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Myanmar high-level delegation led by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing embarks on official visit to China

THE Myanmar high-level delegation, led by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, departed yesterday morning from Nay Pyi Taw Military Airport aboard a special flight provided by Myanmar National Airlines (MAD) to attend the Eighth Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Summit, the 10th Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit, and the 11th Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam (CLMV) Summit, at the invitation of the government of the People's Republic of China.

The Myanmar high-level delegation, led by the Chairman of the State Administration Council and Prime Minister, was seen off at the airport by SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win, the council's secretary and members, Union Ministers, the chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw Council, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the Nay Pyi Taw Command commander, and the deputy chief of mission and officials from the Chinese Embassy to Myanmar.

Along with the Chairman of the State Administration Council and Prime Minister, the council's Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, Council Member General Nyo Saw, Union Ministers, the chief ministers of Taninthayi, Yangon, and Ayeyawady regions, high-ranking Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), deputy ministers, and military and civilian officials, joined the delegation on the trip.

During the trip, they will attend high-level meetings, hold discussions



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is pictured yesterday with dignitaries at Nay Pyi Taw Military Airport before departing for China to attend the 8th GMS Summit and related summits.

with officials from the government of the People's Republic of China, and visit prominent locations, universi-

ties, factories, and workshops while Union Ministers, deputy ministers, and other responsible officials ac-

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Youth Education: Essential for Personal and National Growth

IF youths lack educational knowledge, they cannot develop themselves, their families, society, the nation and nationals.

Therefore, in the basic education sector, it is crucial to ensure all youths and school-age children attend and complete their education.

(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 in the 2023-2024 academic year on 26 April 2024)



Ambassador (RTD) U San Lwin observes the swearing-in ceremony in Indonesia on 1 November 2024.

Oath-taking ceremony held for U San Lwin as Deputy Secretary-General of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community

U San Lwin, Ambassador (RTD), took over the role of Deputy Secretary-General (DSG) of ASEAN for ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia, starting from 1 November 2024.

On 1 November 2024, ASE-

AN Secretary-General Dr Kao Kim Hourn presided over the oath-taking ceremony, which marked the beginning of DSG U San Lwin's term. The ceremony was followed by the introductory meeting to briefly discuss the ongoing process as well as the other necessary follow-up

under the ASCC Community Pillar.

U San Lwin will be taking the role of Deputy Secretary-General (DSG) of ASEAN for the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) for a three-year term from 2024 to 2027.

— MNA

Special Weather News

Issued at (18:00) hours MST on 5-11-2024

ACCORDING to the observations at (16:30)hrs MST today, due to the South China Sea waves, development of cumulonimbus clouds and the convergence of warm air from the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal and cold air from the China high pressure system, cyclonic circulation which may form over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal, rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Upper Sagaing, Taninthayi Regions and Mon State and fairly widespread to widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, and Ayeyawady Regions and Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, and Kayin States with likelihood of regionally and isolated heavyfalls and strong wind from 6 to 8 November 2024.

Advisory

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



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 5 November 2024)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is a few cloud over the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 6 November 2024: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Magway, Taninthayi Regions and (southern and eastern)Shan, Chin States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is 100%.

THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD: The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Taninthayi Region. The area along the cumulonimbus clouds movement, the weather phenomena such as strong winds accompanied with rain,

thunder, lightnings and hails may occur and therefore it is recommended to be aware in advance these phenomena.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 3-6 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of fairly widespread to widespread rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw, Sagaing, Magway, Bago, Yangon, and Ayeyawady Regions and Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin, and Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 November 2024: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 November 2024: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 6 November 2024: Partly cloudy. — DMH

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Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

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These activities aim to strengthen the bond of friendship between the governments and peoples of both countries and enhance cooperation across various fields, including the economy and other sectors.

The Myanmar delegation, led by the Chairman of the State Administration Council and Prime Minister, arrived at the Kunming International Airport in China in the morning. Upon their arrival, they were warmly welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to China U Tin Maung Swe, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Ma Jia, Myanmar's military attaché (Army, Navy, and Air) Brig-Gen Zaw Zaw Naing, Mr Yang Yalin, a member of the standing committee of the Chinese Communist Party, and other officials. Traditional cultural troupes from China warmly welcomed the delegation with flower garlands, waving the flags of both countries and performing traditional cultural music and dances. — MNA/TH



A warm welcome ceremony was held at Kunming International Airport for the official visit of State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to the People's Republic of China yesterday.

DPM MoTC Union Minister inspects Sule Jetty, warehouses

MEMBER of the State Administration Council, Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo and officials yesterday arrived at Sule Jetty and Wahdan Jetty, which Myanma Port Authority manages.

They inspected cargo, warehouses, port facilities and storage conditions.

Deputy Prime Minister General Mya Tun Oo and the managing director of the Myanma Port Authority arrived at Sule Jetty with officials from the relevant ministries.

The Myanma Port Authority Chief Engineer presented



Deputy Prime Minister MoTC Union Minister General Mya Tun Oo inspects port facilities and warehouses in Yangon yesterday.

the updated status of storage facilities and maintenance procedures, as well as measures to be taken and carried out

to obtain national and departmental income.

The Deputy Prime Minister highlighted that as the dry season has come and Yangon Port mainly uses Sule Jetty for Myanmar's agricultural exports, officials and personnel concerned should maintain the high efficiency of port service activities to ensure safety and security in the exportation of goods.

The General elaborated that the port industry is the primary driving service provider for the country's sustainable socioeconomic development; Government- or private-owned port facilities should carry out

maintenance work and continuous inspections to ensure the resilience and strength of jetties and pay special attention to security and fire safety in the port area.

Afterwards, General Mya Tun Oo inspected Sule Jetties 1, 2, and 3, the rubber fender installation and the safety of the worksite.

The Deputy Prime Minister and officials also inspected the Lanmadaw port area, warehouses at the Myanma Railways Wahdan Terminal, railway conditions, jetties and pontoons where inland water vessels dock, and port warehouses. — MNA/TS

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Myanmar leader highlights business opportunities for investors during gathering of China-Myanmar business leaders in Kunming



SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses the gathering of China-Myanmar business leaders at HUALUXE Kunming Hotel yesterday.

STATE Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior-General Min Aung Hlaing addressed the gathering of China-Myanmar business leaders at HUALUXE Kunming Hotel in Kunming, People's Republic of China, yesterday.

Trade and investments between two countries and their peoples are a strategic drive towards the future that the two countries desire

Speaking at the event, the Senior General expressed gratitude for having an opportunity to address the gathering, saying the China-Myanmar Pauk Phaw relationship will reach a diamond jubilee soon, and it can see positive communication along with strong mutual understanding among the peoples of the two countries, business industries and governments. Moreover, trade and investment of two countries and their peoples is a strategic drive to move forward the future that the two countries desire.

He continued that Myanmar is an agricultural country strategically located between China and India, in a focal area with a large market and in the fast-developing ASEAN region. Moreover, the country possesses fine weather and land areas for agriculture. It has more than 65 million hectares of farmland, among the highest in Southeast Asia. However, plantations are done only in 20 per cent of farmland. Therefore, virgin farmlands with fine fertilizer and not exposed to chemicals are opportunities for investors and also for those who want to run agriculture-based livestock breeding businesses.

He added that advanced technologies and biotechnology are widely used in China's agricultural sector, and the country invites enhanced cooperation with partner business people to transfer technology through investments, produce suitable agrarian products, and ensure value-added food safety that can also sustain the ecosystem.

He then highlighted the agricultural sector of Myanmar and the need to manufacture chemical fertilizers, natural fertilizers, and insecticides. He also invited investors to promote the farm machinery sector.

