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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Mr Yuan Jiajun, Central Committee Member of the Communist Party of China and Secretary of the Chongqing Municipal Party, in Chongqing, China, yesterday.

SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets CPC Central Committee Member & Secretary of Chongqing Municipal Party Committee

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, currently in Chongqing, met Mr Yuan Jiajun, Central Committee Member of the Communist Party of China and Secretary of the Chongqing Municipal Party Committee, at Yuzhou Hotel in

Chongqing, China, yesterday evening.

Mr Yuan Jiajun warmly welcomed the Senior General, and both parties had a commemorative photo session to mark the occasion.

During the meeting, the two sides exchanged views on the progress of Chongqing, which is

situated in a strategic location, the starting point of the Myanmar-Chongqing economic cooperation from the visit of Myanmar Prime Minister; further collaboration with Myanmar depending on advantages of technologies and strategic transport system of Chongqing, science and technological cooperation, cultural

exchange, promotion of education and tourism sectors.

SAC Council Joint Secretary General Ye Win Oo, officials, the Myanmar ambassador to China and the Chinese ambassador to Myanmar were also present at the meeting.

After the meeting, the Senior General and Mr Yuan Jiajun

cordially greeted the attendees.

The Senior General and his entourage then joined the dinner hosted by Mr Yuan Jiajun.

The Senior General and his entourage will continue their visits to significant sites, factories, industries and universities in Chongqing, the People's Republic of China. — MNA/KTZH

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The Lifeline of Knowledge: The Essential Role of Literary Wisdom in Life

"A Myanmar proverb says one can survive seven days without food but not a single morning without water. Similarly, a lack of literary knowledge leads to a life of misery. Therefore, literary knowledge is essential for a fulfilling life."

(Excerpt from the speech given by Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the meeting with senior officer instructors, senior officer lecturers, faculty members, officers and cadets from the Defence Services Technological Academy on 29 May 2024)

NMA College confers ABE-endorsed UK diploma, own diploma

THE NMA College organized its eighth graduation ceremony offering ABE-Endorsed UK Diploma and Own Diploma to 629 students at Novotel Hotel in Kamayut Township of Yangon yesterday.

During the event, Honourable Professor Dr Thaug Htay of NMA College said the NMA College offers postgraduate and undergraduate courses – Faculty of Business Studies and Faculty of Information Technology – for the youths who are trying to develop the education sector of the country. Moreover, the connection with international universities for international subjects reaches a certain extent, and the

graduate persons should apply the skills that they learnt and carry out State duties as leading entrepreneurs.

Then, the officials of NMA College presented the Inspire Volunteer Award 2024, scholarships and certificates.

"The NMA College has been offering degrees since 2017, and it has reached the eighth ceremony. We conferred 629 students who passed eight subjects. The establishment of this college intends to develop outstanding human resources locally and to promote the country's economy. We open 11 schools in Kamayut, Sangyoung, Tamway and Hline townships. We arrange for those



The eighth graduation event of the NMA College in progress yesterday in Yangon. **PHOTO: ZWE MARN (MNA)**

who do not complete the university level to get jobs after receiving a certificate from NMA College. We modify the staff to improve

their capacity in their workplace. We have signed up with over 50 local and foreign international organizations, so we guarantee

job prospects," said NMA College CEO U Lin Myat Ko.

The NMA College is working together with the Ministry of Education, aiming to help businesspeople emerge through the learning of subjects that can be applied practically in crafting the dreams of youths. Currently, the college offers ABE-endorsed UK diplomas and its own diplomas to 629 students who have passed eight subjects: Business Management, Human Resources, Digital Marketing, Basic English, Project Management, Logistics Supply Chain, Financial Accounting and Sales and Market after attending courses between four and six months. — Thitsa (MNA)/KTZH

NDCG delivers over K4.49 billion in taxes



This photo shows the 26th anniversary general meeting of the National Development Company Group.

ACCORDING to U Shwe Kyaing, patron of the National Development Company Group, the company has paid over K 4.49 billion in taxes to the government over the past 26 years.

He mentioned this in his speech at the company's 26th anniversary general meeting, which was held at the meeting hall of the Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Federation (MCEF) on 6 November in Thingangyun Township, Yangon.

The meeting concluded with the presentation and approval of the director's report, annual financial statements, and audit report. Additionally, the audit firm was reappointed, a new board of directors elected and approved, and shareholders given the opportunity to ask questions and engage in discussions. — Arkar Lin/TRKM

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Friday 8 November 2024)

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

Special Features: According to the observations at (18:30) hrs MST today, Typhoon Yinxing over the South China Sea is likely forecast continue to move westwards.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 9 November 2024: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Sagaing, Magway Regions and Kachin, Chin, and Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Mandalay, and Taninthayi Regions and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with the likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Bago, Yangon, and Ayeyawady Regions and Kayin, and Mon States. Degree of certainty is 100%.

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

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at time in Myanmar Waters. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 30-35 miles per hour. Wave height will be about 7-9 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of scattered to fairly widespread rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw, Shan, Kayah, Kayin, and Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9 November 2024: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9 November 2024: Some rain or thundershowers with may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is 100%.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9 November 2024: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

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

NATIONAL

Residents Urged to Prioritize Public Safety Amid Armed Terrorist Threats

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

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

Myanmar, Thailand to cooperate on combatting transnational crime, narcotics, and online gambling

Myanmar and Thai PMs focus on peace and stability in the border regions of both countries, as well as the rule of law and development initiatives.

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing held a discussion with Thai Prime Minister Ms Paetongtarn Shinawatra, who attended the summits, including the Eighth Greater Mekong Sub-region (GMS) Summit in Kunming, China, at Wyndham Grand in Kunming on 7 November.

They exchanged views on inseparable good neighbourhoods of Myanmar and Thailand, the effectiveness of any issue of a country over another country, peace and stability in border regions of both countries, the

rule of law and development measures, eradication of transnational crime, narcotic drugs and online gambling, enhancement of border trade, investment and business, labour issues, promotion of cooperation between the ministries and departments of both countries, political progress of Myanmar, implementation of the adopted objectives, and preparations to hold a free and fair multiparty democratic general election successfully.

The Senior General and the Thai Prime Minister cordially greeted the meeting attendees.
— MNA/TTA



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and Thai Prime Minister Ms Paetongtarn Shinawatra met in Kunming, China, on 7 November 2024.



EVs arrive at Yangon Port

WITH the approval of the Steering Committee on National-level Development for Electric

Vehicles and Related Industries, China-made Dongfeng Ex1 Nano Box and Toyota bZ3 import-

ed by Dongfeng Motor Co Ltd arrived at Yangon Port. Those vehicles were allowed to be claimed according to the procedures yesterday.
— MNA/TRKM

This photo reveals new arrivals of electric vehicles at Yangon Port.

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SAC Chair PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing tours factories, industries in Chongqing

The high-level Myanmar delegation led by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, who is now in China, made study tours to factories and industries in Chongqing, China, yesterday.

Zhongyue Aviation UAV Firefighting-Drone Co Ltd

The Senior General and his entourage visited Zhongyue Aviation UAV Firefighting-Drone Co Ltd, and Company Founder and Chairman Mr Cao Bing and officials warmly welcomed them. They explained the history, progress, research and awards for social welfare activities and screened the video clip featuring rescue works using drones.

The Senior General observed the advanced drones created by the compa-



ny and Mr Yan Hua, the company president, welcomed him. The company president briefed him on the history of the company, the export of agricultural machinery, water pumps, generators, snow blowers and cleaning machines to neighbouring countries, Southeast Asian and European countries, and the display of machines and production processes of the company.

Chongqing Planning Exhibition Gallery

The Senior General and his entourage visited the Chongqing Planning Exhibition Gallery, and were welcomed by the Chongqing deputy mayor and relevant officials.

Museum officials clarified the changes in Chongqing in different eras, the living standards and culture of locals, a small-scale model of the city and video clips



Photos show SAC Chair Premier Senior General Min Aung Hlaing paying observation tours at the Chongqing Planning Exhibition Gallery (top), the Seres Automobile Company and the Zhongyue Aviation UAV Firefighting-Drone Co Ltd (above) in Chongqing, China, yesterday.

ny, and officials clarified the processes of drones in rescue measures for high buildings and forest fires and conducted a demonstration of fire extinguishing with drones. The Senior General appreciated the company in charge of the invention of drones and disaster relief operations using such advanced technologies and gave souvenirs.

