-square-foot residential unit located at Room No. 1606, 16th Floor, Tower 2, Emerald Bay, Shukhinthar Mayopat Road, Thaketa Township, Yangon Region,
- (4) A 527.93-square-foot residential unit located at Room No. 1202, 12th Floor, Tower 2, Emerald Bay, Shukhinthar Mayopat Road, Thaketa Township, Yangon Region,
- (5) A 1548.61-square-foot residential unit located at Room No. 1305, 13th Floor, Tower 2, Emerald Bay, Shukhinthar Mayopat Road, Thaketa Township, Yangon Region,
- (6) A 911.07-square-foot residential unit located at Room No.504, 5th Floor, Tower 1, Emerald Bay, Shukhinthar Mayopat Road, Thaketa Township, Yangon Region,
- (7) A 1006.40-square-foot residential unit located at Room No. 304, 3rd Floor, Tower 2, Emerald Bay, Shukhinthar Mayopat Road, Thaketa Township, Yangon Region, and
- (8) A 636.05-square-foot commercial unit located at Room No.08, Tower 1, Emerald Bay, Shukhinthar Mayopat Road, Thaketa Township, Yangon Region.

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Spain dreads more flood deaths as more rain expected



People continue with cleanup efforts in Alfajar, in the region of Valencia, eastern Spain, on 4 November 2024, following devastating floods. The death toll from Spain's worst floods in a generation has climbed to 217, according to rescuers. **PHOTO: AFP**

SPANISH rescuers plunged into inundated garages to find bodies on Monday, a day after furious crowds heckled and hurled mud at the king and the prime minister following devastating floods.

The toll stands at 217 dead — almost all in the eastern Valencia region — and Spain

dreaded the discovery of more corpses in its worst such disaster in decades.

National weather service AEMET announced the end of the emergency for Valencia but placed part of the northeastern Catalonia region on the highest red alert for torrential rain on Monday.

Catalan trains were suspended until further notice, Transport Minister Oscar Puente announced on X, while flights were delayed and diverted at Barcelona's El Prat airport.

The country grappled with the aftermath of an extraordinary outburst of popular anger directed at King Felipe VI, Queen Letizia and Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez.

The Civil Guard has opened an investigation into the chaos in the ground-zero town of Paiporta that cut short their visit on Sunday, Interior Minister Fernando

Grande-Marlaska told public broadcaster TVE.

He blamed “marginal groups” for instigating the violence where mud spattered the monarchs' face and clothes and broke a window of Sanchez's car.

Organizing the visit was “a collective mistake” as fringe groups hijacked raw emotions to endanger the royals, Sanchez and Valencia region leader Carlos Mazon, Puente told television channel La Sexta on Sunday.

The incident underscored growing anger at the authorities' preparation for and response to the catastrophe.

Experts have questioned the warning systems that failed to alert the population in time and the speed of the response.

Thousands of soldiers, police officers, civil guards and firefighters spent a sixth day distributing aid and clearing mud and debris to find bodies. — AFP

NEWS IN BRIEF

36 dead in bus crash in Indian Himalayas

A bus in India plunged into a deep Himalayan ravine on Monday, killing at least 36 passengers and injuring several others, a government official said Monday.

Photographs released by government rescue teams showed the crumpled wreckage of the bus in thick undergrowth, with the twisted front of the vehicle squashed nearly flat.

Road accidents are common along the many mountainous roads in the Himalayan region, caused mostly by poor maintenance and reckless driving in the tortuous terrain.

“So far, 36 casualties have been confirmed,” Deepak Rawat, a senior official from the northern state of Uttarakhand told reporters.