He underscored that modern technologies are used to breed chickens, pigs, and cows, and plans are underway to operate frozen meat production processes. The neighbouring countries like Bangladesh and India have large food markets despite their large population. The country intends to produce value-added products from the agriculture and livestock breeding sectors, promoting the agricultural sector to mechanized farming. Therefore, the government supports the needed assistance to facilitate investments in agriculture and livestock breeding sectors for foreign investors.

He also clarified that cultivation of essential industrial crops such as cotton and rubber are expanded to ensure the value-added products in agriculture and livestock breeding sectors. There are many lands in the country where cotton can be planted, and rubber plantations are being made with short- and long-term plans. Moreover, the country emphasizes the wood-based furniture

industry, veneer, plywood, chipboard, and sawn timber production industries, and it encourages the production of quality thread, rubber, and rubber-based furniture.

He mentioned the regions where bamboo and cane can be easily grown, as well as the need for technology and market information exchange and cooperation to develop the private wood-based industries in accordance with the country's market-oriented policy.

He then highlighted the opportunities in cement manufacturing sectors as the country cannot produce adequate cement locally. He talked about the plenty of raw materials for cement production in the country. He also urged the business people to invest in solar power generation and hydropower sectors, as well as EVs in Myanmar.

The Myanmar Investment Commission will prioritize fertilizer production, EV assembly, cement production, steel, value-added agricultural and breeding products, medicine and medical supplies and palm oil production.

He also briefed the foreign investment in Myanmar between 1988 and September 2024, amounting to US\$93.38 billion in 12 sectors. It is 0.48 per cent in agriculture, whereas 1.04 per cent in livestock breeding and marine sectors. Among them, China makes more than \$18 million in investment in agriculture and over \$53.105 million in livestock breeding and marine sectors. Therefore, Chinese businesspeople should make more investments than before to achieve proper achievement in the agriculture and live-

stock breeding sectors. Moreover, the two countries traded over \$8,000 million in the export and import sectors in the 2023-2024 financial year. That is a sign of solid trading between the two countries. Moreover, Myanmar is located between the most populated countries, such as China, Bangladesh, and India, so the nation has the potential to upgrade and produce food and other commodities.

He continued that Myanmar mainly exports rice, beans, pulses and sesame, wood, teak and finished wood products to China. The country keeps making efforts to distribute value-added wood-based products in local and foreign markets. Therefore, the trading and investment between the two countries should be enhanced, and the country should offer benefits and tax reliefs for the partner business people.

Regarding the transport and essential infrastructure sectors, the country is located in focal areas of South Asia, South East Asia, and China, and it creates a gateway to the Indian Ocean for China. Therefore, the country has the potential for transport and primary infrastructural sectors.

He then mentioned the activities of the country under RCEP that entered into force between China and Myanmar on 1 May 2022, the release of the RCEP form and insurance document starting 1 November 2022, and other opportunities to get production under China-Myanmar investment agreement, ACFTA and Myanmar Investment Law in addition to the RCEP agreement.

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Moreover, he talked about the payment method for trading and money transfer at the border, such as the yu-an-kyat direct payment, and added that investments can be made in the Chinese yuan.

He also clarified the unique opportunities to invest in Myanmar as the eight priorities of China-led Global Development Initiatives (GDI) include suitable sectors for Myanmar, and the country will mainly promote manufacturing and competitive power through innovation under the agricultural development strategy and investment plan. Therefore, businesspeople should work together in research development and technology distribution sectors.

Concerning the armed conflicts at the China-Myanmar borders, terrorists neglect the invitation of the government to peace and political dialogues and intentionally make efforts to affect the border stability. Moreover, they initiated actions to mislead China over Myanmar, luring interests in political and military means. He then mentioned insurgents who activated the war lord policy operating drugs, smuggling and illegal businesses in border areas in the past. Moreover, they activate such policies for the reasons of democracy and race. Bilateral trade directly benefits the socioeconomic status of the people of the two countries; thus, all should cooperate to resume trading, ensuring the stability of border areas.

Chinese businesspeople who want to invest and already made investments in Myanmar raise questions and coordinate the discussion

The Chinese businesspeople raised questions regarding potential investments in Myanmar, conditions to create



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and dignitaries dine at a UMFCCI-hosted lunch in Kunming, China, yesterday.

a green environment while conducting the projects, efforts of the Myanmar government to solve the challenges in the investment sector, potential investments for companies, import and export policies of Myanmar, bilateral trade pathways, investment in the production of fertilizers from charcoal and benefits for Myanmar people from that project. They thanked the Senior General for providing relevant answers.

Relevant Union Ministers make replies

Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations Dr Kan Zaw and Union Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin clarified the power consuming

system and the use of renewable energy in Myanmar, long-term plan for power generation, low-risk investments, relief in import and export policies, supervision on foreign exchange and local commodities prices by organizing committees, systematic control on rising foreign exchange rate due to sanctions on finance of western group, kyat-yuan, kyat-baht and kyat-rupee direct payment for border trade, charcoal to fertilizer production, and field study for that production processes.

Senior-General makes replies

The Senior General then mentioned renewable energy – hydro, solar, and wind- and Myanmar can successfully

generate solar energy as it has a hot climate. Therefore, the investments made in the hot regions can be successful, and the power generated by solar energy can improve the environment. Moreover, environmental conservation can be conducted without fail while implementing hydropower projects.

Moreover, he pledged that the government would protect the investors in various sectors in pursuit of the country's rules and regulations. He warmly welcomed the Chinese investors.

After the meeting, the Senior General cordially greeted Chinese and Myanmar investors and business leaders and had lunch, which UMFCCI hosted. — MNA/KTZH

MoBA Union Minister-led Myanmar delegation leaves for India to attend Constitution & Federalism Conference

THE Myanmar delegation, led by Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, who is also the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiation Committee Chairman, left Yangon for India on 4 No-

vember to attend the Conference on the Constitution and Federalism to be held in New Delhi from 5 to 6 November at the invitation of the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA). — MNA/TS

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SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Chinese Yunnan Province leader meet to strengthen bilateral ties

STATE Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met Mr Wang Ning, a member of the Communist Party of China's Central Committee and Secretary of the Yunnan Provincial Party Committee, at the Haigeng Hotel in Kunming, China, yesterday evening.

The Myanmar delegation, led by the Senior General, was warmly received by Mr Wang Ning, and both parties took commemorative photos to mark the occasion. During the meeting, Mr Wang expressed his firm welcome, highlighting Yunnan Province's ongoing economic development and the close diplomatic and economic ties shared with Myanmar. He underscored Yunnan's interest in expanding cooperation in infrastructure projects, cross-sector collaborations, and joint efforts to address cross-border issues.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing expressed appreciation for the warm hospitality extended by Yunnan officials. Noting the upcoming 75th Anniversary of



SAC Chair Premier Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Mr Wang Ning, a member of the Communist Party of China's Central Committee and Secretary of the Yunnan Provincial Party Committee yesterday.

Myanmar-China diplomatic relations, he spoke about the enduring ties between the two nations, especially the significant

connection with Yunnan Province. The Senior General stressed the importance of peace and stability along the border

to support trade and economic development and called for continued joint efforts to secure the border regions.

He further highlighted Myanmar's potential for agricultural and resource-based investments to help meet global food security. The Senior General encouraged Yunnan Province to explore investment opportunities in agriculture, renewable resources, education, health, and culture, emphasizing Myanmar's readiness for collaboration in these areas. He also underscored the need to enhance security measures for smoother exchanges and a stable bilateral framework.

