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An aerial panoramic view of Mount Popa and its surrounding areas, including the Mount Popa National Geopark.

# Excursion to Mt Popa Geopark and Taungdwinchaung Forest on **Popa Langur Day**

**O**N Popa Langur Day, an excursion to Mount Popa National Geopark and the Taungdwinchaung forest camp at Mount Popa will be organized, according to the Mahagiri Group.

Popa Langur Day, designated on 11 November by Mahagiri in collaboration with locals, aims to conserve the rare Popa Langur monkeys – of which only about 300 remain worldwide.

This is the third tour organized by Mahagiri, featuring a visit to the areas inhabited by the Popa Langur at the national geopark and the forest camp.

The tour will introduce participants to the monkeys and highlight the importance of biodiversity for the ecosystem.

The excursion aims to foster a love for nature, and interested participants can join for free.

Lunch will be provided, and visitors can stay overnight at the forest camp. While dinner and breakfast for the following day must be prepared on their own at the base camp, said Mahagiri. — MT/ZS

The Popa Langur Day poster.



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# NATIONAL

## Fostering a Love for Forests: Cultivating Trees for a Greener Future

EMBRACING a love for forests and nurturing the growth of all planted trees is essential. Trees must be systematically cultivated to ensure a lush, green environment and favourable weather for future generations.

*(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 first monsoon tree-growing ceremony 2024 of Tatmadaw families at the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air) on 7 June 2024)*

## List of calendars that publish wrong public holidays

1. The Ministry of Information supervises the printing and publishing services in accordance with the 2014 Printing and Publishing Law, and Rules. In such doing, it is found that the following calendars published for 2024 and 2025 incorrectly state the public holidays.

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(c)	U Hla Win (Shwe Wah Win Sarpay)	2024 Shwe Hnit Thit calendar	14 November 2024
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(g)	U Chit Swe (Myat Thazin Sarpay)	2025 Shwepyitha Township Islamic Welfare Group, Township Muslim Association calendar	10 June 2025
(h)	U Chit Swe (Myat Thazin Sarpay)	2025 Hajj and Umrah Travel Guide Islamic calendar	4 December 2025
(i)	U Myo Thein (Swe Mahar Sarpay)	2025 Aung Maha Mingala Akhpay Bay-din calendar	29 September and 29 December 2025

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## WEATHER REPORT

### Bay of Bengal Condition

Issued at 14:00 hours MST on 9 November 2024

ACCORDING to the observations at 12:30 hours MST today, a low-pressure area may form over southwest Bay of Bengal during next 36 hours. — DMH

### Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 9 November 2024)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Weather is 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 hours MST today, Typhoon “(YINXING)” over the South China Sea is likely forecast to move slowly westwards.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 10 November 2024:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Sagaing Region and Kachin and Chin states. Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions, fairly widespread in (southern and eastern) Shan State, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Taninthayi Region and Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon states and isolated in the remaining regions and states with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Ayeyawady Region. Degree of certainty is 100%.

**THE CONDITION OF CUMULONIMBUS CLOUD:** The cumulonimbus clouds are developing in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions. 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:** STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about 6-8 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of isolated to scattered rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw, Taninthayi Region and Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayah states.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 10 November 2024:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 10 November 2024:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 100%.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 10 November 2024:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%. — DMH

The people are urged to receive vaccination of Covid-19 without fail as full-time vaccination of Covid-19 and receiving booster shots can effectively mitigate infection of the virus, severe suffering from the disease and increase of death rate due to the disease.

# 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)*

## DPM MoTC Union Minister inspects flood reduction, waterways improvement works

STATE Administration Council Member Deputy Prime Minister and Union Minister for Transport and Communications General Mya Tun Oo, Deputy Minister U Aung Kyaw Tun and officials visited the emergency temporary protection worksite, including dredging of sandbank and proper flow of water at the Ooyin Bridge on Sinthay Creek in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. They also discussed fulfilling the needs of the area.

The Union Minister and his team then inspected works to straighten the waterway for flood reduction of Nawin

Creek along the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway at milepost 245/7, as well as sand dredging activities and the construction of retaining walls. They also observed the construction of retaining walls and the placement of concrete fins along Sinthay Creek to prevent erosion near Intha Village in Zeyathiri Township. The Union Minister instructed the relevant officials to adhere to the annual work plan, ensuring construction is completed in time, to the specified quality, and with proper attention to safety standards. — MNA/TKO



SAC Member Deputy Prime Minister MoTC Union Minister General Mya Tun Oo inspects the progress of emergency temporary protection work at the Ooyin Bridge on Sinthay Creek in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

## Yangon Speciality Hospital (500-bed) performs 36<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> liver transplants



This photo records the 37<sup>th</sup> liver transplant surgery.

THE 36<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> liver transplant surgeries were performed at the Speciality Hospital (500-bed) in Yangon on 7 and 8 November, according to the Ministry of Health.

The 36<sup>th</sup> liver transplant surgery was carried out on a 49-year-old male patient from Mogok Township, Mandalay Region, with liver disease and a 43-year-old female cousin who was the liver donor.

The liver extraction from the donor began at 7:15 am on 7 November, and the transplant surgery for the recipient started at 11:45 am. The surgery was completed at 5:45 pm, with a total duration of ten and a half hours.

The 37<sup>th</sup> liver transplant surgery was performed on a 60-year-old woman from Haka Township, Chin State, who had liver disease, and a 25-year-old woman who was the liver donor. The surgery was completed at 4:25 pm, with a total duration of seven and a half hours.

All the patients and liver donors who underwent the 36<sup>th</sup> and 37<sup>th</sup> liver transplants are in good health following the procedures.

A total of 35 liver transplant surgeries have been performed at various hospitals on donor-recipient pairs between 2004 and 2023. — MNA/TKO

# NATIONAL

## MoI Union Minister consoles para-athletes, inspects practice session of Chinlone group for National Sports Festival

UNION Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn inspected the practice session of athletes with disabilities and the rehearsal of the Chinlone group that will show the techniques with various moves creatively and beautifully with the best of their skills for the Fifth National Sports Festival at the Myanmar Paralympic Sports Federation in Dagon Myo-thit (North) Township in Yangon yesterday.

The Union minister first greeted para-athletes and coaches who would perform in opening and closing events.

While meeting with 142 para-athletes from seven regions and states, the Union minister said the athletes can have chances to show off their spirit and capabilities regardless of their disabilities in the competitions that the people from Myanmar and around the world will watch. He then encouraged them to apply their best capacities in competitions.

He also watched the dance practice of artistes of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization and para-athletes.

At the meeting hall of the Myanmar Paralympic Sports Federation, officials explained the history of the federation, different types of disabilities, aims of the federation, other sports that the athletes with disabilities will compete in, camp training, food, healthcare and training for performance for opening and closing events.

The Union minister then presented K2 million for para-athletes from six regions and states to the officials of the federation.

The Union minister also visited the dining hall of the federation and warmly greeted the athletes.

The Myanmar Paralympic Sports Federation will compete in four types of sports at the Fifth National Sports Festival — athletes, volleyball, chess and swimming. The former three competitions will be at the stadium in Lewe Township, and the rest will be held at Wunna Theikdi Stadium on 5, 6 and 8 December. The people can watch the competitions and can donate during their practice sessions.