Seres Automobile Company

The Senior General and his entourage proceeded to the Seres Automobile Com-

pany, and Company Chairman Mr Li Bo welcomed them.

He explained the history, vehicles produced by the company, data of vehicles and processes of car production in detail. He also presented a scale model of the car to the Senior General, and the Senior General gave back gifts.

Chongqing International Logistics Hub Park

On arrival at the Chongqing International Logistics Hub Park, officials warmly

received the Senior General and his entourage. They explained the land and sea routes roadmap of China-Europe-Western country trade flows, the history of Chongqing, jetty, transport and scale models of cities along the Yangtze River. The Senior General raised queries that he wanted to know and signed the guest's book.

Weima Agricultural Machinery Co Ltd

At noon, the Senior General visited Weima Agricultural Machinery Co Ltd,

depicting progress in various sectors.

The Senior General signed the guest's book and warmly greeted the museum curator.

On the same evening, the Senior General and his entourage headed to Yuan-tongsi jetty in Chongqing and took a cruise along the Yangtze River. During the cruise, the Senior General met businesspeople from Chongqing and exchanged views on China-Myanmar economic cooperation and the potential to enhance investments.

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State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets staff and their families of the Myanmar Consulate-General and scholarship students in Chongqing yesterday.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing urged diplomatic staff to create opportunities for businesspersons to operate mutual businesses and export-import processes between the two countries in addition to investment measures.

In a meeting with staff and their families of the Myanmar Consulate-General and scholarship students in Chongqing yesterday morning, the Senior General heard reports on the enhancement of cooperation in economic, education, health and other sectors by Consul-General U Kyaw Zeyar Lin of the Myanmar Consulate-General in Chongqing.

In his response to the reports, the Senior General said that those serving the State duties at the consulate-general need to carry out all measures successfully, including diplomatic relations. They have to create opportunities for businesspersons to operate mutual businesses, as well as export and import processes between the two countries, in addition to investment measures. If so, bilateral relations will improve to bring interest to people from both countries and promote

Diplomats urged to contribute to Myanmar-China friendly relations

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the State economy. Moreover, when a large number of human resources are used as sound foundations to help develop a country or a region, diplomatic staff need to support the promotion of the education sector. They have to uplift the prestige of the State through self-control, dutiful services and good public relations. The Senior General urged them to contribute to Myanmar-China friendly

relations and trade so as to uplift the prestige of the State.

The Senior General presented gifts and cash assistance to staff families and trainees through the Consul-General and trainees. He warmly conversed with staff, families and trainees.

A Myanmar delegation led by State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing,

who attended the summits, including the Eighth Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Summit in Kunming, the People's Republic of China, left the Kunming International Airport on the evening of 7 November for Chongqing. The Senior General and party were seen off at the airport by Mr Yang Ya-lin, a Standing Committee Member of the Communist Party of China, and officials. Chinese traditional cultural troupes waved flags of both countries and presented traditional dances.

In the evening, the Senior General and party arrived at the Jiangbei International Airport in Chongqing, where they were warmly welcomed by Mr Shang Kui, Deputy Mayor of Chongqing City, and party, Consul-General U Kyaw Zeyar Lin of the Myanmar Consulate-General in Chongqing and officials. — MNA/TTA

SAC members oversee fish stocking in Thanlwin River, provide fertilizer support to farmers

STATE Administration Council members and the regional government launched several community-focused initiatives in Kayin State, covering environmental, agricultural, and cultural areas on 7 November. SAC members Mahn Nyein Maung and Khun San Lwin, accompanied by Union Minister Jeng Phang Naw Taung, leader of the SAC Central Advisory Body U Saw Tun Aung Myint and Kayin State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo, attended a fish stocking event near Thanlwin River at Tayokhla Village in Hpa-an Township.

At the ceremony, fingerlings of various species were released to boost fish populations in the region. This cumulative effort brings the total to 1.3 million fish stocked over recent months, aimed at promoting ecological balance and supporting local livelihoods.

Following the environmental initiatives, the officials visited Naungkhaying Village, where they attended a practical demonstration of fertilizer usage. To support farmers, 300 bags of fertilizer – both organic and chemical – were distributed to improve crop yields across

local paddy fields. This measure aims to support sustainable agriculture practices in the region, providing valuable resources to enhance soil productivity.

In addition to these community support efforts, SAC members observed and participated in local cultural events in Hpa-an. Marking the 69th anniversary of Kayin State Day, the SAC member awarded prizes to participants in the traditional Lethwei competition, with standout matches involving renowned fighters Yan Naing Tun (Zwekapin Myay) and Aung Khaing (Cement Factory), each



SAC Member Mahn Nyein Maung seen during his inspection tour in Hpa-an Township on 7 November.

receiving a K5 million prize.

Additionally, they attended the third night of a local Don dance contest, awarding a total of K39 million to nine participating teams, with individual

contributions of K1 million from Mahn Nyein Maung, Khun San Lwin, and Union Minister Jeng Phang Naw Taung, and K900,000 from Deputy Minister U Zaw Aye Maung. — MNA/KZL

NATIONAL

Individuals need to join necessary preparations to minimize loss and waste in storm

The weather forecast indicates Myanmar will face some rains less than usual from 8 to 17 November.

VICE-SENIOR General Soe Win unveiled that the National Disaster Management Committee has provided cash and kind – over K25 billion and emergency foods – to recent flood-affected areas, dead and injured people and those who lost homes.

The National Disaster Management Work Committee held the coordination meeting at the assembly hall of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw this afternoon, with an address by the Chairman of the Management Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win.

In his opening address, the Vice-Senior General said that Myanmar is also facing natural disasters based on climate change, and it is included in the list of the most likely causes of loss and damage in natural disasters.

He pointed out that news showed Typhoon Yinxing entering the Philippines on 7 November and then heading to the west and northwestward.

He recounted that central Myanmar and Shan State suffered impacts of heavy rains and flash floods triggered by Typhoon Yagi, which coincided with a small storm from the depression in the Bay of Bengal.

Now, he disclosed that clashes of the cold and warm air streams stipulate rain in Myan-



State Administration Council Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win presides over the coordination meeting of the National Disaster Management Work Committee yesterday.

mar, whereas Typhoon Yinxing from the Philippines heads to Vietnam. As such, preparations must be made to provide necessary aid for the people considering the possible heavy rains, flash floods and landslides, he added.

According to the press releases of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology under the Ministry of Transport and Communications and international meteorological centres, the Vice-Senior General noted that Myanmar is expected to face some rains less than usual from 8 to 17 November. However, it is necessary to make preparations and conduct rehearsals so as not to cause impacts of storms similar to Typhoon Yagi again.

At present, he explained that whirlwinds which moved from the South China Sea, fac-

ing occurrences between warm winds from the Andaman Sea and the Bay of Bengal cold winds from the high press area of China mainland, may cause instability of the atmosphere in the Andaman Sea and the Southeast of Bay of Bengal despite passing the monsoon period. Hence, heavy rains may occur in the coming days, according to the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.

He stressed that it is necessary to release early warnings, set safer places for displaced persons from the flood-ravaged areas, stockpile purified drinking water and foods in advance, group heavy machinery and vehicles to transport affected people, manage the evacuation of the people in time, and organize the people who refuse to move under the natural disaster management law. All need

to cooperate with each other in necessary preparations to minimize loss and waste.

He revealed that the National Disaster Management Committee had provided cash assistance of more than K25 billion and emergency foods for recent flood-affected areas, dead and injured people and those who lost homes as part of the emergency response to the flood-hit areas.

He highlighted that all flood-damaged basic education schools could be reopened within one month thanks to the State fund and the contribution of well-wishers.

Vice Chairs of the committee Union Ministers Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and Dr Soe Win reported on possible natural disasters, progress in making preparations with the formation of region-wise emergency response teams, and purchase of relief aid with the

use of the natural disaster management fund.

The Director General of DMH clarified the route of Typhoon Yinxing from the South China Sea and weather forecasts.

The meeting discussed preparations for conducting region-wise and sector-wise emergency responses, rescue and relief, logistics and rehabilitation measures.