In addition to discussing trade and economic cooperation, the meeting covered potential areas of collaboration in electricity generation and human resource development. SAC members, the Myanmar ambassador to China, and other representatives from both countries attended the meeting. The event concluded with an exchange of gifts and a formal dinner. — MNA/TMT

MoI Union Minister-led Myanmar delegation to attend China-Myanmar Culture Exchange Week, 4th Twin City Media Forum

THE Myanmar delegation, including personnel from six ministries led by Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn, will attend the opening ceremony of the China-Myanmar Culture Exchange Week and the fourth Twin City Media Forum, which will be held in Kunming, Yunnan Province, from 11 to 15 November.

The delegation meeting was held yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Speaking at the event, the Union minister said 48 members will join the China-Myanmar Culture Exchange Week, which can strengthen bilateral relationships. All the members should keep in mind that they should show off the admirable Myanmar culture and promote bilateral relationships during the visit.

Moreover, the events aim to promote friendship and understanding between people from the two countries, exchange cultures, and promote unique

tourism. Cultural exchange can deepen communication between the people of the two countries along with development. MRTV Director-General U Ye Naing then briefed the trip, and six ministries' staff coordinated the discussion.

Personnel from the MRTV and the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture who will perform at the China-Myanmar Culture Exchange Week opening ceremony and the fourth Twin City Media Forum put forward their performances in full dress. The Union minister also inspected Myanmar's lacquerware and landscape photos to be displayed at the fourth China-Myanmar Twin City Media Forum by the Ministry of Cooperatives and Rural Development and the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

A total of 41 staff from the Ministry of Information, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Minis-



Staff from the MRTV and the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture present their performances in full address.

try of Cooperatives and Rural Development, Ministry of Power and Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, and seven from media and organizations, totalling 48, will attend the events under the leadership of Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn.

The events will focus on 202 online New Media refresh-

er courses, the creation of a China-Myanmar agriculture TV programme, cooperation in media and news 2025, classical literature translation into both languages by the China-Myanmar international information and translation workshop, the introduction of China-Myanmar tourism products and the

signing of MoU on tourism cooperation. Moreover, cultural exchanges will include dance performances of Myanmar traditional dance and puppet troupes. Such activities can deepen the friendship and understanding between the two governments and the people. — MNA/KTZH

NATIONAL

SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing visits Yunnan Vocational College, Kunming University of Science and Technology

DURING his visit to the People's Republic of China, Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing toured Yunnan Vocational and Kunming University of Science and Technology in Kunming City yesterday afternoon.

At the vocational college, the delegation received a warm welcome from college officials, who presented information on the college's academic programmes in vocational and technical fields. The college has established connections with international institutions, including Myanmar's Border Areas and National Races Development University, to support vocational training for skilled workers and professionals. The Senior General engaged in discussions to learn more about their operations and training initiatives.

The delegation then visited the college's Electromechanical Training Centre, where they observed advanced machinery



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing is seen during his observation tours in Kunming, China, yesterday.

used in international competitions, including the World Skills Competition Training Base for network cabling. College representatives provided explanations of their cutting-edge technological facilities and

activities.

At Kunming University of Science and Technology, the Senior General and his entourage were welcomed by Party Secretary Mr Teng Jiahua and other university officials. They

viewed a video presentation on the university's operations, followed by a live demonstration by Pro-rector Mr Liu Yanwen, showcasing AI technology applications.

The delegation further ex-

plored departments focused on UAV and drone technologies for agriculture, construction, and surveillance, as well as advanced robotics, sensor technology, and automated systems. University officials explained the application of these technologies, and the Senior General asked questions and discussed.

As a gesture of marking the visit, gifts were exchanged between the Senior General and the university's Party Secretary, followed by a group photo with university representatives.

Kunming University of Science and Technology, founded on 1 September 1954, is known for its engineering programmes and also offers courses in medicine, agriculture, and biotechnology. The university has partnerships with institutions in 49 countries and regions, with 245 international cooperation agreements, fostering advanced research, engineering training, and high-level collaborative projects. — MNA/KZL

Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee holds meeting



Union Minister U Khin Maung Yi presides over the meeting of the Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee yesterday.

UNION Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Khin Maung Yi, who is also the Patron of the Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee, attended the committee meeting in Nay Pyi Taw

yesterday. Deputy Minister U Min Thu, who is the committee chairman, the permanent secretary, directors-general, managing directors, chairman, and officials of the Myanmar Gems and Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association,

was also present at the meeting.

The meeting discussed jade, gems and pearl lots to be sold at the 2024 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium and work plans for the successful holding of the emporium. — MNA/KTZH

China donates foodstuffs, stationeries in flood-hit villages

THE China International Trust and Investment Corporation (CITIC Myanmar) and China Foundation for Rural Development (CFRD) donated K36,150,000 worth of foodstuffs and school materials for flood victims after Typhoon Yagi at the Disaster Management Centre of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement yesterday.

CITIC Deputy Managing Director Mr Ma Chuanfu and

CFRD Programme Manager Ms Yan Tianjia, explained the donation for flood victims based on a positive attitude, and Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Kyi expressed gratitude for the donation.

Donated items included rice, beans, instant noodles, and stationeries, and donors personally provided these items to flood-hit villages in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA/KTZH



Deputy Minister U Soe Kyi receives the Chinese donations yesterday.

OPINION

Focus on media development to benefit the State and people

JOURNALISTS have to emphasize freedom of the press, the right to reveal the truth, and everyone's right to access information. They also highlighted the essential ethics of journalism that all journalists should uphold: accuracy, fairness, speed, impartiality, and prioritizing public and national interests. The right to information, through journalism, serves the common good among people and nations. Currently, it is evident that some journalists are disregarding these ethical standards, instead committing harm that affects both the country and the public.

During the last week of October, events for the Global Media and Information Literacy Week were celebrated in most countries around the world. These events are held annually in various nations. This year's theme is "The new digital frontiers of information: Media

and Information Literacy for public-interest information." The focus is on raising awareness about both the opportunities and challenges that have arisen with the emergence of new digital environments, enhancing people's access to information and their understanding of it.

For the 2024 Global Media and Information Literacy Week, the first key point highlights the need to address challenges and threats that people face, such as fake news, misinformation, disinformation, accusations, hate speech, online resources, and breaches of personal privacy, among other online challenges. There is a point to reveal the difficulties that people are facing due to various threats.

In this rapidly advancing technological era, the majority of the public consumes news online to know most of the occurrences in a short period, but they cannot really analyze whether these news items are

correct or not. Moreover, as some media outlets violate journalistic ethics, the news they present is becoming increasingly toxic.

Due to the spread of misinformation and fake news, nations and their people are experiencing harm. Some major countries use media as a weapon and dominate media channels, continuously disseminating biased or false news to serve their interests. These practices have led to challenges from media manipulation, ignoring the ethical standards long established for journalists. Many nations are now collectively striving to counteract and eliminate the threats posed by such toxic information.

The original code of ethics for journalists is highly principled and moral. However, due to increasing political influences, journalistic ethics are being compromised, leading to the spread of fake news, misinformation, biased reporting, and sensationalism that harm the interests of the country and its people. Therefore, all media communities committed to the public good should strive to prevent harmful journalism and work towards building a peaceful and harmonious society.

Illegal trade patterns

As illegal trade slows down the country's economic development and undermines the production, market competitiveness, and capabilities of local manufacturing enterprises, it must be prevented.

Among the many forms of illegal trade, they can generally be categorized as follows:

- Smuggling
- Counterfeit and importing counterfeit goods
- Parallel Trade legally and illegally
- Trading undervalue

While analyzing illegal trade, about 60 per cent is smuggling, about 30 per cent is trading undervalue, and 10 per cent is parallel trade.