The Union minister proceed-



Union Minister for Information U Maung Maung Ohn presents cash assistance to para-athletes from six regions and states yesterday.

ed to the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization and enjoyed the Chinlone dance performance in which six male chinlone players, two female chinlone players from the Myanmar Traditional Chinlone Federation, and six artistes from the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization performed. Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization and Myanmar

Traditional Chinlone Federation jointly initiated that performance. The Union minister also watched the practice of the Myanmar traditional orchestra for the background of the sports festival.

During the inspection, the Union minister said the members of film, theatre and musical organizations, including 8,000 athletes from regions, states and

ministries, will take part in the Fifth National Sports Festival. It is a national sports festival that can strengthen the endearing quality of citizens for the nation, as well as trust and unity. The festival will be broadcast live all around the world, aiming to show unity, admiration for the country and value for the country's sports. — MNA/KTZH

## MMPO to host Kathina ceremony on 14 Nov

ACCORDING to Vice-Chairman U Aye Kyu Lay of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO), the communal Kathina ceremony will be held on 14 November at Kalewa Tawya Monastery in Mayangon Township.

MMPO will deliver the donated materials to the monastery at 3 pm on

13 November. Film stars and donors continued to donate at the MMPO office for the Kathina ceremony. — ASH/MKKS

This photo captures actress Academy Myint Myint Khin donating cash for the Kathina ceremony of the Myanmar Motion Pictures Organization (MMPO).



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# NATIONAL

## Weekly Roundup

**3 November**

### Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attends Diwali festival



All citizens of Myanmar must respect each other's beliefs and religions as they have all grown up together in the same motherland, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the celebration to mark the Diwali Festival of Hindus residing in Myanmar at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township, Yangon.

**5 November**

### SAC Chairman PM Senior General Min Aung Hlaing to pay visit to China

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

### Leading Committee holds meeting for Traditional Medicine Conf

SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win pointed out that Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners have to cooperate with international organizations in the traditional medicine sector to promote quality accreditation in traditional medicine education and medicines to penetrate the global community at the coordination meeting of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and Seminar at the Ministry of Health in Nay Pyi Taw.

**6 November**

### Senior General Min Aung Hlaing leaves for China

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing departed from Nay Pyi Taw Tatmadaw Airport to attend the Eighth Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Summit, the 10<sup>th</sup> Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit, and the 11<sup>th</sup> Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Vietnam (CLMV) Summit in Kunming of China, at the invitation of the government of the People's Republic of China. Myanmar leader highlights business opportunities for investors

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing clarified

the unique opportunities to invest in Myanmar as the eight priorities of China-led Global Development Initiatives (GDI) include suitable sectors for Myanmar at the gathering of China-Myanmar business leaders at Hualuxe Kunming Hotel in Kunming, the People's Republic of China.

### Senior General Min Aung Hlaing grants opportunities for businesspersons

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing encouraged Yunnan Province to explore investment opportunities in agriculture, renewable resources, education, health, and culture, emphasizing Myanmar's readiness for collaboration in these areas at a meeting with 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.

**7 November**

### Senior General Min Aung Hlaing sends message to Kayin State Day

Stakeholders must adhere to NCA provisions and seek solutions through dialogue, said Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Thadoe Maha Thray Sithu Thadoe Thiri Thudamma Min Aung Hlaing in his message sent to the 69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kayin State Day, which falls on 7 November.

### Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Chinese Premier

Myanmar and China pledge to strengthen ties and cooperation, said State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, at a meeting with Chinese Premier Mr Li Qiang at Haigeng Garden Hotel in Kunming.

### Myanmar to enhance friendly relations with Cambodia, Laos

Chairman of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing held talks about the promotion of friendly relations and cooperation with Cambodian and Lao Prime Ministers, who will attend the summits, including the Eighth Greater Mekong Subregion Summit to be held in Kunming of the People's Republic of China.

**8 November**

### Myanmar Leader addresses speech at 8<sup>th</sup> GMS Summit



SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing highlighted regional integration and connectivity at the Eighth GMS Summit in Kunming, China.

### Senior General Min Aung Hlaing joins 11<sup>th</sup> CLMV Summit

Scholarship and experience-sharing initiatives must align with the CLMV framework, said SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the 11<sup>th</sup> Cambodia-Lao PDR-Myanmar-Vietnam (CLMV) Summit at Wyndham Grand Hotel in Kunming, China.

### Senior General Min Aung Hlaing participates in 10<sup>th</sup> ACMECS Summit

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing spotted that Myanmar commits to strengthening and integrating ACMECS region, at the 10<sup>th</sup> Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit at Wyndham Grand Hotel in Kunming of China.

**9 November**

### Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets CPC Central Committee member

SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing held talks with Mr Yuan Jiajun, Central Committee member of the Communist Party of China and Secretary of Chongqing Municipal Party Committee in Chongqing, China.

### Senior General Min Aung Hlaing discusses with Thai PM



Myanmar and Thailand will cooperate in combating transnational crime, narcotics, and online gambling, said SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at a meeting with Thai Prime Minister Ms Paetongtarn Shinawatra in Kunming, China.

### Natural Disaster Management Committee meets

Individuals need to join necessary preparations to minimize loss and waste in the storms, SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Prime Minister Vice-Senior General Soe Win urged all people at the coordination meeting of the Natural Disaster Management Committee in Nay Pyi Taw. — GNLM/TTA

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# NATIONAL

## Information Deputy Minister participates in 2024 ASEAN Media Partners Cooperation Week

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Ye Tint attended the 2024 ASEAN Media Partners Cooperation Week held in Guilin City, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, People's Republic of China, on 8 November.

The event was also attended by Mr Fan Yun, Deputy Chief Editor of the China Media Group (CMG) and Chief Editor of CGTN, Mr Chen Yijun, Minister for Information and Permanent Member of the Party Committee of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, along with other officials, including the Secretary of the Cambodian Ministry of Information, Kem Gunawadh, officials from the Information Ministries of ASEAN countries, representatives of private news outlets, and guests, as well as Counsellor Daw Khaing Nyein



Attendees of the 2024 ASEAN Media Partners Cooperation Week, including Deputy Minister U Ye Tint, pose for the documentary group photo in the People's Republic of China on 8 November 2024.

Su from the Nanning Consulate-General of Myanmar.

Before the opening ceremony, CMG officials, representatives, and invitees from ASEAN

countries held discussions on collaboration in the media sector with China.

At the opening ceremony, the deputy minister delivered

a speech highlighting the vital role of the media in today's world. He emphasized that the media can help build friendships and mutual benefits between

people and nations. However, he also pointed out that some nations are facing unrest and slow development due to media outlets that violate codes of conduct and spread fake news.

The deputy minister stressed the need to narrow the gap in the media sector, sharing technologies and fostering more extensive media industry development through collaboration in the region, including with China. He also emphasized the importance of exchanging information among countries and collaborating on TV programmes to strengthen people-to-people ties. He concluded by urging cooperation in the media sector in this digital era to foster 'New Quality, Coexistence, and Civilization'. — MNA/TMT

## 2-day illegal trade crackdown seizes goods worth K189M



Confiscated illegal timbers in Bago Region.