Union ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw chairman, deputy ministers, senior Tatmadaw officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, departmental heads and officials attended the meeting, together with chief ministers of regions and states, who are also chairpersons of regional and state natural disaster management committees, and officials through videoconferencing. — MNA/TTA



The Constitution and Federalism Conference was held in India on 5-6 November, attended by Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung.

MoBA Union Minister attends India's constitution & federalism discussion

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung attended the Constitution and Federalism Conference in New Delhi on 5 and 6 November, at the invitation of the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA).

Upon arriving on 4 November, the delegation was welcomed by ICWA officials. The

conference began on 5 November with opening speeches from Union Minister Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung and ICWA Secretary Smt Nutan Kapoor Mahawar. Experts discussed the roles of the President and Governor under India's Constitution and federal reorganization, with Myanmar delegates participating actively.

On 6 November, discussions continued on local self-government (Panchayati Raj system) and other constitutional matters. The delegation also met the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities.

On 5 and 6 November, the Myanmar delegation exchanged views on constitutional and federal matters. — MNA/TS

NATIONAL

Union Ministers inspect students' performance rehearsal for sports festival opening/closing

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn and Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs U Min Thein Zan inspected the students' performance rehearsal for the opening ceremony of the Fifth National Sports Festival at Wunna Theikdi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Union Ministers first viewed the rehearsal dancing of 320 high school students.

Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn then said there is just one month left to hold the national sports festival, and the performance of students plays a vital role in the opening and closing events of the sports festival. The performance with the 'Hla Pa Chit Saya Doh Shwe Myanmar' song is the opening performance after a countdown of freefall. Moreover, the closing event will be made with the 'Shwe Pyi Taw Thoe Doh Atu' song. The festival will start with a gratitude song



Union Minister U Maung Maung Ohn, Union Minister U Min Thein Zan, and officials view the rehearsing performances by the students for the Fifth National Sports Festival's opening.

for the opening and an energetic song for the closing.

Moreover, the efforts of students are essential for opening and closing events like festivals, which are crucial for the country. The performance is a symbol of the cooperation and creativity of youths. Moreover, difficulties in preparations should be reported

to officials in a timely manner. Students also should care for health and education. All should participate happily following the disciplines with national spirit for the successful holding of the festival.

Union Minister U Min Thein Zan also comforted the students by making them proud of their

participation in such a grand festival and highlighted the special focus of the government on the youth sector.

Union Ministers then warmly greeted the trainers from the Fine Arts Department, supervisor teachers from basic education high schools and students and provided them with cash assis-

tance.

The Fifth National Sports Festival 2024 will include ministries-level competitions, state and regional-level competitions and para-sports competitions. The opening and closing ceremonies will also be held at the national level on the grandest scale. — MNA/KTZH

MoE Union Minister engages in high-level oil and gas sector discussions



Union Minister U Ko Ko Lwin (2nd from right) holds discussions on the energy sector in China.

UNION Minister for Energy U Ko Ko Lwin led a Myanmar delegation to the third Global Oil and Gas Conference held in Xi'an, China. During the visit, the Union minister held separate meetings with high-ranking officials, including Sudan's Minister of Energy and Oil, ambassadors from the League of Arab States to China, the CEO of Central Asian Oil City,

the chairman of the conference organizing committee, and senior representatives from Iran's National Innovation Fund.

Discussions emphasized potential collaborations to advance Myanmar's oil and gas sector, covering areas such as enhanced technology adoption, innovations in production, and direct sourcing of

oil and gas drilling equipment from manufacturers.

The meetings highlighted opportunities to apply advanced technology in oil and gas production and explore partnerships with original equipment manufacturers to enhance Myanmar's resource extraction capabilities.

Additionally, discussions involved plans for Myanmar to host the Asian Oil & Gas Equipment Exhibition and an Investment Forum in late 2025, aiming to attract new investments into Myanmar's oil and gas industry.

In a related event, U Ko Ko Lwin attended an MoU signing ceremony between the Central Asian Oil City and the China Association for Asian Economic Development's Mining Professional Committee, symbolizing deeper collaboration. — MNA/KZL

MoHT Deputy Minister inspects athlete dormitories ahead of 5th National Sports Festival

AS part of the preparations for the Fifth National Sports Festival 2024, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Phyo Zaw Soe and officials yesterday inspected the accommodation facilities, including athlete dormitories, to ensure they meet the needs of athletes, coaches, officials and judges, in Nay Pyi Taw.

Officials explained the situation of providing convenient accommodations and efficient catering services for the upcoming National Sports Festival. The deputy minister instruct-

ed officials to ensure adequate water supply, hygienic food preparation, and effective waste management. Additionally, he stressed the need for well-maintained accommodations, emergency medical services, and a dedicated cleaning staff for the festival.

Following this, the deputy minister also inspected the ongoing renovation of the accommodation and the cleanliness of the premises, and provided necessary instructions. — MNA/TRKM



Deputy Minister U Phyo Zaw Soe and officials inspect the accommodation facilities yesterday.

OPINION

Focus on innovation dedicated to food security in GMS

SINCE 1992, the Greater Mekong Subregion programme, which has spanned over three decades, has achieved significant success in regional collaboration. Through cooperative efforts, it has delivered effective and impactful development outcomes, which will continue to contribute to the future progress of the GMS region.

The GMS formed with agro-based countries has to accelerate innovative measures to boost the agricultural economic sector and ensure food security. It is crucial to link all sectors of the GMS programme to an innovation strategy. According to this strategy, special emphasis will be placed on the sectors of agriculture, tourism, trade, and investment, as these processes align well with regional needs.

As such, the member countries have to collaborate with each other, with the support of the GMS Secretariat, as well as with development partners, the private sector, and regional governments, along with all other relevant stakeholders, to work together in implementing sector-specific plans to support social and economic development within the GMS region.

The laws governing intellectual property rights are established in each country according to relevant sectors. Therefore, whether through bilateral agreements between countries or through foreign investments, fostering collaboration and cooperation in the field of innovation will promote progress for all member countries within the GMS region.

The Innovation Strategy is timely for the GMS region. Within the region, technology and innovation play a crucial role in driving increased productivity, technological advancements, the creation of new industries, and the generation of job opportunities. As such, the Myanmar government is actively working towards finalizing the National Science, Technology, and Innovation Road Map (2025-2030). Efforts will be made to coordinate and implement it effectively.

It is essential for encouraging the sharing of innovative knowledge in the agricultural sector, promoting local food markets, and increasing investments, including technology transfer. The global population is projected to reach 8.6 billion by 2030 and 8.9 billion by 2035. Hence, the problem of food security is expected to become even more significant. Since food production, trade, and distribution do not occur within the borders of a single country, regional cooperation is crucial when considering food security.

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Pleistocene Orogenic Period and Igneous Manifestations.

This continues from Episode 48, which H L Chhibber, 1934 described as the Pleistocene Orogenic Period and Igneous Manifestations.

Shinmadaung: The majority of the igneous developments in the Shinmadaung inlier took place along the line of the main strike fault, and it would appear that they were determined partly by its presence. In general, they lie on (b) of the folding described above.

Mount Popa Area: In the case of the Mount Popa area, the general strike of the volcanic hills is NNW-SSE, corresponding to the anticlinal and synclinal axes of the neighbouring Tertiary rocks. Two miles south of Sima and Shawdaw, the writer observed a powerful tendency towards anticlinal folding. The eastern limb is well developed, while the western shows a scarp, which may be due to faulting; very likely, Mount Popa lies on the same fault. It is noteworthy that the lavas have erupted along the Pegu-Irrawaddian junction.

There is a subsidiary line on the west, however, with the same general strike on which the Kyaukpadaung volcanoes are situated.

Doleritic Intrusions in the Pegu Yoma, Prome Area: The general structure of the country into which the dolerites are intrusive, consists of anticlinal and synclinal folds. At two localities, viz, Lethadaung Myenethaung and Tondaung Myenethaung, the writer saw dolerites as small sheets or sills intrusive along the bedding into the Pegu Series. In the latter case, the Peguan rocks dip towards the south with an average dip of 30°, and into them, the dolerites have forced their way. At the contact, the clays and sandstones are altered as a result of thermal metamorphism, the former having been converted into shales.