Patterns and Harms of Illegal Trade

BY ALINN YAUNG

Illegal trade with ASEAN

Illegal trade is a major issue affecting almost all sectors in ASEAN and around the world. The rise of illegal trade in ASEAN has caused financial losses to governments and legitimate businesses, as well as biodiversity. Studies have found that human lives and

human rights are significantly affected. The main sectors affected by illegal trade within ASEAN are tobacco, alcohol, beverages, toys and games, vehicle parts, medicine, agricultural chemicals and pesticides, copyright piracy and so on. In addition, illegal imports through e-commerce channels or

online shopping have increased illegal trade.

Myanmar and Illegal Trade

Myanmar is a country rich in natural resources, and it is also a primary source of jade, which is considered to be the best in the world. In 2015, Global Witness,

an international NGO, reported that about 80 per cent of the jades produced in Myanmar are illegally exported, and the country is losing a lot of tax revenue. In addition, illegal logging, illegal importation of disqualified products, counterfeit or unregistered drugs and dangerous goods were also found. If an analysis of illegal trade by category of product is made, mineral ores, various metals, precious metals and rare elements are found in the export sector; and various electrical and electronic equipment, textiles and clothing, machines, machinery equipment and other goods are found in the import sector.

Comparing Trade Statistics

with Trading Partners

According to the reports presented by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), which is composed of traders and entrepreneurs dealing with Myanmar's trade issues, in the comparison of Myanmar's official trade statistics to that of trading partner countries, it was found that there was a difference of US\$3.039 billion in the export sector and US\$8.91 billion in the import sector with a total of US\$11.949 billion in 2019. In addition, the difference in trade figures was also found to be US\$11.743 billion in 2021, and this difference is generally assumed to be illegal trade volume.

Harms Caused by Illegal Trade

The above-mentioned illegal trade causes loss of State revenue, loss of foreign reserves, incorrect statistical information, impacts on foreign investments, and harm to local businesses, production, consumers, the public and the environment.

In the report released by the Transnational Alliance to Combat Illicit Trade (TRACIT) in 2020, Myanmar's illegal trade market is about US\$4.6 billion per year; and it has been observed that anti-illegal trade plays a crucial role for the nation, and ASEAN countries should focus on the following points in combatting illegal trade:

- Strengthening Rules of

Law

- Strengthening customs environment
- Promoting a clean digital environment
- Tackling illegal trade in the courier and postal sector
- Raising awareness programs on illegal trade

Therefore, in order to combat illegal trade threatening socioeconomic sectors of ASEAN countries, including Myanmar and the world, all stakeholders, including relevant departments, need to take it as a national responsibility and continuously cooperate with each other.

The Effective Medicine

BY MYA THAE (RESEARCH)

THERE are many kinds of Medicine. Some are good for patients but some are not suitable for patients. Some have side effects. Taking meditation, telling beads, paying homage to the Buddha and praying are the most effective medicines for the patients. By taking mind in every movement has written in Stephen S Wise Temple in Los Angeles. A group of women pay homage, meditate, tell beads and pray once a week. They take these good deeds regularly. By doing so they get a peaceful mind and relieve the diseases. Therefore, they come to the temple regularly and believe that doing good deeds is powerful medicine for them. Roberta Schweiger, an assistant professor from Renoshini Barda University, experimented on arthritis patients. He gathered arthritis patients in the temple and made them meditate, telling beads and praying. She helped the patients to perform meditate.

Good deeds and taking religious activities seriously are not only for supporting health but also for living a long life. A person who carries out good deeds will be good luck and good effect may be appeared. "This is not a doubtful thing" said Professor Dr Dale Matthews from George Town University Medical Centre in Washington. They knew the power that appeared from meditation was how to support health by making thirty experiments. From these experiments, persons

who carry out religious affairs seriously are in good health and have long lives. Then who did not perform religious activities? In experiments from California, we knew that persons who go to temples have a lower rate of death than those who do not go to temples. By researching we knew that persons who take part in good deeds have no depression, no drinking alcohol, no wrong sexual matters, and no suicide.

By doing good deeds we have not only good health but also sharp power of mind. We meet good friends from the temple. When we treat good friends, we feel happy and not boring. Happiness makes us good for health. Doing good deeds made us good and effective change in the body. Dr Herberd Benson from Harvard Medical School said metabolism in the body, blood circulation, heart and breathing are good in the body.

Heart Specialist Dr Randolph Bird from San Francisco General Hospital Medical Centre separated 393 patients into two groups and researched them. A group of patients are well done in religious activities and another group is not. Though who take good deeds had less serious diseases than other groups who did not perform religious affairs. The author Dr Larry Dossey told us to do good deeds and take part in religious activities are the best medicine. She made her patients by taking part in religious affairs to relieve diseases. 99 per cent of doctors from America believed taking part in religious affairs relieved the

diseases. They understand that doing good deeds is the best medicine for their patients. Weekly journals published 80 per cent of the public believed a powerful mind appears from doing good deeds and relieving diseases.

Assistant Professor Jeffrey Levis from Eastern Virginia Medical School made over 200 experiments. For these experiments, she knew that youth and adults are in good health because of taking part in religious activities. Besides she experiments with European Protestants, Japanese Buddhists, and US Protestants. Because of these experiments, she knew diseases were relieved by performing good deeds.

My elder sister got breast cancer disease before she went to the US. Doctors will remove one side of the breast but she urged the doctor to operate on both sides of the breast. One year later she told the doctors to remove the uterus. Afterwards, she went to the US. She did all kinds of good deeds. She meditated for a few years. Five years later when she returned to Myanmar she met her doctors. Her doctors are surprised that she is still alive. Now she is in the US and still performs good deeds. She is 78 years old and in good health.

If you get worse and sicker or you are an operation patient, you pray and mind the pain carefully, you get mind power and the disease will be relieved.

Ref. "Faith is Powerful Medicine" by Phyllis McIntosh, RD, 2001 - January.

Thermal imaging may help fruits, veggies stay fresher longer: Study

New temperature-sensing devices, like thermal imaging cameras, improve monitoring of fruits and vegetables during harvesting to prevent spoilage.

BEFORE your favourite produce arrives at the grocery store, it must be carefully harvested and stored for extended periods of time. A recent University of Georgia assessment argues that new temperature sensing devices could make that procedure considerably easier, as agricultural issues are exacerbated by changing climates.

Maintaining temperature, humidity and light is critical to ensuring fruits and vegetables don't spoil or deteriorate rapidly. Temperature spikes are the root of adverse outcomes like premature spoilage and rotting, so monitoring these changes quickly and accurately is key.

Researchers say thermal imaging technology could help control temperatures before and after harvesting fruit and vegetables.

"Measuring temperature in food processing environments has to be done right," said Kevin Mis Solval, lead author of the study and an associate professor in UGA's College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. "We do it on a regular basis to make sure we have the proper conditions for producing safe products, but it may not always be done practically. These types of thermal imaging tools are not only feasible but cost-effective and good

at measuring temperature profiles. That is beneficial for a farmer or food processing facility."

A thermal image can replace old-school thermometers in some environments

Mis Solval evaluated the technology as a tool for rapidly sensing abrupt temperature changes in crops in real time. By collecting infrared radiation of fruits and vegetables, thermal imaging technology can gauge temperature without contact.

These types of cameras are readily available to food producers and range from industrial-grade cameras to smartphone attachments.

But they have one thing in common: If there's a drastic temperature spike, the technology can flag it.

"Once you harvest, there is a decomposition process that starts right there, so in some instances a rapid cooling process is very critical for extending the shelf life of fresh produce," Mis Solval said. "If this cooling process is not done correctly, then the shelf life of some fruit and vegetables is significantly shorter. We're talking two weeks compared to three or four days."