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

On 8 November, the combined teams impounded a Nissan Diesel truck (estimated value of K50 million), heading to Mandalay from Myawady, carrying industrial materials worth K12 million at the Mayanchaung permanent checkpoint, a kind of industrial material worth K23.583 million from a container at the Myanmar Industrial Port and illegal timbers weighing 6.065 tonnes with nine related things valued at K3.221 million in Mudon Township. The action was taken under the Forest Law

and Customs procedures.

Similarly, the combined teams conducted inspections in the seizures of an unregistered Honda Fit (estimated value of K15 million) at the Yadanabon bridge combined checkpoint in Sagaing Township, an unregistered Mercedes Benz (approximately K8 million) in Thingangyun Township, an unregistered Hanbo Star 125 motorbike (estimated value of K100,000) in Yenangyoung Township and illegal teak weighing 0.676 tonne worth K70,000 in Taungdwingyi Township. The action was taken under the Export-Import Law and the Forest Law.

On 8 and 9 November, the combined teams nabbed illegal

teak weighing 0.664 tonne and illegal timbers weighing 48.399 tonnes valued at K3.225 million in Patheingyi and Myanaung Districts, an unregistered Honda Fit (approximately K7.5 million) in Myaungmya Township, a Mitsubishi Canter (approximately K30 million), travelling from Thaton to Bago, carrying foodstuffs worth K2.75 million without official documents in Waw Township, smuggled foodstuffs that were piled up in the bus station compound worth K1.5 million in Bago Township, three unregistered vehicles (approximately K28.5 million) in Bago and Thayawady Districts and illegal teak weighing 7.497 tonnes, illegal hardwood weighing 0.666 tonne and illegal other timbers weighing 0.922 tonne worth K4.059 million in Toungoo, Pyaw and Thayawady Districts. The action was taken under the Export-Import Law, the Forest Law and Customs procedures. The Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee reported 20 arrests on 8 and 9 November, seizing illegal goods worth approximately K189 million. — MNA/MKKS

## Film star donates one full day's meals for elders

ACTRESS Poe Mamhe Thar donated a full day's worth of meals for the elders at Monmyat Seikhta Home for the Aged, located in North Okkalapa Township, Yangon, on 8 November. She provided breakfast, lunch, and dinner for 30 elders at the home.

"I offered three meals for the elders and staff at the home. And, I also donated cash assistance for each elder for their health care," said Poe

Mamhe Thar.

Actress Poe Mamhe Thar has recently been active in the entertainment industry, participating in dramas such as 'Tain Nae Yay Tae Ayote' and 'Myu Hmone Way Way', which are currently being broadcast on television channels and applications. She has also acted in the film 'Hnaung', which is now showing in cinemas. — ASH/TRKM



This photo shows actress Poe Mamhe Thar donating to elders.

# NATIONAL

## Myanma Insurance pays K6.9M+ to Hmawby crop insurance holders

MYANMAR Insurance paid out K6.9 million to the insured farmers in three villages as Hnawgon, Nyaunggon, and Shwemyayagon in Hmawby Township, Yangon Region, not because rainfall did not exceed the set level, but because they were battered by floods and Myanma Insurance decided to pay them for 230 acres of monsoon paddy with crop insurance policy coverage.

The handover ceremony of crop insurance compensation was held at Myanma Agricultural Development Bank in Hmawby Township on 5 November.

Myanma Insurance started to provide crop insurance coverage to help manage risk triggered by climate change with weather index insurance for farmers and extend its service to flood-stricken farmers suffering loss.

Vulnerable farmers holding insurance policies can now cover yield loss or revenue loss due to unfavourable excess rainfall or devastating floods.

Afterwards, they will proceed to compensate for the paddy fields of the insured from Insein, Twantay and Hlegu townships in Yangon Region due to excess rainfall in another set time frame.

Myanma Insurance paid out K4.02 billion to the insured farmers in six townships as Thayawady, Letpadan, Minhla, Moenyo, Gyobingauk and Okpo in Bago Region on 6 October and K5.745 billion to the insured farmers in nine townships such as Hinthada, Laymyethna, Zalun, Kyangin, Myanaung, Ingapu, Kyonpyaw and Kyaunggon in Ayeyawady Region on 23 October due to excess rainfall. — NN/KK



Farmers from Hmawby Township receive compensation from an official of Myanma Insurance during an event of Myanma Insurance providing weather-based insurance due to excess rainfall in Hmawby, Yangon Region, on 5 November 2024.



## Mya Bayin Sugar Mill raises sugarcane purchase price this season

MYA Bayin Sugar Mill notified sugarcane growers that it will offer K200,000 per tonne of sugarcane in the 2024-2025 sugarcane season, up from the previous rate of K150,000 in the 2023-2024 sugarcane season. The hike is to adapt to high sugar prices in domestic markets and cover the input costs of the growers.

Myanmar's annual sugar production is estimated at 450,000 tonnes. Myanmar earlier sent sugar to China and Vietnam beyond self-sufficiency. At present, it is delivered to Vietnam only, Vice-Chair U Win Htay of the Myanmar Sugar and Cane Related Association said.

Before the COVID pandemic, Myanmar's sugar was sent to China's border province. Lat-

er, sugar exports were completely halted amid China's strict policy on import items. Therefore, Myanmar's sugar traders call for a quota to have a legitimate export to China. Myanmar enjoyed tax exemption for preferential origin rules while exporting sugar to Vietnam. Sugarcane is commonly found in the upper Sagaing Region, followed by northern Shan State. It is also found in the western and eastern Bago Region, Yangon Region and Mandalay Region.

The sugarcane is grown in December-January. It can be harvested from coming November to February of the following years. The sugarcane growing rotation cycle lasts four years in Myanmar. — NN/EM

## CBM sells 2M yuan, US\$3,000 on 8 Nov

THE Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) sold over 2.17 million yuan and US\$3,000 again on 8 November after sales of over 2.1 million baht, two million yuan and over \$3,300 on 7 November and about \$9,000, 490,000 yuan and 1.2 million baht on 6 November.

It announced on 5 November the sales 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

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## Enhance partnership businesses to boost value-added product production

STATE Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pledged to increase trade and investment between Myanmar and China at the gathering of China-Myanmar business leaders at Hualuxe Kunming Hotel in Kunming, People's Republic of China, on 5 November on his visit to China to attend the 8th Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Summit.

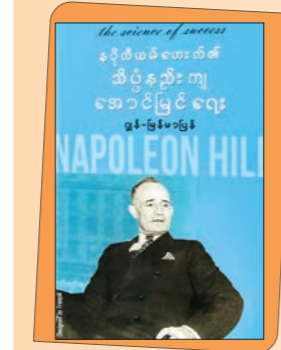
At the gathering, the Senior General said that advanced technologies and biotechnology are widely used in China's agricultural sector, and the country invites enhanced cooperation with partner business people to transfer technology through investments, produce suitable agricultural products, and ensure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

Utilizing agricultural and livestock sound foundations, Myanmar is striving to become one of the countries manufacturing foods worldwide. However, it cannot meet the visions due to the requirements to utilize agricultural techniques and farmlands fully. Up to now, Myanmar still requires agricultural techniques, such as the production of fertilizers, plant drugs and pesticides to boost agrarian produce. At present, the government is ready to assist in the creation of opportunities for an increasing amount of investments in the agricultural sector. Hence, investors are invited to operate farming and agricultural tasks and distribute modern machinery and farm equipment and warehouses in order to leverage up the agrarian mechanization sector as Myanmar possesses favourable weather and adequate land plots for the agricultural tasks.