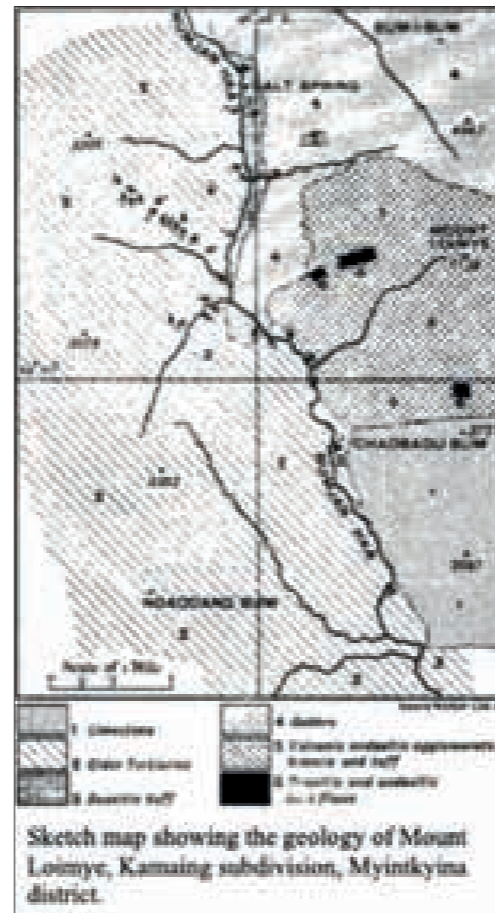
Tharavaddy Area: The area mapped here consists of a big anticline with its axis running roughly east and west. The northern limit of this anticline is well-exposed in the Kyaukpyu chaung, while southerly dips are to be observed near the igneous intrusions. It appears that the latter occur generally as small sills, intrusive along the bedding planes. This is seen near the "Three Falla Hill" in the Ngayan chaung etc. The central intrusion of Kyaukyi taung appears to have forced its way near the crest of the anticline and may represent a small laccolite.

Kabwet Area, Shwebo, and Mandalay Districts: Farther eastwards, the dolerites and basalts of the Kabwet area are situated on the edge of the Shan Plateau. The tectonics of the region are comparatively simple. The Irrawaddian sands have been folded into an anticline on the west, followed by a syncline. The axis of the former is marked roughly by Nattaung's main doleritic intrusion. Some of the doleritic intrusions seem to occur as sills.

Basalts: The basalts, or the "Younger Lava," of the Kabwet area, as they were originally termed, are confined to the south of the River Irrawaddy, and form a roughly horizontal sheet, resting on the denuded edges of the folded Irrawaddian rocks. The remarkable change in general direction in this region is

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determined by the presence of the lava plateau of the Singu to the south, around the northern and western edges of which the river now swings. There is little doubt that the lava erupted through fissures, almost marking the junction of the crystalline rocks (Mogok Series) of the Shan Plateau and the Tertiaries. As already remarked, this fault constitutes one of the major structural features of the Burmo-Malayan region. La Touche wrote: "It is to be observed that these ancient rocks were brought to the surface in Upper Tertiary times since on the western side they are in continuous contact with sandstones of that age. The whole length of the western edge of the Shan Plateau is a fault scarp due to a great fault."

The Thaton District: Passing southwards along this line, we have the rhyolites and rhyolitic tufts of the Thaton district. The volcanic rocks here, from their north-south linear arrangement, appear to have erupted along a strike fault in the sedimentary rocks produced probably as a result of folding and faulting of the Tenasserim Yoma, which are merely a southern continuation of the Shan Plateau. The ridge formed by the capping of lava also forms the foothills, or, in other words, the edge of the Tenasserim Yoma to the east.

As regards the age of the lavas, they have flowed over the sedimentary rocks which are presumed to be Permo-Carboniferous, so it can be said that they are at least post-Permo-Carboniferous in age. But from their freshness and their great similarity to the rhyolites tufts of the Mount Popa area, the Lower Chindwin, and the Jade Mines region, it may be surmised that the Thaton lavas are contemporaneous with these, as to the post-Pliocene age of which there is not a shadow of doubt.

Loi Han Hun Volcano, Northern Shan States: Passing to the Shan Plateau to the east, on the east, we come to the volcano of Loi Han Hun in the Loi Ling range. It is very interesting to note that in the present state of our knowledge, this is the first manifestation of volcanic activity in northern Shan State, after the outpouring of the Bawdwin lavas and tufts. It appears that towards the close of the Tertiary period, earth movements were of a very extraordinary severity, and produced a series of cracks by which the whole of the plateau was dissected. It is these cracks that opened the way for the dormant energies lying below.

The volcano of Loi Han Hun, according to La Touche, is a conical hill, the lower part of which is composed of Tertiary silts which can be nearly horizontal, while the upper part is a dome-shaped mass of columnar basalt with dykes or wall-like masses of the same material radiating in all directions from it, but most highly developed towards the west and northwest, where there may be another focus of eruption. The form of the volcano is similar to that of a volcanic plug.

Teng Yueh Volcanoes, Yunnan: Some of the volcanoes near Teng Yueh in southwest Yunnan were contemporaneous with Loi Han Hun, referred to above. Geologically, this part of Yunnan is simply a northern continuation of the Shan Plateau, and there is no doubt that the two regions were affected by the same tectonic movements. The volcanoes of Lao-Kuei-po, Tay-in-Shan, and the Kung-po group described by Coggin Brown and Burton are all believed to be of late Pliocene or Pleistocene age, when, according to the former author, the general orography of the district was almost the same as that of the present day.

Mergui Archipelago: Passing southwards, the olivine basalts of the Medaw Island form a little plateau and rest on the Mergui Series. Sethu Rama Rao said that "although a careful search was made, nothing resembling volcanic vents or necks could be seen". The writer vis-

ited the area in October 1926 and found that this occurrence showed great similarity to the olivine basalts of the Kabwet area, referred to above. It is most probable that the flows of olivine-basalt have erupted through a fissure in the Mergui Series.

Recent Orogenic Movement and Igneous Activity.

There is considerable evidence to show that important orogenic movements operated during Recent times. There is unmistakable evidence of the recent uplift of land in the form of raised beaches on the Arakan coast and the Andaman Islands. Similarly, signs of Recent elevation are not wanting on the Malayan shores. Dr Cotter, in his paper on the geotectonics of the Irrawaddy basin, has given many instances of Recent upheaval in the Irrawaddy Valley. It must have been during Recent and sub-recent times that the Plateau Gravels of the Pleistocene age were folded and tilted. Similarly, the Uru Boulder conglomerate in the Jade Mines area and Tanai Hka Boulder conglomerate in the Hukawng Valley, both of Pleistocene to sub-Recent age, were found tilted at an average angle of 10°.

Some of the volcanoes of the Jade Mines area, the Lower Chindwin area, Mount Popa region, Narcondam, and Barren Islands, all lying in the Central Belt of Burma, were undoubtedly active, as an accompaniment of these movements. The last-named volcano still smokes at times and was observed in actual eruption during the later part of the last century.

Jade Mines Area, Myitkyina District: An example of volcanic eruption during Recent times is furnished by the olivine basalt of the "1361" hill, about a mile south of Namyong. Here, the upper slopes of the hill are built of basalt overlying late Tertiary rocks. It is evident that the volcano erupted when the present small drainage channels of this neighbourhood had been carved out, as the blocks of lava, a few feet in diameter, representing the broken flows, have a much greater extension along them, and are piled up wherever any little ascent commences. The writer is inclined to believe that the blocks of siliceous breccia are seen in so many places in the area, and some of the hornblende-andesites have erupted in Recent times.

The Lower Chindwin Region: Farther southwards, some of the flows, explosion craters, ash and tuff deposits are undoubtedly of Recent or sub-Recent origin. Most of them are

composed of soft, incoherent ashes, but despite that, they present today an appearance as if they had only just been formed.

Mount Popa Area: Farther down the same line are the volcanoes of Barren Island and Narcondam. The latter has become extinct lately, but the former still smokes at times and was observed to have been in active eruption. Tipper believes that, to the east of Andaman Island, there is an important fault, on which these volcanoes are situated.

Teng Yueh, Yunnan: On the eastern extremity of Yunnan the volcano of She-toe-Shan belongs to this category. Coggin Brown says, "Although She-toe-Shan has been quiescent within historical times, nothing could be more evident than its recent appearance. Erosion and denudation have up to the present made little impression upon it". The vegetation is very scarce, on account of the scanty soil on the lavas of She-toe-Shan.