“Three critically injured have been sent to hospital using a helicopter.” —AFP

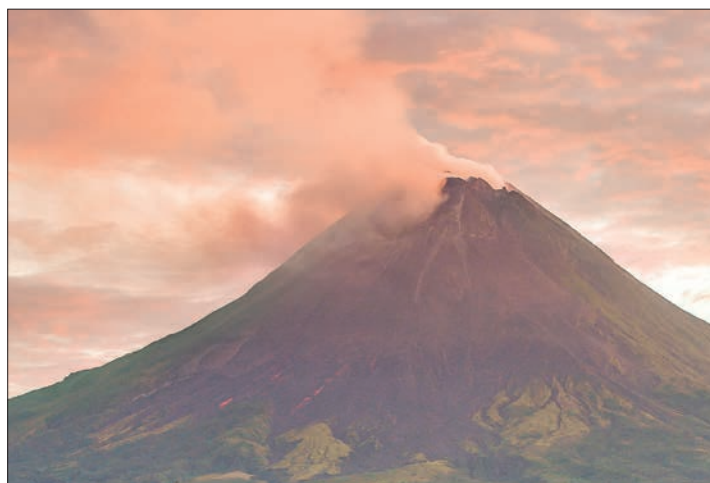
Two Iran Guards killed in helicopter crash during combat: state media

AN Iranian Revolutionary Guards general and pilot were killed in a helicopter crash during an anti-terror operation in the country's restive southeast, state media reported on Monday.

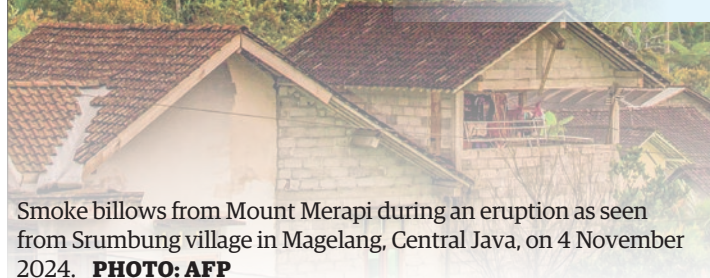
The “ultra-light gyroplane” of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps “had an accident while conducting combat operations” in a border area, IRNA news agency said.

It said the crash happened in Sirkan, a city in Sistan-Baluchistan province, and identified the dead as General Hamid Mazandarani, the commander of the Nineveh Brigade of Golestan province, and Hamed Jandaghi, a pilot of the IRGC ground forces.

Iran's armed forces have been mounting an operation in the region since 26 October, when 10 police officers were killed in an attack claimed by Sunni Muslim militants. —AFP



Indonesia volcano eruption kills 10, sets houses aflame



Smoke billows from Mount Merapi during an eruption as seen from Srumbung village in Magelang, Central Java, on 4 November 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

A volcano in eastern Indonesia erupted overnight, killing at least 10 people as it spewed fireballs and ash on surrounding villages, officials said Monday as they raised the alert to its highest level.

Mount Lewotobi Laki-Laki, a 1,703-metre (5,587-foot) twin volcano located on the popular tourist island of Flores, erupted shortly before midnight, forcing authorities to evacuate several villages.

Residents described their horror when the crater started shooting flaming rocks at their homes.

“I was asleep when suddenly the bed shook twice, as if someone had slammed it. Then I realized the volcano had erupted, so I ran outside,” said 32-year-old hairdresser Hermanus Mite.

“I saw flames coming out and immediately fled. There

were ashes and stones everywhere. My salon also caught fire and everything inside was lost.”

Abdul Muhari, spokesman of the country's disaster mitigation agency (BNPB), confirmed the death toll at a press conference, adding that 10,295 people had been affected by the eruptions.

He said the number of evacuees was still being calculated but said no one had been reported missing. —AFP

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Lethwei fighter Tun Tun Min wins award for social contributions

MYANMAR traditional Lethwei fighter Tun Tun Min was honoured with the Social Contributor Championship award.

The award was presented by Al-Azhar Islamic Institute, a religious school, at Yangon's Central Hotel on 3 November.

"I am very grateful to U Myint Thein and all the members of the team for recognizing my small donation to the people who were affected by the floods by auctioning off my champion belt, which I treasured. I will continue to do this kind of charitable work for the public," Tun Tun

Min said.

Currently, Tun Tun Min is preparing to compete against Thway Thit Win Hlaing for the Myanmar Open Weight Championship, which will be included in the 69th Kayin State Day Festival, and will leave for Hpa-an on 5 November.

This Myanmar Open Weight Championship is the second Aunglan (flag) tournament to be held. In the first Aunglan tournament, Tun Tun Min became the champion by defeating Mandalay Lethwei legend Kyaw Swa Win. — Htun Htun/ZN



This photo showcases the ceremony to honour Tun Tun Min with the Social Contributor Championship award.