Myanmar has more than 65 million hectares of farmlands among Southeast Asian countries. However, some 20 per cent of these land plots have been placed under crops. Fertile farmlands without chemical residues in Myanmar are good opportunities for investors. Moreover, investors can seek opportunities to operate agro-based livestock breeding farms in a broader scale.

The government anticipates operating livestock farms using modern techniques and producing frozen meats. Likewise, the government is keen to upgrade agricultural sector to the mechanized farming in order to deliver value-added agricultural and livestock products, as the country has a large food market due to its location close to populous neighbouring countries. Hence, the government provides aid for foreign investors to ease work process in agriculture and livestock sectors.

The Myanmar Investment Commission has decided to prioritize partner businesspersons in manufacturing fertilizers, electric vehicles, cement, steel, agricultural and livestock value-added products, medicines and medications and cooking oil. As such, clarifications from the Head of State on his tour of China to Chinese businesspersons can contribute to boosting the State economy in the future.



Book Title - The Science of Success  
Writer - Napoleon Hill  
Translator - John  
Publishing House - Seikku Cho Cho  
Publication Date - October 2024 (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)  
Price - K5,500

### Napoleon Hill Ei Theikpan Nee Kya Aungmyinyay (The Science of Success by Napoleon Hill)

NAPOLEON Hill's book, "The Laws of Success", presents a comprehensive guide to achieving personal and professional success. The book is divided into multiple sections, each focusing on fundamental principles and strategies to cultivate success. Through a blend of theory, practical examples, case studies, and timeless wisdom, Hill offers readers a roadmap to achieving their goals and realizing their full potential.

Hill introduces the idea of a "mastermind alliance", which emphasizes the power of collaboration and collective thinking. He stresses that success is often a result of pooling diverse talents and knowledge to solve problems and create innovative solutions. By establishing a network of like-minded individuals, one can tap into a collective intelligence

that far exceeds individual capabilities.

There are ten sections. Section 1: The Mastermind Principle: Hill explains the foundational concept of a mastermind alliance in greater detail. He emphasizes the importance of selecting individuals who bring complementary skills, knowledge, and attitudes to the group. Through real-life examples such as Thomas Edison and Henry Ford, Hill demonstrates how such alliances can drive innovation and success. The principle encourages readers to harness the power of collaboration and learn from one another. Section 2: A Definite Chief Aim: Hill introduces the concept of having a clear and specific life purpose, often referred to as a "definite chief aim". He emphasizes that a well-defined goal gives purpose and direction to one's ef-

forts. Hill provides practical steps for crafting such an aim, including visualizing the desired outcome and creating a detailed plan to achieve it. He cites examples like Andrew Carnegie and his steel empire to illustrate how a strong sense of purpose drives success. Section 3: Self-Confidence: In this section, Hill delves into the significance of self-confidence in achieving success. He discusses how one's thoughts and beliefs shape their reality and emphasizes the need to cultivate a positive mental attitude. Hill provides strategies for boosting self-confidence, such as affirmations and visualization. Through anecdotes about inventors like Alexander Graham Bell, Hill illustrates how imagination drives progress and achievement; Section 7: Enthusiasm; Section 8: Self Control; Section 9: The Habit of Doing More Than Paid For; and Section 10: A Pleasing Personality.

success. He presents a framework for effective money management, outlining the benefits of frugality and delayed gratification. Drawing from real-world examples, such as John D Rockefeller, Hill illustrates how the habit of saving can lead to long-term financial security and wealth accumulation. Section 5: Initiative and Leadership: This section focuses on the qualities of effective leadership and the role of initiative in achieving success. Hill discusses the importance of taking initiative, being proactive, and stepping out of one's comfort zone. He presents leadership principles that emphasize empathy, integrity, and the ability to inspire and influence others. The lives of leaders like Abraham Lincoln serve as prime examples of how initiative and leadership contribute to lasting success. Section 6: Imagination: Hill explores the power of creative imagination in problem-solving and innovation. He emphasizes that imagination is the workshop of the mind, where ideas are conceived and developed. Hill provides techniques for harnessing imaginative thinking, such as brainstorming and visualization. Through anecdotes about inventors like Alexander Graham Bell, Hill illustrates how imagination drives progress and achievement; Section 7: Enthusiasm; Section 8: Self Control; Section 9: The Habit of Doing More Than Paid For; and Section 10: A Pleasing Personality.



Book Title - Ngar Trump Bai Dawt Hma Ashone Ma Pay  
TRUMP - Never Give Up by Donald J Trump  
Writer - Donald J Trump  
Translator - Nyi Nyi Naing  
Publishing House - Pyi Myanmar  
Publication Date - November 2024 (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)  
Price - K10,000

### Ngar Trump Bai Dawt Hma Ashone Ma Pay TRUMP – NEVER GIVE UP by Donald J. Trump

THIS week, I would like to introduce a book, the publication date of which happens to coincide, to my surprise, with the United States Presidential Election. The book is titled "Ngar Trump Bai Dawt Hma Ashone Ma Pay". The original title is, "Trump Never Give Up". The writer is Donald J Trump himself, whereas the translator is Saya Nyi Nyi Naing, who has already translated the books of Mr Trump before this book.

While I was writing the review of this book, the two presidential contenders were fighting for the presidency. On the evening of 5 November, the news of the victory of Mr Donald J Trump emerged. The one who has shouted at the top of his voice that if he won the elec-

tion, he would prevent World War III from breaking out, will become the 47<sup>th</sup> US President. His victory in the election has proved that he is a man of words because he has never given up. And I think the billionaires must have a high level of confidence in his victory, for they have spent hundreds of million USD in financing his election campaign. As we are all aware, no businessmen will invest without seeing the return on investments. They are the type of people who sacrifice 100 to gain 1,000.

Donald wrote this book before he became the president. He has disclosed how he has managed to overcome the hardships and challenges. The readers, particularly the younger generation, can learn lessons

from his failures and imitate the mental strength he has shown in his struggles to get up again. His resilience is amazing; very few people can come back like him. He said failures are the stepping stones to success. According to him, what counts is for us all to be able to turn our weaknesses into strengths and challenges into opportunities. His advice is, "Never Give Up".

In Never Give Up, Donald Trump tells dramatic stories of his biggest challenges, lowest moments, and the worst mistakes he has made, as well as how he uses tenacity and creativity to turn defeat into victory. Each chapter includes an inspiring story from Trump's career and concludes with expert commentary and coaching from adversity researcher and au-

thor Paul Stoltz. Inspirational and intelligent, the book titled "Never Give Up", will help you readers deal with your own personal challenges, failures and weaknesses.

Trump received a Bachelor of Science in economics from the University of Pennsylvania in 1968, and his father named him president of his real estate business in 1971. Trump reoriented the company toward building and renovating skyscrapers, hotels, casinos and golf courses. After a series of business failures in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century, he successfully launched side ventures that required little capital, primarily by licensing the Trump name. From 2004 to 2015, he co-produced and hosted the reality television series The Apprentice. He and his businesses have been plaintiffs or defendants in more than 4,000 state and federal legal actions, including six business bankruptcies.