Many leafy greens must be



This technology ensures higher quality produce reaches consumers. **ILLUSTRATION: IMAGES FOR VISUAL REPRESENTATION/ UNSPLASH**

picked and then immediately cooled, for example, so a quick temperature measurement must match that speed.

Currently, farmers and harvesters use conventional thermometers to capture the temperature of one or two items. But that process

is not only time-consuming but potentially damaging to the product. Poking and prodding fruits and veggies for an accurate temperature reading can cause minor damage and increase the risk of cross-contamination.

SOURCE: ANI

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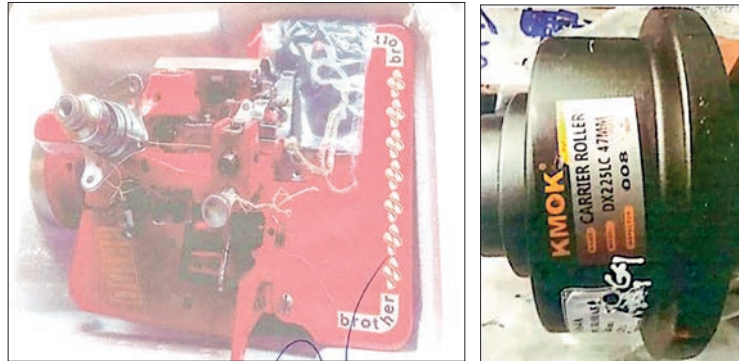
Illegal trade crackdown nets K854M in two days

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

On 2 November, the combined teams seized nine kinds of industrial materials, two kinds of foodstuffs, two kinds of consumer goods and animal feed valued at K238.59 million without official documents from ten containers at the Asia World Port Terminal container checkpoint and a Mitsubishi Fuso truck and a Higer bus (worth approximately K100 million) carrying three kinds of foodstuffs and a kind of consumer goods worth K12.2 million

without official documents at the Ywathagyi Dry Port. The action was conducted in compliance with Customs procedures.

Similarly, on 4 November, the combined teams conducted inspections and seized illegal lead and related materials for mining worth K16.45 million in Bokpyin Township, a boat (worth approximately K140 million) that was docked at the jetty carrying three kinds of industrial materials worth K16 million in Kawthoung Township and illegal coal weighing 31.040 tonnes worth K248,320 in Myeik Township. The action was taken under the Myanmar Mining Law, the Export and Im-



Confiscated illegal items at Asia World Port Terminal container checkpoint.

port Law and the Forest Law.

Additionally, the combined teams seized a Shacman tractor head with a trailer (worth approximately K86 million) carrying consumer goods worth K32.5

million at the Myitnge checkpoint, a Dongfeng tractor head with a trailer (estimated value of K86 million) carrying consumer goods worth K66.975 million without official documents beyond

the Singaing Tollgate, a JAC bus (estimated value of K30 million) carrying two types of consumer goods worth K3 million without official documents near Shwethanlwin Tollgate in Phayagyi and illegal teak weighing 4.840 tonnes worth K4.25 million from a Canter truck (worth approximately K22 million) near Pyidaungsu road in Shwepyitha Township. The action was taken under the Forest Law and Customs procedures.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported 22 arrests on 2 and 4 November, confiscating illegal goods worth approximately K854 million. — MNA/MKKS

Air Defence Forces intercept terrorist drone launches in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area



This photo reveals the successful interception of terrorist drones in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

ACCORDING to reports, terrorists attempted to test-launch several locally-made fixed-wing drones into Lewe Township in the Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday morning.

They aimed to sabotage key buildings and instil panic

among the public. However, the Air Defence Forces detected the launches in advance and successfully intercepted all the drones using air defence systems, resulting in three drones crashing mid-flight.

Residents reported the

crash sites, prompting security forces to carry out necessary searches to ensure public safety. They located three fixed-wing drones, one near Kyaungvay Village, another near Kyankhinsu Village, and a third close to Nanwineain Village in Lewe Township, each carrying explosives. These bombs were safely disposed of to eliminate any risk to the public. Additionally, the launch sites were identified through technological means, allowing security forces to respond quickly to these locations.

Fortunately, no injuries or damage to structures were reported during these incidents, and security measures have been enhanced by the authorities. — MNA/TRKM

MNDAA terrorists attack villages in northern Shan State, injuring 2 children

YESTERDAY afternoon, MNDAA terrorists launched an attack on Man Kai and Pan Haik villages in Namlan Township, Shan State (North), using heavy weaponry.

The assault, which occurred around 1:10 pm, resulted in injuries to two children, aged 5 and 9, who were struck

by shrapnel. The injured children have since been taken to Namlan Station Hospital for medical treatment, with local authorities providing necessary support.

The attack has been condemned as a war crime, as the MNDAA continues to target innocent civilians in peaceful

towns and villages, leading to loss of life and destruction.

Residents have expressed their outrage over these heinous acts. In response, security forces, in cooperation with the public, are intensifying counter-terrorism operations in the region. — MNA/TRKM

Counter-argument to false information

Malicious media spreads false reports of arson by security forces in Mindat

MALICIOUS news media outlets have been circulating false reports that security personnel are carrying out continuous arson attacks in Mindat, Chin State. According to these false claims, local security forces allegedly set fire to vacant government staff residences and empty houses in the Irrigation Department Office compound in the western neighbourhood of Mindat on the evening of 3 November.

Upon enquiry with a local security official, it was confirmed that the reports about security personnel burning vacant houses were false. Subversive news media have been using these fabri-

cated reports to spur fear among residents in Mindat intentionally and to discourage locals from returning to the area. — MNA/KZL



This screenshot validates misinformation.

False reports claim youths in Myittha forced into military service

MALICIOUS news media outlets are spreading false information regarding the alleged forced conscription of four youths from Yoe-kan and Yikan villages in Myittha Township, Mandalay Region, for military services on 2 November. According to these reports, families were informed that if the youths did not wish to serve, they would need to pay K5 million for them to be released.

However, security forces in

Mandalay Region clarified that these reports were false. They stated that conscription for military services is conducted in compliance with established laws and guidelines, with relevant organizations properly structured to oversee this process. Certain individuals and subversive media outlets propagate these misleading narratives to cause confusion among the public regarding the situation. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

MRCSS hosts humanitarian awareness and engagement workshop



This image showcases the workshop participants.

ACCORDING to the Myanmar Red Cross Society, a workshop to raise awareness about Red Cross activities is being held from 4 to 6 November at the Summit Parkview Hotel in Dagon Township, Yangon Region.

This workshop was held first for Ayeyawady Region from 4 to 6 November, with a second session scheduled from 11 to 13 November.

The event aims to promote understanding of the humanitarian work car-

ried out by Red Cross societies, encourage greater community involvement in Red Cross initiatives, and develop skilled and effective members capable of providing disaster relief domestically and internationally. Additionally, participants are expected to gain a deeper understanding of the fundamental principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and be inspired by exemplary practices to replicate in their own communities.

Myanmar Red Cross Society President Professor Dr Myo Nyunt delivered an opening address. The workshop was attended by U Kyi Aung, Chairman of the Ayeyawady Region Red Cross Committee, along with Ms Bonny Foo, Cooperation Coordinator of the International Committee of the Red Cross. — ASH/MKKS

Solar-powered wells enhance water access and agriculture in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Chinese Embassy in Yangon reports that the Yunnan Province Tidai Planting Development Industry Association has supported the construction of solar-powered wells in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area.

Since January 2024, the first multi-functional solar-powered well has been operational in Telgyigon Village, providing over 1,000 residents with drinking water and supporting agricultural activities during the summer. In July, construction began on a second well, now supplying potable water to more than 1,000 villagers and irrigating 240 acres of farmland belonging to 30 households year-round.