Triumphant Myanmar rowers return home from Dragon Boat World Cup & C'Ships



This photo reveals the victorious Myanmar rowing team.

THE Myanmar rowing team returned to Yangon yesterday evening after an impressive performance at the 2024 ICF Dragon Boat World Cup and the World Dragon Boat Championships, which took place from 24 October to 3 November in Yichang, China, and Puerto Princesa, the Philippines. They achieved a remarkable haul of

six gold medals and three silver medals.

The delegation led by President U Thaung Htike Min of the Myanmar Rowing Federation comprised officials, coaches, and 20 male and female rowers, totalling 23 participants. Upon their return, they received a hero's welcome, with officials, family, and fans gathering to

celebrate their achievements.

In the qualifying round of the World Dragon Boat Championships, the Myanmar rowing team secured third place. It has been announced that 12 countries will compete in the World Dragon Boat Championships scheduled for 9 and 10 August 2025 in Chengdu, China. — Arkar Lin/TRKM

Swiatek and Gauff secure opening wins at WTA Finals

WORLD No 2 Iga Swiatek came from behind to defeat Czech Republic's Barbora Krejckova in an Orange Group singles opening match at the WTA Finals on Sunday in Riyadh.

Meanwhile, Coco Gauff won in straight sets against her American compatriot Jessica Pegula to secure her opening victory.

In the group's opening match, defending champion Swiatek faced recent Wimbledon champion Krejckova. After dropping the first set and trailing 0-3 in the second, Swiatek managed to regain her form, fought back, and achieved a crucial break late in the set, taking it 7-5. Swiatek then maintained her momentum in the deciding set, ultimately winning 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

"It wasn't an easy match, especially at the beginning, I was in trouble. So I'm happy that I managed to find some solutions and just get my game a little bit more solid," Swiatek said post-match.

In another match, third seed Gauff faced sixth seed Pegula in an all-American showdown. Gauff defeated Pegula in straight sets 6-3, 6-2, in a match that lasted 1 hour and 15 minutes. — Xinhua

Myanmar futsal team draws 3-3 with Australia in ASEAN Championship Opener



This photo captures a tackle during the Myanmar versus Australia match.

ON 4 November, the Myanmar team drew 3-3 with Australia in their opening match of the group stage at the 2024 ASEAN Futsal

Championship, held in Thailand. The game was highly competitive, with Australia taking the lead three times with goals of 1-0, 2-1, and 3-2. However, Myanmar managed to equalize each time, with goals scored by goalkeepers Mai Soe Myat Htwe, Naing Lin Tun Kyaw, and Htut Wai Tun.

In other matches, Indonesia triumphed over Cambodia with a 9-0 victory, while Vietnam defeated Malaysia 2-0. On 5 November, the Cambodia team will face Myanmar at 10 am Myanmar Standard Time, followed by Indonesia against Australia at noon, Vietnam against Brunei at 3 pm, and Malaysia taking on Thailand at 5 pm. — Ko Nyi Lay/TKO

Spain dreads more flood deaths as more rain expected

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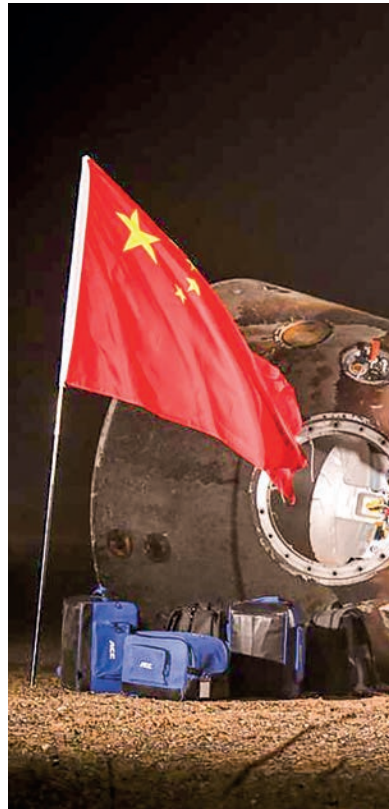
THE Shenzhou-18 spacecraft has returned to Earth with 34.6 kilogrammes of space station experimental samples, encompassing microorganisms, alloy materials and nanomaterials that are difficult to prepare on Earth, the Science and Technology Daily reported on Monday.