He is a very stubborn die-hard, never thinking of giving up. Despite his ups and downs and peaks and troughs, he can always come back. He is really a great man, so you readers to follow his steps if you really have been determined to achieve success like him.

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**First and Foremost**  
By Chit Ko Pe  
The sunray flares. It's a common feature in the tropical equator. But it's a sought-after in the foggy North Pole sphere.  
The moonlight shimmers. It's a common feature in the mercury-lit city square. But it's a sought-after in the murky village quarters.  
No matter what they're at sight, sunny days or moonlit nights, and where I travel or reside, she takes refuge in me and hides. It's first and foremost with a heartfelt take!

**Full of Merits and Joyous Tazaungdine Festivals**  
By Mya Thae (Research)  
Well-wishers donate alms and Kathina robes to monks.  
All of the well-wishers gather and donate with joyful hearts.  
Besides Matho Thingan robe-weaving competitions take place.  
Well-wishers serve Satuditha with amusing much.  
Taunggyi hot-air balloon launches are famous enormous.  
We all perform merits and joyous on Tazaungdine Festival's months.

**It appears in the affirmative yet one misses**  
Epistle by monk Kyi Gan Shin Gyi, Translated by Myint Zan  
သွယ်တတ်မှ စီး၊ ရွယ်မှန်းရှင်၊ ကြီးလွယ် လျှင်ချောင်၊ မသိမောင်သည်၊ ဖြူယောင် နှင့် မ၊ ဟတ်ယောင်လွဲသာ။  
only when there is proper channeling water will flow smoothly (to the desired place)  
only when the aim is properly made one's (hoped-for) target becomes nearer  
(still) when one achieves importance growing 'big' quickly  
one can lose one's status (like vegetables which grow fast where the inside ingredients become loose):  
One can become unhinged  
If one is ignorant, one is in darkness  
it appears white, yet 'tis black it seems to be in the affirmative yet one misses ...  
Translator's note: Kyi Gan Shin Gyi was a Buddhist monk poet who flourished in the mid-18<sup>th</sup> century. Among others, he is known for his epistles Metta Sar. The translation above is an excerpt from an epistle. I would like to express my thanks to Dr Aung Myint Oo, retired Professor of Myanmar at Yangon University, for his suggestions as to the possible meaning(s) of this excerpt from an epistle, especially the phrase in the third stanza of my translation above of ကြီးလွယ်လျှင်ချောင်



# NATIONAL Entertainment



**Myint Myat**  
ACADEMY MYINT MYAT will star in a new movie with Thae Su Nyein. The actor said, "I will star in the 'Arphyan Kwee' movie with Thae Su Nyein. We, the seniors, will support her. Our family supported her during the Miss competition. I wanted her to achieve the highest award as she represented the country. I am happy to work together with her in the new movie".



**Paing Takhon**  
Actor Paing Takhon made a commercial with Thae Su Nyein. He supported her by sending messages throughout her Miss competition. He encouraged her in person at the 'I' Aura product launch ceremony in Bangkok. Thae Su Nyein once said, "I am so pleased because I have to star in an advertisement with Ko Paing Takhon. He is my idol. We have the same habits as having pets and tattoos. He is kind-hearted".



**Zin Yaw Maung Maung**  
Zin Yaw Maung Maung supervised an advertising programme of his son Min Thant Maung Maung for the 'San Chein' commercial in which Paing Takhon and Thae Su Nyein star together. He made a comment saying, "Thae Thae has talent. The audience can see her together with Paing Takhon in an advertisement directed by Min Thant. She will grab success in a short time due to the unique shooting skill of the director, her efforts, and the support of actors in movies. I wish she could succeed".



**Ko Bo San**  
Thae Su Nyein and Htoo Ent Lwin joined the premiere show of the 'Voucher' movie. Producer Ko Bo San of Bo Bo Film Production told the media that he offered Thae Su Nyein for the new movie as he believed in her talent and support of goodwill Myint Myat as he could help his juniors.



**Thae Su Nyein**  
Myanmar beauty queen Thae Su Nyein arrived back in Myanmar after the Miss Grand International competition. She did a photo shoot for Sein Nan Daw Diamonds & Jewellery on 6 November at Awei Metta Hotel in Yangon. She humorously remarked, "I did a photo shoot at Sein Nan Daw Diamonds & Jewellery with great pride".

**Htoo Ent Lwin**  
National Director Htoo Ent Lwin, a mentor of Thae Su Nyein, is now 30 years old on 30 October. He talked about the contract made with Thae Su Nyein, saying I am in debt for millions of kyats for the MGM competition. I made a two-year contract with Thae Thae, but the contract has been signed on paper only. The positive attitude, Metta, Cetana and understanding are the actual contract. - Htun Htun/KTZH



## Press show for 'Sarita 2' held

A press show for the film 'Sarita 2' (Morality) took place at The Rays Studio in the Happy World Sports and Resort in Dagon Township on 7 November.

The new movie will be screened nationwide on 15 November. Di Di Htet Aung created the story and script, and director Soe Moe Min directed it for The Rays Film Production.

"The first movie achieved success, and we have a huge responsibility in acting skills. We felt tired more than that of 'Sarita 1'. The audience can see the difference when the movie is screened. The CANAL+ will broadcast the film 'Sarita 1' soon. Movie viewers should watch the 'Sarita 1' movie so as not to miss the connection with the 'Sarita 2' film," said academy Nay Win.

The cast in 'Sarita 2' is composed of academy Nay Win, academy May Myint Mo, Min Bhone Myat, Charlie, Kaung Myat San, Tay Za Lin Yaung, Htun Pale Yadana, Wai Lar Yi and other artistes. - ASH/KTZH



# CELEBRITY BRIEF

## N Korea jams GPS signals, affecting ships, aircraft in South

*North Korea conducted GPS jamming attacks, affecting ships and aircraft in South Korea, following missile tests and rising tensions.*

NORTH Korea staged GPS jamming attacks on Friday and Saturday, an operation that was affecting several ships and dozens of civilian aircraft in South Korea, Seoul's military said.

The jamming allegations come about a week after the North test-fired what it said was its most advanced and powerful solid-fuel ICBM missile, its first such launch since being accused of sending soldiers to help Russia fight Ukraine. The South fired its own ballistic missile into the sea on Friday in a show of force aimed at demonstrating its resolve to respond to "any North Korean provocations".

"North Korea conducted GPS jamming provocations in Haeju and Kaesong yesterday and today," Seoul's joint chiefs of staff said in a statement Saturday, adding several vessels and dozens of civilian aircraft were experiencing "some operational disruptions".

The military warned ships and aircraft operating in the Yellow Sea to beware of such attacks.

"We strongly urge North Korea to immediately cease its GPS provocations and warn that it will be held responsible for any subsequent issues arising from this," they said in the statement. — AFP



The jamming allegations come after the North test-fired what it said was its most advanced and powerful solid-fuel ICBM missile. **PHOTO: AFP**

## More than 33 million Nigerians face hunger next year: report



A woman poses for a photograph as she cooks in Iseyin, Oyo state, Nigeria, on 1 November 2024. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

MORE than 33 million Nigerians face hunger next year, the number rising sharply as soaring food prices exacerbate the effects of conflict and climate change, according to a report Friday.