U Kyaw Min Moe, who donated land for these wells, noted, "Thanks to the wells constructed with Chinese assis-

This image showcases the paddy field cultivated by using the multi-functional solar-powered well.



tance, we harvested 3,000 baskets of rice this summer, which could bring in over K51 million, more than we earned last year".

The multi-functional wells are part of a collaborative project with the Yunnan Province Tidai Planting Develop-

ment Industry Association, initiated in 2023. The project aims to enhance access to drinking water in villages in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and support agricultural growth in the region. — ASH/TMT

THE Little Mister and Miss Myanmar 2024 Grand Final, featuring the next generation of young beauty contestants, was held on 4 November at the Coriander Leaf Yangon in Ahlon Township, Yangon, according to Event Production Founder Thaw Thaw, the organizer of the event.

This competition included awards across various age categories, with titles such as Baby Miss Winner, Baby Miss Runner, Mini Miss Winner, Mini Miss 1st Runner-Up, Little Miss Winner, Little Miss 1st Runner-Up, Pre-Teeth Miss, Mini Mister Winner, and Little Mister

Young stars shine at Little Mister & Miss Myanmar 2024 Grand Final

Winner. The event also presented additional special awards.

Thaw Thaw, the Event Production Founder, stated, "I wanted to nurture the next generation of young beauty contestants. By gaining competition experience from a young age, children will become more confident on stage as they grow. These competitions are a stepping stone toward a brighter future

for them".

Among the winners, Thet Htar Eain won the Baby Miss Runner title, Sunshine won the Mini Miss 1st Runner-Up award, and Nay Chi Lin Htet claimed the Little Miss 1st Runner-Up title. Baby Miss Winner was awarded to Thoon Yadi Lwin, Mini Miss Winner went to May Pwint Hlwa Chal, and Little Miss Winner was given to Eaindray Myitzu.

Miss Universe Myanmar ranked 20th in global 'Hot Picks' list



This photo showcases Thet San Andersen, Miss Universe Myanmar 2024.

MISS Thet San Andersen, representing Myanmar, has been ranked 20th in the second 'Hot Picks' list of 30 international beauty queens competing in the Miss Universe 2024 pageant, currently taking place in Mexico.

The list is topped by Jennifer Colon from Puerto Rico, followed by Chidimma Adetshina from Nigeria in second, Suchata Chuangsri from Thailand in third, and Naomi Méndez from Paraguay in fourth position.

"I want to be the first winner to bring the Miss Universe crown to Myanmar. I have been confident I can achieve all I hope to since I won the Miss Universe Myanmar crown," said Thet San Andersen on the day of her crowning as Miss Universe Myanmar.

She is a Myanmar-Swedish beauty queen born to a Myanmar mother and Swedish father in Lund, southern Sweden. — ASH/TRKM

Other winners included Lari Kin for Pre-Teeth Miss, Han Lin Thant for Mini Mister Winner, and Little Mister Winner.

Additionally, special awards were presented, including Best Photogenic and Best Catwalk to Nay Chi Lin Htet, Best Evening Gown and Best Smile to Eaindray Myitzu, Best Smile to Sett Thondri Lin and Shoon Yadi Kyaw, Best Catwalk to Thoon Yadi Lwin, May Pwint Hlwa Chal, and Lari Kin, Lotte Miss Smart to Thet Htar Eain, Best Kid to Mon Myat Thant Zin, and Best Style awards to Sunshine and Win Khant Kyaw. — ASH/KZL

NATIONAL BUSINESS

2024 Myanmar International Textile and Machinery Fair to be held at YCC

A two-day "2024 Myanmar International Textile and Machinery Fair" will take place at Yangon Convention Centre (YCC) between 9 am and 4 pm from 6 to 8 December, according to the Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA).

The 2024 Myanmar International Textile and Machinery Fair was co-organized by MGMA and the Chinese Textile & Garment Association in Myanmar (CTGA). The Department of Commerce of Zhejiang Province supports the fair aimed at effectuating sustainable development of Myanmar garment businesses. More than 20 Chinese brands will showcase their products in 120 booths, and Myanmar will participate in 40 booths. It will feature garments and related goods, sewing machines, equipment, shoes, bags, and home textile products.

It will include panel discussions, fashion shows to display Made-in-Myanmar products, and costume and business matchings. Individuals can enquire about the participation fee and price of the exhibition through MGMA 09 43081424 by 18 November. MGMA notified visitors to register via <https://mgma.odoo.com/event/2024-myanmar-international-textile-and-machinery-fair-1/register>. — NN/KK

CBM sells \$15M, 1.5M yuan, 100.8M Thai baht on 4 Nov



The facade of the Central Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw.

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold US\$15 million, 1.5 million yuan and 100.8 million Thai baht on 4 November.

CBM injected over \$91 million, over 9.8 million yuan and over 610 million baht into the financial market in October 2024. In September, CBM also sold over \$76 million, 86 million baht, and 4.8 million yuan. 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

Myanmar businesspeople invited to premier products at KIF 2025

KOREA Import Fair (KIF) 2025 will take place on 7-9 July 2025 at the Convention & Exhibition Centre (COEX) in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, and welcome the participation of Myanmar businesses, according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization.

Korea Importers Association (KOIMA) annually organizes the KIF with the aim of providing a platform for foreign companies to enter the Korean market and meet domestic importers and distributors, which the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy sponsors.

The KIF 2025 will display a wide range of foreign products, enticing both importers and public attention. The B-to-B

matchings and discussions will be included as well. This will encourage Myanmar businesspeople to expand their networks and showcase their products to penetrate the Korean market.

The exhibition stand costs US\$3,000. Those who make advance payments before the end of December 2024 can enjoy a 40 per cent discount with only \$1,800. Those who deposit by April 2025 will get a 30 per cent discount with only \$2,1000.

Individuals can enquire about details of the KIF 2025 through email overseas@koima.or.kr and +82 266773662/9 and register through the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization at 067 408622 and email event.td.myantrade@gmail.com. — NN/KK

ADVERTORIAL

Successful Conclusion of Chinese Proficiency Training for Myanmar Employees of Dapein (1) Hydropower Station in Myanmar of Datang



AT the end of October, the first phase of Chinese proficiency training for Myanmar employees of Dapein (1) Hydropower Station in Myanmar of Datang was successfully concluded. After more than six months of training in Chinese Proficiency Level I to III, all 11 trainees passed the comprehensive course assessment and obtained the Certificate of Completion of the HSK Level III Course.

The training was conducted by the Company in cooperation with the Confucius Classroom at Fuqing School in Mandalay, Myanmar. The course is designed to be close to the actual work, combining classroom teaching with real-life scenarios to ensure that students can flexibly apply what they have learned to their lives and work. Through this training,

the Chinese proficiency of Myanmar employees has been improved, and a group of localized employees who are capable of communicating in Chinese have been cultivated, which has provided reliable support for the safe operation of the power station and injected new impetus to the Company's push for the development of localization.

Looking forward to the future, the Company will continue to strengthen cooperation with educational institutions in China and Myanmar, provide more opportunities for Myanmar employees to learn and grow, help the localization construction of the Company, and promote China-Myanmar cultural exchanges and the high-quality development of the Company.

Tokyo Stock Exchange extends closing time for 1st time in 70 years

THE Tokyo Stock Exchange has extended its trading hours by 30 minutes starting Tuesday without any trouble on the first day, as it aims to make the bourse more attractive to foreign investors and boost dealing activity.

With the first extension of its closing time in 70 years, the Tokyo market will now operate from 9 am to 3:30 pm with an hourlong lunch break, according to Japan Exchange Group Inc, the

parent of the bourse's operator.

The market's trading hours were last adjusted in November 2011, when the morning session was extended by 30 minutes to end at the current 11:30 am.