General Emplacement of the Igneous Occurrences.

As explained below, some uncertainty prevails concerning the early Palaeozoic igneous activity. In the east, covering the site of the Shan Plateau, the Karenni Hills, and Tenasserim, the land after the deposition of the Chaung Magyi and Mergui Series was upheaved and subjected to significant disturbances when the igneous activity occurred in the neighbourhood of Bawdwin, the Lagwi Pass and in the Mergui district, as explained below. After this phase of igneous activity, the whole of Burma, including the Shan Plateau and the Tenasserim Yoma, was under the sea, and, as mentioned elsewhere, it was during the late Cretaceous-early Eocene period that the land masses on the east and the west were upheaved. In the latter region, a belt of serpentinised peridotites is intrusive into the eastern margins of the mountain masses, though a solitary occurrence of serpentine in the Sandoway district in the Arakan Yoma is known. These hill ranges mark the site of an important geosyncline, which is, in all probability, the continuation of the Himalayan geosyncline, towards the south. It seems, therefore, that these serpentine intrusions took place in the margins of the geosyncline, and mainly in the eastern arc, which had just begun to be upheaved. Since most of these serpentine intrusions occur on the eastern margin of the geosyncline it is perhaps reasonable to assume that the thrusts responsible for the upheaval of the land came largely from an

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easterly direction.

This belt in the north, especially in the Myitkyina district, widens considerably, as not only do the serpentine intrusions occur in the Jade Mines area and the Hukawng Valley, but they extend as far east as the neighbourhood of Myitkyina itself.

Volcanic rocks, mainly in the form of ash beds, sometimes interbedded with Eocene sedimentary deposits, occur and are associated with almost every area of serpentine intrusions. This tends to confirm the conception of sub-aqueous igneous eruptions in the late Cretaceous-early Eocene period on the eastern margin of the rapidly shallowing geosyncline. Instances of this, which have been described above, occur in the Bassein, Myaungmya, Henzada, Minbu, and Pokokku districts and the Manipur hills. The Central Belt, or Burma proper, was still under the sea. Still, we find vestiges of igneous activity during the Eocene period in the Shinmadaung hills in the Pokokku district. I, but we find vestiges of igneous activity during the Eocene period in the Shinmadaung hills in the Pokokku district, and it is likely that, during the Eocene period, an inlet of the sea extended in that direction, the intervening portion of which was subsequently covered by the Irrawaddian Series.

The precise age of the Wuntho and Loimye volcanics cannot be determined, but it is known that in both areas, the eruptions were initially sub-aqueous, and marked almost the middle of the northern portion of the Central Belt, which commenced shallowing and gradually rising from the north. It may be that these eruptions occurred either during Eocene times with the others or during the next orogenic period (post-Eocene). The writer is, however, inclined to the former view.

It was only during late Tertiary times that the Burmese Gulf, marking the site of the Central Belt of Burma, was gradually silted up. It is known to have constituted an important geosyncline, where deposits (according to Dr Cotter) with a minimum thickness of 43,000 feet were laid down. In the Jade Mines region, the over Chindwin and the Mount Popa areas, the igneous activity commenced under sub-aqueous conditions, but almost towards the end of the silting up of the gulf, t. These igneous occurrences lie in the centre of the geosyncline and are connected with the axes of the various fold lines into which it has been thrown.

The margin or the edge of the geosyncline is marked by a boundary fault, where the eruptions of the Kabwet area, the Mandalay and Shwebo districts, and those of the Thaton district occurred. Here, again, we find igneous activity on the eastern margin of the rapidly shallowing geosyncline, as was noticed in the case of the Arakan Yoma and its continuation to the north. No igneous occurrences of this age are known from the western margin of the Central Belt.

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NATIONAL

Yangon's monsoon paddy harvest reaches target despite floods



This image captures a thriving paddy field. **PHOTO: KANU**

ACCORDING to the Yangon Region Agriculture Department, 1,144,372 acres out of the targeted 1,148,222 acres were successfully planted with monsoon paddy, with 198,488 acres harvested as of the first week of November.

"This year's rice planting faced several challenges, but the ministry responded

promptly to ensuring areas affected by flooding were quickly replanted.

Despite the need to replant during the typhoon period, the rice has withstood these difficulties, allowing us to meet our production target," explained Daw Hla Kyi, Assistant Director of the Agriculture Department for

Yangon Region.

In Yangon, high-quality rice varieties suitable for export are grown, including Pawsanmwe, Pawsanyin, Ayeamin, Hmawby-2, Sinthukha, Manawthukha, GW 11, 90-day, Thehtatyin, Shwewahtun, Yakyaw, Sinthwelat, Hmawby-3, Pakhangshwewah, and Kayinma Hteiksaung.

Early- and medium-matured rice varieties are currently harvested, while late-matured varieties are expected to be harvested between December and the end of February.

The harvested rice fields are being prepared for winter crops such as peanuts, mung beans, sesame, and sunflowers, with the expectation that these crops will be flourishing across the region by the end of November. — Nyein Thu (MNA)/TMT

Illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K366M on 7 Nov

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

On 7 November, the combined teams seized a Hino Profa truck (approximately K30 million) carrying two types of consumer goods (estimated value of K564,000), without official documents at the Ma-yanchaung permanent checkpoint, a Nissan UD truck (estimated value of K25 million) carrying consumer goods and motorbike parts worth K7.2 million without official documents at the Yetha temporary vehicle checkpoint and consumer goods worth K8.15 million that were smuggled and piled up in the bus station compound in Kawthoung Township. The action was taken in line with Customs procedures.

Similarly, the combined

teams conducted inspections in the seizures of two vehicles (estimated value of K60 million), heading to Mandalay from Yangon and to Mandalay from Yatsauk, carrying 11 kinds of consumer goods and three kinds of industrial materials worth K35.897 million at the Myitnge checkpoint, a Sunlong bus (approximately K100 million) carrying two kinds of consumer goods worth K18.562 million without official documents in Mandalay, a Yutong bus (approximately K45 million) carrying foodstuffs valued at K2.5 million without official document in Amarapura Township and two trucks (estimated value of K21.5 million) carrying illegal teak weighing 1.489 tonnes, illegal timbers weighing 11.773 tonnes and five types of related things valued at K12.043 million in PyinOoLwin and Patheingyi Townships. The action was car-



Confiscated illegal items.

ried out under the Forest Law and Customs procedures.

Additionally, an unregistered Sumbo Star motorbike (approximately K300,000) was seized in Monywa Township. The action was conducted under the Export-Import Law.

The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported 19 arrests on 7 November, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K366 million. — MNA/MKKS

Counter-argument to false information

False claims: Arson and theft of civilians' property in Yesakyo

SUBVERSIVE media outlets fabricated stories, claiming that joint security forces burned and destroyed Nayyin village in Yesakyo Township, Magway Region, on 6 and 7 November, and seized public property.

Regarding the news, according to a security officer from Yesakyo Township, combine security forces did not visit the village and the news is just a false report.

Malicious media outlets conceal the actions of PDF terrorists, who set fire to villages,



This screenshot validates misinformation.

arrest and kill innocent people, and spread false accusations against security forces working to secure the area. — MNA/TKO

Subversive media Khit Thit fabricates stories about activities of prisons

THE subversive Khit Thit media fabricated fake news on its Facebook page on 3 November, claiming that political prisoner Ko Ye Yint Aung had been severely beaten, despite having escaped an assassination attempt at Myaungmya Prison, and that former parliamentarian Dr Pyae Phyto had been the target of an assassination plot.

Upon investigation, there were no political prisoners in the prison, only individuals who had violated existing laws and were serving their sentences. On the evening of 22 October, inmates Tun Lin Aung and Ye Yint Aung, housed in separate buildings – Room 9 and Room 10 – fought, leaving Ye Yint Aung with a head injury.

The incident occurred, and the prison doctor provided the necessary medical treatment for the head injury of inmate Ye Yint Aung. During the investigation, Ye Yint Aung, the victim of the beating, stated that it was merely a fight between inmates and that they both wanted to be punished according to the administrative measures set by the officer in charge. The officer in charge placed foot restraints on Tun Lin Aung for 14 days, revoked his sentence reduction days, and moved him to a separate building.