The "Cadre Harmonize" report — compiled by Nigerian officials, UN agencies and major aid NGOs — reports twice a year

on the nutrition situation in 26 crisis-hit states in the north and centre of Nigeria.

According to the latest figures 25.1 million Nigerian are already experiencing "acute food insecurity" even at the peak of this year's harvest season, following floods and dramatic price rises. — AFP

## Germany marks 1989 Berlin Wall fall with 'Preserve Freedom' party

AS Germany commemorates 35 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall, the theme 'Preserve Freedom!' resonates amid political upheaval at home and rising concerns for democracy worldwide.

Germany marks 35 years since the Berlin Wall fell with festivities from Saturday under the theme "Preserve Freedom!" as Russia's war rages in Ukraine and many fear democracy is under attack.

Chancellor Olaf Scholz — whose coalition dramatically collapsed this week — said in a message to the nation that the liberal ideals of 1989 "are not something we can take for granted".

"A look at our history and at the world around us shows this," added Scholz, whose three-party ruling alliance imploded on the day Donald Trump was reelected, plunging

Germany into political turmoil and towards new elections.

9 November 1989 is celebrated as the day East Germany's dictatorship opened the borders to the West after months of peaceful mass protests, paving the way for German reunification and the

collapse of Soviet communism.

One Berliner who remembers those momentous events, retiree Jutta Krueger, 75, said about the political crisis hitting just ahead of the anniversary weekend: "It's a shame that it's coinciding like this now." — AFP



Artworks on the theme of freedom stand in front of the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin. **PHOTO: AFP**

# ECONOMY WORLD

## Russia's gold reserves hit historic high

*In October, Russia's gold holdings exceeded US\$200 billion for the first time, reaching US\$207.7 billion by 1 November according to the Bank of Russia.*



This marked a nearly four per cent increase from September, with gold's share in international reserves rising to 32.9 per cent. **PHOTO: RT**

THE value of Russia's gold holdings surpassed US\$200 billion for the first time ever in October, while bullion's share in the country's international reserves increased to 32.9 per cent, according to the central bank.

The Bank of Russia reported that the value of its gold holdings grew by almost four per cent last month,

breaking the record set in September. The dollar value of the reserves reached US\$207.7 billion as of 1 November. The gold price rose by about four per cent in October after reaching a record-high of US\$2,800 per ounce during the month.

The share of monetary gold in Russia's international assets last month was the

highest since November 1999, when it reached 34 per cent. Overall, the highest level in the country's modern history was recorded in January 1993, at 56.9 per cent.

The central bank also said the country's international reserves stood at US\$631.6 billion as of 1 November down by US\$2.1 billion from the previous month. — ANI

## Japan govt to support companies boosting geothermal power plants

THE Japanese government will start providing support for private companies to ramp up the development of geothermal power plants, tapping into the country's geothermal resources, the third largest in the world, sources close to the matter said Friday.

The government will aim to commercialize geothermal power plants until 2030 by setting up a public-private sector committee to pinpoint issues, such as how to utilize next-generation geothermal technology and shorten the timeframe in developing the plants, the sources said.

State subsidies for geological surveys will also be increased,

as mining operations cost around 1 billion yen (\$6.5 million) and have a low success rate.

Until the release of steam is confirmed after drilling, the government-backed Japan Organization for Metals and Energy Security will fully fund the cost to mitigate the companies' risks.

The measures will be reflected in the draft of the government's basic energy plan by the end of this year.

Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba is keen to promote the development of geothermal power plants as he sees it benefitting local economies, given that many geothermal resources are in rural areas. — Kyodo



Photo shows Hatchobaru Geothermal Power Plant in Oita Prefecture. **PHOTO: KYUDEN MIRAI ENERGY CO /KYODO**

## After Trump victory, EU leaders vow 'urgent' economic reform



EU leaders stressed the need for 'decisive action' to overhaul the European economy after talks in Budapest. **PHOTO: AFP**

EU leaders on Friday pledged to overhaul the bloc's economy with radical changes recommended in a landmark report, in reforms that

have taken on greater urgency with Donald Trump winning back the White House.

Although Europe's public reaction to the Republican's return has been cautious, officials are on full alert over the implications for the European Union's economy if he delivers on his threats and slaps higher tariffs.

Ex-European Central Bank head Mario Draghi was tasked last year with preparing the economic report that EU chief Ursula von der Leyen will use to steer her next five years in office.

Draghi discussed his report with EU leaders Friday, for the first time since its publication in September, in talks Brussels hopes will eventually lead to concrete steps to reform the economy.

Draghi and von der Leyen both stressed the need to move fast following Trump's win. — AFP

## Canada jobless rate unchanged at 6.5% in October: govt data

CANADA'S unemployment rate held steady at 6.5 per cent in October as hiring slowed, the national statistical agency said Friday.

Some 15,000 net new jobs were created in the month — half what analysts had forecast, following a decline in the jobless rate of 0.1 percentage points in September.

"Hiring demand has continued to slow with job openings falling and we continue to think the most likely near-term path for the unemployment rate is higher rather than lower," said Nathan Janzen of RBC Economics. He said the data signalled "more ur-

gency for the Bank of Canada to respond to an underperforming Canadian economy" by further cutting interest rates at its next meeting in December.

The central bank last month cut its key lending rate for the fourth time in recent months, to 3.75 per cent.

According to Statistics Canada, more people were employed in October in business, building and other support services (+29,000), and fewer people were employed in finance, insurance, real estate, rental and leasing (-13,000) as well as public administration (-8,700). — AFP

# US materials science giant to firm up China presence

US materials science giant Dow said it will stay committed to the Chinese market with steady investment and stronger partnerships to seize the opportunities brought by the country's shift to a greener and smarter economy.

"We are very bullish about the growth plans in China, and we believe that innovation in China is go-

ing to grow and benefit beyond our region as well," Dow Asia Pacific President Puay Koon Chia told Xinhua during the seventh China International Import Expo (CIIE).

This year marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dow's entry into China, the multinational firm's largest overseas market outside the United States. The company has built an ex-

tensive network in China to focus on the innovation, development and production of chemicals, plastics and advanced materials applied in sectors such as packaging, infrastructure, consumer care and new energy.

Puay Koon, who first came to China in 2000, said it's "exciting" to see how China has been transforming. — Xinhua



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

# Cyprus plans to supply natural gas to Egypt's LNG facilities

CYPRUS intends to supply natural gas to Egypt's liquefaction plants for export to international markets, including the European Union (EU), Energy Minister George Papanastasiou said on Friday.

Addressing the parliamentary Finance Committee during his ministry's budget presentation, Papanastasiou said that initial gas supplies would come from the Cronos

field, discovered by Italian energy company Eni. He noted that Eni is expediting the development of Cronos and is expected to submit a development and production plan by the end of this year or early next year.

Despite the accelerated efforts, Papanastasiou indicated that gas extraction from Cronos is anticipated to commence in the first half of 2027. — Xinhua

# Indian life insurance sees strong annual premium growth

THE Indian life insurance sector recorded a robust year-on-year (YoY) growth in new business premiums (NBPs) for October 2024, with premiums increasing by 13.16 per cent compared to the same period last year, Life Insurance Council observed in its October 2024 business report.