The retrieved samples are poised to advance the development of space fibre lasers, facilitate the creation of extraterrestrial materials and explore the prospects of Earth life spreading through the cosmos.

The Shenzhou-18's return capsule, carrying three Chinese astronauts, returned to Earth in the early morning on Monday, after completing a six-month space station mission.

The scientific experimental samples brought back by the spacecraft included a total of 55 types, spanning 28 science projects across areas such as space life sciences, space materials science and microgravity combustion science.

The life science specimens comprise methane-generating archaea, radiation-resistant microbes and microorganisms that inhabit rocks. These are anticipated to lay the scientific groundwork for investigating the potential habitability of



Shenzhou-18 mission returns samples for extraterrestrial habitation research

extraterrestrial environments and to assess the capacity of microorganisms to adapt to the challenges of outer space.

Part of the returned samples are high-temperature resistant alloys, fibre optics and optical coatings. These innovative materials hold the potential to revolutionize the manufacturing of next-generation aerospace turbine blades, space-adapted fibre lasers and precision medical repairs.

The spacecraft also returned nanoparticles derived from methane combustion, which are intended to facilitate the future synthesis of critical particulate materials for extraterrestrial environments.

— Xinhua

Astronaut Li Cong is out of the return capsule of the Shenzhou-18 manned spaceship at the Dongfeng landing site in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, 4 November 2024. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Final US campaign blitz for Harris and Trump



People wait in line to cast their ballots on the last day of early voting for the general election in Michigan at the Livingston Educational Service Agency in Howell, Michigan on 3 November 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

BITTER rivals Kamala Harris and Donald Trump embark on a final frenzied campaign blitz Monday with both hitting must-win Pennsylvania on the last day of the tightest and most volatile US presidential election in memory.

Republican Trump has promised a "landslide" as he

seeks a sensational return to the White House, while Democrat Harris said the "momentum" was on the side of her bid to be America's first woman president.

But the polls suggest a different story on the eve of Election Day — total deadlock in surveys nationally and in the

seven swing states where the result is expected to be decided.

Now a race of dramatic twists, including two bids to kill Trump and Harris's shock late entrance, is coming down to the most viciously fought-over battleground.

Harris will spend the whole day campaigning in the rust-belt state of Pennsylvania, culminating in a huge rally in its biggest city Philadelphia featuring singer Lady Gaga. Trump will travel to North Carolina, Pennsylvania and then Michigan.

In a sign of how crucial Pennsylvania is to their chances of occupying the Oval Office, Trump and Harris will even hold dueling rallies in the industrial city of Pittsburgh.

Pennsylvania is the single biggest swing state prize under the US Electoral College system, which awards influence in line with population. — AFP

Iran may use more powerful warheads in retaliatory attack on Israel – Reports

IRAN may use more powerful warheads in a retaliatory attack on Israel compared to previous attacks, the Wall Street Journal reported citing sources.

As unnamed Iranian and Arab officials told the publication, the Iranian authorities do not plan to limit their response to missiles and drones, as was the case in previous attacks. According to them, any missiles used in this case will have more powerful warheads.

Iran is planning a comprehensive response using even more powerful warheads and other weapons, Iranian and Arab officials briefed on the government's plans told the publication. Iran has told Arab diplomats that the country's conventional army would be involved in the retaliatory strike, the sources added.

According to the publication, the involvement of the regular army does not mean that Iranian troops will be deployed, but that the paramilitary Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC), which usually handles Israel's security issues, "will not act alone" in this case. The publication noted, citing another unnamed Iranian official, that Iran might use Iraqi territory for part of the operation and will most likely strike Israeli military targets, but much more aggressively than last time.

Another unnamed Iranian official cited the US presidential election as another factor influencing Iran's retaliatory strike against Israel. According to the source, Iran would not like to influence the outcome of the election with its attack. Unnamed officials from Egypt, Bahrain and Oman told the Wall Street Journal that Iranian diplomats gave this "broad outline" of the retaliatory attack after warnings from the United States against "engaging in a tit-for-tat" with Israel. — SPUTNIK