In addition, it was incorrect to say that prison inmate Pyae Phyto was planned for assassination in prison. He is not in contact with TB patients, and Pyae Phyto himself is staying in a separate room in the dormitory of his own will because it has better ventilation.

Similarly, the Facebook page named DVB Media reported on 3 November that the health condition of prisoner Zarni Aung was poor, which is not true. It is false that Zarni Aung, a prisoner from Obo Prison in Mandalay, is suffering from diabetes, high blood pressure, and coronary heart disease. In reality, he is in good health, and the prison hospital superintendent and nurses are closely monitoring and treating him.

On 31 October, prisoner Zarni Aung was diagnosed with suspected skin cancer of the left eyelid and was sent to Mandalay General Hospital. The oncologist conducted the necessary tests and provided medical treatment. He was given a medical note to return in three months. He is currently in good health. The report on the Facebook page named DVB Media is intended to mislead the public about the prison's routine operations and is false. — Thitsa/TKO

NATIONAL

Shwezigon's Buddha Pujaniya Festival begins 15 Nov

THE 965th Tazaungdine Buddha Pujaniya Festival at the Shwezigon Pagoda in NyaungU Township, Mandalay Region, will be held from 15 November to 3 December, according to U Nyunt Maung, a member of the pagoda board of trustees.

The festival will feature the recitation of the Pathana treatise, donations of alms and cash to 714 members of the

Sangha, and paying respect to 37 traditional Nats (spirits).

On the morning of Tazaungmone Full Moon Day, the consecration ceremony will take place at the pagoda, followed by an offering of 5,000 oil lamps in the evening. The festival will also feature a market fair at the southern precinct of the pagoda compound. — ASH/MKKS



This photo depicts devotees donating alms at Shwezigon Pagoda.

Myanmar and Laos sign Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation

THE Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies, under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation with the Institute of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR), at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Vientiane on 7 November 2024.

The signing of the MOU marked a symbol of mutual respect and trust, establishing a foundation for deeper collaboration between the two institutions. Furthermore, it is expected to facilitate greater cooperation among scholars, practitioners, and former diplomats, promoting joint research, scholarly exchange, the sharing of relevant publications, and dialogue to enhance understanding of regional and global issues of shared interest and geopolitics.



This photo shows the ceremony in which Myanmar and Laos signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation on 7 November 2024.

The MOU signing ceremony was attended by Myanmar Ambassador to the Lao PDR U Aung Ko and officials from the Myanmar Embassy in Vientiane. Also present were Mr Bounleua Phandanouvong, Deputy Minister of the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ms Vithaya Xayavong, Director-General of the Institute of Foreign Affairs, and senior officials from various departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Lao PDR. — ASH/TH

Mr World Myanmar participates in Mr World 2024 in Vietnam

A Myanmar representative, a Shan national, Mister Sai Toung Law, is participating in the Mr World 2024 in Vietnam.

He is currently competing in the Mr World 2024 pageant hosted by Vietnam from 5 to 23 November, alongside contestants from over 70 countries.

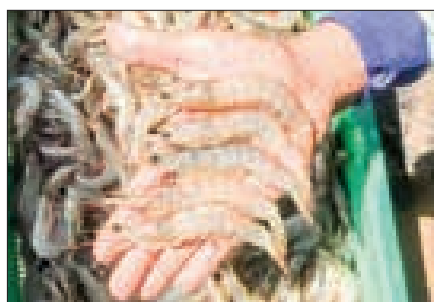
"I'm from Hsipaw, Shan State (North), and I'm a Shan national. I feel excited to compete in the competition as a Myanmar representative," said Mr World Myanmar 2024 Sai Toung Law.

Sai Toung Law is a volunteer English teacher and a founder of the Empower Education Campaign (EEC). — ASH/TRKM



This photo shows Mr World Myanmar 2024 Sai Toung Law.

Shrimp trawling businesses flourish this year



Workers are processing shrimp on export production lines in cold storage.

SHRIMP trawling businesses are thriving this year with strong demand in the domestic market and foreign seafood markets, Vice-Chair U Aung Than Oo

of the Myanmar Marine Fisheries Association said.

Locals used to consume less shrimp caught on the sea. They were primarily exported. Domestic consumption has increased by 10 per cent due to changes in consumer behaviour.

"This year, shrimp trawling's catch rates significantly rose. Furthermore, demand ticked up as well. Earlier, 90 per cent of sea-caught shrimps were supplied to international markets, and only 10 per cent were sent to domestic markets. At present, domestic demand has reached 20 per cent. Locals rarely

consumed them due to the high price. They can afford to buy them for now, changing market patterns," U Aung Than Oo elaborated.

Myanmar's tiger shrimps are shipped to the US and European countries beyond Asian countries like Japan and China. Hard-shell shrimps are mostly conveyed to Japan, China, and other regional countries.

Moreover, Myanmar can process hard-shell shrimp into value-added food products which are designated for Malaysian and Chinese markets. — ASH/KK

NATIONAL BUSINESS

Myanmar ships 1.36M+ tonnes of rice to international markets in 7 months



Export rice bags are seen being loaded onto the barge.

MYANMAR'S rice and broken rice exports hit over 1.36 million tonnes in the past seven months of the current financial year 2024-2025, beginning 1 April, with an estimated value of US\$647 million, according to statistics from the Myanmar

Rice Federation (MRF).

Myanmar exported over 1.3 million tonnes of rice through maritime trade channels and 20,000 tonnes at border posts.

The export volumes are 111,862 tonnes worth \$55 million in April, 71,279.5 tonnes worth

\$36 million in May, 162,325.75 tonnes worth \$84 million in June, 165,444 tonnes worth \$81 million in July, 207,369 tonnes worth \$97 million in August, over 219,560 tonnes worth \$104 million in September and 424,784.27 tonnes of rice worth

\$189 million in October respectively.

The federation aims to achieve 2.5 million tonnes of rice exports in the 2024-2025 financial year (April-March).

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

Ministry of Commerce is working together with the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association, Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association, Myanmar Industries Association, Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Associ-

ation, Myanmar Fisheries Products Processors and Exporters Association to meet monthly export targets and facilitate exports.

The federation is projected to achieve 2.5 million tonnes of rice export in the FY 2023-2024, generating earnings of \$1 billion. However, rice exports fell short of the target with 1.6 million tonnes worth \$845 million.

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

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

CBM pumps foreign currencies into financial market on 7 Nov

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over 2.1 million baht, two million yuan and over US\$3,300 on 7 November, following sales of about \$9,000, 490,000 yuan and 1.2 million baht on 6 November.

It announced on 5 November the sale of seven million yuan and 20 million baht to importers on foreign exchange trading platforms. CBM sold \$15 million, 1.5 million yuan and 100.8 million 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. CBM also sold over \$76 million, 86 million baht and 4.8 million yuan in September. Moreover, CBM sold over \$190 million, 19 million yuan and 79 million baht in August.

CBM aims to curb the instability in the foreign exchange market and the currency devaluation. According to CBM's notification on 15 March, it has been joining hands with law enforcement agencies to combat and prosecute those who attempt to manipulate the currency market under the existing laws. CBM allowed authorized dealers (private banks) to operate online foreign exchange trading freely as per the market rate depending on supply and demand, starting from 5 December 2023. — NN/KK

Myanmar pulse exports exceed 2.9M tonnes in Apr-Oct



Various pulses and beans are neatly organized for sales in the market.

MYANMAR'S various pulses exports hit 2.98 million tonnes in the past seven months of the current financial year 2024-2025 beginning 1 April, according to Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association.

Myanmar mainly exports black grams, green grams

and pigeon peas to foreign markets. Of them, black grams and pigeon peas are primarily shipped to India, while green grams are exported to China and Europe.

India has growing demand and consumption requirements for black grams and pigeon peas. According to a Memorandum of Under-

standing between Myanmar and India signed on 18 June 2021, India will import 250,000 tonnes of black grams and 100,000 tonnes of pigeon peas (tur) from Myanmar for five consecutive years from 2021-2022 financial year to 2025-2026 FY. This G-to-G pact will not affect the pulses' annual quota set by India. Myanmar's exporters are also entitled to deliver the pulses to India under that yearly quota.

Myanmar's black gram output is estimated at 400,000 tonnes per year, whereas pigeon pea production crosses 50,000 tonnes.