NBP collections surged from Rs26,819.01 crore in October 2023 to Rs30,347.6 crore in October 2024.

The insurance sector witnessed a remarkable

year-to-date (YTD) performance with collections

rising 18.56 per cent, from Rs1,85,195.81 crore to Rs 2,19,561.64 crore, as per the Life Insurance Council.

However, even with this positive financial performance, the number of new policies issued took a sharp downturn, declining 41.6 per cent.

The month of October 2024 saw only 12,01,214 policies issued, a steep drop from the 20,56,928 policies sold in the same period last month. — ANI



PHOTO: ANI

# Honda to end production of "Super Cub 50" motorcycle in May 2025

HONDA Motor Co plans to end production of its iconic "Super Cub 50" motorcycle

in May 2025 ahead of the introduction of stricter vehicle emissions standards

in Japan later that year.

Honda will begin selling the "Final Edition" model of the 50 cc engine motorcycle on 12 December at a suggested retail price of 297,000 yen (\$1,950). The company plans to take orders between 8 and 24 November and sell 2,000 units, but it could extend the ordering period depending on demand, according to officials.

Production of its "Su-

per Cub 110" motorcycle with a 110 cc engine will continue. Honda, which holds the largest market share of motorcycles with 50 cc or smaller engines, has decided it would be difficult to keep the motorbikes at an affordable price point should the company implement changes necessary to have it comply with new regulations scheduled to take effect in November 2025. — Kyodo



Honda holds the largest market share of motorcycles. PHOTO: KYODO

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V UNI-ACTIVE VOY.NO. (0334-783N)

Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V UNI-ACTIVE VOY.NO. (0334-783N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **10-11-2024** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **AWPT** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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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# WEEKLY WORLD NEWS DIGEST



Vladimir Putin took part in the plenary session of the 21st annual meeting of the Valdai International Discussion Club. **PHOTO: SPUTNIK**

## Putin delivers powerful address to world, Trump personally at Valdai Forum: Kiselev

9 NOVEMBER

**RUSSIAN** President Vladimir Putin delivered a powerful address to the world, which was also largely personal to US President-elect Donald Trump, during his speech at a meeting of the Valdai International Discussion Club, Dmitry Kiselev, the director-general of Sputnik's parent media group Rossiya Segodnya, told Sputnik.

"This was a powerful address to the world, but it was also largely personal [address] to Donald Trump. A subtle move was the congratulations on his election, which was embedded in a four-hour message about where and how the modern world is developing. Trump, who repeatedly threw out the slogan 'Peace through strength' during his campaign, should hear that there are strengths even stronger than the US – the strength of objective processes," Kiselev said. – SPUTNIK

8 NOVEMBER

## Family seeks global aid for missing environment defender

**BRENDA** Diaz Valencia's life changed dramatically nearly two years ago when her father, Antonio Diaz Valencia, and lawyer Ricardo Lagunes went missing after denouncing the environmental devastation caused by a giant iron mine in San Miguel de Aquila, Mexico.

Determined to seek justice, Brenda is rallying international support, emphasizing the need for the US to pressure the Mexican government for answers.

Both men were critical of Ternium, the mine's operator, which reported global sales of \$17.6 billion in 2023.

Brenda recalls her father's dedication to protecting local rivers and forests, highlighting how mining operations disrupted the community.

Despite receiving royalties, Ternium's activities led to extortion and violence, ultimately resulting in threats against her father and Lagunes. – AFP

7 NOVEMBER

## Massive flooding displaces hundreds of thousands in South Sudan

**DEVASTATING** flooding in South Sudan is affecting around 1.4 million people, with more than 379,000 displaced, according to a United Nations update that warned about an upsurge in malaria.

Aid agencies have said that the world's youngest country, highly vulnerable to climate change, is in the grip of its worst flooding in decades, mainly in the north.

The United Nations Office for the

Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) said about 1.4 million people were affected by floods in 43 counties and the disputed Abyei region, which is claimed by both South Sudan and Sudan.

"Over 379,000 individuals are displaced in 22 counties and Abyei," it added in a statement.

More than seven million people are food insecure in South Sudan and 1.65 million children are malnourished. – AFP

6 NOVEMBER

## Germany's steady hand losing grip on power

**GERMANY'S** Chancellor Olaf Scholz has been dubbed the "Scholzomat" for a dry personal style bordering on the robotic, but also hailed as a safe pair of hands leading a country that values stability.

But on Wednesday night, as political turmoil ended his fractious three-way coalition, order collapsed and power has started to slip from his grasp as likely new elections loom. Scholz, after firing his finance minister in an angry row, said he planned to ask for a

vote of confidence by 15 January so that MPs can decide whether to hold early elections by the end of March – six months earlier than scheduled.

Scholz faced multiple crises, from Covid to Russia's invasion of Ukraine, forcing a historic defence spending shift. However, infighting within his coalition and concerns over Germany's economy have eroded his authority, with only 28 per cent backing him for re-election. – AFP

5 NOVEMBER

## Taikonauts to conduct in-orbit experiments on fruit flies

**THE NEWLY** launched Shenzhou-19 taikonauts have embarked on their six-month journey aboard China's space station. Their packed schedule includes 86 sci-tech experiments, with a particularly intriguing one - the fruit fly research, aimed at studying the growth and behaviours of these insects at a distance of 400 kilometres above Earth.

The fruit fly is one of the model species frequently used in genetic experiments. It is small, measuring only three to four millimetres in length, and has a short life cycle with fast reproduction capabilities, enabling it to produce a large number of offspring within a short period, according to Zhang Wei, a researcher involved in the selection of in-orbit scientific experiments, at the Technology and Engineering Centre for Space Utilization under the Chinese Academy of Sciences. – Xinhua

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## Ancient texts highlighted during presidential museum visit

**ON MONDAY** afternoon, the museum of Yunmeng County in central China's Hubei Province received a special guest.

Chinese President Xi Jinping, accompanied by curators and history pundits, stepped into the museum, where a bamboo and wooden slips exhibition was being held.

Xi was immediately attracted to the brownish objects on display. The slips, dating back to the

dynasties of Qin (221-207 BC) and Han (202 BC-AD 220), served as the primary writing medium in ancient China before the widespread adoption of paper. Inscribed with legal codes, mathematical content or family letters, they offer a glimpse into the society and lives of people in China's early history. Among the most prominent slips is a set showing laws of the Qin Dynasty and its predecessor, the Qin state. – Xinhua

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## Spain PM and king heckled on visit to flood-hit area

**A DELEGATION** led by Spain's king and prime minister was heckled on Sunday as it visited the Valencia region hit by deadly floods, with some screaming "assassins" and others throwing mud. Furious locals pelted Spain's royals and premier on Sunday with mud and cries of "murderers!", forcing officials to cut short their visit to the town worst hit by the floods which have killed more than 200. The angry crowd in the town of Paiporta focused most of its wrath on Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez and the head of the Valencia region, both of whom were whisked away by security. – AFP

# SPORTS

## Myanmar's Ye Tun Naung wins gold at 15<sup>th</sup> WBPSC

MYANMAR'S bodybuilding and physique athlete Ye Tun Naung has claimed the gold medal at the 15<sup>th</sup> World Bodybuilding and Physique Sports Championships (WBPSC), held in Addu City Canareey Resort, Maldives, from 6 to 11 November. Competing in the 75-kilogramme category, he emerged victorious on 9 November, winning Myanmar's first-ever gold at the event, which drew competitors from 41 countries.