But it remains unclear whether the latest

change will immediately lead to increased trading activity on the Tokyo stock market, analysts said.

The trading volume on the top-tier Prime Market stood at around 1.9 billion shares on Tuesday, less than Friday's roughly 2.0 billion stocks, JPX data showed. — Kyodo



Photo taken on 5 November 2024 captures a financial data screen at the Tokyo Stock Exchange showing trading continuing past 3 pm after the bourse extended its closing time by 30 minutes to 3:30 pm, the first extension in 70 years. **PHOTO: KYODO**

NEWS IN BRIEF

Cambodia launches export service centre to help boost exports

CAMBODIA'S Ministry of Commerce launched on Tuesday the Export Service Centre (ESC), aiming at supporting companies to become globally competitive exporters, said its press release.

Speaking at the launch event in Phnom Penh, Minister of Commerce Cham Nimul said the ESC would provide guidance through the complexities of international trade to companies of all sizes.

She added that the centre offers tailored support for businesses at every stage of the export journey, which includes assistance from initial market exploration to final product shipment.

"The ESC is the primary resource for Cambodian companies aiming to enter the global marketplace," she said. "Its ultimate aim is to foster sustainable economic growth in Cambodia's export sector." — Xinhua

S Korea's imported car sale falls in October

SOUTH KOREA'S imported car sales turned downward last month due to a supply shortage of some models, industry data showed Tuesday.

The number of imported vehicles sold here fell 0.4 per cent from a year earlier to 21,249 in October after expanding 10.1 per cent in the previous month, according to the Korea Automobile Importers & Distributors Association (KAIDA).

The downturn was attributed to the sale of cars in stock and the supply shortage of some luxury models.

For the first 10 months of this year, imported vehicle sales slipped 1.4 per cent to 215,980 units compared to the same period of last year.

German carmaker Mercedes-Benz ranked first in terms of automotive sales here among foreign companies by selling 6,427 units last month. — Xinhua

EU to assess Apple's compliance with DMA

THE European Commission will assess whether US technology firm Apple complies with the European Union's Digital Markets Act (DMA) regarding its operating system iPadOS, the European Commission said on Monday.

"Apple must, among others, allow users to set the default web browser of their choice on iPadOS, allow alternative app stores on its operating system, and allow accessory devices, like headphones or smart pens, to effectively access iPadOS features," the Commission said in a statement. It added that Apple published a 12-page compliance report on 1 November where it detailed measures it has taken to

comply with the DMA.

In the report, Apple said, "Apple is committed to conducting business ethically, honestly, and in full compliance with applicable laws and regulations, including the DMA."

The Commission will now "carefully assess whether the measures adopted for iPadOS are effective in complying with the DMA", adding the assessment will also be based on the input of interested shareholders. The Commission will take formal enforcement action as foreseen in the DMA in case it would conclude that Apple's solutions are not compliant with the DMA, according to the statement. — Xinhua



This photo taken on 4 October 2024 shows the European Commission building in Brussels, Belgium. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

AS the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on **15 November 2024 (Full Moon Day of Tazaungmone)** and **25 November 2024 (National Day)**, Loading, Unloading and delivery for Goods will be received on Payment as Holiday Fees.

MYANMA Port Authority "NOTICE of High Tide"

EXCEPTIONALLY high spring from 20.21 feet to 20.41 feet high above the chart datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period of November 15th to November 17th, 2024. Please be noted that it is not serious level of tide because the highest tide level have reached up to 22 feet above the chart datum in year 2014 and 2015, and this notice is normally issued whenever high tide of Yangon River is expected to reach over 20 feet high above the chart datum in order to take precautionary measures to the public living near river foreshore area of Yangon City.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V BEYPORE SULTAN VOY.NO. (24016)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V BEYPORE SULTAN VOY.NO. (24016)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **6-11-2024** 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.

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

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

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD

Harris or Trump: America decides in knife-edge election

ELECTION Day voting began Tuesday after an extraordinary — and for many unnerving — US presidential race that will either make Kamala Harris the first woman president in the country's history or hand Donald Trump a comeback that sends shock waves around the world.

As the first polling stations opened, Democratic vice-president Harris, 60, and Republican former president Trump, 78, were dead-even in the tightest and most volatile White House contest of modern times.

The bitter rivals spent their

final day of the campaign frenetically working to get their supporters out to the polls and trying to win over any last undecided voters in the swing states expected to decide the outcome.

But despite a series of head-spinning twists in the campaign — from Harris's dramatic entrance when President Joe Biden dropped out in July, to Trump riding out two assassination attempts and a criminal conviction — nothing has broken the deadlock in the opinion polls.

Polling stations opened from 6:00 am (1100 GMT) in states including Virginia, North



This combination of pictures created on 4 November 2024 shows US Vice-President and Democratic presidential candidate Kamala Harris (L) arrives to speak during a campaign rally on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 4 November 2024, and former US President and Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump (R) waves as he leaves after speaking at his last campaign rally at Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on 5 November 2024. **PHOTO: AFP**

Carolina and New York. Tens of millions of voters are expected to cast their ballots, on top of the more than 82 million people who have already voted early in the preceding weeks.

A final outcome may not be known for several days if the results are as close as the polls suggest, adding to the tension in a deeply divided nation.

And there are fears of tur-

moil and even violence if Trump loses, and then contests the result as he did in 2020, with barriers erected around the White House and businesses boarded up in Washington. — AFP

Spain unveils aid plan a week after catastrophic floods

SPAIN on Tuesday announced an aid package worth 10.6 billion euros (\$11.5 billion) to rebuild regions devastated by its worst floods in a generation that have killed 218 people.

The exceptional Mediterranean storm that lashed eastern Spain a week ago triggered surging torrents of muddy water that have left a trail of destruction and an unknown number of missing.

Prime Minister Pedro

Sanchez announced a series of measures including aid to small and medium-sized businesses, self-employed workers and households who have suffered deaths, incapacity, damage to homes and belongings.

Tax relief and reduction and a three-month postponement to repaying mortgages and loans were also among the announcements aimed at protecting the economy and

citizens' livelihoods.

Security force and emergency services personnel are working around the clock to repair damaged infrastructure, distribute aid and search for bodies in Spain's largest peacetime deployment of its armed forces.

Sanchez said almost 15,000 troops, police officers and civil guards were in the eastern Valencia region which has suffered most of the deaths and destruction, up from 7,300 on Saturday.

Firefighters painstakingly combed through piles of damaged vehicles and pumped out water from inundated garages and car parks where more victims may be discovered, AFP journalists saw.

Maribel Albalat, mayor of the ground-zero town of Paiporta, told public broadcaster TVE they were doing "better, but not well" with many streets still inaccessible and residents struggling to get a phone signal. — AFP



A woman wheels a shopping cart down the street as people work to clear mud and debris in Aldaia, in the region of Valencia, eastern Spain, on 5 November 2024, following devastating floods. **PHOTO: AFP**

Indonesian president to visit China from 8 to 10 Nov

INDONESIAN President Prabowo Subianto will pay a state visit to China from 8 to 10 November at the invitation of Chinese President Xi Jinping, Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying announced here on Tuesday. President Xi will hold a welcoming ceremony for President Prabowo and the two heads of state will hold talks. Li Qiang, the Chinese premier, and Zhao Leji, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, will also meet

Prabowo, said Mao Ning, another foreign ministry spokesperson, at a daily press briefing.

China and Indonesia are good neighbours facing each other across the sea and good partners sharing a common future, Mao said, adding that under the strategic guidance of the two heads of state, China-Indonesia relations have maintained a strong momentum of development and the two countries have entered a new stage in building a community with a shared future. — Xinhua

Over 65 mln people food insecure in Horn of Africa: report

At least 65 million people are food insecure in the Horn of Africa, according to a joint report released Tuesday by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), an East African bloc.