The Myanmar Pulses, Beans, Maize and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association stated that black grams, which India primarily purchases, are commonly found only in Myanmar, whereas pigeon peas, green gram and chickpeas are grown in African countries and Australia. — NN/KK

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Multinational companies surpass expectations in China's 3rd quarter operations



People visit the Lululemon booth at the Consumer Goods Exhibition Area during the seventh China International Import Expo (CIIE) in east China's Shanghai, 7 November 2024. PHOTO: ZHANG CHENG/XINHUA

Yum China reported total revenue of \$3.07 billion for the July-September quarter, marking a five per cent increase year-on-year.

YUM China, which operates popular fast-food chains like KFC, Pizza Hut, and Taco Bell, reported a total revenue of \$3.07 billion for the July-September quarter, reflecting a 5 per cent year-on-year increase.

Operating profit rose by 15 per cent to \$371 million, resulting in an operating margin of 12.1 per cent. Net profit surged 22 per cent to \$297 million. Analyst Anne Ling noted that while sales met expectations, the operating profit exceeded market predictions.

Yum's acting CFO, Adrian Ding, highlighted recent Chinese government stimulus measures as encouraging but

acknowledged that it would take time to influence consumer behavior.

To address challenges, Yum has expanded rapidly, introducing cost-effective store models to attract budget-conscious consumers.

The company opened 438 new stores in the third quarter, reaching a total of 15,861 outlets, including 11,283 KFCs and 3,606 Pizza Huts.

In a related development, Lululemon has seen a significant rebound in China, with sales increasing 48 per cent in August and 67 per cent in September. — Xinhua

Bigger than expected drop for German factory output in September

GERMAN industrial production fell by more than expected in September, official data showed Thursday, as Europe's biggest economy struggles to emerge from a period of stagnation.

Output fell by 2.5 per cent month-on-month according to seasonally adjusted data published by the Destatis agency, erasing the increase observed in August, revised to 2.6 per cent. Analysts consulted by Factset had forecast a more modest decline of one per cent.

Production has closely tracked developments in the key automotive sector, where output fell by 7.8 per cent in September after a jump of 15.4 per cent in August. — AFP

Indian court orders liquidation of Jet Airways

INDIA'S top court has ordered the liquidation of bankrupt airline Jet Airways, ending a five-year-long legal process that began when the full-service carrier collapsed in 2019 with \$1.2 billion in debt.

Once the country's second-largest airline, Jet Airways stopped operating five years ago after it ran out of cash and its planes were grounded, with lenders forcing it into bankrupt-

cy proceedings the same year. A national company law tribunal last year allowed ownership of the airline to be transferred to a consortium of buyers that included UAE-based businessman Murari Lal Jalan as part of the bankruptcy resolution process.

But concerns raised by lenders over how the resolution process was executed led to court appeals. — AFP



Once the country's second-largest airline, Jet Airways stopped operating five years ago after it ran out of cash and its planes were grounded, with lenders forcing it into bankruptcy proceedings the same year. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

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ROLLING UPDATES

WORLD



Republican Donald Trump won the US election to take back power from the incumbent Democratic President Joe Biden. **PHOTO: AFP**

Trump rides global wave of anti-incumbency

The aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic has been cited as a contributing factor to the recent political shifts and the defeat of incumbents.

INCUMBENT leaders used to have the edge. In the United States, the power of the Oval Office and glamour of Air Force One once made presidents the prohibitive favourites to win reelection.

With Donald Trump's defeat of Kamala Harris, Republican and Democratic presidents will alternate control of the White House for the fourth straight term, a level of volatility between the parties not seen in the United States since the late

19th century. Anti-incumbency fervour has swept not just the United States but other major democracies, battering both the left and the right.

Britain's Labour swept out Conservative rule in July, self-professed "anarcho-capitalist" Javier Milei triumphed in Argentina last November, and incumbent parties, some long-dominant, lost ground this year in countries as diverse as India, Japan, South Africa and South Korea.

There are exceptions — with Claudia Sheinbaum of Mexico's ruling left-wing populists elected president in June — but the anti-incumbency wave has defied traditional political trends. Under outgoing President Joe Biden, US economic growth has topped the developed world, despite high inflation, and the country has no troops in active combat, factors that led respected political scientists to predict victory for Vice President Harris. — AFP

BRIEFS: WORLD

Reported engine explosion sparks fire at Sydney Airport

A grassfire was ignited next to a runway at Sydney Airport following a reported engine explosion on a Qantas flight upon takeoff on Friday afternoon.

Fire and rescue crews were deployed to the airport, the busiest in Australia, to extinguish the blaze next to the third runway.

News Corp Australia newspapers reported that the fire was caused by an engine explosion on Qantas flight QF520 to Brisbane, which departed Sydney just before 1 pm local time.

Flight tracking data showed that the Boeing 737-800 circled the area after takeoff before landing back at Sydney Airport at about 1:10 pm.

According to Nine Network television, there were 174 passengers onboard and no serious injuries were reported. — Xinhua

Nepal's disasters cause huge loss in late September

DISASTERS triggered by monsoon rains in Nepal in late September led to an estimated loss of 46.68 billion Nepali rupees (US\$347 million) in properties in addition to human casualties, the authorities have announced.

A total of 41 roads and highways across the country were damaged, with the loss reported at 27.98 billion rupees (\$208 million), the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Authority said in a report released on Thursday evening. — Xinhua

Türkiye arrests nearly 4,000 human smugglers so far in 2024

TURKISH security forces conducted 6,339 operations against human trafficking organizations throughout the year and arrested 3,924 smugglers, Turkish Interior Minister Ali Yerlikaya said Friday.

When sharing these updates on social media platform X, Yerlikaya noted that in the operation "Shield-28" alone, which was conducted over the past two weeks across 41 provinces nationwide, 257 human smugglers were caught.

"We are determined to leave no room for traffickers who attempt to turn our country into a target and transit route for irregular migration," he reaffirmed.

Türkiye faces great challenges in managing illegal migration due to its unique geographic position between Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. — Xinhua

Israeli football fans face assault

FIFTY-SEVEN people were detained in relation to attacks on Israeli football fans in Amsterdam. Riot police had to intervene to stop physical and verbal attacks before the Europa League match between Maccabi Tel Aviv and Ajax.

According to BBC news, Israeli football fans faced violent attacks in central Amsterdam, prompting Dutch riot police to intervene multiple times. Prime Minister Dick Schoof condemned these "antisemitic attacks".

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced two "rescue planes" would be sent to Amsterdam. Despite heavy police presence, Israeli

fans were reportedly injured across the city as they travelled to attend a Europa League match between Maccabi Tel Aviv and Ajax. The clashes started in Dam Square with arrests and disturbances involving Maccabi fans and pro-Palestinian protesters and escalated following the game, with reports of fireworks, damaged property, and physical assaults circulating on social media.

Dutch authorities detained 57 individuals, although officials indicated the identities of those involved in the riots were unclear. Videos shared online showed violent confrontations, with pro-Palestinian slogans heard in the background. — AFP



Dam Square, one of the locations where the attacks began. **PHOTO: CANVA**

SPORTS

Team Myanmar set for two friendlies in Nov

THE Myanmar national football team is gearing up for two international friendlies during the November international window. They are scheduled to face Singapore on 14 November in Singapore, followed by a match against Lebanon at Yangon's Thuwunna Youth Training Centre on 19 November.

Last month, Myanmar hosted two friendlies against Sri Lanka in Yangon, securing a 2-0 win in the first game and a goalless draw in the second. Under head coach U Myo Hlaing Win, Myanmar has been actively participating in international matches, providing an opportunity to gauge player performance and team cohesion. This series of friendlies is

part of their preparation for the 2024 ASEAN Cup, set to kick off in mid-December.

Myanmar and Singapore last clashed in June 2019 in Singapore where Myanmar emerged victorious with a 2-1 score line. However, Myanmar has faced challenges since, with three consecutive losses to Singapore in subsequent competitive fixtures. These upcoming matches will not only be vital for Myanmar's preparations but will also offer a chance to assess



Myanmar players rally together with unstoppable energy during an international match. **PHOTO: THAW GYI**

its current form against regional solid sides. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL

Slot not surprised by flying start at Liverpool

ARNE Slot said he is not shocked by a stunning start to life in charge of Liverpool as the Reds have stormed to the top of the Premier League and Champions League.