Ye Tun Naung surpassed six strong international contenders, with a Philippine athlete earning silver and an Indian athlete securing bronze. His victory in the 75-kg class also qualifies him for the overall championship on 10 November. The tournament features approximately 300 athletes competing across 50 categories, with Myanmar represented solely by Ye Tun Naung. — Arkar Linn/KZL



Myanmar's Ye Tun Naung is seen together with other winners.



This photo showcases the AFC Football Medicine and Anti-Doping Course opening ceremony and the documentary group photo. **PHOTO: MFF**

## AFC Football Medicine and Anti-Doping Course opens in Yangon

THE Myanmar Football Federation (MFF), in collaboration with the Asian Football Confederation (AFC), launched the AFC Football Medicine and Anti-Doping Course in Yangon on 8 November. This course aims to promote the development of sports medicine within Myanmar and took place at the Yangon Max venue.

U Zaw Zaw, Senior Vice-President of the AFC and

President of the MFF, Chairman Dato' Dr Gurcharan Singh of the AFC Medical Committee, and MFF Vice-President Professor Dr Khin Saw Oo addressed the opening event. Distinguished guests, MFF officials, AFC Medical Committee members, AFC instructors, and attendees were present on the occasion.

A panel of experts, including Dato' Dr Gurcharan Singh,

Mr Trevor Law from Australia, Professor Dr Khin Saw Oo, Dr Kyaw Thant Zin, and Dr Yu Nanda Tun, will provide course instructions.

A total of 64 participants are currently enrolled in the programme, which covers critical areas of football medicine and anti-doping strategies to enhance the capabilities of local sports professionals. — Htun Htun/KZL

## ISPE FC clinches 3<sup>rd</sup> title in Myanmar Women's League

THE final match of the 2024 Myanmar Women's League season was held on 9 November at the Thuwunna Youth Training Centre, where ISPE FC and Yangon United ended in a goalless draw.

In this season finale, the newly crowned champions ISPE FC met second-place Yangon United, concluding their encounter with a scoreless draw. ISPE FC, undefeated throughout the season, achieved victory in the Myanmar Women's

League for the third time in a league organized under the three-round system.

Despite the final standings already set, both teams fielded their core players and maintained an aggressive approach from the outset. Yangon United, which had lost in the first two rounds, responded strongly in this third encounter, earning a draw.

Following the match, an award ceremony honoured the

top achievers. Ayeyawady forward San Thaw Thaw and ISPE striker Lin Myint Mo were jointly awarded the Golden Boot, each scoring 19 goals and receiving K500,000 and a trophy. Third-place Ayeyawady received K10 million, runner-up Yangon United received K15 million, and champions ISPE FC received K20 million, the championship trophy, and a special golden trophy for remaining undefeated.

At the end of the season, ISPE FC secured the title with 48 points, while Yangon United placed second with 40 points, and Ayeyawady took third with 27 points. — Ko Nyi Lay/KZL



This photo showcases the victorious Champion ISPE FC women's team. **PHOTO: MWL**

## China's Li Quanhai re-elected as World Sailing president

LI Quanhai was re-elected as president of World Sailing for a new four-year term at the organization's Annual General Meeting on Saturday, continuing as the only Chinese president of an Olympic International Sports Federation.

"Re-election is not only an honour but also a heavy responsibility. Over the past few years, we have witnessed the vigorous growth and widespread popularity of sailing around the globe," said Li.

"From the passionate Olympic arenas to the tranquil coastal towns, sailing, with its unique charm, connects people from different countries and cultures, conveying the spirit of peace, friendship, and cooperation.

Facing a future full of challenges and opportunities, the development of sailing requires continuous innovation to enhance the professionalism and appeal of the events, attract more young people's participation, and make sailing a bridge to the future," Li added. — Xinhua



## Sacred cow: coal-hungry India eyes bioenergy to cut carbon

Rice stubble, historically burned after a harvest, is now being combined with dung to produce biogas and fertilizer. **PHOTO: AFP**

Venerated as incarnations of Hindu deities, India's sacred cows are also being touted as agents of energy transition by a government determined to promote biogas production to cut its dependence on coal. It is an understatement to say that Nakul Kumar Sardana is proud of his new plant at Barsana, in India's northern Uttar Pradesh state.

Firstly, says the vice-president of a biomass joint venture between India's Adani Group and France's TotalEnergies, because

*This initiative addresses agricultural waste pollution and aligns with India's goal of achieving carbon neutrality by 2070.*

it occupies "one of the holiest sites in the world".

In Barsana, a small town in northern India, a cutting-edge biogas facility has opened, transforming waste into energy. The plant, the largest of its kind in India, uses cattle dung and rice

straw — otherwise burned — to produce biogas and organic fertilizer.

This innovative solution addresses pollution from agricultural waste, contributing to India's ambitious goal of carbon neutrality by 2070. — AFP

## Resilient but threatened, Kenya celebrates Maa culture

*The Maa Festival celebrates tradition, resilience, and cultural fusion*



Morans (traditional warriors) of the Samburu community were among performers at the Maa Festival. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

THE Maa Festival in Kenya celebrates the resilience of the Maa communities, including the Samburu and Maasai, amidst modernization and climate change.

Held at Samburu National Reserve, the festival blends ancient traditions with modern technology. While women share photos on smartphones, performers mix contemporary music with Maa chants, and dancers in traditional attire honour their heritage.

Despite their strong cultural identity, the Maa communities face challenges from climate change, particularly dwindling water resources, which strain their pastoral lifestyle and weaken intergenerational ties. Stella Napanu of the Northern Rangelands Trust notes these challenges are eroding community bonds and traditional governance. — AFP

## Nepal celebrates pop and anime culture at annual cosplay festival 'Otaku Jatra'

*The festival now attracts thousands of participants and spectators, making it a key event for anime and pop culture fans in Nepal.*



The festival encourages fans to express their love for anime through creative costumes and performances. **PHOTO: ANI**

DOZENS of enthusiastic cosplayers gathered at the Nepali annual festival of "Otaku Jatra", embracing the pop culture in the Himalayan Nation by dressing in various anime characters.

'Otaku Jatra' is the occasion when enthusiasts and fans see their favourite anime characters come alive. The annual cosplay fest brings in thousands of footfalls and enthusiasts from Nepal to embrace the pop culture.

This festival started lately in the Himalayan Nation, setting a large impact and vigorous presence only after 2016, although it has been in existence since the early 21<sup>st</sup> century. Starting small in 2010, the festival now has turned into a mega gathering which is slowly transforming from a fan art competition to cosplay and gaming.

Cosplay events offer a platform for people to explore and understand pop culture, especially anime. Arun Limbu, a cosplay fan, noted how such events help participants, even those unfamiliar with anime, learn about the characters and culture.

Cosplay, short for "Costume Play", involves dressing as fictional characters from anime, comics, or video games. It fosters a sense of community and role-playing, with fans interacting and performing tasks.

Originating from fan conventions in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, cosplay has grown into a global phenomenon, embraced by Generation Z for its emotional depth and life lessons. — ANI