This figure marks a slight decline from 66 million in August, attributed to improved rainfall over the past two seasons, particularly

in the IGAD region, said the report.

Of the 65 million affected individuals, 36 million reside in IGAD member states, including Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Uganda. "Extreme weather and climate change, now more severe and frequent, are the primary drivers of food insecurity," the report said, adding that conflict is another key contributor to food insecurity. — Xinhua

SPORTS

Zheng Qinwen defeats Rybakina to claim her first win at WTA Finals

CHINA'S top-ranked tennis player Zheng Qinwen triumphed over Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan in three sets at the WTA Finals in Riyadh on Monday, securing her first victory in the tournament.

Zheng, who had previously lost to Rybakina twice, broke serve to take a 4-1 lead in the opening set, but the Kazakhstani broke back in the seventh game, pushing the set to a tiebreak. Zheng excelled in the tiebreak, winning the first set.

In the second set, Zheng again took an early break but was soon broken back by Rybakina, who then won three consecutive games from 3-3 to level the match. In the decisive third set, Zheng raised her game, breaking Rybakina's serve twice, and ultimately claimed victory 7-6(4), 3-6, 6-1.

This victory marked Zheng's first win at the WTA Finals in her debut appearance. Reflecting on her victory, Zheng said: "It feels great, especially with this type of game. I always feel energetic and then I'm really excited for me to win this match".

Zheng remains in contention to advance from the group stage with this victory, and she said she would concentrate on her own games and filter out what's happening outside. "I'm going to block that. Just tell myself it is another match to play like a normal tournament".

In another match, top seed Aryna Sabalenka defeated Italy's Jasmine Paolini 6-3, 7-5 in one hour and 30 minutes, securing her second group-stage win and guaranteeing her place in the semifinals. — Xinhua



Zheng Qinwen of China reacts after winning the round robin match against Elena Rybakina of Kazakhstan at WTA Finals tennis tournament in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, 4 November 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA



Myanmar (red) and Cambodia team (black) competing in the ASEAN Futsal Championship. PHOTO: MFF

IN the 2024 ASEAN Futsal Championship, team Myanmar claimed their first victory on the fourth day of group matches, held yesterday in Thailand. Myanmar achieved a narrow 5-4 win over Cambodia, marking a hard-fought success.

Elsewhere, Indonesia defeated Australia 3-1, Vietnam dominated Brunei with a resounding 14-0 scoreline, and Thailand overcame Malaysia 3-1. Despite Myanmar's victory, their game against Cambodia was closely contested, with only a single-goal difference. As a result, Myanmar faces a tough final group match against

Myanmar secures first win in ASEAN Futsal Championship

Indonesia.

For Myanmar, Nyein Min Soe scored three goals, with Naing Lin Tun Kyaw and Htut Wai Tun contributing one goal each.

After the fourth day, Thailand and Vietnam secured their places in the semi-finals from Group A, each with nine points from three matches. Malaysia and Timor, both with three points from three matches and Brunei, who ended with no points

from four games, did not advance.

In Group B, Indonesia leads with six points from two matches, followed by Myanmar with four points from two games. Australia has one point from two

games, and Cambodia has yet to earn any points.

The final group matches will take place today as Cambodia faces Australia at 10 am Myanmar Standard Time (MST), followed by Myanmar against Indonesia at 12:30 pm. Timor will compete against Malaysia at 3 pm MST, and Thailand will play Vietnam at 5:30 pm MST. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Boxer Tun Min Aung heads to Thailand to train for match against Brazilian fighter

TUN Min Aung, who will compete with a Brazilian fighter in the One Championship, left for training at the Looksuan Muay Tai Club in Thailand on the evening of 4 November.

He will train with Tun Min Naing (aka) Suleman at the Muay Thai club.

"I will join training at Looksuan Muay Tai Club with my younger brother Tun Min Naing for Tun Min Aung's One Championship," he wrote on his social network.

Tun Min Aung fought three times in ONE match and had a record of one loss and one win. In the third match with Tran Quoc Tuan, he knocked down his opponent with an elbow strike in the third round and won a bonus of 350,000 baht awarded by One Championship.

"I am afraid that my elder brother, Tun Tun Min, feels miserable. Ko Aung La loves his Myanmar people. He did not ignore us and supported us to a higher place. I am grateful to Ko Aung La for helping me to fight in the ONE Championship, which is my dream," said Tun Min Aung.

Tun Min Aung and Thant Zin, the youngest traditional fighters, are among the Myanmar players being watched by ONE. — Htun Htun/ZN



This photo shows Tun Min Aung together with friends and relatives before leaving for Thailand for training on 4 November.



WORLD

China's door opening even wider to foreign visitors, businesses



This photo shows a view of the National Exhibition and Convention Centre (Shanghai), the main venue for the 7th China International Import Expo (CIIE), in east China's Shanghai, 4 November 2024. PHOTO: XINHUA

even wider to foreign visitors, investors and business doers.

As the country presses forward with its high-quality opening-up policies, an enormous boost is widely expected in global trade, investment, and people-to-people exchanges.

This year's CIIE, running on 5-10 November in China's commercial hub of Shanghai, brings together participants from 152 countries, regions, and international organizations, with a record number of 297 Fortune Global 500 companies and industry leaders setting to attend, a testimony to the event's growing international sway and appeal.

The event displays China's clear commitment to expanding imports and promoting trade liberalization. It also serves as a platform for China to introduce new measures to improve the business environment for foreign enterprises, from easing trade policies to supporting cross-border e-commerce and facilitating smoother customs procedures. — Xinhua

THE seventh edition of the China International Import Expo (CIIE) started on Tuesday, offering countries and companies across the globe a

grand platform to showcase their products and services, and a valuable opportunity to tap into the vast Chinese market. On top of the national level im-

port-themed expo, China has recently unveiled a series of initiatives, including broadened visa-free policies and eased investment restrictions, to open its doors

China, Japan hold high-level political dialogue in Beijing

CHINA'S top diplomat Wang Yi and Takeo Akiba, special adviser to the Japanese cabinet and secretary general of Japan's National Security Secretariat, held consultations under the China-Japan high-level political dialogue mechanism in Beijing on Monday.

Noting that China-Japan relations are at a critical stage of improvement, Wang, director of the Office of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, said the two sides should follow the consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries, stick to the right direction of improving and developing bilateral relations, and build a constructive and stable China-Japan relationship that meets the requirements of the new era. — Xinhua

North Korea launches at least 7 ballistic missiles : Japanese Defence Ministry

NORTH Korea launched at least seven ballistic missiles, the flight altitude of which was about 100 kilometres, and the range about 400 kilometres, all of them fell outside the exclusive economic zone of Japan, Japanese Defence Minister Gen Nakatani told reporters.

"Today, the DPRK launched short-range ballistic missiles in the northeast direction. They all fell outside the exclusive economic zone of Japan. At least seven missiles were fired. Their flight altitude reached about 100 kilometres, and the flight range was up to 400 kilometres," the minister said.

According to Nakatani, in connection with the missile launches, the Japanese government sent a strong protest to North Korea.

At around 7:30 am Japan time (22:30 GMT Monday), the

Japan Coast Guard issued a warning of a possible missile launch by North Korea. Vessels at sea were urged to monitor

further information and, if debris is found, not to approach it and to report the relevant information to the Coast Guard.

Last week, North Korea launched its latest intercontinental ballistic missile, the Hwasong-19. — SPUTNIK



A man watches a television showing a news broadcast with file footage of a North Korean missile test, at a railway station in Seoul on 5 November 2024. PHOTO: AFP