The Dutch coach has won 14 and drawn one of his 16 matches in charge in all competitions as the holders have also progressed to the League Cup quarter-finals. Slot appeared to have a tough ask to follow Jurgen Klopp.

But he has built on the solid foundations left by the German after Liverpool finished third in the Premier League behind Manchester City and Arsenal last season.

"Surprise isn't the right word I'd use because I knew the quality of our team. But quality is one thing, to be consistent is a second thing," said Slot at his pre-match press conference ahead of hosting Aston Villa on Saturday. "From the moment I started working with them I saw how much energy they put in on a daily basis and that is I think the reason you can be consistent".

Liverpool were inspired by the power of the Anfield crowd to come from behind to beat Brighton 2-1 last weekend to move two points ahead of City at the top of the Premier League. — AFP

Lewandowski eyeing 100th Champions League goal

FC Barcelona striker Robert Lewandowski, who scored his 98th and 99th Champions League goals in the 5-2 victory over Red Star Belgrade on Wednesday evening, praised his team for their performance in that match.

Lewandowski's brace came in the first half. After the break, the Pole had a chance to score a hat-trick and mark his 100th goal in the Champions League, but missed the target.

"During the match, I didn't think about how many goals I had already scored. I missed a good chance to find a hat-trick, but the most important thing was I had scoring opportunities.

After the match, coach [Hansi] Flick said with a smile that it would be better if I scored my 100th goal in the competition at our stadium in Barcelona," the 36-year-old told Polish media on Thursday. "It hurts us a bit that we conceded two goals. We could have done better in those situations. But we are happy to have three points," Lewandowski added.

After the victory in Belgrade, FC Barcelona moved into sixth place in the Champions League group stage classification with nine points. On 26 November, the club will host French outfit and surprise package Brest. — Xinhua

Milan Cortina 2026 "Look of the Games" and sports pictograms revealed

THE official "Look of the Games", including the sports pictograms, for the Milan Cortina 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games has been revealed.

Milan Cortina 2026's creative vision is inspired by the concept of the "human gesture", a theme that captures Italian talent, movement, and artistry. This vision stems from a creative process grounded in the new "Italian spirit," reflecting the host region's culture and history, and expressing the nation's beauty, spirit, and talent in a way that resonates throughout the

Games, according to the Milan Cortina 2026 organizers.

"The Look of the Games of Milan Cortina 2026 shows an extraordinary visual language that accentuates the charm of our cities and venues, expressing a new concept of Italian beauty," said Andrea Varnier, CEO of Fondazione Milano Cortina.

"A dynamic visual identity, inspired by our energy, our enthusiasm, our inclusiveness, and our talent. It will be instantly recognizable and will be an invitation for visitors from all over the world to immerse them-



The Milan Cortina 2026 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games unveiled its official "Look of the Games," featuring a dynamic visual identity inspired by Italian culture, history, and spirit. **PHOTO: INSTAGRAM**

selves in the new Italian spirit. It will leave a lasting mark on the history of the Games."

Developed by the respective Organizing Committees, the Look of the Games is an integral

part of all Olympic and Paralympic Games. It provides a vibrant and eye-catching backdrop to the sports events, creating a unified appearance across all areas, from stadiums and uniforms to

logos and mascots.

The Milan Cortina Winter Olympics will take place from 6 to 22 February 2026, and the Paralympic Winter Games from 6 to 15 March. — Xinhua



Russian President Putin calls India “great power” and “one of largest growing economies”

Putin praised India as a significant global player with a robust economic growth rate of 7.4 per cent and noted that cooperation between Russia and India is expanding across various sectors.



Russian President Vladimir Putin reaffirmed India’s status as a “natural ally” during a speech at the Valdai Discussion Club in Sochi. **PHOTO: ANI**

RUSSIAN President Vladimir Putin has once again emphasized that India is a ‘natural ally’ and partner for decades, while highlighting the Soviet Union’s role in India’s independence.

Addressing the Valdai Discussion Club in Sochi on Thursday, Putin described India as a great country and added that Moscow and New Delhi were boosting cooperation in all areas, Russian state media reported.

“We are developing our ties with India in all directions. India is a great country. It is a leader in terms of economic growth among large economies, with its GDP posting an annual growth of 7.4 per cent,” Putin told the plenary session of the Valdai Discussion Club, as per TASS news outlet.

“Our vision of where and at what pace our relations will develop is based on today’s realities. The volume of our cooperation is multiplying year after year,” Putin was cited by the news agency.

Putin recalled the Soviet Union’s role in India’s declaration of independence, which created “relations that are unique in terms of quality and degree of trust” between the two nations.

Bilateral trade turnover is almost US 60 billion, Putin said. — ANI

GREEN CITY SOLUTIONS

Yokohama hosts Asia Smart City Conference to promote sustainable future

YOKOHAMA City recently hosted the Asia Smart City Conference, bringing together experts and stakeholders to exchange insights and advance a sustainable, green society.

The conference held in October featured over 20 sessions, showcasing leading-edge technologies and solutions to create new business opportunities among Asian countries and other international participants. Yuki Ota, a Representative from the Yokohama City said, “Participants, mainly from the Philippines and Indonesia, joined the Asia Smart City Conference. Through this event, we aim to enhance Yokohama City’s international presence in preparation for TICAD9 and the Green Expo 2027.” — ANI

China advances commercial cargo spacecraft to cut space station supply costs

CHINA has taken a significant step in space logistics and commercial space advancement with the introduction of low-cost cargo spacecraft, including a space cargo shuttle, tailored to meet the frequent supply needs of its space station.

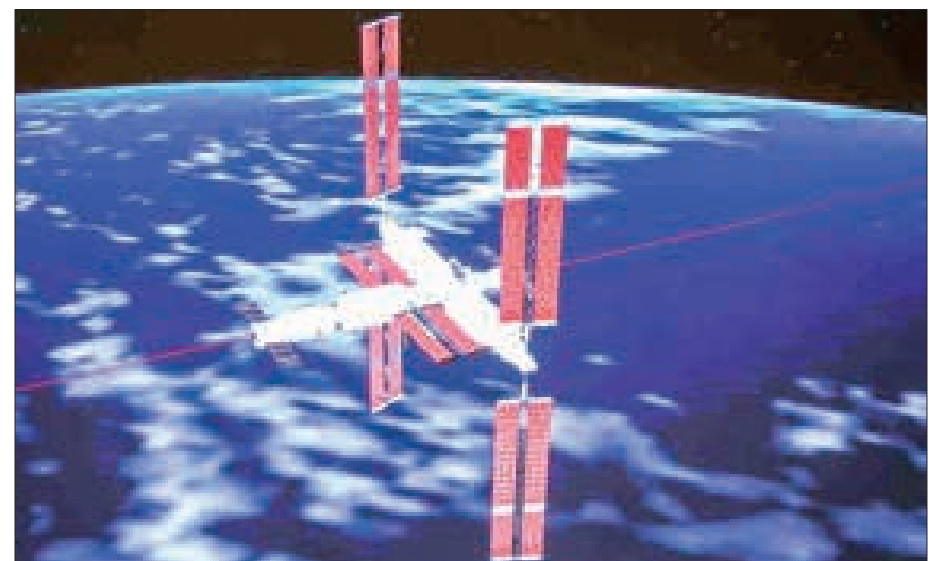
The China Manned Space Agency (CMSA) revealed on 29 October the winners of its solicitation for overall schemes aimed at the low-cost cargo transportation system, a crucial component of the space station’s operations.

After two rounds of selection, schemes respectively from the Innovation Academy for Microsatellites of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (IAMCAS) and from the Chengdu Aircraft Design and Research Institute under the Aviation Industry Corporation of China (AVIC) finally won the contracts for the flight verification phase, said Lin Xiqiang, deputy director of the CMSA.

The IAMCAS-developed Qingzhou

cargo spacecraft features an integrated single-capsule configuration with a cargo volume of up to 27 cubic metres. This ex-

pansive capacity is set to significantly cut cargo transportation costs and enhance flexibility in logistics. — Xinhua



This simulated image captured at Beijing Aerospace Control Centre on 18 January 2024 shows China’s cargo spacecraft Tianzhou-7 having conducted a rendezvous and docking with the combination of the space station Tiangong. **PHOTO: HAN QIYANG/XINHUA**